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आईआईटी दिल्ली में खुलेगा इनोवेशन सेंटर

शाह टाइम्स संवाददाता
नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली आईआईटी में पढ़ने वाले छात्र अब अपनी सोच को जीवंत रूप दे सकेंगे। दरअसल, दिल्ली आईआईटी में जल्द ही आईआईटी प्रशासन इनोवेशन सेंटर खोलने जा रहा है। इस सेंटर में छात्रों की नियमित पढ़ाई से कुछ अलग किया जाएगा। आईआईटी दिल्ली के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों के मुताबिक दिल्ली आईआईटी ने अपने कैंपस में इनोवेशन सेंटर खोलने का फैसला किया है। इस सेंटर में बीटेक, एमटेक से लेकर पीएचडी के छात्र रिसर्च कर पाएंगे। इनोवेशन सेंटर में छात्रों की नियमित पढ़ाई से कुछ अलग किया जाएगा। अधिकारियों के मुताबिक आई

आईटी के छात्र यहाँ अपने इनोवेटिव आइडियाज आजमा सकते हैं। छात्रों को उनके प्रदर्शन के आधार पर अंक भी दिए जाएंगे। इस इनोवेशन सेंटर की तैयारी हो चुकी है। अगले सत्र से यह सेंटर शुरू होने की उम्मीद है।

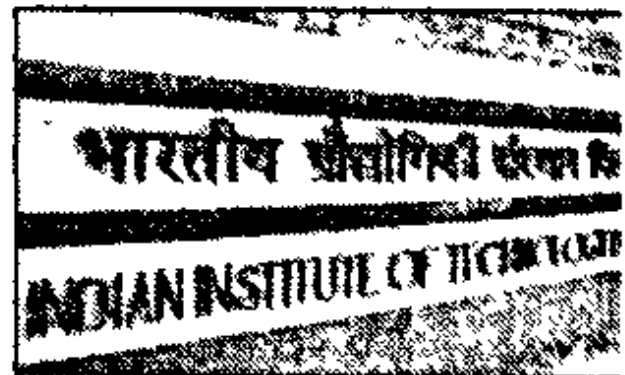
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छात्रों के सपने साकार करेगा आईआईटी का इनोवेशन सेंटर

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भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईटी) के छात्रों द्वारा रिसर्च के माध्यम से इजाद की गई चीजें ना सिर्फ देश-समाज के काम आती हैं बल्कि घरेलू कामकाज में भी उनकी इजाद की गई चीजें जीवन को सरल बना देती हैं। यही वजह है कि आईआईटी के छात्रों के नए रिसर्च पर सबकी नजर रहती है।

आईआईटी दिल्ली के वार्षिक ओपन हाउस आई2टेक-2013, जिसका आयोजन 20 अप्रैल से हो रहा है, में रिसर्च पर आधारित नई चीजें देखने को मिलेंगी। छात्रों में रिसर्च की उत्सुकता को देखते हुए आईआईटी दिल्ली में इनोवेशन सेंटर बनाया गया है। इस सेंटर



में छात्र अपने इनोवेटिव आईडियाज को आजमा सकते हैं।

साथ ही सेंटर में छात्रों के प्रदर्शन के आधार पर अंक भी मिलते हैं। यहां न सिर्फ पीएचडी के छात्र प्रयोग कर सकते हैं बल्कि बीटेक और एमटेक के छात्र भी इनोवेशन सेंटर में अपने सपने को हकीकत का रूप देने का प्रयास करते हैं। आधुनिक सुविधाओं से लैस इस सेंटर में छात्र कभी भी रिसर्च के लिए आ सकते हैं। यह सेंटर 24 घंटे काम करेगा।

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IIT-Delhi doctorate for NTPC chairman



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NTPC CMD awarded PhD by IIT Delhi

PBD BUREAU

NEW DELHI, APRIL 18

ARUP Roy Choudhury, chairman & managing director, NTPC has been conferred Doctorate in 'Performance Assessment of Infrastructure Development Projects'—a select study from IIT Delhi today.

He completed 12 years as CMD of CPSU (earlier NBCC and now NTPC) in April 2013. Under his leadership, NTPC is growing from strength to strength and has achieved highest ever turnover in fiscal 2012-13.

