



Canada weighing cap on foreign students; move may hit Indian aspirants

Ottawa: Canada is looking at the possibility of putting a cap on the number of international students to help reduce the surge in demand for housing and to fix the system that has gone out of control, immigration minister Marc Miller said, a move that is likely to affect Indian students.

TOI reported about the plan to limit student visas in its December 9 edition.

Justin Trudeau's government has faced criticism for welcoming more immigrants — both permanent and temporary — during an affordability crisis that has caused the cost of housing to spike.

"That volume is disconcerting," Miller said in an interview with CTV News on Sunday, referring to the rise of foreign student visas in Canada. "It's really a system that has gotten out of control." He said the federal government will have "conversations" with the provincial governments "to make sure that the provinces that have not been doing their jobs actually rein in those numbers on a pure volume basis". The number of foreign students in Canada has nearly tripled in the past decade, reaching more than 800,000 last year.

Reuters



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Miller said he will be looking in both the first and second quarter of this year at possibly setting a cap on foreign students. He, however, didn't reveal the size of the reduction the government is planning. India was the first among the top ten origin countries of study permit holders in 2022 in Canada, with a total of 3,19,000 students.

A new report by Canadian Press news agency — citing internal documents — shows the federal government was warned by public servants two years ago that its ambitious immigration targets could jeopardise housing affordability. Trudeau's Liberals Party government has set targets aiming to bring in 485,000 immigrants this year, and 500,000 in both 2025 and 2026. PTI & BLOOMBERG

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HC Raps DU Over 'Orphaned-Kid' UCMS

Says It's Lacking In Infra, Reacts To Univ Assurance That Its Council Will Take A Call On Future

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New Delhi: The University College of Medical Sciences is an "orphaned child", Delhi High Court lamented on Monday, pulling up the faculty and Delhi University for failing to improve its functioning.

"One person died last week because there is no working CT scan machine. We can't allow more deaths to take place. If there is no CT scan, what are you teaching the students there? A person died just a week ago, but the doctors are worried about promotional avenues and salaries. Their heart doesn't beat?" an anguished bench

of acting chief justice Manmohan and justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora asked, while hearing a plea by the UCMS Teachers Association and others challenging the proposed takeover of the college by Delhi government.

Last week, a man died after being denied treatment at several hospitals, including Guru Teg Bahadur, which didn't have a working CT scan machine.

The court's remarks came after it found that despite a 2005 cabinet decision by the central government, DU prevaricated on handing over the college to Delhi government. The bench indicated it will vacate a stay imposed

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earlier against the takeover.

"Doesn't the doctor realise that a patient died because of a non-functional CT scan? Delhi University can't be superior to the Union Cabinet decision. This is very wrong, what DU is doing," the bench said, when the varsity said its academic council will take a call on UCMS's future, seeking more time.

Giving a final chance to

DU to place its stand, the bench directed standing counsel Sameer Vashisht to file an undertaking that Delhi government will pump in Rs 250 crore to improve the working of the college, so that there is immediate infusion of funds.

Since being set up in 1991, UCMS was funded by the Union HRD ministry. Till 1985 the college was located

on the Safdarjung Hospital campus. In 1985, the college was shifted to the present Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital campus. It is still funded by the HRD ministry but GTB Hospital is under the financial and administrative control of Delhi government.

In a response filed last month, Delhi government informed the court that all departments of the Centre as well as state had categorically suggested that the decision to take over UCMS by Delhi government was a conscious and well-reasoned one. "The same is neither arbitrary nor suffers from any application of mind. The governments are aware of the

fact of integrating of staff/faculty and their service conditions," Delhi government said, urging that the court dismiss the batch of petitions filed in 2015 on which the stay was granted.

It added that neither "the central government nor the Delhi government has taken any decision averse to the interest of the students, teachers or other employees of UCMS. The allegations that government hospitals are in appalling and miserable conditions is vehemently denied and opposed. Delhi government has worked tremendously and improved the conditions of the government hospitals many folds."

