

Proposed Higher Education Commission to be independent: Govt

NEW DELHI, JUL 23 -- The Government today asserted that the proposed Higher Education Commission would be an "independent" body and that rights of states would not be impinged, amid concerns expressed by members over replacing the UGC. The Higher Education Commission of India Bill, 2018 seeks to repeal the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 and establish the Commission to effectively attain standards and enhance quality of higher education. Human Resources Development Minister Prakash Javadekar told the Lok Sabha that the new body would not be a government ministry but an independent body. "We are not converting it into a bureaucratic organisation, it will remain independent," Javadekar said, adding the context has changed now. When the UGC was set up in 1956, there were

20 universities, 500 colleges and around 2 lakh students. Now, there are over 900 universities, 40,000 colleges and more than 3.5 crore students, and raising concerns, some members wanted to know why the UGC is going to be replaced. The minister said there would be two commissions -- one for providing grants and the other for carrying out regulatory functions. "That is the whole idea," he said during the Question Hour. According to the minister, the grant disbursal function to universities and colleges is now proposed to be located in an entity which works in a transparent, merit-based approach through an ICT (Information and Communication Technology) enabled platform. Making it clear that rights of states would not be impinged with the creation of

the new body, the minister also said there would not be any change at all in existing reservations for OBC, SC and others. "The proposed Higher Education Commission of India will focus largely on promoting the quality of academic instruction, maintenance of academic standards and grant of autonomy of higher educational institutions," Javadekar said. The ministry is in the process of finalisation of the draft Higher Education Commission of India Bill, 2018 based on suggestions/comments received from various stakeholders, he said. The draft bill now proposes to enable the Commission to perform its role effectively in attaining standards and enhancing quality of higher education, he added. Responding to concerns raised by members, Javadekar said the draft bill has been amended and

that would go to the Cabinet for approval. Around 10,000 suggestions were received on the draft. Some members raised the issue of the yet-to-be-established Jio Institute being selected as a institution of eminence. Javadekar said it was selected from 11 private proposals under the greenfield institutions category. To a query on why no state-run university found a place in the institution of eminence list, he expressed hope that public universities would be there in the next list. The intention is to have 20 world class institutions in the next 10 years, he added. During the Question Hour, TDP members stood at their seats with some placards kept on their desks as they sought to raise demand for various facilities for Andhra Pradesh. On Friday, the no-confidence motion moved by the TDP was defeated in the House. (PTI)

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DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES**

Port Blair dated 17th July 2018

E-RECRUITMENT NOTICE

APPLICATION INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS IN THE DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES, MIDDLE POINT, PORT BLAIR

Applications are invited only through online mode for filling up of following post in the Directorate of Industries, Middle Point, A&N Administration, Port Blair on regular basis. Application in complete shape in all respect should be submitted only ONLINE through <https://recruitment.andaman.gov.in>. The portal will be open for submission of online application between 17.07.2018, 8.00 am up to 30.08.2018, 12.00 midnight.