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IIT-KGP top rung in soup again

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The top authorities at IIT-Kharagpur have again landed themselves in yet another soup. IIT-KGP Registrar K Ghosal is now alleged to have sought CDRs of personal mobile of suspended whistleblower Professor Rajeev Kumar.

Ghosal was recently summoned by the HRD Ministry, which had filed a misleading affidavit in Delhi High Court stating that IIT-KGP did not fall within the purview of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). Later, Ghosal withdrew the affidavit and submitted an amended one. The CVC took cognisance of The Pioneer report and asked the HRD Ministry to act against the erring IIT dons.

Records obtained by Rajeev Kumar, with whom the institute is in protracted legal tussle, through RTI showed that Ghosal wrote to BSNL General Manager, Telephones in Kharagpur on January 10, 2011 seeking details of calls, made and received from Kumar's personal mobile, for six months. The IIT-KGP gives its faculty members Rs 750 per month as telephone reimbursement charges for the official connection.

The records show that BSNL officials provided these details to the IIT within three days of requests being made knowing well that phone was registered in the name of Kumar and not the institute.

Suspecting that he was under "illegal surveillance" of the IIT-KGP authorities, Kumar had last year filed a complaint with the West Bengal Police alleging that the BSNL had "unauthorisedly" shared call detail records of his personal mobile phone with the authorities at IIT-KGP with whom he was in litigation at various fora.

In his police complaint, Kumar

REGISTRAR K GHOSHAL ALLEGEDLY SOUGHT CALL DETAIL RECORDS OF SUSPENDED WHISTLEBLOWER PROF KUMAR

had alleged that BSNL officials, by disclosing call details of his personal mobile, have violated Section 72, 71 A, 77B of the Information Technology Act, 2000 which have maximum fine of five lakh and imprisonment up to three years.

"The cell phone connection is my personal cell connection, acquired by me in my own name, is for my personal use. I pay all the bills, I own the bills and the receipts...Phone tapping with local connivance of BSNL authorities is not ruled out. All such aspects may kindly be investigated," Kumar said in his complaint.

Both BSNL and IIT had refused to part with these records under the RTI Act and were provided only after orders from the Central Information Commission this week, the details of which are available with The Pioneer.

An RTI crusader, Kumar is known for bringing into light alleged anomalies in the admission procedure of the IITs and even the Supreme Court has lauded his efforts saying they have helped in "making merit ranking process more transparent and accurate".

FAULTY PAY TO INCLUDE VARIABLE

IIM-L Reworks Salary Math to Lure Talent

DEVINA SENGUPTA AND SREERADHA BASU
BANGALORE | MUMBAI

Indian Institute of Management Lucknow's (IIM-L) professors will have to work like their corporate brethren, because this year, their salaries will have a variable pay added as well. And targets to achieve this pay include a certain number of research papers; participate in a national-level policy intervention, be innovative in teaching methods and help with development programmes.

In the next three months, institute director Devi Singh plans to usher in a compensation scheme, where a faculty member's pay slip will have a variable component along with the usual fixed and incentive components. "If one achieves targets they could get 100% variable pay," said Singh.

Up until now, IIM Lucknow, like some of its peers, had a fixed salary structure and an incentive policy wherein if a professor did consulting projects, published research papers or worked in management development programmes, he would be given an incentive. A faculty member at an IIM earns in the range of Rs 7 lakh to Rs 18 lakh, and including incentives, can take home Rs 60 lakh and more.

The war for attracting the best in the business is the driving force behind the new pay structure. "The aim is to make this field an attractive employment opportunity. Professors should not feel constrained and this step will encourage them to take up more projects," adds Devi Singh.

Out of the IIM sphere, a faculty member at Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, earns Rs 40 lakh to Rs 80 lakh a year depending on area and seniority, says Sanjay Kallapur, senior associate dean, faculty and research for the college. ISB pays neither incentive nor variable, and faculty members are reviewed on the basis of teaching, research and services such as editing a journal or organising conferences.

