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I want to say with pride that you give me the opportunity to congratulate you on your 7th anniversary. I wish you and your vast army of readers many best years. I totally believe that getting a good education means becoming a good and educated citizen of your country. It is through "Education Jagat" that all this is possible. Thank you very much for being with us.



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International Column'



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I am Nino Goderdzishvili, a leading English teacher from Georgia. I started my career as a teacher when I was 24 years old and still enjoy my work. Soon after the beginning of my career, I realized that this was the field where I wanted to be. The first thing I can be proud of is that I have the best relationship with my students and we love each other very much. In my opinion, teachers should be friends with their students.

I always care about the development of students, so I involve them in various projects that help develop critical thinking skills. For example, e-Twinning projects are the best way to achieve the goal. They love and enjoy it.

I also want to talk about my relationship with colleagues. We have healthy success-oriented communication and together we always achieve success.

My goal is to constantly take care of my development to be a 21st-century teacher and respond to all demands with dignity.

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Grave irregularities found in 13 out of 22 educational institutions under the radar of CBI in scholarship scam

EJ News - Shimla

Grave irregularities have been found in 13 out of 22 educational institutions which are on the radar of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the Rs 250-crore scholarship scam, agency sources said.

Investigations revealed that these 13 institutions took scholarships in the name of about 2,000 fictitious students, sources in the CBI said. The accounts

and other documentation of the remaining institutions are yet to be checked, they added.

Scrutiny of documents, accounts, and data procured from computers and other related material of these institutions located in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, and Chandigarh by the CBI revealed that scholarship fund was siphoned and scholarship was taken in the name of students who either did not exist or had left

the institutions, sources added. These institutions bagged a major chunk of the scholarship amount.

The scam started in 2012-13 when the scholarship for pre-matric and post-matric students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes under 36 schemes was not paid to eligible beneficiaries.

The scam remained hidden for

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Education in crisis: Colleges are tampering with BTE UP Marksheet

EJ News - Yatender Singh

Education is one of the most powerful instruments for reducing poverty and inequality. Education is equally key to enhancing India's competitiveness in the global economy. Therefore, ensuring access to quality education for all, in particular for the poor and rural population is central to the economic and social development of India. Even after the arrival of NEP 2020, some teaching institutes are not desisting from doing their game in education.

Despite the Indian Govt. focusing on the Growth of NEP-2020 for the upliftment of education standards, on the other hand, some colleges remain on pre-decided working culture and standards.

The latest picture came in IEC college of pharmacy where the 1st and 2nd-year mark sheet provided by college management to students is in question.

The Board of Technical Education U.P (BTE-UP) is the board that provides technical education to students in Uttar Pradesh. It was set up in May 1958. IEC College of Greater Noida is one of the colleges affiliated with BTE-UP.

The Board of Technical Education U.P is providing the final year mark sheet in Hard Copy due to a shortage of Human resources and a Financial Crisis. For 1st and 2nd-year students Board issue online Results on the official Website. Concern Students can download and save the result for their future reference.

But IEC College of Pharmacy Gr. Noida works as an identical board itself by issuing mark-sheet to 1st and 2nd-year stu-



BOARD of TECHNICAL EDUCATION U.P	
Student Registration fee	= 250/-
BTE Registration and Board fee	= 3000/- (Refundable)
JeeCUP Exam	= 300/-

Mr. F. R. Khan Secretary Board of Technical Education UP said by the way mark sheets should be issued by us only, but due to paucity of funds and time generally institutes issue mark-sheet in the same format and issue them to students concerned. Institutes are only promoting the name of the board. We are just providing mark sheets in hard copy for the final-year students only.

Mr. Khan said that the name of the college should also be visible below the logo of IEC in it, but they did not give the name of the college for which we are issuing notice.

Rights to School or Institution

- Can put a stamp on the back with Principal / Director Signature
- Can mention Date with Signature

Some renowned Bank officers stated that students who are studying by taking education loans must submit the passed mark sheet or result verified by the principal or director of the Institution/college for issuing the next due installment of money from the bank.

But this mark sheet looks fake, this can cause problems for students in getting the second installment of the loan.

dents in hard copy as BTE UP used for its student's Final year Marksheet.

Can a college have the right to issue such questionable mark sheets to students without having any authority or order from the BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION U.P?

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CBSE cautions students against rumors about question paper leaks

EJ News - New Delhi

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) cautioned students and parents against rumors about question papers for board exams being leaked. The board has also warned students against indulging in rumor-mongering and has stated that action will be taken against them as per "unfair means" rules if any involvement is found.

