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Students take class in bunker in Jammu's Arnia sector amid cross-border shelling

■ EJ News - Agency

A group of students of a government middle school near the border town of Arnia attended classes in an underground bunker on their campus following a major ceasefire violation by Pakistan.

According to the school management, the decision to hold temporary classes inside the bunker in Suhagpura, one of the last villages two km from Arnia town, was taken this morning to address the concern of the parents following heavy shelling by Pakistan last night.

The cross-border shelling and firing by Pakistan Rangers, the first major ceasefire violation since 2021, started around 8 pm Thursday in the Arnia area of the RS Pura sector and lasted for around seven hours, leaving a BSF personnel and a woman injured.

"The school falls within the range of Pakistani shelling and most of the 50-odd students did not turn up given the tense situation. However, those who did were accommodated inside the underground bunker within the school premises," Anju Sethi, a teacher from the school, said. In all, 15 students took classes in the bunker.

Sarpanch Balbir Kaur with villagers clean a bunker after firing by the Pakistan Rangers at the Arnia area of Jammu & Kashmir. She said the school got numerous phone calls from the panic-stricken parents since morning.

"We told them that it was their call whether they wanted to send their wards to the school, and that the management had decided to hold the classes in the



Sarpanch Balbir Kaur with villagers clean a bunker after firing by the Pakistan Rangers at the Arnia area of Jammu & Kashmir

bunker for the safety of the students for the time being."

Sethi said the government has built underground bunkers for the border residents for a purpose and "we are using the facility for the benefit of the children."

Himankshi Devi, a class 8 student, said her family decided to move to a safer place after the heavy shelling by Pakistan.

"We were frightened by the shelling but I motivated them to stay back. I want to attend my school otherwise my studies will get impacted," she said, adding, "My fear was gone when I reached the school and our classes shifted to an underground bunker."

Her classmate Shruvan Kumar, who wants to be a soldier, said he will continue to go to school, come what may.

"Ceasefire or no ceasefire, life

divide affecting disadvantaged children living below the poverty line in remote areas. Mr Nayak transformed mud walls into blackboards and roads into



classrooms, providing education to those who might otherwise have been left behind.

He also made efforts to educate parents, particularly mothers and grandmothers, to break the cycle of illiteracy and improve the prospects of first-generation learners. His teaching tech-

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20 Civil Services Coaching centres under investigation for misleading ads

■ EJ News - New Delhi

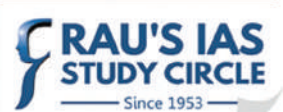
Consumer protection regulator CCPA said it is probing 20 IAS coaching centers for alleged misleading advertisements and unfair trade practices of using toppers and successful candidates' names and pictures to influence prospective aspirants. Briefing media, Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) Chairperson Nidhi Khare said out of 20 institutes, a penalty of ₹ 1 lakh each has also been imposed on four centers -- Rau's IAS Study Circle, Chahal Academy, IQRA IAS, and IAS Baba.

Notices have been issued to Vajirao & Reddy Institute, Chahal Academy, Khan Study Group IAS, APTI Plus, Analog IAS, Shankar IAS, Sriram's IAS, BYJU's IAS, Unacademy, NEXT IAS, Drishti IAS, IQRA IAS, Vision IAS, IAS Baba, Yojana IAS, Plutus IAS, ALS IAS, Rau's IAS Study Circle and Dhishti IAS, she added.

"The notices have been issued in the last one-and-half years for deliberately concealing important information about successful students. We have imposed a penalty on four centers, while other cases are under investigation," Khare said.



India's No.1 IAS Training Institution



Usually, several coaching institutes go on an advertising spree >> Contd. p.4..

Indian teacher among top 10 finalists for Global Teacher Prize 2023

■ EJ News - Kolkata

A school teacher from West Bengal's Asansol has been selected as one of the top 10 finalists for the Global Teacher Prize 2023, which includes participants from 130 different countries. Deep Narayan Nayak's innovative teaching methods, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, have had a significant positive impact on underprivileged children. The Global Teacher Prize recognizes exceptional educators with a \$1 million award for their outstanding contributions to the field.