As such, IIM-L's new pay structure is seen as progressive. "Variable pay will help in getting more projects and consulting work for the institute. Instances of defined variable pay plans are rare and globally, there is a

Pay Structure at Premier Management Institutes

> Faculty Salary Across IIMs
(excluding incentives/variable pay)

₹7 lakh - ₹18 lakh per year

> Total take-home
(including incentives & variable*)

₹25 lakh - ₹60 lakh per year

* These include research papers, consulting charges, extra courses taken

Salary at ISB

₹40-₹80 LAKH

SOURCE: Institutes



Variable Pay Targets

A certain number of research papers in a year

Participating in a national-level policy intervention

Innovation in teaching methods

Helping with development programmes



The Global Scenario

Faculties of all top universities have a fixed pay & grants

The professor has to give a percentage of the grant to the college

Grants are given to professors by corporates & govt organisations for research or consulting assignment

debate on what should be the structure of any such pay," said Anandrup Ghose, practice head for executive compensation and corporate governance at Aon Hewitt.

At IIM-L, fixed pay will remain untouched, while variable pay will be over and above this, says Singh. This is because the Pay Commissions govern fixed salary of faculty and incentives or variable pay will come from the institute's coffers.

"We have not taken help from the government for the past few years and money for variable pay will come from our funds," he adds.

IIM-L has 85 professors and plans to hire around 15 more this year. The variable pay will be as much as the fixed salary, so a professor earning Rs 18 lakh in fixed pay can earn Rs 36 lakh if he meets his targets.

However, not all IIMs are sure the new structure will click. "It is difficult to sustain this model. If an institute starts paying variable pay as well then there will be insufficient funds to carry it on for an extended period of time," says a faculty member at IIM Bangalore, who does not wish to

be named. To this, Devi Singh says, "We have the largest corpus amongst IIMs and therefore, have managed to reduce fees and bring about other changes."

Questions are being raised, though, on how the parameters will be evaluated. "The academic world is a different ball game from the corporate one. You can't thrust the same parameters on the academic context. It will be difficult to get reliable results," says Anindya Sen, dean (academic) for IIM Calcutta.

Thus, while benchmarks can be defined in a corporate context, such as sales targets, it is much more difficult to do so in an academic one. According to him, while research performance can be measured better, quality of teaching is difficult to measure. "One would have to rely on students' feedback and that can vary. For instance, a teacher might try to gain popularity by giving them less work than required." However, IIM-L's Devi Singh has roped in a consulting firm a year ago to work out ways in which the institute can come up with methods of measuring academic and research-oriented work.

In the interest of quality, the institute is hopeful the new structure will work.

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HRD steps in, seeks DU teachers' views

Inadequate Infrastructure Highlighted

Akshaya Mukul | TNN

New Delhi: The proposed four-year undergraduate programme being rushed through by Delhi University is likely to be put under the scanner as the human resource development ministry wants to hear out the faculty members, the most crucial stakeholders, who have raised some pertinent issues related to the change. Though it is early to say if the programme will be put on hold, the fact that HRD has come into the picture shows its willingness to have a wider discussion.

A delegation of senior DU teachers, some of them among the most eminent in their field, met HRD secretary Ashok Thakur on Wednesday and presented their side of the story. Faculty members were called for a discussion by the ministry. "HRD wanted to reconcile our views on the four-

year programme with what the DU administration has been telling ministry officials. We got a patient hearing and also learnt that the ministry has been given a distorted picture of our opposition," said one faculty member who was a part of the delegation. The ministry has asked the teachers to give a comprehensive written submission so that all views can be factored in.

4-YR PROGRAMME

Apart from pointing out specific objections to the proposal, teachers told the ministry officials about DU's refusal to have a dialogue with anyone having a different perspective. Faculty members have pointed out a series of problems with the new proposal. It includes no clear explanation for opting for the four-year course, problems with the curriculum, setting an impossi-

ble goal within a limited period, lack of consultation and inadequate infrastructure to support the new proposal. So far, DU has not been able to create the additional infrastructure needed to implement even the OBC reservations.

As for the extra financial burden that the programme would inflict, a rough calculation worked out by teachers shows that undergraduate courses would be costlier by 33%: Teachers are also demanding a white paper on the subject as it is being felt that once the DU makes the changes, it would have an impact on the undergraduate courses in other universities. "A change of such significance should not be brought about overnight," one faculty member said. He gives the instance of how various departments were told on March 5 to design a four-year course by March 20, an impossible task.

