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Super-30's Kumar asks Sibal for change in JEE

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Amid controversy over the Common Entrance Test for engineering, Super-30 founder Anand Kumar on Wednesday called for giving at least three chances to the rural poor to clear the joint entrance exam (JEE) in order to provide a level playing field.

At a meeting with HRD Minister Kapil Sibal, Kumar stressed that JEE question papers should not be set solely by IIT professors, who have little idea of 10+2 curriculum.

CBSE teachers should also be involved for a balanced

SUPER SUGGESTIONS

❑ Super-30's founder felt that since both engineering and medical entrance tests target the same class XII science students, the proposed 'single engineering entrance examination' should be conducted on identical lines

❑ Single engineering exam be of MCQ type in subjects of physics, mathematics and chemistry based on class XI and XII curriculum

❑ Exam be set by joint team of subject experts of CBSE and IITs for more 'balanced' paper

❑ Proposed single exam be conducted thrice during April to May and then aggregate of the best two be considered for ranking

❑ Steps already taken by IIT-JEE to enhance transparency and check malpractices need to be adopted for new examination

❑ Three chances to the rural students

paper, to reduce dependency of students on coaching insti-

tutes, he pointed out.

Kumar suggested that the

best way to provide a level playing field would be the option of a single multiple choice test based on 10+2 syllabus. "If AIIMS can admit students through a single test, IIT-JEE can also do it also," he added. This process will also reduce stress levels among students and ultimately lead to more importance being attached to school studies.

Kumar also strongly objected to the inclusion of subjective special test in addition to the MCQ-based test due to unfairness and subjectivity in manual evaluation.

Other important suggestions from Kumar included

continuation of all transparency norms adopted in IIT-JEE for the past two years. On behalf of underprivileged students, he said, "If they get three chances, in keeping with their starting disadvantage, that will automatically increase their participation and reduce dependence on coaching."

Having set up Super-30 a decade ago, Kumar provides free residential coaching to 30 meritorious students from the underprivileged sections of society. So far, 236 students have made it to the IITs, drawing worldwide attention to the programme.

जेईई के साथ इंटर के अंक जोड़ना व्यवहारिक: आनंद कुमार

नई दिल्ली (ब्यूरो)। आईआईटी में गरीब बच्चों को प्रवेश दिलाने के लिए विख्यात 'सुपर 30' संस्था चलाने वाले आनंद कुमार का मानना है जेईई परीक्षा के साथ इंजीनियरिंग में इंटरमीडिएट के अंक को भी वेटेज देने का प्रस्ताव न तो व्यवहारिक होगा और न इससे कोचिंग के धंधे पर रोक लग पाएगी। उन्होंने मानव संसाधन मंत्री से मिलकर जेईई परीक्षा के संबंध में कई महत्वपूर्ण सुझाव दिए हैं। आनंद ने अमर उजाला को बताया कि पूरे देश में सिंगल प्रवेश परीक्षा के माध्यम से इंजीनियरिंग की परीक्षा का जो प्रारूप सरकार ने अभी तक तैयार किया है, वास्तव में वह अपने तय मकसद के ही खिलाफ है। आचार्य एवं रामासामी कमेटी बनाने का मकसद था कि कोचिंग पर अंकुश लगे, छात्रों पर प्रवेश परीक्षाओं का तनाव कम हो, ज्यादा से ज्यादा बच्चे स्कूल जाएं, आईआईटी जैसी संस्थाओं में ग्रामीण व शहरी भागीदारी उचित अनुपात में बनी रहे तथा प्रवेश परीक्षाओं की संख्या कम हो। आनंद कुमार का दावा है कि दोनों कमेटियां अपने मकसद में असफल होती दिख रही हैं। नए परीक्षा पैटर्न के घोषित होने से पहले ही कोचिंग संस्थाएं आईआईटी के लिए पूर्व की कोचिंग के साथ इंटर की परीक्षा तथा एंटीट्यूट परीक्षा की कोचिंग देने के लिए भी छात्रों को लुभाने लगी हैं। इस तरह अब आईआईटी के लिए एक नहीं तीन तीन कोचिंग का प्रस्ताव है। इस तरह कोचिंग का जाल और बढ़ जाएगा तथा गरीब व ग्रामीण बच्चे आईआईटी जैसी संस्थाओं से और दूर हो जाएंगे।