(1) Name of the Post	Technical Assistant (Coir)
No. of Vacancy	01 post (unreserved) General
Pay level and Scale	Level-5 in the pay matrix (Rs. 29200-92300)
Educational Qualification	Essential -> Diploma in Engineering from a recognized university or equivalent, ii) Certificate in Coir Technology of 6 month duration from Coir Board. Desirable : 2 years experience of Coir Processing in Supervisory Capacity. Note 1 : The qualification(s) regarding experience is/are relaxable at the discretion of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor in case of candidates belonging to Schedule Tribes etc. at any stage of selection the Hon'ble Lt. Governor is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from those communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them.
Age limit	18-33 years for Male 18-33 years for Female Note :- 1. Relaxable for Govt. Servants upto 5 years in accordance with the instruction/ orders issued by Govt. of India from time to time. 2. Relaxable for ST Candidates upto OS years and OBC candidates upto 03 years in accordance with the instructions/ orders issued by the Govt. of India from time to time. Note 2 : The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application.
(2) Name of the Post	Mate Carpenter
No. of Vacancy/Post	04 Nos. 01 post Unreserved for General 01 post reserved for ST 01 post reserved for OBC 01 post reserved for PH
Reservation	
Pay level and Scale	Level-1 in the pay matrix (Rs. 18000-56900)
Educational Qualification	Essential :- a) Secondary School Examination (10th Std.) passed from a recognized Board b) One year certificate course in Carpentry from a recognized institution. Desirable : i. Two years ITI Trade Certificate in Carpentry from a recognized NCVT affiliated institute. ii. Two years Practical experience in any reputed industries unit. Or c) Degree in any discipline from a recognizes University One year certificate course in computer application with Tally as one subject Note :- The qualification (s) regarding experience is/are relaxable at the discretion of the Lt. Governor in case of candidates belonging to SC and ST etc. at any stage of selection, the Lt. Governor is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from those communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them.
Age limit	18-33 years for Male 18-33 years for Female Note :- 1. Relaxable for Govt. Servants upto 5 years in accordance with the instruction/ orders issued by Central Govt. Note 2 : The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application.
(3) Name of the Post	Sales Assistant
No. of Vacancy	01 post (unreserved) for OBC
Pay level and Scale	Level-2 in the pay matrix (Rs. 19900-63200)
Educational Qualification	Essential :- a) Senior Secondary School Examination (12th Std.) passed from a recognized Board b) 2 years experience in sales from any reputed emporium / enterprise dealing in handicrafts. Or c) Degree in any discipline from a recognizes University One year certificate course in computer application with Tally as one subject Note :- The qualification (s) regarding experience is/are relaxable at the discretion of the Lt. Governor in case of candidates belonging to SC and ST etc. at any stage of selection, the Lt. Governor is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from those communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them.
Age limit	18-33 years for Male 18-33 years for Female Note :- 1. Relaxable for Govt. Servants upto 5 years in accordance with the instruction/ orders issued by Central Govt. Note 2 : The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application.
(4) Name of the Post	Hammerman
No. of Vacancy	01 post reserved for OBC
Pay level and Scale	Level-1 in the pay matrix (Rs. 18000-56900)
Educational Qualification	Essential :- a) Secondary School Examination (10 th Std.) passed from a recognized Institute/ Board b) One year certificate course in General Engineering or Welder or Sheet Metal or Fitter or Machinist from a recognized institution. Desirable :- i. Two years ITI Trade Certificate in Welder or Sheet Metal or Fitter or Machinist from a recognized NCVT affiliated institute. ii. Two years Practical experience in any reputed industries unit.
Age limit	18-33 years for Male 18-33 years for Female Note :- 1. Relaxable for Govt. Servants upto 5 years in accordance with the instruction/ orders issued by Central Govt. Note 2 : The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application.
(5) Name of the Post	Welder 'B' Grade
No. of Vacancy	01 post reserved for OBC
Pay level and Scale	Level-1 in the pay matrix (Rs. 18000-56900)
Educational Qualification	Essential :- a) Secondary School Examination (10 th Std.) passed from a recognized Institute/ Board b) One year certificate course in General Engineering or Welder or Sheet Metal or Fitter or Machinist from a recognized institution. Desirable :- i. Two years ITI Trade Certificate in Welder or Sheet Metal or Fitter or Machinist from a recognized NCVT affiliated institute. ii. Two years Practical experience in any reputed industries unit.
Age limit	18-33 years for Male 18-33 years for Female Note :- 1. Relaxable for Govt. Servants upto 5 years in accordance with the instruction/ orders issued by Central Govt. Note 2 : The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application.
(6) Name of the Post	Skilled Worker (Coir)
No. of Vacancy	01 post reserved for PH
Pay level and Scale	Level-1 in the pay matrix (Rs. 18000-56900)
Educational Qualification	Essential : a) Secondary School Examination (10th Std.) passed from a recognized Institute/ Board b) One year certificate course in Coir Processing or Coir Product Manufacturing from a recognized institution. Desirable :- i. 6 months advance training in Coir from NCTD&C Coir Board. ii. Two years Practical experience in any reputed industries unit.
Age limit	18-33 years for Male 18-33 years for Female (Relaxable for Govt. Servants upto 5 years in accordance with the instruction/ orders issued by Central Govt. Note :- The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application.
(7) Name of the Post	Instructor (Tailoring)
No. of Vacancy	01 post reserved for ST
Pay level and Scale	Level-3 in the pay matrix (Rs. 21700-69100)
Educational Qualification	Essential : a) Senior Secondary School Examination (12 th Std.) passed from a recognized Institute/ Board b) Certificate Course in Tailoring and Cutting from a recognized institution. Desirable : i. Three(3) years experience as tailor in a reputed private / public workshop. Desirable : i. Diploma in Fashion Technology. Note :- The qualification(s) regarding experience is/are relaxable at the discretion of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor in case of candidates belonging to Schedule Tribes etc. at any stage of selection the Hon'ble Lt. Governor is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from those communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them.
Age limit	Not exceeding 38 years for Female/Relaxable for Govt. Servants upto 5 years in accordance with the instruction/ orders issued by Central Govt. Note :- The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application.

