Dehradun: In five villages, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee will spearhead the Union government's 'UnnatBharatAbhiyan', which aims to provide technological resources to rural areas.

Launched by the ministry of human resource development (MHRD), the scheme will be implemented in 132 villages with help from 16 reputed educational institutes. These institutes mostly include IITs and NITs.

According to IIT Roorkee officials, work has already begun in Bhangedi, Telliwala, Chharba, Khanjarpur and Kalsi villages. In a written reply during a Parliament session on December 10, HRD minister SmritiIrani said the scheme had twin objectives of building institutional capacity to educational institutes in terms of research and providing rural India with professional resources.

"The main aim of the 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan' is to give a tech-boost at the grassroot level to these villages. Work has already been started by IIT Roorkee. Teams have been set up to visit villages and identify their problems. Further, we will aim to find financially-viable schemes and prepare a roadmap for holistic rural development" said a senior professor at IIT Roorkee.

Under the scheme, technologies for rural development are likely to focus on supply of portable water, sanitation, renewable energy, low cost housing and organic farming. Launched on November 11, the programme is being coordinated and steered by IIT Delhi.
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सात आईआईटी तैयार कर रहे गंगा नदी बेसिन प्रबंधन योजना

नई दिल्ली (एजेंसी)। सात आईआईटी का संघ गंगा नदी बेसिन प्रबंधन योजना तैयार कर रहा है और अब तक आईआईटी संघ द्वारा 36 विषयों पर एक अतिरिक्त रिपोर्ट पेश की गई है। जल संरक्षण, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण योजना मंत्री उमा भारती ने लोकसभा में प्रश्नपत्र के यह जानकारी देते हुए बताया कि आईआईटी संघ द्वारा दिसंबर 2014 के तुरंत बाद योजना का प्रथम संस्करण प्रस्तुत किया जाना तय है।

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने केंद्र सरकार को गंगा नदी की सफाई की रणनीति देने के लिए कहा है।

गंगा नदी के जीवनाधार के लिए कुछ देशों से वित्तीय सहायता का प्रस्ताव मिलने की जानकारी देते हुए उमा भारती ने बताया कि कई देशों ने गंगा संरक्षण में हिस्सा लेने में रुचि दिखाई है। इसके अतिरिक्त 4969 करोड़ रुपए की लागत से जीआईसीए सहयोग प्राप्त वर्तमान परियोजना के साथ-साथ जापान अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहयोग अभिकर्षण (जीआईसीए) के साथ मिलकर काम करने पर विचार किया जा रहा है। उन्होंने बताया कि गंगा नदी की जीवनाधार एवं भव्यता को फिर से स्थापित करने के लिए अविरलता, निर्मलता और नदी की वर्तमान सुरक्षा एवं सौंदर्यकरण, जलीय जीवन की सुरक्षा और वनारोपण सुनिश्चित करके गंगा की समग्रता को पुनर्स्थापित करने के लिए प्रमुख क्षेत्रों के लिए विशेष कार्य बिंदुओं की पहचान की गई है।
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भवानी के आईआईटी का उसी भवन में अस्थायी संचालन करने की तैयारी

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3. इसके प्राचीन कथा उम्मीद की थी कि केंद्र में ताला लगा हो, जिसमें अंग्रेजी विभाग शामिल होगा।

- जीआर सहु जीवनकाली रायपुर
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ऋत्तिका चोपड़ा, नई दिल्ली स्मृति इरानी की कमान वाला मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय IIT और IIM की तर्ज पर देश में भारतीय विद्या संस्थान यानी इंस्ट्र्यूट ऑफ इंडोरॉजी शुरू करने की योजना बना रहा है। इनके जरिए मंत्रालय प्राचीन भारत के ज्ञान-विज्ञान पर रिसर्च को बढ़ावा देगा। इन संस्थानों के लिए वित्तीय मदद केंद्र सरकार देगी। मोटे तौर पर प्राचीन भारतीय भाषाओं, साहित्य और दर्शन की स्टडी की इंडोरॉजी कहा जाता है। सूत्रों की मानी तो इस कदम का मकसद वर्तमान स्कूली सिस्टम की खामियों को दूर करना है। आज कई ऐसे पॉलिटिकल साइंस पढ़ने वाले स्टूडेंट्स मिल जाएंगे, जिन्हें राजनीति और प्रशासन की प्राचीन बातों की मामूली जानकारी ही होगी या किसी साइंस प्रेज्युप्ट को पिछली तीन सहस्त्राब्दियों का ज्ञान नहीं होगा। वहीं, एथिकलर साइंस में दिलचस्पी रखने वाले स्टूडेंट्स को देश में खेती-बाड़ी की परंपरा का पता नहीं होता है।

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By Heena Kausar
In New Delhi

SEVEN senior professors of the Delhi University's History Department on Thursday have written a letter to the Vice-Chancellor Dinesh Singh expressing concerns over the appointments in History Department across many colleges and alleged that the ongoing process of appointments are being manipulated with vested interests.

