

Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education

MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2020:

(a) Bharat Padhe Online Campaign

For crowd sourcing of ideas for improving online education ecosystem, a week long 'Bharat Padhe Online' campaign was launched by Hon'ble Minister for HRD Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', on 10th April 2020. The campaign invited suggestions/solutions directly to HRD Ministry to overcome constraints of online education. More than 3700 suggestions were received for 'Bharat Padhe Online' campaign.

(b) Thrust on digital education

I. Video conference was held with state education ministers to take steps for ensuring that quality education is available to students through online means.

II. In light of Corona pandemic, online education has been started in all the 25 IITs [5 CFTIs and 20(PPP)]

III. To further promote online education during lockdown, the following initiatives have been taken:

- For higher education, 86 e-courses have been made available by UGC at post-graduate level and 204 e-courses at the undergraduate level.
- Through NPTEL operated by IIT Madras, the text content of 21 engineering subjects has been made available on Swayam portal.
- IIT Bombay has initiated www.vlab.co.in, a website which enables the students to conduct virtual experiments associated with the practical courses of engineering labs. The website is being enabled through SWAYAM portal.

(ii) Promotion of Research

Collaborative Research Grant programme: The second review of 385 Collaborative Research Proposals was held at AICTE by panel of experts. 373 out of 385 Principal Investigators (PI) attended the review. AICTE is likely to declare the results by the end of this month.

(iii) Quality improvement:

Quality Assurance through obtaining accreditation by NBA:

Number of accredited programme= 76.

Accreditation applied by 135 institutions,

Total applied and accredited out of 437 programmes= 48.3%.