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UGC Asks Institutions To Apply For Recognition Of Online Courses By October 15

The University Grants Commission, has called for submission of proposals from Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in order to offer online and distance learning courses from January 2021. The online portal for submitting fresh applications would be open until October 15.

Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes Regulations, 2020 were introduced by the UGC on September 4.

According to the UGC notification, the online portal for submitting fresh applications would be open till October 15.

"UGC invites fresh applications from all eligible Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) as per University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 for offering Open and Distance Learning (ODL)programmes and Online (OL) programmes from 2020-21, academic session beginning January, 2021 and onwards. The online portal for submitting applications shall be opened upto 15.10.2020," reads the notice.

Only the institutions eligible to offer such courses as per the new regulations will be able to submit their applications on the UGC's official portal for the academic session beginning January 2021 and onwards.

"HEIs already recognized by UGC for offering ODL/Online programmes including the academic year 2020-21 and eligible as per the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020

may apply for additional programmes, if any," the notification stated.

HEIs are advised to visit the DEB, UGC website- ugc.ac.in/deb regularly for latest updates and announcements for the same.
The notification, mentioning the address, asks the HEIs to submit the hard copy within 10 working days. "The duly certified hard copy of the application along with annexures should reach DEB office of UGC at 35, Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi-110 001 within 10 working days of submission of online application."

Link:https://www.ndtv.com/education/ugc-asks-institutions-apply-for-recognition-of-online-courses-october-15

Bhupendrasinh Chudasama: NEP will make students industry-ready

The National Education Policy (NEP) would enable students to be industry-ready at a young age and make them employable, contrary to the prevalent policy where even graduates are not deemed to be fit to be employed by industries, said Education Minister Bhupendrasinh Chudasama on Wednesday.

He was speaking at a webinar organised by the Gujarat University Startup and Entrepreneurship Council (GUSEC) how the NEP encourages an entrepreneurial mindset and start-ups.

Addressing the gathering, Harkesh Mittal, former head National Entrepreneurship Board, Department of Science and Technology, said, 'We need to further accelerate innovation by converting knowledge into usable products and services, and the NEP addresses these concerns very well.

'The Gujarat government has already kept startups and innovation on its priority list and is playing a proactive role in the implementation of the NEP, having formed a 13-member taskforce to study and effectively implement it,' Chudasama said.

Professor Himanshu Pandya, Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat University, said, 'The NEP enables students to establish their own innovative ideas while being in school and enables to materialise their dreams, irrespective of their financial backgrounds.

Emphasising on improving the quality of education, Anju Sharma, principal secretary, education, said, 'We should offer opportunities to provide impetus to entrepreneurship and innovation and build a pool of talented, all-round personalities that can be better innovators.'

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National curriculum framework for teachers' education to be developed under NEP 2020: Ramesh Pokhriyal

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Under the National Education Policy (NEP), a new National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education (NCFTE) will be formulated in the country, said Union Minister for Education, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank on Wednesday.

The new and comprehensive NCFTE will be formulated by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) in consultation with the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), according to the Ministry of Education.

Earlier, Nishank had said that the government is taking multiple initiatives and actions for implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

"The NEP 2020 has been finalised after a detailed consultation process with all stakeholders including State/UT Governments.

As per National Education Policy 2020, implementation of the Policy requires multiple initiatives and actions, which will have to be taken by multiple bodies in a synchronized and systematic manner," Pokhriyal said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

"Accordingly, this Ministry has communicated to all States/UT Governments for implementation of NEP 2020 in letter and spirit. Ministry of Education is also organising 'ShikshakParv' from September 8 to September 25, 2020, to deliberate on various themes and implementation of NEP 2020 aimed at eliciting suggestions," he said.

The major reforms in school education brought by NEP 2020 include universalisation of Early Childhood Care Education (ECCE), national mission to focus on basic literacy and basic numeracy, no rigid separation between arts and sciences streams and removal of separation between vocational and academic and curricular and extra-curricular.

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