Eligible candidates shall have to compete in a written exam conducted by the Department / Administration. Qualified candidates in the written examination shall be shortlisted on merit. The scheme of the written examination for the above shall be as under-

S.No.	Scheme of written test	Total Marks
1.	General English	20 Marks
2.	General Awareness	20 Marks
3.	Numerical Aptitude and Reasoning	30 Marks
4.	Subject paper on the basis of conditions prescribed in Recruitment Rules	30 Marks

INSTRUCTIONS:

- The candidates applying for the posts should ensure that they fulfill all eligibility conditions as prescribed for the post / examination.
- Admission of the candidates for the test notified in this notification would be on the basis of the information furnished by them in the ONLINE application.
- If at any stage of recruitment or thereafter, it is found that any information furnished by the candidate in his ONLINE application is false / incorrect or the candidate has suppressed any information or the candidate does not satisfy the eligibility criteria for the post, his / her candidature will be cancelled forthwith.
- The application, complete in all respect should, be submitted only online through <https://recruitment.andaman.gov.in>.
- The recruitment portal will be open for submission of forms between 17.07.2018, 8.00 am and 30.08.2018, midnight.
- Manual / Physical application will not be entertained. Any other mode of application will not be accepted.
- The online applications consist of 4 sections viz. 1. Personal Details, 2. Posts & Examination Centre details, 3. Qualification, experience details and additional qualification details and 4. Upload section for photographs or physical documents.
- Only those applications which are complete with all the above 4 sections will be treated as complete. However, applications that are filed partially, due to reasons such as network issues, can be resumed and completed at a later point of time through appropriate options in the Recruitment portal. However, the candidates should ensure that the application is to be submitted completely before the closing date of Online applications i.e. 30.08.2018, midnight.
- Size of the Photograph:- the file size of the photographic image should be between 10KB and 50 KB. The recommended resolution for the image is 200 x 230 pixels (Width x Height). The photograph should be clearly visible and legible. Uploading of wrong photographs or photographs with poor visibility may lead to the barring of candidates from appearing in the examination.
- Size of the documents:- the documents such as Scanned copy of age proof, Scanned copy of Educational Qualification, Scanned copy of Experience certificate etc. are to be uploaded in upload section. The size of the documents should not exceed 1 MB in each case.
- The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application.
- The candidate need not submit any document manually / physically at the time of application.
- Instructions regarding filing of the online application are mentioned on the website <https://recruitment.andaman.gov.in> and should be followed scrupulously taking which the candidature is liable to be rejected.
- Date and time of the written examination will be intimated to the eligible candidate SMS and Newspaper.
- The admit cards will be issued after scrutiny of application form received online electronically which can be downloaded from the portal <https://recruitment.andaman.gov.in>. No physical admit cards will be issued.
- Incomplete applications in any form are liable to be rejected. No further correspondence will be entertained in this regard and no Admit card will be issued to such candidates.
- The Director of Industries reserves the right to accept or reject any application or cancel the entire recruitment process without assigning any reason therefor.

