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The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has released the notification for the Combined Defence Services (CDS) Examination (I), 2026.

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The UPSC has released the Combined Defence Services (CDS) Examination (I), 2026 notification for recruitment into the Indian Armed Forces. The total number of vacancies announced is 451.

Key Dates and Vacancies

- Notification Release Date: December 10, 2025
- Application Start Date: December 10, 2025
- Application Last Date: December 30, 2025 (up to 6:00 PM)
- CDS 1 Exam Date: April 12, 2026
- Total Vacancies: 451 across all academies.

Academies and Vacancy Details

The vacancies are distributed among four academies, with training courses commencing in January/April 2027:

- Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun: 100 vacancies
- Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala: 26 vacancies
- Air Force Academy (AFA), Hyderabad: 32 vacancies
- Officers' Training Academy (OTA), Chennai (Men): 275 vacancies
- Officers' Training Academy (OTA), Chennai (Women): 18 vacancies

Eligibility Criteria (Educational)

- IMA and OTA (Men & Women): A Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University in any discipline.
- INA: A Degree in Engineering (B.E./B.Tech) from a recognized University.
- AFA: A Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University (with Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level) or a Bachelor of Engineering.

Application Process and Fees

- Mode of Application: Online only via the official UPSC website (upsconline.nic.in).
- One-Time Registration (OTR): Candidates must first complete the mandatory OTR process before proceeding to the main application.
- Application Fee: ₹200 for General and OBC male candidates.
- Fee Exemption: Female, Scheduled Caste (SC), and Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates are exempted from paying the application fee.
- Correction Window: UPSC usually provides a window for applicants to make corrections to non-essential details after the application deadline.

Selection Process

The selection for all academies is a multi-stage process:

1. Written Examination: Objective-type papers covering English, General Knowledge, and Elementary Mathematics (the last subject is excluded for OTA applicants).
2. Service Selection Board (SSB) Interview: A comprehensive five-day process to assess a candidate's potential as an officer.
3. Document Verification.
4. Medical Examination.

SLAT 2026 Test-1 Admit Card Released

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Symbiosis International University (SIU) has officially released the Admit Card for the SLAT (Symbiosis Law Admission Test) 2026 Test-1.

Key Details for Candidates

- Examination: SLAT 2026 Test-1.
- Courses: This entrance test is for admission into the BA LLB and BBA LLB programs offered by Symbiosis Law Schools (SLS).
- Download Status: The admit cards are available for download on the official SIU admission portal.
- Mandatory Requirement: Candidates must download and take a printout of the hall ticket. It is compulsory to carry the printed admit card, along with a valid photo ID proof, to the examination center.

- **Admit Card Details:** The admit card includes critical information such as the candidate's name, roll number, photo, signature, exam center address, reporting time, and essential exam day guidelines.

Preparation and Schedule

- Candidates should carefully verify all details on the admit card and familiarize themselves with the examination schedule and guidelines well in advance of the test date.
- The exam guidelines typically cover permissible items, prohibited items, and instructions on attempting the test.

Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026 Registration Open

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The registration process for the 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC 2026), an interactive session with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is currently underway.

Key Details

- Programme: Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) 2026.
- Purpose: To help students, teachers, and parents manage exam stress and discuss effective preparation techniques.
- Target Audience: Students from Class 6 to 12, along with teachers and parents.
- Tentative Date: Scheduled to be held in January 2026 (exact date yet to be announced).

How to Apply

- Official Website: innovateindia1.mygov.in.
- Steps to Register:
 - a. Visit the official portal and click the 'Participate Now' button.
 - b. Select the appropriate category (student, teacher, or parent).
 - c. Log in and fill out the basic details in the application form.
 - d. Submit the form and save a copy for future reference.

Benefits:

Participants can share their questions regarding exam stress, which the Prime Minister addresses during the event. Selected participants may get the chance to attend the event itself.





SC Refuses Plea for NEET-UG 2024 to Be Held Afresh

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A significant administrative and technical failure has disrupted final year examinations for 3-year and 5-year LLB students in Mumbai, leaving many unable to take their papers due to missing hall tickets and technical glitches.

The Core Issues

- A group of students challenged the fairness of the NEET-UG 2024 exam, alleging irregularities including leaks and unfair marks.
- Delayed Portal Links: Despite receiving exam timetables well in advance, students reported that the necessary exam portal links (for accessing results and downloading hall tickets) were sent just the Thursday prior.
- Barcode Problems: At Siddharth College of Law in Fort, 5-year LLB students faced delays because the answer sheet barcodes, which contain student details, arrived late, extending the exam time and raising concerns about fairness.

Official Responses and Blame

- College Official (Nalanda Law College): Attributed the issue to "technical glitches" and suggested students might have changed their login passwords, preventing hall ticket generation. Promised to meet Mumbai University officials to resolve the issue before the next paper.
- Mumbai University (MU): Contradicted the college, stating that the hall tickets could not be issued because the college did not submit the necessary student admission data on the university portal on time. MU also blamed colleges for the barcode delay, citing their late submission of student data.
- Student Concern: Students remain "in limbo" with the Labour Law exam approaching, fearing further disruption.

Women's Surge in Maharashtra Medical Admissions (2025-26)

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The data for the 2025-26 academic year confirms a strong and growing participation of female students in medical and dental courses across Maharashtra, securing nearly half of the available MBBS seats.

MBBS Admissions

Female students have made significant gains in the highly competitive **Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) course:**

- Total Seats Secured: Women secured 4,040 seats out of a total of 8,535 MBBS seats.
- Percentage Share: This accounts for 47% of the total intake.
- Growth Trend: This marks a steady increase from 42% recorded in the 2019-20 academic year, highlighting a positive trend in female representation.
- College Split: Admissions were nearly split between government and private institutions:
 - Government Colleges: 2,140 female students admitted.
 - Private Colleges: 1,900 female students admitted.

BDS Admissions Dominance

The Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) course continues to be dominated by female students:

- Overwhelming Majority: Women secured 77% of all BDS admissions in the state.
- Seat Count: This translates to 2,085 seats out of the 2,711 available seats.

This trend underscores the increasing preference and success of female candidates in the state's health science courses, particularly in dentistry, and their rising presence in the most sought-after MBBS program.

IIT Hyderabad Chemistry Project Opportunity (Postdoctoral Fellow)

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The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad is inviting applications for a research position, typically a Postdoctoral Fellow, in the Department of Chemistry. This is an excellent opportunity for experienced researchers in the field of heterogeneous catalysis.

Principal Investigator (PI): Dr. Kishore Natte

Project Focus

- Title: "Development of Selective Catalyst for Ethylene to Higher Hydrocarbons (\$C_8\$+)"
- Duration: 18 months

Key Details

- Salary: ₹ 61,000 per month (Consolidated).
- Qualification: PhD in Chemistry with relevant experience.
- Age: Must be above 35 years of age.

