

## **A Report on Internationalization of Education at Marwadi University**

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## University Focus Areas

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Focusing upon Internationalization of Education, University aims to attain below objectives;

- **Diversity:** Knowing and understanding numerous rich local traditions of India and participating countries, developed over millennia involving arts, stories, poetry, games, songs etc. Networking opportunities for students for future collaborations and to gain confidence for becoming global citizens. The *University hosts 1,200+ international students hailing from 52 countries.*
- **Cross Border Education:** Inviting experts and scientists from globally reputed institutes to understand global outlook towards advancement in technology and research. The University has collaborated with IUCEE with an aim to certify all Engineering Educators through Faculty Development Program.
- **Joint Research and Innovation:** To solve regional problems faced by society and industry through research collaborations. University is in collaboration with the Universities of European Union. Cooperation with these Universities was granted research funds under the ERASMUS+ Program (an initiative of European Commission).
- **Improving Quality of Education:** The University aims in improving quality of education within the vicinity. Further it also aims in learning and implementing Best Education practises through faculty & student exchange, joint research projects for the betterment of region and state.
- **Preparing student for Global assignment:** Producing world class competent manpower to participate in the economic progress of the country and contributing towards the mission of India being a economic super power.
- **Making India a hub for International Higher Education:** The University aims in contributing towards promotion of India as a global study destination providing premium education at affordable costs thereby helping to restore its role as "*Vishwa Guru*" as envisioned in NEP 2020.



## **Team: International Relations Office-Marwadi University**

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The University has established and developed dedicated *International Relations Office* at Campus in compliance with UGC guidelines.

The Office is sphere-headed by Director & Deputy Director, specialized in International Relations and is equally supported by team members who engages itself in initiating dialogue, establishing linkages with foreign institutes and supporting international students in complying with Foreign and Regional regulations. University has appointed 4 international students as interns to help new students settle fast and make them understand compliance processes of VISA, FRRO etc.

University has created special software module for international students helping them remind compliances of related to FRRO and VISA formalities.

- **Dedicated International Hostel:** Marwadi University has been shortlisted as one among top 10 institutes for grant of ₹. 10 Cr. for establishing a 100 bedded Study In India hostel at campus under Champion Services Sector Scheme (CSSS) of Ministry of Commerce, Govt of India.

University publishes magazine having contributions from International students and news about international events at the University. MU Global Magazine is well received by Embassies and Foreign collaborators.

## **Global Partnerships and Joint Initiatives**

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Marwadi University has a vision to establish to promote joint research, faculty and student exchanges, create overseas job opportunities for international students and sensitise them to become a global citizen. University seeds and nurtures collaborations and partnerships through below initiatives;

- **Participation in Government Schemes**
  1. University is a member of EdCIL (Educational Consultants India Limited), a Miniratna – category I Public Sector Undertaking in India under the administrative control of Ministry of Education, Government of India. It actively takes part in its Flagship program called Study In India (SII). In 2019, the Institute was awarded as “*High Performer Partner Institute Award*” by EdCIL.



2. Study In Gujarat (SIG), an initiative of Education Department, Govt. of Gujarat to promote Gujarat state as Education Hub. University actively participates in various educational fairs, summits and promotes its courses and programs to aspiring students.

- **Signing of MoU**

University has entered into MoU under European Union programs such as ERASMUS+ that offer faculty and student exchanges. Further, the University also connects with like-minded overseas institutes and enters into partnerships for promoting joint research projects and teaching-learning aspects. The University has 22 active international MoU as on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

The University has entered into collaboration with Scholarship Institute of Mozambique to provide access to quality Higher Education to Mozambican students through various scholarship schemes awarded to students from Individual institutions seeking admission to the partner University.

## **Initiatives & Project undertaken by University to improve curriculum, pedagogy, research through Internationalization**

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- **Undergoing Faculty Development Programs by IUCEE**

Indo Universal Collaboration for Engineering Education (IUCEE) founded in 2007, has been offering a wide range of Faculty Development Programs over the past several years with the help of over 200 US academic and industry experts. Marwadi University has collaborated with IUCEE with an aim to certify all Engineering Educators through this program.

Training status as below;

<b>Phase</b>	<b>No. of Faculties</b>
Phase – I	190
Phase – II	160
Phase – III	85
Total <b>85 faculty members</b> have completed certification program.	

- **Participation in IUCEE EPICS program**

Marwadi University has enrolled in Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS) program through IUCEE to involve students and staff members, to understand the needs of



society and provide effective solution through Engineering projects. Institute has also introduced EPICS Program in Engineering curriculum.

- **Bridge Course**

The University prepares students with an academic curriculum as a means of preparing for the intellectual challenges of University education. Activities and topics on virtual, creative arts, activities on universal human values, village visit and innovation were taught to students.

- **Student Ambassador**

It is aimed to promote students participation in encouraging other students to learn from the foreign studies experience. An existing international student from the University is selected to represent other aspiring students in their home country. This arrangement benefits existing student with a confidence to present learning methods practised at the University and the aspiring student gets a real time feedback about education model in India.

