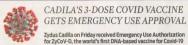




STELLA MARIS COLLEGE



FOUND SAFE FOR ANYONE ABOVE 12 YEARS
The three-dose intradermal vector as be administered in those above 12 years using needle-free injector, according to Cadila. However, the Centre is yet to open incordulation for the 12-19 years category. The vector has been developed in partnership with the Department of Biotechnology and implemented by the Biotechnology industry Research Assistance Council

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2 X/GV-D produces the spike protein of the SARS-GV-2 virus and
elicits an immune response. The plug-and-play technology on
which the plasmid DN4 platform is based can be easily adapted
to deal with mutations in the virus, such as those already
cocurring; "the Ministry of Science & Technology said in its release



Bridge courses likely for first-year UG students

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AS the admission process is nearing completion, colleges across the city are busy chalking out bridge courses for first-year students to ensure that they are able to grasp undergraduate subjects easily.

Class 12 students who passed this year have been attending online classes only and have not appeared for annual examinations as well. Hence, it's difficult to evaluate what they have understood in class

12, say colleges.
Guru Nanak College
has decided to conduct
a one-month-long
bridge course for students of all streams.
College principal MG Ragunathan said earlier, they
used to offer bridge courses
only for English, Computer
Science and Maths subjects as
many students faced problems
in understanding the fundamentals of these subjects.
However, this year, they have
decided to conduct bridge
courses for all subjects.

"As soon as we start online classes for first-year students, we will offer bridge courses. It will also boost their confidence," said Ragunathan. MOP Vaishnav College for Women has also planned bridge courses along with psychological counselling. "The students need proper guidance about their career and emotional support also as they have not gone to school in the entire year. Our effort will be to address these two issues," said MOP's principal, Lalitha Balakrishnan.

Stella Maris College already
has a regular bridge course in
place for students coming from
vernacular medium. "A
regular bridge course
and pathway programme is offered to
students from vernacular medium for their
smooth transition,"
said principal Sr Rosy
Joseph, FMIM.

According to academicians, under the circumstances, a bridge course is essential. Ethiraj College for Women too has plans to help its first-year students. Initially, for 10 days, students of all subjects will be given bridge courses. "We have also decided to conduct a special class every Saturday where the teachers will clear students' doubts," said S Kothai, principal of Ethiraj College.

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