

# Shut down Telegram group for undue help during open book exams: DU

NEW DELHI: Delhi University (DU) has written a letter asking social media app Telegram to shut down a specific group on the app through which students were being allegedly told the answers to questions asked in the online open book examination held by the university.

Open book examinations in Delhi University have started from Monday and have been conducted only for the final year students. These examinations have been conducted for all the three categories of students -- Regular, School of Open Learning (SOL) and Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board (NCWEB).

This time the varsity has decided that students will get three hours to complete the exam and 60 minutes to download the question paper and upload the answer sheet. For all categories of students, this exam is being conducted through online mode only.

The Delhi University administration has conveyed in an email to the students that a group created on the social media app Telegram was giving undue help to the

students in the open book exams. Therefore, all students are advised not to be a part of this group.

The university administration says that many such students have been identified who have been a part of this alleged Telegram group. Action will be taken against those students who behave inappropriately during the examination.

According to the university administration, more than 100 such students have been identified so far who were part of this group on Telegram app.

The administration has clarified that it is conducting online classes and open book exams in an effective and fair manner. This decision has been taken to save the academic year of the students.

In view of the coronavirus pandemic, the results of the intermediate semester students of Regular, SOL and NCWEB of Delhi University will be decided through Assessment Based Evaluation (ABE). Through the ABE, the examination results of these students will be prepared and they will be promoted to the next class.

# Braving wild elephants and harsh weather, Kerala teacher walks 14 km to teach tribals

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Sukumaran TC is an ordinary man with a steely determination and a golden heart for the tribals. While people think twice to take up a job trekking through dense forests to reach a tribal hamlet and to teach dirty, shabby tribal children of "Kattunaykar" community in Pulpally of Wayanad district, Sukumaran took up the mission and is continuing for the fourteenth year straight.

It was in January 1, 2001, that Sukumaran was given the task to teach tribal students within the forest area of Chekkady in Wayanad in a single-teacher environment. It can't be called school as there was nothing there in the tribal colony.

When Sukumaran reached the place, people in the colony ran inside their thatched huts, dilapidated and unclean, as the Kattunaykar community which lives deep in the forest does not have any contact with the outside world and it was an initiative of the then District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) in Kerala which made the teacher reach the tribal settlement.

Sukumaran while speaking to IANS said, "It was a long wait in the colony, men, children, and women went inside and I could see them looking from inside their huts through small holes but they were not coming out. I was determined and waited and waited, finally, a woman Kali, came out and befriended me. I told her my mission- it was to start a single-teacher school within the colony for tribal children and she readily agreed."

The frail woman that she was, Kali was determined that both her children be taught at the school. However there was no school and Sukumaran tilled the soil, cut some bamboos, thatched with palm leaves and started a shanty, and converted it into a school. The year was 2001 and there were 2 students.

Sukumaran who lives in ward no 3 of Pulpally panchayat has to walk 7 km to reach the school and in some stretches there were no roads and the forest was dense and inhab-



ited by wild animals including elephants, tigers, and wild boar and pythons. It was a walk of 7 km one way and 7 km back - 14 km a day and salary when he was posted was Rs 750 a month and payment was erratic, maybe once in three or four months.

The teacher says, "One day as I was walking towards the school, I spotted a wild tusker on the side road and I had to cross him, I could spot him hardly 20 meters from me and there was no question of turning back and running and I continued to walk beside him with heart pounding and by God's will, I lucki-

ly crossed him and even now a chill goeas down my spine when I think of that incident. Another day a calf and a mother elephant were on the side road but they were inside the forest and had not forayed onto the road. Wild elephants with their calves around are generally violent but luckily for me I somehow managed."

Sukumaran used to bathe his students, cut their nails, hair and also cook food for them. The tribals of that area were averse to taking baths those days and they never used to cut their hair and nails.

He said, "While I used to bathe them and cut their nails a special

bonding developed between the colony people and me and I decided that I will continue with my life here."

Sukumaran was the first who proposed the idea to provide breakfast to children as most of them don't have anything to eat. A social worker provided the necessary materials from a shop and the teacher had to carry the groceries and cook them and feed the children. It was generally gruel with green grams - a common breakfast in Kerala villages.