Known as the 'Teacher of the Streets,' Mr Nayak teaches at the Tilka Manjhi Adivasi Free Primary School in Jamuria, Asansol. During the COVID-19 lockdown, he took education outdoors to bridge the digital

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Role of Biases

What is cognitive bias? What are the different types of biases? What can we do to recognize and respond to our own biases and those of others?

I will write about different kinds of biases, and the way to find them out and overcome.

Every one of us is entitled to our worldview. Unfortunately, when it comes to interpreting information and trying to make objective sense of reality, human brains are hard-wired to make all kinds of mental mistakes that can impact our ability to make rational judgments.

- There is no simple way to get around these basic human instincts, but one thing that we can do is understand the specific mistakes we make and why.
- A cognitive bias is a systematic pattern of deviation from norm or rationality in judgment. Individuals create their own "subjective reality" from their perception of the input. An individual's construction of reality, not the objective input, may dictate their behavior in the world.
- It is a systematic error in thinking that occurs when people are processing and interpreting information in the world around them and affects the decisions and judgments that they make.
- The human brain is powerful but subject to limitations.

Cognitive biases affect us all. Even though we can fact-check information using phones and computers, we still fall for fake news and cling to outdated opinions. **Why?** When our cognitive biases take control, our ability to make logical judgments is limited, and facts take a back seat to deeply held beliefs.

- Scientists theorize that some cognitive biases have evolutionary roots, helping us maintain social connections.
- **Cognitive biases are often**

a result of your brain's attempt to simplify information processing. Biases often work as rules of thumb that help you make sense of the world and reach decisions with relative speed.

INGROUP BIAS is the tendency to favor individuals who are in the same group as ourselves. A group can be formed on a wide range of attributes, including gender, race, ethnicity, age, neighborhood, geographic region, na-

point.

- Use prospective hindsight.
- Ask for advice.

CHANGE AVOID BIAS is when a person tries to run away from changes, innovations, or challenges, it is a person who does not take risks or any responsibility for himself.

Solution:

- Accept that we all have unconscious biases
- Make considered decisions
- Monitor your behavior.

SELF-SERVING BIAS is the



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My name is Natalia Berkatsashvili, Ph.D. in Linguistics and a lead English teacher from Georgia. I teach at LEPI Vajhaphavela Public School N9 and have over 13 years of experience. Teaching has become a significant part of my life. Along my career path, I realized the importance of nonformal education for my students. To sharpen their transferable skills like critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity, I created a club named EDU Hub, where we, my students and I, work on various topics including the following- biases, that are so actual and relevant nowadays.

one.

Pessimism is often a defense mechanism against disappointment or it can be the result of depression and anxiety disorders.

Perhaps the worst aspect of pessimism is that even if something good happens you will probably feel pessimistic anyway.

Solution:

Think in our hearts, why do we choose the negative and not the positive?

Optimism bias is a cognitive bias that causes someone to believe that they are less likely to experience a negative event. It is also known as unrealistic optimism or comparative optimism.

Solution:

OSTRICH BIAS: The decision to ignore dangerous or negative information by "burying" one's head in the sand, like an ostrich. They avoid uncomfortable situations by choosing to ignore them.

Solution:

