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IIT Kharagpur to recruit teachers

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KOLKATA: IIT-Kharagpur is soon going to recruit teachers to restore the adverse teacher-student ratio.

According to sources, IIT Kharagpur needs to double the faculty and the elite engineering college is working on an aggressive proposition to attract some of the best brains in the world.

Currently, the IIT has 850 sanctioned faculty positions out of which only 555 posts are filled. "We would not only have to fill up the vacancies but will also appoint 550 more teachers to maintain the student-teacher ratio. Currently,

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- There are over 10,000 students in IIT-Kgp
- There will be top-up salary for teachers willing to do quality research
- IIT is looking to create more chair professor positions

we have over 10,000 students on campus, hence getting a good faculty is our top most priority," said registrar TK Ghosal.

"Our offers will be attrac-

tive. One of the perks include awarding top-up salary for teachers willing to do quality research. Also, to attract foreign faculty, we have decided to match their salary. We would also create more chair professor positions. Our alumni, too, would be helping us create a special fund," he added.

The institute is also inviting top-tier visiting faculty from all over the world to visit, teach and conduct collaborative research. Additionally, the Adjunct Faculty Programme is being promoted to attract alumni and other experts in various industries to come and teach a semester. This will also give students exposure to global industrial scenario.

Under the current chairman of the Board of Governors, Dr Shiv Nadar, several more initiatives have been undertaken to improve the teacher-student ratio through recruitment retention of the existing faculty. Among the newly recruited teachers, a balanced ratio is being maintained with regards to young faculty and senior faculty with relevant academic and industrial experience.

Director (officiating), Prof. S K Som has advised the core committee of Vision 2020 to come up with an incentive package to attract new faculty of world-class calibre. The alumni too have come forward to support this initiative of faculty excellence.

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नई दिल्ली (ब्यूरो)। जेईई में हाई रैंकिंग वाले छात्र भी अब आईआईटी या एनआईटी संस्थानों में एक साथ दो सीटों पर प्रवेश के लिए आवेदन नहीं कर सकेंगे। उन्हें एक संस्थान में प्रवेश सूची में नाम आने के बाद किसी अन्य संस्थान में प्रवेश से पूर्व पहली सूची से अपना नाम वापस लेना जरूरी होगा। इस फैसले से हर साल अंतिम मौके पर कुछ सीटों के खाली रहने की समस्या समाप्त हो जाएगी तथा ज्यादा छात्रों को इन संस्थानों से इंजीनियरिंग करने का अवसर मिलेगा। मानव संसाधन मंत्रालय से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार आईआईटी तथा एनआईटी संस्थान की परीक्षा आयोजन से जुड़े अधिकारियों ने पिछले हफ्ते इस संबंध में एक समझौता किया है। समझौते के तहत अब आईआईटी तथा एनआईटी संस्थान अपने प्रवेश से संबंधित डाटा ऑनलाइन एक दूसरे से शेयर करेंगे।

Stop affiliating new engg, B-schools, UGC to tell varsities

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NEW DELHI: The University Grants Commission plans to ask all universities to halt affiliations to any new engineering, management or technical education college in an unprecedented move driven by government concerns that substandard institutions may misuse a recent Supreme Court order.

India's more than 550 varsities can only restart affiliating technical colleges once the UGC comes up with detailed regulations to ensure that the court order doesn't help institutions ignore quality parameters, top government officials told HT.

The apex court on April 25 ruled that the All India Council for technical Education (AICTE) - the country's top technical education regulator - has no supervisory authority over colleges affiliated to universities, in an order that immediately sent tremors in the ministry of human resource development (HRD).

"The UGC letter will ask all varsities to suspend any further affiliations to technical colleges

till we tell them to start again," a senior official closely associated with the decision said.

India only allows universities and institutions like the IITs set up under Acts of Parliament or state legislatures to offer degrees. Colleges must be affiliated to universities. This system gives the central government powers to regulate standards but also creates tension between regulators and institutions over academic autonomy.

