



## **Higher education council to map employability of degree students**

For the first time, the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TSCHE) along with state universities will be mapping employment and employability of from the ensuing academic year.

At a roundtable conference, organised in collaboration with the British Council India on Monday, stakeholders of higher education deliberated on various exercises that can be undertaken to enhance students' employability. As a primary step, the stakeholders have decided to map employability of degree students in order to outline academic reforms that may improve job prospects of graduates.

"In the ensuing academic year, we will map the kind of jobs degree students can secure, what do they do after securing a degree and what kind of skills do students lack in order to secure a job. Once we know the problem, we can bridge the gap by bringing in necessary academic reforms," said S Ramachandram, OU vice-chancellor, adding that the University Grants Commission has also asked universities to map employability of students.

During the conference, Ajay Mishra, chief secretary to Telangana government, said that academic excellence should be a product of universities' curriculum and not from the market. Echoing similar sentiments, Navin Mittal, commissioner of collegiate education, called for developing job oriented curriculum and usage of technology and flexibility in choosing subjects.

The British Council India has extended support to the Telangana government to bridge the gap on skill development and capacity building. "Through our collaboration with the TSCHE, we are creating a platform for sharing good practices in key areas like employment and employability. This will lead to long-term sustainable collaborations in professional development of faculty, academic teaching and research partnerships and international student mobility," said Manjula Rao, director of Higher Education and Society, British Council India.

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/higher-education-council-to-map-employability-of-degree-students/articleshow/68055567.cms>

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## **Institutes need to cope with changing environment in higher education: WB governor**

West Bengal Governor K N Tripathi on Friday called upon higher educational institutes to cope with the new changing environment in higher education and respond accordingly to the evolving situation. Addressing the third foundation day of the St Xavier's University at New Town here, Tripathi said access to quality teaching, learning, innovation, research, consultancy and placement are the key areas in the field of higher education.

"St Xavier's belongs to a global education network where Jesuit fathers are running 65 colleges and 20 higher institutions all over the country. Jesuit education is known for excellence and high quality," he said.

In his address, IIT Kharagpur Director Partha Pratim Chakraborti said, "There is a greater need to transform science and technology education and link the basic goal of improving quality of life by harnessing the power of modern science and technology."

St Xavier's Vice-Chancellor Father Felix Raj said, "The university is just new and beginning to grow with seven post graduate departments and six under graduate departments in different streams already."

He later told PTI that the university also has plans to have collaboration with the IIT Kharagpur and talks were already held with its director. The areas of collaboration would be law and research, the VC said.

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## Maharashtra Releases NEET PG, NEET MDS Counselling Schedule

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### **Maharashtra NEET PG 2019, NEET MDS 2019 Counselling Schedule**

Online Registration: From February 25, 2019 to March 5, 2019

Payment of registration fee: February 25, 2019 to March 5, 2019

Uploading all required documents: February 25, 2019 to March 5, 2019

Display of General List of registered candidates (including In-service & PWD ): March 6, 2019

Physical Verification of documents at any of selected center:

For NEET MDS- March 7, 2019 to March 12, 2019

For NEET PG- March 13, 2019 to March 20, 2019

Rest of the schedule will be released in due course of time. Students who wish to register for the counselling will be able to do so through Maharashtra CET website ([www.mahacet.org](http://www.mahacet.org)).

The result for NEET MDS 2019 was released on January 14 and for NEET PG 2019 was released on January 31, 2019.

Maharashtra is one of the first states to release counselling schedule for NEET PG and NEET MDS. Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) is yet to announce the counselling schedule for All India Quota seats.

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