



EDU-UPDATES

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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.

CESS has actively engaged in various research pursuits, policy advocacy and capacity building programmes and has successfully completed several projects in the area of Education. The Centre has strived to draw the attention of stakeholders, including State and Central Governments, on vital issues of education through projects, series of National and State level seminars, discussions, policy advocacy and publications. It is also offering unique internship and fellowship programmes for students, research scholars and teachers. CESS recently launched an online Indian Management Repository called '**Prabandhan**'.

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.

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Announcements

One Year LL.M. Course to be abolished In India

January 05, 2021

The new Bar Council of India Legal Education (Post Graduate, Doctoral, Executive, Vocational, Clinical and other Continuing Education) Rules, 2020, seeks to abolish One year Master Degree in Law (LL.M.) in India. A Master Degree Program in Law of one year duration introduced in India in 2013(as per notification) by the University Grants Commission shall remain operative and valid until the Academic Session in which these Regulations are notified and implemented but not thereafter at any University throughout the country, the new rule states. These Rules shall come into force from the date notified by the Bar Council of India.

Bar Council of India (either directly or through its Trust) may annually conduct a Post Graduate Common Entrance Test in Law (PGCETL) for admission in Law in all Universities and until the PGCETL is introduced the present system followed by respective Universities shall be followed. Once the BCI introduces PGCETL it shall be mandatory to admit the students from the merit list of the test.

Read more at: <https://www.livelaw.in/top-stories/one-year-llm-course-abolished-bar-council-of-india-legal-education-bci-pgcetl-167985>

IITs, other Institutes of Eminence can set up offshore campuses – UGC issues new rules

January 08, 2021

The new regulations allow IoEs to start a maximum of three off-campus centres in five years, but not more than one in an academic year. The University Grants Commission has amended its regulation for IoEs and included a clause allowing offshore campuses for such institutes. It released the new UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) (Amendments) Regulations 2021, Thursday.

Read more at: [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1789815_IoE-Regulation\(Deemed\)-Jan2021.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1789815_IoE-Regulation(Deemed)-Jan2021.pdf)

Ministry of Education issues guidelines for identification, admission and continued education of migrant children

January 10, 2020

In order to mitigate the impact of challenges thrown by the COVID-19 pandemic for out of school children, it was felt necessary for every State/UT to devise a proper strategy for preventing increased drop outs, lower enrolments, loss of learning and deterioration in the gains made in providing universal access, quality and equity in the recent years. Thus the Ministry of Education had issued guidelines for identification, admission and continued education of migrant children.

Read more: https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/guidelines_oosc.pdf

National News

Govt. launches 'Toycathon' to make India global toy manufacturing hub

January 05, 2021

The government on Tuesday launched 'Toycathon' -- a hackathon for students, teachers, experts and startups to crowd source ideas for developing innovative toys and games based on Indian culture and ethos.

While this will greatly help India develop into a global hub for toys and games, it will also help our children to understand the ethos and values of Indian culture as envisaged in the National Education Policy 2020

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/national/govt-launches-toycathon-to-make-india-global-toy-manufacturing-hub-935583.html>

Eligibility criteria relaxed for IIT admissions this year: Nishanth Pokhriyal

January 07, 2021

Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' today announced that eligibility criteria of scoring minimum 75% in Class 12th has been relaxed for taking admission in IITs this year. He further informed that JEE (Advanced) - 2021 will be held as a computer based test on 3rd July 2021. This year JEE (Advanced) will be conducted by IIT Kharagpur.

Read more at: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PMO=3&PRID=1686869>

Kendriya Vidyalaya introduces Digital Language labs in 100 schools Pan India

January 09, 2021

In a bid to promote language learning as a skill in Indian education system, Kendriya Vidya Sangathan has taken a remarkable initiative to install digital language labs in their schools. This turn-key project of Digital Language Labs has been successfully implemented by Globus. The primary objective of the project is to enrich the language learning in schools by blending traditional pedagogical methods with modern and technologically-equipped resources, to develop language (Hindi, English & Sanskrit) as a skill among students and to improve their proficiency in these languages and improve their communication skills which are essential for almost all professional careers.

Read more at: <https://www.educationtimes.com/article/school-guide/80183531/kendriya-vidyalaya-sangathan-introduces-digital-language-labs-in-100-schools-across-india>

NCERT Inaugurates Kala Utsav For Classes 9, 10 Students

January 10, 2021

National Council for Education, Research and Training (NCERT) has inaugurated an online event named 'Kala Utsav' under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat scheme to promote skill development for students at secondary education level involving students of Classes 9 and 10. Kala Utsav will be a 12-day event to end on January 22.

Read more at: <https://www.ndtv.com/education/ncert-inaugurates-kala-utsav-for-classes-9-10-students>

ISRO to adopt 100 Atal Tinkering Labs across the country for mentorship and promoting STEM and Space Education

January 11, 2021

Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) have announced that ISRO will be adopting 100 Atal Tinkering Labs across the country to promote education in the field of STEM, Space education and space technology related Innovations for school students.

Read more at: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PMO=3&PRID=1687635>

Princeton Review flags cheating in online GRE test

January 12, 2021

The Indian franchise of the US-based The Princeton Review has flagged cheating by students taking the Graduate Record Examination online, according to The Indian Express report. Besides informing the Educational Testing Service about the rise in fraudulent activities, the Indian franchisee has written to the Ministry of Education and Niti Aayog highlighting the ‘moral’ aspect of using unfair means and its impact on student’ quality.

