

# professional and technical skills



"Pearl Academy of Fashion is proud to be a part of the UKIERI project. International exchange programmes and research partnerships are always great learning tools. Such initiatives will not only help in strengthening institutional collaborations and industry linkages, but also enhance the knowledge base of faculty in both the countries."

A K G Nair, Group Director,  
Pearl Academy of Fashion

The strand aims at strengthening professional and technical skills by developing links between centres of vocational excellence in both countries and providing opportunities for workforce development in areas of skills gaps, identified by the business community.

Three partnerships under the strand have been established in the first year – two in fashion and textiles and one in financial services.

## policy dialogue

The initiative also ensures that the UK and India are engaging in constructive dialogue on key policy issues. UKIERI works with central and state government regulatory bodies, associations and individual institutions to ensure that the respective international educational policies of both countries are harmonised and support each other's broader international educational aspirations.

The following dialogues have been held:

### Education, Training and Skills for the Knowledge Economy

A one-day panel discussion held in Delhi on 16 January 2007

### Collaborative Delivery and Transnational Education

A three-day conference held in Hyderabad from 7-9 March 2007

### Widening Access and Social Inclusion in Higher Education

A two-day conference held in Kolkata from 26-28 March 2007

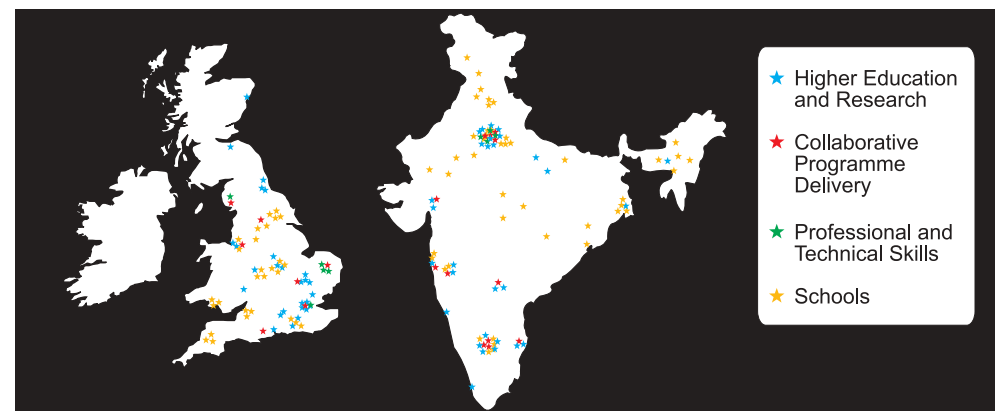
Upcoming events include two conferences – Quality Assurance Conference in January 2008 and Public Private Partnerships Seminar in March 2008

## key achievements 06-07

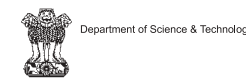
- 6 Major Collaborative Research Awards
- 24 Standard Collaborative Research Awards
- 10 PhD Scholarships
- 26 Research Fellowships
- 7 Collaborative Programme Delivery (CPD) Awards
- 88 Travel Grants
- 11 Cluster School Partnerships
- 3 Linkages under the Professional and Technical Skills Strand
- 25 Events to Support all Activities

"I believe UKIERI has created an excitement in universities and institutions and schools and colleges and I want therefore to thank the Indian Government, the British and Indian businesses, who have been involved in this scheme."

Gordon Brown, British Prime Minister at UKIERI awards ceremony held at the British Council in January 2007



Department for  
Innovation, Universities and Skills



### Our Corporate Champions

BAE SYSTEMS



For more details on UKIERI visit [www.ukieri.org](http://www.ukieri.org)

# UKIERI

UK-India Education and Research Initiative



[www.ukieri.org](http://www.ukieri.org)



# higher education and research

The UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) is a five-year programme which aims to substantially improve educational links between India and the UK, ensuring in the longer term they become each other's partner of choice in education.

Under the initiative, United Kingdom has pledged £23 million through contributions by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, Government Office for Science and Innovation, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the British Council and devolved authorities of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The private sector has added significantly to this contribution through the four Corporate Champions – BAE, BP, GSK and Shell. Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India has also pledged matching funding for science-related collaboration under the initiative.

## Target 2011

By 2011, the following minimum targets would have been met under UKIERI:

### Higher Education and Research

- 50 new collaborative research projects, including 5 'major' projects linking centres of excellence
- 40 new UK award programmes delivered collaboratively in India with 2,000 Indian students enrolled
- 300 additional Indian research students, postdoctoral researchers and staff would have worked in the UK
- 200 UK researchers would have worked in India and 200 UK undergraduate students would have been supported for studies in India
- 2,000 Indian research students would have completed research degrees in the UK through collaborative delivery

### Schools

- 300 Indian schools linked with a similar number in the UK and 300 teacher/head teacher exchanges
- 50 international projects by school clusters providing a huge educational resource for both countries
- 250,000 students would have directly participated in the project and another 250,000 indirectly benefited

### Professional and Technical Skills

- 6 new partnerships in Financial Services and Creative Industries sectors
- 100 faculty members to benefit through staff exchanges, developmental seminars and research work
- 500 students benefiting through new courses, student exchanges and work placements



The main focus of this strand is on research-oriented links between centres of excellence in the UK and India specialising in areas of science, technology, humanities and social sciences. The strand also aims to encourage more doctorate and post-doctorate collaboration between the two countries, through split PhDs, research fellowships and other mechanisms.

Higher Education and Research has achieved significant success in the first year of the initiative. With 6 Major and 24 Standard Collaborative Research Awards, 10 PhD Scholarships, 24 Research Fellowships and 88 Travel Grants in the first year, the initial 'step-change' has been achieved.

Mutuality is a core feature of UKIERI. All research proposals supported under the initiative are required to demonstrate that both partners will make an appropriate contribution to the collaboration, and that benefits accrue to both sides.

Under the collaborative programme delivery, funding is also available to UK and Indian institutions to facilitate the development and delivery of UK degrees and professional qualifications in India through institutional partnerships. 7 such partnerships have been announced in the first year to deliver full Masters courses and continuing professional development short courses.



## schools

The Schools strand represents the first stage of initiating life-long relationships between young people in India and the UK. Links between schools in both countries are also an integral element of the initiative, bringing together clusters of schools in the UK and India for joint curriculum projects and professional development.

In the first year, 11 cluster partnerships have been established, linking 44 schools in the UK with 67 schools in India. All the clusters are now involved in designing their individual joint curriculum projects focussing on subject areas like dance & sports, art & culture, science & technology, and environmental studies.



"Our pupils' self-esteem has enhanced and their social skills have improved, as indeed has the quality of their work because they are sending it to another country. Our children, through learning about the children of India and their culture and beginning to understand their way of living, are developing respect towards them. UKIERI is built into the life of our schools, and parents have become very proud of the international dimensions that the cluster has fostered and developed."

*Dyfrig Ellis, Headteacher,  
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Lonlas, Wales*