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31.6% More Female Students Compared to 2014: Pradhan

Our Political Bureau

New Delhi: The Lok Sabha on Thursday passed a bill to establish the Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in Telangana.

The Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was passed by a voice vote with the House rejecting some amendments moved by opposition members.

Speaking in the House, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said if any student's life is lost in any campus "we as a society should be responsible for it".

Citing achievements of his government, Pradhan said today there is an increase of 31.6% in number of female students when compared to 2014. In the last two months, over 11,000 vacant posts in the academics have been filled up, he said. More than 700 Eklavya schools are being built in the tribal concentrated blocks, he added.

The CBSE, Pradhan said, will slowly come out with teaching material in 22 scheduled languages.

Pradhan said new universities, colleges and qualitative higher educational institutes are being opened in India and as a result, new courses are being offered to the students.

He said IIT Delhi is going to open its campus in Abu Dhabi and in few days the classes will begin there.

Private universities of India, he said, are going abroad and students from across the globe are eager to come to India.

'403 Indian students died in foreign nations since 2018'

'Heads of mission, senior officials visit universities & institutions for regular interactions with Indian students'

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: The government on Thursday said 403 Indian students have died abroad since 2018 due to various reasons including natural causes, accidents and medical conditions, with Canada accounting for the highest 91 fatalities among 34 nations.

In a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan said that according to the information available with the ministry, 403 incidents of death of Indian students abroad have been reported since 2018.

He said the heads of mission/post and senior officials visit universities and educational institutions for regular interactions with Indian students and their associations.

According to data submitted by the ministry, Canada has

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reported 91 deaths of Indian students since 2018 followed by the United Kingdom (48), Russia (40), the United States (36), Australia (35), Ukraine (21), Germany (20), Cyprus (14), Italy and the Philippines (10 each).

"The safety and security of Indian students abroad is one of the foremost priorities for the Government of India," Muraleedharan said. He said Indian missions and posts remain vigilant and closely monitor the wellbeing of students.

"In case there is any untoward incident, it is immediately taken up with the concerned

authorities of the host country to ensure that the incident is properly investigated and the perpetrators are punished. Further, the distressed Indian students are provided all possible consular assistance, including emergency medical care and boarding/lodging, whenever required," Muraleedharan said.

When asked about the high number of deaths of Indian students as mentioned in the reply to questions in the parliament, External Affairs Ministry spokesman Arindam Bagchi referred to increasing number of Indian students going to that country as well. "I don't know if this is an issue that merits taking up with the government. There are individual incidents where there has been foul play and others....Our consulates do reach out to families, we also take it up such cases with the local authorities," Bagchi told reporters at the weekly briefing.

'Punjab to introduce Skill Training Scheme to enhance employment'



MPOST BUREAU

CHANDIGARH: Minister of Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Aman Arora directed the department officials to set up a Working Group to finalise Punjab Skill Training Scheme in a bid to increase youth employability in the state.

Aman Arora was addressing the stakeholders and training partners during an open house discussion session on the proposed scheme and optimum utilisation of Multi Skill Development Centres at PEDDA Complex, Chandigarh on Thursday.

Talking about the proposed Skill Training Scheme, Arora informed that short term training (two months to one year) courses will be undertaken under the scheme to train students in government schools, colleges, universities, ITIs, polytechnics, Multi Skill Development Centres (MSDCs), Health Sector Development Centres (HSDCs), Rural Skill Centres (RSCs) and those candidates who are experienced but are without skill certifications, besides imparting training to vulnerable sections of the society. *ml*

Kerala Governor not discharging his duties: Vijayan

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The ongoing war of words between the Left government and the Kerala Governor heated up further with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday alleging that Arif Mohammed Khan was not discharging his duties.

Vijayan, while responding to reporters' queries about some statements made by Khan a day ago, said he has no problem if the Governor was a

"Sangh Parivar follower".

"But the Governor has to function as a Governor. He is presently not discharging the duties of a Governor," the chief minister alleged.

Khan on Wednesday had said that he was open to advice from the state government, "but not pressure from them." He was referring to the appointments of Vice Chancellors (VCs) to various universities in the state.

