

Parliament Questions and Answers – 2025

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	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

			<p>among these institutions?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>b) NA</p> <p>c) At IIT Palakkad, the following steps taken to foster knowledge sharing, resource pooling, and collaborative projects:</p> <p>1. IIT Palakkad organizes an annual Industry Academic Conclave, bringing together industry leaders, academics, and researchers to discuss</p>
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				<p>emerging trends and opportunities for collaboration.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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				<p>and development through collaborative research and innovation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>5. IIT Palakkad establishes Memorandum of Understanding s (MoUs) with various Industries and academic institutions to facilitate collaborative</p>
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				<p>research, student exchange (sponsored) programs, and faculty development.</p> <p>6. IIT Palakkad has initiated joint research projects with other institutions, leveraging each other's strengths and expertise to tackle complex problems.</p> <p>7. IIT Palakkad organizes regular workshops, conferences, and seminars to bring together experts from various institutions, facilitating knowledge sharing and collaboration.</p> <p>8. IIT Palakkad has established faculty</p>
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				<p>exchange programs with other IITs, enabling faculty members to visit and work with us, promoting knowledge sharing and collaboration.</p> <p>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</p>
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				<p>collaborative research.</p> <p>These initiatives have facilitated knowledge sharing, resource pooling, and collaborative projects and promoting a culture of collaboration and innovation at IIT Palakkad.</p>
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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	(A)*
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			<p>(b) whether any of the reserved posts in Central Universities have been de-reserved;</p> <p>(c) if so, the university-wise and post-wise details thereof along with the reasons therefor;</p> <p>(d) the time by which the said posts are likely to be restored to reserved category;</p> <p>(e) the various steps taken by the Government to fill up the reserved posts without any delay;</p> <p>(f) the details of faculty and student vacancies in respect of OBCs, SCs and STs during the last five years;</p> <p>(g) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the reservation rules in faculty</p>	
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			<p>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?</p>	
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	a) IIT Palakkad has one Center of Excellence, namely the

			<p>established in universities and higher education institutions across the country ;</p> <p>(b) total funds allocated for the development and support of these centres during last three years;</p> <p>(c) the criteria for selection of universities to receive support for establishing these centres;</p> <p>(d) whether the Government seeks to establish additional centres of excellence in emerging areas of research; if so, the details thereof?</p>	<p>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 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</p>
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				<p>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.</p> <p>b) The Global Sanitation Center of Excellence (GSCOE) at IIT Palakkad has been fully funded</p>
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				<p>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.</p> <p>c) The information</p>
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				<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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				<p>other universities.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Artificial intelligence and machine learning</p> <p>Renewable energy and sustainability</p>
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				<p>Smart Agri-Tech - SATCARD: Works on innovative solutions for agriculture.</p>
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 Country	<p>(a) whether Government is planning to collaborate between multiple Universities and Higher Education Centres of North East with the rest of the country; and</p> <p>(b) if so, how Government is helping its Researchers from Central Universities, NIT etc. from North East to commercialize its Research</p>	<p>a) NIL b) NIL</p>

			findings like other parts of the country?	
07/03/2025				
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 details thereof, if not the reason therefor;	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 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/guidance is being given by IITs to state institutions/degree colleges etc for innovation, collaboration, knowledge sharing etc.	IIT Palakkad has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with the following state government institutions and nearby degree colleges for research and academic collaborations, knowledge sharing, and innovation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kerala Highway Research Institute (KHRI) - Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI) - Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology

				<p>(RIT), Kottayam - Government Engineering College Wayanad - NSS College of Engineering - Palakkad, Kerala - Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) - PSG Institute of Technology & Applied Research, Coimbatore - National Transportatio n Planning Research Centre (NATPAC), Thiruvananth apuram - Mar Athanasius College of Engineering Kothamangal am - Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Coimbatore - Sahrdaya College of Engineering & Technology, Kodakara</p>
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				<p>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.</p>
12/03/2025				
07.	Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 150	Scholarships in IIT and IISER	Excel sheet	Doc
26/03/2025				
08.	Rajya Sabha Untarred Question No. 2902	Foreign University Campuses in the Country.	(a) whether Indian Universities would be encouraged to establish academic partnerships and research collaborations with the University of Southampton; (b) whether	NIL

			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?	
12/08/2025				
09.	Lok Sabha Question Diary no.15115	Tribal Students in Premier Institutions	Tribal Students in Premier Institutions	Doc
10.	Lok Sabha Unstarred Question	Sanction Strength of Faculties in IIT	a) the details of Recruitment and Back log vacancies in faculty in IITs;	NIL

	Diary No. 81		<p>b) the details of total sanctioned strength of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors in IITs, institutes-wise data;</p> <p>c) the details of total number of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors in IITs as on date and SC/ST/OBCs among them, institute-wise; and</p> <p>d) the number of SC/ST/OBC backlog vacancies as on date in the cadre of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors in IITs, institute-wise?</p>	
11.	Lok Sabha Unstarred	Admission in Phd	(a) the total number of students who got	GEN: 4 SC: 0 ST: 0

	Question Diary No. 814	Courses of IITs	admissions in Phd. Courses of IITs with the details of SC/ST/OBC among them in the academic year 2024-25, department-wise?	OBC: 1
02/09/2025				
12.	Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Diary No. 435	Establishm ent of Centers of Excellence in Universit	(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 years; (c) the criteria for selection of universities to receive support for establishing these centres; and (d) whether the	Doc

			Government seeks to establish additional centres of excellence in emerging areas of research; if so, the details thereof?	
06/03/2025				
13.	Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 155	Filling up Reserved Post in Central Universities, IIMs and IITs	<p><i>(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</i></p> <p><i>(b) whether any of the reserved posts in Central Universities have been de-reserved;</i></p>	Doc