Essential Expertise

Candidates must have proven, hands-on experience in:

- Heterogeneous catalyst design.
- Material synthesis and comprehensive characterisation.
- Performance evaluation using fixed-bed reactor setups.

How to Apply

- Deadline: December 15, 2025, by 5:00 PM IST.
- Action: Email your CV to kishore.natte@chy.iith.ac.in.
- Crucial: Use the exact subject line: "Development of Selective Catalyst for Ethylene to Higher Hydrocarbons (C8+)" and include a brief justification for your application.

Selection Process

Candidates will be shortlisted based on prior experience and will be called for an interview (potentially online).

Maharashtra's "Mukhyamantri Vidyarthi Vigyan Wari" Scheme

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The Maharashtra government is set to launch the "Mukhyamantri Vidyarthi Vigyan Wari" (CM Student Science Tour) scheme, a multi-tiered initiative aimed at promoting interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) among school students. The scheme rewards participants of school-level science project competitions with educational tours.

Tiered Selection and Tours

The selection process is structured across three levels, with rewards escalating based on the student's achievement in science project competitions held by the School Education Department:

- Taluka Level Achievement:
 - Reward: 21 students with the top projects from each taluka will visit a divisional science centre in cities like Nagpur, Pune, or Mumbai.
- District Level Achievement:
 - Reward: 51 students with the best projects from every district will get an opportunity to visit the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Headquarters in Bengaluru.
- State Level Achievement:
 - Reward: 51 students who are state-level finalists will be chosen for a transformative study tour to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the United States.

Implementation Delay and Funding

The scheme, which aims to recognize the persistent efforts of young science enthusiasts beyond just the top winners, received the Chief Minister's in-principle approval in June 2025.

- Delay Reason: BJP MLA Ameet Satam questioned the delay in implementation. School Education Minister Dada Bhuse attributed the hold-up to objections raised by the State Planning Department regarding the revised and increased expenditure (from an initial estimate of ₹1.06 lakh to ₹12.96 lakh, and an estimated annual cost of ₹3 crore for the NASA trip alone).
- Current Status: Minister Bhuse assured the Assembly that the objections are being resolved, and the scheme will be launched soon.



CBSE Tightens Class XII Practical Exam Rules with Geotagging

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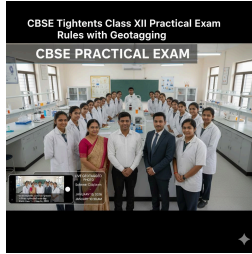
The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued new, strict guidelines for Class XII Practical Examinations to enhance transparency and prevent malpractices, particularly concerning marks awarded to absent students.

Key New Requirements

- **Geotagged Group Photo Mandatory:** Schools must upload one clear geotagged group photograph for every practical batch.
 - This photo must include all students, the External Examiner, Internal Examiner, and the Observer, taken inside the lab.
 - The geotagging feature records the exact location, date, and time (EXIF data) for verification.
- **Batch Size and Scheduling:** Each practical batch must comprise 30 students, though they can be divided into two groups of 15. The entire batch must complete the exam on the same day.
- **Photo Upload Timeline:** The geotagged photo must be uploaded to the exam management system on the same day the practical exam is conducted.

Administrative and Verification Mandates

- **Examiner Appointment:** CBSE will mandatorily appoint all External Examiners and Observers; schools cannot replace them.
- **Pre-Exam Inspection:** The External Examiner must inspect the lab setup and verify equipment before the exams begin.
- **Strict Consequences:** Missing or incorrect details in the uploaded data or photos will lead to the cancellation of the exam and necessitate a re-examination.
- **Timeline:** All practical exams must be completed between January 1 and February 14, 2026.



CBSE Class 12 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Sample Paper 2026

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The CBSE has released Sample Question Paper-1 for the Class 12 Artificial Intelligence (Subject Code 843) exam, scheduled for March 24, 2026. This 50-mark, two-hour paper is an essential guide for students to understand the format and expected difficulty of the board assessment.

Exam Structure and Focus

The paper is divided into two distinct parts:

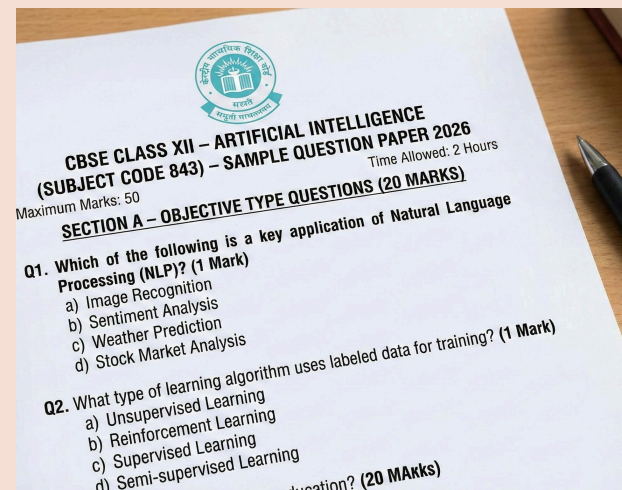
Part A: Employability Skills (10 Marks)
This section assesses general skills and includes objective and short-answer questions based on five key areas:

- Communication Skills
- Self-Management Skills
- ICT Skills
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Green Skills

Part B (Subject-Specific Skills) of the 50-mark, 2-hour Class 12 AI exam focuses on conceptual understanding and practical application of Artificial Intelligence.

Key AI Concepts

1. **AI Model Life Cycle:** This involves the iterative process of developing and maintaining an AI system. Key phases include:
 - **Build:** Data acquisition, preparation, feature engineering, and model training.
 - **Deploy:** Integrating the trained model into a production environment for real-world use.
 - **Retrain:** Continuously monitoring the deployed model and updating it with new data to prevent performance degradation (concept/data drift).
2. **Data Storytelling:** The practice of using a narrative, compelling visualizations, and data to explain complex insights and drive action for non-technical stakeholders. It focuses on communicating the "why" and "so what" behind the data.



Special FYJC Admission Round for Unplaced Students

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The Maharashtra School Education Department has commenced a special admission round for First Year Junior College (FYJC) seats to ensure all eligible students secure admission.

Key Purpose and Target

- **Goal:** To accommodate approximately 800 students across Maharashtra who were still without college admission.
- **Target Group:** The round particularly benefits ATKT candidates who passed their Class 10 exams in the July supplementary session.
- **Window:** The admission activity is scheduled to run from December 10 to December 16.

