

Ifo presents Global Economic Olympiad to limelight the importance of Economics among youth

By a correspondent
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With the initiative to make the young minds aware of the significance that Economics as a subject holds and the need to be well-versed with a language that transcends boundaries, International Finance Olympiad proudly presents Global Economics Olympiad (GEO), 2019 across the country. Global Economics Olympiad 2019 invites applications from students of class 9th to 12th. The last date to apply for the Olympiad is 30th August 2019.

IFO has catered to more than 48,000 students in 162 cities and 5 countries to promote financial literacy for students at school levels. Apart from having association with over 1000 schools in India. The team has also expanded internationally by incorporating several schools

from Dubai, Qatar, Kuwait and Sharjah. Since 2015, Pratham Test Prep has been associated with EconomicTimes.com for providing Financial Content and conducting the Olympiad and Quizzes. Some of the prestigious schools associated with us are: Delhi Public School, R K Puram (New Delhi), Birla Vidya Niketan (New Delhi), Vidyashilp Academy (Bangalore), Welham Boys School (Dehradun), Delhi Public School (Gurwahati), City Montessori School (Lucknow), Scholars Home (Lucknow) and many more.

The Olympiad is conducted in three rounds. The first is conducted at the school level MCQ round which will take place from 1st September 2019 to 15th November 2019. Students scoring above 60% in the first round are then eligible for the regional round that will begin

from 16th November 2019 and end on 24th December 2019. The pattern includes written round, Audio visual round and crossword puzzles in duration of 2 hours. After this, the 4 member team will get selected from 6 regions along with IFO team and are called to Delhi for on Stage Quiz Completion - The International Grand Finale. The pattern of the finale is an oral quiz type conducted for 3 hours to select the winner.

Students registering at National and International level competition are at an added advantage as they get an Internationally recognized certification at every level and a chance to compete for 1.6 Lakh scholarship prizes including Rs 60000 for School toppers and Rs 1,00,000 for Regional toppers. Students can participate from Schools or individually through the website www.financeolympiad.in

Kendriya Vidyalaya Alumni meet held, retired teachers honoured



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Former students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Lamphelpat felicitated former teachers of the Vidyalaya in a function held here today at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Lamphelpat. In the first Kendriya Vidyalaya Alumni meet and felicitation organised by Kendriya Vidyalaya Alumni Association, Lamphelpat former teachers of the renowned school, many of them octogenarians were honoured. The teachers

included former Principal, W. Radharani Devi, Th. Manglem Singh, L. Shamu Singh, Th. Tombi Singh, Ch. Bimola Devi, I. Chhandamayai Devi, M. Rupobati Devi, T. Bira Singh, Nk. Mema Devi, M. Kanan Kumar, S. Satyabala Devi, Ng. Nalini Devi, K. Memchanu Devi. Mementos were presented to the former teachers.

Th. Manglem the Chief Guest of the function appealed to the former students to plant saplings on such occasions so that the message of protection of the environment could be

spread. Most of the teachers and the students were meeting each other after a long gap of about two to four decades as many of the members present had passed out in the 70s, 80s and 90s.

The teachers who were emotional expressed the desire to meet their former students and stated that all their students were like their children whatever be their age and position. The former students presented songs and dances which were taught by the teachers during the school days. They stated that it was the dedication, love and care given by the teachers that they were able to succeed in life and face any challenges. The teachers also presented songs and poems

on the occasions. The organisers said it was a historic moment as students who passed out mostly during the 70s, 80s and 90s had the opportunity to meet once again in the premises of the school and pay their respects to their teachers. As hundreds of students pass out every year it was hard to organise such an event as it was difficult to contact the students the organisers said. The association appealed to all former students to join the association so that such event of honouring former teachers could be organised on regular basis. All present observed two minutes silence to pay respect to all those who departed.

NEFIS submits memorandum to UGC on the issue of non-disbursal of non-net fellowships to research scholars at MU

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North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) had submitted a memorandum to the Chairperson, University Grants Commission (UGC) regarding the very urgent issue of non-disbursal of Non-NET fellowships to the research scholars enrolled at Manipur University. These fellowships were instituted to be granted to all the research scholars i.e. those enrolled in M.Phil and Ph.D courses at the Central Universities across the country. But, at Manipur University the scholars are being denied the fellowship, the amount for which has not been released since 2017. A statement of the Forum said

that many anomalies concerning the Non-NET fellowship abound at MU, especially since it has not published any regulations/guidelines regarding it. There is a gross anomaly as far as Non-NET fellowships at MU are concerned. At all the central universities across the country, the fellowships are disbursed according to the date of registration of the candidate. However, at MU already registered scholars are considered eligible for the fellowship only after they have completed the coursework. The scholars who have just enrolled are made to undergo a pre-Ph.D course, without which they are considered as ineligible for the fellowship. This system, it should be known,

is not followed in the other central universities, and it arbitrarily penalizes the research scholars of MU. Another issue related to the matter is the exclusion of those students as recipients of Non-NET fellowship, who are being supervised by college teachers, it added.