The Governor had also said

the state government should come to Raj Bhavan and give him an explanation if they wanted urgent action regarding any bill or ordinance.

He also asked Vijayan to ensure that the Marxist party's members and supporters avoid calling Pakistan Occupied Kashmir as 'Azad Kashmir' and not "stoke the fires of separatism and regionalism."

Khan made these comments in response to media reports



about him not signing two ordinances sent for his approval by the government. On the ordinance issue, the chief minister said that if the Governor had anything to say to him, he should say it directly and not through the media.

Ever since the recent Supreme Court verdict quashing the reappointment of Gopinath Ravindran as VC of Kannur University and berating the Left government for its

"unwarranted intervention" in the matter, there has been a war of words between Khan and the Left government.

The apex court had found fault with Khan's order reappointing Ravindran to the post, saying the Governor had earlier "abdicated or surrendered" the statutory powers for reappointing the VC. It had also said it is the Chancellor who is conferred with competence under law to appoint or reappoint VCs.

"No other person, even the pro-chancellor or any superior authority can interfere with the functioning of the statutory authority," it had held.

Following the verdict, Khan had said that state Higher Education Minister R Bindu was not to be blamed as the chief minister had used her for seeking the reappointment of Ravindran.

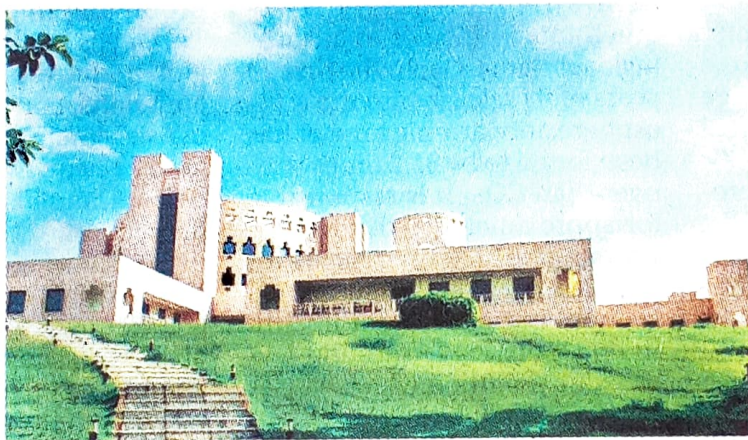
He had accused the chief minister of having exerted pressure on him in the matter.

Defence Ministry collaborates with Indian School of Business for scholarship to ex-servicemen

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 7 DECEMBER

Coinciding with the Armed Forces Flag Day on Thursday, the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare in the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has entered into collaboration with the Indian School of Business (ISB) for scholarships to the military personnel who return to civilian life post retirement.

Under the collaboration, the ISB will offer a 50 per cent tuition fee waiver to the personnel across its post-graduate and advanced management programmes, totalling up to Rs 2.3 crore a year. It will benefit 22 ex-servicemen each academic year. The collaboration aims to provide latest and in-depth management skills to the vast skill set that



Armed Forces personnel and veterans already possess.

Secretary in the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare Vijoy Kumar Singh has extended his sincere gratitude to the ISB for entering into collaboration with the MoD. "Most of the armed forces personnel retire at a younger age and

are most disciplined, filled with zeal and vigour to serve the country. This initiative will provide a valuable opportunity for our veterans and soon-to- retire personnel to pursue world-class education at the ISB and play a leadership role in making a Viksit Bharat by 2047," he said.

Expressing delight over

the collaboration and the chance to further contribute to nation-building, Dean, ISB Professor Madan Pillutla stated that the 50 per cent tuition fee waiver is a way of expressing gratitude to the armed forces personnel who protect the nation with unwavering commitment and unmatched bravery. "The soldiers instill discipline, leadership, and commitment - the qualities that are a bedrock of brilliance in any role of significance. The initiative aims to make world-class education more accessible to those dedicated to serving the nation," he said.

