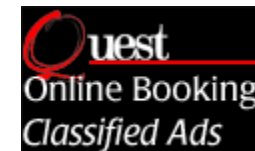




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Besu set to celebrate 150th anniversary

KOLKATA, Nov. 21: Grand plans are in the making to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Bengal Engineering and Science University.

Chief minister Mr Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee will inaugurate the ceremonial programme along with Prof. Sudarshan Roy Choudhury, higher education minister, on 24 November.

Prof. NR Banerjea, Vice-chancellor, Besu, said the institute would start a slew of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in emerging areas of study from the next academic session. The new disciplines to feature on the undergraduate list are Chemical Engineering, Biotechnology, Safety and Occupational Engineering and Food and Nutrition Technology and on the post graduation list are Nanotechnology, Power Electronics and Disaster Mitigation Engineering.

Besu aims to set up a centre of excellence in Automobile Engineering in partnership with Windsor University. The chief executive officer of Windsor University will come to West Bengal in January to sign a memorandum of understanding with Prof Banerjea. The university has already received a gift cheque for Rs 17 crore from the state government and expects a birthday bonanza of Rs 46.30 crore from the Centre.

Plans are afoot to improve infrastructure as well as to revamp the campus area in order to transform Besu into a hundred per cent residential institute. This involves setting up hostels for faculty members, postgraduate students, research scholars and women students. n sns

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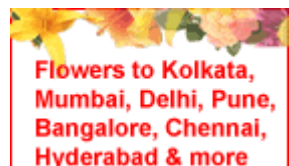
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