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आईआईटी में आज आविष्कारों का मेला

नई दिल्ली। आईआईटी दिल्ली में विगत वर्षों की भांति इस बार भी आज शनिवार को आविष्कारों का मेला लगेगा। कैंपस में छात्रों द्वारा करीब 500 आविष्कृत प्रोजेक्ट्स की प्रदर्शनी लगाई जाएगी। आविष्कारों की प्रदर्शनी का अवलोकन करने के लिए बाहरी लोग और स्कूली छात्र भी आ सकेंगे। आईआईटी दिल्ली के प्रोफेसर सुनीत तुली बताते हैं कि कई प्रोजेक्ट्स ऐसे हैं जो सामाजिक सरोकार से जुड़े होने के साथ-साथ इकोफ्रेंडली हैं। कुछ प्रोजेक्ट्स अनूठे हैं, जिनके पेटेंट के लिए भी अप्लाई किया गया है। प्रदर्शनी में हेल्थ चेक डिवाइस के अलावा मोटरबाइक्स की आरामदेह सीट के डिजाइन भी होंगे। इसके अलावा प्रदर्शनी में बरसात के लिए फाइबर कोटेड ऐसे कपड़े, जिन पर से गंदगी आसानी से साफ हो जाती है और बांस से बने प्रोजेक्ट भी रखे जाएंगे।

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IIT Kharagpur graduate kills self

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PATNA: A 29-year-old IIT-Kharagpur graduate girl committed suicide by strangulating herself with a dupatta at her house in Purnendu Nagar locality under Phulwarisharif police station area on Wednesday night.

According to sources, the girl, identified as Suchita Kumari, was an IAS aspirant. She took the UPSC examination thrice but failed to clear the mains. She used to be depressed over it.

Her father, a retired bank manager, Harendra Jha knocked on the door of her room on Thursday but she did not open it. Police said the door was closed from inside and they had to break it open.

Patna SSP Manu Maharaaj said, "She left a suicide note on the study table of her room. Her father told the police that she had dinner with the family before entering her room. Everything seemed to be normal at that time. In the suicide note, she did not blame anybody and mentioned she was keen to become an administrative officer. But frustrated with the result, she committed suicide. Her mobile phone has been taken in police custody and her body was handed over to her family after post mortem."

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IITians' app can guide you to best street food joints in city

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AHMEDABAD: When they joined Indian Institute of Technology in Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn), there was no one to tell them which joints offered good food. So, often their experiments resulted into an upset stomach. Arjita Sharma, Deepti Chopra and Shivam Mani Tripathi - all three electrical engineering students at IIT-Gn - took this up as a personal challenge and developed a mobile app called 'Chaat' which can guide a user to best street food joints in Amdavad.

Search with word like 'spicy paanipuri' or 'best vada pao' and Chaat will show you name and location of eateries in Ahmedabad. "One can even type the name of a food joint they have heard of and the app will show the address and route map," said Chopra.

Interestingly, the app will work on the principle of crowdsourcing. Once a person visits a shop, he can mention he was there and rate the food. In case someone discovers a new stall, he can add and review it on the app for others to see. "With constant ratings and visits, we will automatically get the best shops and vendors," said Sharma.

The students have found a willing target audience among their own kind. "Students like us who live in hostels, often live on street food. Nothing beats Indian street food. And to imagine it doesn't make it to any lists on world's best street foods," said Tripathi, a third year student. The app, in its initial stage yet, will feature top kitlis of Ahmedabad only. "We will gradually incorporate all the cities and also set up a website for the same," explains Chopra. The trio, originators of the app idea that ranked second in CIIE's Dotnet Innovation Challenge recently, plan to make it their entrepreneurial start up.

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It's raining jobs with fatter package at DU

By **Heena Kausar**
In New Delhi

STUDENTS of Delhi University are a favorite among the India Inc and some multi-national companies, which have already given job offers –with pay packages touching as high as 8 lakh per annum –to around 850 students and are expected to offer jobs to more students in the coming few days.

University officials said that there is a huge jump in the number of job offers being made this year. While this year the number has already touched 850, last year only around 500 students were placed by the end of April by varsity's Central Placement Cell (CPC), officials said. "We are seeing a very good response this year. In comparison to last year we have seen a very good jump in terms of numbers," said an official.

Officials handling CPC, which started in October last year, said that this year the number of students getting jobs will cross the one thousand mark as many companies

are still approaching the varsity for conducting a placement drive. Last year only five hundred students were placed till April.

