

New ME programme in sanitation science, technology and management launched at BITS-Pilani

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Vasco: The BITS-Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus, Zuari-nagar-Vasco in collaboration with the IHE Delft, Netherlands launched new ME programme in sanitation science, technology and management.

This is a research track programme wherein the student pursues two semesters of coursework and

starts a Dissertation in the third semester (possibly concurrent with some remaining course work) and spends the entire fourth semester pursuing the ME Dissertation. The curriculum also focuses on on-field best practice aspects to impart skills to the students. The programme will be run at BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa campus and degree will be awarded by BITS Pilani.

"BITS Pilani has been recently recognised as Institute of Eminence by MHRD, Govt. of India. It is also India's highest ranked non-Government Institute as declared in various reputed world rankings of 2019 such as QS BRICS, QS Asia, and QS India. BITS Pilani has recently secured a place in the World top 500 QS Subject Rankings 2019 in Mechanical & Manufacturing, Electrical & Elec-

tronics and Computer Science and THE 2019 World top 500 Subject Ranking in Life Sciences where BITS Pilani is among the top 8 from India.

It was ranked 17th in the University category and 5th in the Pharmacy category in 2018 by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) released by MHRD, Govt of India.

This programme is in collaboration with IHE

Delft, Netherlands and is part of Global Sanitation Graduate school. IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, Netherlands has signed an agreement with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to transfer the Delft-based post-graduate programme in sanitation to Universities in South Asia and Sub Saharan Africa as part of the recently established Global Sanitation Graduate School. BITS Pi-

lani has been recognised as a sub-grantee of this agreement among a selected few across the globe and is launching this new ME programme in sanitation science, technology and management in collaboration with IHE Delft at its Goa campus.

United Nations General Assembly set in the year 2015 a set of 17 goals that needs to be achieved by the year 2030. These

goals are called as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). SDG 6 focusses on Water and Sanitation and it is high on Indian Government's agenda as evident from Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan Mission. Capacity building in this area is an important task and International Water Association (IWA), an association of water professionals around the world, predicted the requirement of pro-

fessional capacity needs in Water and Sanitation.

According to IWA, "the gap in 2014 was seven lakh individuals, but that gap has widened with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals" - www.iwa-network.org/iwa-learn.

Admissions will be made on the basis of marks obtained in the BITS HD admission test or based on GATE/ GPAT score.