

Nod sought to offer teacher edu courses

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Bhubaneswar: The state government on Saturday sought the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)'s nod to start teacher education programmes in 25 institutions, including nine state universities and 16 government colleges, from this academic year.

Higher education secretary G V V Sarma has requested the NCTE regional director (Eastern Regional Committee) to consider the individual applications of these institutions for permission to offer courses such as BEd, integrated BA-BEd/BSc-BEd,

MEd and integrated BEd-MEd in their institutions.

The state government had earlier issued no objection certificates to these institutions in this regard.

The department of higher education has recommended all these institutions to run teacher education programmes in self-financing mode. These institutions will engage the necessary staff and develop necessary infrastructure for the purpose as per NCTE norms.

The universities include Utkal, Berhampur, FM, Ravenshaw, North Odisha, Sri Jagannath Sanskrit Vishvavidyalaya-Sam-

balpur, GM and State Open University. The colleges are SCS College-Puri, BJB College, and Rajdhani College in Bhubaneswar; Sailabala College-Cuttack, Khallikote College-Berhampur, Vikram Dev College-Jeypore, Govt College-Sundargarh, D D College-Keonjhar, M P C College-Baripada, FM College-Balasore, Dhenkanal College, Govt College-Phulbani, Bhadrak College, Govt College-Bhawanipatna, Rajendra College-Balangir and Panchayat College-Bargarh.

Odisha, it may be mentioned, has been for quite some time facing acute shortage of trained manpower eligible for teaching jobs.