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TN Signs MoUs for Global Capability Centres, First Foreign University Campus

The Tamil Nadu government signed four MoUs to establish GCCs, R&D facilities, and Tamil Nadu's first international university campus in Chennai.

A state initiative to strengthen higher education, advanced R&D, and employment by setting up global capability centres and foreign academic campuses.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The Tamil Nadu government signed **four MoUs** on **July 30, 2026**, for establishing GCCs, R&D centres, and a manufacturing facility.
- The **University of Western Australia** will establish Tamil Nadu's first international university campus at **Velachery** in **Chennai**.
- The four signed agreements are projected to generate a total of **2,920** direct and indirect jobs across **Tamil Nadu**.
- The projects focus on expanding **Global Capability Centres** (GCCs) and state-of-the-art research infrastructure in **Chennai**.
- The official release highlighted that these MoUs will accelerate **industrial growth** and educational innovation in the state.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **University Grants Commission** (UGC) notified regulations in **2023** for setting up foreign higher educational campuses in India.

The **National Education Policy** (NEP) **2020** recommended facilitating top 100 global universities to operate in India.

Tamil Nadu holds a **Gross Enrolment Ratio** (GER) of around **47%** in higher education, significantly higher than the national average.

The **University of Madras** was established in **1857** under an Act of the Imperial Legislative Council.

The **Annamalai University Act** was enacted in **1928**, establishing one of India's early unitary residential universities in Chidambaram.

The Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education (**TANSCHE**) was established in **1992** to advise on higher education policies.

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Tamil Nadu's first international university campus is being established by the University of Western Australia at Velachery, Chennai.

Syllabus Relevance: Highly relevant for Group 1/2 Unit 9 (Education & Human Development Indicators in TN) and Unit 2 (Current Events).

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