

Friday, August 13, 2010

"Information cannot replace education"- Earl Kiole

From the desk of SOI Team

Careers in Microbiology

Microbiology is a branch of biology that includes the study of growth, characteristics and various other aspects related to the life cycle of microbes. Apart from examining the specimens, microbiologists also explore the relationship of micro organisms with other creatures and their consequence on the life of human beings.

Eligibility: Minimum requirement is 10+2 in science stream (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics or biology), and for post graduate programs, the candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in microbiology/Life science.

Career Prospects: One can opt for a career as Bacteriologists, Environmental Microbiologists, Food Microbiologists, Industrial Microbiologists, Medical Microbiologists, Mycologists, Biochemist, Protozoologists, Biotechnologist, Biomedical Scientist, Cell Biologists, Geneticists, Immunologists, Virologists and Parasitologists.

Institutes offering: Some of the institutions are Birsa Institute of Technology, (Jharkhand), Christian Medical College, (Tamil Nadu), Banaras Hindu University: Faculty of Science, (Uttar Pradesh), C.M.S. College of Science and Commerce, (Tamil Nadu), Andhra University-College of Science and Technology, (Andhra Pradesh), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (A.I.I.M.S.), (New Delhi), A.V.S. College of Arts and Science, (Tamil Nadu) and Barkatullah Vishwavidyalaya, (Madhya Pradesh).

Remuneration: A beginner can earn between Rs.15000-Rs.20000 per month. With experience and qualification, one can expect a higher remuneration.

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Gujarat tech varsity to conduct MTech admission process

Ahmedabad: In a major development, Gujarat University had decided to delegate the admission process of MTech to Gujarat Technological University (GTU). The MTech admission was embroiled in a controversy after both the GU and GTU were at loggerheads over the right to admission. However, the issue was resolved by Joint Admission Committee for Professional Courses (JACPC), which held that as the admission was a centralised process, it should be delegated to GTU.

MBA, MCA fee collection begins

Ahmedabad: The submission of the fee for MBA and MCA began on Thursday. Students who have sought admissions can pay their fees up to August 16. The admission committee has given admissions to 9,688 students in MBA and 4,158 students in MCA. A total of 28,000 students had applied for the courses. Admissions for the diploma engineering courses also began from Thursday and the total number of seats declared open for admissions was 41,597.

Nalanda University Bill introduced in Rajya Sabha

New Delhi: A bill for re-establishing the ancient Nalanda University was introduced in the Rajya Sabha yesterday. The Nalanda University Bill, 2010, will establish a central university in Nalanda district of Bihar, identifying with the ancient university, which was founded in 5th century AD and became a centre of learning for students from all across South Asia.

Finance ministry ends scholarship scheme for poor students

Mumbai: Due to a decrease in bank interest rates, the government has decided to cancel the national means-cum-merit scholarship scheme that was meant to provide financial aid to 1 lakh gifted children whose parents' annual income was below Rs.1.5 lakh. The fund of Rs.1000 crore for the scholarship scheme, which had been designed on the lines of the American model of scholarships, has now been shut down.

Students wait for fee refund from closed European varsity

Chandigarh: Twenty-nine students from different towns of Punjab and Haryana are waiting for the refund of their tuition fees, amounting to Rs. 87 lakh, from a Dutch university that was closed in June. The students had applied for different courses at the European University for Professional Education (EUPE) at The Hague in Holland for the session starting September 2009. Despite paying tuition fees and other charges, EUPE did not give them admission and it was closed in June by the Dutch government.

42 new faculty members join DTU

New Delhi: About 42 new faculty members have recently joined Delhi Technological University (DTU) as lecturers with the commencement of the new academic session in the department such as Applied Chemistry, Applied Physics, Automobile Engineering, Electronics & Communication, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Physics, Environmental Engineering, School of Management, Production Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Software Engineering. Out of these almost 23 faculty members are PhD degree holders.

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A university is what a college becomes when the faculty loses interest in students - John Ciardi

From the desk of SOI Team

Careers in Petroleum Engineering

Petroleum engineering is a branch of engineering that deals with the study of techniques and methods to extract petroleum and natural gas. It involves the study of purification, manufacture and utilization of oil, gas, and liquefiable hydrocarbons to its best.

