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MGU is committed to pursuing a holistic and inclusive policy of internationalization of education with the aim of integrating an intercultural and global dimension into the purpose, functions and delivery of education. The university strives to enhance the quality of knowledge production, pedagogy and research through pursuance of international partners and collaborations in our academic initiatives.

MGU facilitates academic mobility through exchange programmes of students, faculty and staff and through the enhancement of opportunities for collaborative research. Several **MoUs for student and faculty exchange as well as research collaborations** have been signed with leading universities across the world with the aim to equip the members of the university fraternity with interdisciplinary, intercultural and advanced knowledge and skills.

An integral part of the university's internationalization policy is to ensure **'internationalization for all'** and to emphasise the process as non-elitist in its purposes and goals. Going beyond a narrow economic focus, MGU strives to make the internationalization of education an endeavour of quality enhancement as well as an effort towards breaking barriers in innovative research and education. One of the key objectives of the policy is to attract the best researchers and projects in the prioritized areas of research and development to make meaningful interventions in multiple fields of societal significance. Incentives and encouragement are provided for the initiation of international collaborations for research by members of the faculty.

The university is at the forefront of conceptualizing **joint academic programmes** with international universities and academic bodies. Increased attention is given to digital and blended learning as an instrument to complement the internationalization of higher education, through MOOCs as well as **Virtual Exchange and Collaborative Online International Learning**. The possibilities of digital learning are enhanced with international collaborative projects that further physical, virtual and academic mobility. Along with digital competencies university seeks to provide avenues to develop **foreign language proficiency**.

Along with this, the university is mindful that true internationalization occurs when there is an **exchange and travel of academic conceptualizations and ideas**. International academic collectives, art residencies, global learning networks and scientific epistemic community-

building are envisaged as part of this vision. The university is also one of the first universities in India to facilitate the opening of an **offshore shore campus** in Qatar. The offshore campus is part of the focus of the university on partnerships and collaborations that recognize and respect the differences in contexts, needs, goals, and partner interests while being cognizant of the variations in economic and cultural conditions.

Finally, the university recognizes the importance of '**Internationalization at home**'. Syllabi is constantly revised and envisaged through curriculum workshops by benchmarking with the pioneers and the change makers in global academia. International conferences, lecture and seminar series and academic dialogue are facilitated by MGU for the purposeful integration of international and intercultural dimensions into the formal and informal curriculum within the university's multifarious learning environments.