

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3508  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021

**New Courses in Universities**

3508. SHRI C. LALROSANGA:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government and University Grants Commission (UGC) are planning to start short-term job oriented courses like Business Analytics, Graphic Designing, Visual Communication, Product Management, Animation, Web Designing, Biotech Instrumentation, etc. in various States and Central Universities/Institutes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government and UGC are also considering to introduce these courses specially in Central Universities/Institutes of North East Region;

(d) if so, whether any consultation was made with these Universities/Institutes in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government considers that these short-term duration courses will reduce unemployment to a large extent and if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which Government and UGC are planning short and long term strategies?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
**(Smt. Annpurna Devi)**

(a) to (e): The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has informed that short term training under Kaushal Augmentation and Restructuring Mission of AICTE (KARMA) Scheme shall be, any domain-specific demand-led skill training activity preferably in core engineering sectors leading to employment or self-employment that enables a participant to acquire a Skill, and which enables him/her to get wage/self-employment.

The AICTE has further informed that under Project Sunshine, AICTE has signed MoU with a leading industry organisation for imparting short term training to students of B.Tech & MCA in IT/Software courses as per demand of Industry.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that UGC has facilitated Colleges and Universities to offer skill-based programmes such as Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, P.G. Diploma, B.Voc & M.Voc under National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF). A number of HEIs are already offering skill-based courses under NSQF in areas like Graphic Designing, Animation, Web Designing etc.

Further, in order to increase the employability of the students, UGC has issued Guidelines for Higher Education Institutions to offer Internship / Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme in the Year 2020.

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