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ABOUT CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL STUDIES (CESS)

Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS) was established in 2006 and is a Registered Society that has been working with Indian Education system from inception. CESS engaged in myriad activities in the domain of education for over a decade and positioned itself to meet the current challenges in the society keeping education as a focal point.

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CESS has MoUs with Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University (KSRDPRU), Gadag and Tumkur University, Tumkur to undertake research projects, capacity building programmes and designing new courses. The Management Research Centre of the CESS is recognized by Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi.

CESS is committed to bringing about 'Social Transformation through and with Education' through Research, Policy Advocacy and Capacity Building in the fields of Education and India Studies. CESS has been contributing in the field of education from last 14 years and aims to become a catalytic force influencing the policy makers and to be a premier institution in the country.

"CESS Shikshana Mahithi" is Edu-updates from CESS which includes the latest news and updates on Education in India and Karnataka. Edu-updates will be released on a fortnightly basis and will keep you posted all the important announcements and information with respect to education.

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GLOBAL TEACHER PRIZE 2020 from Varkey Foundation & UNESCO

Sri Ranjitsinh Disale from India is the Winner

An Indian school teacher has been announced as the winner for Global Teacher Prize-2020. The award is run by the Varkey Foundation in partnership with UNESCO and awards exceptional teachers who have made an outstanding contribution to their profession. The main objective and the purpose of the award is to underline the importance of educators throughout the world and to recognize and celebrate their efforts. The award seeks to acknowledge the impacts of the very best teachers – not only their students but on the communities around them.

It is indeed a pride moment for us that an Indian village school teacher has been awarded the Global Teacher Prize-2020. Ranjitsinh Disale, who transformed the life chances of young girls at the Zilla Parishad Primary School, Paritewadi, Solapur, Maharashtra, India, has been named the winner of the Global Teacher Prize 2020. He has been chosen from more than 12,000 nominations and applications, from over 140 countries around the world. The award is in recognition of his efforts for transforming the life chances of young girls and promoting girl's education in the remote villages. He has made history by not just winning the 1 Million USD Global Teacher Prize, but by deciding to share half of his prize money with the other nine finalists to support their "incredible work".

The journey of Mr. Ranjithsinh with a dream of becoming an IT engineer to being an innovative teacher is highly inspiring to the future teaching fraternity. Encouraged by his father to become a teacher and later the teacher training at his college was life-changing and deciding that teachers are the real 'change-makers' he decided to become one. His teaching career started in 2009, a dilapidated building sandwiched between a cattle shed and a storeroom, and most of the girls were from tribal communities limiting the school attendance to mere 2%. Also, the curriculum was not in their primary language (Kannada) that caused difficulty in the learning for many of the students. Teen marriage was a common scenario that hindered the education of girl students.

Mr. Ranjithsinh's determination to turn this around led to learning of the local language and also resulted in the translation of class textbooks into his pupils' mother tongue with an embedded QR code to give students access to audio poems, video lectures, stories and

assignments. By analysing their reflections, he would change the content, activities and assignments in the QR coded textbooks to create a personalized learning experience for each student. Further to this, he upgraded the QR Coded Textbooks with immersive reader and Flipgrid tools to aid girls with special needs.

The impact of Mr. Ranjithsinh's interventions has been remarkable. His works to create awareness about the ills of teenage marriages has led to 100 percent attendance by girls at the school and teenage marriages have come to a standstill. The school was also recently awarded the best school in the district with 85% of his students achieving A grades in annual exams. After Disale became the first to introduce QR codes in his school's textbooks, he submitted a proposal and a successful pilot scheme. In 2017, the Maharashtra government also decided to do the same across the state for textbooks of all classes. Following the success, MHRD also announced that NCERT textbooks will have embedded QR codes across India.

Along with improving school education, he is also involved in building peace between young people across conflict zones. He connects young people from India and Pakistan, Palestine and Israel, Iraq and Iran, and the US and North Korea through a 'Let's Cross the Borders' project. An incredible 19,000 students from eight countries are initiated into this programme. He also takes the students from schools with depleted resources on a virtual field trip using Microsoft Educator Community platform.

He is most well-known for demonstrating scientific experiments from the science lab he has built in his home. Official numbers from Microsoft show that Ranjithsinh has taught an incredible 85,000 plus students from over 1400 classrooms in 83 countries via these virtual lessons. Ranjithsinh has trained, face to face, more than 16,000 in-service teachers throughout the state of Maharashtra on how they can augment their teaching using technology. His name has also found place as one the three stories from India in 2017 book 'Hit Refresh' written by CEO of Microsoft, Satya Nadella.

This is not the first time that the 32-year-old government school teacher has bagged an award for his work. He has also previously won the Innovative Researcher of the Year 2016 award, and the National Innovation Foundation's Innovator of the Year 2018 award. Ranjithsinh Disale didn't just win the Global Teacher Prize 2020 but he has showed the world how an ideal teacher should be.

