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Karnataka Government mulls multidisciplinary learning at Engineering Colleges

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The state government is mulling multidisciplinary learning at the engineering colleges in the state by including science subjects. Higher Education Minister Dr. C N Ashwath Narayan directed the authorities of Karnataka Higher Education Council to come out with a curriculum framework for the purpose by the month-end.

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At a meeting with officials of the department of higher education on Thursday, the minister said it will be on the lines of National Educational Policy (NEP) and implemented from the current academic year itself.

"Of the 220 engineering colleges in the state, about 100-110 colleges have good infrastructure and multidisciplinary learning could be introduced in these colleges by including options to learn subjects such as Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Applied Maths," he said.

College Curriculum to get NEP touch

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The Higher Education Department has formed several committees of experts to give a makeover to the curriculum for undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the State, to be in line with the National Educational Policy (NEP).

The government has constituted three committees under Faculty of Arts (Social Sciences, Humanities, Fine Arts & Visual Arts), three committees for Faculty of Sciences (Physical & Mathematical Sciences, Chemical & Biological Sciences, Earth Sciences), one committee under the Faculty of Commerce & Management and one committee for the Faculty of Engineering. The curriculum worked out by these panels will come into effect from the current academic year.

Prof Y S Siddegowda, Vice-Chancellor, Tumakuru University, will Head the Social Sciences Committee of 13 members. Prof DB Naik, Vice-Chancellor, Kannada Janapada University, Shiggavi, will head the Humanities Committee of seven members. Prof Nagesh V Bettakote, Vice-Chancellor, GH Music & Performing Arts University, Mysuru will head the Fine Arts & Visual Committee of six members. Prof G Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysuru, will head the Physical & Mathematical Sciences Committee of 11 members. Prof KB Gudasi, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka University, Dharwad, will head the Chemical and Biological Sciences Committee of 11 members. Prof AM Pathan, Vice-Chancellor, KBN University, Kalaburagi, will head the Earth Sciences Committee of seven members.

Now, accreditation by NBA a must to start new Engg courses

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APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University has mandated that engineering colleges applying for new courses should have accreditation from the National Board of Accreditation (NBA). From now on, only colleges with at least one existing NBA-accredited course will be given the No Objection Certificate to apply for new courses. A decision to this effect was taken by the Kerala Technological University Syndicate on Tuesday, based on the recommendations submitted by the Affiliation Standing Committee.

Colleges without NBA-accredited courses must meet three criteria prescribed by the University, in addition to the conditions laid down by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). A success rate of at least 50% in the final year examination of the previous year, admission in at least half of the seats, and an excellent ranking in academic auditing are the additional criteria. The syndicate has also decided to revise the affiliation fee from 2020-21. In the wake of the pandemic, colleges will be given six more months to pay the affiliation fee arrears and a complete waiver of penalty.

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