Important Dates

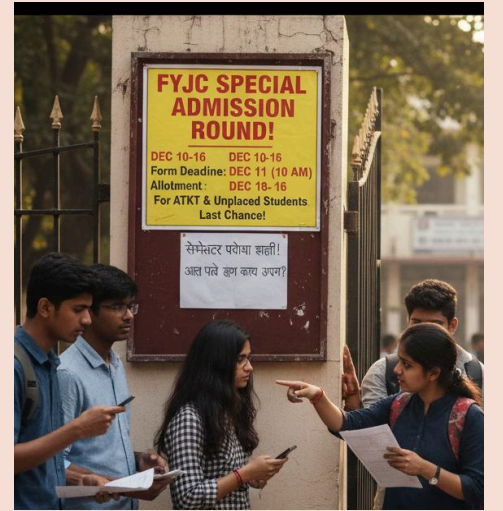
- **Form Submission Deadline:** 10:00 AM on December 11.
- **Allotment List Release:** Scheduled for December 13.
- **Admission Confirmation Deadline:** December 16.

Reason for the Special Round

- This special round was deemed necessary after a ground survey identified the students who had missed earlier opportunities.
- The issue arose largely because this is the first year the state has implemented a fully online admissions system across all districts, which led to logistical challenges for late-passers and students in non-metro areas.

Concern for Students

The launch of this special round is controversial as the first-semester exams for Class 11 students have already been completed. Students admitted in this round will face the significant challenge of catching up on several months of coursework.



CBSE Class 10 Board Exam 2026: Important Instructions

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The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced a crucial change in the structure of the Science and Social Science question papers for the 2026 Class 10 Board Exams.

Science Paper Structure

The question paper is divided into three sections:

- Section A: Biology
- Section B: Chemistry
- Section C: Physics

Candidate Instruction:

- You must divide your answer book into three separate sections for writing the answers, corresponding to A, B, and C.

Social Science Paper Structure

The question paper is divided into four sections:

- Section A: History
- Section B: Geography
- Section C: Political Science (Civics)
- Section D: Economics

Candidate Instruction:

- You must divide your answer book into four separate sections for writing the answers, corresponding to A, B, C, and D.

Critical Evaluation Rule (DO NOT MISS)

The most vital instruction is about maintaining separation:

- The answers for a particular section must be written only within the space identified for that section.
- Answers from one section must not be mixed with or written in any other section's space.
- **Mistake Penalty:** If you violate this rule, the answers will not be evaluated, no marks will be awarded, and this will not be addressed during revaluation or verification.

Exam Dates & Timing

- **Period:** February 17, 2026, to March 10, 2026.
- **Shift:** Single shift.
- **Time:** 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM (or 12:30 PM for few subjects).





CSIR UGC NET December 2025: Exam City Intimation Slip Released

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The National Testing Agency (NTA) has released the Advance Exam City Intimation Slips for the Joint CSIR-UGC NET December 2025 Examination on the official portal, csirnet.nta.ac.in.

Key Dates and Exam Mode

- Exam Date: December 18, 2025 (Single Day)
- Mode: Computer-Based Test (CBT)
- Shifts: The exam will be conducted in two shifts:
 - Shift 1: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
 - Shift 2: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- Note: Subject-wise assignment to shifts is available in the NTA public notice.

Subject-Wise Exam Shifts

The Joint CSIR-UGC NET December 2025 examination will be conducted on a single day, December 18, 2025, in two separate shifts.

Shift 1 (Morning)

- Timing: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon (3 Hours)
- Subjects:
 - Life Sciences
 - Earth, Atmospheric, Ocean and Planetary Sciences

Shift 2 (Afternoon)

Timing: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM (3 Hours)

Subjects:

Chemical Sciences
Mathematical Sciences
Physical Sciences

Candidates should verify their allotted shift for their specific subject on their downloaded City Intimation Slip and the official Admit Card once released.

Purpose of the City Intimation Slip

The slip is a crucial logistical document released in advance to help candidates plan their travel and accommodation.

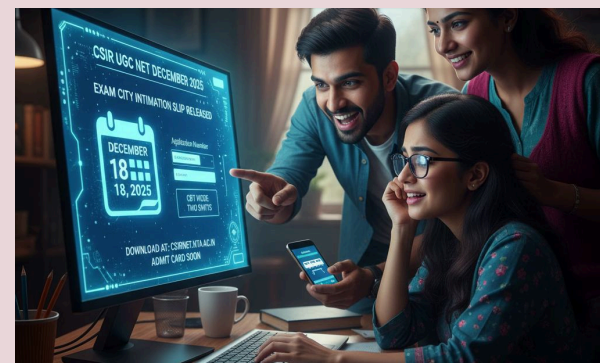
- What it contains: Only the Name of the Exam City allotted to the candidate.
- What it is NOT: It is NOT the Admit Card.
- What it Lacks: It does not contain the exact examination centre address, roll number, or detailed exam-day instructions.

How to Download

- Visit the official website: csirnet.nta.ac.in.
- Click on the link for the Advance City Intimation Slip.
- Log in using your Application Number and Date of Birth.
- View, download, and save the document.

Next Step: Admit Card

The official Admit Card, containing the specific venue address, detailed shift timings, roll number, and full instructions, will be released separately closer to the examination date (expected around December 14-16, 2025). Candidates are strongly advised to keep checking the official CSIR NET portal regularly for this release.



JEE Advanced 2026: Official Exam Date & Key Information

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The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee, the organizing institute for JEE Advanced 2026, has released the official exam date and core details for the national-level engineering entrance test.

Exam Schedule

- Organizing Institute: IIT Roorkee
- Exam Date: Sunday, May 17, 2026
- Mode: Computer-Based Test (CBT) across various centres.

Papers & Timings:

The examination is compulsory to take in two sessions on the same day, totaling six hours:

- Paper 1: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (3 hours)
- Paper 2: 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM (3 hours)

Eligibility is a Two-Step Process

Admission to undergraduate programmes (B.Tech, B.Arch, Dual Degrees) at the IITs requires candidates to satisfy five main criteria:

- JEE Main Qualification:** A candidate must be among the top ~2.5 lakh qualifiers from the JEE Main 2026 B.E./B.Tech. paper across all categories. Performance in JEE Main is the primary gateway.
- Number of Attempts:** A candidate can appear for JEE Advanced a maximum of two times in two consecutive years.
- Age Limit:**
 - General/OBC: Born on or after October 1, 2001.
 - SC/ST/PwD: Born on or after October 1, 1996 (5 years relaxation).
- Class 12 Appearance:** Must have appeared for the Class 12 (or equivalent) examination for the first time in either 2025 or 2026.
- Previous IIT Admission:** Must not have been admitted to any IIT previously.