The professors have alleged that the V-C has repeatedly ignored the current Head of the Department (HoD) Professor Upinder Singh. The letter states that the presence of HoD in the Selection Committee is a norm. “We find it strange that the present HoD is being consistently ignored... We do hope this is not because the university treats her as being someone who is unlikely to make appointments in a pliant way,” the letter dated 8 December 2014, a copy of which is with Mail Today, said.

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DU teachers allege anomaly in selection

“Having the HoD in the panel has been the norm. But I don’t know why I have not been included in the panel. This can be covered only by the authorities,” Singh said.

The professors have said that the panel on the basis of which the subject experts from the designated Professors in the Department were created has a six-month constitution. “At the end of every six months new professors should be inducted into this panel. The same panel of three Professors has selected candidates since May 2014 and it seems that are in the panels for other colleges for future appointments as well,” the letter said.

The letter also raises the issue that all the three professors of the selection committee have their specialisation in Ancient History. “Best practice demands that the members of the selection committee should also represent different streams and that is why Professors with differing specializations were always included in the selection committees in the past,” the letter said.

The Grouses

We find it strange that the present HoD is being consistently ignored. Considering that the University vests very critical administrative functions and responsibilities in the HoD, on what basis has she been kept out of the panel.

Considering her academic stature, her publications and the fact she is the recipient of various awards, it is unlikely that it is her qualifications which the University has found lacking.

— Excerpts from the letter to the V-C
Times Group to set up Bennett Univ in G Noida

To Start With Courses In Engg, Management, Entrepreneurship, Liberal Arts And Media

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Lucknow: The Times Group on Thursday announced the setting up of the multi-faculty Bennett University in Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh. To begin operations from July 2016, the university will come up on 68 acres of land, and to begin with, will offer courses in engineering, management, entrepreneurship, liberal arts and media. The university derives its name from Bennett, Coleman & Co Ltd (BCCL), the holding company for The Times Group.

Receiving the letter of allotment of land from UP chief minister Akhilesh Yadav, Times Group managing director Vineet Jain said, “Bennett University will be a world-class university in which we will invest Rs 600 crore. We are going to invite many international universities and institutions to partner with us.” Jain thanked the chief minister and the government of UP for facilitating the allotment of land for the university in a short period of time.

Welcoming The Times Group’s venture in UP, Akhilesh Yadav said, “I would like to thank Vineet Jain and The Times Group for choosing to invest in UP. I also urge the group to build this university soon. Such a big group setting up an educational institute will not only prevent brain drain from UP, but will also be able to attract more students from across India and abroad to UP.”

Shrijeet Mishra, chief operating officer of BCCL and CEO of its education business, said, “Our aim is to create the best university in the world. At full capacity, Bennett University will accommodate 10,000 students. Our focus will be on building talent, and giving students plenty of industry exposure and practical experience. We will bring in excellent quality education through our partnerships with global universities. This will not only be good for India, but also good for the world.”

Mishra said Bennett University was already in talks with various global universities and institutes for partnerships. “We will have more clarity on who we tie up with by April 2015. For the engineering program, however, we already have an agreement with the renowned Georgia Institute of Technology.”
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DU to soon get new marks and evaluation system

http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/delhi-university-du-marks-evaluation-system/1/406255.html

Delhi University (DU) may soon see a change in the way students are marked and evaluated for their performance. The university has formed a seven-member committee to give suggestions for evolving a uniform policy for grading students after the University Grants Commission (UGC) issued a notification asking all universities to adopt the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) from the next academic year.

A source said: "The committee will have a relook at the present system in DU and formulate suggestions in order to make the system in tune with the UGC guidelines. At present, every university is following its own system of evaluation and marking due to which some students are getting marks in grades while some are getting in per cent. We need to evolve a uniform policy for results."

Maharaja Agrasen College Principal Sunil Sondhi will head the committee. DU's Joint registrar Ram Dutt, Sri Venkateswara College Principal Hemlata Reddy, Aryabhatt College Principal Manoj Sinha, Shivaji College's senior Associate Professor Virendra Bhardwaj, Deen Dyal Upadhyay's senior teacher Manoj Saxena and senior Associate Professor at Dyal Singh College Ajay Bhagi are the panel members, the source said.

According to UGC, the new system will ensure seamless mobility of students across higher educational institutions in the country and abroad. "The credit earned by a student can be transferred and would be of help to them in the event of their seeking migration from one institution to another," UGC had said in the notification.

The source said: "If someone wants to compare these grades while a student migrates from one university to another, then it becomes very difficult. UGC wants a uniform system which will enable migration from one college to another and migration from one university to another easier."

However, the teaching community has expressed apprehensions over appointment of such a committee and said that any change in the academic structure and evaluation needs to be ratified by the Academic Council (AC) and the Executive Council (EC). A teacher said: "A committee cannot just make changes." But, the committee members explained that they will only make suggestions.
Committee member Bhagi said: "We will prepare a paper based on the guidelines issues by the UGC for CBCS. The paper prepared by us shall be placed for consideration to the appropriate authorities which in the case of the university includes AC and EC. There would be consultations with staff associations as well for further suggestions and improvements."

According to the UGC, under CBCS, students can take courses of their choice, learn at their own pace, undergo additional courses, acquire more than the required credits and adopt an interdisciplinary approach to learning. The courses will be of three types - core, elective and foundation.