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Notice for foreign students seeking admissions in Higher Education Institutions in India

In pursuance of letter D.O No 13-23/2018-ICC Dated 17-10-2024 from Ms. Neeta Prasad, Joint Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education it is conveyed that:

The Study in India (SII) portal <u>www.sludyinindia.gov.in</u> launched in August 2023 is fully functional for facilitating the admission process of foreign students who wish to pursue either long term or short-term courses in India.

The SII portal facilitates the foreign students to apply for admissions and receive offer letters from Higher Educational Institutions (HEls) registered on the portal.

From the Academic Year (AY) i.e. 2025-26 Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India is in the process to make it mandatory for all foreign students coming for higher studies to India to mandatorily register on the SII portal, and quote the Unique ID generated thereon in their visa applications. As such, no foreign student would be able to get a student visa without registering on the SII portal and quoting the Unique ID in the visa application.

Any foreign student keen to apply for higher education in India must apply through the foreign student registration link on the SII portal (https://www.studyinindia.gov.in/admission,/registrations)

To proceed for their visa application process, they will have to apply via Indian visa portal. Further Ministry of Home Affairs has introduced e-Student visa facility to foreign students who are eligible for S-1 and S-3 student visa as well as registered on SII portal. MHA has also introduced e-student X visa facility to the dependents of those coming under the aforesaid e-Student visas.

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