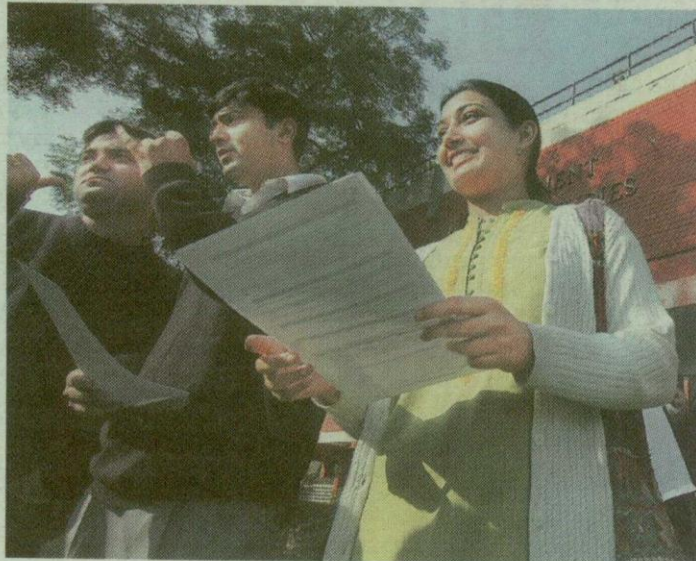
"Around 850 students from various colleges and courses have been placed in companies till now. Companies like HCL Technologies, Genpact, Wipro, Accenture, Genpact and TATA Capital have already given job offers to hundreds of students. There are many companies who want to come to hire students and this

year more than 1000 students will be placed," said J M Khurana, dean students' welfare.

The highest package offered this year is around Rs 8 lakh

More than 1,000 DU students will be placed

per annum, officials said. "The salary packages offered this year are starting from Rs 2 lakh per annum and have already touched Rs 8 lakh per



HUNT IS ON

2014

■ Number of students placed: Around 850

■ Highest package: Rs 7-8 Lakh/annum

■ Number of firms: 32

2013

■ Number of students placed: Around 800

■ Highest package: Rs 6-7 Lakh/annum

■ Number of firms: 28

**Placements are still going on*

annum mark. We also expect the packages to go higher," said Khurana.

Students who are registered with CPC are eligible for placements. For students from off campus colleges CPC is a great platform as companies usually don't come to their colleges. "I have a job offer from an IT company with the package of Rs 3.4 lakh per annum. Many of my friends will take part in the coming placement drive," said Kartik, a student of Economics.

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FATAL RIDE



TRAGIC END: (L-R) Santosh, Ravi Chaudhary and Ravi Gupta died after their bike skidded at a turn. (Extreme right) The accident spot



Apr 18, 12.41am | One of the 3 students posts a message on Facebook saying he is quitting his course

1.45 | Ravi is last seen at Kaveri hostel by a friend

2.28 | 3 get on Santosh's CBZ bike and go on a late-night ride

2.30 onwards | Santosh loses control on a turn due to high speed, climbs onto

the pavement, hits a tree

► One of them gets thrown, his head hits the road; another comes under the bike; the third hits a tree

► Guards rush for help, inform cops

► Santosh declared spot dead, others die at AIIMS Trauma Center

► Cops inform families, bodies kept for autopsy

Bike speed over 90kmph: Cops

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Late at night, they stepped out for a ride on the bike. There were no witnesses but guards at the east gate of the university barely 50m from the spot near the VC's residence, heard a loud thud around 2.30am. Given the impact of the collision, police said the bike was probably going at over 90kmph, and slipped while negotiating a blind curve near a three-way intersection.

The bike appeared to have hit the pavement and a tree. The trio were scattered apart, with one of

them coming under the bike and the other (perhaps the rider) crashing into the tree, police said. The bike's front wheel was completely mangled. Police are awaiting medical test results to ascertain if the trio had consumed alcohol.

"When I came on the road to see what the noise was, I saw a bike against the tree and some bodies," one of the guards said. There were unconfirmed reports of another bike trailing the trio before the accident.

The guards called in the police and the trio was rushed to

AIIMS Trauma Center. While Santosh and Gupta died on way, Chaudhary died during treatment. Hospital sources said all three had bled excessively and suffered severe injuries.

Students told TOI that they had repeatedly complained about the absence of a speed-breaker on the stretch which has led to accidents in the past. "We have asked the security agencies to look into the incident and prepare a report," JNU vice-chancellor S K Sopory said. Police have registered a case under sections 279 and 304A of IPC.

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■ Students of Apeejay College of Fine Arts, Jalandhar, welcoming Lord Swraj Paul on Friday. PARDEEP PANDIT/HT

Need to make Indian varsities world-class: Lord Swraj Paul

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JALANDHAR: NRI industrialist and philanthropist Lord Swraj Paul, who was at Punjab Technical University on Friday, laid stress on making rigorous efforts to make the Indian uni-

versities world-class.

He said the long-term economic health of India would depend largely on a skilled workforce to meet the challenge ahead. Addressing the gathering, he underlined that it was a cause of concern that the standard of education in many Indian

education institution was far below standard. "No Indian university figures among the top 200 universities globally. That is why vigorous efforts are needed to improve standards of education in India," he said. Later, he also visited Apeejay College of Fine Arts.

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MU gets Rs 20 crore for nanotechnology centre

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MUMBAI: The University of Mumbai has received a grant of Rs 20 crore from the University Grants Commission (UGC) for its nanotechnology centre.

This UGC grant decision comes after an expert committee evaluated the progress of such centres at various universities, including the Mumbai university.