The ISB has over 100 veterans among its alumni. They bring significant value to the classroom and strengthen the alumni network. *S. S. S.*

12.3L register for JEE, Maha leads pack

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New Delhi: Joint Entrance Examination (Main) 2024 registered record 12.3 lakh aspirants for the January session, surpassing 2023's cumulative (January and April) registration by nearly 68,000. Compared with the first session of examination in 2023, the number of applicants has increased by 3.7 lakh.

The first session of the entrance test for admission to undergraduate engineering and architecture/ planning programmes is to be conducted between January 24 and February 1, 2024 and the registration process for the April session will be reopened thereafter. The results for the January 2024 session will be announced on February 12, 2024.

State-wise, Maharashtra (1.6 lakh) continues to lead the pack, followed by Andhra Pradesh (1.3 lakh) and Telan-

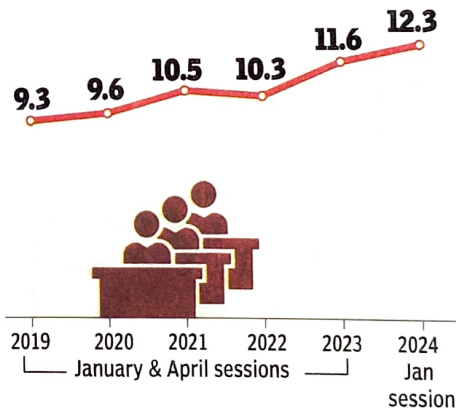
gana (1.2 lakh), with all three states going to have significantly higher number of candidates as compared with 2023 exams. In 2023, Maharashtra saw 1.3 registrations, Andhra Pradesh 1 lakh and Telangana 95,000.

Gender-wise, female representations too have marginally improved at over 33% of the total for JEE (Main) 2024, up from 30.8% in 2023. The test also received the highest number of registrations in the third gender at 19.

JEE (Main) 2024 will be conducted in 13 languages — English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu. Language-wise, the number of test takers in English continues to grow surpassing the 11 lakh mark while the number of examinees in Hindi medium has witnessed a fall to around 40,000. Gujarati registers the third highest number (16,731).

JEE (MAIN) - JANUARY 2024



Total Registration (in lakh)



Paper-wise registration

Paper-1 (BTech/ BE)	6,40,513
Paper-1 & 2 (BArch/ Planning)	5,89,834

Gender-wise registration

	
Male	Female
8,23,842	4,06,486
Third: 19	

Language-wise registration (Top 5)

	2024	2023
English	11,48,088	10,68,353
Hindi	40,256	56,924
Gujarati	16,731	15,959
Tamil	14,636	6,387
Bengali	8,845	12,443

NOTE: JEE (Main) is offered in 13 languages

State-wise registration (Top 5)

	2024	2023*
Maharashtra	1,62,624	1,39,696
Andhra	1,34,703	1,01,745
Telangana	1,26,746	95,411
UP	1,25,272	1,45,295
Karnataka	79,229	56,962

* Is the cumulative number Jan & Apr sessions

Presidents of Harvard, Penn, MIT under fire after dodging questions about antisemitism

Support for the presidents of Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania and the MIT eroded quickly on Wednesday, after they seemed to evade what seemed like a rather simple question during a contentious congressional hearing: Would they discipline students calling for the genocide of Jews? Their replies to that question and others during a four-hour hearing drew incredulous responses. "It's unbelievable that this needs to be said: Calls for genocide are monstrous and antithetical to everything we represent as a country," White House spokesman Andrew Bates said.

Harvard President Claudine Gay, Penn's president Elizabeth Magill and Sally Kornbluth of MIT all said they were appalled by antisemitism and taking action against it on



Presidents of Harvard Claudine Gay (L) and University of Pennsylvania Liz Magill at the Capitol Hill

campus. When asked whether they supported the right of Israel to exist, they answered yes. But on the question of disciplining students for statements about genocide, they tried to give lawyerly responses to a tricky question involving free speech, which supporters of academic freedom said were legally correct. But to many Jewish students, alumni and donors, the statements failed to meet the political moment by

not speaking forcefully against antisemitism. "It should not be hard to condemn genocide, genocide against Jews, genocide against anyone else," Josh Shapiro, the Democratic governor of Pennsylvania, said.

