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**PRESS RELEASE**

            Subject:        **College fee reduced for Indian students in Gulf**

Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) Scheme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development of Government of India is a welfare scheme for the benefit of Diaspora children.  DASA 2016 introduced a new category, i.e., Children of Indian Workers in Gulf Countries (CIWG).  One-third of the 15% seats in different educational institutions in India have been reserved for these children.

2.        DASA 2017, however, revised upwards the fee structure and CIWG category students were required to pay US $8,000 per annum, instead of US $1,600 per annum for DASA 2016.  Parents, especially from the Gulf region, were unhappy at this steep fee hike.

3.        The Embassy is happy to inform the members of Indian community that Ministry of Human Resource Development has now reduced the fee for CIWG category students, that is, fee of Rs. 1,25,000 (or US $2,000) per annum per student.  For more details please visit DASA website at [www.dasanit.org](http://www.dasanit.org).

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