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NEW COURSES IN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced several new courses in various universities in the country including University of Delhi during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has explored any job opportunities for the students pursuing such courses and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has also introduced B.Tech (Humanities) course in Delhi University and if so, the salient features of the said course;
- (e) the employment prospects identified for the students pursuing the said courses; and
- (f) the details of the specified fields in which students may get job opportunities after completion of the said course?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b) The Central Universities are autonomous bodies and function in accordance with their Acts, Statutes and Ordinances which, among others, provide for the introduction of new courses also. The University of Delhi has informed MHRD that it has introduced the Four Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUP) with effect from academic session 2013-14, the B.Tech. Innovation with Mathematics & IT Programme with effect from 03.9.11, the B.Tech. Humanities (under Meta college concept) Programme with effect from 22.7.12 and the Master of Mathematics Education Programme with effect from 22.7.12.

(c) The University of Delhi has informed MHRD that the curriculum of the Four Year Undergraduate Programme has been carefully designed to make the undergraduate courses more relevant to the needs of contemporary society and the nation, and to make courses job-oriented through adequate skill development opportunities. The Cluster Innovation Centre and the University of Delhi are establishing linkages with industry and educational institutions in Delhi to increase the employability of the students.

(d) The B.Tech. Humanities Course of the University of Delhi provides various options to the students for choosing the course of study. The students enrolled for B. Tech. Humanities Programme have to successfully complete the core basic courses in the 1st and the 8th semesters at the Cluster Innovation Centre. In the remaining 6 semesters students can choose educational courses from large variety of courses, on offer, in various colleges of the university or its partners under the guidance of mentors as per their interest.

(e) & (f) According to the University of Delhi, students pursuing the FYUP have various employment opportunities in Media, Industry, Academia, Historical Tourism, Counselling, Art & Design and related sectors.