

## **Bridge Course for Indian Students who have passed the one year Master's Programme from the Universities in U.K.**

Dr. M.M. Pallam Raju, Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development participated in the Education World Forum at London from 20-22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014. He also held bilateral meetings with Hon Rt. David Willets, Minister of Universities and Science, UK and Hon Mathews Hancock, Minister of Skills and Enterprise. One of the announcements made by Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development was regarding the initiation of a bridge course for the Indian students who are passing one years' Masters Programme from the Universities in UK. Following is the text of the announcement made for this purpose:

One year's Master Degrees obtained by Indian students from a duly recognized University in U.K., which is duly accredited by the nationally recognized accrediting agency will be accorded equivalence, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions :

**Eligibility:** Students who have obtained One year Master Degree, in last three years, from a duly recognized University in U.K., which is duly accredited by the nationally recognized accrediting agency in the field of Engineering, Management, Humanities, Science and Social Science and have displayed academic performance at par with the Grade Point of 'B' will be allowed to undertake a Bridge Course of Six Months duration provided they are in possession of 3 year Conventional Degree i.e. B.A/B.Sc/B.Com, as the case may be.

These students will be entitled to enroll themselves in one of the UGC identified universities for Bridge Course. The modalities of the Bridge Course are :

- A. Students graduating in a post-graduation programme in UK belonging to management discipline may enroll in an industry for at least six months duration at the end of which they submit a report on a management subject related project that is completed during the internship for evaluation by the University. For this a student who completes a one year post-graduation programme in UK will need to enroll with any approved university in India and complete the above credit work at the end of which he submits the report to the University for evaluation. A completion certificate based on the evaluation criteria may be issued to the student by the University. Based on this, an equivalence certificate by an appropriate body may be issued.
- B. As far as post-graduation in any other discipline like engineering, technology, applied arts, architecture, pharmacy and all programmes defined under the AICTE Act other than management as defined above may be made equivalent provided the internship is of one year duration.
- C. Candidates who have obtained One year Master Degree from any accredited British university in the fields of Humanities, science and Social Science (other than engineering and management) will be required to qualify a Bridge Course which will be conducted after 6 months of their enrollment in one of the universities, selected by the University Grants Commission.

D. B. Tech. 4 years from Indian universities and one year programme from UK accredited universities can be considered as 5 years integrated programme with six months internship.

Such students having passed the above examinations from any of the Universities identified by UGC will be entitled to obtain an equivalence certificate from the Association of Indian Universities/ appropriate authority.