Eligibility: 10+2 in science stream for UG course. For post graduate program the minimum requirement is B.E/B. Tech degree in the relevant subject.

Career Prospects: Numerous vacancies are there in public and private sector, for petroleum engineers. Even the petroleum department of Union and state Government also employs skilled petroleum engineers.

Few of the Institute offering the courses:

Bharathidasan Institute of Engineering and Technology, (Tamil Nadu), BR Ambedkar Technological University, (Maharashtra), Indian School of Mines, (Jharkhand), Maharashtra Institute of Technology, (Maharashtra), Institute of Petroleum Studies and Chemical Engineering, (Uttar Pradesh), Nowrosjee Wadia College, (Maharashtra), University of Petroleum Studies, (Uttaranchal), Institute of Cheminformatics Studies, (Uttar Pradesh), and Dr. Harising Gour University, (Madhya Pradesh).

Remuneration: A beginner can expect a salary between Rs.25000-Rs.30000 per month.

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Common medical entrance test from '11

New Delhi: From 2011 there will be only one common entrance test each for over 30,000 MBBS seats and over 11,000 MD seats in all government and medical colleges in the country. This important decision, taken by the Medical Council of India and accepted by the Union ministry of health, was conveyed to the Supreme Court on August 13 bringing huge relief to lakhs of aspiring doctors. Earlier, students wanting to take up courses in medicine had to appear in at least five to six entrance tests for various colleges and worry about attendant problems like clash of exam dates as well as travel to distant places for counselling for allotment of seats.

Private medical colleges to come up in Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh: The Chhattisgarh government has approved a policy for setting up of private medical colleges in the state and land will be provided to them at a token amount of just Re.1," state Health Minister Amar Agrawal told the sources. He added the government would provide two acres of land in urban areas and five acres of land in rural areas at Re.1 to private investors who will open super specialty hospitals in the state. Chhattisgarh has just three government medical colleges as of now, one each at Raipur, Bilaspur and Jagdalpur.

ISI aims to set up scientific centre in Arunachal

Itanagar: The Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) is eyeing to set up a scientific centre in Arunachal Pradesh to cater to the needs of N-E Regional Developmental Programmes. The Institution would offer various technical courses besides helping the state government in formulating development plans and programmes. It would conduct periodical training programmes and substantially emphasise on research work.

Bill soon to regulate medical education

New Delhi: The government is preparing a bill to regulate and coordinate medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy and paramedical education in the country, parliament was informed on August 13.

NIT-Rourkela signs MoU with Vedanta Aluminium Ltd for research

Bhubaneswar: The National Institute of Technology - Rourkela (NITR) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on August 12 with Vedanta Aluminium Limited (VAL) for the purpose of developing technologies that aid in recovering iron oxide from waste that has been generated from the alumina industry.

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Nothing is ever achieved without
enthusiasm - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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IITs, IIMs may use %age evaluation

Following requests from public sector undertakings to IITs, IIMs and NITs, some of the centres of excellence are mulling over a switch from the old method of marking their students according to the cumulative grade point index to evaluating them on the basis of percentage. Hemali Chhappia reports that according to the PSUs, the institutes' individual grading systems create a lot of confusion and so they have asked the institutes to go in for a more conventional marking system.

Violence cloud on new varsity

The unrest in Srinagar and the Valley has cast a shadow on a new central university. Nearly 50 per cent of the seats at Central University of Kashmir, the only such varsity in the state and created through the Central University Act, 2009, have remained vacant after the second phase the admission for its maiden academic session. The reason is students from other states have stayed away because of the violence. The third phase of admission got over on Saturday. But with the response still poor, the university will put up a public notice on its website on Monday asking students who have applied for its courses to take admission by August 21.

