
News & Views

1. Conference on Global Environment Opportunities for Collaboration :

Today the tremendous expansion of technology is significantly facilitating its speed and coverage. So at this juncture issues relating to patterns of collaboration & networking culture & DDL, appropriate delivery models. ICT enabled education, quality & distance education for development are assuming greater significance. It is high time & most appropriate that we debate, deliberate, discuss, collate the issues, challenges & concerns relating to internationalization & networking technology enabled education, quality & accreditation & distance education & development at all levels of education & training. Keeping this in view The International Council for open & distance education (ICDE) IS organizing the 2005 ICDE International Conference on open learning & distance education on the theme "Open & distance Education in Global Environment : Opportunities for Collaboration" At New Delhi from 19-23 November 2005. The conference shall have :

Subthemes :

- Internationalization : collaboration & networking.
- ICT – enabled education
- Quality & accreditation.
- Globalization, culture & ODL
- Distance Education for development

Strands :

- Basic, Primary & Secondary education
- Higher & further education.
- Vocational education.
- Training & Professional development.

2. Biotech Park & IIT Kharagpur :

In view of growing importance of the Bio-technology industry IIT Kharagpur is contemplating setting up of a Rs. 100 Crore. Biotechnology Park in West Bengal. The park would be located close to IITs sprawling 22 acre campus. IIT Kharagpur has already entered into an agreement with Orissa Govt. to provide technical expertise for setting Biotechnology Park in coastal state one official of IIT Kharagpur said their sponsored Research & Industrial consultancy (SRIC) unit is hopeful of generating revenue of over 90 crore Rs. During years.

SRIC offers sponsored research & industrial consulting activities in various fields like electronics, biotechnology, agriculture & food engineering, ship designing, molecular engineering, microelectronics & waste land management.

Institute plans to start a five year dual degree programme which would provide students with a B-Tech. & MBA degree.

3. National Seminar on ELETECH – 2005

Recognizing the immense potential of e-learning technologies, C-DAC Hyderabad & JNTU in association with Department of Information Technology, Govt of India are organizing a 2-day National Seminar on “e-learning & e-learning Technologies, during Aug : 8-9, 2005.

The national seminar is being organized with an objective to share the experience of e-learning community, including developers, implementers and users to as to enable us to plan a future strategies & road map in e-learning for our country keeping in view the issue of content local languages security BW standards etc. Focus areas of seminar are :

- Content authoring & Authesing tools in local languages.
- Content development standards & Interoperability.
- E-learning for physically challenged.
- Case studies of e-learning Projects.
- Multi media content Delivery over Low Bandwidth.

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4. Integrated Courses at IIT's :

IIT's are reported to be introducing courses in economics & business administration in addition to strengthening & diversifying existing programmes in linguistics & pure sciences. The mere has been taken in view that the top few hundred students who got good grade at JEE but don't make it to the technical institutes should not be left behind. According to them students are cream & should be absorbed y 1st – rate institutes like IIT's & through these courses IIT can produce excellent students even in other fields.

The course will begin from coming academic year.

5. Disaster Management Course At IGNOU :

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) New Delhi is offering a Diploma Course in Disaster Management from this academic year. The course in among the string of new courses being introduced by University. According to pro-vice chancellor of IGNOU Prof. S. C. Garg. University will launch Master Degree Course in Dietetics & Food Service Management. It will also offer Post Graduate level course in Rural Development Sociology, Economics, Public administration an Bioinformatics.

The university also plans to develop skills & competencies of marginalized groups through new courses.

News from Abroad***Seminar on Quality Assurance :***

Quality assurance in education is priority across the south asian region. Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) for higher education in UK had put 'Summer Schools' to address the needs of ministries & university leaders around the world now QAA in collaboration with British council in UK is organizing a Training Programme on Quality Assurance during 24-27 July 2005. It is an intensive training programme specifically designed for International Participants. Programme examines the methods & approaches of institutional audit & offers a chance to discuss quality assurance agenda.

It is aimed at ministries of education labour & human resources, senior policy makers in ministries or national education agencies. It may also be of interest to university leaders & senior academics working in field of quality assurance.

For more information visit : <http://www.britishcouncil.org/seminars-education-0005.htm>

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China Education Expo 2005

The china Education Expo-2005 approved by Ministry of Education & Sponsored by China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE) will be held on 15-16 October 2005 at Beijing & 22-23 October 2005 at Shanghai. China Education Expo has been held successfully for five years & growing media exposure visitors & exhibitors and national pavilions have proven its success.

At the last event there were 13 national pavilions with around 400 exhibitors covering from 18 countries and regions. It registered 44,000 visitors.

China Education Expo is one of the most authoritative education events in china.

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