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आईआईटी में शिक्षकों के 41.9 फीसदी पद रिक्त

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)। सरकार ने शुक्रवार को माना कि 16 भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों (आईआईटी) और 30 राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों (एनआईटी) में शिक्षकों के क्रमशः 41.9 फीसदी और 49.6 फीसदी पद रिक्त हैं। मानव संसाधन विकास राज्य मंत्री शशि थरुर ने शुक्रवार को राज्यसभा को बताया कि संस्थान संविदा के आधार पर शिक्षकों को नियुक्त कर रहे हैं। साथ ही अतिथि संकायों की सेवाएं भी ली जा रही हैं ताकि शिक्षकों की कमी पूरी की जा सके। थरुर ने वाई एस चौधरी के प्रश्न के लिखित उत्तर में बताया कि आईआईटी और एनआईटी में शिक्षकों की कमी का मुख्य कारण उनकी न्यूनतम अर्हता पीएचडी होना है जबिक अधिकतर संस्थानों में बीटेक और एमटेक कार्यक्रम पूरा करने के बाद विद्यार्थियों का चयन प्रमुख कंपनियों में हो जाता है इसलिए वे अध्यापन का व्यवसाय नहीं चनते।

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CLEAN CHIT

IIM Ahmedabad may soon have a Harvard academic heading it, thanks to a new liberalised selection process. But at least one procedure was not dispensed with in the excitement to appoint Prof Asish Nanda. The HRD Ministry carried



out routine vigilance and background checks on him. The ministry sought the views of the Harvard Law School on Nanda's career and whether he had indulged in any kind of academic impropriety. The Harvard Law School, it is learnt, has promptly responded assuring the ministry that it had nothing adverse against Nanda.

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4-yr prog ready for launch: HRD min

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The HRD ministry on Friday told the Rajya Sabha that Delhi University is fully prepared to launch the four-year undergraduate programme (FYUP). In a written reply minister of state for HRD, Shashi Tharoor said the FYUP has been approved by an overwhelming majority at the Academic Council.

However, sources said the minister's reply does not mean HRD ministry cannot request the university to put the new programme on hold for a year. "We have received a detailed note from a group of teachers. It is being examined. Apart from various issues, the note also raises some legal questions. It is being examined. The ministry has not made up its mind yet," a source said.

Leaders of various political parties have also been approached by dissenting teachers and on Thursday many of them attended a public function on the Delhi University campus against the move to rush through the four-year course from this academic session.

Sitaram Yechury, CPM leader in Rajya Sabha, has also given a notice for calling attention motion on the serious situation arising out of the new proposal in DU that was established by an act of Parliament. He has said FYUP has been introduced against the nationwide system of 10+2+3. Yechury also met HRD minister MM Pallam Raju on Friday. He told the minister that dissenting teachers are some of the most eminent in their field and would not protest without a valid argument.

Tharoor's reply reiterated what DU has been claiming about the FYUP. The minister said FYUP aims at imparting holistic knowledge, which cuts across the domains of traditional courses, as well as including skills and value addition. It requires students of all disciplines to undertake certain mandatory courses to meet the needs and challenges of the modern society and the nation.

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VC's open letter draws flak from teachers

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New Delhi: Within hours of the DU vice-chancellor's open letter to teachers was put up on the website, the claims made in it are being interpreted as lies and a desperate attempt to divert attention from the growing concern about "the methods used to implement the radical reforms".

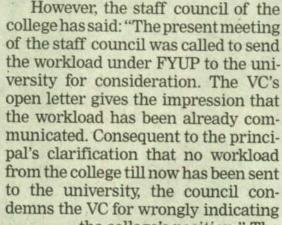
Dinesh Singh, in his "Vice-Chancellor's Open Letter to Teachers", has

acknowledged Dyal Singh College's demand for more teachers due to increased workload, though the college's staff council is yet to finalize the workload under the four-year undergraduate degree programme.