2,200 BEd seats go vacant

Ahmedabad: The popularity of BEd course among students seems to have taken a severe beating as 2,200 seats in 92 BEd colleges affiliated with Gujarat University are lying vacant this year. This has created a crisis situation for BEd colleges as lack of admission may push them on the brink of closure. Taking a serious note of this, the university has taken three decisions to deal with the crisis. "We've decided to do away with 20 per cent quota for fresher students, allowing them admission on every seat. Secondly, it has been decided to give opportunity to those students who failed to submit forms in the management quota to submit their forms again. Third and most important decision is to increase seats in science and maths," said university vice-chancellor Parimal Trivedi.

First round of admission complete, MBA, MCA seats still vacant

Aspirants' insistence on admission into colleges of their choice led to 3,336 seats in MBA and 1,004 seats in MCA going vacant even as the first round of admission concluded on Monday. In MBA, 9,502 seats were offered to students, of which, 6,166 seats have been filled so far, while in MCA, out of 4,158 seats, 3,154 have been filled. "For vacant seats, students are supposed to apply online for choice filling and reshuffling on August 17 and 18. After the second round of admission, seats will be allotted on August 22," said an official from Gujarat Technological University.

Reshuffling of engineering diploma seats begins

Diploma admission committee for professional courses has initiated the reshuffling process for admission on 10,214 seats in engineering. In the first round of admission, 41,597 seats were filled. "The students seeking for reshuffling will have to apply for choice filling from August 17 to 24. The seats will be allotted on August 25, while students will have to report to their respective colleges by August 28," said an official.

From the desk of SOI Team

Careers in Investment Banking

An investment banker provides wide-range of services including endorsing securities, trading of stock and bond, facilitating mergers and acquisitions, maintaining broker-dealer operations and providing financial guidance regarding pricing of securities, issuing and placement of stocks.

Course & Eligibility

Minimum qualification for under graduate program in investment banking is 10+2. For post graduation, one has to be a graduate in the relevant field.

Career Prospects

Numerous opportunities are waiting for specialists in this field. Banks are always in need of skilled investment bankers.

Institutes offering

Some of the prominent institutes are

- Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University (ICFAI) (Tripura)
- The Society of Certified Investment Bankers, (Hyderabad)

Remuneration

A beginner can earn anywhere between Rs20000-Rs30000 per month, in the field of investment banking.

Merit list for ME, MPharm to be released today

The merit list for ME and MPharm is scheduled to be released today. There are 1,720 seats in ME and 1,767 in MPharm. A total of 4,695 students have applied for ME, while in MPharm, 2,155 have applied. The entrance test in both the streams was conducted on August 7 and 8. Students who have cleared Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (Gate) will be given priority in admission.

Jamia's biotechnology department is one of top 10

New Delhi: Jamia Millia Islamia university's biotechnology department has been rated one of the top 10 public institutes of India in a nationwide survey, a university official said on August 16. The biotechnology department of the university was surveyed under various categories like ranking by industry interaction, ranking by faculty score, ranking by infrastructure score and ranking by placement score.

Second phase of counseling begins at DTU

Delhi: The AIEEE cut-off rank for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) candidates from the Delhi region has been extended for the second counseling of the Delhi Technological University (DTU), scheduled for August 18. Now, SC candidates of Delhi category with AIEEE-2010 overall rank between 1,11,251 - 1,80,000 and OBC candidates of Delhi category with AIEEE-2010 overall rank between 35,001 - 80,000 are eligible to appear for the Second Counseling of the University at 2 PM on August 18.

Assam govt to provide scholarships to 2 lakh minority students

Guwahati: The Assam government has announced that this financial year, they will soon be providing scholarships worth Rs. 2000 to around two lakh meritorious students from the state belonging to the tea-tribe communities, the scheduled tribes, the scheduled castes, other backward classes, other communities that reside in border areas, sand isles of the river Brahmaputra and other areas spanning 27 districts that are economically and educationally backward.