"It has come to the notice of the board that certain unscrupulous elements are regularly spreading rumors on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media platforms about a paper leak or claiming to have access to question papers of 2023 exams," a senior board official said. "These persons, groups, and agencies intend to fleece the gullible students and parents as they demand money in return. Such irresponsible

EXCLUSIVE Address

Education Jagat global newspaper is a brand in the world! A newspaper that writes the history of the world, a tireless witness and chronicler of the world, a beacon of global and international journalism, a pivot of journalism in the world, a journalism school for world educators... These are just some of the epithets that I would express about the newspaper, some of which were published in previous issues.

Although in the past few years, I have constantly heard such compliments and praises, the last ones somehow caused a lot of positive emotions for me personally.

I am convinced that all those compliments not only aroused positive emotions in me, but also in all those who are now involved in the regular publication of this newspaper. Keep up the good educational work on a global level.

With respect



Dr. Dragan Jovanov
Educationist
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activities create confusion and panic among the students and the public.

The board is vigilant and active in identifying and taking action against those spreading fake news and rumors," he added. Classes 10 and 12 CBSE board exams are currently underway and will conclude on April 5.



Project-based learning for making learning productive

The teaching-learning process is not easy or simple, but it is very important and teachers have plenty of responsibilities to deal with the problems faced step by step. Nowadays the generation is digital and we have to answer to their needs. students have to be motivated and interested in all subjects. To reach this goal the best way is project-based learning. According to the curriculum, students have to grow into real citizens, so teachers have to focus not only to deliver knowledge but teach the worth of life.

What is project-based learning?

Project-based learning is a method of structuring curriculum around projects to promote learning of prioritized academic content. In project-based learning, students and teachers work together to identify the content and skills necessary to complete a project. These projects highlight the process of learning itself by offering authentic, inquiry-based activities for learners to access content and share ideas. In this method students learn by actively engaging in the real world, they are the main actors of the activity and they do everything with their hands themselves.

Why is project-based learning important?

Project-based learning is really important. Now I will try to explain why is it so useful and es-



sential. Students have to work on the project for an extended period. That engages them in solving a real-world problem and answering a complex question. Students actively engage with project-based learning and try to solve the problems that are important to them and their communities. Project-based learning blends content mastery, meaningful work, and connection to create a powerful learning experience. learning experience plays a great role in personal growth. PBL can be transformative and flexible for students. Today we need young people who are ready to face any challenges

and project-based learning will help us the most, I am sure.

Project-based learning is also very important because it allows a child to demonstrate his or her capability while working independently.

PBL leads to deeper understanding and retention of content knowledge. Students build on their skills and deepen their learning of applied beyond facts and memorization.

Project-based learning helps to develop valuable skills such as 21st-century success skills: working in teams, sharing ideas, collaborating, and solving problems... students learn to look at problems with a critical thinking lens, ask questions, and come up

with possible solutions for their project.

Project-based learning is a powerful and great teaching method that has extensive benefits for students, ranging from critical thinking to self-confidence.

Students became more creative, they try to create an interesting and amazing product and make a presentation.

Three components of Gold Standard PBL

Our conception of Gold Standard PBL has three parts:

- Student learning goals (in the center of the diagram)
- Essential project design elements (shown in the seven sections of the diagram)
- Project-based teaching practices

What do students need in project-based learning?

8 Needs For Project-Based Learning In The 21st-Century

1. **Connectedness** (what does this project connect to? A community? A hope? An app? An existing project already in place? A social challenge? or Some kind of conflict?)
2. **Meaning** (meaning requires authentic audiences, purposes, and collaboration set in real, intimate communities)
3. **Diversity** (Diversity of purpose, scale, audience, digital media, potential resources, existing models, related projects, and so on)
4. **Research** (Researching the



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history of an issue or problem. Analyzing the credibility of information. Seeing how technology can serve or distract you from the meat of the issue. This kind of knowledge helps you turn a problem into an opportunity.)

5. **A Necessity For Creativity And Critical Thinking** (Lateral thinking, outside-the-box thinking, and taking the best from existing models are all part of 21st-century learning.)

6. **Pivot Points** (Perhaps the most modern of characteristics is the ability to be agile-to pivot as circumstances, data, and needs change. The world changes quickly, and the ability to adapt is an extraordinary sign of strength. Pivoting to a new digital media, audience, programming language, time-frame, purpose, or other parameters is crucial for 21st-century survival.)

7. **Socialization** (When students can 'pivot' within the

development of a project, it shows they're able to see both the micro details and the macro context—which is a pretty remarkable assessment in and of itself.)

