

Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)

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Recently Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) has found some irregularities (corruption) the Implementation of RUSA

What is RUSA?

- **Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), launched in 2013 aims at providing strategic funding to eligible state higher educational institutions.**
- The central funding (in the ratio of 60:40 for general category States, 90:10 for special category states and 100% for union territories) would be norm based and outcome dependent.
- **The funding to states would be made on the basis of critical appraisal of State Higher Education Plans,** which would describe each state's strategy to address issues of equity, access and excellence in higher education.

Objectives of RUSA are to;

- **Improve the overall quality of state institutions by ensuring conformity to prescribed norms and standards and adopt accreditation as a mandatory quality assurance framework.**
- **Usher transformative reforms in the state higher education system** by creating a facilitating institutional structure for planning and monitoring at the state level, promoting autonomy in State Universities and improving governance in institutions.
- Ensure reforms in the affiliation, academic and examination systems.
- Ensure adequate availability of quality faculty in all

higher educational institutions and ensure capacity building at all levels of employment.

- Create an enabling atmosphere in the higher educational institutions to devote themselves to **research and innovations**.
- Expand the institutional base by creating additional capacity in existing institutions and establishing new institutions, in order to **achieve enrollment targets**.
- **Correct regional imbalances** in access to higher education by setting up institutions in unserved & underserved areas.
- **Improve equity in higher education by providing adequate opportunities of higher education to SC/STs and socially and educationally backward classes**; promote inclusion of women, minorities, and differently-abled persons.

Components of RUSA

The following are the primary components of RUSA that capture the key action and funding areas that must be pursued for the fulfillment of the targets:

- Up-gradation of existing autonomous colleges to Universities
- Conversion of colleges to Cluster Universities
- Infrastructure grants to Universities
- New Model Colleges (General)
- Up gradation of existing degree colleges to model colleges
- New Colleges (Professional)
- Infrastructure grants to colleges
- Research, innovation and quality improvement
- Equity initiatives
- Faculty Recruitment Support
- Faculty improvements
- Vocationalisation of Higher Education
- Leadership Development of Educational Administrators
- Institutional restructuring & reforms

- Capacity building & preparation, data collection & planning