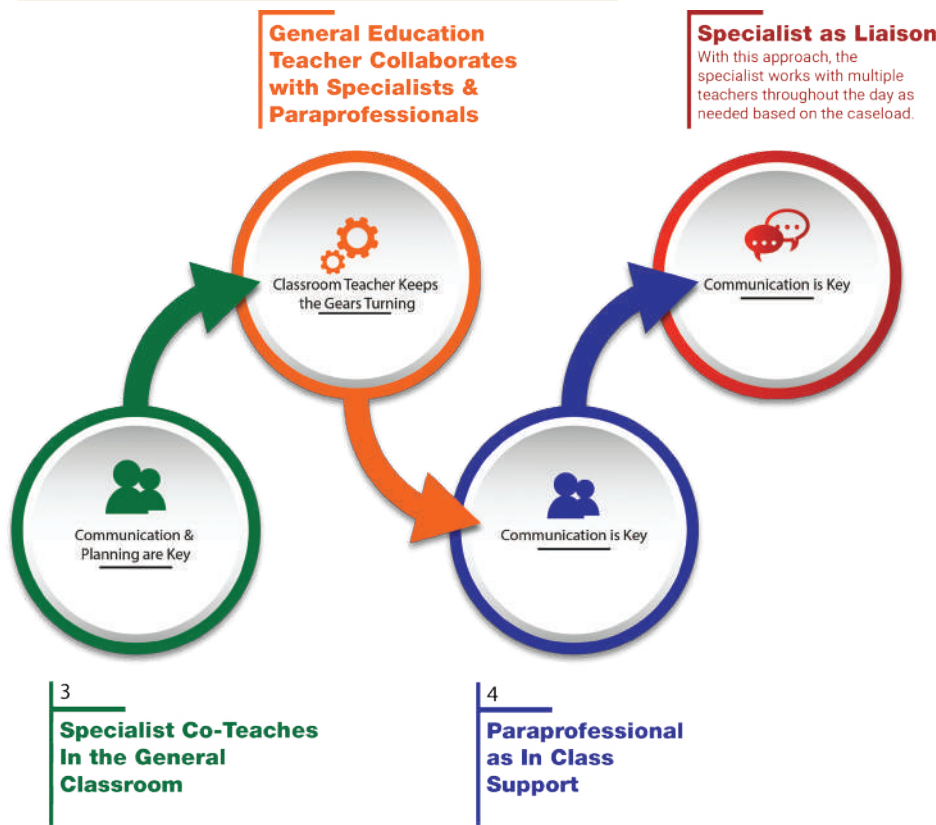
- Take small steps
- Ask powerful questions to yourself
- Reject discomfort
- Recommended reading (Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman and Super Thinking by Gabriel Weinberg)

Word power bias: People often change their mood, motivation, and point of view even with a single word. They are affected and in many cases, they can not control it.

SOLUTION:

- **I am trying** to receive and give only positive energy and color each other's moods with positive words.
- In our own opinion on everything and not let others influence us.
- Believe in ourselves and not let negative attitudes into our minds and hearts.

For teachers and not only for them it is crucial to know how to recognize biases and solve them.



tionality, etc. we are fair and impartial but the truth is that we automatically favor those who are most like us or belong to our groups

Solution:

- Take an outside view
- Put your shoes in those outside your immediate view-

common habit of a person taking credit for positive events or outcomes, but blaming outside factors for negative events. This can be affected by age, culture, clinical diagnosis, and more. It tends to occur widely across populations.

Solution:

- Consider all contributing factors.

- See the opportunity in mistakes
- Practice self-compassion
- Don't make any quick judgment

Confirmation bias is the tendency to search for, interpret, favor, and recall information in a way that confirms or supports

one's prior beliefs or values.

We are primed to see and agree with the ideas that fit our preconceptions and to ignore and dismiss information that conflicts with them.

The first principle is that you must not fool yourself – and you are the easiest person to fool.

Belief bias is the tendency to rely on prior beliefs rather than fully obey logical principles.

If a conclusion supports your existing beliefs, you will rationalize anything that supports it.

It is difficult for us to set aside existing beliefs to consider the true merits of an argument in practice, this means that our ideas become impervious to criticism and are perpetually reinforced.

A useful thing to ask is **"When and how did I get this belief?"** We tend to automatically defend our ideas without ever really questioning them

You overestimate the likelihood of negative outcomes.

Negative Bias is the tendency to pay more attention to negative information than to positive

Decoding the reasons behind Resume Rejections

Navigating the job search process is a journey filled with challenges and setbacks. Anyone who has been through it understands the frustration of receiving job application rejections and not getting callbacks from recruiters. It's natural to question what went wrong. Though you may possess outstanding skills and qualifications, it's crucial to recognize that these alone won't guarantee you a job. To stand out to recruiters, your resume needs an appealing quality that grabs their attention. Indeed, a resume is one of the best marketing tools to promote yourself. According to Glass Door, on average, a single corporate job opening receives around 250 applications. This highlights the high level of competition for each available position. Over 80% of resumes don't make it past the initial screening. This initial screening is often done by automated systems or recruiters, where they quickly assess whether a resume meets certain basic criteria. Only about 1 in 10 resumes that pass the initial screening make it to the hiring manager. With an average attention span of just 7 seconds, hiring managers swiftly scan resumes, emphasizing the need for instant impact. This phase involves a deeper evaluation of



the candidate's qualifications and suitability for the role. Less than 3% of submitted resumes result in a job interview. This highlights the significant drop in candidates who progress from the resume review stage to actually being invited for an interview. To better comprehend this phenomenon, it's essential to explore the key reasons that often lead to the rejection of resumes.