8. **Elegant Curation** (Elegant curation is about saving a 'thing' while honoring the thing itself. Showcasing it without losing its meaning or fullness. Somehow

capturing both that which is being saved and its context as well—and doing so in a way that makes it accessible to yourself and others as technology continues to change.)

PBL units motivate students and teachers and research has shown they result in higher qualities of learning. Continuing to teach the same way as before is not going to change student achievement. PBL may be the solution to better-preparing students for the real world.

In conclusion, I can say that project-based learning helps to:

- Increase the quality of learning
- Increase the student's motivation
- Develop higher thinking skills, such as critical and creative thinking
- Develop social skills
- Develop presentation skills
- Solving problem skills

Teachers should implement project-based learning to enhance teaching quality and nurture real citizens.

Strategies for fostering an entrepreneurial mindset in the classroom

Think like an entrepreneurs

The pace of innovation is unprecedented. Our lives and careers have been revolutionized by the advent of digital technologies. Also, international leaders are working together to implement the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, which aim to improve areas such as health, education, gender equality, energy, and more. The private sector is becoming more conscious of the economic benefits of considering the social and environmental impacts of enterprises.

So, as educators, how can we best equip our students to thrive in this volatile and uncertain, yet hopeful and exhilarating, global setting? The knowledge and abilities students need to succeed in their chosen professions and help shape a better world evolve alongside the world around them. We contend that teachers need to encourage students to think like entrepreneurs if they want their students to learn the relevant skills for the future.

Strategies to encourage innovative thinking among your students

An entrepreneur's mindset entails the ability to recognize and make the most of opportunities, shift gears when necessary, and see setbacks as stepping stones to growth.

An entrepreneurial frame of mind is crucial for every student who plans on going into business for themselves. Students with this outlook can become intrapreneurs, or leaders of innovation and creativity within a firm, NGO, or government agency where they even-

tually find employment. It can be useful in ordinary life, too, by reducing the emotional toll of mistakes and recasting missteps as instructive challenges.

Successful business educators know how to foster a can-do, risk-taking attitude in their students. They benefit, of course, from teaching

that they can use to practice their problem-solving skills in teams. Ignore their requests for a plan.

2. Encourage students to think globally and explore their imaginative potential

The term "unlearning" comes to mind. It's important to consider whether the students you're about to teach have already formed fixed opinions or assumptions

safe place of understanding and then explore new avenues of inquiry.

4. Acknowledge the potential of your students

Consider many approaches that you might use to motivate your students to push themselves while maintaining their safety. You should give your students difficult assignments, but you should also make sure they get



New bill proposes ₹ 1 crore fine, 10 years jail for exam paper leak in Gujarat

■ EJ - Gandhinagar

The Gujarat Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair means) Bill, 2023 which was introduced to members of the Gujarat Assembly has proposed a maximum punishment of 10 years imprisonment and a fine not less than ₹ 1 crore for indulging in the crime of leaking question papers of various government recruitment examinations.

The Bill is expected to be taken up for formal discussion during the upcoming budget session

As per the new bill draft, any person found guilty of misconduct shall be liable to imprisonment for a term that may extend to three years and a fine of less than one lakh rupees. And in case of default in payment of fine, such candidates may also be punished with imprisonment. When any person, whether or not an authorized person entrusted with the responsibility of conducting the examination, conspires or commits, or attempts to commit malpractice in tampering with the question paper, such person shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not less than five years but not exceeding 10 years. And the provision of monetary penalty ranging from ten lakh rupees to ₹ crore has also been kept. A provision has also been made



in the bill to debar the examinees from any public examination for the next two years if any of the students are found guilty, as per the drafted bill. Apart from this, there is a provision to seize and confiscate the accused's property.

The budget session in the Gujarat Assembly is expected to begin on February 23.

Earlier in January, The Gujarat government had to cancel the competitive exam for the Panchayat Junior Clerk recruitment, hours before it was scheduled to be held, owing to the paper leak.

The accused was identified as Jeet Naik, hailing from Hyderabad. A total of 15 accused persons

have been arrested by the Gujarat ATS so far.

Based on a tip-off, Gujarat Police detained a suspect and recovered a copy of the exam question paper early morning on January 29, the date of the exam. After this, the Gujarat Panchayat Service Selection Board (GPSSB) decided to postpone the exam.

SP of Gujarat ATS also said last month that they were continuously keeping a watch on people related to previous paper leak incidents.

The new exam date will be announced soon and candidates from across the state will be allowed to travel free upon showing their examination passes.

Institutions must create a bond with students, says CJI on-campus

■ EJ - New Delhi

Expressing concern over the increase in suicides of students from marginalized communities, CJI DY Chandrachud on Saturday urged educational institutions to reshape our legal education model to make empathy a core value of our legal system.

