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More Indians going to New Zealand for higher studies

Chennai, Sept. 11 (PTI): The number of Indian students opting for higher studies in New Zealand is on the rise, according to an official of New Zealand Trade and Enterprise.

Jugnu Roy, Trade Development Manager, told PTI at a New Zealand Education Fair here today that 2,800 applications were received last year and an increase of 45 per cent this year was expected this year.

New Zealand offered high quality education in engineering, especially biotechnology and computer science, she said.

"Recently, the government changed the rules to encourage more PhD scholars to come to New Zealand when it announced that foreign students could pay the domestic fee and not the international fee," Roy said.

The education fair today was the seventh consecutive one held here.

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New Zealand education fair

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CHENNAI: New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, a body supported by the New Zealand Education Ministry and the New Zealand High Commission in India, organised an educational fair here on Tuesday.

Faculty and representatives from five universities, including those from Canterbury, Otago and Victoria, as well as representatives from the institutes of technology and polytechnics there were present to give students information regarding study and work opportunities in New Zealand. There were also consultants to provide interested students guidance on admission and visa procedures.

Robert Dilinger of Dilinger Consultants, a group providing assistance on education and immigration issues, said the New Zealand government was actively promoting the country among Indian students. "There are eight universities in New Zealand. All of them are controlled by the Government, so the standards are very high. There are also institutes of technology and polytechnics. These institutes provide diplomas and degrees in vocational areas."

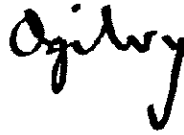
According to the organisers, Chennai is a "postgraduate market." As many as 300 students participated in the fair.

Mr. Dilinger said New Zealand was a good option for Indian students because the education system was similar to that in India, and because universities there accept the three-year Indian undergraduate degree. "Other reasons why New Zealand is becoming a more attractive destination is because students are allowed to work 20 hours during the semester and fulltime during vacations. Students who wish to work there after studies will also be able to do so as New Zealand has an active immigration programme, and is constantly on the look out for highly qualified professionals," he said.

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A representative of a polytechnic institute said students were counselled and given basic information on the school, and on the admission procedure. If students wanted to apply, following the exhibition, the institute would instruct local agents and consultants to help them in the process.

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