National Conference on Examinations Transformation (NEXT- 2020)

The National Conference on Examinations Transformation (NEXT- 2020) was intended to bring together examiners and academicians, from the academy and from the industry, where to discuss and implement the various examinations reforms from the New Normal. This conference will provide a forum to share and discuss ways to improve access to knowledge and promote academics and administrative collaborations. The scientific program will be very appealing for Teachers, Academicians and University Administrators for decision-making were on the plenary talks, and invited sessions.

The examination is an ever-evolving department in any university with voluminous contribution to testing the skills of the pupils. The upsurge in the reformation in examinations and technology interventions for examinations and advancements in grading has provided a new glory to examinations. In this context, the National Conference on Examination Transformation was scheduled between 10 – 14 August 2020 to bring in collaborative efforts and learning through interaction with academicians, examiners, and university/ Board Administrators.

EConference Archival:

Day1 : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKbx1pYrCiw
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Day4 : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dp4Uhz5nm_U
Day5 : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71h6U4J6X08

AICTE allows admission to MBA courses based on marks in qualifying UG exams

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Institutions offering MBA and PGDM courses have been allowed to admit students based on marks obtained in qualifying undergraduate exams as several entrance tests could not be conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) said.

The technical education regulator has also clarified that the relaxation is being made available only for the 2020-21 academic session and should not be seen as a precedent for future academic years.

"All-India tests like CAT, XAT, CMAT, ATMA, MAT, GMAT and the Common Entrance Test of respective states are the qualifying tests for admission to MBA or the Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) course. In many states, some of these entrance tests could not be conducted due to the fear of coronavirus spread, and there is no indication as to whether these tests are postponed or likely to be held or cancelled," AICTE Member Secretary Rajive Kumar said.

"AICTE, being more a facilitator than a regulator, considered alternative proposition through which selection of the students could be made for admission to PGDM course which will benefit both the institutions as well as the students.

"Therefore, in the current scenario, the PGDM and MBA institutions are allowed to admit students on the basis of marks obtained in qualifying examinations by preparing a merit list in a transparent manner. However, first preference will be given to candidates who have appeared in any of the entrance tests and have qualified, irrespective of their marks secured at degree level as long as minimum marks are secured," Kumar added.

The council has directed institutions to select candidates based on merit in the qualifying UG exams if there are vacant seats available.

"The states may also use this relaxation while allotting seats through counselling. It may be noted that this relaxation to the PGDM and MBA institutions shall be applicable only for the academic year 2020-21, this cannot be taken as a precedent for the future academic years," Kumar said.

Universities and schools across the country have been closed since March 16, when the Centre announced a countrywide classroom shutdown as part of measures to contain COVID-19.

A nationwide lockdown was imposed on March 25. While several

restrictions have been eased, schools and colleges continue to be closed.

Link:https://www.livemint.com/education/news/aicte-allows-admission-to-mba-courses-based-on-marks-in-qualifying-ug-exams-11598252085915.html

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