The CJI said that educational institutions should not only limit themselves to promoting competition but also aid students in shaping their outlook toward life with empathy as a crucial element. Delivering the convocation address at NALSAR, he said that lack of empathy has adverse effects on students and when students leave their homes, it becomes the responsibility of educational institutions to establish a bond of institutional friendship with the students.

"Lack of empathy in educational institutions has adverse effects on students. I have been emphasizing the mental health of lawyers, but equally important is the mental health of students. Not only must our educational curriculum inculcate a sense of compassion among students, but the academic leaders must also be sensitive to the



concerns of students," the CJI said.

"In our educational institutions, we tend to focus a lot on excellence. We are taught that

our lives can be better only if we excel in our studies or professional life. However, education can only be complete, if we nurture the values of empathy and compassion. Excellence cannot go without empathy," the CJI said.

Referring to the incident of the suicide of a Dalit student at IIT Bombay and recalling another incident of the suicide of an Adivasi student at National Law University, Odisha last year, the CJI said that one of the most noted senior educationalists, Sukhadeo Thorat had noted that if almost all those who have died by suicide in particular situations are Dalits and Adivasis, then it shows a pattern.



Scholarship: Scholarship 2023 by Kotak Mahindra Bank

Description: Kotak Mahindra Bank invites applications from students belonging to Tamil Nadu who are pursuing graduation from the government recognized institutes with an aim to help them continue their education.

Eligibility: Open for students who are domiciles of Tamil Nadu and are enrolled in the first year of graduation at institutes of repute (NIRF accredited) in the fields of Engineering, Medical (MBBS) and integrated Law. Applicants must have completed their Class 12 from Tamil Nadu government schools with a minimum of 80% marks (NOTE: For orphan students, children with disabilities, a lower mark may be considered). Applicant's annual family income must be less than or equal to INR 5,00,000.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 2 lakh* per year
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Application: Online applications only

Last Date to Apply: March 5, 2023

Short Url: www.b4s.in/jagat/KMBSR1

Scholarship: Keep India Smiling Foundational Scholarship and Mentorship Programme for Sportsperson and Individuals

Description: Colgate-Palmolive (India) Ltd. is giving young students an opportunity to pursue their academic/career aspirations by providing them with scholarships for education. This scholarship program aims to provide foundational support to individuals, who are deserving & meritorious but may lack the resources to pursue their dreams.

Eligibility: ♦For individuals helping others, the applicants must be graduates and involved in activities like teaching a group of underprivileged children or providing sports training to them.

♦For sportspersons, applicants must have represented the state/country at the state/national/international level in the last 2/3 years. They must be ranked within 500 in the national ranking/ within 100 in the state ranking. They must be aged between 9 and 20 years. The annual family income of all applicants must be less than INR 5 Lakhs per annum.

Prizes & Rewards: Selected scholars can avail scholarship award of INR 75,000 per year for up to 3 years

Application: Online applications only

Last Date to Apply: March 31, 2023

Short Url: www.b4s.in/jagat/KSSI2

Scholarship: K. C. Mahindra Scholarships for Post-Graduate Studies Abroad 2023

Description: K. C. Mahindra Scholarships for Post-Graduate Studies Abroad 2023 is an opportunity offered by K. C. Mahindra Education Trust (a public charitable trust) for graduate students to pursue postgraduate studies abroad in various fields. The objective of this scholarship is to support deserving and needy students and help them continue their higher education.

Eligibility: Open for Indian citizens who possess a first-class degree or equivalent diploma of similar standard from a recognised university. The applicants must have secured admission or have applied for admission in reputable foreign universities for courses commencing from August 2023 but not later than February 2024.

Prizes & Rewards: Interest-free loan scholarship of INR 10 lakh per scholar (One-time)

Application: Online applications only

Last Date to Apply: March 31, 2023

Short Url: www.b4s.in/jagat/CMPG2

DU to awarded record 910 Ph.D. degrees this year

■ EJ News - New Delhi

The Delhi University will award 910 Ph.D. degrees at its convocation, with women scholars outnumbering their male counterparts, a senior varsity official said. This is the maximum number of Ph.D. degrees ever handed over in any university in the country so far, the official claimed.

Last year, the university gave out 802 Ph.D. degrees. "About 910 students will be awarded Ph.D. degrees. The figure is the highest in the history of the university. It is the highest number of Ph.D. degrees awarded by any university in the country so far," the official said. Those receiving Ph.D. degrees comprise 512 females and 398 males.



A total of 170 students comprising 51 males and 119 females will be awarded medals/prizes during the function.