When the DPEP programme officers visited the school premises

they found that the children were much healthier and this proposal was then implemented in the whole of Wayanad district to start with and later spread across the state with most of the gram panchayats and local legislators taking the initiative to provide breakfast to children. Mid-day meals were popular in all the general schools of Kerala and it was extended to the single-teacher school in the tribal hamlets.

Now the shanty has been converted into a concrete building with facilities including television sets for the children and the apprehensions are gone. Sukumaran even gave the date of birth of these children asking their parents an approximate period of the birth of their child and calculating the age and finally giving a date of birth. This date of birth is now in the official records of these children and even the Kattunaykar community living in Chekkadi ward received their ration cards because of this teacher.

He says, "The children sometimes call me and remind me that it was their birthday and a smile suddenly comes to my lips as it was I who had given them a date but really it is cherishing to be part of something and giving an address to somebody. I find a twinkle in the eyes of the children as well as the elders."

Sukumaran and several teachers like him who teach in single schools across the state in tribal settlement colonies in deep forests are temporary staff and have already given several representations to make them permanent staff under the Kerala government.

The teacher said, "I have my mother, wife, and three children to look after and I am now getting 18,500 rupees and that too once in three or four months. Since March 2021, I have not received my salary and this is how people like me live. If only the state government could make us permanent under the education department, we could get some pension after our tenure. Hoping that this LDF government would open their eyes and bring solace to people like me."



## Which Gond kingdom with 70000 villages has been mentioned in Akbarnama ?

1) Who constructed the Kandariya Mahadeva temple ?

- 1) Dantidurga      2) Rajaraja
- 3) Dhargradeva    4) Rajendra I

2) Which among the following is/are true about TRIPS ?

- 1) It was negotiated at the end of the Uruguay Round of GATT in 1994
  - 2) It is an agreement between members of WTO
  - 3) The Doha declaration came out of grouping of developing countries against the misuse of TRIPS by developed nations
  - 4) It has 162 members
- 1) All of the above      2) both 1 and 4  
3) 1, 2, 4                      4) only 3

3) Which company recently developed an Artificial Intelligence bot called "Jarvic" to serve as a domestic help ?

- 1) Google                      2) Accenture
- 3) facebook                    4) Tesla

4) Which among the following is/are true about " Buckingham Canal" ?

- 1) It connects Andhra Pradesh, Chennai and Pondicherry
  - 2) It was originally called Cochrane Canal in 1806
  - 3) It was declared as a national waterway VIII in 2008
- 1) all are true                      2) 2 and 3  
3) 1 and 2                              4) only 3

5) The negatively charged big molecules called ' Carbon Chain Anions' are believed to have given rise to earliest life. These molecules were discovered at upper atmosphere of which planet ?

- 1) Mars                              2) Venus
- 3) Earth                              4) Saturn

6) Which Delhi ruler planned a military expedition on Transoxiana to defeat Mongols ?

- 1) Alauddin Khalji      2) Qutbuddin Aibak
- 3) Md. Bin Tughlaq    4) Iltutmish

7) Which foreign ruler of second half of 16th century is also known as " Al Qanuni" for making a number of regulations ?

- 1) Safavid ruler Shah Mastan
- 2) Suleiman
- 3) Mahmud Begraha
- 4) Md. Meghbrahi

Answers 1-3, 2-1, 3-3, 4-1, 5-4, 6-3, 7-2, 8-3, 9-3, 10-2

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8) Which Gond kingdom with 70000 villages has been mentioned in Akbarnama ?

- 1) Garh Nagar                      2) Garh Harike
- 3) Garh Katanga                    4) Garh Gondala

9) Which village is called as the "village of incline" based on the proximity to the Rajarajeshwar temple which was built using inclined plane to carry the heavy stones to the top?

- 1) Kondanhalli                      2) Mammalzupah
- 3) Charrupallam                    4) Kondambakam

10) The idea of "Three orders", which gave birth to a warrior class called "Knights" originated in which country?

