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# आईआईटी-एनआईटी की बैठक टली

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अखिल भारतीय स्तर पर इंजीनियरिंग में दाखिले के लिए प्रस्तावित सिंगल टेस्ट पर आईआईटी फैकल्टी के मुखर विरोध के बाद इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नोलॉजी (आईआईटी) और नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नोलॉजी (एनआईटी) की 14 अप्रैल को होने वाली साझा बैठक टाल दी गई है। मंत्रालय सूत्रों ने कहा कि अब बैठक के लिए नई तारीख तय की जाएगी।

आईआईटी की चिंता को ध्यान में रखते हुए मंत्रालय प्रवेश परीक्षा का प्रारूप नए सिरे से तय करने के बाद फिर से बैठक करेगा। सूत्रों ने कहा कि बुधवार को आईआईटी प्रतिनिधियों

के साथ हुई बैठक में जो सवाल उठाए गए हैं, उनपर व्यापक विचार विमर्श जरूरी है। आईआईटी फैकल्टी ने आरोप लगाया है कि बिना विचार विमर्श के ही सिंगल टेस्ट की योजना जल्दबाजी में बना ली गई।

फैकल्टी फेडरेशन ने प्रस्ताव पारित कर कहा है कि उन्हें पर्याप्त समय दिया जाए, जिससे वे इस मसले पर चर्चा करके एक प्रारूप तय कर सकें। मंत्रालय सूत्रों ने कहा कि अब आईआईटी - एनआईटी की साझा बैठक के लिए तारीख तय करने से पहले नए सिरे से रेगुलेशन बनाने की कवायद होगी। इसमें आईआईटी और अन्य संबद्ध पक्षों की राय ली जाएगी। मंत्रालय नहीं चाहता कि यह

### बना प्रतिष्ठा का सवाल



माना जा रहा है कि मानव संसाधन मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल ने सिंगल टेस्ट

को प्रतिष्ठा का सवाल बनाया है। आईआईटी से जिस तरह के विरोधी स्वर परीक्षा के स्वरूप को लेकर उभरे हैं वह उनके लिए किसी झटके से कम नहीं है। सिब्बल की योजना थी कि काउंसिल बैठक में प्रस्ताव पर मुहर लगवाने सहित तमाम औपचारिकताएं बजट सत्र के दूसरे चरण के पहले पूरी कर ली जाएं।

मामला काउंसिल बैठक में जाकर अटक जाए।

## JOINT IIT, NIT MEET DEFERRED INDEFINITELY

AGE CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 13

The joint meeting of IIT and NIT Council scheduled to be held on April 14, has been deferred indefinitely after no decision was reached on the proposed common national examination for science and engineering for Central institutes at a meeting of HRD minister Kapil Sibal with IIT faculty members.

Sources said the joint meeting of the two councils was scheduled to deliberate and take a decision on the issue. However, it has now been deferred. "The decision to defer the meeting was taken after the All-India, IIT Faculty Federation has continued its opposition to the proposed changes to the existing IIT-JEE entrance examination pattern," sources added. The examination for science and engineering for Central institutes, scheduled for implementation from 2013, hit a roadblock on Wednesday as the meeting of HRD minister Kapil Sibal and IIT directors with IIT faculty members remained inconclusive.

It is understood that decision for a single entrance test will now be sent before respective senates of IITs for their approval. After an approval of senates the proposal will be put before the IIT council for its approval. The entire process could take several months and could push back the date of proposed implementation of single entrance test further, sources added. Though the ministry made a case for the test but failed to develop unanimity as the federation was opposed to consideration of Class 12 marks for admission.

## आईआईटी के भविष्य को लेकर पूर्व छात्र करेंगे बहस

नई दिल्ली। सरकार द्वारा आईआईटी की संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा के विकल्प पर विचार करने की खबर पर देश में नई बहस छिड़ गई है। सरकार के इस फैसले पर आईआईटी दिल्ली के पूर्व छात्र गोलबंद हो गए हैं। इसी के मद्देनजर रविवार को पूर्व छात्र राजधानी में एकजुट होकर बहस करेंगे। बहस का विषय है 'इस व्यवस्था के साथ कैसा होगा आईआईटी का भविष्य।'