**Sd/-
Deputy Director (Recd.)**

Finance minister sleeping? HC asks on DRT not functioning

MUMBAI, JUL 23 -- The Bombay High Court today expressed its disapproval over the non-functioning of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (DRT), whose premises here were closed following a fire over a month ago, and sought to know "if the finance minister of the country was sleeping" over the shutdown of a key body. The court said while Mumbai was considered the financial capital of the country, the city-based DRT, which dealt with debt-recovery cases involving banks, financial institutions and their customers, was non-functional for over a month. A division bench of justices A S Oka and Riyaz Chagla made the critical remarks while hearing a petition filed by the Debts Recovery Tribunal Bar Association, seeking a direction to the Union government to allot another space for the tribunal's office in south Mumbai. The DRT, located in the Scindia House at Ballard Estate in south Mumbai, has been non-functional since a fire broke in the building on June 2. The court sought to know from the Union government when it would identify an alternative place for the tribunal. "The government should be doing all this on their own, instead of the issue coming before us and the court passing orders," Justice Oka observed. "In the financial capital of the country, the Debts Recovery Tribunal is not functioning...Is the finance minister sleeping?" Justice Oka said. The court posted the petition for further hearing on July 25 and asked the Centre to identify another place to house the tribunal by then. (PTI)

Anganwadi workers, helpers in J-K announce suspension of their 6-month-long strike

JAMMU, JULY 23 --/ Anganwadi workers and helpers in Jammu and Kashmir today announced suspension of their nearly six-month-long agitation for various demands including hike in honorarium, saying they are temporarily resuming work on the assurance of the state administration. Over 28,000 Anganwadi workers and helpers went on an indefinite strike across the state on February 1 to press for their demands, which also included implementation of the pension scheme, release of pending salaries, seniority list and gratuity of Rs two lakh for workers and Rs one lakh for helpers on retirement. "We have decided to suspend the 173-day strike for a month and are resuming work after getting an assurance from the government's advisor Khurshid Ahmad Ganai that our demands would be addressed within a fortnight," Anganwadi workers and helpers association president Suman Surojit told PTI.

She said a delegation of the association from all the three regions of the state met Ganai in Srinagar on Friday under her leadership and highlighted their "genuine and long-pending" demands and got a "positive response" from him. "We are resuming the work and if the need arises, we will be back on the roads on August 24. However, we are hopeful that the government will look into our demands sympathetically and on humanitarian grounds, and address these with utmost urgency," Suroi said. She said the Anganwadi workers and helpers in the state are getting a meagre pay of Rs 1,800 per month, respectively, while their counterparts in other states, including in Delhi are getting Rs 10,000 and Rs 6,000 for the same work. (PTI)



Members of All India Students Federation (AISF) scuffling with police during Raj Bhawan march in support of their various demands in Patna on Monday