President Droupadi Murmu will be the chief guest at the convocation, while Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will be present as the guest of honor.

Degrees will also be awarded to 47 students of Doctorate of Medicine /Master of Chirurgiae (M.Ch).

Special instructions have also been issued by the university for the orderly conduct of the ceremony.

emony. Candidates eligible to receive the degree have been advised to follow the instructions to maintain the sanctity and tradition of the ceremony. Digital

degrees to 1,57,290 undergraduate and postgraduate students will be awarded on this occasion, which includes 54.7 percent female and 45.3 percent male students.

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The country faces crisis as literacy being palmed off as education: Romila Thapar

■ EJ - New Delhi

Noted historian Romila Thapar argued that the country faces a crisis today as literacy is being palmed off as education.

Giving an example of the education system brought in by Maulana Azad, she said India's first education minister and a few others understood that education is not just literacy.

"I am emphasizing and underlining it because I think it is important. There is a crisis today in which literacy is being palmed off as education. It is not just literacy, it is opening of the mind," Thapar said.

She was speaking at the launch of historian S Irfan Habib's biography of Maulana Azad, published by Aleph Book Company.

Thapar added that it was fundamental to realize the purpose of education as it was not just about knowing the alphabet. Talking about Azad's "tremendous emphasis and interest in basic education", Thapar said



the nationalist leader argued that citizens cannot discharge their duties unless they are educated.

However, she noted that basic education was not merely memorizing a few questions and their answers but being able to think freely.

"I think that the purpose of functional education is not just providing questions and answers, it is to learn how to think. You have to teach the child how to think, the child

must be encouraged to ask questions. Questions can only be asked if you are allowed to think freely," the 91-year-old said.

She commended Azad for having thought of a comprehensive approach to the education system by establishing several "academic" like Sangeet Natak Akademi, Lalit Kala Akademi, and Sahitya Akademi to encourage the pursuit of humanities. Azad also emphasized scientific temper through the founding of the Indian Institutes of Technology. "They (academic) did have a role as they did make people conscious of the fact that humanities are a part of cultural living. And sciences were not to be left behind, that's when the IITs were set up..scientific temper grows out of these IITs," Thapar noted.

Activity-based learning tools for kids of 3-8 years under the NEP 2020

■ EJ - New Delhi

The Centre, under the New Education Policy (NEP), has launched Jaadui Pitara an activity-based learning tool where children will be involved in talking, listening, using toys, painting, drawing, singing, dancing, running, or jumping. Flash cards, story cards, puzzles, toys, and attractive playbooks are part of the "Jaadui Pitara" (magic box) released by the Union Education Ministry to make learning fun for children in the foundation stage.

"It is an innovative, child-centric learning pedagogy that will prepare young children for the life-long journey of learning and fulfill one of the most vital recommendations of the



new NEP," Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said at the launch on Monday. PM Narendra Modi, taking to Twitter, said "Jaadui Pitara is going to fill a new enthusiasm and color in the child's mind."

"Jaadui Pitara comprising playbooks, toys, puzzles, posters, flashcards, storybooks, and worksheets as well as reflecting the local culture, social context, and languages are designed to pique curiosity and accommo-

date the diverse needs of learners at the foundational stage. developed under the National Curriculum Framework," the minister said.

"It is a giant leap towards enriching the learning-teaching environment and making it more child-centric, lively, and joyful for the Amrit generation," he said. The 3 to 8-year-olds will be taught techniques based on Panchkosha and Taittiriya Upanishad.

NEET UG: Counselling, limited years of study and internship – NMC issues draft

■ EJ - New Delhi

The NMC may conduct the NEET UG exam or may designate any such agency or authority to conduct the entrance exam. However, the Under Graduate Medical Education Board shall determine the language, manner, modalities, etc. These are some of the guidelines issued by the National Medical Commission.

According to the draft guidelines, the commission has asked stakeholders to send comments, and advice in a word document. NEET UG is conducted by the National Testing Agency.

In terms of eligibility, the guidelines state that no student shall be eligible to pursue graduate medical education either in India or elsewhere, except by scoring the minimum eligible score on the NEET UG exam. To appear for the undergraduate entrance exam, a candidate must have successfully cleared class 12 with Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Biotechnology, and English in the last two years of school.

In case of tie-in marks of the students appearing for NEET UG, the respective marks obtained in



Biology followed by Chemistry and further followed by Physics in the NEET-UG shall be considered. If the tie continues even then, then draw of lots by using technology – no human intervention – will be used.

For counselling, it will be a common process for all admission to graduate courses in medicine for all Indian medical institutions on the NEET UG merit list. The seat matrix will be provided by NMC, and several rounds will

be conducted for this. The Under Graduate Medical Education Board will be responsible for setting up the guidelines for counselling.

