

Top edu institutions to offer courses online

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New Delhi: In a move to improve access to higher education, top institutions have been asked to submit applications by the month-end to offer courses online, including those leading to a degree, from the 2019-20 academic session with students required to show up only for exams at designated centres. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has invited higher education institutions to apply for starting online courses from January 7 to 31, 2019. While delivery of the courses will be online, the students will have to sit for exams where they will undergo biometric authentication. Institutions can enrol Indian and foreign students and only those institutions in the top 100 ranks of the National

COURSE STRUCTURE

- Certificate course shall be of minimum of 6 months duration and minimum 20 credits
- Diploma course shall be of minimum of 1 year duration and minimum 40 credits
- Degree course shall be of minimum of 3 year duration and minimum 120 credits and shall be the same as specified by commission under choice-based credit system

Institutional Ranking Framework for the past two years and who are also accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council with minimum score of 3.26 on a 4-point scale are eligible to offer online courses. The gazette notification of the UGC (online courses or programmes) regulations, 2018, was notified on July 4, 2018, as reported earlier by TOI.

Some key features of the online courses are, according to a senior HRD official, "admissions will take place twice a year and a higher education

institution will offer the same course it has been offering under conventional mode or the open and distance learning (ODL) mode. However, the delivery will be online. But the quality remains same and the exams will be conducted at designated centres where the students will be identified through biometric data they need to submit at the time of enrolment."

All courses which don't have practical components and programmes are not permitted to offer courses online or ODL mode.

Govt starts process for 'financial inclusion' of sex workers

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New Delhi: In a move that will benefit those at the margins of society, the Centre has set in motion the process to see how survivors of sex trafficking and those caught in the web of commercial sexual exploitation can be brought into the framework of "financial inclusion." A high-level task force among other things will now study how banking facilities can reach this section of society and linkages forged to connect them to advantages of financial inclusion.

The first meeting of the task force is expected to be

held next week. The ministry of finance on January 2 issued a memorandum setting out the contours of a task force. It has been set up for "working out the modalities for extending the benefits of financial inclusion to women victims of sex trafficking". The modalities are proposed to be finalised by January 15.

As per the memorandum (TOI has a copy), the task force will be led by a senior official from the department of financial services. It has on board representatives from ministries of health, women and child development, home affairs, Unique Identification

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Authority of India, National Aids Control Organisation and representatives of NGOs.

It is learnt that linkages with banks is seen to be a critical focus area that the task

force will dwell on. The task force has on board representatives of State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank.

Amod Kanth, founder secretary, NGO Prayas feels that a plan for making financial inclusion real can be a game changer for the survivors and sex workers. "In the backdrop of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, the existence of a sex workers is shrouded by fear and they mostly live away from the mainstream. It is because

of this segregated existence and fear of being identified that they are unable to access social entitlements and banking facilities," he pointed out. Prayas is on the task force in the capacity of NGO member.

Ravi Kant, chief of NGO Shakti Vahini, who is also on the task force, said that reaching out with banking services and related benefits to such women will give them power over their own money.

Full report on www.toi.in

Govt's dal subsidy brings lakhs into 'nutrition net'

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New Delhi: A single decision has brought lakhs of poor under the "nutrition net" who earlier did not have the luxury of having dal (pulses) in their daily meals, by offering the key food item to state governments from the central buffer at subsidised rates.

In the past three months, at least one lakh tonnes of pulses have been lifted by the states availing the scheme in the past three months and another 4.5 lakh tonnes will be released soon to states, which can only be distributed to the poor under PDS or can be used for welfare schemes.

State-owned agriculture cooperative Nafed said that the states have already made payment for 3.3 lakh tonnes of pulses from the central stock. Three months back, the government had started the scheme to offer Rs 15 subsidy

Making pulses available to more

- Centre bears ₹15 subsidy per kg for supplying pulses to poor & for welfare schemes

States availing of scheme: Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand & Daman)

per kg to the states that place their orders. The subsidy is given to the states after carrying out an assessment of the average wholesale prices of previous month. "Because of this subsidy, the pulses are generally made available to the targeted beneficiaries of the welfare schemes at half of the prevailing retail price," Nafed managing director Sanjeev K Chadha said.

Soon, 100 facilities to convert farm waste to bio-CNG

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New Delhi: Government-owned farm cooperative Nafed will set up 100 facilities, which will use agriculture waste such as sugarcane press-mud, the residue of the filtration of sugarcane juice, and stubble to produce bio-CNG. The first such plant will come up at Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh, which is in the sugarcane belt.

"The preparation for the plant is at an advanced stage and the construction of the facility will start soon. Indian Oil Corporation has agreed to procure the bio-CNG from these plants at Rs 48 per kg," Nafed managing director Sanjeev K Chadha said.

4 tigers die in 6 days in Maharashtra

Nagpur: Maharashtra lost one more tiger in Melghat on Friday, taking the toll to two this year and four in six days. This is the second death this year after a tigress was found dead in Khursapar area of Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR) on Thursday.

The tiger was found dead near Mocha village of Chikhaldara territorial area. The carcass of the tiger was 10-day-old, indicating that no patrolling was done in the area. "It was only due to fire line works that the carcass was traced," said sources. Amravati chief conservator of forests Praveen Chavan said, "Wildlife vets have claimed that the tiger died of old age."

Vijay Pinjarkar | TNN

Nadda to be BJP's UP poll in-charge

New Delhi: On a day when Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party announced that they have reached an agreement on seat sharing in Uttar Pradesh, BJP president Amit Shah on Saturday appointed key party strategist and Union minister J P Nadda as chief poll in-charge for the most populous state in addition to the recently appointed three co-incharges.

The party had on December 26 appointed Gordhan Zadafia, Naretam Mishra and Dushyant Gautam as poll in-charge for UP for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. However, Nadda will be in-charge for the overall state and he will coordinate with the co-incharges. TNN

6 kids, driver killed after schoolbus falls into gorge

Seven people, including six children, were killed on Saturday when a school bus rolled down a gorge in Himachal's Sirmour. The bus of Dadahu Adarsh Vidya Niketan School, carrying 18 kids, skidded off the road near Khadkoli at 8 am. Three students and the driver died on the spot, another three kids were declared brought dead at hospital.

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, यांत्रिक खण्ड, उ० प्र० जल निगम, मेरठ।

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