आइआईटी में गंवई बच्चों को मिले और मौका

नई दिल्ली, जागरण ब्यूरो : सभी केंद्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी एवं इंजीनियरिंग शिक्षण संस्थानों में एक ही संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा से दाखिले की कोशिशों के बीच ग्रामीण छात्रों को ज्यादा मौके दिए जाने की पैरवी शुरू हो गई है। आइआईटी समेत देश के दूसरे हाई प्रोफाइल शिक्षण संस्थानों में दाखिले के मामले में शहरी व ग्रामीण छात्रों के फासले को कम करने का भी सुझाव दिया गया है।

केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल को ये सुझाव सुपर-30 के संस्थापक आनंद कुमार ने दी है। उन्होंने कहा कि सभी आइआईटी एवं दूसरे केंद्रीय तकनीकी शिक्षण संस्थानों में दाखिले का प्रस्तावित एक ही संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा का मौजूदा स्वरूप व्यावहारिक नहीं है। छात्र इंटर में अच्छे अंकों से पास होने के लिए कोचिंग का सहाय लेते हैं। प्रवेश परीक्षा में

एंटीट्यूट टेस्ट के साथ ही 12वीं के अंकों को भी खास तवज्जो (वेटेज) देने की बात कही जा रही है। उसके बाद संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा होनी है। ऐसे में तीन बार कोचिंग करने की नौबत आ सकती है।

इस स्थिति में फिर धनी परिवारों के बच्चे आगे निकल जाएंगे, जबकि कमजोर वर्ग व ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के बच्चे पीछे रह जाएंगे। उन्होंने सुझाव दिया कि एक ही संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा के पहले सभी राज्य शिक्षा बोर्डों में इंटरमीडिएट के पाठ्यक्रम के आधार पर प्रश्न पत्र तैयार कर राष्ट्रीय स्तर प्रवेश परीक्षा लिया जाना बेहतर होगा। फिर उसके अंकों को एक ही संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा को पास करने वाले छात्रों के दाखिले में वेटेज दिया जाना ज्यादा व्यावहारिक होगा। अभी आइआईटी में दाखिले के लिए दो मौके मिल पाते हैं।

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200 universities across India in next 5 yrs: Sibal

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NEW DELHI: Higher education is set to get a big fillip with the HRD ministry finalising plans of putting in ₹80,000 crore to improve access to colleges and universities. HRD minister Kapil Sibal on Wednesday told Lok Sabha that 200 new universities and a degree college in each district of India will be opened in the next five years. "We have asked for ₹20,000 crore for opening new universities in the 12th plan," he said. In addition to new institutions, many of the existing colleges will be upgraded either into universities or autonomous colleges with the power to award degrees. The government hopes to double the gross enrollment ratio from the present 17% to 30 % by 2020. The budget for revitalising higher education will be ₹80,000 crore, the largest allocation for higher education so far.

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UGC selection process faces PIL hurdle

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THE appointment process for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman's positions at the country's top higher education regulator — the University Grants Commission (UGC) — has now run into litigation.

Two PILs have been admitted by the Delhi High Court, challenging the selection process for both posts. While one accuses the Union Human Resource Development Ministry of colluding with a particular candidate, another argues that candidates being considered for the UGC top job are either ineligible or inefficient.

The search-cum-selection committee formed by the HRD Ministry to appoint the Chairman had shortlisted two candidates — Prof Pankaj Chandra, Director IIM-Bangalore and Prof Seyed Hasnain, former Vice-Chancellor of Hyderabad University. While the Kapil Sibal-led ministry indicated Chandra's suitability for the job, the Cabinet's Appointments Committee sending the names back with queries has delayed the selection process.

On the other hand, the selection process for the Vice-Chairman is still on.

