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# HRD: Inspect 44 'unworthy' varsities again

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**New Delhi:** Offering hope to 44 deemed universities, the ministry of human resource development has asked the University Grants Commission (UGC) to conduct fresh inspection. These deemed universities came under the scanner in 2009 following an adverse report by a government panel and uncertainty on their status has continued since then.

Eight years back, MHRD set up the Tandon Committee to examine 126 deemed universities. The committee in its report found 46 of them "unworth-

## Economic workshop for teachers kicks off

In a bid to demystify contemporary economics and highlight its function in daily life, the Union HRD minister Prakash Javdekar and finance minister Arun Jaitley jointly inaugurated a seven-day teachers' workshop at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi on Sunday. The workshop content, designed by chief economic adviser Arvind Subramanian, aims to update and educate faculty and students alike on the changes in the economy over a period of time. It would conclude on June 17. "I am glad that Arvind Subramanian donned his robe back of academic (for the course) and has created the architecture of the course that will benefit all. It will be a great help to the teachers and students," said Jaitley. TNN

hy" of being given a deemed university status. Another 44 were found deficient on many counts while the performance of 38 was found satisfactory.

Uncertainty over the "deemed" status of these institutions across the country continued till date and some of these universities even sought legal

recourse. According to a senior HRD official, "The government want that there should be some clarity as the matter has been on for a long time. Therefore the ministry has once again asked UGC to conduct fresh inspections so that which even of these universities can be allowed to retain the deemed status can do so. And also this will ensure that others are removed from the list and the matter is fully resolved."

The committee in its report recommended immediate withdrawal of the "deemed university" status from the institutions found unworthy.