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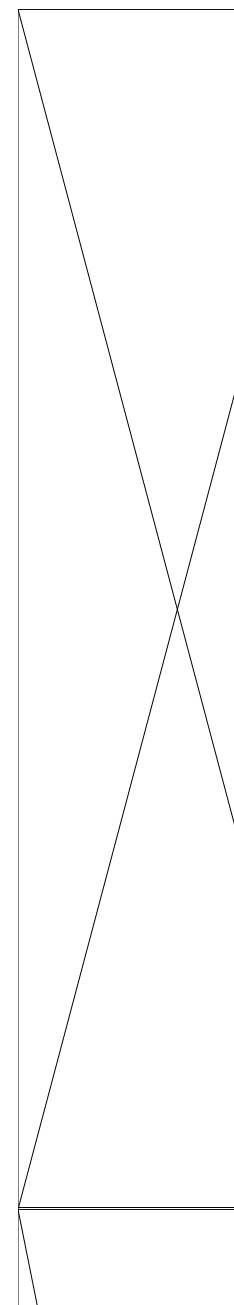
**BESU introduces host of new courses**

**Express News Service**

**Kolkata, November 21:** The Bengal Engineering and Science University has introduced a host of new courses from food processing and applied nutrition, robotics disaster mitigation to master of science programme in development studies.

Santanu Chatterjee, organising secretary, said that they have decided to introduce several under-graduate and post-graduate courses. There is an ample flow of funds which will facilitate development. Besides it has the backing of the chief minister, he said.

BESU has received Rs 17 Advertisement crore from the state government. It is expecting another Rs 46 crore from the Centre. Steps have been taken to improve the condition of the hostel. Besides two more hostels and a women's hostel, an auditorium and a library will come up. This is being



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done with an eye to making the campus 100 per cent residential.

Talks were held with IBM which will train students and faculty members, if required. It has also been decided to acquire an additional 77 acres of land for future expansion. The Vice-Chancellor has laid stress on technical education. Along with the emphasis on higher technical education there will be a forum

(collaborative Indo-Italian exchange programme) for the exchange of ideas which will prove beneficial to one and all.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur (formerly known as Bengal Engineering College), a year-long celebration has been planned beginning November 24 (foundation day) this year.

The inaugural programme will be attended by eminent educationists, scientists and technologists along with the faculty members, officers, staff of the university, illustrious alumni and students.

Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, higher education minister, Sudarsan Raychaudhuri, the Dean of Windsor University, Canada will be present on the occasion.

The authorities have promised to improve the environment in the university as it is an autonomous body and outside interference will not be encouraged. There are certain infrastructural facility and programmes which are on the cards along with augmenting water supply and increasing the number of students.

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