One of the PILs has been filed by a professor from Bangalore University, who was also in the fray for the UGC Chairman's job. It says that while there were allegations of irregularities against Prof

Hasnain, Prof Chandra is incompetent for the position. Instead, the petitioner says, he is better qualified for the UGC Chairman's position than Hasnain or Chandra.

Serious allegations have also been made in the PIL challenging the UGC Vice-Chairman's selection process. This PIL alleges that the HRD Ministry is hand-in-glove with a particular candidate to ensure his selection and has tweaked vacancy advertisements and the constitution of the selection committee accordingly. It has also questioned the legality of the current Vice-Chairman's tenure.

The Delhi High Court has asked the HRD Ministry to share with it the progress made by the search-cum-selection committee.

With the selection process for the top positions at UGC embroiled in these controversies, the HRD Ministry is staring at the possibility of UGC going headless. While the UGC Chairman's post has been vacant for quite a few months now, Vice-Chairman Prof Ved Prakash, who incidentally is the acting Chairman at present, completes his term on May 8.

The UGC Chairman's selection process, incidentally, has been fraught with controversies from the beginning. While candidates in fray resorted earlier to political canvassing of sorts, intense lobbying was on even at ACC level with MPs writing in support of one candidate.

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19% of engg, B-school seats vacant last yr

New Delhi: About 19% seats in engineering colleges and business schools across the country remained unoccupied in the 2011-12 academic year, the government said on Wednesday. In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, MoS in HRD D Purandeswari said that of the total 14,85,894 seats in engineering colleges across the country, 2,82,320, or 19%, remained unoccupied in 2011-12.

Similarly, 66,988 seats, or 19% of the 3,52,571 total positions in business management schools remained vacant last year, the minister said, citing data from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

Purandeswari also informed the House that 20% of faculty posts in engineering colleges and 23% in management schools were lying vacant in that academic year. TNN

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'इनोवेटिव वर्ल्ड' की राह पर नए आईआईएम

[हरसिमरन जुल्का नई दिल्ली]

नए इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट्स ऑफ मैनेजमेंट (आईआईएम) का जोर इनोवेटिव कोर्स पर है। ये नए इंस्टीट्यूट ऐसे कोर्स शुरू कर रहे हैं, जो ज्यादा से ज्यादा लोगों की जरूरतें पूरी कर सकें। रोहतक, रांची, रायपुर, त्रिची और उदयपुर के इंस्टीट्यूट ऐसे यूनीक मॉडल पर काम कर रहे हैं, जिससे आईआईएम की इमेज के साथ लोकेशनल फायदे उठाए जा सकें। इन इंस्टीट्यूट में पीजीपी प्रोग्राम प्रमुख कोर्स बने रहेंगे। हालांकि, इनका फोकस ऐसे कोर्स पर भी होगा, जो व्यक्ति विशेष की योग्यता के हिसाब से डेवलप किए जाएं। इनमें एनर्जी मैनेजमेंट, रिसोर्स मैनेजमेंट और एजुकेशन मैनेजमेंट से लेकर पब्लिक हेल्थ, पब्लिक पॉलिसी और मैनुफैक्चरिंग मैनेजमेंट जैसे सोशल और इकॉनॉमिक सेक्टर से जुड़े प्रोग्राम शामिल हैं। आईआईएम रांची के डायरेक्टर एम जे जेवियर ने बताया,



'पश्चिमी देशों में कम स्टूडेंट्स मिलने के चलते कई जाने-माने इंटरनेशनल स्कूल इंडिया से ज्यादा से ज्यादा स्टूडेंट्स लेने का प्लान बना रहे हैं। अभी हम ऐसा कोई बिजनेस स्कूल नहीं खोल सकते, जहां अमेरिका के हिसाब से पढ़ाई हो सके।' उन्होंने कहा कि इंस्टीट्यूट ईस्ट, वेस्ट और रीजनल (झारखंड,

