History socio add to SNU’s multi-disciplinary offerings

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New Delhi: Shiv Nadar University, Gautam Budh Nagar, has announced two new programmes—bachelor’s in history and sociology—starting this year. This will “expand the breadth of our multi-disciplinary offerings”, said the university’s vice-chancellor.

Established in 2011, the university offers 14 undergraduate courses and promises scholarship to each student enrolled. It has earmarked approximately Rs 31 crore for scholarships. The online application process is in progress and the last date for the first round of applications is June 6, 2014.

From past experience, not many seats are left unfilled in the engineering programmes in the second round. And Delhi University is not the only institution offering four-year undergraduate programmes. All courses at SNU are of four years duration.

The university offers six undergraduate engineering courses along with economics, history, English and sociology under its school of humanities and social sciences and BSc in physics, chemistry, biotechnology and mathematics under its school of natural sciences.

Expanding its multi-disciplinary offering, head of admissions at SNU, Kapil Gaba said, “We have all in 14 undergraduate courses from this year, which includes two new courses, bachelors in history and sociology. The online application process is in progress now. June is the last date for applying in the first round and it is advisable to apply by this time as not many seats are left vacant in subsequent rounds, especially in the engineering programmes.”

The university has also announced an increase in its undergraduate scholarship fund taking it to Rs 31 crore—a 94% increase over last year. Scholarships at SNU cover full or partial educational and living expenses for the entire duration of the four-year undergraduate programme.

“The idea of the scholarship is to get the best students. Every single student gets a scholarship here. For example, a CBSE student who has secured 94% and above is eligible for full scholarship in engineering courses. The next slab of scholarship is for those students who will be admitted to SNU and have scores between 94% and 94% in Class XII,” Gaba said.

SNU has also introduced a four-stage admission process for the current admission season. The process is designed to assess a candidate’s academic proficiencies and knowledge of core subjects along with proficiency in language, problem-solving abilities, data interpretation, logical and abstract reasoning skills.

On the 2014-15 admissions season, Nikhil Sinha, founding vice-chancellor, SNU, said, “The new programmes will not only increase the number of our undergraduate degree programmes but also expand the breadth of our multi-disciplinary offerings and provide students a wider range of subjects and electives. The significant increase in our scholarship fund reflects our continued commitment to support the education of deserving students even as we expand the number of degree programmes and the size of the incoming class.”