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UGC tells institutions to increase seats, admit more foreign students

It asks all higher education institutions to implement the guidelines issued in 2022, which will create a favourable environment to make India a preferred destination for international students

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The University Grants Commission has asked all higher education institutions (HEIs), through a recent circular, to furnish the details of foreign students they have enrolled for their courses.

It advised the HEIs to implement a 2022 circular on creating up to 25% "supernumerary seats" for international students, over and above their total sanctioned enrolment for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

UGC Secretary Manish R. Joshi said in a letter to all HEIs that the implementation of the 2022 guidelines will facilitate smooth and viable admission of international students and a favourable environment will be created to make India a preferred destination for international students. Prof. Joshi said in the letter that internationalisation of higher education is one of



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the essential aspects of the National Education Policy (NEP), and many Indian HEIs are now committed to increasing their global outreach.

In letter and spirit

"Subsequently, in order to facilitate the internationalisation of Indian HEIs, the University Grants Commission has framed the guidelines for admission and

creation of supernumerary seats for international student in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in HEIs in India. The guidelines were circulated earlier by UGC to all HEIs for its implementation on September 30, 2022," Prof. Joshi said, adding that HEIs may create up to 25% additional seats for international students. He urged HEIs to adopt and implement

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the admission guidelines and provide supernumerary seats for international students in letter and spirit.

The aim of the 2022 guidelines was to facilitate a smooth and simple admission process for international students in HEIs, and it allowed Indian HEIs to admit international students based on the equivalence of entry qualification held by them.

"The equivalence is to be determined by the UGC or any other body recognised by UGC for such purpose or the concerned regulatory bodies of the country. HEIs may adopt a transparent admission process for admitting the international students," the circular had said.