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1. Regulatory Updates

1.1 Loan Subsidy Scheme for Students Finalised

Date of information release: June 25, 2010

Stream: Technical and professional Courses

Students with family income of below Rs 4.5 lakh will get full interest subsidy on loans.

To make education loans cheaper, the Centre on June 25 finalised a scheme to provide full interest subsidy on loans taken by students with annual family income below Rs 4.5 lakh to pursue technical and professional courses.

The format for the scheme was finalised after a meeting between the Human Resource Development (HRD) ministry and the Indian Banks' Association (IBA). "The scheme provides interest subvention to students for the period of their course. The interest for this period will be paid to the banks by the government," a ministry official said. Canara Bank has been appointed as the nodal bank for IBA member banks to claim the subsidy amount reimbursement.

The scheme, which was approved by the Cabinet last year, provides interest subvention to students with annual family income below Rs 4.5 lakh for the period till their course finishes. It will provide interest subvention from the academic year 2009-10. "The moratorium period also covers the time taken by the student to get a job, or one year, whichever comes first," the official said.

The scheme will be valid for all loans from scheduled banks for pursuing courses in professional and technical streams from recognised institutes in India. "All eligible students who wish to avail the benefits should approach the respective bank branch from where they availed of the education loan and complete the necessary formalities, including obtaining the certification in respect of annual family income from the competent authority at the local level," the official said.

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2. Admission Information

2.1 SCMS Group of Educational Institutions (SCMS) M.Sc. in Advanced Biotechnology

Institutes:

SCMS Group of Educational Institutions

Courses Offered:

M.Sc. in Genetic Engineering, Genomics, Proteomics, Toxicology, Molecular Biology, Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering. These programmes are affiliated to M.G. University, Kottayam.

Eligibility:

Graduate with 55% marks in Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Pharmacy, Pharmacology, Agriculture and Veterinary Science.

How to Apply:

Apply with a DD for Rs.550/- for application form and prospectus directly or download form from website.

Last date for receipt of form:

10 JULY 2010

Admission Process:

Online & Offline

Contact At:

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E-mail: scms@vsnl.com

Website: www.scmsgroup.org



3. Entrance Exam Information

3.1 All India Engineering/Architecture Entrance Examination

Exam name:

All India Engineering/Architecture Entrance Examination

Courses offered:

Candidates qualifying in an AIEEE can seek admission into the following programmes at the undergraduate level, offered by various national and state level institutes.

- B.Tech
- B.Arch
- B.Planning
- B.E.

Eligibility:

All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) is considered as pre-requisite condition to seek admission into B. Tech/ B.E/ B. Arch. / B. Planning program in numerous universities and institutions all over India. The entrance examination tests the abilities of the aspirants, in particular disciplines studied by them at 10+2 level. General eligibility criteria for AIEEE are given below.

The upper age limit to appear in All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) is 25 years. Relaxation of 5 years is there for SC/ST/PH candidates. A scholar can attempt the entrance examination consecutively for three years only. The applicants who wish to appear in this entrance examination have to pass senior secondary or equivalent examination from a recognized Board. Those waiting for their 10+2 results can also apply. The candidates, who are supposed to pass higher secondary examination next year, are not eligible to appear in current entrance examination.

For B. Tech/ B.E

The candidate should have studied physics and mathematics as compulsory subjects along with any one of the following - Chemistry, Bio-Technology, Computer Science, and Biology as optional subject at 10+2 level.

For B. Arch. / B. Planning program

The aspirants must have studied mathematics as a mandatory subject and should secure minimum 50% marks in total at 10+2 level.



Examination Pattern:

All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) comprises of two papers. Given below is information on the examination pattern of AIEEE.

The first paper is designed for the students, who desire to pursue B. Tech/B.E program.

The second paper is designed for admission into B. Architecture and B. Planning program.

Paper I

The paper I is fragmented into three sections- Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. Each section includes multiple choice objective questions of equal weight age.

Paper II

The paper II tests the aspirants under three sections as follows- Mathematics, Aptitude Test and Drawing. Part I & Part II of the second paper consist of objective questions while third part will test the drawing ability of the aspirants.

The Entrance Examination is conducted in English as well as in Hindi medium. The applicant is required to choose the medium while filling the form itself. Negative marking is there for every wrong answer and more than one answer marked for a question. One fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the total marks fixed for the question would be deducted. Each paper of a single-stage examination will be of three hours of duration.

Process:

Online/Offline

Contact:

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4. Recent Development

4.1 Masters programme for healthcare professionals launched

Date: June 25, 2010

Stream: Medical

Course: masters in health administration

The Institute of Clinical Research of India (ICRI) on Tuesday, June 22 has launched a master degree programme in health administration to build "appropriate skilled teams" for the industry which lacks trained healthcare professionals.

The institute has started the two-year course in collaboration with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in the US.

"The Indian healthcare system lacks trained healthcare professionals and skilled teams of hospital administrators are the need of the hour. The master programme will help to build an appropriate skilled team of hospital administrators," ICRI chairman Shiv Ram Dugal said.

Eligibility: Graduates or final year graduation students in disciplines of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, biotechnology, commerce, economics and engineering can opt for the course.

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5. General

5.1 Cabinet approves 107 new Kendriya Vidyalayas

Date: June 21, 2010

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) Thursday, June 17 approved a proposal for setting up 107 new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) during the remaining period of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12).

Announcing the decision, Home Minister P. Chidambaram said the new KVs will cater to about 103,000 students throughout the country. He was briefing reporters after a CCEA meeting chaired by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

The total financial requirement for construction and operation of these new KVs will be Rs.526.99 crore during the 11th Plan with a spillover of Rs.279.48 crore towards capital cost during the 12th Plan.

The central sector scheme of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) was started in 1962 with the objective of providing educational facilities of a uniform standard throughout the country to the children of transferable central government employees. The scheme started with 20 regimental schools in 1963-64 and has now grown to 980 schools.

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- Knowledge Academy commences new BBA program
- Dravidian University, Kuppam may offer diploma courses in Tulu

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- Now, pass test to practise in courts: BCI
- Ahmadabad Management Association (AMA) Post Graduate Program in International Business Management
- MAT 2010 - Management Aptitude Test
- IGNOU to start certificate programme in water harvesting
- Jamia Millia introduces online tracking of applications

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- Gujarat CM announces Govt. to set up 14 more engineering colleges
- Admission Information
 - Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University (MDSU) Admission Ph.D., M.Phil, M.A., Law, M.Sc., Journalism, Education Courses
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