The NMC is proposing that no student should be allowed more than four attempts for the first year, in any circumstance. Additionally, the Commission also advised that candidates should be given only nine years, from the date of admission into the course, to complete their under-

Digital University to reduce the cost of higher, Skill Education: Minister

■ EJ - New Delhi

India is setting up a digital university which will bring down the cost of higher and skill education in the country drastically, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said.

The Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship shared that multiple entry and exit points are being created in the education system to provide mobility across the general and skill education streams to youth.

"We are setting up Digital Uni-

ICSI CS Executive, Professional June 2023 registration start

■ EJ - New Delhi

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) started the registration process for CS Executive and CS Professional exams 2023 June session. Eligible candidates can register for CS Executive and Professional June 2023 exam through the official website of ICSI — icsi.edu.



The last date for submitting the registration form is March 25 without a late fee. The candidate can also submit the application form by April 9, but with a late fee of Rs 250 in addition to the regular fee.

The examination fee is Rs 1200 per module for the Executive program and for the Professional program.

Meanwhile, ICSI released the result for CS Executive and Professional program. As per the professional merit list, Chiraag Agarwal has secured rank 1 while Swathi S and Riya Bhagchandani secured second and third ranks respectively. In executive results, Kinjal Ajmera has achieved the top rank.

graduate medical course. It is also compulsory for every student to undergo training as per the guidelines published by the Under Graduate Medical Education Board.

In the curriculum, the Commission proposes a variety of choice-based credit courses of duration limited to a maximum of one week, offered by the medical institutions in addition to the NMC curriculum and the curriculum prescribed by their respective university to their graduating students without hampering the medical graduate curriculum. It is also necessary for medical students to complete their rotating medical internships.

The draft regulations also touched on the ongoing topic of ragging and mental stress. "The issues related to ragging disrupt student's well-being. Hence, students are expected to abide by the Prevention and Prohibition of Ragging in Medical Colleges and institutions Regulations, 2021. There shall be an elected student association and representation of students in decision-making by the medical college/institution affecting student welfare," the regulations stated.



organization comprising eight members -- China, India, Russia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan -- strengthening bilateral relations and regional security.

"We are now creating multiple entry and exit points in the education system which will provide youth the horizontal and vertical mobility across disciplines -- general education and skill education," the minister said.

BTE Marksheet..

CAL EDUCATION UTTAR PRADESH (BTEUP)? If the college is doing this without any prior authorization from the board then this shows the malafide work culture and practice of IEC College of Pharmacy for their 100-125 students.

This is a serious matter in the education system where the college itself works as a parallel university or board without any circular or prior approval from Board here at BTE UP.

Under BTE UP more than 2.50 lac students are studying technical education but colleges like IEC which itself acts as a similar board a serious issue about the future of students.

IEC has its university established in solan, which takes financial partners from time to time for financial help and fundraising due to its bad financial health. In the present scenario, it is very difficult to find out through this mark sheet which will be issued by IEC Gr. Noida or by the IEC university Solan. It is also an interesting fact that one of the partners of the solan university has an old relationship with mark sheets, That's why mark-sheet issued by IEC is in the under scrutiny.

When talking to other pharmacy colleges about this type of mark sheet they said IEC college is fond of making Board itself, these pharmacy colleges stated that the Board of Technical Education Uttar Pradesh does not issue mark sheets of 1st and 2nd-year students. Generally, institutes after downloading the result of the first and second years from the official website of BTEUP take a printout of the same and verified from the stamp of the director or principal and give them to the students for their future reference.

But there is no such Circular or guidelines of the board, issuing similar mark sheets as the Board issues for the final year mark sheet to 1st and 2nd-year students of the institution by printing on itself.

IEC college and university chairman Mr. Naveen Gupta did not receive the phone call despite repeated phone calls, Similarly, the director of the institute Mr. Sunil Kumar did not respond after several calls, an unnamed so-called P. A picked up the phone call the next day and said that I don't have any knowledge about this subject as soon as the director will come, I'll talk to you but there is no response even after that conversation.

This type of news if found true after inquiry hammers the educational system of India and govt. should take serious action on such type of educational practice for the upliftment of education in the entire India.

versity which will drastically reduce the cost of higher education and skill education and increase accessibility to a wide variety of education and skill programs," Mr. Pradhan said in a virtual address to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit.

The SCO is a permanent inter-governmental international

Scholarship scam..

almost five years as the person who created the online portal for the disbursement of scholarship was also responsible for transferring the amount.

