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UGC plea to varsities on terror, casteism

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked all varsities to organise a pledge taking ceremony on August 9 to “actualise” Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s “endeavour” to have a terrorism-free, caste-free, corruption-free, uncleanness-free and poverty-free society in India.

The pledge taking ceremony will also mark 75th year of the ‘Quit India Movement’ launched by Mahatma Gandhi against the Impe-

rial Rule on August 9 in 1942. This comes after the Prime Minister recent recently gave call for expelling “filth, corruption, terrorism, casteism and communalism” from India. “We must make 2017 our ‘Year of Resolve’. In this month of August, we have to come together and resolve,” he said during his ‘Mann ki Baat’ monthly radio programme on July 30. The Prime Minister also appealed to the people to work towards achieving this with similar resolve.

Medical edu minister wants INC to recognise nursing colleges

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STATE Medical Education Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil has decided to send an official communication to Indian Nursing Council (INC) chairman requesting him to resolve the affiliation issue of nursing colleges.

In May, INC had removed the names of all nursing colleges in the state from its website, indicating that none of the nursing colleges have INC recognition. This action was following an order issued by the state government in December 2016 where it stated, "INC approval is not needed for nursing colleges in the state as they have been recognised by the nursing council in Karnataka and Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences."

In a meeting with his department officials on Tuesday, Patil discussed the issue for more than an hour and even contacted INC chairman Dilip Kumar over the phone to discuss the matter.

An official source from the department stated, "A letter has been drafted to send to INC requesting for recognition or affiliation of nursing colleges in the state. The same letter will be dispatched on Wednesday."



Dr Sharan Prakash Patil

After the INC decided to not recognise the nursing colleges in the state, nursing students who had already gotten for the present academic year started seeking transfer, fearing that they will not get jobs as the colleges are not recognised by INC.

A group of colleges had even approached the High Court stating that INC recognition was not required. The court had passed a judgment in their favour. However, challenging this judgment, another group of colleges is now going to approach the Supreme Court as they want the INC to maintain quality. The medical education ministry is now trying to settle the case outside court.



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