Parliament Questions and Answers – 2024-25

IIT Palakkad

Sl. No.	Question No. (Rajya Sabha/Lok Sabha)	Subject	Question	Answer given by IIT Palakkad
19/11/2024				
01.	RS 1367	Mentorship and Collaboration Between Established and Newly Formed Institutions	**a) whether Government has initiated mentorship programs for older to guide newer IITs/NITs/IISERs, and if so, the details;** **b) whether reputed Central Universities are encouraged to mentor newly established Central/State Universities;** **c) the steps taken to foster knowledge sharing, resource pooling, and collaborative projects among these institutions?**	a) Yes, specifically, IIT Madras has been providing mentorship to IIT Palakkad during its initial stages. As part of this mentorship, IIT Madras has supported several academic activities, including sharing best practices in teaching, assisting in the development of academic programs, providing access to research resources, and offering guidance in fostering a robust academic culture. These efforts have been crucial in

				strengthening the foundation of IIT Palakkad and ensuring its smooth growth and integration into the broader IIT system.
				b) NA
				c) At IIT Palakkad, the following steps taken to foster knowledge sharing, resource pooling, and collaborative projects:
				1. IIT Palakkad organizes an annual Industry Academic Conclave, bringing together industry leaders, academics, and researchers to discuss emerging trends and opportunities for collaboration.
				2. IIT Palakkad regularly hosts

| | | | | Industry Connect events, providing a platform for industry professionals and academics to interact, share knowledge, and explore opportunities for collaboration. 3. IIT Palakkad also organizes MSME Connect events, focusing on the specific needs and challenges of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and exploring ways to support their growth and development through collaborative research and innovation. 4. IIT Palakkad allows faculty members to undertake faculty |

				externships with industries, providing them with hands-on experience and exposure to industry practices and facilitating the transfer of knowledge and expertise between academia and industry.
				5. IIT Palakkad establishes Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with various Industries and academic institutions to facilitate collaborative research, student exchange (sponsored) programs, and faculty development.
				6. IIT Palakkad has initiated joint research projects with

				other institutions, leveraging each other's strengths and expertise to tackle complex problems. 7. IIT Palakkad organizes regular workshops, conferences, and seminars to bring together experts from various institutions, facilitating knowledge sharing and collaboration. 8. IIT Palakkad has established faculty exchange programs with other IITs, enabling faculty members to visit and work with us, promoting knowledge sharing and collaboration. 9. IIT Palakkad

				has established shared research facilities such as the Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF), Central Micro-nano Fabrication Facility (CMFF), Global Sanitation Center of Excellence (GSCOE) Laboratory, enabling institutions to access state-of-the-art equipment and resources, promoting collaborative research.
				These initiatives have facilitated knowledge sharing, resource pooling, and collaborative projects and promoting a culture of collaboration and innovation

				at IIT Palakkad.
10/03/2025				
02.	Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 155	Filling up Reserved Post in Central Universities, IIMs and IITs	**(a) the post-wise and university-wise number of appointments made on reserved and unreserved posts in the Central Universities including IIMs and IITs across the country from the year 2014 to 2024 along with the details thereof (b) whether any of the reserved posts in Central Universities have been de-reserved; (c) if so, the university-wise and post-wise details thereof along with the reasons therefor; (d) the time by**	**(A)***

| | | | which the said posts are likely to be restored to reserved category;
(e) the various steps taken by the Government to fill up the reserved posts without any delay;
(f) the details of faculty and student vacancies in respect of OBCs, SCs and STs during the last five years;
(g) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the reservation rules in faculty appointment are not being implemented properly in Central Universities including IITs and IIMs;
(h) if so, the details thereof; and
(i) whether any Committee has been | |

			constituted to study the issue and steps taken by the Government, if any?	
10/03/2025				
03.	Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1650 (Diary No. 4351)	**Establishment of Centers of Excellence in University**	**(a) details about total number of Centres of Excellence established in universities and higher education institutions across the country ;** **(b) total funds allocated for the development and support of these centres during last three**	a) IIT Palakkad has one Center of Excellence, namely the Global Sanitation Center of Excellence (GSCOE). Global Sanitation Center of Excellence (GSCOE) is a center of excellence of IIT Palakkad, initiated and facilitated through the Office of

			years; (c) the criteria for selection of universities to receive support for establishing these centres; (d) whether the Government seeks to establish additional centres of excellence in emerging areas of research; if so, the details thereof?	Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India. The GSCOE is a pioneering initiative that focuses on developing innovative sanitation technologies and solutions for non-sewered sanitation systems, particularly in rural and underserved urban areas. The center is equipped with state-of-the-art lab facilities and an Engineering Field Testing Platform, which enables rigorous technical evaluation and effective field testing of sanitation technologies. As of now, IIT Palakkad has only one Center of Excellence, which is the

