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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.

"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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Announcements

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020: Implementation Plan for School Education

January 18, 2021

The Union Ministry of Education has released an implementation plan for school education to achieve the goals and objectives laid down by the new National Education Policy 2020. It stated that the department has already initiated implementation of the NEP by undertaking a few activities in accordance with the recommendations of the policy.

Read updates here: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1689725>

UGC releases learning outcome-based curriculum framework for Physical Education

January 21, 2021

Based on the resolution to adopt and implement “Learning Outcome Curriculum based Framework (LOCF)” in HEIs and adopting learner centric teaching learning by suitable improvement in pedagogy, UGC has released LOCF for Physical Education.

Read more at: https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5046615_LOCF--document-on-Physical-Education.pdf

UGC Releases Draft Regulations on Academic Bank Of Credit

January 22, 2021

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has released draft regulations on Academic Bank Of Credit (ABC) that eases students' movement across the system. A high-level committee was constituted by UGC earlier to develop a detailed scheme on Academic Bank of Credits (ABC). These regulations may be called the UGC (Establishment And Operationalization of Academic Bank of Credits Scheme In Higher Education) Regulations, 2021.

Read more at: https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5266217_Draft-version-ABC-Regulations-2021-SPT-02-01-2021.pdf

UGC - Initiative “Paramarsh” to mentor non-accredited institutions

January 29, 2021

To accomplish its ambitious target to accredit institutions with atleast a minimal score by the year 2022, UGC has come up with an initiative “Paramarsh”. The initiative intends to promote well-performing accredited institutions to mentor the NAAC accreditation aspiring institutions to upgrade their academic performance and get accredited.

Read more at: https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7032703_Accreditation-Notice.pdf

Economic Survey 2021

January 29, 2021

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday presented the Economic Survey that details the state of the economy ahead of the government's Budget for fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021. The Economic Survey 2020-21, authored by a team led by Chief Economic Adviser Krishnamurthy Venkata Subramanian, details the state of different sectors of the economy as well as reforms that should be undertaken to accelerate growth.

Read more at: <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/economicsurvey/>

National

Institutes should review the curriculum in terms of new National Education Policy, prioritize Start-ups: Prahlad Singh Patel

January 19, 2021

Prahlad Singh Patel recently chaired a meeting of the General Body of National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology highlighting the importance of adopting the new National Education Policy.

Review the curriculum in terms of New National Education Policy by giving priority on start-ups for which model adopted by the Institutions such as Bhubaneswar and Gandhinagar. Institutes can adopt the model to make 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in collaboration with food aggregator and prioritize start-ups for which a task force may be constituted as per requirement.

Minister of Tourism and Culture (Ind. Charge)

Read more at: <http://bwhotelier.businessworld.in/article/Institutes-should-review-the-curriculum-in-terms-of-new-National-Education-Policy-prioritise-start-ups-Prahlad-Singh-Patel/19-01-2021-367133/>

Textbooks in Indian Sign Language, CBSE to bring in two levels for English and Sanskrit, as part of NEP

January 20, 2021

One of the most salient features includes the signing of a MoU between Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) and NCERT to develop an Indian Sign Language Dictionary for school education. This will ensure the availability of textbooks and other educational material for hearing-impaired children in sign language in all schools across the country.

Read more at: <https://www.edexlive.com/news/2021/jan/20/textbooks-in-indian-sign-language-cbse-to-bring-in-two-levels-for-english-and-sanskrit-nep-2020-17416.html>

Govt. takes initiative to share India's new education policy with the world

January 24, 2021

With the aim to develop India as a global destination for education, the Central government is sharing the new Education Policy with various countries including the US, the UK, Oman, the UAE, Mauritius and Kuwait. Initiatives have also been taken to take the new Education Policy to the Gulf countries.

The 'Indian School Muscat' is a strong step in this series. The institute was started in Muscat in 1975. Now, it is the largest co-educational institute with 9,200 students in the Gulf countries.

Read more at: <https://www.edexlive.com/news/2021/jan/24/govt-takes-initiative-to-share-indias-new-education-policy-with-theworld-17564.html>

UGC plans to set up International affairs offices of Indian universities

January 25, 2021

In its efforts to boost internalisation of higher education, the UGC has directed all universities to set up office for International affairs, in line with NEP 2020 and the Promotion of Indian Higher Education Abroad (PIHEA) committee that was set up in 2004, to promote India as a global study hub.

Read more at: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/education/news/ugc-plans-to-set-up-international-affairs-offices-of-indian-universities-to-promote-brand-india/articleshow/80444662.cms>

New Unlock Guidelines: MHA lets states decide on education

January 28, 2021

With COVID-19 cases on decline across India and the first phase of vaccination under way, the ministry of home affairs (MHA) has allowed all activities outside containment zones in its unlock guidelines for February. The home ministry has left it to the states to decide on issuing SOP (standard operating procedures) for educational institutions for allowing more than 200 people in a closed space.