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/national/princeton-review-flags-cheating-in-online-gre-test-alerts-gre-administrator-ministry-of-education-938097.html>

Education ministry helpline received over 10,800 calls from distressed students

January 12, 2021

A helpline set up by the Ministry of Education to address mental health issues of students and teachers during the Covid-19 pandemic received 10,813 calls in the last six months while an

official survey claimed that 15% of students showed some learning gaps and 18% were not able to attend online classes, a Parliamentary panel was informed.

According to a note shared with the multi-party panel, the Ministry also said in only a few states and union territories, 80% or more students had digital access. It cited Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Haryana, Puducherry and Uttar Pradesh in this regard.

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/national/education-ministry-helpline-received-over-10800-calls-from-distressed-students-parliamentary-panel-told-938260.html>

Union Education Minister reviews implementation of New Education Policy- 2020

Jan 13, 2020

Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ reviewed implementation of New Education Policy- 2020 with the senior officials of the ministry. During the meeting the Minister has recommended the constitution of a Task Force for coordinating of NEP implementation between higher education and school education departments of the Ministry of Education to facilitate the smooth transition of students from school education to higher education. The Minister suggested that a Review Committee and an Implementation Committee headed by Secretary, Higher Education be formed to ensure speedy implementation of NEP.

Asserting that the National Education Technology Forum (NETF) and National Research Foundation (NRF) are critical for the success of policy, so they should be established in the year 2021-2022, the Minister called upon the stakeholders to ensure synergy between the implementation of NEP and existing policies of the government. He also stressed on enabling linkages between the industry and academia for better results - Pokhriyal

Read more at: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PMO=3&PRID=1688176>

Karnataka

Karnataka Government forms Vision group on health, medical education set up

January 02, 2021

To upgrade healthcare infrastructure in the State and ensure high-quality care in government hospitals, the State government has set up a vision group on health and medical education. The vision group, headed by G. Gururaj, in charge director of NIMHANS, comprises 38 doctors and experts from all specialities of health and medical education.

Read more at: <http://pharmabiz.com/NewsDetails.aspx?aid=134502&sid=2>

KSOU gets special status from State government to offer distance courses

January 03, 2021

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, has been declared by the State government as the one and only university that handles distance education effectively. It was a State university on the lines of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) and Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) which are offering medical and engineering courses respectively to students. The KSOU has good infrastructure in all its regional offices in 20 districts.

KSOU (earlier Institute of Correspondence Course and Continuing Education – ICC&CE) was established with the sole intention of offering distance education in the State to those who cannot afford to attend regular colleges.

Read more at: <https://www.thehansindia.com/karnataka/ksou-gets-special-status-from-state-government-to-offer-distance-courses-665100>

Less than 10% attend Vidyagama classes in Bengaluru

January 05, 2021

Less than 10% of students attended classes under the Vidyagama programme in Bengaluru. The lowest attendance in the state was recorded in Bengaluru south at 6%, followed by Kalaburagi (6.5%), followed by Kalaburagi (6.5%), Bidar (7%), Raichur (7.7%), Yadgir (8%), Vijayapura (8.6%) and Bengaluru North (9%). The highest was recorded in Kodagu (39%), Dakshina Kannada (37%) and Sirsi (31%) districts.

Read more at: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/less-than-10-attend-vidyagama-classes-in-bengaluru/articleshow/80107442.cms>

KSOU to adopt government schools: Vice Chancellor

January 05, 2021

The Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has decided to adopt seven government schools, said vice chancellor S Vidyashankar. A decision in this regard has been taken in the Board of Management meeting. A committee has been constituted and the schools from across the state would be selected under my chairmanship, the VC said.

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/state/mysuru/ksou-to-adopt-government-schools-vice-chancellor-935478.html>

Karnataka mulls common entrance test for engineering courses in private varsities

January 06, 2021

The state government is mulling a common/single entrance test for admission to various engineering courses at private universities across Karnataka. Based on the recommendations of the Admission Overseeing Committee (for professional courses), the state higher education

department has convened a meeting with the chancellors of all private universities on January 8 to deliberate on the issue.

Read more at: <https://m.dailyhunt.in/news/nepal/english/deccan+herald-epaper-deccan+karnataka+mulls+common+entrance+test+for+engineering+courses+in+private+varcities-newsid-n242934890>

Karnataka SSLC, PUC Exam - 2021

January 07, 2021

Karnataka SSLC 2021 examinations would be conducted in June first week. Also, the PUC IIInd year or Class 12 examinations would be conducted in May 2021, confirmed Karnataka Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar.

Read more at: <https://www.timesnownews.com/education/article/karnataka-sslc-2021-in-june-puc-exams-in-may-education-minister/703905>

Many educationists hail alternative calendar; private schools want relook

January 08, 2021

Many educationists have welcomed the government's decision to implement the alternative academic calendar instead of a blanket syllabus cut for classes 1-9. However, the private schools' association has asked the government to re-examine its decision. Even though the government had announced a 30% syllabus reduction for all classes in June, it did a U-turn saying there will be no cut. Instead, it proposed the calendar.

Read more at: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/many-educationists-hail-alternativecalendar-pvt-schools-want-relook/articleshow/80159018.cms>

Offline classes for all degree, diploma and polytechnic courses in Karnataka

January 14, 2021

Following a decision taken by the state government to reopen offline classes for all the semesters from January 15, all colleges have sent communications for students to attend classes from January 15. Interestingly, though there is an option to choose between offline or online classes, the majority of students opted to attend offline classes.

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/state/top-karnataka-stories/offline-classes-for-all-degree-diploma-and-polytechnic-courses-in-karnataka-from-january-15-939133.html>