Core Registration Process

The registration process for JEE Advanced is strictly for the top 2.5 lakh qualifiers of JEE Main 2026 and involves three main steps:

- Online Registration:** Logging in using JEE Main credentials and filling out the application form.
- Document Upload:** Uploading necessary documents, including Class 10/Birth Certificate and Category/PwD certificates (if applicable).
- Fee Payment:** Paying the required registration fee (e.g., ₹1600 for female/SC/ST/PwD candidates, ₹3200 for others, based on previous years).

Syllabus

- Physics:** Emphasizes conceptual clarity and application, covering Mechanics, Electrodynamics, Thermodynamics, Optics, and Modern Physics.
- Chemistry:** Covers Physical, Inorganic, and Organic Chemistry, including topics like Atomic Structure, Chemical Kinetics, Coordination Compounds, and Biomolecules.
- Mathematics:** Focuses on Algebra, Calculus (Differential and Integral), Coordinate Geometry, Trigonometry, and Vectors.

Tentative Schedule

Based on the official announcement and historical trends, the tentative timeline for major events is as follows:

- Information Brochure Release: Expected in March–April 2026.
- Online Registration Start Date: Expected in April 2026, soon after the JEE Main 2026 results (Session 2) are announced, as only the top candidates can register.
- Registration Last Date: Expected in Early May 2026.
- Admit Card Download: Expected in the Second Week of May 2026.
- Architecture Aptitude Test (AAT): Expected in June 2026 (for B.Arch admissions).
- Result Declaration: Expected in June 2026, followed by JoSAA/CSAB counselling for seat allocation.





Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) 2026

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The 2026 cycle for Teacher Eligibility Tests (TETs), which are mandatory for teaching positions in government and aided schools (Classes I–VIII), is following a structured and, in many cases, overlapping schedule across India. The TET certificate is generally valid for a lifetime qualification in many states.

Key National & State-Level Exam Dates

While the official notification for many states is anticipated from January 2026, major exams are already underway or have confirmed early 2026 dates:

- **CTET (Central TET) - February 2026:**
 - Application Deadline: December 18, 2025.
 - Exam Date: February 8, 2026 (Sunday).
 - Timing: Paper II (Classes VI–VIII) is in the Morning Shift (9:30 AM to 12:00 NOON) and Paper I (Classes I–V) is in the Evening Shift (2:30 PM to 5:00 PM).
- **TG TET (Telangana TET) - January 2026:**
 - Application Closed: November 29, 2025.
 - Hall Ticket Release: December 27, 2025.
 - Exam Dates: Between January 3 and January 31, 2026 (CBT mode).
 - Result: Expected between February 10 and 16, 2026.

- **UPTET (Uttar Pradesh TET) - 2026:**
- Exam Dates: January 29 and 30, 2026 (Date announced, official notification with application dates is awaited).

Exam Structure and Purpose

- Papers: Exams are conducted for Paper I (Classes I–V) and Paper II (Classes VI–VIII). Candidates may appear for one or both papers.
- Mandate: Clearing the TET is an essential eligibility requirement under the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) norms before candidates can apply for teacher recruitment drives (e.g., District Selection Committee - DSC notifications).
- Result Timeline: Results and certificates are typically released within weeks of the exams to ensure qualified candidates can apply immediately for subsequent teaching recruitment drives.

Validity and Purpose

- Certificate Validity: TET certificates are now generally valid for a lifetime across many states, removing the need for re-qualification.
- Eligibility: Clearing the TET is a fundamental eligibility requirement to apply for teacher posts in government, aided, and certain private schools, as mandated by NCTE/ RTE guidelines.

TET Paper Structure and Syllabus

TET exams, whether state or central, are divided into two distinct papers:

- **Paper I (Primary Level):** Designed for aspirants who wish to teach Classes I to V (age group 6–11 years).
 - Subjects: Child Development and Pedagogy (CDP), Language I (regional/ local language), Language II (typically English), Mathematics, and Environmental Studies (EVS).
 - Question Basis: Questions are generally based on a difficulty level up to the Class 12 standard.
- **Paper II (Upper Primary Level):** Designed for aspirants who wish to teach Classes VI to VIII (age group 11–14 years).
 - Subjects: CDP (focused on the upper primary age group), Language I, Language II, and a Subject-Specific Section of 60 marks (either Mathematics & Science, or Social Studies/Social Science).
 - Question Basis: The content difficulty level is typically up to the Graduation level.
- **Common Pattern:** Both papers typically consist of 150 Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs) for 150 marks and have a duration of 2 hours 30 minutes. Most exams, like the TG TET, have no negative marking.

MPSC Preliminary Exams Rescheduled to January 2026

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The Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) has officially announced a postponement and new dates for two key preliminary examinations for the 2025 cycle. This change affects thousands of candidates aspiring for Group B and Group C posts.

Postponements and New Dates

The examinations were postponed from their original dates in December 2025:

- Group B (Non-Gazetted) Services Combined Preliminary Exam 2025:
 - Original Date: December 21, 2025 (11:00 AM to 12:00 PM)
 - Revised Date: Sunday, January 4, 2026
- Group C Services Combined Preliminary Exam 2025:
 - Original Date: (Not explicitly mentioned in the original text, but historically often conducted shortly after Group B).
 - Revised Date: Sunday, January 11, 2026

Reason for Postponement

The decision to reschedule was made following consultations with the State Election Commission and district officials. The original exam date, December 21, 2025, overlapped with the ongoing State Election process, which includes Gram Panchayat and Municipal Corporation elections. The postponement prevents any conflict or disruption during the election period.

Common Preliminary Exam Details

The Preliminary Examination is the same for all posts under the combined Group B and Group C services.

- Exam Pattern: Objective-type (MCQs).
- Total Questions/Marks: 100 Questions for 100 Marks.
- Duration: 1 hour (60 minutes).
- Negative Marking: 1/4th mark deduction for every wrong answer.
- Post-Selection: Successful candidates qualify to appear for the separate Mains examination for their respective Group B or Group C posts.

Key Syllabus Focus

The 100-mark paper emphasizes General Awareness across seven main areas, with a mandatory focus on Maharashtra-specific knowledge:

- Core Subjects: Current Affairs, Polity, History, Geography, Economy, General Science, and Quants & Reasoning.
- Mandatory Focus: Candidates must deeply study the socio-economic, political, cultural history, and geography of Maharashtra to succeed.

Posts Covered (Group B & C)

The exam serves as the gateway to high-demand non-gazetted positions, including:

- Group B: Police Sub-Inspector (PSI), Assistant Section Officer (ASO), and State Tax Inspector (STI).
- Group C: Industry Inspector, Tax Assistant, Technical Assistant, Clerk-Typist, and Excise Sub-Inspector.

