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■ HITSEEE to be conducted online

Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science (HITS) has announced dates for HITSEEE 2020 for various streams including B.Tech, B.Arch and B.Des. Exams will be held online from August 5 to August 7. The last date to apply is July 31. For details, visit www.hindustanuniv.ac.in

■ A course on sustainable development

The Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG) recently introduced a course on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 in the Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) curriculum from the current academic year. The course will be compulsory for second-year students to reorient their thinking of towards sustainable development.

■ Empowering Indian youth

The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Microsoft recently announced a strategic partnership to provide digital skills to over one lakh youth in the country, over the next 12 months. Microsoft will collaborate with NSDC's eSkill India portal to provide free access to learning resources and conduct digital skill-building awareness drives. For more information visit: <https://eskillindia.org/>

■ Bridging the skills gap

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) recently launched Aatmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping (ASEEM) portal to help skilled people find sustainable livelihood opportunities. This AI-based platform will help people attain industry-relevant skills and explore emerging job opportunities. For more information visit: <https://smis.nsdcindia.org/>

■ Diagnostic tool

Adamas University recently signed a project-based MoU with Elmax Systems & Solutions to develop a cloud-based automated and low-cost diagnostic tool to detect COVID using radiographs and based on Multiple Hypothesis Inference Criterion.

■ No sweat

Sona College's Fashion Technology department recently received a patent for its sweat transfer tester, which assesses a fabric's ability to handle perspiration. Dr. D. Raja, Professor and Head of Department, said that this would help evaluate requirements in sportswear and healthcare textiles.

■ Cloud computing

The ASM Group of Institutes announced that it will adopt cloud

computing curricula from the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Educate global initiative into its mainstream college syllabus to help develop the next generation of cloud professionals. This will be offered as part of the Master of Business Administration (MBA)/ Postgraduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) in Emerging Technologies from August.

■ Breakthroughs in digital banking

Infosys Finacle, part of EdgeVerve Systems, a product subsidiary of Infosys, recently announced the winners of the sixth annual Infosys Finacle Client Innovation Awards 2020, which recognises breakthrough innovations in digital banking and their impact on key banking business areas. The winners include banks across six continents.

■ Learning platform grows

Unacademy recently announced that it acquired a majority stake in Mastree, a leading K12 learning platform. With this, Mastree will join the Unacademy Group, which consists of Wistudy, Kreatryx, PrepLadder, and CodeChef. To know more, visit www.unacademy.com

■ Online moot court

IMS Law College, Noida, organised a four-day national online moot court competition. Students of 34 institutes across the country participated. The team from the University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh University, was declared the winner.

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■ Recognition for Biotechnology

The Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Human Resource Development (DBT-MHRD), Government of India, has recognised the M.Sc. Biotechnology programme at Gautam Buddha University (GBU) under DBT PG Teaching Programme with significant financial support during 15th Finance Commission (2020-21 to 2024-25).

■ Young Research Fellow

IIT-Madras has launched the 'IITM Young Research Fellow' (YRF) programme to motivate students towards a career in research. Inspired by the highly successful 'Super-UROP' programme at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the YRF programme is open to third-year undergraduate and dual degree students.