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GATE – 2021

Mumbai, July 25, 2020: IIT Bombay being the organising institute, it is being informed that considering the present Covid-19 pandemic situation, the dates for the GATE-2021 examination have been spread out over a longer duration as 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th and 14th February 2021. The organising team led by Profs. Deepankar Choudhury, Upendra Bhandarkar and Mohd. Aslam announced the following new initiatives to be effective during GATE-2021 (today after the first meeting of the GATE-2021 committee):

- Two new subject papers are being started: ES (Environmental Science and Engineering) and XH (Humanities and Social Sciences), making the total number of subject papers to 27.
- To boost the opportunity to study in inter-disciplinary areas, unlike in the previous year when a candidate could write only one subject paper, the candidate can now opt for up to two subject papers (from a prescribed set of combinations) that the exam calendar would permit.
- Eligibility criteria to appear for GATE-2021 is relaxed from the minimum 10+2+4 (ongoing) to minimum 10+2+3 (ongoing), enabling even those in the third year of their undergraduate studies to appear for the examination, thus providing an additional opportunity to candidates to improve their performance to secure better career options.
- Details will be available at the official website: <https://gate.iitb.ac.in>

While lauding the new initiatives of the GATE-2021 committee, Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri, Director of IIT Bombay, said, "I am particularly delighted at the creation of much needed new career opportunities for those in the Humanities and Social Sciences area as this may serve as one single standardized criterion for admission to various masters and doctoral programs in various IITs and other universities in India. Should any agency, for example, various PSUs want to hire candidates with Humanities background, this new exam paper in GATE will prove to be a great enabler!"