Basic Eligibility

- Education: Bachelor's Degree required.
- Age: Generally 19 to 38 years (with reservation relaxations).
- Essential: Compulsory knowledge of the Marathi language.



Study Abroad: How 2025 Changed Visa Rules and What to Expect in 2026

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The year 2025 brought major changes to international study-visa policies, significantly affecting students heading to Canada, the UK, and the US. Stricter financial requirements, reduced post-study work periods, and revised eligibility norms influenced acceptance rates and slowed processing across leading destinations, prompting many Indian applicants to reconsider their study plans.

Canada:

Canada's long-term cap on study permits continued to shape the higher-education environment, leading to fewer seats in master's and doctoral programs. Acceptance rates dropped, and students were required to show higher proof of funds due to increased living-expense benchmarks.

United Kingdom:

The UK shortened its Graduate Route visa from two years to 18 months, prompting students to rethink post-study career options. Visa fees and maintenance-fund requirements rose, and rules on dependants tightened—most taught postgraduate students could no longer bring family members, reducing the country's appeal for those seeking long-term settlement.

United States:

The US shifted away from the traditional duration-of-status model, moving to fixed-term visas tied directly to the length of the academic program. This change introduced stricter security screenings and a more structured visa-renewal process.

Outlook for 2026:

Experts anticipate further tightening. Canada may continue its study-permit quota and increasingly connect work permissions to labour-market demands. The UK is expected to enforce stronger financial checks and add more restrictions on dependants and post-study work pathways. The US may standardise fixed-term visas and lengthen security-screening timelines.

According to education consultant Ritika Gupta, students planning for 2026 will need stronger financial preparation, earlier applications, and precise documentation. Many may explore emerging options in Europe or Asia, where visa rules remain comparatively flexible. These evolving policies in 2025 and 2026 will play a central role in shaping global student mobility trend

Indian Students and Educator Shortlisted for World Education Medals 2025.

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Two Indian students and an educator have been named finalists for the World Education Medals 2025, an international award honouring impactful and inclusive uses of AI in education. Their selection reflects India's rising leadership in developing accessible, real-world tech solutions for learning.

The shortlisted students include 16-year-old Raul John Aju from Kerala, founder of Alrealm Technologies and ThinkCraft Academy, where he builds affordable AI learning platforms that teach students practical, future-ready skills. His initiatives focus on expanding access to quality tech education, especially for underserved learners, through hands-on projects and mentorship.

Also selected is Ashwat Prasanna from Bengaluru, creator of EyeSight, an assistive AI tool that helps visually impaired students understand STEM content such as diagrams, graphs, and formulas. By combining computer vision and voice-based support, his innovation strengthens accessibility in subjects where visually challenged learners often face the greatest barriers.

Representing India in the Educator category is Vineeta Garg, Head of IT at a Delhi school. Her initiative, EmpowerED with AI, develops multilingual, inclusive AI tools for classrooms. She also trains teachers in AI literacy and promotes digital equity, ensuring students from diverse backgrounds can access high-quality learning resources.

They join 15 other finalists from countries including the US, UAE, Switzerland, Brazil, Italy, and the Philippines. This year's shortlist highlights global trends such as AI for accessibility, youth-led innovation, and scalable digital learning models that support real-world educational challenges.

Winners across the Leaders, Educators, and Students categories will be announced next month at the Education Leaders Forum in London, where the finalists will present their work to global decision-makers and education experts.

This recognition underscores the growing impact of Indian innovators driving AI-enabled transformation in education worldwide.

Indian Students Turning to Data Analytics as the Fastest Pathway to US Jobs

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

Indian students are securing US jobs faster by prioritizing proven skills over traditional degrees. Here is the condensed strategy:

1. Portfolio > Prestige

- Reality: Employers care what you can build, not just where you studied.
- Action: Build a GitHub or Tableau portfolio with 5+ real-world projects (e.g., predicting customer churn). This beats a theoretical degree.

2. The 3-Year Visa Advantage (STEM OPT)

- Why it Matters: Data Analytics programs qualify for STEM OPT, granting 3 years of work authorization (1 year standard + 2 years extension).
- Benefit: This long runway makes you a safer, lower-risk hire for US companies compared to non-STEM graduates.

3. AI Proofing Your Career

- The Shift: AI tools now handle basic coding and cleaning.
- New Value: Employers hire for "Data Judgment"—the ability to verify AI outputs and explain the business impact, rather than just writing SQL queries.

4. 3 Steps to Get Hired Faster

- Niche Down: Be a specialist (e.g., Healthcare Analyst), not a generalist. Domain knowledge protects you from automation.
- Use "Messy" Data: Avoid clean Kaggle datasets. Show you can scrub and fix real-world, imperfect data.
- Master Storytelling: The 1 soft skill is explaining complex data to non-technical managers.

The Surprising Country Indian Students Chose Most in 2025

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

As 2025 draws to a close, Canada continues to stand out as the most preferred study-abroad destination for Indian students—despite strong competition from traditional hubs like the US and UK. Data from the Ministry of External Affairs and top education institutions shows that 137,608 Indian students enrolled in Canada during 2024–25. This trend persists even as a record 1.8 million Indian students are projected to study abroad in 2025—a 38% increase from 2023—driven by the pursuit of global exposure, better careers, and favourable immigration options.

Why Canada Leads: Key Factors Behind Its Popularity

Affordable, High-Quality Education Canadian universities deliver strong academic programs at significantly lower tuition costs—typically ₹15–30 lakh per year, compared to ₹30–50 lakh in the US or UK. Generous scholarships, such as the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (up to CAD 50,000), help further reduce expenses. Top institutions like the University of Toronto and McGill University consistently rank among the world's best.

Immigration-Friendly

The Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) allows up to three years of work after graduation, often serving as a pathway to Permanent Residency through mechanisms like Express Entry. This long-term clarity is a major draw for Indian students seeking stability.

Safe, Multicultural Environment

With 1.8 million people of Indian origin, Canada offers cultural familiarity and inclusivity. Its strong safety ranking (11th on the Global Peace Index) reassures families about student well-being.

High ROI and Job Opportunities

A 2025 unemployment rate of 5.8% and strong demand in IT, engineering, and healthcare provide solid career prospects. Starting salaries of CAD 50,000–70,000 make Canada an appealing high-ROI destination.

NIFT Entrance Examination 2026: Key Admission Details

The registration window for the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Entrance Exam 2026 is officially open for admission to UG (B.Des, B.F.Tech) and PG (M.Des, M.F.Tech, MFM) programmes.

