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Union HRD Minister is on a six day visit to Australia to participate in a 4<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting of Australia-India Education Council (AIEC)

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New Delhi

Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Shri Prakash Javadekar is leading a 4 member delegation to Australia from 28.06.2018 to 03.07.2018 to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of Australia-India Education Council (AIEC). This bi-national body was established in 2011 as a commitment by the Education Ministers of India and Australia to guide the strategic direction of the education, training and research partnership between the two countries. The AIEC is a forum for members, including academia, industry and government to collaborate with Ministers in deciding major bilateral priorities and collaborative efforts.

During the visit, the Hon'ble Minister will also have a Bilateral Meeting with the Australian Education Minister Simon Birmingham. The delegation will also visit University of Adelaide, Parafield Gardens High School in Adelaide and Deakin University, University of Melbourne, Monash University in Melbourne to experience the Australian expertise in the fields of Research Excellence, Smart Classrooms, Online Education, ICT initiatives in Education, Work-Integrated Learning and to further strengthen the education collaboration between both the countries. Minister will also witness the signing of various institutional level MoUs to be signed between the Educational Institutions of both the countries. Both the Ministers will adopt a Joint Communique after the AIEC Meeting.

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