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IIT-Bombay student wins Chevrolet design award

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Mumbai, Apr 15: John Paul Xavier, an aspiring automotive design engineer, was declared the winner of the 'Design the Next Chevrolet' contest held in association with Autocar India, at an event in Mumbai on Friday. Xavier, 25, a student of IIT-Bombay in the product design department, will get a Chevrolet Beat as his prize.

The contest, kicked off in September last year, received more than 1,200 entries. Commenting on the designs, Sumit Sawhney, vice president, sales, marketing & aftersales, General Motors India said, "They were outstanding. Students had done a great work over these models. In the coming years, we will see more Asian and Indian designs adopted by car

manufacturers. I see manufacturers bringing their design studios to India in the coming years."

"We are overwhelmed by the kind of response that we have received. Chevrolet has completed 100 years of existence and our investment in India has gone up substantially. We now have a full fledged technical and design centre in Bangalore with about 2,000 dedicated engineers working on various developments," he added.

Apart from Sawhney, the jury for the contest comprised Karl Slym, president and managing director, General Motors India, design expert Dilip Chabbria, Hormazd Sorabjee, editor in chief, Autocar India and Anil Saini, director - GM India Design, Global Network Teams.

Talking to the media at the

event, Sawhney said the company will be introduce six new vehicles by the year 2011-2012 in about 14 different fuel variants. "At this time, I cannot share the specifics of this, but we will launch these six vehicles in 14 different fuel options," he said.

Talking about a few plans which are on, he said that the company will be soon launching its Beat and Spark model with LPG fuel option. He, however, refused to comment on introducing an electric vehicle. "We will be showcasing something very interesting on this front very soon. We have already launched Chevrolet Volt in North America. GM is working on a lot of environmental friendly solutions and our Bangalore research centre in also supporting global research work," said Sawhney

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ED official rebuts 'baseless charges'

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New Delhi: The deputy director of the Enforcement Directorate, Prabhakant, on Friday rebutted each and every allegation levelled against him and ED chief Arun Mathur before the Supreme Court and sought to know why the baseless charges were made by the IIT professor through a serving UP police officer.

Prabhakant through senior advocate Harish Salve told a bench comprising Justices B Sudershan Reddy and S S Nijjar that he did inquire from professor S K Dube about his complaint to the prime minister on the alleged misconduct of ED officials but never threatened him.

Solicitor general Gopal Subramaniam backed the officials. He said the ED director, instead of focusing on the ongoing probe into black money and alleged activities

of suspected hawala operator Hasan Ali Khan, was made to run around the advocate's office because of the accusations.

Salve pitched in to say: "What happens to the reputation of the officers? The accusations, which turned out to be false, have appeared in the newspapers. No one should be allowed to tarnish their reputation."

Appearing for petitioners, which included Dube, senior advocate Rajeev Dhawan said the core of the allegations stood confirmed - that the ED official did meet Dube and questioned him about the complaint to the PM.

But, the bench directed Dube to file a personal affidavit in view of denial of every charge by Prabhakant. It also said: "The whole focus of the proceedings, which was black money, was disturbed by the allegations and the filing of the affidavits."

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DU 'open days' to get delayed

Truncated Admission Season Likely To Start Late In June

Neha Pushkarna | TNN

New Delhi: Now that aspirants need not apply for admissions in Delhi University, they can just sit back and relax till late June. The centralised OMR forms, introduced in 2007, are on their way out and even the colleges will not give out any pre-admission forms from this year.

So, the actual admission process will begin once the cutoffs are out, which is likely only in the third week of June. DU officials are still working out the modalities and schedule for the truncated admission season, which is likely to make things simple at least for the applicants.

However, those willing to know more about the courses and colleges should wait for the university to upload its information bulletin on the DU website. Individual colleges will also release their prospectus prior to the release of cutoffs. "Since there will be no running around like previous years, students must visit the websites of different colleges to know more about the courses and facilities they offer and also about their faculty. How-



NO RUNNING AROUND: This admission season, students will not have to go through the rigmarole of filling forms for applying to colleges

ever, outstation students must attend the 'open days', which are likely to be conducted in June," said Gurpreet Singh Tuteja, deputy dean, students' welfare. Even the hostel forms may be available once the admissions start.

