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Govt to start process to establish institutions of eminence soon

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NEW DELHI, DHNS: The government would soon initiate a process for establishment of 20 higher educational institutions as the 'Institutions of Eminence' in the country.

These institutions will be established either by upgrading the best of the existing universities and colleges in the country or by declaring brand new higher educational institutions from the proposals to be coming in from the private sector.

The plan is to establish a total of 10 such institutions in the public sector and the remaining in the private sector.

All public and private universities are eligible to apply for getting declared as an 'Institution of Eminence', subject to the conditions stipulated under the scheme.

"Private institutions of eminence can also come up as greenfield ventures. Process for establishment of 20 Institutions of Eminence under the scheme will soon be initiated," an official source told DH.

The Union Cabinet recently approved the enabling architecture and regulations for establishment of these 'Institu-



tions of Eminence', which were initially conceived to be declared as 'World Class Universities'. These institutions will be given complete financial and academic autonomy in their functioning so that they gradually attain a "world class status" in their quality and standard as well as figure in the list of 500 top universities of the world in ten years and 100 top institutions of the world "eventually".

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has framed the regulatory framework in consultation with the Human Resource Development (HRD) ministry for establishment of these institutions on the lines of some of the best universities in the world.

"An empowered committee comprising at least three members will soon be set up to look into the applications," the source said. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) will approve the constitution of the said empowered committee by the UGC.

The Centre will provide a fund of Rs 1,000 crore for a period of five years to each of the 10 public institutions to be declared as the 'Government Educational Institutions of Eminence' under the scheme.

Though these institutions would be costly with higher tuition fee than other institutions in India, they would not remain out of reach for meritorious students.

NRI quota: Seat allotment schedule announced

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The Karnataka Examinations Authority has announced the second round of seat allotment schedule for admission to NRI quota in medical and dental colleges.

The seat matrix will be displayed on 17 August and the publication of allotment result will be done on 21 August. Last date to report to colleges is August 24.

The KEA has also invited applications for NRI quota seats in private dental colleges, which will be part of the second round of common counselling conducted by KEA.

Meanwhile, the KEA has also decided to conduct one more round of counselling for engineering, AYUSH, architecture, farm science and B. Pharma seats that have remained unfilled.