NEP doesn't dilute reservation policies: Ramesh Pokhriyal

December 01, 2020

The minister asserted that ongoing programs and policies will continue with efforts to bring educational inclusion of disadvantaged groups. The new National Education Policy (NEP) will not dilute provisions of reservation in educational institutions enshrined in the Constitution, Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' said.

<https://www.deccanherald.com/national/nep-does-not-dilute-reservation-policy-in-educational-institutions-ramesh-pokhriyal-922152.html>

CBSE Board exams in written mode only

December 01, 2020

Board exams in 2021 will be in written mode only and not online, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) officials said. The consultations with stakeholders on dates to conduct the examination are still underway.

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/national/cbse-officials-rule-out-conducting-board-exams-online-to-be-in-written-mode-only-922594.html>

Govt Forms Task Force to Impart Technical Education in Mother Tongue

December 02, 2020

In an effort to bring major changes in technical education, the Ministry of Education under the leadership of Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has set up a task force for preparing a roadmap on imparting technical education in Mother Tongue. As per updates, the task force set up under the chairmanship of Secretary, Higher Education Department, will take into consideration the suggestions made by various stakeholders and will submit a report in a month.

Read more at: <https://www.india.com/education/govt-forms-task-force-to-impart-technical-education-in-mother-tongue-4238242/>

IIT's & NIT's to offer Engineering in mother tongue

December 03, 2020

.A seminal decision was made to start technical education, especially engineering courses, imparting education in mother tongue will be opened from next academic year. A few IITs and NITs are being shortlisted for the same. IIT Banaras Hindu University BHU will the first institute chosen by the ministry to start offering engineering courses in Hindi.

The Option of Courses in Mother Tongue to Be Offered From The Next Academic Session. NTA to Devise a Different Syllabus for Competitive Exams

Read more at: <https://trak.in/tags/business/2020/11/27/do-engineering-at-iits-nits-in-your-mother-tongue-iit-bhu-starts-btech-in-hindi-language/>

NEP levels the field: K Kasturirangan

December 04, 2020

The national education policy (NEP) neither promotes nor neglects private education, but gives private and public schools an equal opportunity to compete, K. Kasturirangan, chairman of the NEP drafting committee, said at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit.

Read more at: <https://www.livemint.com/news/india/nep-levels-the-field-says-kasturirangan-11607041645762.html>

NEP to transform India into knowledge super power: Pokhriya 'Nishank'

December 04, 2020

The NEP, unveiled by the Centre amid the Covid-19 crisis in July, will pave the way for holistic and multidisciplinary education, Pokhriyal said while speaking at the 9th convocation of IIT Bhubaneswar through video conference.

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/national/national-education-policy-to-transform-india-into-knowledge-superpower-pokhriyal-923384.html>

Six months extension for MPhil and PhD students: UGC

December 04, 2020

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has granted a six month extension for submission of thesis to MPhil and Phd students in wake of prolonged closure of universities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier, the students were granted extension till December 31. However, the same has been extended till June 30 now but the tenure of fellowship for PhD and MPhil will remain the same--5 years.

Read more at: <https://www.edexlive.com/news/2020/dec/04/ugc-grants-six-months-extension-to-mphil-phd-students-for-thesis-submission-16371.html>

Rethinking Professional Development for Faculty in Higher Education

December 07, 2020

In partnership with the AIU (Association of Indian Universities), QASPIR Pvt Ltd launches Qedex, the first global community for professional development in

Qedex is a global movement and initiative dedicated to internationalising higher education by meeting the expectations of the National Education Policy.

higher education. The AIU has taken this opportunity to support higher education with an extensive faculty development program through Qedex that will foster and invigorate quality education.

Read more at: <http://www.businessworld.in/article/-Rethinking-Professional-Development-for-Faculty-in-Higher-Education-/07-12-2020-350869/>

Vice President Sri Naidu calls for close linkage between universities and industry

December 09, 2020

Addressing a global Entrepreneurs summit through video conference from Visakhapatnam, Naidu asked universities to set up incubation centres to tap and nurture entrepreneurial talent among youngsters. He also appealed to the corporate sector to come forward to fund and promote entrepreneurial ecosystem on university campuses.

Read more at: <https://digitallearning.eletsonline.com/2020/12/vp-naidu-calls-for-close-linkage-between-universities-and-industry/>

Pokhriyal holds bilateral meet with UAE minister

December 9, 2020

Pokhriyal informed that a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in the field of education between India and the UAE is at an advanced stage of finalization.