			<p><i>(c) if so, the university-wise and post-wise details thereof along with the reasons therefor;</i></p> <p><i>(d) the time by which the said posts are likely to be restored to reserved category;</i></p> <p><i>(e) the various steps taken by the Government to fill up the reserved posts without any delay;</i></p> <p><i>(f) the details of faculty and student vacancies in respect of OBCs, SCs and STs during the last five years;</i></p> <p><i>(g) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the reservation rules in faculty appointment are not being implemented properly in Central Universities</i></p>	
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			<p><i>including IITs and IIMs;</i> <i>(h) if so, the details thereof;</i> <i>and</i> <i>(i) whether any Committee has been constituted to study the issue and steps taken by the Government, if any?</i></p>	
14.	Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1650 (Diary No. 4351)	Establishment of Centers of Excellence in University	<p><i>(a) details about total number of Centres of Excellence established in universities and higher education institutions across the country ;</i></p> <p><i>(b) total funds allocated for the development and support of these centres during last three years;</i></p> <p><i>(c) the criteria for selection of universities to receive support for establishing these centres; and</i></p> <p><i>(d) whether the Government seeks</i></p>	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 Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India. The GSCOE is a pioneering initiative that focuses on developing

			<p>to establish additional centres of excellence in emerging areas of research; if so, the details thereof?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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				<p>various fields in the future.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>c) The information</p>
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				<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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				<p>excellence in the following emerging areas of research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Artificial intelligence and machine learning · Renewable energy and sustainability · Smart Agri-Tech - SATCARD: Works on innovative solutions for agriculture.
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08/12/2025

15.	Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1211 (Diary No. 4162)	National Institute for Aerospace Technology and Research	<i>(a) the details of the new aerospace-related courses, departments or centres of</i>	(a) No new aerospace-related courses, depart
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			<p>excellence introduced in IITs, NITs and other higher educational institutions across the country during the last three years, locations -wise;</p> <p>(b) whether the Government has any proposals under consideration to establish a dedicated National Institute for Aerospace Technology and Research in</p>	<p>ments or centres of excellence are introduced in IIT Palakkad during the last three years.</p> <p>(b)Not applicable</p>
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			<p><i>the country and if so, the details thereof;</i></p> <p><i>(c) the details of students enrolled in aerospace engineering and allied programmes in IITs and other technical institutions during the last three academic years, institution-wise;</i></p> <p><i>(d) the steps taken by the Government in collaboration with ISRO, DRDO, HAL and private</i></p>	<p><i>(c) IIT Palakkad does not offer aerospace engineering and allied programmes</i></p> <p><i>(d) Not applicable</i></p>
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			<p>industry to provide internship, research and employment opportunities to aerospace students and graduates, and</p> <p>(e) the measures proposed by the Government to promote indigenous aerospace technology development, strengthen the aerospace job market and position India as a global hub in aerospace</p>	<p>(e) Not applicable</p>
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			innovation and manufacturing?	
08/12/2025				
16.	Lok Sabha Starred Question Diary No. 3682	Enrolment in Post-Graduate and Ph.D Programmes	<p>(a) the details of the number of students enrolled in post-graduate and Ph.D. programmes across all Central Universities, particularly in institutions such as IITs, IIMs and IISc for each year from the academic session 2020-21 to 2024-25, category-wise (SC, ST, OBC and EWS);</p> <p>(b) whether there is a persistent decline in the enrolment and completion rates of SC, ST and OBC/all categories students in postgraduate and doctoral programmes and</p>	Link to answers

			<p>if so, the reasons therefor;</p> <p>(c) the details of the total number of complaints/cases registered during the last five years regarding caste based discrimination, harassment or humiliation faced by SC, ST and OBC students in Central Universities and centrally-funded institutions;</p> <p>(d) the details of the total number of suicides and unnatural deaths of students reported in Central Universities and centrally-funded institutions during the last five years; and</p> <p>(e) the details of the current status of implementation of the UGC (Promotion of Equity)</p>	
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			Regulations across all campuses?	
15/12/2025				
17.	LOK SABHA Question Dy.No. 7564	Reservation in Promotions in IITs	<i>a. The details of the DoPT guidelines applicable for providing reservation in promotion to engineers and technical cadre employees in the</i>	a.F.No.3601 1/1/2022-Estt.(Res-I) Estt (Reservation) Division COMPENDIUM OF INSTRUCTIONS ON RESERVATION IN APPOINTMENTS IN POSTS/SERVICES IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

			<p><i>Institute;</i></p> <p>b. Whether there have been recorded instances of reservations being restricted or suspended in IITs citing 'Skilled Cadre' or 'Special Skills' at the time of promotion, if so, the details thereof; and;</p> <p>c. Whether the Government is considering to implement any new system for regular monitoring of reservation compliance related to promotions in</p>	<p>b.Nil</p> <p>c.Not Applicable</p>
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			IITs, if so, the details thereof?	
17/12/2025				
18.	Rajya Sabha Starred Question Diary No. 300	Campus Recruitment of IIT Graduates	<p><i>(a) how many students have been selected through placements at all IITs from 2014 to the latest available year. Please provide year-wise numbers and breakup of General, SC, ST;</i></p> <p><i>(b) what is the year-wise average salary package (domestic and international) offered to</i></p>	Doc

			<p><i>students during campus placements at IITs;</i></p> <p><i>(c) what is the year-wise highest salary package offered at IITs, along with the name of the recruiting company; and</i></p> <p><i>(d) what is the number of students who received job offers but did not join the companies after selection?</i></p>	
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