बिहार) को एक साथ लेकर चलने पर भरोसा करता है। इसी हिसाब से कुछ प्रोग्राम शुरू किए जा रहे हैं। इनमें ईस्ट (इंडियन मैनेजमेंट, इनक्लूसिविटी एंड सस्टेनेबिलिटी), वेस्ट (न्यूरो मैनेजमेंट) और रीजनल (एनर्जी मैनेजमेंट, पब्लिक हेल्थ, माइनिंग और पब्लिक पॉलिसी)।

न्यूरो मैनेजमेंट के लिए आईआईएम रांची ने सेंट्रल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ सायकियाट्री से हाथ मिलाया है। वहीं, बिजनेस एनालिटिक्स के लिए इंस्टीट्यूट ने आईबीएस के साथ करार किया है। इन दोनों कोर्स के लिए फैकल्टी रिक्रूटमेंट भी हो चुका है। जेवियर ने बताया, '2013 में हम जानी-मानी अमेरिकी यूनिवर्सिटी के साथ मिलकर 18 महीने का पार्ट-टाइम एनर्जी मैनेजमेंट प्रोग्राम लॉन्च कर रहे हैं। हम सर्टिफाइड पब्लिक हेल्थ वर्कर प्रोग्राम भी शुरू कर रहे हैं। माइनिंग प्रोग्राम के लिए अभी भी पार्टनर की तलाश है।'

Demand for seats in lower rung B-schools to dip further

Industry fears 100,000 management seats out of 350,000 to remain vacant this year

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Down south, a B-school has put up kiosks at an airport to promote itself. Another B-school is flaunting its international tie-ups to attract students.

As the admission season begins at B-schools this year, management institutes resort to such methods of promoting themselves as they fear they may not be able to fill the seats this time, too.

While industry players expect one-third or over 1,00,000 management seats to go vacant this year, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) says the numbers may not be as high. The country has nearly 4,000 B-schools with 3,50,000 seats.

"There are apprehensions that nearly 1,00,000 seats will go vacant this year. In tier-2 and tier-3 B-schools, the vacancy is nearly 50 per cent. In Uttar Pradesh alone, for 24,000 seats, only 12,000 students have appeared for the entrance examination. The situation is quite grim," said H Chaturvedi, director, Birla Institute of Management and Technology, Noida.

S S Mantha, chairman, AICTE, does not agree. "If you look at the trend of vacant seats in the last two-three years, there is a marginal difference. Two years ago it was 15 per cent and last year it was around 17 per cent. This year, we think, it will be around 18 per cent. There is a general recession this year. We see a definite change next year."

The fears of B-schools are not unfounded. In the academic year 2010-11, in Maharashtra, the number of vacant seats



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S S MANTHA
Chairman, AICTE

in engineering and management was 30,000 and 20,000, respectively. This forced the state government to write to AICTE to not give approval for setting up new colleges offering such courses. Last year, Maharashtra had 32,000 vacant seats in engineering and 16,000 vacant seats in management.

Despite this, this year Maharashtra will have 30,000 more engineering seats and 3,000 more management seats with the AICTE approving 17 new institutes in the state, including 11 engineering and four management institutes. Besides, existing

institutes have also been allowed to increase the number of seats.

Mantha says as a regulator he cannot stop institutes from coming up. It will be a good idea for the not-so-good B-schools to collaborate with renowned B-schools in the country or with international B-schools.

Besides, looking at small and medium enterprises (SMEs) is an option. "It will be a good idea to collaborate with the SMEs," said an industry expert.

Experts have been arguing that B-schools need to collaborate with industries to survive – not only to have industry participation for guest and special lectures but also for internship and placement of management students.

Many B-schools are not located in and around cities. Hence, because of lack of industries and industrial development happening around them, the placement process is never successful. This is one of the reasons why there are few takers for management seats in these institutes.

Mantha says if existing B-schools want to get to rural areas AICTE will go all out to help them. Management schools providing good education also has to see that students get opportunity to interact with people in industries.

Last year, citing low admission rates, 138 institutes across the country shut shop. These include 15 engineering, 65 management and 29 MCA institutes, across Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

"Ultimately, it is the question of value proposition. B-schools will have to look at the content they are providing," says Mantha.