Here are 5 reasons why your resume might be rejected

Generic Resume: Research shows that roughly 48.8%

of job-seekers only make minor adjustments to their resume before sending in their applications for different jobs. Tailoring your resume for each job application is essential. Highlight experiences and skills that directly relate to the job you're applying for, avoiding irrelevant details, hobbies, or overused keywords.

Lack of ATS Compatibility: Application Tracking Systems (ATS) screen resumes for keywords. Many employers, including Fortune 500 companies, use Applicant Tracking Systems to manage the influx of applications efficiently. Statistics show that Up to 90% of employers use ATS,

and only 25% of resumes make it past the ATS to be reviewed by a human recruiter. ATS software often screens resumes based on keywords, formatting, and content. Resumes that don't match the specific criteria set by the system may not be considered. To enhance your resume, identify relevant keywords from the job description and incorporate them genuinely into your skills and experience sections.

Lack of Impact: A crucial detail that employers want to see but that most resumes are missing is quantifiable achievements. According to Forbes, 34% of recruiters state that a



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lack of result statements is a deal breaker. Rather than vague descriptions, emphasize the impact of your contributions. So quantify your achievements to showcase tangible results, helping recruiters understand your value.

Poor Structure: According to Business Insider, there's always a chance the person reviewing your resume isn't an expert in the field. So try to avoid using too much industry jargon and focus on leveraging keywords instead. As per Forbes, Optimal resume length falls within the range of 475 to 600 words. Hence keep your resume well-organized and concise. Maintain a clear layout, using bullet points for ease of reading. Avoid excessive design elements, especially if they don't complement your field.

Imbalanced Skill Set: According to Finances Online, 41% of recruiters look for skills on

a resume first and 91% of recruiters love seeing soft skills on resumes. Balance both soft and technical/hard skills in your resume. Showcase a mix of subjective and technical abilities, catering to the specific requirements of the job. Microsoft Office proficiency and Project Management are indeed valuable hard skills that are commonly listed on resumes and sought after by employers.

Apart from this, be truthful and transparent in your resume. Recruiters often verify information, so inaccuracies or misleading details can harm your credibility and chances. Also, pay attention to spelling and grammar. Utilize online tools or ask someone to review your resume for errors, ensuring a polished and professional presentation.

By addressing these issues, you can create a more compelling and appealing resume that increases your chances of standing out to potential employers.

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Universities from the US and UK dominate yet again in THE World University Rankings 2024

■ EJ - Agency

In the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 by subject, the universities from the US and UK take the number one positions across all 11 of the subject rankings.

The UK's University of Oxford has claimed the top spot in both clinical and health and computer science and US universities have come first in the other nine subjects including arts and humanities, business and economics, education, engineering, law, life sciences, physical sciences, psychology and social sciences.

Arts and humanities, life sciences, and social sciences only have UK and US universities in the top 10 this year.

Harvard University and Stanford University top the list of three subjects making them the highest scorers. While Harvard University tops engineering, law, and life sciences, Stanford tops in arts and humanities, and psychology, and is jointly topping in social sciences. Massachusetts Institute of Technology topped in business and economics and is a joint top in social sciences.

While this year's THE World University Rankings by subject



shows a greater diversity of universities and countries excelling across the world, these rankings are still dominated by US and UK institutions.

The top positions of the 11 subject rankings show increasing diversity as compared with the World University Rankings 2020 by subject, especially in social sciences, education, business, and economics.

The World University Rankings in its 20th edition witnessed the participation of 108 countries and regions. Around 1,904 universities are ranked

overall this year which is an increase from 1,799 universities last year.

For this year's analysis, 16.5 million research papers were examined which is 1 million more than last year. Additionally, 134 million citations have been examined, compared with last year's 121 million.

Times Higher Education is the global data partner for higher education. The data here is based on five decades of expertise in the sector, millions of individual data points, and the participation of more unique institutions.

