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An education regulator to replace UGC, AICTE

NEW DELHI, PTI: The University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) are soon going to be a thing of the past with the government planning to replace them with a single higher education regulator.

The proposed Higher Education Empowerment Regulation Agency (HEERA) is aimed at eliminating overlaps in jurisdiction and removing irrelevant regulatory provisions.

The HRD Ministry is working with Niti Aayog on the plan of bringing technical as well as non-technical institutions un-

der one umbrella.

According to sources, a detailed blueprint of the proposed regulator and its legislation is being worked upon.

“Both Niti Aayog and HRD Ministry officials are working on the plan. It was felt that multiple regulatory bodies led to excessive and restrictive regulation and hence, contributed to lack of institutional autonomy,” a source said.

The plan to have a single higher education regulator is not new; it has been recommended by various committees set up by the government.

HC lets 3 OCI students seek admission under government quota

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The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday permitted three students belonging to the Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) category to register with the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) to seek admission to undergraduate medical and dental courses in the State.

Justice S. Sujatha passed the interim order on the petitions filed by Tejaswini Shekar, Ajay Anand and Vibha Nagendra Hegde.

The petitioners had appeared for NEET 2017 and have been aspiring for admission under government quota seats through the online counselling by KEA.

However, it was contended in the petition that the provisions of the Karnataka Selection of Candidates for

Admission to Government Seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules, 2006, states that candidates will have to be citizens of India to seek admission to professional courses under government quota.

The parents of the petitioner-students are Indian citizens who migrated to the U.S. and returned to India after certain years, and of the students, who were born in the U.S., two of studied in Karnataka and one was seeking admission under Horanadu Kannadiga category. The petitioners are seeking a direction to the State to consider them as students of Karnataka for merit-based admission under government quota. The court also ordered issue of notices to the State and Union governments and KEA.

Students in fix: CBSE says NEET results after 15 days

Admission Processes In Limbo

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Madurai: The Central Board of Secondary Education on Tuesday told the Madurai bench of the Madras high court that it would need at least 15 days to declare the results of NEET-2017, leaving thousands of students across the country in limbo and admission schedules for professional courses this academic year all askew.

Even if the court immediately lifts an interim stay on "all further proceedings" with regard to NEET, CBSE will have to take time to come



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out with the key answers, restart evaluation of answer scripts and declare results, the board said.

A division bench of Madras high court had on May 24 stayed all further proceedings till June 7; CBSE took 13 days to file a counter affidavit to PILs. "The delay in declaring results due to the inter-

rim order is already beyond permissible limit," the board said. "CBSE will require 15 days to declare the result if it is permitted to do so... CBSE has to complete the remaining steps for preparation of results — hosting of OMR [optical mark recognition] on the website and hosting of the answer key — which will re-

quire 15 days."

Engineering colleges across the country have to complete counselling by July 30 and the deadline for medical colleges/universities is September 30. With the delay, many aspiring MBBS students have sought admission to engineering courses.

"We generally begin engineering counselling after the first round of MBBS admissions, to prevent engineering seats going waste," said a Tamil Nadu Engineering Admission committee official.

Many states will require at least six weeks to complete engineering admissions. For that, the counselling for single window admission of students into engineering courses should begin at least by the last week of this month, officials said.

ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಸೇರುತ್ತಾ ಯುಜಿಸಿ?

ನವದೆಹಲಿ: ಇನ್ನು ಕೆಲವೇ ದಿನಗಳಷ್ಟೇ, ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ಧನ ಸಹಾಯ ಆಯೋಗ (ಯುಜಿಸಿ) ಮತ್ತು ಅಖಿಲ ಭಾರತ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಮಂಡಳಿ (ಎಐಸಿಟಿಇ)ಗಳು ಇತಿಹಾಸದ ಪುಟ ಸೇರಲಿವೆ. ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಉನ್ನತ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಏಕ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಲು ಚಿಂತನೆ ನಡೆಸಿದೆ. ಯುಜಿಸಿ ಮತ್ತು ಎಐಸಿಟಿಇಯನ್ನು ರದ್ದು ಮಾಡಿ, ಉನ್ನತ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ (ಎಚ್‌ಇಇಆರ್‌ಎ) ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರಿನ ಏಕೈಕ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವವು ಇದೀಗ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯದ ಮುಂದಿದೆ. ಸದ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಯುಜಿಸಿ ಮತ್ತು ಎಐಸಿಟಿಇಗಳ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನಾ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳಿದ್ದು, ಇದನ್ನು ಬಗೆಹರಿಸುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಒಂದೇ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ರಚನೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಚಿಂತನೆ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.