

UGC sets up a new job portal

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CHENNAI: The University Grants Commission (UGC) has created a job portal to cater to the hiring requirements of higher educational institutions.

In his communication to Vice-Chancellors of Central, State and private universities in the country, UGC acting Chairman Ved Prakash said the job portal was being established to meet the long-standing demand from both prospective candidates and higher educational institutions.

As the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) had strongly advocated establishment of a dedicated web portal, the UGC has created www.ugc.ac.in/jobportal – to serve both job-seekers as well as employers.

The portal helps students to create their academic profile and bring them to the at-

tention of universities, colleges and other potential employers.

It also enables employers to post job vacancies for talent hunt, he said in the communication.

In addition, universities and institutions, as employer, could also verify NET qualified candidates through the same interface.

Within a fortnight of creating the portal, about 4,500 NET qualified candidates and 2,250 Ph.D. qualified candidates have registered with the portal. Nearly 1,570 NET-JRF candidates and 853 SET qualified persons have also posted their profile.

Of the NET-qualified candidates, management tops the list with 834 registering their profiles, followed by commerce (491), education (393), economics (220), library and information science (209) and Hindi (200). Among the Ph.D. holders, biology tops with 295 candi-

dates registering followed by chemistry (163), commerce (144) and Hindi (104).

Of the NET-JRF and SET candidates, management and commerce graduates have registered more in number.

From the employers' side, the portal has not really picked up with only three postings – one each for lecturer, principal and provost – registered at present. The portal also has links to the INFLIBNET centre which maintains two databases on Ph.D. thesis submitted to universities.

Seeking to popularise the portal, the UGC chairman asked Vice-Chancellors and Principals to assign an officer to register by logging on to the portal to receive alerts.

He has asked higher educational institutions to encourage students to post their profiles and consider uploading job advertisements for academic positions.

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