

4-year integrated B.Ed course from next academic session?

Revamped Syllabus To Be More Practical Oriented

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New Delhi: In the new academic session, those clearing Class XII board examination will have the option of joining four-year integrated BA-BEd or BSc-BEd courses. According to an HRD ministry source, the move to drop the present two-year course in Bachelor of Education is to ensure that only serious aspirants opt to be part of the teaching profession, like in the case for engineering or medicine.

The ministry is planning to revamp the two-year B Ed course to a 4-year integrated teacher training programme. The ministry had written to the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) to start working on this plan which was also announced by finance minister Arun Jaitley in his Budget speech.

NCTE sources said the re-



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vamped syllabus for the integrated BA-B Ed and BSc-B Ed will be more practical-oriented. In November 2014, NCTE had unveiled new models for teacher training courses, including the two-year B Ed after graduation, replacing the one-year course and the four-year integrated course after Class XII. As of March 2016, 15 lakh students were pursuing teacher training courses. Of them, only 4,000 were pursuing the integrated programme.

According to HRD sources, NCTE is likely to submit the draft proposal by March, 2018.

UGC notifies rules on autonomy

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New Delhi: The University Grants Commission has notified regulations that makes colleges eligible for autonomous status, which will empower them to start their own courses, award degrees, conduct examinations and make appointments among other things. The ministry of human resource development (MHRD) issued the gazette notification, "University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018", on Tuesday.

As per the notification, colleges with a ranking of 3.51 and above in National Assessment and Accreditation Council's 4-point scale will be considered for grant of autonomous status for ten years without an on-site visit by an expert committee. The institutions will get the freedom to start diploma (undergraduate and postgraduate) or certificate courses as well as new degree or postgraduate course and PhD programmes without prior approval of university or interference of regulatory authority. The colleges will also be allowed to restructure

and redesign the syllabus to suit local needs. The autonomous status will empower the colleges to announce results, issue mark sheets, migration and other certificates. However, the degree shall be awarded by the university with the name of the college on the degree certificate.

Under the provision of the Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, colleges of any discipline, whether aided, partially aided and unaided/ self-financing are now eligible to seek autonomy. Autonomous colleges need not pay affiliation fee to the parent university every year. One-time fee can be paid at the time of conferment of autonomous status.

Colleges which have a NAAC score of 3.26 and above, up to 3.50 or a corresponding National Board of Accreditation score or a corresponding accreditation grade/ score from a UGC empanelled accreditation agency too shall be considered for grant of autonomous status for six years without on-site visit by the expert committee. However, for those with a score of 3.0 and above, up to 3.25 at the time of application shall be considered for grant of autonomous status with an on-site visit of the duly constituted expert committee.