आईआईटी दिल्ली अलमुनाई एसोसिएशन के वार्षिक लीडरशिप कॉन्क्लेव में जाने-माने लोग विज्ञान आईआईटी 2020 पर चर्चा करेंगे। लीडरशिप कॉन्क्लेव 2012 के निदेशक शशि भुंजाल ने बताया कि मानव संसाधन मंत्रालय संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा को समाप्त कर अन्य वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था की बात कर रहा है। उनका कहा है कि संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा का गौरवशाली इतिहास रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार हमारी बात मानती है या नहीं, यह तो आने वाला कल बताएगा, लेकिन चूंकि हम लोग इस संस्थान से जुड़े हुए हैं इसलिए हम अपने विचारों को सरकार को अवगत कराना चाहते हैं। आईआईटी दिल्ली अलमुनाई एसोसिएशन के अध्यक्ष हिमांशु आर वैश्य ने कहा कि कॉन्क्लेव में इस बात पर बहस होगी कि हम नए सुधार के बारे में क्या सोचते हैं और इसका सही रास्ता क्या हो सकता है।

उन्होंने कहा कि संस्थान की बेहतरी से ही उनकी प्रतिष्ठा जुड़ी हुई है। कॉन्क्लेव में एल एंड टी पावर के एमडी व सीईओ रविकांत उप्पल, आईआईटी दिल्ली के डायरेक्टर प्रो. आरके शेवगोंकर, फिक्की के एडवाइजर रंजन कोहली, एयरटेल के सीईओ विनोद सूद, डॉ. परिमल राय सहित कई नामचीन हस्तियां शामिल होंगी।

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## **LEARNING LESSONS**

**THERE** seems just no end to HRD Minister Kapil Sibal's woes on his education initiatives. Several of his Bills are stuck in Parliament for almost two years. Now, his proposal to replace the IIT-JEE with a common entrance test for all the engineering colleges has also run into rough weather. The IIT faculty federations have not only opposed it but also passed a formal resolution to this effect after their meeting with the minister earlier this week. The ministry had been so optimistic of being able to convince the faculty that it had scheduled a meeting of the IIT and NIT councils this

weekend, and another with the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) next weekend, in order to get all round approval for this proposal. Rebuffed by the faculty federations, the ministry has now postponed all the three meetings.

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# AICTE Microsoft's biggest cloud computing client

**London, Apr 13:** Microsoft announced its biggest-ever customer for cloud computing — software that it hosts on behalf of clients and delivers over the Internet — after winning a contract to provide free services to the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

Microsoft, which was built on the sale of expensive software that is installed on individual computers, has been forced by competition from Google and others to branch out into the fast-growing world of cloud computing. The US software giant said on Thursday it would provide its Live@edu communication and collaboration software to more than 7 million students and half a million teachers through a deal with the AICTE.

The service, which Microsoft is providing for free as part of its education initiative, includes email,

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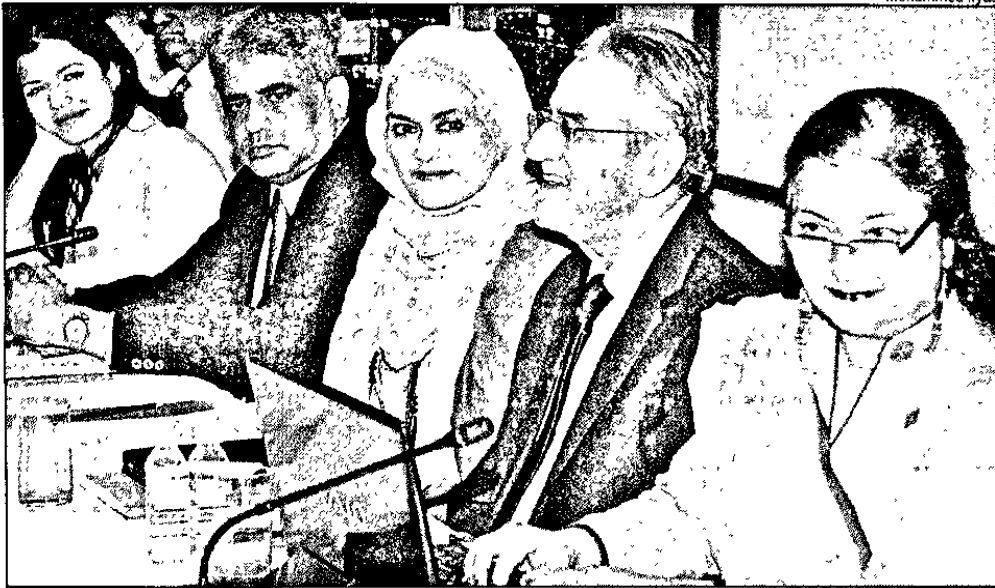
Office Web applications, instant messaging and storage.

For users, cloud computing is inexpensive and simple, because it removes the need to spend time and money on installing software and managing servers.

Large government departments are prime targets for vendors such as Microsoft and Google.