- **Participation in ERASMUS+ program**

The University is in collaboration with the Universities of European Union and Cooperation with these Universities were granted funding under the ERASMUS+ Program (an initiative of European Commission) which includes bilateral staff exchange, unilateral student exchange and collaborative research projects.

Few of the achievements under ERASMUS+ program is as below;

1. Faculty of Law at Marwadi University along with six other Universities submitted a proposal for the development of Post Graduate program in "**International Law and Forced Migration Studies**" which was selected for funding by ERASMUS<sup>+</sup> KA2CBHE (ERASMUS<sup>+</sup> Key Action 2 Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education). A cumulative grant of € 9.2 lacs is sanctioned for the project. Only 2 law schools from entire country are part of this project.
2. A grant of € 9.9 Lacs is sanctioned by ERASMUS<sup>+</sup> KA2CBHE (ERASMUS<sup>+</sup> Key Action 2 Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education) for the development of Post Graduate program in "**Climate Change Policy and Law**" by Faculty of Law at Marwadi University.
3. Marwadi University along with University of Dunaujvaros, Hungary and University of Rhode Island (URI), USA have collaborated for Dual Degree Program. The courses & syllabus has been mapped at the both the Institute to initiate the offerings.



- **Language Coaching**

Special coaching on technical terms/language using videos and images is provided, as there are student who can speak English language, but has difficulty in understanding technical terms such as – demand, supply etc.

- **Study In India (SII) Program**

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A total of **320+ students from Syria** have joined Marwadi University as part of the Hon. Prime Minister’s education scholarship initiative offered to students hailing from Syria.

- **Participation in Study in Gujarat Program**

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- **Celebration of National Days**

The International Relations Office organizes and encourages international students to participate and perform their national days of importance of their country. Once in a year each country gets a chance to get together and plan an event that would invite the audience of all students and nationalities on campus. Ambassador/Delegates representing the country are specially invited to witness participation and to have an interaction with the students. The students learn and share the importance of inclusion and diversity and this also provides a platform to meet new people around the world.

Summary on National Day celebrations held at the campus as below;

Year	No. of Celebrations
2019-20	9
2020-21	7
2021-22	13



- **Diplomat visits to campus & Courtesy visits to Embassy**

University welcomes visit of Diplomats representing the country to its campus. These visits aim in establishing new relations with institutes, organizations, showcase academic progress and wellbeing of international students dwelling at campus.

The officials from the University visit Embassy Office representing a country. The visits are aimed to apprise well being of students belonging to the country on campus and inviting Ambassadors & delegates for various programs being organized at the University.

- **Dedicated International Canteen**

The University has established separate and a dedicated International canteen of high standards, serving meals as per choice and taste of international students.

- **Sports Facilities**

Special coaching and equipments have been established, as International students have more liking towards international sports such as Football, Basketball and Gymnasium.

- **Collaboration with Indian Technology Congress Association (ITCA)**

The University has collaborated with Indian Technology Congress Association (ITCA), an organization that builds NewSpace solutions (Nano Satellites by students). This project will involve International students and shall provide immense opportunities to understand and learn more about space environment and satellites.

## **Awards & Rewards Received at the Global Level**

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2. **Participation of International students at Diplomatic Conclave:** Students from Africa sang “Vande Mataram” at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi. The program was organized as a part of “Study In India” Diplomatic conclave on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. The conclave witnessed participation of Diplomats, Ambassadors, High Commissioners and consulates from 30+ countries.
3. **Awarded Research Internships:** MITACS Globalink Research Internship – Canada is a competitive program that pairs top-ranked international students with specific research expertise with faculty at Canadian academic institutions for a twelve week research



project. 7 students from the University were awarded a grant of 5.35 lacs in order to visit different universities of Canada.

4. In 2019, the Institute was awarded as “*High Performer Partner Institute Award*” by EdCIL.
5. Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep Sancheti, Provost-MU is a Member Executive Council, Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), London
6. **Dedicated International Hostel:** Marwadi University has been shortlisted as one among top 10 institutes for grant of ₹. 10 Cr. for establishing a 100 bedded Study In India hostel at campus under Champion Services Sector Scheme (CSSS) of Ministry of Commerce, Govt of India.

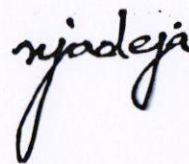
## Sustainability Plans

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The University has formed Institutional Development Plan (IDP) Committee to develop strategic plan based upon which it shall develop initiatives, assess its progress and reach the goals set therein.

Committee has planned following initiatives and constituted various verticals to cater to the growing needs of internationalization as detailed below;

- A separate financial budget for the development of Internationalization of Education at Marwadi University has been earmarked for the next 5 years
- Year-on-Year 30% targeted growth of current international student strength
- Creating a separate boarding and lodging facilities with International standards
- Cultural and entertainment cell specially focusing on international diversity
- Creating International Job Opportunities
- Capitalizing opportunities with Active 27 MoU's
- Signed MoU with Mozambique Institute for Scholarship to synergize and increase opportunities for students of Mozambique to study at Marwadi University



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