



# UKIERI- UGC Higher Education Leadership Development Programme

## Why in News

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (**MHRD**) has **launched** 'Higher Education Leadership Development Programme for Administrators' in New Delhi.

## Key Points

- The programme is a **joint initiative** of **University Grants Commission (UGC)** and the **British Council** under the auspices of UK India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI).
- **Objective: To train the senior and middle level academic administrators** to enable them to bring about **systemic changes** with renewed approaches, capacity, tools and skill in Universities in India.
- The programme is a step towards institutional development in line with Governments' commitment **to improve the [quality of education](#) being imparted in Universities.**

## UK-India Education and Research Initiative

- UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) was started in April, 2006 with the aim of enhancing educational linkages between India and the UK.
- UKIERI has been recognized as a key **multi stakeholder programme** that has **strengthened the research, leadership, education and now skill sector relations** between the two countries.
- **UKIERI Phase 3 (2016-2021)** aims to promote **institutional and individual excellence in educational practices, research, and employability.**

## University Grants Commission

- It came into existence on 28<sup>th</sup> December, **1953** and became a **statutory** body by an **Act of Parliament in 1956**, for the **coordination, determination and maintenance of standards** of teaching, examination and research in university education.
- The head office of the UGC is located in **New Delhi.**

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