Bioinformatics exam in February

The annual Bioinformatics National Certificate examination will be conducted by Jawaharlal Nehru University's School of Computational & Integrative Sciences from February 23 to 24 at nine centres across India. These are JNU in New Delhi; Anna University in Chennai; Institute of Bioinformatics & Applied Biotechnology in Bangalore; University of Hyderabad; University of Kerala in Thrissur; University of Pune; Calcutta University; Assam Agriculture University in Guwahati; and North-Eastern Hill University in Shillong.

The main objective of the examination is to encourage science, engineering and technology graduates/postgraduates to pursue Ph.D. programmes in Bioinformatics with DBT research fellowships, which are at par with UGC/CSIR/ICMR funding agencies, and to pursue Ph.D. at Indian institutes/universities. Another vital objective is to certify bioinformatics professionals, trained students passing out of various institutes/universities, as well as self-trained candidates so that they could be employed in Biotech/Biopharma/Pharma/IT companies. The last date for applying is February 2.

Delhi Technological University will be offering several new courses in the next academic year including an M.Tech. in Biomedical, M.Tech. in Industrial Bio-Technology and M.Tech. in Hydraulic & Water Resources. The University will also be starting a dual degree programme in B.Tech. and MBA.

It has also decided to create one seat in every undergraduate engineering programme for admission to the Central/State Board topper. The number of Ph.D. fellowships will also be doubled from 50 to 100.

Jamia Millia Islamia's Urdu Department has been granted a two-year project by the Union Culture Ministry to translate and publish into Urdu 10 books comprising Rabindranath Tagore's important writings as well as writings on Tagore. Jamia Millia will be translating select poems, fiction, essays, articles, plays, important letters, interviews and travelogues.

A number of workshops and meetings have been conducted in this connection, with the Gitanjali and The Gardener as the first poems to be translated during the workshops.

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