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Learning is not a spectator sport - Anonymous

From the desk of SOI Team

How to face a stress interview

A stress interview aims at testing the candidate's behavior while he is being deliberately put under severe tension. This evaluates his ability to work efficiently in an atmosphere in which he is tensed up. Some of the techniques for stress interviews are the following:

- Putting a question before the answer to the previous one is finished
- Making irritating or offending remarks while the candidate is answering questions
- Upsetting his mental balance by asking irrelevant personal questions
- Hurling insults or by raising baseless allegations

You should realise that stress situations are a deliberately planned strategy to test you. If you can keep in mind that all these are in fact harmless tests to unearth your real temperament, you can undergo this exercise with a smile and respond well. The most vital thing is that you should never lose your mental equilibrium. You will be evaluated by the panel, knowing fully well that you are under severe tension artificially created for the trial.

Never keep in mind a negative approach, under the impression that the stress interview is a vain and redundant exercise. You can take it as an opportunity to face an interesting challenge. A smile within you and a confident approach are sure to make you win. Never show your frustration. Act as if you take the exercise as a pleasant experience. Keep your sense of humour. Give short answers. Speak softly. Believe in yourself. Keep your confidence at its peak.

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Pratibha Patil speaks at IIT-D Golden Jubilee celebrations

New Delhi: "Educational institutions like the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are the crucibles where all these three forces can interface with each other. Here, young students while studying science disciplines must inculcate a good value system," the President spoke at the inauguration of the Golden Jubilee Year of IIT-Delhi. Calling IIT-Delhi one of the front ranking educational institutions in the country, Pratibha Patil said that the establishment of the education infrastructure in India, including the IITs, was the outcome of the vision of the first Prime Minister of India, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.

Colleges should prepare students for jobs – President

New Delhi: President Pratibha Patil on Tuesday urged educational institutions to prepare students as skilled workers, as there is a mismatch between the talents that graduates possess and the needs of employers in various sectors. Inaugurating the golden jubilee celebration of Delhi University's Sri Venkateswara College, Patil said, "The mismatch of skills leads to low employability ratio of our higher education graduates. This needs to be corrected and a broad based system of education that caters to all subjects is needed."

MCI mulls new training facilities

New Delhi: As the faculty crunch in medical colleges becomes a major issue of concern and to resolve it to some extent, the Medical Council of India (MCI) is now mulling conducting tele-classes for students. An All India Medical College Tele-Medicine Network is under the consideration of the health ministry, Sita Naik, a member of the MCI's board of governors, said on Tuesday. "We are seriously considering using distant education through tele-medicine for things like classroom lectures," she said.

Common medical entrance test from next year: MCI

New Delhi: A common entrance test for students aspiring to study medicine is likely to be introduced from the next year, the Medical Council of India (MCI) said on August 17. It will cover the private as well as government medical colleges across the country. Ranks will be given to students on the basis of this test which will be used for admission in colleges all across the country. The move is also being seen as an attempt to bring an end to the management quota seats and other unfair means practiced in giving admission in private medical colleges.

Jamia: Sports Authority of India's new extension centre

New Delhi: The Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) university has been adopted as an extension centre by the Sports Authority of India, an official said on August 17.

20 per cent seats increased at bachelor level in Uttar Pradesh Universities

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to increase 20 seats at B Sc, B Com, BA and other degree level courses in Degree Colleges and Universities of the state.

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The important thing is not to stop questioning -Albert Einstein

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A new digital library network to degree colleges soon

Mangalore: A new digital library network is all set to be available soon for students of chosen degree colleges under Mangalore University. The main advantage of this network is that colleges in rural and semi-urban areas can have access to scholarly electronic journals and electronic books in the world by paying a password fee of Rs. 5,000 per annum. Once it becomes operational, students, research scholars and teachers in those colleges can have access to more than 2,100 electronic scholarly journals and over 51,000 electronic books and other databases.

KU affiliation issue: college managements to petition Governor

Andhra Pradesh: The Acharya Nagarjuna University Private Colleges Managements Association on Monday decided against getting affiliated to the Krishna University. They would continue to remain with the Acharya Nagarjuna University, they said at a meeting of the ANUPCMA unit in Krishna district. The colleges demanded that the Government permit them to remain with the ANU till a full-fledged infrastructure, with at least a 100-member faculty and own lands and buildings, was acquired by the KU in Machilipatnam.