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AICTE norm for SC, ST students upheld

K.T. Sangameswaran

CHENNAI: From the coming academic year, SC/ST students in Tamil Nadu will have to secure a minimum of 40 per cent marks to qualify for joining undergraduate courses in technical education. The Madras High Court has ruled that the State government is barred from fixing a lower eligibility mark than the one prescribed by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

The First Bench, in its order of Wednesday, declined to give a direction to lower the minimum eligibility criteria from 40 per cent as fixed by the AICTE to 35 per cent as prescribed by the State government for SC/ST candidates.

In its judgment on a writ appeal and a writ petition, the Bench, comprising Acting Chief Justice R.K. Agrawal and Justice N. Paul Vasanthakumar, made it clear that by an order on August 22 last year, the court had given an interim direction that status quo be maintained. Students belonging to SC/SC(A)/ST who had obtained 35 per cent marks, but less than 40 per cent marks in the 10+2 examinations, got admission to the engineering colleges in the State.

They were pursuing their studies at present. "Hence, all such admissions made during the years 2011-12 and 2012-13 in respect of SC/SC(A)/ST

candidates shall not be disturbed, and they shall be allowed to pursue their course."

The Acting Chief Justice observed that so far as the issue that many seats had remained vacant in engineering colleges in the State on account of the prescribed 40 per cent eligibility criteria for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Caste-Arunthathiyar/ Scheduled Tribe was concerned, even before the AICTE had prescribed 40 per cent as the minimum eligibility criterion, seats in the engineering colleges relating to such categories remained vacant. In fact, for 2011-12 when for the first time the AICTE prescribed the eligibility criterion of 40 per cent for the reserved categories, the number of vacant seats in respect of the categories fell to 17,469 from 18,372 seats during the previous year.

Originally, the state government filed the appeal against a single Judge's order of July last year dismissing a writ petition.

The Judge had held that the State had no legal or constitutional authority to challenge the AICTE regulations.

The Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Technical Education SC/ST Employees Welfare Association filed a writ petition seeking to quash the AICTE's notification of July 4, 2011, stipulating 40 per cent minimum marks for the reserved categories.

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Forgotten mathematics legend back in academia

Bhuvaneshwar Prasad | TNN

Purnia: Legendary mathematician Vashishtha Narayan Singh, who had been languishing in penury, has joined the Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University (BNMU) in Madhepura as a visiting professor.

The 67-year-old Singh started work on Wednesday after the university's academic council gave the go-ahead to his appointment following media reports, including in the TOI, about how he was living like a destitute in his village home at Basantpur in Bhojpur district, 70km from Patna.

Singh, who has a PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, is a schizophrenia patient.

"It was a day of pride for BNMU when Singh accepted the university's offer," Anant Kumar, the university's vice-chancellor, said on Thursday.

He expressed confidence that Singh's health would improve fast as a result of his association with academia again. "Teaching has always



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been Singh's first love," Kumar said.

An alumnus of the well-known Netarhat School, Singh was in the US from 1965 to 1974 and worked on space theory at Nasa before returning home. He tied the knot in 1974, but his wife deserted him after he suffered his first attack of schizophrenia in 1976. He has taught at IIT Kanpur, the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (Mumbai) and the Indian Statistical Institute (Kolkata).

"An extraordinary teacher of mathematics, Singh will prove an asset to the university and a guiding spirit for research scholars and

postgraduate students," syndicate member Jai Krishna Mehta said.

Former university faculty member Umesh Nandan hoped the appointment as a visiting professor would help Singh lead a normal, decent life.

Registrar B N 'Vibeka' told TOI the university was yet to take a decision on the pay package to be offered to Singh. "He will be paid as per the provisions and statutes that govern the universities of the state," he said.

In his conversations with the university's teachers and officials, Singh said he was fond of teaching functional mathematics.

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Expert panel set up to inspect Sterlite plant

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THE south Bench of the National Green Tribunal, which is now hearing a petition filed by Sterlite Industries contesting the closure order served by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, on Thursday named the expert committee that will inspect the controversial smelter

unit in Tuticorin district where a gas leak spread panic and led to the closure of the plant about three weeks ago.

The two-member committee will be headed by P S T Sai, a chemical engineering department professor at IIT-Madras, and will have Ligy Philip, an associate professor in the civil engineering department, also of IIT-M, on board.