By Wednesday afternoon, a petition calling for Magill's resignation had grown to over 3,000 signatures. Marc Rowan, the chief of Apollo Global Management and the board chair at the Wharton School of Business at Penn, asked the board of trustees to rescind its support for Magill. Later in the evening, Magill apologised. "I was focused on our university's long-standing policies aligned with the constitution, which say that speech alone isn't punishable," she said. Gay released a statement saying, Harvard won't condone violent speech against Jewish students. NYT

Move to increase internship period for foreign medical graduates opposed

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7

In a letter to the National Medical Commission (NMC), the Federation of All Indian Medical Association (FAIMA) today opposed the commission's move of increasing internship period for foreign medical graduates (FMGs).

The letter is in regards to the notification released by the NMC on November 22. It is a three point notice regarding the FMGs.

FAIMA has raised questions on the third point, for


FMGs who had a break in the second last year of study due to Covid or war and completed the course, including examination, through online mode.

“Existing FMGs already performing internship at present, may be allowed to continue with one year of internship. They may subsequently do one-year clinical clerkship and one-year internship,” the notice read.

“Thus, a total of three years, before obtaining permanent registration from the state medical commission concerned,” it added.

The association in its letter said, “FAIMA opposes this decision as it will be a huge loss in the academic career of the student concerned.”

It said that the non-stipend internship of three years would lead the FMGs three years back in their academic year, besides causing financial problems.

The association has requested the Under Graduate Medical Education Board and Ethics and the Medical Registration Board of the National Medical Commission to look into the matter and reconsider the notice. 

तेलंगाना में जनजातीय विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना को लोकसभा की मंजूरी

नई दिल्ली, प्रेटर: लोकसभा ने गुरुवार को तेलंगाना में केंद्रीय जनजातीय विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना के लिए लाए गए विधेयक को पारित कर दिया। केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय (संशोधन) विधेयक, 2023 को सदन ने विपक्षी सदस्यों द्वारा पेश किए गए कुछ संशोधनों को खारिज करते हुए ध्वनि मत से पारित कर दिया। सदन में चर्चा के दौरान शिक्षा मंत्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान ने कहा कि अगर किसी भी शैक्षणिक परिसर में किसी

छात्र की जान चली जाती है तो एक समाज के रूप में हमें भी इसके लिए जिम्मेदार होना चाहिए। उन्होंने यहां तक कहा कि एक मंत्री के तौर पर ऐसी दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण घटनाओं के लिए वह भी जिम्मेदार हैं। विधेयक पर चर्चा का जवाब देते हुए प्रधान ने कहा कि आज भारत में नए विश्वविद्यालय, कालेज और उच्च शिक्षण संस्थान खोले जा रहे हैं। इसके परिणामस्वरूप छात्रों को नए पाठ्यक्रम पेश किए जा रहे हैं।

उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में शुरू होंगे तीन से छह माह के स्किल कोर्स

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली : स्कूल से लेकर उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में पढ़ने वाले प्रत्येक छात्र को किसी न किसी हुनर (स्किल) से जोड़ने की मुहिम ने रफ्तार पकड़ी है। फिलहाल, इस दिशा में विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (यूजीसी) ने एक बड़ी पहल की है। इसके तहत उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों को तीन से छह महीने तक के शार्ट-टर्म स्किल कोर्सों को शुरू करने की मंजूरी दी गई है। जो स्किल के अलग-अलग क्षेत्रों से जुड़े सर्टिफिकेट कोर्स होंगे। इनमें 12वीं के बाद ही कोई भी विद्यार्थी सीधे दाखिला ले सकेगा।

यूजीसी ने इन शार्ट-शर्ट कोर्सों के स्वरूप और फीस आदि से जुड़ी गाइडलाइन का मसौदा भी जारी किया है। साथ ही सभी उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों से स्किल डेवलपमेंट से जुड़ा सेंटर स्थापित करने का सुझाव भी दिया है। इसके लिए संस्थानों को अपने फंड से इससे जुड़ा मजबूत इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर भी तैयार करने को कहा गया है। स्किल कोर्स न्यूनतम