The matter came to light in 2018 following reports that students of government schools in tribal Spiti valley in Lahaul and Spiti district had not been paid any scholarship for the past five years.

Investigations had pointed out that fake letterheads to show false affiliation were used by some institutions to mislead the education department which failed to ensure physical verification of infrastructure and strength of students.

The other discrepancies included the non-submission of Aadhaar numbers of students by institutions, the use of the same Aadhaar accounts to withdraw scholarships of multiple students who did not exist, and the opening of fake accounts in nationalized banks.

To grab the scholarship money, the institutions allegedly used the blank cheques and vouchers submitted at the time of admission, allegedly in connivance with some employees of nationalized banks who opened the accounts without Aadhaar verification.

The management allegedly gave their phone numbers as registered numbers of students so that they receive SMSes regarding transactions and withdraw the money.

More than Rs 28 crore of post-matric scholarship money for SC/ST/OBC students was disbursed to nine fake institutions in Una, Chamba, Sirmaur, and Kangra districts running under one name without affiliation from the competent bodies.

The key accused, the then Superintendent Grade-II of the Department of Higher Education (dealing with disbarment of scholarship), was arrested and it was found that his wife had 33 percent stakes in these institutions.

The CBI registered a case under sections 409, 419, 465, 466, and 471 of the IPC for criminal breach of trust, forgery, and cheating here on May 8, 2019. During investigations, it was found that 80 percent of the scholarship money was paid to private institutions.

So far four charge sheets have been filed in the case against more than 16 people, including directors of the erring institutions, employees of the education department, and bank staffers.

International students can apply for a visa one year in advance: US Govt

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Bringing a much-needed relief to foreign students aspiring to study in the USA, the Biden administration announced that they can now apply for a visa up to one year before their academic term begins.

The State Department, however, said that international students will not be allowed to enter the country on a student visa more than 30 days before the start of their program.

International students are normally issued two categories of US visas – F and M. “Student (F and M) visas for new students can be issued up to 365 days in advance of the start date for a course of study,” the State Department said.

“However, you will not be allowed to enter the United States on your student visa more than 30 days before the start date,” it said.

A student can enter the US 30 days before the start of their program on a valid visitor (B) visa.

A student visa is issued by US embassies and consulates based on the I-20 form issued by their academic institutions.

The State Department mandates that all students must be registered in the Student and Exchange Visitor System (SEVIS).

The spouse and minor children, if they intend to live in the United States with the student, each need to receive an individual Form I-20 from the academic



institution of the student, it said.

According to the State Department, foreign students in the United States with F visas must depart the US within 60 days after the program end date listed on Form I-20, including any authorized practical training.

The new announcement means that universities can accept and issue I-20 forms 12-14 months before term time.

Earlier, visa interviews could be scheduled only up to 120 days, and I-20 forms 4-6 months before the term started.

The update comes after Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services, Julie Stuftt told PTI the US is “putting every ounce of its energy” to eliminate the long visa wait time in India.

India broke the record for most student visas last year and it may do so this year again, she said, adding that India is now number two in the world in terms of in-

ternational students coming to the United States.

“We are really, we’re putting all of our efforts now focusing on this visa for visitors and those, in particular, if you don’t need an interview, you don’t need to wait very long at all for a visa renewal. And that’s also one part of our strategy as well,” she said.

There have been growing concerns in India over the long waiting period for first-time visa applicants, especially for those applying under B1 (business) and B2 (tourist) categories.

The waiting period for first-time B1/B2 visa applicants in India was close to three years in October last year.

India was one of the very few countries where applications for US visas saw a major upswing after coronavirus-related travel restrictions were lifted.

UOW student awarded \$70,000 toward MS research



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MS Australia is Australia’s national multiple sclerosis (MS) not-for-profit organization that empowers researchers to identify ways to treat, prevent and cure MS.

Combining treatment with lifestyle management to preserve brain tissue and optimize brain health has been endorsed by the international MS Brain Health initiative. Factors such as cardiovascular fitness, avoiding smoking, and limiting alcohol use have been prioritized to maximize lifelong brain health for people living with MS.

Ms. Wills’ research project will explore the role of diet in a brain-healthy lifestyle for people living with MS and improve understanding of the role of diet in MS disease progression, management, and brain health.

“Diet is often overlooked and the role of a dietitian in early treatment plans can often be undervalued,” Ms. Wills said.

“There is so much anecdotal evi-

dence out there about MS and diet, but there are a lot of inconsistencies when it comes to the evidence base.

“After being diagnosed many people want to know what to eat – patients often want to pursue any measure they can to take control of their disease. People want to feel like they can take some control at a time of great uncertainty!

