Students can now pursue PhD after 4-year undergrad course

40% Of Vacant Seats Can Be Filled Through Univ-Level Tests

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New Delhi: Students with a minimum CGPA score of 7.5/ 10 in the four-year-undergraduate programme (FYUP) will now be eligible for PhD admissions, without having to complete a master's programme, according to the new regulations on award of PhD degree finalised by the University Grants Commission (UGC). In order to arrest the trend of publishing in predatory journals, the new regulations recommend either patenting or publishing in peer-reviewed or referred journals only.

The University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of PhD degree) Regu-



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sections.

announced by end of June and set to come into effect from the forthcoming 2022-23 academic session.

Giving a boost to FYUP introduced under the National Education Policy (NEP), the regulations state that "a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8 semester Bachelor's degree should have a minimum CGPA of 7.5/10," while offering a relaxation of 0.5 CGPA score on a scale of 10 for candidates from SC/ST/

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"Encouraging four-year undergraduate students with a research bent of mind to do PhD is important to improve the research ecosystem in our HEIs. That is why we are permitting four-year UG students who have a CGPA of 7.5/ 10 or above to be eligible for PhD admission. Those who have a CGPA less than 7.5, will have to do a one-year Master's

UGC Chairperson M Jagadesh Kumar.

As per the new regulations, 40% of the vacant seats can be filled through university-level tests. Two modes of admissions-100% based on national level entrance tests or 60-40 split based on national level entrance tests and university level or state-level entrance tests have been recommended.

If the total vacant seats are filled by the candidates qualifying in the national level entrance tests (conducted by UGC, CSIR, ICMR, ICAR, etc), the selection of such candidates will be based on a merit list with 100% weightage from interview/ viva contion institution.

Illegitimate child of cohabiting couple to get assets share: SC

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New Delhi: In an important judgment relating to partition of property among Hindus, the Supreme Court on Monday ruled that an illegitimate child of a couple cohabiting for long without marriage would be entitled to a share in the family property. Reversing a Kerala high court judgment that disallowed property share claim of an alleged illegitimate son of a couple who did not marry, a bench of Justices S ABdul Nazeer and Vikram Nath said the couple in question had cohabited for a very long time to make their relationship as good as a married couple and hence, their son would be entitled to appropriate share.

Settling a 40-year-old dispute that oscillated between the trial court, high court and the SC, the bench said, "We have also perused the evidence of the defendants. We are of the view that the defendants have failed to rebut the presumption in favour of a marriage between Damodaran and Chiruthakutty on account of their long cohabitation."

The SC restored to the trial court judgment partitioning the ancestral property with appropriate share to the son. The SC said the documents produced by the so-called illegitimate son were much prior to the controversy arising between parties. The other side comprises children of the brother of the so-called illegitimate son's father. The bench said, These documents and other evidence, would show the long duration of cohabitation. The first plaintiff joined military service in 1963 and retired in 1979. Thereafter he has taken the steps to file a suit for partition of the suit schedule property."

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HELINET, RGUHS, 2022" Format of the proposal may be downloaded from www.rguhs.ac.in

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ducted by the higher educadegree to be eligible," said Shakti Kapoor's son, 4 others held in for taking drugs

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Bollywood actor Shraddha Kabrother, poor's

Siddhanth poor (37). and four others were arrested for consumption drugs during a raid by Bengaluru city police at

The Park hotel, in the cen-

hanth is the son of Bollywood actor Shakti Kapoor. According to police, Siddhanth, an actor and assistant director in Bollywood, was the DJ at a party in the hotel. The others arrestedwere Akhil Soni (28), business manager with a firm; Harjoth private Singh (28), operational head of a logistics firm; Akhil (23), a freelance pho-

tral business district here,

late Sunday night. Sidd-

tographer; and Hani Rafeeque (25), who is in digital marketing ACP(east)Subra-

manyeshwar Rao said that Ulsoor police raided the hotel late on Sunday night based on a tip-off about the use of banned substances at the party. "There more than 100 people at the

party, and some of them escaped from the premises. Police managed to catch 35 people and subjected them to medical examinations. Urine tests of five of those caught confirmed drug consumption," said Rao. DCP (east) Bheemash-

ankar Guled said, "Siddhanth Kapoor, who is the son of Bollywood actor Shakti Kapoor, is among those who tested positive for drug consumption.