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कोर्स शुरू करने का सुझाव

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आफ थिंग्स, स्मार्ट सिटी, डाटा
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ट्रांसफॉर्मेशन, इंडस्ट्रियल
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एकेडमिक बैंक क्रेडिट (एबीसी)
के फार्मूले के तहत एक क्रेडिट के
लिए छात्रों को कम से कम 15 घंटे
पढ़ाई करानी होगी।

'अनाथ आरक्षण कोटा' के तहत हुए 101 एडमिशन

■ विस, नई दिल्ली: दिल्ली यूनिवर्सिटी में 101 स्टूडेंट्स को 'अनाथ आरक्षण कोटा' के तहत दाखिला दिया गया है। इसी साल शुरू हुए इस आरक्षण के तहत बीटेक में 3, पीजी में 17, यूजी में 78 और बीबीए और एलएलबी में 3 स्टूडेंट्स को दाखिला मिला। डीयू के डीन एडमिशंस ने बताया कि यूनिवर्सिटी में इस कोटे की 4000 सीटें हैं। 'हमें आप पर गर्व है' इस खास कार्यक्रम के साथ दिल्ली यूनिवर्सिटी ने 'अनाथ कोटा' के तहत दाखिला पाने वाले मेधावी स्टूडेंट्स का अभिनंदन किया।

जिन स्टूडेंट्स ने फीस भर दी है, उनकी फीस वापस करने को वीसी ने कहा है।

**बीटेक में 3,
पीजी में 17,
यूजी में 78
को मिला
दाखिला**

डीयू ने इस सेशन यह स्पेशल कोटा शुरू किया है। गुरुवार को हुए इस कार्यक्रम में डीयू वाइस चांसलर प्रो. योगेश सिंह ने स्टूडेंट्स से कहा कि आप अकेले नहीं, बल्कि यूनिवर्सिटी आपके साथ है और हम आपके अभिभावक हैं। किसी भी दिक्कत की स्थिति में आप हम से संपर्क कर सकते हैं। वीसी ने बताया कि डीयू ने अपने शताब्दी वर्ष में अनाथ बच्चों के लिए सीटों के आरक्षण के प्रावधान का निर्णय लिया था। दाखिलों में आरक्षण की श्रेणियों में एक अतिरिक्त श्रेणी जोड़ी गई है। इसके माध्यम से कॉलेजों और विभागों में हर प्रोग्राम में 2 स्टूडेंट्स (एक पुरुष और एक महिला) के लिए सीटों का आरक्षण तय किया गया है। वीसी ने कहा अनाथ कोटा के तहत दाखिला पाने वाले कुछ स्टूडेंट्स को आर्थिक सहायता की भी जरूरत हो सकती है।

ग्रेजुएशन संग शॉर्ट टर्म स्किल कोर्स भी, UGC की गाइडलाइंस

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■ **नई दिल्ली** : यूनिवर्सिटी-कॉलेजों में अब नई-नई तकनीकों और इंडस्ट्री की मांग के मुताबिक शॉर्ट टर्म स्किल कोर्स शुरू किए जा सकेंगे। UGC कमिशन की गुरुवार को हुई बैठक में इससे जुड़ी गाइडलाइंस को मंजूरी दे दी गई है। AI, 5G कनेक्टिविटी, 3D प्रिंटिंग, मोबाइल कम्प्युनिकेशन समेत 29 फोकस एरिया फाइनल किए गए हैं, जिनमें ये कोर्स शुरू किए जाएंगे। UGC ने इन कोर्स की सिफारिश करते हुए यह देखा है कि किन-किन क्षेत्रों में रोजगार के ज्यादा मौके मिल रहे हैं। 3 से 6 महीने के कोर्स होंगे और 12वीं पास करने वाले सभी छात्रों के पास इनमें दाखिला का विकल्प रहेगा। UGC चेयरमैन प्रो. एम. जगदीश कुमार का कहना है कि शॉर्ट टर्म स्किल डिवेलपमेंट कोर्सेज की गाइडलाइंस का फायदा 12वीं पास सभी छात्रों को मिलेगा, चाहे उसने ग्रेजुएशन कोर्स में एडमिशन लिया है या फिर नहीं? अगर उसने यूनिवर्सिटी-कॉलेज में एडमिशन नहीं भी लिया है, तो भी वह इनमें दाखिला ले सकता है। उसे इसके लिए 12 से 30 क्रेडिट तक मिलेंगे। छात्र



