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Eco studies are now a must for UG students

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Indore: All the undergraduate courses students will now have to take environmental studies as an additional mandatory subject in the first year from the new academic session.

University Grants Commission (UGC) has instructed all the universities to make environmental Studies a compulsory subject for UG students of all branches. It has asked the universities to introduce the subject as Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC). It has also given a core module syllabus to be followed for six months.

It would be compulsory for students to pass the subject.

"We will follow instructions of UGC. Students pursuing various UG courses will have to take environ-

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> The UGC has made environmental studies an ability enhancement compulsory course (AECC)

> It will be mandatory for all undergraduate courses

> The UGC has also given out a six-month-long core module syllabus

> The syllabus will include mandatory field work in an area to document environmental assets like rivers, forest, flora and fauna and a local polluted site, among others.

mental studies as an additional subject. It would be compulsory for students to score minimum qualifying marks," DAVV registrar

Anil Sharma told TOI.

At present, the varsity has decided marking scheme for the subject, which will be done by the academic council and the board of studies, he added.

UGC has already given out the syllabus, which has been divided into number of lectures. Field work will also be part of the syllabus and the students will have to visit different areas to document various things. They will also have to study about common plants, insects, birds and basic principles of identification, study of simple ecosystem and Delhi ridge during the field work.

The UG courses are divided into yearly or semester-wise system. While in yearly system, students study nine subjects, the semester system they study five subjects per semester.

DAVV session from July 1 for CET 1st round students

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Indore: The students, who will be opting for second and third counselling of Common Entrance Test (CET), are likely to miss out on initial academic curriculum.

In a bid to ensure that the academic calendar is not breached, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya is plans to start the new academic session from July 1, but only for students selected in the first round of CET.

Though DAVV has decided to prepone the CET date, it is followed by three to four rounds of counselling, which takes at least one month's time. The students, who would be opting for other rounds of counselling, will not be able to attend classes from July.

"As we don't want to break the academic calendar, we will be starting the session for students, who will be selected in the first counselling. Our

vice-chancellor wants the CET to be conducted as soon as possible. But we cannot conduct the exam unless all the exam centres are available for the exam day," admission cell head Dr V B Gupta told TOI.

DAVV is certain that the date of CET will be changed. But, it can be only shifted from June 17 to June 23, not before that as it's about the availability of exam centres. Moreover, the agency will also have to set question paper, issue admit card, make arrangements at the exam centres, he added.

The CET will be conducted at 28 centres, which include six new replaced centres, the university still has to decide over total number of exam centres in Indore.

"Last year, CET was conducted at 17 centres in Indore. This year, we will decide about increasing or decreasing numbers only after registrations are over," he added.

Registrations for DAVV courses begin

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Indore

Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV) on Monday opened online window for registrations for admission in nearly 200 courses offered by its teaching departments.

"The registration window was opened at 8 pm," said VB Gupta, chairman of DAVV admission cell.

The university has divided the courses in three categories - Type-I, Type-II and Type-III.

Under Type-1 category, courses have been kept in which admissions are to be granted through common entrance test (CET) where Type-II category comprises courses in which admission will be granted through department-level test.

Similarly, Type-III category contains programmes in which admission are to be granted on basis of qualifying exam marks.

Online registration fee for Type-I, Type-II, and Type-III courses is Rs 1,500, Rs 1,000, and Rs 750 respectively. Candidate can pay fee online through any ATM cum debit card/ cred-

it card or net banking from anywhere.

The last date to register for admissions is June 10. The entrance tests dates will be announced later.



BEd admissions: 2nd allotment list out

Department of higher education on Monday released second list of allotments made in colleges. As per information, about 75 percent of eligible students who had applied for admission in BEd course have been allocated colleges. The students have been told to report to allocated colleges by May 25 and submit fee for confirmation of their admissions.

After second round of counselling, third round will commence in which fresh registration will be accepted and students who have not been allocated colleges will be considered for admission.

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