Varsity issued notice for flouting rules

Ahmedabad: The admission committee for professional courses (ACPC) issued a notice to Ganpat University last week. The university was issued the notice since the committee found it holding a separate admission process for master of technology (MTech) master of pharmacy (MPharm) and diploma and degree engineering courses. The director of technical education, IB Pirzada, said, "The University was found flouting the rules. The courses for which they were holding the admission process are courses for which centralised admissions are to be done in the state."

40% seats in pharmacy courses still vacant

Ahmedabad: The second round of reshuffling of engineering and pharmacy seats ended on August 18. The final merit list declared at the end of the process, shows that close to 40 per cent of the total pharmacy seats with the Admission Committee for Professional Courses (ACPC) are still vacant! Of the 7,000 seats to be filled by ACPC, 3,216 have not yet been filled and this number is expected to go up when the academic session begins. The reason is that there will be students who withdraw their admissions once they get enrolled in another college of their choice elsewhere. The seats that are remaining of pharmacy will be given to the individual institutes to fill themselves. There will be no further reshuffling held for these seats. For the students who have got admission in the final reshuffling will have to register themselves at the assigned helpline centres between August 18 and 21.

MCI inspects Bhavnagar med college

Ahmedabad: A Medical Council of India (MCI) team conducted a surprise inspection at KG Mehta General Hospital and College of Medical Science in Amargadh village in Bhavnagar on August 18. It found that the college had only a skeletal staff on campus at the time of the inspection due to mid term vacation.

From the desk of SOI Team

Career in Sports

Career in sports has emerged as one of the most lucrative options in India. Although cricket is considered second to none in India, in terms of its popularity, there still exist people who have developed inclination towards other forms of sports as well, predominantly football and hockey. This has resulted in sports becoming one of the chosen career options in India.

Course Details: A number of institutes in India provide training in sports. The aspirants can join these institutes after completing their academic qualifications such as 10+2 level with physical education / graduation with Physical education / post graduation in Physical education.

Career Prospects: Apart from serving as a player, an experienced sportsperson can also work as coach, team manager, fitness instructor, umpire or referee.

Institutes Offering: Some of the prominent sports institutes in India are Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education (Gwalior), MRF Pace Foundation (Chennai), Tata Football Academy (Jamshedpur), National Cricket Academy (Bangalore) and Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports (Patiala)

Lecture on Telecom Convergence held at DTU

Delhi: Telecommunication industry is one of the rapidly growing sectors with new innovations happening every other day. A lecture on 'Telecom Convergence' by Nitin Bajaj, Strategic & Business Development Manager of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) was organized on August 18 by Delhi School of Management (DSM), the on campus B-School of Delhi Technological University (DTU). The lecture was organized for students at DSM to provide an insight into the telecom industry and convergence of technologies in Telecom sector, to the budding managers.

Punjab Technical University targets Asia, Africa

Chandigarh: After launching its centres across India, Punjab Technical University (PTU) is all set to take the education world by storm by foraying into South Asian and African countries. To start with, PTU will launch its management and technical courses through distance learning programmes in SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) countries and then move to African and even Gulf countries.

New part time courses in IGNOU-WCC

Chennai: The City based IGNOU-Wellness Community College (IGNOU-WCC), state-of-the-art institute under the aegis of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), has launched part-time Certificate and Diploma programmes in Wellness Education.

IIM-Calcutta goes green

Kolkata: The Indian Institute of Management-Calcutta (IIM-C) is all set to introduce a new course on eco-friendly technology in its post graduate programme for executives for Visionary Leadership in Manufacturing (PGPEX-VLM) from the 2010-11 sessions. PGPEX-VLM is a one-year programme jointly conducted by IIM-C, IIT-Kanpur and IIT-Madras to impart skill-based training to potential middle-level managers in the manufacturing industry.

New courses from MIOT

Chennai: Leading healthcare provider Madras Institute of Orthopedics and Traumatology (MIOT) Hospitals has launched MIOT Academy of Allied Health Sciences and would offer six under graduate para professional courses to churn out skillful talents to help the doctors in treating patients on August 18.