The locals of Benaulim recently launched a signature campaign for a petition addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi demanding that the stretch of the Western Bypass passing through the village be built on stilts Former Benaulim sarpanch Royla Fernandes, the petitioner in the case pertaining to the matter in the National Green Tribunal

A GREEN BATTLE WAGES

(NGT), said that the signature campaign is aimed at protecting the village as "there's no other option other than stilts to save the village from imminent destruction"

TOT explains

THE PROJECT

2015 | The Western Bypass undertaken by the National **Highway Authority** of India in Goa

> The 11.9km-long, 4-lane, western bypass road on NH17 starts at Nuvem and ends in Dramapur, Navelim. It passes through Margao,

Seraulim, Telaulim,

Benaulim and Navelim **Completed Stretch** Nuvem to Seraulim fish market

Balance | 2.75km stretch through Seraulim to Benaulim

> The project is fully on earthen embankments with one railway overbridge and three underpasses and nine box culverts

10-MEMBER COMMITTEE

> The government constituted the 10-member committee headed by the chairperson of Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority

water body there



2.75km stretch It recommended that a 0.98km elevated structure be constructed instead so as to avoid filling a

5, 2021, and discussed the alter-

natives in respect to the balance

The committee met on October



The cost of the project would, however, rise from ₹148.41 crore to ₹218.94 crore approximately

The proposal was accepted

state moved the court seeking

permission to revise/modify the

by the High Court after the



scope of work as per the committee's recommendations

THE COSTING

₹174cr | Estimated cost construction

AS DEVPT STRETCHES THROUGH SOUTH GOA

₹40cr | Sanctioned by central government > Balance will have to be spent by the

state, which will be later reimbursed by the Centre > The state government and ministry of

road transport and highways decided to undertake the balance work of 2.75km under new cost sharing basis between the two. The proposal has been approved in principle

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIO **CHALLENGES**

> Residents of Seraulim and Benaulim are opposed to the construction of the Western Bypass on earthen embankments on the grounds that it will lead to water stagnation resulting in flooding

> They have demanded that the Seraulim-Benaulim stretch be constructed on stilts to minimise environmental degradation and flooding

> Former Benaulim sarpanch Royla Fernandes moved the NGT over the matter

> The NGT in its order passed on June 22 directed that a 10-member ioint

committee

consisting of all agencies concerned be formed to prepare and execute a plan of action for construction of the remainder of the Western bypass through Benaulim and Seraulim

IN THE NGT CASE > Due to land filling for construction of the bypass, adjoining low-lying

agricul-tural lands of

Benaulim will be flooded

due to the obstruction caused to the natural drainage. thus destroying

Destruction of

> Natural biodiversity Wetlands/khazan

> Agricultural lands Mangroves > The water body

Adsulim Tollem due to land filing > Biological resources such

as plants, animals and microorganisms

HC: Mukhtar a challenge to judicial system: Denying bail to former MLA Mukhtar Ansari in connection with a case of misappropriation of MLA funds in 2012-13, the Allahabad high court on Monday called him a "dreaded and white-collared criminal, an interstate mafia and cancer in society". TNN

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A police officer said that the woman Saranya (24) was a Dalit while her husband Mohan (21) was a Naicker.

Saranya's brother Sakthivel (31) and his friend Raniith (28) have been arrested.

home on the pretext of a

hospital where she worked There she befriended

Saranya's family had opposed their relationship and wanted her to get married to Ranjith. Police said Sakthivel invited the couple to his

The two accused killed Five months ago, Saranya the couple after dinner. TNN

Comms ministry seeks entry of Big Tech in 5G captive network

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New Delhi: In a move that will come as a setback to top mobile operators such as Airtel, Reliance Jio and Vodafone Idea, the Communications ministry has sent recommendations to the Union Cabinet, favouring the entry of Big Tech such as Google, Amazon, TCS and Cisco in building captive 5G networks for businesses and enterprises, sources have told TOI.

The Cabinet is expected to take up the matter very soon, and a clearance to the entry of Big Tech into non-public 5G networks will be a dampener for mobile companies ahead of the spectrum auctions as the telcos fear that their business prospects will be hit if new players enter the fray.

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Date: June 15, 2022 Place: Raipur & Bhilai

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

SC compounds man's offence over marriage

Court has permitted compounding of an offence of a person convicted for attempt to murder, on the grounds that the accused has married the sister of the victim. In order to bring peace and

in order for the two families to live cordially, a division bench of Justices BR Gavai and Hima Kohli modified the three-year sentence imposed by the Madras high court and ordered that the accused be released. According to the prose-

cution, the six accused and the victim were residents of the same apartment in Kasimedu. A tiff over the post of president in the apartment had led to the incident. Though the trial convicted the accused to seven years in jail, the Madras high court reduced the sentence to three years on appeal. TNN