Important Dates

Registration Begins December 8, 2025
Last Date (Regular Fee) January 6, 2026
Last Date (Late Fee) January 10, 2026 (with an extra ₹5,000 fee)
Application Correction Window January 12–14, 2026
Entrance Exam Date February 8, 2026 (Sunday)

Exam Structure

The exam is conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) in ~100 cities across India and consists of two main components:

- Creative Ability Test (CAT): Paper-Based Test (PBT), mandatory for B.Des and M.Des.
- General Ability Test (GAT): Computer-Based Test (CBT), common for all programmes.

Final Selection Process (Multi-Stage)

1. Written Exam: CAT + GAT.
2. Situation Test: Mandatory for shortlisted B.Des candidates (hands-on test).
3. Personal Interview (PI): Mandatory for shortlisted PG (M.Des, MFM, M.F.Tech) candidates.

Candidates must review the official NIFT/NTA prospectus for specific eligibility criteria and detailed exam blueprints to guide their preparation.



MBA Admissions via MAT: December 2025 Session

The Management Aptitude Test (MAT), conducted by the All India Management Association (AIMA), is a key national-level entrance exam for admission into MBA and other PG-level management programs across India. The MAT is held four times a year, and the application process for the December 2025 session is currently ongoing.

Important Dates and Eligibility

The December 2025 session offers three testing modes, each with separate deadlines:

- PBT (Paper Based Test) Date: December 13, 2025
 - Registration Deadline (PBT): December 7, 2025
- CBT (Computer Based Test) Date: December 21, 2025
 - Registration Deadline (CBT): December 15, 2025
- IBT (Internet Based Test): Dates vary, check the official AIMA website.
- Eligibility: Candidates must hold a Bachelor's Degree in any discipline. Final-year students are also eligible to apply.

Exam Structure and Scoring

MAT is considered an easy-to-moderate difficulty exam, offering a strong pathway into management education.

- Sections: The exam has five sections.
- Total Questions: 150 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).
- Total Time: 120 minutes (2 hours).
- Marking Scheme:
 - +1 Mark for every correct answer.
 - -0.25 Mark deduction for every incorrect answer.
 - The total score is scaled to a composite score (typically ranging from 199 to 801). Note that the score for the last section, Economic and Business Environment, is generally not included in the Composite Score calculation used by B-schools.

Section	Questions	Max Marks
Language Comprehension	30	30
Intelligence and Critical Reasoning	30	30
Mathematical Skills	30	30
Data Analysis and Sufficiency	30	30
Economic and Business Environment	30	30
Total	150	150 (Raw Score)

Admission Scope

The MAT score is accepted by over 600 B-schools across the country for admission to MBA, PGDM, and allied management programs. This includes institutes in major metro areas like Mumbai, Delhi NCR, and Bengaluru, offering opportunities even at moderate percentiles (e.g., 60-70 percentile is accepted by many good institutes).

Preparation Tips for High Score

To achieve a competitive score, focus your preparation strategically:

1. Language Comprehension: Develop speed reading and analytical skills. Concentrate on vocabulary (synonyms, antonyms, word usage), grammar, and identifying the main concept of passages quickly.
2. Quants/Data Analysis: Practice Arithmetic, Algebra, and interpretation of charts/graphs (Data Interpretation/Data Sufficiency) regularly, as they form the bulk of these sections.

This exam is an accessible route for management aspirants who may also be preparing for other tests like ICET or state-level exams.

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai: Important Admission Updates

PG Admission Deadline Extended (2026-28 Batch)

- New Deadline: The last date to submit online applications has been extended to December 17, 2025.
- Applicable Programs: This extension applies to the Postgraduate programs that now accept Common Admission Test (CAT) 2025 scores for selection. These typically include:
 - Master of Arts in Human Resource Management & Labour Relations (MA HRM & LR)
 - Master of Arts in Organisation Development, Change and Leadership (MA ODCL)
 - Master of Hospital Administration (MHA)
- Action Required: Candidates must ensure their application is submitted via the TISS admission portal by the end of the day on December 17.

APJ Abdul Kalam Shramik Prashikshit Shiksha Sahayata Yojana 2025

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

About

AThe Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Shramik Prashikshit Shiksha Sahayata Yojana 2025, is offered by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Labour Welfare Department. This scholarship is a financial support scheme designed to assist children of registered labourers pursuing degree, diploma, or certificate technical courses. Selected students will receive financial assistance of up to ₹25,000 per year for the duration of their course.

Source: skpuplabour.in

Eligibility

- e the son/daughter of a registered labourer under the Shops & Establishments Act, 1962, or the Factories Act, 1948, in Uttar Pradesh
- have a parent with a monthly wage not exceeding ₹24,000
- be enrolled in:
 - Degree Courses: B.Tech, M.Tech, BCA, MCA, BBA, MBA, MBBS, or other technical degree programs
 - Diploma Courses: Polytechnic, PGDM, or other diploma programs
 - Certificate Courses: ITI or other certified vocational programs

Benefits:

he selected students will receive financial assistance up to ₹25,000 as per their courses.

Required Documents (Ready to Upload):

- Application form
- Student's or labourer's bank passbook (with IFSC code)
- Proof of admission (fee receipt or certificate)
- Passport Photo
- Aadhaar card

How to Apply (Step-by-Step):

- 1: Click on the 'Apply Now' button below.
- 2: Click on the 'Register' button and fill in the required registration details (Note:- If already registered, log in using Gmail/Mobile number/EmailID).
- 3: Click on 'New User Register' (न्यू यूजर रजिस्टर करें) and fill in the required details, and click on the Submit button.
- 4: Fill in your credentials and proceed with your application.

Important Dates

The applications are open throughout the year.

Selection Criteria

Applicants are selected based on verification of eligibility, institution enrollment, and submitted documents.

Contact Details

Labour Welfare Department,
Government of Uttar Pradesh

Monash University International Merit Scholarship

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

About

Monash University International Merit Scholarship is an opportunity for current and future students intending to pursue an undergraduate course at Monash University. A total of 20 selected students will receive a benefit of AUD 15,000 per annum.

Eligibility Criteria

- be an international student
- intend to enrol in a full-time undergraduate (coursework) degree at an Australian campus of Monash University
- hold an offer for a full-time course (for commencing students)

Benefits:

- A total of 20 scholarships are offered every year, worth AUD 15,000 each (48 credit points of study), paid per year until the minimum number of points for the degree is completed.

How can you apply?

- 1: Click on the 'Apply Now' button below.
- 2: Click on the 'Register' button and fill in the required registration details (Note:- If already registered, log in using Gmail/Mobile number/Email ID).
- 3: No application is required. Students who have received an undergraduate course offer from Monash will automatically be considered.

Important Dates

- The application timeline is the same as that of the respective course. Students must check the official website of the university for the details.