FMGE likely to be held in January 2024: NBE

■ EJ - New Delhi

The National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences has released the tentative schedule for the next Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE). The exam is tentatively scheduled for January 2024.

In an official notification released on the website of the National Board of Examination, the board said, "The applicants who are desirous of appearing in the next Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) are at this moment informed that National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) shall conduct the next FMGE tentatively in January 2024 on a Computer Based Platform at various test centers across the country."

The board has also noted that the students must keep referring to the official website of the NBEMS to check the final schedule of the examination.

The Foreign Medical Graduate Examination is conducted to screen foreign medical students and give them a license to practice in India.

As per the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, "An Indian citizen/overseas citizen of India possessing a primary medical qualification awarded by any medical institution outside India who is desirous of getting provisional or permanent registration with National Medical Commission or any State Medical Council will have to qualify a screening test called the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination."

JAB to conduct JEE Main and Advanced Exams

■ EJ News - New Delhi

The Ministry of Education has passed an order for the reconstitution of the board structure and administrative framework of the JEE Apex Board (JAB) for the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for admission to undergraduate engineering programs in IITs, NITs, and other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs), etc.

As per the notification, the National Testing Agency (NTA) will manage all information technology-related (software) support and back-end activities for pre and post-examination work, including online submission of application forms. "NTA may seek support from NIC/C-DAC as and when required," the official notice stated.

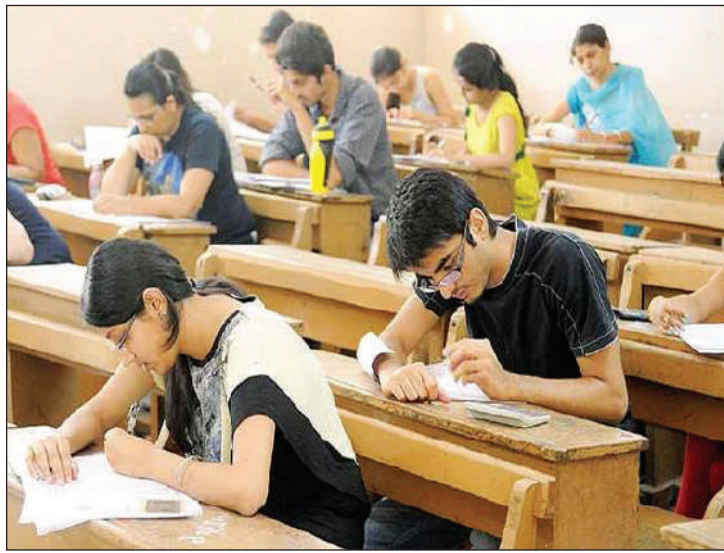
Professor SK Jain, VC of BHU has been appointed as the chairperson of JAB. Directors of IIT Bombay, IIT Guwahati, IIT Madras, NIT Rourkela, NIT Surathkal, IIIT Hyderabad, IIIT (PPP) Lucknow, IIITM Gwalior, representatives of state government of Madhya Pradesh, Assam /Manipur, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab Engineering College, Chairman of CBSE, Director General of NIC, NTA and C-DAC, and the Additional Secretary/ Joint Secretary (TE) of MoE have been appointed as members.

"The JAB would have a permanent secretariat which would be provided by the National Testing Agency (NTA). JAB would be assisted by the JEE Interface Group comprising of five members drawn from NTA, IITs, and a senior representative of Indian Statistical Institutes (ISI) nominated by the Joint Apex Board," MoE said in its official notification.

It also stated that from now onwards, JAB will be the final authority for setting up the poli-

cies, rules, and regulations for the conduct of JEE (Main). It will also coordinate with the

institution. "NTA will provide the administrative and logistic support



JEE (Advanced) organizing for the conduct of JEE (Main) requirement," the notice added.

across the country. The permanent secretariat of the JAB, housed in the NTA, will use the existing infrastructure, a surplus of financial resources accumulated since the creation of the first JAB, and the manpower being contributed by the present JEE (Main) unit, with a small number of posts created as per Cabinet/ CEE approval, if required, including that of the Executive Director, based on the actual

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Scholarship Alert

Scholarship: Kotak Life Insurance Scholarship Program 2023-24

Description: An initiative by Kotak Life Insurance Company Ltd. to provide financial assistance to students from Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra to help them pursue their undergraduate studies in commerce stream.