Open days are interactive sessions held at different venues in the city where DU faculty and students provide information about the admission procedure and also counsel aspirants. They used to be held in the third week of May till last year but are likely to get delayed. The existing students, who conduct these ses-

sions, will be busy taking their annual exams till mid-June. "However, the vice-chancellor has asked us to increase the number of open days this year for better dissemination of information. We will also upload a 20-minute open day presentation on the DU website by May 15," Tuteja said.

An important segment in the open day presentation was the centralised OMR forms. They were introduced in 2007 after doing away with the ICR (intelligent character reader) forms. The idea was to enable aspirants to apply to as many colleges and courses as they

wanted on a single form. Earlier, the candidates could apply to only 10 colleges and eight courses on the ICR forms. But with no forms now, aspirants can directly take admission in any course and college if they meet the cutoff.

Even as the colleges work out their cutoffs without any applications in hand, they are also planning to hold separate counselling session for aspirants and their parents. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, principal, Hindu College, said, "We plan to set up help desks in the colleges so that the aspirants can be explained about the new system. They may even need counselling for the choice of courses. Even their parents may have some queries which we will be happy to answer." Colleges are also working at uploading all the necessary details online. Meera Ramachandran, principal, Gargi College, said, "We will be holding a meeting in the college soon as the university has requested us to advance the information on any riders or eligibility requirements for different courses. This information will be uploaded on the website soon."

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AIIMS docs say 'gag order' will kill any dissent

Can Speak On Their Subjects: AIIMS

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is on the boil again. The faculty here is enraged over a series of 'gag orders' issued by the administration, which, they say, stop them from making public comments and holding any elective office with any forum or association without prior permission. The faculty association of AIIMS has said that the recent orders are anachronistic attempts to check dissenting voices and should be repealed immediately.

The faculty members are angry over the recent circular in which the AIIMS administration has asked all its doctors holding an elective office in any body/forum/association to intimate the institute and take permission within 30 days citing Rule 15 (1) (C) of the CCS Conduct rules, Government of India.

"The CCS (conduct) rules are applicable to the employees of the institute. So, the institute employees, who are associated with any organization and are holding an elective office therein, are required to give prior intim-

ation and take permission for the same. In case no intimation/permission has been taken, it may be sought within 30 days," reads the circular.

A senior AIIMS official said the step was taken following complaints about some doctors being part of social and charitable events and organizations, which allegedly have objectionable attributes and activities. "We are not stopping anyone from associating with any organization. They need to inform us," said the official. He said for making public comments, there is no blanket ban and faculty members can speak to the media on subjects directly related to them; but a section of faculty members claimed that the order meant to 'gag' dissenting voices.

"The move is aimed at thwarting attempts of a section of the faculty to oppose administrative changes which include the imposition of package system," said a PMSF spokesperson.

He said in the last few months, at least three circulars pertaining to restricting the academic freedom of faculty members has been issued.

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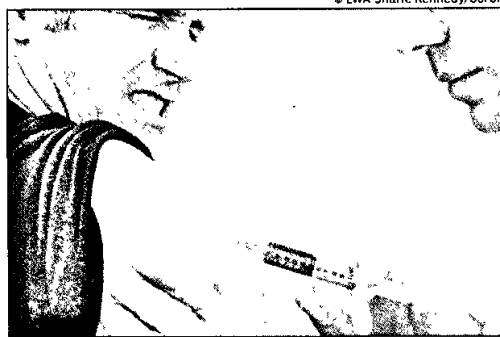
Soon, a one-shot cure for all cancers

Universal Vaccine Uses Body's Own Defences To Stop All Tumours In Their Tracks

London: Coming soon. Universal cancer jab, say scientists who are developing the vaccine which they claim would stop all tumours in their tracks. According to the scientists, the jab is part of a new generation of drugs that use the body's own defences to fight cancers like pancreatic, prostate and breast, stopping tumours in their tracks.

The jabs would hit the market in just two years' time, say the scientists.

Although vaccines usually prevent disease, the TeloVac jab is designed as a treatment. Rather than attacking cancer cells, like many existing drugs, it harnesses the power of the immune system to fight the tumours, they say.



PAIN FOR GAIN: The vaccine works by encouraging the immune system to seek out and destroy an enzyme called telomerase. It is expected to hit the market in two years

It works by encouraging the immune system to seek out and destroy an enzyme called telomerase. Found at

high levels in many cancer cells, telomerase effectively makes them fully immortal, allowing them to live on when healthy cells would die — easing the growth and spread of the tumour.

