

6th meeting of Australia India Education Council (AIEC)

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In news—The Union Minister for Education & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan held a bilateral meeting and co-chaired the 6th meeting of AIEC with Australian Counterpart at Western Sydney University (WSU).

Australia India Education Council (AIEC) –

- The **AIEC is a bi-national body chaired by the Education Ministers of India and Australia** to expand collaboration in education, training and research.
- The **AIEC is a 'working council' of representatives from government, academia and industry.**
- The AIEC provides a forum for members to collaborate with Ministers in deciding major bilateral education priorities for the coming year.
- The **inaugural meeting of the AIEC was held in New Delhi in August 2011.**
- Australian Education International (AEI) is the international arm of the Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.

Australia-India Strategic Knowledge Partnership-

- Australia and India have instituted a program of close cooperation on education, training and research.
- **A Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Education and Training between Australia and India was signed in 2003.**
- Since 2009, Education Ministers of both the countries have agreed to meet annually for the Australia-India

Ministerial Dialogue on Education Cooperation.

- On 1 August 2011, both countries jointly launched the Australia-India Education Links website to support education and training collaboration between Australia and India and feature key government initiatives.

Do you know?

- Following the United States and the United Kingdom, Australia is the third most popular education destination for international students.
- Over 52,000 Indian students are now enrolled in educational programmes in Australia.
- The top programmes that draw students from around the world are computer science, engineering, business management, social sciences, mathematics, and health professions.
- Around 66,000 Indian students have applied for higher education in Australia from India until March 2022.