*Reuters*

# Borders blur as experts brainstorm on education



**IN TANDEM:** Members of the Pakistan delegation at the first Aman ki Asha Education Committee meeting

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The first Aman ki Asha Education Committee meeting was held in the capital on Thursday to decide how India and Pakistan can collaborate for bringing reforms in education on both sides of the border. At a day-long meeting organized by CII, The Times of India, Pakistan's The Jang Group and Pakistan India CEOs Business Forum at India Habitat Centre, luminaries from both countries shared problems and achievements in their education sectors followed by some brainstorming for effective solutions.

It was decided that Pakistan can use the CII's experience of upgrading the Indian Training Institutes (ITI) to revamp its own similar institutes. The committee members also considered starting exchange programmes for teachers between universities, colleges and later schools in the two countries. Indian members found that they could learn from some best practices of public-private partnership followed by Pakistan in the education sector.

Besides this, both countries can share the best practices for

skill development which is imperative to meet the future demand for skilled professionals.

Dr Sudhir Kapur, co-chairperson, INDO-Pak sub-committee on education/skill development moderated the meeting. The president of Pakistan India CEOs Business Forum, Amin Hashwani, presented an overview of Aman Ki Asha which was followed by various presentations. According to Dilip Chenoy, CEO and MD, National Skill Development Council,



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they have a target of training 68.8 million people in the next 10 years. "India and Pakistan have several common concerns like high school dropout rate and low involvement in vocational education," Chenoy said while adding that a new approach was required to address the gap which included social application of skills, linking education to employability and innova-

tion. He also suggested creation of Indo-Pak skills partnership.

Dr Ishrat Hussain, chairman of the Indo-Pak sub-committee on education/skill development and dean & director of Institute of Business Administration, Pakistan, highlighted that low literacy rate of 59% and high dropout were serious issues plaguing the education system in his country. "It's often said that increase the GDP allocation for education and all will be hunky-dory. However, I am sceptical. Unless we have all the hands on the deck, we can't resolve these issues in Pakistan. We need NGOs, public and private sector working together."

Baela Raza Jamil, director programs, ITA, in Pakistan gave a presentation on school education in Pakistan and shared that 20 million children in Pakistan were out of school in a total population of 180 million.

Pointing out the magnitude of challenges in India, Harpal Singh, chairman, CII National Committee on School Education, was quick to add, "We have 180 million children enrolled in primary schools." He added, "If we do not address the issue of gender in education, it will have deep implications."

# Stem cells can be tweaked to hunt & kill HIV

## Genetic Engineering To Fight AIDS A Success: Researchers

**Washington:** In a major breakthrough in the fight against AIDS, scientists claim to have for the first time shown that human stem cells can be genetically engineered to seek out and kill HIV-infected cells in a living organism.

The study demonstrates for the first time that engineering stem cells to form immune cells that target HIV is effective in suppressing the virus in living tissues in an animal model, said lead scientist Scott G Kitchen. He added: "We believe that this study lays the groundwork for the potential use of this type of an approach in combating HIV infection in infected individuals, in hopes of eradicating the virus from the body."

In their previous research, the scientists took CD8 cytotoxic T lymphocytes — the "killer" T cells that help fight infection — from an HIV-infected individual and identified the molecule known as the T cell receptor, which guides T cell in recognizing and killing HIV-infected cells.

In their latest research, the scientists at California University similarly engineered human blood stem cells and found that they can form mature T cells that can attack HIV in tissues where the virus resides and replicates.

They did so by using a surrogate model, the humanized mouse, in which HIV infec-

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tion closely resembles the disease and its progression in humans. In a series of tests on the mice's peripheral blood, plasma and organs conducted two weeks and six weeks after introducing the engineered cells, the scientists found that the number of CD4 "helper" T cells — which become depleted as a result of HIV infection — increased, while levels of HIV in the blood decreased.

CD4 cells are white blood cells that are an important component of immune system, helping to fight off infections. These results indicated that the engineered cells were capable of developing and migrating to the organs to fight infection there, the 'PLOS Pathogens' journal reported.

"We believe that this is the first step in developing a more aggressive approach in correcting the defects in the human T cell responses that allow HIV to persist in infected people," Kitchen said. PTI

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## ISB to sign MoU to provide executive education in Pak

BS REPORTER  
Mumbai, 13 April

The Indian School of Business (ISB) today signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) in Karachi, to provide executive education in Pakistan.

The MoU was signed by Deputy Dean of ISB Deepak Chandra and Dean and Director of IBA, Dr Ishrat Husain at the former's campus. The collaboration brings together the Centre for Exec-

utive Education (CEE) at ISB and IBA, to provide executive education courses to senior management executives, looking to fast-track their careers.

"We are confident this partnership will help generate tremendous opportunities for cross-collaboration between the two schools and set the tone for more future associations aimed at nurturing business leaders and entrepreneurs who would contribute to the growth of business and industry in Pakistan," said Chandra.