SC lifts absolute ban on rallies, dharnas at Jantar Mantar, Boat Club

NEW DELHI, JUL 23 --/ The Supreme Court today lifted a blanket ban on rallies, dharnas or sit-ins at the Jantar Mantar and Boat Club areas here, saying there could not be an "absolute" ban on protests in such localities. The top court also asked the Centre to frame guidelines within two months for according sanctions to such events. A bench of justices A K Sikri and Ashok Bhushan said, "There is a need to strike a balance between conflicting rights such as the right to protest and the right of citizens to live peacefully." "There cannot be a complete or absolute ban on holding protests at places like Jantar Mantar and Boat Club (near India Gate)," the bench added, while directing the Centre to frame guidelines on the matter. The verdict came as a batch of petitions, including one from the Jantar Mantar and Shakti Sangathan, an NGO, challenging the decision of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to ban all kinds of protests at the said places. The court had earlier observed, "When, during elections, politicians can go among the public to seek votes, why can't people come near their offices after the polls to protest." Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the NGO and other petitioners, had contended that the Centre had completely banned protests or assembly of people in whole of central Delhi and imposed section 144, CrPC permanently in the guise of avoiding traffic obstruction. He had said the authorities had asked the protesters to go to the Ramliya Maidan to stage agitations, while there were several court verdicts that recognised the "people's right to protest". "The protests have to be

near the seat of power, so that the people can make their voices heard." Bhushan had submitted, while referring to a Delhi High Court verdict, recognising the people's right to protest at the gate of a factory, so long it did not affect the traffic. Earlier, the Centre had justified the continuous imposition of prohibitory orders under section 144, CrPC in central Delhi, which houses most of the government ofices and VIP residences. The Centre's counsel had told the apex court that this was an era of "professional protesters", who liked to protest outside Parliament or the president's or prime minister's house to make their voices heard. He had added that the government had to take holistic steps while dealing with such protests, rallies and dharnas to ensure that peace and harmony prevailed in an area. The Centre had also justifying the permanent imposition of prohibitory orders in its affidavit, had referred to over a dozen instances when protests had turned violent and the police had to use teargas and shells and water cannons to disperse mobs at the Jantar Mantar and Boat Club areas. The plea moved by the NGO had challenged the complete ban on assemblies and protests in the central and New Delhi areas imposed by the NGT. It had claimed that there could not be continuous imposition of prohibitory orders in entire central Delhi, which was an emergency provision to be used when there was an apprehension of violence or law-and-order problems. It had said it would have been understandable if the government's decision to impose prohibitory orders was based on a specific intelligence input or apprehension of a protest turning violent.

Former Bangladesh president Ershad meets Rajnath

NEW DELHI, JUL 23 --/ Former Bangladesh president Hussain Muhammad Ershad met Home Minister Rajnath Singh and is believed to have discussed with him the political situation in his country where general election is due later this year, sources said. During the 30-minute-long meet-

ing yesterday, Ershad, who is the chairman of Bangladesh's Jatiya Party, is said to have apprised the home minister about the prevailing situation in Bangladesh and its preparation for the national polls. A Home Ministry official described the meeting as a "courtesy call". The meeting took place just a week after Singh's visit to Bangladesh where he met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wazed and other top leaders. The 88-year-old leader was the longest serving president of Bangladesh in the 1980s. Ershad's wife Rowshan is the leader of opposition in Bangladesh. (PTI)

In this country, cows are safe but women aren't: Sena

MUMBAI, JUL 23 --/ Taking a dig at the BJP-led government over incidents of mob lynching, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena today said cows were safer than women in the country. "We are a part of the government but if something is wrong, we will definitely talk about it. We are friends of the Bharatiya Janata, not of any party," Thackeray said, taking a dig at Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) name. Shiv Sena is BJP's alliance partner in Maharashtra and at the Centre. On incidents of mob lynching in the country, Thackeray said, "India has become the most unsafe country for women. One

should be ashamed of it. 'You want to save 'gau-mata' (cow) but what about 'mata' (mother),' he said. Targeting the BJP over the debate on nationalism, Thackeray said the BJP had no right to decide who was a nationalist and anti-national. "Anyone criticising the government does not become anti-national. Members of Parliament are representatives of people and have the right to raise questions," he said. Thackeray said his party has opposed only those decisions which appeared not to be protecting the interests of the poor. "I criticise the government if it is taking any wrong steps."