"In all the other universities all the research scholars enrolled at respective departments of the central universities are entitled to receive Non-NET fellowships, but it is not so at MU. Clearly, in the absence of regulations/guidelines governing the grant of Non-NET fellowships, such arbitrariness is bound to creep in", NEFIS said.

It added that the research scholars are made to conduct their research in the absence

of any fund, which negatively affects their work. More importantly, many research scholars, especially a large number coming from socio-economically weaker sections, in the absence of any fellowship, are forced to get their admission cancelled. The unjustified and arbitrary rules, therefore, serve to victimize the research scholars at MU.

In the memorandum submitted to the UGC, NEFIS demanded that the pending Non-NET fellowships of Ph.D research scholars at Manipur University should be immediately released and the disbursal of fellowship should commence from the date of admission of research scholars at the respective departments, rather than the

arbitrary and unjustified rule of staring it after coursework. Also, the arbitrary rule of not granting Non-NET fellowships to research scholars being supervised by college teachers should be immediately scrapped and there should be parity among all the research scholars enrolled at the university. NEFIS also demanded that Manipur University should be directed to publish regulations/guidelines governing the disbursal of Non-NET fellowships, similar to that published by the other central universities. NEFIS would be scaling up its campaign against victimization of research scholars in the coming days, if its demands are not met immediately.

St. Joseph's School Alumni plants Tree at RIMS



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The St. Joseph's School IVth Batch Alumni Association (1983-1993) carried out a tree plantation programme inside the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Lamphelpat (RIMS) in cooperation with the authorities of the RIMS yesterday. The tree plantation programme has been organized on the occasion of the World Environment Day that actually falls on 5th June 2019. The St. Joseph school

Alumni 4th Batch undertook the plantation programme with the motto of fostering "Green and Healthy Manipur" and also to contribute in tackling environment degradation and worsening pollution in Imphal areas and further to improve the air quality in Imphal and surrounding areas.

I would like to request your kind coverage of the tree plantation Programme. Please find attached the press release and some selected photos of the plantation program today. Thank you very much for your kind support.

Sport News

Former cricketers predict result of much-awaited India-Pakistan clash

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The Indian team enjoys a 100 per cent winning record against Pakistan at the World Cup and Harbhajan Singh believes the trend will continue even this year. The offie does not give Pakistan any chance in their match against India as according to him, the Sarfaraz Khan-led side lacks experience.

"Pakistan's form isn't that great and they don't have much experience as well. Pakistani teams in the past were difficult to beat but their current team will lose 9 times out of 10 against India," Harbhajan told 'India Today' programme here.

"There is no chance. When Pakistan had great teams in the past, even they couldn't beat India in the World Cups. How will this team beat India now?" added Harbhajan, who believes India-England match will be a bigger one than the clash between the sub-continental arch-rivals.



However, the CSK star believes India will need to be at the top of their game as they will be the side under more pressure.

"The pressure will be more on India. When two fighters spar, the stronger one always has the fear of failure. Pressure of losing against Pakistan will be immense. Because I know what happens in India when we lose to Pakistan," he said. "People don't remember what happened in other matches but when we play against Pakistan they remember everything. And Pakistan have got nothing to lose, if

they win against India that will be a bonus. But if India lose that game then it will be very bad for us."

Talking about the much-awaited India-Pakistan clash on June 16, former Pakistan skipper Younis Khan said: "The current Indian team is very experienced and the core group has been playing cricket for a long time now. Pakistan on the other hand, has some young and exciting talents who have just burst on to the international stage.

"But the flip side of that is when young players come in they don't know what pressure

department. They can bowl out any team if they have the runs on the board."

Bilateral cricketing ties between India and Pakistan were suspended after the 2008 Mumbai Terrorist attack with the two neighbours playing each other only in ICC events ever since.

Younis, however, called for resumption of cricketing ties between India and Pakistan.

"India and Pakistan should resume cricketing ties. It is very important for the game. We anyways have so much problems with our law and order in both countries. Cricket should be played between the two nations," he said.

"India and Pakistan matches produce great players as well. When I played for the first time against India in 2003-04, I became a player. I became a superstar after my performances in 2004 in India. So I feel India-Pakistan cricket is very important for the sport. The whole world craves for India vs Pakistan cricket matches."

Health Camp

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Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a health awareness drive cum medical camp at Senakom village, Imphal East District on 01 Jun 2019. The Health Awareness Drive cum Medical Camp was organised by Sawombung Company Operating Base (COB) with an aim to spread awareness on maintaining good health and to reach out to the needy and socially deprived section of the society. The event commenced with an informative lecture on

health and hygiene to enlighten the villagers about importance of hygiene and sanitation for maintaining a healthy lifestyle and basic healthcare including various common ailments. The lecture was followed by an interactive session in which various queries raised by the attendees were clarified.

In addition to the medical checkup, consultation on various diseases and health related issues as well as free medicines were distributed to the needy patients. The camp witnessed attendance of over 230 locals including women, children and elders.