Selection Criteria

Selections will be made based on the following criteria:-

- Academic merit
- Scholarship application statement given by the candidates
- Applicant's potential to be an ambassador for Monash University

Terms and Conditions

- To retain this scholarship, recipients have to maintain a distinction average of 70% or above in each semester.
- Recipients would be required to participate in a minimum of three Marketing and/or Scholarship promotional activities.
- Applicants do not need to submit the supporting documents with the scholarship application form.
- The preference will be given to the commencing students.
- The applicants need to hold an unconditional offer for full-time study at Monash University.

Contact Details

MonashUniversity
Victoria3800
Australia
Contact Number:
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IDRBT Research Associateship 2025

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The Opportunity A paid research role at the Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (established by RBI), focusing on cutting-edge banking tech.

The Pay

- Monthly Stipend: ₹31,500
- Perks: Additional benefits as per institute rules.

Who is Eligible?

- Education: Full-time B.E./B.Tech (CSE/IT/ECE) with 60% marks (First Class).
- Age Limit: Below 28 years.

Key Research Areas (High Demand)

- AI/ML & Data Science
- Cyber Security (Ethical Hacking, Digital Privacy)
- Blockchain & Crypto (DLT, Tokenisation)
- Cloud & Quantum Computing
- Digital Payments (Open Banking, Payment Systems)

Why it's Valuable:

This is a gateway to the niche FinTech and Cyber Security sectors with a respectable stipend and exposure to real-world banking infrastructure projects.

Documents Required

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Filled Application Form (Download from website)
- Recent Passport-size Photograph
- Verified copies of educational certificates

How to Apply (3 Steps)

1. Download: Get the application form from the IDRBT website under 'Research Associateship'.
2. Prepare: Fill the form and attach your photo and documents.
3. Email: Send everything to careers@idrbt.ac.in.
 - Subject Line: Application for the Position of Research Associate (Strictly use this subject).

Key Details

- Deadline: Open all year (Rolling admissions).
- Tenure: 3 Years (Full-time contract, performance-based extension).
- Location: Masab Tank, Hyderabad.

Need Help?

- Email: publisher@idrbt.ac.in
- Phone: (040) 2329 4999

SERB - POWER Research Grants 2023

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

About

SERB - POWER Research Grants 2023 is a research opportunity offered by the Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB) to women researchers. This scheme aims to encourage emerging and eminent women researchers for an individual-centric and competitive mode of research funding to undertake R&D activities in frontier areas of Science and Engineering. The selected fellows will receive grants up to INR 60,00,000 for three years.

Eligibility

- To be eligible, an applicant must -
- be an Indian citizen
- hold a regular academic/research position in a recognized academic institution or national laboratory or in any other recognized R&D institution in India

Benefits

- The selected fellows will receive grants under the following two categories -
- Level I: The scale of funding up to 60,00,000 or three years.
- Level II: The scale of funding up to 30,00,000 for three years.

Required Document

The proposal must include -

- Project Title (max 500 characters)
- Project summary (max 3,000 characters)
- Keywords (max 6)
- Objectives of the project (max 1,500 characters)
- Expected output, and outcome of the proposal (max 1,500 characters)
- Budget (Research Personnel, Consumables, Travel, Equipment, Contingency, Overhead)

How can you apply?

Eligible candidates can apply for the opportunity by following the below-mentioned steps: 1: Click on the 'Apply Now' button. 2: Click the 'Register' button and fill in the required registration details. (Note - If already registered, log in using Gmail/Mobile number/Email Id) 3: Navigate to the 'How To Apply Online' section and click on 'click here to register'. 4: Navigate to the 'Login' button on the right-hand corner of the page and click on it. 5: Click on the 'New User' button. (Note-Registered users can use valid credentials to log in) 6: Fill in all the required details to complete the registration. (Note - A confirmation mail will be sent to the registered email address. Click on the URL provided in the mail to confirm registration) 7: After successful registration, fill all the mandatory fields in the profile details section under 'User Profile' which includes biodata (as per the defined template), photo, institute address, etc. and submit.

Important Dates

The applicants can apply for the position at any time of the year.

Selection Criteria

The fellows will be selected based on their performance and fulfilment of the eligibility criteria.

Terms and Conditions

- Women Scientists cannot hold POWER Fellowship and POWER Grant at the same time.
- If the candidate has CO-PI in the proposal then ensure that all the copies are also registered into the system following the same procedure.

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WALK-IN Interview to the Ph.D. Programme (January 2026 Session)

INST invites prospective candidates with independent source of fellowship for walk-in interview for admission to its Ph.D. Programme for EEU, QMaD and CBU Unit in areas related to chemical sciences, physical sciences, biological sciences, pharma and agri sciences for the session beginning in January, 2026.

Date of walk-in interview :- 16th December 2025 for EEU, CBU & QMaD Unit

For eligibility and details Candidates should visit Institute Website (<https://inst.ac.in/careers/42>)

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Advertisement for Ph.D., Integrated Ph.D. and MS (By Research) Programme for the Academic Year 2025-2026

Indian Maritime University invites online application from desirous candidates for pursuing Ph.D. (Full-time/ Part-time), Integrated Ph.D. and MS (By Research) programmes in the Schools of Marine Engineering & Technology, Naval Architecture & Ocean Engineering, Maritime Management, Nautical Science and Allied Studies for the Academic year 2025-26. The interested candidates are requested to visit IMU website for detailed information, eligibility criteria, and guidelines for online application submission. [<http://www.imu.ac.in>]

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Important Dates:-
Application Open date: 23.11.2025
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JOB & ADMISSIONS ADVERTISEMENTS (COURTESY VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS)

08.12.2025-14.12.2025



Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)
(A Scientific Society of Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)

Admission Announcement for Post Graduate Certificate Courses in ICT domain for February 2026 Batch

C-DAC announces admission to the following 12 career-oriented full-time 24 weeks courses for Graduate in Engineering (selected streams) or Post Graduate in Science (selected discipline) or M.C.A. For common and course specific eligibilities, please visit acts.cdac.in and refer to the Admission Booklet.

In line with NCVET standards, C-DAC's 900-hour PG Diploma courses are being upgraded to 1200-hour (24-week) Post Graduate Certificate Programmes of 40 credits. NSQF alignment and NCVET approval are under process

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Artificial Intelligence (PGCP-AI)
VLSI Design (PGCP-VLSI)
Mobile Computing (PGCP-MC)
Advanced Secure Software Development (PGCP-ASSD)
HPC System Administration (PGCP-HPCSA)
Robotics and Allied Technologies (PGCP-RAT)
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Important Dates

Last date of Online Application

DECEMBER 29, 2025

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Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli
Pudukkottai Main Road, Tiruchirappalli - 620 024, Tamil Nadu.