It was while hearing one such case, that the country's top court ruled that the AICTE - which till now has held the undisputed power to authorize all technical education courses - had no authority over colleges affiliated to universities.

The AICTE has asked the HRD ministry to push for an ordinance circumventing the Supreme Court order, to restore its power. But many in the government remain unconvinced that such an ordinance will succeed in winning approval from a bitterly divided Parliament.



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UGC dilutes norms for foreign tie-ups

Akshaya Mukul TNN

New Delhi: Modification in the minutes of a UGC meeting held earlier this year could result in a qualitative change in collaborations between Indian and foreign educational institutions, whereby even B-grade domestic institutions could have foreign partners.

On March 11, 2013, the UGC, in its 492nd full commission meeting, while considering the UGC (promotion and maintenance of standards of academic collaboration between Indian and foreign educational institutions) Regulations, 2012, resolved that foreign educational institutions with the highest grade in their country would be allowed to collaborate with Indian institutions which are also accredited with the highest grade by national accreditation agencies.

However, the minutes were qualitatively changed in the UGC's 493rd full commission meeting on May 10, despite protests by a member. Now, the modified minutes says that foreign institutions with the highest grade should be allowed to collaborate with Indian institutions not less than B grade in respect of institutional, threshold and programme accreditation. Many departments of Indian institutions enter into programme-based collaboration with foreign institutions. The UGC member who protested that modification of minutes would lead to dilution of quality was asked to submit a note of dissent even as the UGC approved the modification to minutes.

UGC sources said, "There's a general view that since top rung foreign universities are not interested in collaboration with Indian educational institutions, the ambit should now be widened."

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Ahmedabad architects to re-establish Nalanda University in Bihar

Winning design picked by a jury comprising four architects from Singapore, Japan, China, India

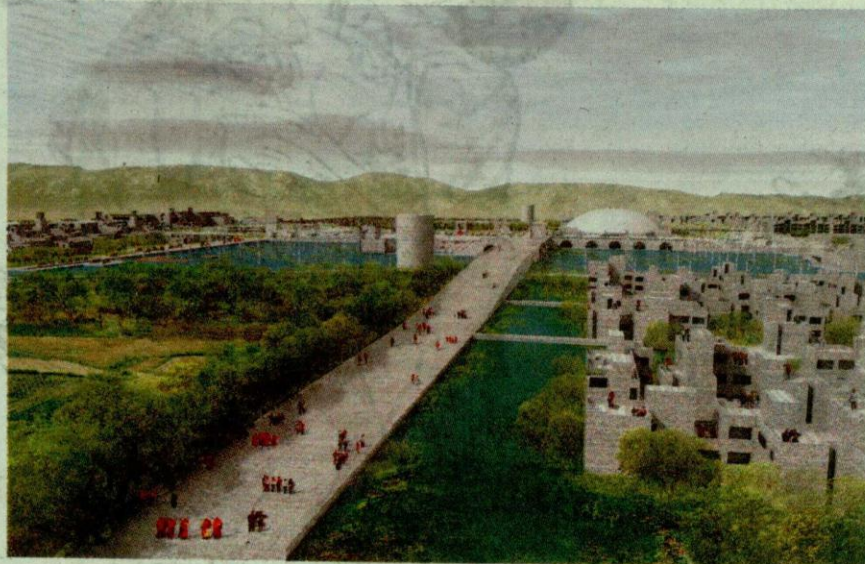
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CHENNAI: Efforts to reestablish and reinvent the historic and famed Nalanda University in Rajgir, located 12 km away from the monument zone of Nalanda in Bihar, moved ahead.

Plans to build a new campus took shape a few days ago when the international jury comprising four architects from Singapore, Japan, China and India and three members from the University chose the winning design from an international competition.