				GSCOE. However, we are committed to expanding our research and innovation ecosystem and establishing more Centers of Excellence in various fields in the future.
				b) The Global Sanitation Center of Excellence (GSCOE) at IIT Palakkad has been fully funded by Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds received by the institute. Therefore, no funds have been allocated by the Ministry of Education for the development and support of this center. The total CSR funds received for

				the development and support of GSCOE over the last three years are ₹13 Crores. These funds have been utilized for various activities, including research and development, infrastructure development, and capacity building.
				c) The information related to the criteria for selection of universities to receive support for establishing Centers of Excellence, such as the Global Sanitation Center of Excellence (GSCOE) at IIT Palakkad, is not available with us. As the GSCOE at IIT Palakkad was

| | | | | established with CSR funding and not with support from the Ministry of Education, we do not have access to the selection criteria used by the Ministry for supporting the establishment of such centers in other universities.

d) At IIT Palakkad, we do seek to establish additional centers of excellence in emerging areas of research. We are constantly exploring opportunities to establish new centers of excellence in the following emerging areas of research: |
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				Artificial intelligence and machine learning. **Renewable energy and sustainability.** **Smart Agri-Tech - SATCARD: Works on innovative solutions for agriculture.**
12/03/2025				
04.	Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1484	**Collaboration between Universities and Higher Education Centres of North East States with the rest of the**	**(a) whether Government is planning to collaborate between multiple Universities and Higher**	a) **NIL** b) **NIL**

| | | **Country** | **Education Centres** of **North East** with the rest of the country; and

 (b) if so, how Government is helping its Researchers from Central Universities, NIT etc. from North East to commercialize its Research findings like other parts of the country? | |

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| 05. | Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1481 | **Teaching Faculty in Central Universities** | whether Government has prioritised addressing the shortage of qualified faculty, limited technology access and lack of collaboration opportunities or internships for students in Higher Education Institutions in rural and remote areas, if so, the | **Regarding internship, the Institute offers summer internship to students studying accross Indian Educational Institutions as well as foreign students, in areas of science and technology. Institute's Career Development Centre facilitates** |

			details thereof, if not the reason therefor;	internship opportunities for its interested and eligible candidates in various companies. These internships provide students with valuable industry exposure, hands-on experience, and an opportunity to apply their academic learning in real-world settings.
17/03/2025				
06.	LSUSQ - No.2560	**The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006**	**Handholding/ mentorship/gu idance is being given by IITs to state institutions/de gree colleges etc for innovation, collaboration, knowledge sharing etc.**	**IIT Palakkad has entered into Memorandum of Understandin g (MoUs) with the following state government institutions and nearby degree colleges for research and academic collaborations , knowledge**

				sharing, and innovation: - Kerala Highway Research Institute (KHRI) - Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI) - Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology (RIT), Kottayam - Government Engineering College Wayanad - NSS College of Engineering - Palakkad, Kerala - Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) - PSG Institute of Technology & Applied Research, Coimbatore - National Transportation Planning Research Centre (NATPAC), Thiruvananthapuram - Mar Athanasius

				College of Engineering Kothamangalam - Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Coimbatore - Sahrdaya College of Engineering & Technology, Kodakara These MoUs aim to facilitate research collaborations, academic exchanges, knowledge sharing, and innovation between IIT Palakkad and these institutions, ultimately promoting mutual growth and development.
12/03/2025				
07.	Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 150	**Scholarships in IIT and IISER**	**Excel sheet**	[**Doc**](#)
26/03/2025				
08.	Rajya Sabha	Foreign	(a) whether	NIL

	Untarred Question No. 2902	University Campuses in the Country.	Indian Universities would be encouraged to establish academic partnerships and research collaborations with the University of Southampton; (b) whether Government is planning to ease regulations for the establishment of more Foreign University campuses in the country; (c) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken regrading this; and (d) the measures proposed to be taken to ensure inclusivity so that students from diverse socio-economic background can also be	

			benefitted from the said initiative?	

(A)* 18	IIT Palakkad	Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Junior Assistant Junior Technician Junior Engineer Junior Technical Superintendent Junior Superintendent Deputy Registrar Assistant Registrar Technical Officer	13	21	64	43	33	47	83	66	21	9	1	76	54	62

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		Junior Library Technician													
		Executive Engineer (Civil)													
		Horticulture Officer													
		Counsellor													
		Physical Training Instructor													
		Medical Officer													
		Staff Nurse													
		Joint Registrar													
		Superintendent													

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