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Unable to hire new faculty, varsities to manage with guest faculty

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BENGALURU, DHNS: Complying with the guidelines laid down by the University Grants Commission (UGC) over the recruitment of permanent faculty, universities across Karnataka have decided to begin the new academic year with guest faculty along with a few permanent faculty.

Citing the imminent verdict by the Supreme Court on the Special Leave Petition filed by the Union HRD Ministry against a court order curtailing reservation for Schedule Caste (SC)/Schedule Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC), the UGC has put the recruitment of academic staff in all universities on hold. This has left a lot of vacancies for teaching staff in various universities.

Speaking to *DH*, the Bengaluru Central University (BCU) Vice-Chancellor (VC) S Japhet said, "The BCU will go ahead with guest faculties. Based on the seniority we will hire the candidates on a temporary basis. If we are still short of hands we will bring in the retired faculties of Bangalore University and make sure the current academic year will kick start without any delay."

Based on an order by the Al-

lahabad High Court in March, the UGC, which regulates the universities across India, had directed all the universities across the country to consider the actual number of posts reserved for SC, ST and OBC at the department level rather than at the University and institution level.

The same order was also upheld by the Supreme Court. However, following protests against the SC order across the country, the UGC and HRD ministry filed a special leave petition to review the order and asked all the educational institutions not to go ahead with any recruitment until the final verdict.

"Currently there are about 350 vacant positions in our university. After the trifurcation the faculties have been split among the three universities. At this juncture, we do not have an alternative than to make do with guest faculty. We cannot delay the commencement of the academic year and we also have to obey the orders of the UGC," explained Venugopal KR, Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University.

The Supreme Court is expected to hear the review petition filed by the union government shortly.

Meddlesome UGC

Surgical Strikes Day injunction reflects the regulator's misplaced priorities

University Grants Commission (UGC) has directed vice-chancellors of universities to round up students and organise activities to commemorate government's "Surgical Strike Day" on September 29. The activities include parades, lectures by ex-servicemen and letter writing to pledge support for armed forces. Given that there have been other red letter days for the armed forces and far larger operations successfully mounted by them in India's defence, the big question is why UGC has zeroed in on commemorating the 2016 surgical strike with enthusiasm. In

election season this has naturally fed a bitter political debate, even as it has once again put the spotlight on the lack of autonomy of our higher educational institutions (HEIs).



It is almost 65 years since UGC was established to maintain high standards in India's university system. The performance of the 903 degree awarding institutions reporting to it leaves no doubt

that UGC has been a letdown in its primary role. One measure of this is the poor performance of Indian HEIs in relation to overseas counterparts. Even within Asia, our rankings have slipped. For example, in the Times Higher Education list for Asian universities in 2018, the highest ranked Indian institutes slipped in relation to the previous year. When compared to China which is powering ahead, the decline in Indian HEIs here is stark.

Education is at the heart of any attempt to equip a society to fulfil its potential. That many Indians have little faith in home grown institutes is also apparent in the sharp rise over the last decade in students going abroad for higher education. A key reason for the current state of affairs is that politics rules on Indian campuses. If even totalitarian China can concede autonomy to its HEIs and thereby help them succeed, why can't democratic India?

ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಉಪಕರಣ ನಿಯಮ ಪರಿಷ್ಕರಣೆ

ನವದೆಹಲಿ: ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಉಪಕರಣ ಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಹೊಸ ನೀತಿ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರಲು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಮುಂದಾಗಿದೆ. ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆಗೆ ಬಳಸಲಾದ ಪರಿಕರಗಳು ರೋಗಿಯ ಮೇಲೆ ದುಷ್ಪರಿಣಾಮ ಬೀರಿದರೆ ಉಪಕರಣ ಉತ್ಪಾದಿಸಿದ ಕಂಪನಿಯೇ ಪರಿಹಾರ ನೀಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಜಾನ್ಸನ್ ಆಂಡ್ ಜಾನ್ಸನ್ ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಅಂಗ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ತಯಾರಿಸಿದ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಬಳಸಿ ಬೆನ್ನುಹುರಿ ಶಸ್ತ್ರ ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆ ನಡೆಸಿದ ಬಳಿಕ ರೋಗಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆ ಉಂಟಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಈ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ಬೆಳಕಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ಬಳಿಕ ಹೊಸ ನೀತಿ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಮುಂದಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಕುರಿತು ಉನ್ನತ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಸಮಿತಿಯೊಂದನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವಿಧ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ನಡೆಸಿ ಈ ಸಮಿತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ವರದಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲಿದೆ. 2017ರ ಮೆಡಿಕಲ್ ಡಿವೈಸ್ ರೂಲ್‌ಗೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ತರಲು

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ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಉಪಕರಣ ಬಳಕೆಯಿಂದ ರೋಗಿಗೆ ಗಾಯ, ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಯಾವುದೇ ಹಾನಿ ಉಂಟಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ಕಂಪನಿಯೇ ಪರಿಹಾರ ನೀಡಬೇಕು. ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಗಂಭೀರತೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಪರಿಹಾರ ನಿಗದಿ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಧಾರ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ನಿಯಮ ಅಂತಿಮಗೊಂಡ ಬಳಿಕ ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯೊಬ್ಬರು ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. - ಪಿಟಿಐ