Of the eight proposals submitted by pre-qualified architectural firms, including five from abroad, the jury selected the design drawn by Vastushilpa Consultants, a well known architecture firm based in Ahmedabad for its "conceptual planning, clarity of thought and ability to take forward the vision of Nalanda."

Nalanda University, conceptualised as a standalone international institution, would be constructed on a 455-acre site to accommodate 2,500 students and 500 teachers. The University has proposed seven schools of



An artist's view of the proposed Nalanda University Campus in Bihar. An international jury chose the design drawn by Ahmedabad-based Vastushilpa Consultants. - PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

learning including Historic Studies, Buddhist Studies and Information Technology, but only two of them — Historic Studies and Environment Studies — would be built in the first phase.

Rajeev Kathpalia, one of the two principal architects

of Vastushilpa Consultants in a telephone interview said that their design 'envisions the new campus as an institution of future, a beacon of sustainable practices and a model of integration with local community.' He also explained that they have

planned buildings as a close-knit group and located amid a tranquil agrarian landscape. More than half the site is intentionally kept open to take care of the aquifers and recharge them. The overall aim is to create an integrated ecosystem where flow of air,

water and energy are channelled in an almost natural way, he added.

Balakrishna Doshi, a Padma Shri awardee, is the senior partner and founder of Vastushilpa Consultants.

Nalanda flourished as an important centre of learning for about 800 years. It fell into ruins in the 13th century, and the British archaeologists discovered the historic remains in the 19th century.

Following the decision to revive the university at the Second East Asian Summit in 2007, the Indian government established Nalanda University in 2010 after passing an Act in Parliament. Many Asia-Pacific countries have extended support for the project. Last year, the University floated the international competition seeking designs for the proposed campus.

Elite DU colleges may have branches outside

Like IIMs, SRCC, St Stephen's, BHU may be allowed to open pan-India study centres

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NEW DELHI

A major decision on expansion of higher education opportunities in the country is on the anvil.

Prestigious institutions like St Stephen's College, Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), Lady Shri Ram College (LSR) or Miranda House may be allowed to open study centres outside Delhi.

Similarly, students from North India may be able to study at famous educational institutions from across the country, right here in the national Capital.

For example, students would be able to study at Kolkata's famous Presidency University in New Delhi or Allahabad and the Banaras



Hindu University (BHU) may have a centre in any other major city, in the near future.

The list may expand further with the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) set to open a branch at Kishanganj in Bihar soon.

This means students keen to study at these prestigious educational institutions may not have to go and study in a place too far away from home.

The policy of setting up off-campus study centres is being deliberated by the HRD Ministry.

At present, only study cen-

tres approved by the Distance Education Cell or a private university, meeting certain standards and conditions are allowed to be opened.

Earlier the UGC allowed study centres by deemed universities only for the purpose of advising, counseling or for rendering any other assistance required by the students.

The UGC had found that after submission of the proposal for Off-Campus(s)/new department(s)/ new institution(s) to the HRD Ministry and UGC, the deemed universities started admitting stu-

dents to these centers without waiting for the final approval from authorities.

"The discussion is at a very preliminary stage, but an idea has been mooted. As the policy maker, we think this is the only way to expand quality higher education which is the utmost need of the country," said a top HRD Ministry official. The matter is also being discussed by the UGC to ponder upon the jurisdiction variables pertaining to award of a degree.

The idea has come in the backdrop of the ongoing expansion of prestigious institutions like IIMs, IITs, AIIMS or other centrally-funded technical institutes.

A draft prepared by the HRD Ministry points out the existence of a chain of educational centres being run by prestigious educational institutions like Loyola, St Xavier's etc.

In a related development the AMU on Friday inspected the site of its proposed study centre in Bihar's Kishanganj district as part of the preparations of the Detailed Project Report (DPR).

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The HRD Ministry had last year approved the study centre of the premier university and the Bihar Government handed over a plot to the AMU authorities to set up infrastructure worth Rs 2,500 crore for higher education facilities. "The Ministry is also weighing the socio-economic impact this policy change will have. Will a student from Jabalpur, Raipur or Pune travel to Nagpur to seek admission at a Presidency University there?