Eligibility: ♦Open for students who are residents of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.

- ♦Applicants must be enrolled in the first-year of B.Com. program at any of the specified colleges in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. The list of colleges is given below -
- A. Veeriy Memorial Sri Pushpam College (Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu)
- *Nadar Mahajana Sangam S. Vellaichamy Nadar College (Madurai, Tamil Nadu)
- *Edayathangudy G.S. Pillay Arts and Science College (Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu)
- *Jai Hind Sindhu Education Trust's Manghanmal Udharam College of Commerce (Pune, Maharashtra)
- *Gokhale Education Society's B.Y.K. (Sinnar) College of Commerce (Nashik, Maharashtra)
- *LRD and SRP College for Women (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

♦Applicants must have scored 65% marks or more in Classes 10 and 12.

♦Applicants must have passed Class 12 in the year 2022-2023.

♦Applicant's annual family income must be ₹3.6 lakhs or less.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to ₹30,000 per year

Application: Online applications only

Last Date to Apply: Dec. 17, 2023

Short Url: www.b4s.in/jagat/KLISP1

Scholarship: IL'Oréal BOOST 2023

Description: L'Oréal India invites applications from students in their final and pre-final years of diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

Eligibility: ♦Must be studying in the final or pre-final years* of ITI diploma, vocational course, under-graduation, and post-graduation program* at any recognised college or university within India

♦Or must have been employed following their graduation or post graduation from a college or university that is not included on the NIRF List. Such candidates ought to have no more than 5 years** of work experience.

- ♦Must be within the age group of 18-30 years
- ♦The family income of the applicant must be less than INR 8 Lakh (from all sources)

*Final or second-last year of the course, depending on the duration of the course. Click on the short source URL for more details.

**If the applicant has worked before or during the course of their graduation or post-graduation, their work experience must not exceed 5 years.

Prizes & Rewards: ♦Opportunity to participate in elaborate online upskilling webinars to be conducted by industry experts.

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♦Exclusive one-to-one mentorship sessions from leading professionals at L'Oréal India

Click on the short source URL for more details

Last Date to Apply: Dec. 15, 2023

Short Url: www.b4s.in/jagat/LEAD2

Scholarship: DXC Progressing Minds Scholarship Program 2023-24

Description: DXC Progressing Minds Scholarship Program 2023-24 aims to support the educational/sports expenses of students who belong to marginalised groups.

Eligibility: ♦Girls and transgender students pursuing graduation any year in STEM-related fields are eligible.

- ♦Female sportspersons aged between 13 to 25 years and who have represented the state/country at the state/national/international level in the last 2/3 years can also apply.
- ♦For students pursuing graduation, they must have obtained a minimum of 60% marks in their previous class/semester.
- ♦Applicants' annual family income must be less than or equal to ₹4,00,000 (₹5,00,000 for sportspersons).

Application: For Graduation in STEM - ₹50,000
For Sportspersons - ₹1,25,000

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8.5 lakh students pursuing education abroad in just 4 focused countries: Report

■ EJ - Agency

Almost 8.5 lakh students are pursuing their higher education abroad in just the four focused countries - the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada spending close to \$34 billion in the year 2023, so far, according to OneStep Global-University Living report.

The report reveals a significant increase in the number of Indian students choosing to study abroad. Traditionally Indian students have preferred countries like - the US, Canada, the UK, and Australia. However, recently other countries have also emerged as preferred destinations, including Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Ireland, Singapore, Russia, Philippines, France, and New Zealand.

The top States in India in terms of students going abroad include Punjab (12.5 percent), Andhra Pradesh/Telangana (12.5 percent), Maharashtra (12.5 percent), Gujarat (8 percent), Delhi/NCR (8 percent), Tamil Nadu (8 percent), Karnataka (6 percent) and other (33 percent).

The analysis indicates that Indian students (around 2.4 lakh) contribute significantly to the US economy, with a total expenditure of \$12.48 billion; this includes \$7.2 billion towards academic fees, \$2.9 billion for accommodation, and \$2.4 billion on other living expenses.

