Global initiative courses find many takers at IIT

and better access to faculty members from foreign universities have drawn a large number of students at Indian Institute of Technology, Indore, to courses run under the Global Initiative Academic Network (GIAN).

The Union cabinet had approved the GIAN programme in higher education to tap a talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs, internationally to encourage their engagement with the institutes of higher education in India to augment the country's existing academic resources and elevate India's scientific and

technological capacity to global excellence.

According to official sources, IIT-Indore is running the third highest number of courses under the programme among all IITs of the country. "We have been offering these courses since March and it has received a very good response so far," said senior faculty member Nirmala Menon.

The programme offers a wide range of courses from mathematics to chemical and material sciences that are taught by faculty members from leading universities of France, Germany, Japan and USA.