

higher education level. In view of the general experience that the more brilliant students were eager to get into the All India Services (with higher grades and more attractive perquisites), only the mediocres slogged in research pursuit for a few years to qualify for a teaching position.

In view of the implementation of the parity of at least the basic salary struc-

ture of university teachers with class I officers, the Mehrotra Committee emphasized in 1986 that uniform brilliant academic record should be the essential qualification for entry to the teaching profession, although such candidates with research qualifications also were to be provided with additional increments in their basic salary. Repeated announcements, such as the current one of exclud-

ing the candidates who submit their theses before December 2002, from the NET examination, have also tended to lower the standard of doctorate degrees.

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