को इंटरनशिप से लेकर ऑन द जॉब ट्रेनिंग का फायदा मिलेगा। प्रो. कुमार ने कहा कि यूनिवर्सिटी-कॉलेज प्रफेशनल और एक्सपर्ट का सहयोग ले सकते हैं। इंडस्ट्री की मांग के मुताबिक कोर्स शुरू होंगे और रोजगार के अवसर बढ़ेंगे। गाइडलाइंस में कहा गया है कि राअब ग्रेजुएशन के जनरल कोर्स करने वाले छात्रों को भी प्रफेशनल कोर्स करने का मौका मिलेगा। छात्र को इसके क्रेडिट मिलते रहेंगे और अकैडमिक बैंक ऑफ क्रेडिट में ये जमा होंगे। चौधरी रणबीर सिंह यूनिवर्सिटी (जीद) के पूर्व वाइस चांसलर प्रो. आर. बी. सोलंकी का कहना है कि शॉर्ट टर्म कोर्सेज से रोजगार के अवसरों में बढ़ोतरी होती है।

JEE Main-2024 में बना रेकॉर्ड, पहले सत्र के लिए 12 लाख से ज्यादा रजिस्ट्रेशन हुए

■ **विस, नई दिल्ली** : 2024 में इंजिनियरिंग कोर्सेज में दाखिले के लिए होने वाली जॉइंट एंट्रेस एग्जामिनेशन (JEE Main) में रजिस्ट्रेशन के अब तक के सारे रिकॉर्ड टूट गए हैं। 24 जनवरी से 1 फरवरी के बीच होने वाली पहले सत्र की परीक्षा के लिए 12,30,347 रजिस्ट्रेशन हुए हैं, जो अभी तक का सबसे बड़ा नंबर है। 2023 में पहले सत्र की परीक्षा से तुलना करे तो 8,60,064 छात्रों ने आवेदन किया था। इस बार आवेदन करने वालों की संख्या में 3.70 लाख से ज्यादा का इजाफा हुआ है। नेशनल टेस्टिंग एजेंसी (एनटीए) ने इस बार सिलेबस में कटौती भी की है। पहले सत्र की परीक्षा का रिजल्ट 12 फरवरी को आ जाएगा। दूसरे सत्र की परीक्षा 1-15 अप्रैल के बीच होगी, जिसके लिए आवेदन प्रक्रिया पहले सत्र की परीक्षा

का रिजल्ट आने के बाद शुरू होगी। आवेदन करने वाले लड़कों की संख्या 823842 है, जबकि 406486 छात्राओं (करीब 33 पर्सेंट)ने परीक्षा के लिए आवेदन किया है और इसमें करीब 3 पर्सेंट की बढ़ोतरी हुई है। थर्ड जेडर कैटिगरी में 19 उम्मीदवार एडमिशन की रेस में शामिल हैं। **महाराष्ट्र, आंध्र, तेलंगाना सबसे आगे:** महाराष्ट्र से सबसे ज्यादा 1,62,624 रजिस्ट्रेशन हुए हैं। टॉप पांच राज्यों में आंध्र प्रदेश (134703), तेलंगाना (126746), उत्तर प्रदेश (125272) और कर्नाटक 79229 शामिल हैं। तमिलनाडु से 72238 आवेदन आए हैं। वहीं राजस्थान के कोटा में बड़ी संख्या में छात्र कोचिंग करते हैं और इस राज्य से 70924 आवेदन हैं। दिल्ली से 40669 आवेदन आए हैं। नॉर्थ-ईस्ट के राज्यों से सबसे कम आवेदन हैं।