His attempt to link professorship in colleges to the four-year structure has also Dinesh Singh been slammed by teachers

who say this policy is actually UGC's "regulations on minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in universities and colleges and measures for maintenance of standards in higher education", issued in June 2010.

The VC claims that Dyal Singh, after a detailed calculation of workload, has identified 11 new positions in addition to the existing permanent and adhoc teaching positions and "that the college shall be seeking our permission to create these 11 new regular teaching positions".



the college's position." The motion was unanimously adopted with one dissent vote from the principal.

Dismissing the letter as a desperate attempt to misguide teachers across the colleges and the departments. many teachers slammed the letter as a mere "public posturing".

"Why is the VC linking appointments to four-year structure and workloads? Irrespective of three or four years, 4,000 permanent position vacancies are to be filled and it's definitely in bad taste to link them." said executive council member Abha D Habib.

"Colleges are finding it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to calculate workload, given the complete lack of clarity on so many questions such as class size, tutorials, curriculum of foundation courses, re-appropriation of seats, allocation of workload of IMBH and CA," added Habib.



'Get your research work patented to stop duplication'

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LUCKNOW: Merely doing research is not enough. Even if there is little possibility, get it patented and here is where the council for science and technology can help with its free of charge facility.

Sharing what all the council does on the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day on Friday, MKJ Siddiqui, director, Council of Science and Technology UP said researchers could get help to know whether their research work is worth a patent or not.

"If the work is worth a patent, we also guide the researcher how to get a patent so that the work is not stolen or duplicated without permission," said Siddiqui. For getting the facility, the scholars need to come up with complete research work and its result.

The result is then evaluated by a team of experts who also find if similar results have been derived in any part of the world through any other research work.

This is done with the help of a software. Once convinced that the work is original, the team members explain steps for patent.

The council also organised a seminar on the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day where eminent scholars shared their ideas.

Director of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences Dr MC Pant was the key speaker.

Admn to help in IIT-I land transfer

PROGRESS Construction will start soon, says director

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INDORE: Long-stuck land issue of Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IIT-I), to set up its permanent campus at Simrol, now seems to be getting resolved after divisional commissioner Sanjay Dubey extended his help in facilitating the smooth handing over of land.

Dubey met IIT- I director Pradeep Mathur on Friday to discuss the issue in detail.

HT had highlighted in its report 'Lot to cover for snail-paced IIT' on April 17 that the land acquisition at Simrol was being dragged due to interference of some 'unruly elements' who had created hurdles preventing IIT-I to complete its boundary wall. IIT-I director had also mentioned that he expected support from the local authorities to speed up the project. His request seems to have now reached the local administrators who have now come forward to address the issue.

When HT contacted Mathur after the meeting, he said, "We are coming to a stage where the construction would start soon. We will have many more meetings for work coordination. The meeting went very well and the things are



PROLONGED TANGLES

IIT Indore was one of the eight new IITs that were set up during the 11th Five- Year Plan period (2007- 12) and for last four years since its inception in 2009 it has been operating from IET campus of DAVV and one building at PACL campus - both at a distance of nearly 20 km.

On its 'temporary campus' last year IIT-I spent nearly Rs 3 crore on rented college building, hostel facility and bus transportation and these expense grows every year.

moving faster now."

Talking in praise about the local authorities he said, "They are assisting us in every aspect and we are looking forward to start the project soon."

For last four years IIT-I had been struggling to acquire the 501 acres allotted to it.

Till now, only a half-done 200 meters of a wall has been put up, as the forest that falls under the allotted land area, cannot be

covered till the required forest clearance is done.

Nearly, 70 acres of the 198 acres of the forest area, which falls under IIT-I land, is stuck in file work. Also, some of the land portion in the front part of the campus has also not been fenced yet as there were disputes at the local level. Despite several attempts the divisional commissioner could not be contacted for a comment.