Canada mulls cap on international students

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The remarks by Miller came on Sunday as the federal government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau faced criticism for welcoming an increasing number of immigrants — both permanent and temporary residents — while the country faces an acute housing shortage.

In an interview, Miller said

the federal government would need to have talks with provincial governments “to make sure that the provinces that have not been doing their jobs actually rein in those numbers on a pure volume basis”. “That volume is disconcerting,” Miller said, in reference to the number of international students in Canada. “It’s really a system that has gotten out of control.”

A cap on international students would not be a “one-size-fits-all solution” to housing shortages across Canada, Miller noted. But he did not reveal the size of the reduction the government is planning on making. — PTI

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नई दिल्ली: किसी छात्र को पसंद की यूनिवर्सिटी या कॉलेज में दाखिला नहीं मिल पाता है तो भी उसके पास विकल्पों की कमी नहीं है। सबसे बड़े ओपन ऑनलाइन कोर्स प्लैटफॉर्म समेत आईआईटी, आईआईएम जैसे टॉप शिक्षा संस्थानों से वह ऑनलाइन कोर्स कर सकता है। UGC ने यह साफ कर दिया है कि चाहे ऑफलाइन या ऑनलाइन कोर्स हो, दोनों तरह के कोर्स में छात्रों को बराबर क्रेडिट मिलेंगे। छात्रों के साथ-साथ नौकरी-पेशा लोगों के लिए भी ये ऑनलाइन कोर्स उनके करियर को आगे बढ़ाने में मदद कर रहे हैं। नए क्रेडिट फ्रेमवर्क में यूनिवर्सिटी

और कॉलेजों को ऑनलाइन कोर्स को भी शामिल करना होगा। UGC के चेयरमैन प्रो. एम. जगदीश कुमार का कहना है कि अगर कोई छात्र ऑनलाइन कोर्स, स्किल डिवेलपमेंट प्रोग्राम करके

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या इंटर्नशिप भी करता है तो उसे क्रेडिट पॉइंट मिलेंगे। वह वोकेशनल ट्रेनिंग से क्रेडिट हासिल कर सकता है। इसका सबसे ज्यादा लाभ छात्रों को यह होगा

कि अगर उनके पास जरूरी क्रेडिट हैं तो फिर वह उनके आधार पर दूसरे संस्थान में दाखिला ले सकता है। एक संस्थान से दूसरे संस्थान में शिफ्टिंग में होने वाली दिक्कतें खत्म हो जाएंगी। एक क्लस्टर में यूनिवर्सिटीज मिलकर नए कोर्स तैयार कर सकती हैं और छात्र को अलग-अलग संस्थानों में पढ़ाई का मौका भी दिया जा सकता है।



समझिए खबरों के अंदर की बात

आखिर क्यों जरूरी है क्रेडिट अकाउंट बनाना?

अकैडमिक बैंक ऑफ क्रेडिट में छह करोड़ छात्रों का रजिस्ट्रेशन हो गया है। यूनिवर्सिटी, कॉलेज और स्कूल के छात्रों ने रजिस्ट्रेशन किया है। देश के हर शिक्षा संस्थान में छात्रों को अकाउंट बनाना जरूरी है। अकाउंट होने से छात्र को अपनी पसंद के कोर्स, कॉलेज या ऑनलाइन कोर्स करने का विकल्प मिलेगा। छात्र अपने क्रेडिट, सर्टिफिकेट, ट्रांसक्रिप्ट को अपलोड करेंगे। स्वयं पोर्टल (SWAYAM portal) के जरिए IIT-IIM जैसे संस्थानों से सर्टिफिकेट और डिप्लोमा जैसे कोर्स कर सकते हैं। इस प्लैटफॉर्म पर 200 से ज्यादा संस्थान जुड़े हैं और 11 हजार से ज्यादा कोर्स ऑफर किए जाते हैं।