# UGC Approves University of Western Australia Chennai Campus

The University of Western Australia secured final approval from the UGC to establish its campus in Chennai.

Setting up foreign university campuses in India under regulations framed by the University Grants Commission.

## KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **University of Western Australia** (UWA) received final approval from the University Grants Commission (**UGC**) in **October 2026** to set up its campus in **Chennai**.
- The upcoming campus has taken **50,000 sq. ft.** of floor space in **Velachery** for its educational operations.
- **Left parties** and various educational organisations have raised concerns over potential commercialization of higher education.
- Critics have expressed apprehension regarding high **tuition costs** and the underfunding of public universities.

## DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **University Grants Commission** (UGC) is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament in **1956**.

Education falls under the **Concurrent List** of the Constitution of India following the **42nd Constitutional Amendment** Act of **1976**.

**Article 21A** of the Constitution of India guarantees the right to education as a fundamental right for children aged 6 to 14 years.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions internationalization of higher education and allows top global universities to operate in India.

**Tamil Nadu** has one of the highest **Gross Enrolment Ratio**s (GER) in higher education in India.

The first state-level university in Tamil Nadu, **University of Madras**, was established in **1857**.

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