

Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN)

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About GIAN

- GIAN was launched by **Ministry of Human Resource Development**
- **It is intended to enlarge and deepen the interface of India's institutions of higher learning and globally recognized institutions of academic eminence.**
- Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN) in Higher Education **aimed at tapping the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs internationally to encourage their engagement with the institutes of Higher Education in India** so as to augment the country's existing academic resources, accelerate the pace of quality reform, and elevate India's scientific and technological capacity to global excellence.
- **GIAN is envisaged to catalyze higher education institutions in the country, and that it will initially include all IITs, IIMs, Central Universities, IISc Bangalore, IISERs, NITs, and IIITs** subsequently cover good State Universities where the spinoff is vast.
- GIAN is an evolving scheme that will **initially include the participation of foreign faculty in Institutes as Distinguished / Adjunct / Visiting faculty** / Professors of Practice, etc., to participate in delivering Short or Semester-long Courses.
- The proposed GIAN is envisaged to achieve the following objectives:
 1. To increase the footfalls of reputed international faculty in the Indian academic institutes.

2. Provide the opportunity to our faculty to learn and share knowledge and teaching skills in cutting edge areas.
3. To provide an opportunity to our students to seek knowledge and experience from reputed International faculty.
4. To create an avenue for possible collaborative research with the international faculty
5. To increase the participation and presence of international students in the academic Institutes.
6. Opportunity for the students of different Institutes/Universities to interact and learn subjects in niche areas through the collaborative learning process.
7. Provide the opportunity for the technical persons from the Indian Industry to improve understandings and update their knowledge in relevant areas.
8. Motivate the best international experts in the world to work on problems related to India.
9. Develop high-quality course material in niche areas, both through video and print that can be used by a larger body of students and teachers.
10. To document and develop new pedagogic methods in emerging topics of national and international interest.