- 1) Italy                                  2) France
- 3) England                              4) Austria

## HCL's TechBee Program offers early career opportunities for Class XII students

TechBee, HCL Technologies' (HCL) Early Career Program, is a work-integrated higher education program which contributes to the "Skill India" mission of the government. As a part of HCL's new people strategy for 10+2 students, the program offers IT engineering jobs by equipping the students with future-ready skills.

It prepares students technically and professionally for entry-level IT jobs in HCL where candidates undergo an extensive 12-month training for these jobs and the students also get an opportunity to do an internship on HCL projects. While working at HCL, students may also enroll in Graduation Degree program offered by reputed universities like BITS Pilani and SASTRA University.

HCL started this program in 2016 with an aim to hire the best talent and enable them to achieve financial independence at the start of their career. So far, over 3,000 students have successfully completed the TechBee program and are now working with HCL.

Key Highlights of TechBee Program:

- 1) Job Assurance with HCL Technologies: TechBee - HCL's Early Career Program provides assured full-time jobs to completed class XII students for global career opportunities. The program is offered by HCL Technologies, a leading global technology company.
- 2) Earn & Learn: Student candidates who get selected for TechBee get a stipend of INR 10,000 during the internship in live HCL projects.
- 3) Higher Education: Post becoming a full-time employee at HCL the candidate will pursue higher education from BITS Pilani or SASTRA University while working as HCL employees. The fees for Higher Education program is partially by HCL depending on the graduation program.
- 4) Starting Salary: Post successful completion of the one-year TechBee training program, students earn a salary in between INR 1.70 - 2.20 lakhs per annum in

- accordance with the chosen job roles like Software Engineer, Infrastructure Management, Design Engineer or Digital Process Associates roles.
- 5) The fee for the training program is INR 2,00,000 + Taxes.
- 6) Benefits: Besides working for global customers, candidates who complete the TechBee training program become full-time HCL employees and have access to all HCL benefits covering higher education, healthcare, as well as a range of employee welfare programs.
- 7) Eligibility Criteria: Students who have completed Class XII in 2020 or appearing for Class XII in 2021 with Mathematics or business Mathematics are eligible to apply. For more details about qualifying marks, students can visit: www.hcltechbee.com
- 8) Eligible candidates will appear for an Online Career Aptitude Test (HCL CAT). Those who clear the

- test would be invited for interview discussion, after which HCL will issue Letter of Interest/offer letter.
- 9) HCL CAT is an online assessment test designed to check your aptitude in areas of Quantitative Reasoning (Mathematics), Logical Reasoning and English Language.
- 10) Financial assistance is arranged in a way that there is no financial burden on parents or students. Loans are available through Banks. And the fee can be paid by the candidates in EMI format post their employment at HCL. During training, students who score 90% and above get a full fee waiver and students who score 80% and above during training get 50% fee waiver of the program fee.
- 11) Students can apply for TechBee program by visiting our website: www.hcltechbee.com. Aspiring students can get in touch with our local representatives to schedule an in-person or an online counselling session.

HCL contact person(s) for counselling & guidance about TechBee program in/harkhandare Raja Kunal (9297788999) & Sandeep Verma (9572891343)..

## Meerut University includes traditional games in syllabus

MEERUT: In an initiative designed to revive traditional outdoor games that are slipping into oblivion, the Chaudhary Charan Singh University (CCSU) in Meerut has decided to introduce games like 'gilli danda', marbles and 'stapoo' (hopscotch) for students pursuing their Bachelors in Physical Education from the new academic session. The games will be part of a new subject, 'The Traditional Games of India' under the BA (Physical Education) degree. The traditional games are being revived under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, according to the university. At present, students of Physical Education are taught up to 25 games such as volleyball, wrestling, swimming, cricket and basketball. K.K. Pandey, Assistant Professor at the Physical Education Department at CCSU, said: "This will provide recognition to games that we all loved as children but which are now getting lost. With the new subject, our students and future physical training instructors (PTIs) will be equipped to train school children in such games." He further said that the games are also meant to build strength. "One of the games that will be taught in the course is called 'kai danda' which is generally played in west Uttar Pradesh and is known as 'aam dali' in Madhya Pradesh. It prompts children to climb a mango tree while one player chases and catches them."



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