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JNTUK brings reforms to improve standards

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Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinada, (JNTUK) will introduce courses in agricultural and textile engineering from the next academic year.

JNTUK vice-chancellor V.S.S. Kumar told the reporters on Thursday these course will be in demand in future due to the importance being given to these sectors. He said that the University College of Engineering, Narasaraopet, the constituent college of the university, can be shifted to its own buildings by June or July. He said that the state government had allotted 85.94 acres for the construction of new buildings on the college premises.

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The vice-chancellor said that it was during his tenure that the All India Vice Chancellors meet was held on the campus during which Technical Education was discussed after which the 'Outcome Based Curriculum' was introduced.

He said the university was able to hold convocation for two times in 2015 and 2018. In order to fill the gap on the shortage of faculty, the 'Massive Open Online Courses' (MOOC) was introduced both in JNTUK and its affiliated colleges in selective courses and they are being con-

ducted successfully.

Mr Kumar said that to conduct examinations with transparency without any malpractices, the jumbling system was introduced and exemption is being given for women colleges as well as the colleges which are below 25 km distance.

He said that PhD admissions were conducted for 2015-16 adhering to the rules and regulations and the process was highly streamlined and seats allotted based on the ranks in the PhD entrance examination.

Mr Kumar said that salaries were enhanced for the outsourcing employees based on their qualifications. IIMDP courses structure was redesigned on 3+1+2 pattern (B.Tech + M.Tech) so that the students will be fit to attempt the competitive exams round the country.

He said that CC cameras are being installed in labs as well as in and around the campus. In order to increase the pass percentage of the engineering students 7-8 grace marks are being allotted to reduce the failure rate.