

Coronavirus Outbreak: Top 5 education updates

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In the midst of coronavirus outbreak, the country is in a mode of lockdown. Major boards have postponed their exams and have also canceled for few classes. In the middle of all, IIT Bhubaneswar has started doing online classes so as to keep the syllabus on track. With this, the Haryana board has released a digital app for the students of class 9 and 10 named Bright Tutee. Here are the top 5 updates in the education sectors due to the coronavirus outbreak.

IIT Bhubaneswar

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar embraced a virtual mode of education to keep the syllabus on track. Amid coronavirus lockdown, faculty members of IIT Bhubaneswar are using technology to live stream lectures from remote locations.

Interestingly, all of that is being done as per the normal class schedules. Be it the students or faculty members, all adhere to the class timings strictly. We have set alarm notifications about the class timings on our smartphones. As soon as the alarm rings, we log into our e-teaching software altogether, dot on time. Information about class timings are uploaded on the institute's website and communicated to the students via bulk messages or emails, said Gaurav Pandey, a second-year student of civil engineering.

Attendance is also being taken online through the system, explained IIT Bhubaneswar director, Professor RV Rajakumar. The institute is using Microsoft Teams for conducting online lectures.

If any student faces any problem to access the live streaming, he/she can get the saved video link to watch the session at his convenience

NEET 2020

The National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET) UG 2020 has been postponed by the National Testing Agency (NTA) due to the increasing number of cases of coronavirus. As per the schedule, the NTA NEET 2020 was scheduled to be held on May 3.

"In view of the hardships faced by the parents and the students due to Covid-19 epidemic, the National Testing Agency has postponed the ensuing NEET (UG) May 2020 examination scheduled to be held on the 3rd May 2020," read the official notice released by NTA.

NEET 2020: New dates

The exact date of the NTA NEET 2020 will be announced later on after assessing the situation. Accordingly, the admit cards for the NEET 2020 examination which were to be issued on 27th March 2020 will now be issued later on after assessing the situation after April 15 only.

Further, the NEET 2020 candidates and their parents are advised to keep visiting ntaneet.nic.in and www.nta.ac.in for latest updates. They are also being informed individually through their registered mobile number/ email-id. The candidates can also contact at 8287471852, 8178359845, 9650173668, 9599676953, 8882356803 for any further clarification.

Sikkim TET 2020

Sikkim TET 2020 examination dates have been postponed again by Sikkim Human Resource Development Department due to the outbreak of coronavirus. Earlier, the examination was scheduled to be held on April 11, 2020, has been postponed now. New dates to conduct the exam have not been confirmed yet. The Department is expected to release the new dates soon on the official site of the Sikkim HRD Department on sikkimhrdd.org.

The Teacher Eligibility Test was firstly postponed from December 14, 2019, due to unknown reasons. The admit card for the same was released in December for all the appearing candidates.

Bihar Police SI Exam 2020

The Bihar Police Sub- Ordinate Service Commission, BPSSC, has postponed the Bihar Police SI Exam 2020 due to the ongoing lockdown. The official notice has been published on the website. Candidates are requested to visit the official website of BPSSC, i.e. bpssc.bih.nic.in. The Bihar Police SI Exam 2020 was scheduled for April 26, 2020. Candidates who have cleared the preliminary exam are eligible to appear for the main exam, as per the notice.

Haryana's Bright Tutee

In the middle of the outbreak, the Haryana Board of School Education came up with a digital learning app, named Bright Tutee'. As per the board, the app covers maths, science, English, Hindi, and social science subjects. With this, the app also provides comprehensive learning, assessment and exam preparation material in three languages: Hindi, English, and English-Hindi (bilingual).

"All the registered institutions are hereby informed that in present circumstances of Coronavirus when all the schools are closed and with the introduction of technology in education, the Board recommends its institutions to advise their students to use the digital learning content of Bright Tutee app for students studying in classes 9 and 10," the Board has said in a notification.

According to the board, the students have two options to access the content either from the website or can download the app from Google play store. They have to register using their board, class, medium and subject details.

"We hope that students will make the best use of their time and use this app. The head of the institutions are advised to disseminate this information at the earliest to the students and teachers in the interest of the students future," the Board Chairman said.