During the inspections, general manager (health, safety and environment) D Sumathi will represent Sterlite, while the TNPCB will be represented by additional chief environmental engineer Mohan Naidu. They will assist the committee during inspection.

The tribunal appointed the committee as both Sterlite and TNPCB stuck to their stands

on the gas leak on March 23. While the TNPCB alleged that sulphur dioxide emission from the plant exceeded permissible limits, the company maintained that the leak could not have come from their plant, which they claim was under maintenance shut down at the time of the incident.

The case will be taken up again on April 29.

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IIT aspirant to get Rs 75,000 as refund

NEW DELHI, IANS: An IIT aspirant, who quit a private coaching centre because of alleged poor facilities, has been provided relief by Delhi's top consumer court, which has ordered the institute to refund the fee of Rs 75,000 to him.

Delhi Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission members Salma Noor and (judicial) VK Gupta pulled up FIIT JEE's Punjabi Bagh centre in west Delhi and ordered the refund to Prayank Madan, a resident of Vikaspuri.

"There are a catena of judgments of the national consumer commission as well as of this commission, that in case a student has attended (a course) only one or two days, then it is incumbent on the part of such institutes to refund the amount," the state commission said. "In the case in hand, there is a specific allegation that the institute is not up to the mark and the complainant had to discontinue it after two days," it said, dismissing FIIT JEE's appeal against a district forum order favouring Madan.

Hindustan Times (Chandigarh)

Need for an egalitarian nation: Kalam

SAS NAGAR: "I want to see India as a nation where the rural and urban divide reduces to thin line by 2020," said Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India. He was addressing students during the convocation of Chandigarh group of Colleges, Landran campus, on Thursday.



GURPREET

SINGH/HT Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, former President, awarding a degree to a student during the convocation at Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Landran, near SAS Nagar, on Thursday.

He said, "By the year 2020, we need to develop a nation with an equitable distribution and adequate access to energy and quality water."

Addressing the students, Kalam said, we need integrated action for the development of India and we had identified five areas where India had a core competence for integrated action, including agriculture and food processing, education and healthcare, information and communication technology, reliable and quality electricity and surface transport and infrastructure for all parts of the country. These five areas were inter-related and if progressed in a coordinated way, would lead to economical and national security, he added.

He stressed on self-reliance in critical technologies. He underlined the significance of PURA (Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Areas), saying that it meant creation of physical, electronic and knowledge connectivity to lead to economic connectivity of the rural India.

CGC might take an initiative by implementing one such project around SAS Nagar for developing a cluster of 50 to 100 villages by utilising the potential of students of their college, he added.

Dr Kalam conferred degrees on engineering, pharmacy, hotel management, bio-technology, BEd, MCA and MBA students of CGC, Landran and Gharuan campus. As many as 58 university toppers were given gold, silver and bronze

medals, during the function. Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Landran, chairman, Satnam Singh Sandhu and CGC president Rashpal Singh Dhaliwal presented a model of Golden Temple, Amritsar to Dr Kalam

Hindustan Times (Indore)

IIT-INDORE'S NEW COURSES GET OVERWHELMING RESPONSE

GOOD START

M Tech programmes get more than 4,800 applications

INDORE: For the two dozen seats in the new postgraduate courses that Indian Institute of Technology, Indore, would begin this year, thousands of applications have poured in.

The response has been "overwhelming," for the two new M Tech courses, said N Jain, dean academics. "We have received 2,800 applications for the communication and signal engineering course and more than 2,000 for the production and industrial engineering course," Jain said.

IIT-I had invited the applications online and there is no registration fee for it. The students will be selected on the basis on their past academic records, Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) score and if required the institute would conduct an interview and a written test.

"The head of the respective departments are looking into the applications. It is a rigorous process. There are certain parameters based on which applications are sorted," the dean said. The applications were invited in February and were taken in till March 31. "We would declare the result by May 15," the professor said.

"We were certain that the courses would attract many students and it was expected that we would get a good response from them," said Pradeep Mathur, director, IIT-I. "We have plans to have new courses in the future and to have more students in Phd. But the space constraint is a big factor that is preventing us from having more students on the campus."

The institute is running B Tech courses with 600 students and Phd. The classes are held at a temporary campus, a building provided by Pithampur Auto Cluster Limited in Mhow.