

19 colleges to come under deficit grant-in-aid system

By A Staff Reporter

GUWAHATI, March 25 — Chief Minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta today announced the Government's decision to bring 19 ad hoc grant colleges under the deficit system of grant-in-aid with effect from today. Of these colleges, 11 are new colleges and the remaining eight are already deficit grant colleges having additional streams which have now been brought under the system.

In a statement in the State Assembly, the Chief Minister said that the Government would have to bear an additional amount of Rs 3.70 crore per year to bring the colleges under the deficit grant-in-aid system. The higher education department has already been instructed to mobilise resources for this purpose, he added.

The colleges brought under the deficit grant-in-aid system are : Barpeta Girls College (arts), Saraighat College (arts), Moridhal College (arts), Nawboicha College (arts), Lakhimpur Kendriya Mahavidyalaya (arts), Dhemaji College (arts and commerce), Kharupetia College (arts), Sonapur College (arts), Joyagogoi College

(arts), Haji Anfar Ali College (arts), K C Das Commerce College (commerce), Dhakuakhana College (science), Lakhimpur Girls College (science), Chaiduar College (science), Dhing College (science), Hojai College (science), Lanka Mahavidhyalaya (commerce), Duliajan College (commerce), and J N college (science).

The Chief Minister also pointed out that the fees of the colleges and universities of the State were fixed 50 years back and almost all the college and universities of the country except those of Assam have enhanced their fees. He said that the colleges and universities of the State must enhance their fees as otherwise it would be difficult to maintain them.

He also revealed that the higher education department of the State has been asked to check the mushroom growth of colleges. Instead of opening new colleges, additional streams may be allowed to open in the existing deficit grant colleges if necessary conditions are fulfilled, he added.

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