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1) Target of Distance Education:-

While speaking in defence of distance education Professor V.C Kulandai Swami, Vice-Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, expressed that Vocational and continuing education are the major targets of distance education.

2) UGC to introduce Validation Tests:-

With a view to standardise results of all educational institutions in a state and to serve as an entrance test for admission to post graduate courses, the University Grants Commission proposes to introduce validation test at the first degree and post graduation level, initially in some selected subjects in which there is pressure on admission.

3) Examination Reforms Programme:-

Universities have been advised by UGC to introduce long term measures in connection with examination reform such as continuous internal evaluation, development of question banks, grading system, an semester system latest by 1993-94 academic session for post graduate level and 1995-96 academic session for under graduate level.

4) Revised Rules for Research Fellowships in Engineering:-

The UGC awards 60 Research Fellowships having duration of 4 years in engineering and technology to researchers who have Masters Degree in Engineering and Technology/Pharmacy with 55 percent marks and a Gate/Joint UGC CSIR examination qualification for undertaking advanced study and research leading to Ph.d Under the revised rules a research fellow need not be necessarily placed in a technical institution to pursue his Ph.d but can join any other institution (not covered by UGC Act 1956) which will provide necessary infrastructural facilities and meet all expenditure.

5) Industry & Technical Education:-

Dr. S.Z. Quasim, member planning commission while delivering the convocation address at I.I.T. Delhi said that Technical education leading to engineering degree should be "substantially financed" by industries. He further remarked that direct beneficiaries should invest in bringing out skills and quality from the infrastructure already created by the Government.

6) New Post graduate Engineering Course:-

Two new industry oriented and practice based M.E. Viz. i) Master of Engineering Education (MEE) & ii) Master of Engineering (Industry-Oriented practice based ME (IP) in manufacturing technology will be jointly run by the T.T.T. Chandigarh and the Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala from this academic year, and 80% of the seats are reserved for polytechnic teachers. While MIE is aimed at developing professional capability of technical education system along with management of curriculum development, learning resource development, continuing education and staff development, ME (IP) incorporates increased technical learning with those skills needed for mechanical engineering group of people working in diverse position in the technical education system.

7) D.O.E . to Accredit Computer Course:-

With view to generate qualified manpower in information technology by utilising the facilities and expertise available in the private sector and at the same time preventing the aspirants of computer education from falling prey to attractive advertisement which air more at making money than at providing quality education, the Department of Electronics (DOE) has started a scheme of offering accreditation to the course contents and outlines the required syllabi to be covered at the O, A, B and C levels.

8) India Students at RMIT:-

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) established in 1887 and one of Australia's leading Government funded universities, is reputed for academic excellence. The number of Indian students seeking admission to both of its educational sectors Viz. Higher education sector and vocational sector (Technica an furthe educatio TAFE) is increasing. India students seek admission to areas such as business, Computer Engineering and Marine Technology. The marine engineering courses are especially popular because of its teachers who are highly reputed in shipping industries.

9) Seminar on "Applications of Personal Computers In Civil Engineering"

Seminar on "APPLICATIONS OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING" has been arranged by the Local Centre Nagpur of the IE(India) at NAGPUR on 5th, 6th, 7th Feb 93. For further details Professor A.M.Pande, Organising Secretary, IE(INDIA) Local Centre, North Ambazari Road NAGPUR-440010.