

Started on Modi's initiative, BVoC put on backburner at DAVV

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While University Grants Commission (UGC) is promoting skill-based training courses among young people on a large scale, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV) has put Bachelor of Vocation (BVoC) programme on backseat despite the fact that it is part of Skill India, one of the biggest campaigns of the Central government — spearheaded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The university, which was supposed to take first



semester exam in December 2018, has not conducted exam for BVoC course for the students of a college despite passing off nearly 14 months.

"This lackadaisical attitude mirrors the non-seriousness of the university officers in running vocational courses," said a student of ISBA Institute of Professional Studies.

"We all know how DAVV took crore of rupees in grant from the UGC to promote the BVoC but non-seriousness of officers failed to attract students. Now, when a college is running the same courses, the university is delaying the exams so that students quit the programmes," alleged another student.

DAVV was one of the first

universities in the country to start BVoC courses when it was launched as part of Skill India initiative of the PM.

But the university's Department of Lifelong Learning, which runs the courses, failed to attract respectable number of students.

In 2018-19, the ISBA Institute of Professional Stud-

WHAT IS BVOC?

BVoc courses are job-oriented and are for the students who think beyond regular and professional programmes. BVoc programme is aimed at raising employability of graduates and meeting the industry's requirement for ready-to-work students. The programme under the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) has a multiple-exit provision — a diploma at the end of the first year and an advanced diploma after two years. On success completion of three years, students get degree.

college students are making bee-line at the university for exams but to no avail.

When the university officers were contacted, they tried to pass onus on one another.

Deputy Registrar Prajwal Khare (Exams) said that they could not hold exam till date as they have not received scheme of exam from the academic section.

Deputy Registrar (Academic) Ajay Verma said that the examination committee has not decided the scheme as yet.

In the university, Department of Lifelong Learning runs the course. As DLL is a teaching department of DAVV, it runs course under Ordinance 31 which is especially for varsity teaching departments. For college, there has to be separate ordinance and scheme of exam.

After completion of six months of studies, the university was requested by the college to hold exam for the first semester students but no heed was paid.

For last eight months, the