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## Institutions of Eminence (IoE) Scheme

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Recently, the Ministry of Human Resource Development has declared 5 public Universities as **Institutions of Eminence (IoE)**.

- The institutes are:
  - IIT Madras
  - Banaras Hindu University
  - IIT Kharagpur
  - University of Delhi
  - University of Hyderabad
- Earlier, in the **first round under the IoE scheme, 6 institutions were selected as IoEs.**

- Benefits of being included in Institutions of Eminence (IoEs) includes:
  - **Government Institutions** to get **additional funding upto 1000** Crore.
  - Complete **academic, administrative** as well as **financial autonomy**.
  - **Exemption from government approvals for Academic collaborations** with foreign higher educational institutions (in top 500)
  - Freedom to hire personnel from industry
  - Freedom to recruit faculty from outside India (limit of 25% of its faculty strength for public institution).
  - Freedom to have **own transparent merit based system** for admission of students.
  - Freedom **to admit additionally foreign students on merit** (maximum of 30% of the strength of admitted domestic students).
  - Freedom **to offer courses within a program as well as to offer degrees in newer areas**.
  - Freedom to have the **flexibility of course structure**.
  - Flexibility in fixing of curriculum and syllabus, with no UGC mandated curriculum structure.
  - Freedom **to offer online courses** as part of their programmes(But not more than 20% of the programme)
  - **University Grants Commission (UGC) inspection** shall **not apply** to Institutions of Eminence.

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