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- Information Systems & Analytics
- Marketing
- Operations Management & Decision Sciences
- Organizational Behaviour & Human Resource Management
- Strategy & Entrepreneurship

For eligibility, area-wise requirements, financial support, online application and other details, please visit our website:

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Please send your duly filled application form with supporting documents to The President, UPL University of Sustainable Technology at career@upluniversity.ac.in or by registered post with self-attested certificates and testimonials on or before **26/12/2025**. Candidates already in service should attach a copy of their latest salary slip / certificate duly signed by the competent authority.

Date : 10/12/2025

Place : Ankleshwar

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POST-DOCTORAL POSITIONS

Applications are invited for post-doctoral positions in various research areas at IUCAA. The last date for the online application is January 4, 2026.

Online application form and further details can be accessed via the following link or QR code:

<https://www.iucaa.in/en/opportunities/post->



PRINCIPAL'S DESK – A PLATFORM FOR EDUCATIONAL INSIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Principal's Desk at epaper.VidyarthiMitra.org is a dedicated space designed to serve as a hub of knowledge-sharing and collaboration for educators, academic leaders, and administrators. This platform provides an opportunity for institutions to share valuable insights, important announcements, and academic opportunities with a broad audience that includes students, parents, and fellow educators. By fostering a culture of collaboration, the Principal's Desk allows colleges, universities, and educational institutions to contribute articles and updates that are of relevance to the academic community.

For institutions looking to highlight their unique offerings, faculty achievements, new programs, or institutional milestones, this platform serves as the ideal avenue to showcase their strengths. Whether it is about reaching prospective students, announcing new courses, or sharing details about scholarships and internships, the Principal's Desk helps institutions effectively engage with the right audience. Additionally, institutions can provide information about admission procedures, campus events, faculty contributions, and other academic initiatives, thereby ensuring greater visibility and outreach.

For those seeking talented individuals to fill job vacancies, faculty positions, or internship opportunities, the Principal's Desk is an effective medium to connect with aspiring candidates looking for career growth in the education sector. By sharing details about job openings, eligibility criteria, application deadlines, and recruitment procedures, institutions can attract skilled and qualified professionals who align with their academic vision.

Submitting an article or announcement is a simple and straightforward process. Institutions need to send their content along with relevant images or graphics to the editorial team at info@vidyarthimitra.org, where it will be reviewed for publication in the next edition. The platform adheres to guidelines that ensure content is fact-based, grammatically accurate, and free from plagiarism, thus maintaining high editorial standards.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ravindra Kamtam
Editor-in-Chief
epaper.VidyarthiMitra.org

GK QUESTION

I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish.

What am I?

Answer: A Map

What runs around the whole garden without moving?

Answer: A Fence

What belongs to you, but other people use it more than you do?

Answer: Your Name

Q.I am always hungry, I must always be fed. The finger I touch will soon turn red. What am I?

Answer: Fire

Q.I can be made, saved, changed, raised, and taken.

What am I?

Answer: Money

Q.I move fast, but only on two feet. I carry a heavy load, but wear no shoes. I may be big or small, but I always have the last word.

Answer: A book

STUDENT CORNER – YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Your Voice Matters!

Dear Students,

The Student Corner at epaper.VidyarthiMitra.org is an exclusive space designed to empower students by providing them with a voice to express their thoughts, share their concerns, and seek academic guidance. Navigating the educational landscape can often be challenging, especially with the vast amount of information available on college admissions, entrance exams, reservation policies, syllabus requirements, and studying abroad. This section is tailored to address such concerns, allowing students to ask queries related to education in India and overseas, with a team of experts striving to provide them with accurate, insightful, and well-researched responses.

Submitting queries, opinions, or experiences is simple—students can email their content to info@vidyarthimitra.org, where the editorial team will review it for potential publication. In addition to seeking answers, students are encouraged to engage with fellow readers by participating in discussions, exchanging feedback, and sharing their academic experiences. This space is not just an information hub but a community-driven platform where students can connect, collaborate, and grow together while navigating their unique educational journeys.

By fostering an interactive and supportive environment, the Student Corner ensures that students feel heard, valued, and motivated throughout their academic paths. Whether they seek guidance, wish to contribute insights, or simply want to engage in constructive discussions, this platform provides them with the opportunity to be active participants in shaping the academic discourse. Education is a journey, and through the Student Corner, students can feel assured that they have a dedicated space where their voices truly matter.

Best Regards,
Mr. Ravindra Kamtam
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EDITORIAL

Introducing Epaper.VidyarthiMitra.org: Empowering Students Through Knowledge

Epaper.VidyarthiMitra.org is a beacon of knowledge, guidance, and empowerment for students. It's a Pune-based education consultancy committed to democratizing education access and empowering every student to reach their full potential. Offering comprehensive resources for students, parents, educators, and stakeholders, it bridges the gap between aspirations and achievements.

With years of dedication and expertise in higher and professional education, VidyarthiMitra.org has evolved into a platform offering mock exams, career assessments, and admission guidance. The epaper takes this commitment further by providing accessible, informative, and inspiring content. From current affairs to entrance exam updates, admission guidance to scholarship opportunities, and career advice to student success stories, Epaper.VidyarthiMitra.org is a treasure trove of knowledge and inspiration, ensuring a future filled with growth and opportunity for all.

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Empowering Educational Opportunities with VidyarthiMitra.org: Your Comprehensive Educational Companion

In the dynamic landscape of education, VidyarthiMitra.org stands as a guiding light, offering a holistic array of services meticulously crafted to cater to the diverse needs of aspiring learners. Our platform boasts an extensive database of top universities, colleges, and courses of Maharashtra, India and Abroad. By providing detailed insights into each institution to facilitate well-informed decision-making. We streamline the admission process with step-by-step guidance and a comprehensive government document checklist, ensuring clarity and organization throughout. Stay ahead with our up-to-date information repository on entrance exams, coupled with mock tests and detailed syllabus to bolster your preparation. Dive into our rich repository of study materials, including mock tests, solved papers, and comprehensive

study material, designed to enhance your exam readiness. Gain valuable insights into cutoff trends and fee structures, empowering strategic college selection and financial preparedness. Our personalized career guidance services offer tailored support, including career assessment tests and admission assistance, while our study abroad services facilitate seamless transitions into international education. Stay informed with our empowering educational news portal and epaper, covering current affairs, entrance exam updates, admission, and scholarship opportunities. In essence, VidyarthiMitra.org transcends being just a platform; it's a transformative educational ecosystem dedicated to empowering learners and shaping futures, inviting you to embark on a journey towards academic excellence and success.

CAREER PATH FINDER (as per New Education Policy)