Academic Bank of Credits Crosses 2 Cr Registrations: UGC Chief

■ EJ - New Delhi

The University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Mamidala Jagadeesh Kumar announced that over two crore students across the country have registered for the commission's Academic Bank of Credits (ABC). The chairman was addressing the western zone vice chancellor's conference at the Maharaja Sayajirao University Baroda, Gujarat, today (October 26).

"In the last couple of years, UGC has introduced several reforms. Today, more than two crore students have registered on the ABC platform but it is not



Meanwhile, in Canada, Indian students (around 3 lakh) have an estimated total expenditure of \$11.7 billion, encompassing \$6 billion on academic fees, \$3 billion for accommodation, and \$2.7 billion on other living necessities, according to the report titled 'Beyond Beds & Boundaries: Indian Student Mobility Report, 2023'.

Indian students (around 1.32 lakh) in the UK have an estimated total expenditure of \$5.9 billion, broken down into \$3.4 billion on academic fees, \$1.3 billion on accommodation, and \$1.2 billion on other living expenses.

The economic contribution of Indian students (around 76,500) in Australia stands at an estimated total of \$3.9 billion, with \$1.68 billion allocated for academic fees, \$0.99 billion for accommodation, and \$1.22 billion

for other living expenses.

In 2019, approximately 10.9 lakh Indian students pursued their education abroad. This figure witnessed a 7 percent growth in 2022, escalating to around 13.24 lakh students. If the current growth rate of 15 percent sustains, the number of Indian students studying overseas is projected to soar to approximately 20 lakh by the year 2025.

At the same time, Indian students spent an estimated \$ 37 billion on education abroad. This expenditure experienced a 9 percent surge in 2022, reaching \$47 billion. Suppose the sector continues to grow at the current rate of 14 percent. In that case, the projected spending by Indian students on overseas education is expected to skyrocket to an astounding \$70 billion by the year 2025.



enough as it is important that all the students are registered on the platform and you upload all the credentials and credits certificates of the students on the ABC platform," Kumar said address-

ing the vice-chancellors.

While addressing the conference, the UGC chairman also spoke on the progress made in implementing reforms introduced by the UGC.

ABC was one of the provisions of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). ABC will allow students of undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses to exit the course and enter within a stipulated period. It also seeks to make it possible for all students to open an academic bank account with ABC to commute credits to award any degree, diploma or certificate.

West Bengal teacher...

niques have not only increased literacy rates but have also contributed to the eradication of superstitions and the creation of employment opportunities.

Mr. Nayak has developed programs to address issues such as malnutrition, child exploitation, and early marriages. His 'Fantastic Three-Dimensional Model' has created educational and employment opportunities, and his Mothers' Football Team promotes sportsmanship, gender equality, and global peace.

His focus on sustainability and environmental awareness not only deters the use of plastic but also encourages tree planting. Moreover, his 'Teacher at Your Doorstep' program has offered guidance to students and their parents, aiming to decrease absenteeism and curb school dropouts.

Civil Services Coaching...

after the results of the UPSC (Union Public Service Commission) exam are announced. On average, 900 students clear the UPSC exam every year out of more than 10 lakh students, she said.

The official said after the UPSC final results in 2022, a total of 933 candidates were recommended. However, the total selections claimed by the 20 institutes exceeded the UPSC's recommendations significantly.

Numerous coaching institutes claim the same rank holder as their student by deliberately concealing important information. The successful candidate might have taken coaching in multiple institutes for different subjects, and for prelim or main exams, she said.

Further, Khare said they are not disclosing what courses they were enrolled in with the institute. Some might have just taken a 'free mock interview', but the institute claims success once the students get through the UPSC.

Disclosing the kind of courses the successful student has undertaken with an institute is important to protect the interest of prospective aspirants. A prospective student gets enrolled for prelim coaching in an institute that does not have a good track record of the students passing that exam, she said.

Prospective aspirants continue to take coaching from such centers and waste their time and money, she added.

"If there are proper disclosures, there will be less deceiving," Khare added.

According to CCPA, the current market revenue of the coaching industry in India is about ₹ 58,088 crore. Approximately 2 lakh students move to Kota in Rajasthan annually, while Delhi is often considered the hub of UPSC-CSE coaching.

