

Business students from states to learn from foreign faculty

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New Delhi: In a first-of-its-kind opportunity, management students from 11 state government universities and National Institutes of Technology from remote corners of India will learn from international faculty alongside their counterparts from Erasmus University Rotterdam, McGill University and Richard Ivey School of Business of Canada or Grenoble Ecole de Management.

Management Development Institute Gurgaon will host International Summer University 2013 in April in which students from University of Kashmir, NIT Hamirpur and Kottayam will do 8 management elective courses and get the credits transferred to their MBA.

The concept of 'summer university' is common in the West but it's the first such initiative in India. Restricting the initiative only to government institutions from remote places, MDI director Mukul P Gupta said: "An urban student gets opportunities to integrate and exchange. A student from a remote location is deprived of that despite having higher calibre. Not only will these students learn with their international peers but we are also pooling teachers from overseas B-schools which are part of our 47 international collaborations. There will be no MDI faculty during course interactions," Gupta said.

University of Kashmir was the first to sign an MoU with MDI to become part of the programme on Tuesday. Praising the initiative, Prof Talat Ahmad, VC of University of Kashmir said: "Though our students are of comparable qualities with those from top management institutions, they lack exposure to international practices."

GLOBAL LINK

WHO WILL TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL SUMMER UNIVERSITY

➤ Students from **11 state universities and NITs** from remote areas of India who have completed first year of MBA course

9 faculty members from management institutes of **US, UK, Denmark, France and Mexico** to conduct courses

50 overseas students from top management institutes of Europe and the US

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

8 courses on offer

➤ Students will pursue courses like **international accounting, CSR, ethics, corporate governance, cross-cultural management**

➤ Students will **get credit for each course**