“The policy is a visionary document as it lays emphasis on holistic development of the students and that the education sector has the potential to take mutual cooperation to new heights and both countries should work to increase long-term cooperation in the field of education.” - Ibrahim Al Hammadi,

Read more at: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/ramesh-pokhriyal-his-uae-counterpart-discuss-bilateral-cooperation-in-education-sector/articleshow/79647542.cms>

All higher education regulators including UGC, AICTE will be merged in 2021

December 11, 2020

Higher education secretary Amit Khare said that structural reform in the education sector will happen in 2021 and several reforms including the merger of education regulators, and introduction of a single entrance test for admission into all central universities, will be executed.

Read more at: <https://www.livemint.com/news/india/all-higher-education-regulators-including-ugc-aicte-will-be-merged-in-2021-11607692128932.html>

Education Minister asks schools leaders to make efforts for effective implementation of NEP 2020

December 11, 2020

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' on Friday urged school leaders to make rigorous efforts for effective implementation of the new National Education Policy. He said that it is the collective responsibility of every citizen towards making India a self-reliant country and evolving into a new India with limitless possibilities. School leaders and teachers should work collaboratively to make it a reality,

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/national/education-minister-asks-school-leaders-to-make-efforts-for-effective-implementation-of-nep-926164.html>

NITI Aayog and SAP Labs India collaborate to foster digital literacy and accelerate the India startup ecosystem

December 14, 2020

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and SAP Labs India have strengthened their

Aims to adopt 100 Atal Tinkering Labs and augment youth-led startups with Atal Incubation Centers.

partnership to promote digital literacy, innovation and entrepreneurship in India. As part of the renewed Statement of Intent (SOI), SAP will conduct Training of Trainers (ToT) under UnBox Tinkering for around 500 teachers in the next three years. SAP aims to adopt 100 Atal Tinkering Laboratories and impart digital education to 30,000 students from the states of North East, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.

Read more at: <http://bwsmartcities.businessworld.in/article/NITI-Aayog-and-SAP-Labs-India-collaborate-to-foster-digital-literacy-and-accelerate-the-India-startup-ecosystem-/14-12-2020-353594/>

Private schools in Karnataka on the verge of shutdown – Private School Association

December 02, 2020

Karnataka's Private Schools Association has said that private schools in the state are facing a severe financial crunch, with some of them on the verge of shutting, due to non-payment of fee by parents. The Associations' president Shashi Kumar said, "Teachers are doing their best for online classes but we are unable to pay them a minimum salary."

There are over 20,000 schools in the state and out of that around 18,000 are budget private schools that depend on the monthly fee.

Read more at: <https://www.edexlive.com/news/2020/dec/02/private-school-association-in-karnataka-on-verge-of-shutdown-due-to-non-payment-of-fees-16284.html>

Class 10, 12 examinations likely to be postponed

December 03, 2020

State Technical Advisory Committee is going to recommend cutting short summer vacation. C.N. Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, who is also a member of the State Technical Advisory Committee for COVID-19, said that the committee discussed this issue at a meeting. A recommendation will be submitted to the Department of Primary and Secondary Education, which has to take a final call on the matter. "We will also suggest that the summer vacations be cut short in 2021 to make up for the lost academic days," he said.

Read more at: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/class-10-12-examinations-likely-to-be-postponed/article33235498.ece>

Diploma syllabus to be completely revamped from next year

December 04, 2020

The syllabus for diploma courses in the state will be completely revamped in accordance with the requirements in the job market. Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said this at a meeting with MLCs.

We are producing around 40,000 diploma graduates every year. But not even 20% of them are getting job opportunities.

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/state/karnataka-districts/diploma-syllabus-to-be-completely-revamped-from-next-year-923526.html>

K'taka Higher Education Minister Directs Officials to Submit Proposal for Appointment of 350 Lectures

December 11, 2020

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister Dr CN Ashwatha Narayana directed the representatives of the Karnataka-aided Lecturers' Association and officials of higher education and finance departments to immediately submit the proposal with regard to the appointment of 350 lecturers for aided degree colleges.

Read more at: <http://www.businessworld.in/article/K-taka-Higher-Education-Minister-directs-officials-to-submit-proposal-for-appointment-of-350-lectures/11-12-2020-352692/>

Plea to Karnataka govt to introduce Konkani as medium of education

December 12, 2020

Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy has urged Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to introduce Konkani as a medium of education in the state. The academy made the request in the context of the proposed NEP 2020 that lays stress on education in the mother tongue

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/national/south/plea-to-karnataka-govt-to-introduce-konkani-as-medium-of-education-926610.html>

Enrolment of children in schools must to promote them to the next class

December 15, 2020

Appealing to parents who have refused to enroll their children to schools citing the Covid-19 pandemic and economic stress, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar reiterated that enrolment of children to schools is mandatory...

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/city/enrolment-of-children-in-schools-must-to-promote-them-to-the-next-class-927477.html>



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