Canada just announced new measures to protect International students from fraud

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Canada is implementing a new verification process to combat student visa fraud, similar to the incident that occurred in June this year, involving 700 Indian students. Canada has not imposed a limit on the number of international students. On October 27, Immigration Minister Marc Miller announced a set of initiatives designed to enhance the International Student Program and provide increased safeguards for legitimate students against fraudulent activities.

The following measures have been introduced:

- Starting December 1, 2023, post-secondary designated learning institutions (DLIs) will be required to verify the acceptance letters of all applicants with Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). This enhanced verification process aims to protect prospective students from fraudulent acceptance letters and prevent issues similar to those experienced by some students earlier this year due to fraud investigations. It will also ensure that study permits are only issued to applicants with genuine acceptance letters.

- By the fall semester of 2024, IRCC will implement a "recognized institution" framework specifically aimed at benefiting post-secondary DLIs that excel in providing exceptional services, support, and outcomes for international students. These designated learning institutions (DLIs) will receive special treatment, including expedited processing of study permit applications for students



intending to enroll in their programs.

- In the coming months, IRCC will evaluate the criteria for the Post-Graduation Work Permit Program. Reforms will be introduced to better align the program with the requirements of the Canadian job market, as well as regional and Franco-phone immigration objectives.

These changes aim to protect genuine students from fraudulent activities and prioritize institutions that support international students.

Mr Miller emphasizes the importance of enhancing the International Student Program to safeguard students and combat exploitation.

"International students are talented, bright, and deserving of a positive experience as they pursue their studies in Canada. We will continue to improve Canada's International Student Programme by protecting students and weeding out those who try to take advantage of them. Whether an international

student stays and works after graduation or returns home, we want their time as a student in Canada to have been beneficial to their growth and aspirations," the minister said.

In June, an IRCC task force was created to address fraudulent admission letters, working with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). Their goal was to prevent legitimate students from facing deportation. As of October 12, 2023, out of 103 reviewed cases, 63 were confirmed as genuine students, while 40 were not. The task force is aware of more cases awaiting review pending decisions from the Immigration and Refugee Board.

On June 23, 2023, CBSA announced charges against Brijesh Mishra for immigration-related offenses, as he was identified as a key figure in defrauding students. IRCC will continue to collaborate with CBSA to identify and take action against individuals exploiting legitimate students.

Indian students' overseas spending to hit \$80 bn a year by 2024: RedSeer

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Even though the number of Indian students opting for higher education overseas grows annually, their abroad spending is set to hit \$70 billion by 2025, the latest Indian Student Mobility Report 2023 by Global Education Conclave estimates.

According to the report, around 1.3 million Indian students are studying abroad in 2023, with Andhra Pradesh /Telangana, Punjab, and Maharashtra as the top Indian states for outgoing students.

The report titled "Beyond Beds & Boundaries: Indian Student Mobility Report, 2023" offers insights into the dynamics of Indian students pursuing higher education abroad, with a particular focus on the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia.

The report highlighted that recently other countries including Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Ireland, Singapore, Russia, Philippines, France, and New Zealand have also emerged as preferred destinations for studying abroad. Traditionally, Indian students have preferred countries like the US, Canada, UK, and Australia.

Punjab, Andhra Pradesh/ Telangana, and Maharashtra are the top states in India in terms



of students going abroad, the report said adding that 12.5 percent each from all these states contribute to the number of students going abroad followed by Gujarat, Delhi, and Tamil Nadu with 8 percent each and Karnataka at 6 percent. Other states combined is 33 percent, the report said.

The report also provides a detailed analysis of the financial aspects of studying abroad, shedding light on the substantial expenses incurred by Indian students. This analysis highlighted the economic impact of Indian student mobility and also underscored the pressing need for targeted financial support and scholarships.

This report addressed the difficulties faced by Indian

students in finding suitable accommodation in their destination countries, emphasizing the complexities of securing appropriate living conditions and the necessity for streamlined processes and support services to alleviate these challenges.

Governments across the world need to put in place a national housing strategy, establish a clear, comprehensive, and coordinated approach to addressing the student housing problem through setting national goals for student housing availability and affordability, establishing guidelines for local student housing policies, and providing funding and resources for student housing initiatives, the report suggested.



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