In the largest trial of its kind in the UK, more than 1,000 men and women in the late stages of pancreatic cancer are either being given the vaccine alongside their normal drugs or treated as usual, the 'Daily Mail' reported.

The results from the 53 hospitals taking part will not be available until next year but, anecdotally, some patients credit their participation in the trial with giving them an extra year or two of life.

John Neoptolemos, who is co-ordinating the large-scale British trial, said: "When you have got pancreatic cancer, it is like a timebomb in people."

Pancreatic cancer cells are normally invisible to the immune system but the vaccine "spots" the telomerase spilling out from them and kickstarts the fight back.

Dr Jay Sangjae Kim, the founder of GemVax, the Korean company developing the TeloVac vaccine, said: "We strongly believe this has the potential to overcome the limits of other current cancer vaccines and become part of the standard of care not only for pancreatic cancer but for various other types of cancers." PTI

आईआईटी को संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा में गलत सवाल पूछने की शिकायतें मिलीं

कानपुर (एजेंसी)। 10 अप्रैल को आयोजित आईआईटी संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा (जेईई) में गणित का एक सवाल के गलत होने का मामला प्रकाश में आया है। आईआईटी प्रशासन को गणित का सवाल गलत होने के संबंध में तीन शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं। इस बाबत आईआईटी कानपुर के निदेशक, प्रो संजय गोविंद धांडे ने शुक्रवार को संवाददाताओं को बताया कि परीक्षा में गणित के पेपर में एक सवाल गलत होने की शिकायत तीन परीक्षार्थियों के द्वारा लिखित रूप में दी गई है।

छात्रों की इस शिकायत को आईआईटी प्रशासन ने गंभीरता से लिया है और तीनों शिकायतें आईआईटी संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा का प्रश्न पत्र पेपर तैयार करने वाली कमेटी को भेज कर इसकी जांच करने को कहा गया है। उनके मुताबिक अगर कमेटी इस बात को मानेगी कि वास्तव में यह सवाल गलत था तो कोई रास्ता निकाला जाएगा और परीक्षा में बैठने वाले लाखों छात्रों का किसी तरह से नुकसान नहीं होने दिया जाएगा। कमेटी से कहा गया कि वह इस बाबत अपनी रिपोर्ट तीन दिन में उन्हें सौंपे। रिपोर्ट के आने के बाद ही आईआईटी प्रशासन इस मामले पर आधिकारिक बयान जारी करेगा।

हालांकि धांडे ने यह भी कहा कि यहां सबसे बड़ा सवाल यह उठता है कि जिस दिन परीक्षा हुई थी उस दिन किसी भी छात्र छात्रा ने सवाल के गलत होने की कोई शिकायत नहीं की थी बाद में यह बात कहां से उठ गई कि एक सवाल गलत था। जरूर इसके पीछे कुछ और लोग भी शामिल हैं। इस बीच आईआईटी ने स्पष्ट किया है कि परीक्षा का परिणाम अपने

निर्धारित समय 25 मई को घोषित कर दिया जाएगा। धांडे के मुताबिक इसके अलावा भिलाई से परीक्षा में शामिल हुई एक छात्रा भी शिकायत मिली है कि उसके किसी साथी के स्थान पर किसी दूसरे ने परीक्षा दी है।

इस मामले की जांच का काम भी एक कमेटी को दिया गया है। अगर यह आरोप सही पाया जाता है तो उस परीक्षार्थी के खिलाफ भी

अनुशासनात्मक कार्यवाही की जाएगी। गौरतलब है कि इस वर्ष देश भर में आईआईटी की संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा कराने की जिम्मेदारी आईआईटी कानपुर को सौंपी गई थी और दस अप्रैल को देश के 1051 केन्द्रों पर ये परीक्षाएँ एक साथ दो पालियों में संपन्न हुई थी। परीक्षाओं में देश भर के चार लाख 85 हजार 262 परीक्षार्थी बैठे, जिनमें एक लाख 13 हजार 926 छात्राएँ शामिल थीं।

▶ जेईई में गणित के एक सवाल का गलत होना पाया गया

▶ आईआईटी को इस गलती को लेकर तीन शिकायतें मिली हैं

▶ कमेटी करेगी जांच और रिपोर्ट तीन दिन में दी जाएगी