Or, will an SRCC at Kolkata stop the influx of students from eastern India to Delhi? At present, students from Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal and North-Eastern States travel all the way to Delhi to study here. There are many issues to be resolved and discussed during the course and it will take time. If approved, a similar infrastructure, faculty and staff to maintain the academic quality of the premier institution has to be put in place," the official added.

After businesses, now B-schools scent opportunity in Pakistan

Kirtika Suneja
New Delhi, May 17

AFTER agreeing to open its border for trade with India, Pakistan has now embraced Indian B-schools to train its business managers. Cashing in on this new-found opportunity are institutes like the the Indian School of Business (ISB) and SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR), which have moved beyond the conventional student and faculty exchange programmes. While ISB is conducting its executive education programme at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) in Karachi, Mumbai-based SPJIMR is offering its executive education programme for family businesses in cities across Pakistan.

Business school professionals say that an improved trade environment and quite similar ways of doing business would not only see the two B-

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- Similar culture, way of doing business attracts Indian B-schools to Pakistan
- Karachi's Institute of Business Administration ties up with ISB, SPJIMR
- Indian B-school courses highly applicable to Asia
- Indonesia, Vietnam and Dubai also keen to tie up with Indian institutes
- Short-duration programmes a hit in the neighbouring nation

Schools that have already ventured into the neighbouring country succeed but more such institutes are likely to follow suit in the days to come.

"We forged a collaboration with Pakistan because of similar markets and opportunities. There is business and economic potential for the faculties to work. We have started with executive education and non-degree programmes," said Deepak Chandra, deputy dean at the Hyderabad-based ISB.

ISB has conducted three programmes with IBA in the last eight months. These are short-duration programmes that last for 3-10 days. Its two-day programme costs anywhere between ₹50,000 and ₹1.25 lakh.

On the other hand, SPJIMR — which offers a 12-month programme at the IBA in the form of workshops — has held more than 20 seminars in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad. The institute has planned a series of 10 workshops enabling family

businesses to get on the fast track, starting from October 2012 to August 2013.

"The programmes we offer here are highly applicable to Asia. When it comes to family matters, most countries have to learn from India. We have made presentations in Dubai also," said Parimal Merchant, director, Centre for Family Managed Business, SPJIMR.

Moreover, the Lahore University of Management Sciences has written to the institute for a collaboration.

Said Shobha Mishra Ghosh, director, Ficci's education committee, "The environment in these countries is very conducive and they have a large diaspora of Asians. Though it is rare to find Indian and Pakistani institutions working together in this way, the way business is done in Pakistan is similar to India and enhanced trade relations have only improved the overall environment."

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Besides Pakistan, ISB is also offering such custom-designed programmes in Sri Lanka, Oman, Japan and Mauritius, while SPJIMR has partly begun its programme in family-managed businesses in Indonesia while courses for Saudi Arabia, Vietnam and South Korea are in the offing.

HT New Delhi

DU-JAMIA JOINT DEGREE COURSE ADMISSION FROM MAY 20

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NEW DELHI: The admission process for Delhi University and Jamia Millia Islamia's meta university concept course Master of Mathematics Education will begin from May 20, officials announced on Friday.

The two-year joint degree programme combines courses in mathematics, communications and education and aims to produce innovative teachers who use methods such as story-telling and participative learning to teach math at school level. The programme includes interesting courses such as "Discretising and Understanding Real Life Situations Through a Mathematical Lens" and "Does Nature Play Dice?: The Amazing World of Probability and Statistics."

Admission to the programme, which has only 20 seats, will be through an entrance test on June 16. Forms will be available from May 20 at Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi or at the DU, Jamia and CIC websites. Applicants must have passed at least two full-fledged mathematics papers during their undergraduate degree study to be eligible to apply for the course.