Read more at: <https://news.careers360.com/new-unlock-guidelines-mha-lets-states-decide-on-education>

School students owning smartphone in rural India rises from 36 to 61 per cent in two years: Eco Survey

January 29, 2021

The percentage of school students owning a smartphone in rural India has increased from over 36 per cent to 61 per cent in the last two years, the Economic Survey 2020-21 noted and stated that if utilised

The survey also stated that the new National Education Policy aims to pave the way for transformational reforms in school and higher education systems in the country.

well, the resultant reduction in digital divide is likely to reduce inequalities in educational outcomes.

Read more at: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2021/jan/29/school-students-owning-smartphone-in-rural-india-rises-from-36-to-61-per-cent-in-two-years-eco-surv-2256797.html>

Govt. to set up virtual university to boost technology adoption in education

January 29, 2021

The union government has said that it will establish a virtual university to boost technology adoption in education, and indicated that Budget 2021-22 may give it a special attention. "Government will soon take necessary steps to establish Virtual Universities, which is different from the concept of open universities, will help in achieving the desired GER (gross enrollment ratio) in higher education as envisaged in NEP (national education policy)," the education ministry said.

Read more at: <https://www.livemint.com/education/news/govt-to-set-up-virtual-university-to-boost-technology-adoption-in-education-11611909498081.html>

Agreement between Economic Affairs Dept. and World Bank to support STARS

January 29, 2021

An agreement was signed between the Department of Economic Affairs and World Bank along with the Ministry of Education for the financial support of the implementation of the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) project by the Ministry of Education. The total project cost of

the STARS project is Rs 5,718 crore with the financial support of the World Bank amounting to USD 500 million (approximately Rs 3,700 crore) and the rest coming as State shares from the participating States, over a period of 5 years, read the release by the ministry.

Read more at: <http://www.businessworld.in/article/Agreement-for-financial-support-to-STARS-project-signed-between-Economic-Affairs-dept-World-Bank/29-01-2021-371481/>

Department of Public Instruction likely to recommend 25-30% cut in school fees

January 17, 2021

After receiving representations from parents and parents' associations, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is likely to

The fee reduction is likely to be recommended to all private schools - State syllabus as well as central board schools - as the issue of fee structure falls under the purview of the State government.

recommend a fee cut in the range of 25 to 30 % for the current academic year.

Read more at: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/dept-likely-to-recommend-25-30-cut-in-school-fees/article33594433.ece>

Dy. CM Ashwath Narayana sets ranking targets for universities in Karnataka

January 19, 2021

Karnataka Dy CM Ashwath Narayana has given deadline of 15 days to all VC's to submit action plan for obtaining NAAC and NIRF recognition. This is a step towards moving fast along the implementation of NEP in higher education.

Read more at: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/karnataka/2021/jan/19/dy-cm-ashwath-narayana-sets-ranking-targets-for-universities-in-karnataka-2252297.html>

SSLC answer scripts to have QR code

January 24, 2021

For the first time, the answer scripts for SSLC students will be affixed with QR code. The Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) has decided to introduce this step to prevent malpractice. The exam is tentatively scheduled to take place from June 14 to 27.

Read more at: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/sslc-answer-scripts-to-have-qr-code/article33646767.ece>

Experts seek complete reopening of Karnataka schools

January 27, 2021

Even as the education department's decision on the reopening of classes 8, 9 and 11 is awaited, a spectrum of experts from different walks have written an open letter seeking the complete opening up of school following demands from parents and students. For most of them (80%+) online education is simply not possible. Hence the long gap where schools have been closed has seriously affected their education said the experts.

Read more at: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/karnataka/2021/jan/27/experts-seek-complete-reopening-of-karnataka-schools-minister-likely-to-make-announcement-on-januar-2255855.html>

Karnataka govt. seeks Centre's nod for priority vaccination for teachers

January 29, 2020

Karnataka Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar has appealed to the Centre to treat teachers as frontline workers and include them in the on-going Covid-19 vaccination drive for the priority sector as they played a huge role in containing the pandemic through their on-field work.

Read more at: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/karnataka-govt-seeks-centre-s-nod-for-priority-vaccination-for-teachers-101611923357408.html>

Karnataka govt. caps school fee at 70% of amount collected in previous year

January 29, 2021

Seeking to put an end to the row over exorbitant school fee, the state government has announced that schools can charge only tuition fee, which should not exceed 70% of the amount charged the previous year while making it clear that no other fee should be collected.

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/state/karnataka-govt-caps-school-fee-at-70-of-amount-collected-in-previous-year-944832.html>