“My research is all about how we can support medical professionals to initiate conversations with people in clinical practice to provide informed, evidence-based dietary advice to people with MS and supporting front-line clinicians in including diet in treatment plans.”

Ms. Wills first became interested in the world of dietetics and nutrition during her training as an elite artistic gymnast. She won seven consecutive State Championships and is a two-time National Champion.

“I spent my childhood in the gym. I trained for more than 25 hours a week for 15 years and

nutrition was a big part of my training. I think that exposure sparked an interest in the importance of the role of food in the body and the science behind it.”

“And everyone eats – it’s an area of study that is relevant to everyone.”

In the third year of her undergraduate degree, Ms. Wills was invited to participate in the School of Medical, Indigenous and Health Sciences Dean’s Scholars’ Program where she had the opportunity to work on an MS research project supervised by Yasmin Probst that looked at the associations between dietary intake and magnetic resonance imaging outcomes.

“That was my first real experience with what MS is and what it means to people to be living with the disease. Coming from my background in dietetics, there are so many unknowns in the whole world of diet and MS and I think I can make a difference.”

Western announces \$500,000 in funding for graduate students hit by inflation

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Western is providing \$500,000 in funding to help graduate students in response to rising inflation and the lack of affordable housing. Announced at the Feb. 16 Senate meeting, the new funding will create need-based bursaries to be awarded by the university over the next three years with advice and input from the Society of Graduate Students (SOGS) and the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

“We recognize some of our graduate students are experiencing very real financial challenges brought on by rising housing, living, and food costs,” said provost and vice-president (academic) Florentine Strzelczyk. “We wanted to address their urgent needs right now.”

Strzelczyk said Western will also augment housing options for graduate and upper-year students with plans expected to go to the Board of Governors for approval in the coming months. A town hall event for graduate students to share their views will take place in the next few weeks.

“We are ecstatic, and I use that word very judiciously because this is the largest financial investment Western has made to SOGS since it was founded in 1963,” SOGS president Danica Facca, BA’16, MA’17, said.

In the fall of 2022, SOGS

surveyed Western graduate students about their experiences regarding housing and food insecurity. The findings of the

survey indicated housing was a primary concern for the respondents. London, like other communities across Canada, is facing high demand but low availability for rental units, creating affordability challenges and forcing some graduate students to make difficult decisions when it comes to budgeting for groceries and other essentials.

The results of the survey prompted SOGS to ask the university for \$250,000 in emergency funding over the next five years to cover increased use of their food bank, emergency loan program, health insurance subsidy, and other support services.

In response, Western committed twice that amount, \$500,000 over three years, instead of five. “We hope this will address the most urgent and pressing needs of our graduate students and also alleviate some of the pressure currently straining the SOGS operating budget so that their membership fees can be routed to other issues that are important to the graduate student body,”



Strzelczyk said.

SOGS represents 6,700 full-time graduate students at Western and the three affiliated university colleges (Brescia, Huron, and King’s) including Ph.D. and master’s students.

Graduate student income primarily stems from teaching pay, research fellowships, and scholarships or awards. In the 2022 fiscal year, Western directed \$102.7 million to graduate student support. Its financial support for master’s and Ph.D. students has kept pace or exceeded the average among U15 peers, and fifteen leading Canadian research universities.

The new bursary funding will allow SOGS to stretch its other emergency support programs further, Facca said.

University administration and SOGS executives will meet within a week to iron out details for the bursaries, which will be allocated based on needs and emergencies.

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Australia’s Deakin University is set to become the first foreign university to enter India via an independent campus in Gujarat’s GIFT City. An announcement is likely on March 8 during Australian Prime Minister Anthony Norman Albanese’s visit to Ahmedabad.

Deakin is ranked 266th in the QS World University Rankings and features among the top 50 young universities in the world. That apart, the university is placed in the 250- 300 band in the Times Higher Education World Rankings.



Deakin has four campuses in Australia — Melbourne (Burwood), Geelong (Waurm Ponds and Waterfront), and Warrnambool. It hosts students from 132 countries with Indians making up 27% of the student community followed by China (22%). With nearly 60,000 total students, the highest number is at its Melbourne Burwood campus where over 26000 students are enrolled.

The UOW will be offering Un-

dergraduate courses in the areas of Finance, STEM programs, and Business. (Sources said that this might change based on the VC’s meeting next week). Plans to offer scholarships to support Indian students who would like to enroll in the University.

The Fee structure is yet to be finalized post the meetings with the Indian government and is most likely to be finalized by next month. The Admission criteria would be the same as it is for any private Institution post the clearance of 12th grade.



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