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Nalanda varsity Act to be amended

Planning Commission constitutes panel for the same

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NEW DELHI: In the face of serious hurdles being faced by Nalanda University over funding and infrastructure development, the Planning Commission has constituted a committee to support the varsity in development of basic infrastructure and facilities, including road and air connectivity and timely and adequate flow of funds.

Another committee will suggest amendments to the Nalanda University Act, 2010, on provisions relating to academic, administrative and financial autonomy and propose amendments to provide for full autonomy in matters related to making appointments, determining salaries and emoluments and auditing.

The committee will also suggest amendments to the Act to ensure that the university acquires international stature and excellence through representative and flexible governance and forward looking legislation. It will first examine statutes,

• **10-member panel to support varsity in development of basic infrastructure, facilities**

• **Panel to suggest amendments on academic, administrative, financial provisions**

existing ordinances and regulation and suggest changes so that these are consistent with the Act.

It will lay down broad principles for making statutes, existing ordinances and future regulations in the interest of consistency and clarity and will suggest amendments/insertions in the Act to take care of existing gaps with a view to see that the varsity functions smoothly.

The committee comprises Professor N. R. Madhava Menon, former Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, who will be the chairman of the 10-member committee. The other members include Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore director Professor Pankaj Chandra; Nalanda Universi-

ty Vice-Chancellor Gopa Sabharwal; Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies, New Delhi, Director Professor G. Mohan Gopal; South Asia University vice-president Professor K. Rajiv Saxena and Lady Sri Ram College, New Delhi, Principal Meenakshi Gopinath.

The committee on infrastructure — National Monitoring Committee (NMC) — will include the Planning Commission Deputy Chairperson, National Security Adviser of the Prime Minister's Office and Nalanda University Vice-Chancellor, among others.

The committee will examine and provide recommendations on strategic infrastructure, regional and local development and institutional arrangements necessary to support the

development of a world-class university at Nalanda and ensure timely and adequate flow of funds to the varsity.

The specific terms of reference of the committee include providing specific recommendations for international and regional connectivity via air, road and rail, suggest sustainable regional and urban development plans especially for water, energy and physical security, strategic risk mitigation and necessary social infrastructure to support the campus and environs.

It will also look into pre-emptive local and urban development and land-use controls and integration with local and heritage development needs and institutional arrangements necessary to make it possible. Defining further studies and to support the planning and development of the Nalanda campus in addition to monitor timely and adequate flow of funds to the university are some other terms of reference.

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एआईईईई की परीक्षा 29 को, बैठेंगे 11.64 लाख परीक्षार्थी

नई दिल्ली(एसएनबी)। केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड (सीबीएसई) ने ऑल इंडिया इंजीनियरिंग-आर्किटेक्चर एंट्रेंस एग्जामिनेशन 2012 की ऑनलाइन व ऑफलाइन परीक्षा की तैयारियां पूरी कर ली हैं। इस बार बोर्ड की इंजीनियरिंग परीक्षा में कुल 11 लाख 64 हजार परीक्षार्थी हैं। बोर्ड के अनुसार ऑनलाइन परीक्षा के लिए कुल 10 लाख परीक्षार्थी हैं। एआईईईई-12 की ऑफलाइन परीक्षा 29 अप्रैल को है। बोर्ड की ऑफलाइन परीक्षा में 1735 परीक्षा केन्द्र बनाए गये हैं। बोर्ड की ऑनलाइन परीक्षा के लिए 221 परीक्षा केन्द्र बनाये गये हैं। बोर्ड की ऑनलाइन परीक्षाएं 7, 12, 19 व 26 मई को आयोजित की जाएंगी। बोर्ड ने इस परीक्षा के लिए परीक्षार्थी के लिए एडमिट कार्ड भेज दिये हैं। देशभर में नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नॉलोजी, आईआईआईटी, सेंट्रल फंडिंग इंस्टीट्यूशन आदि के बीई-बीटेक व बी आर्किटेक्चर व बी प्लानिंग कोर्सज में दाखिले के लिए एआईईईई-12 आयोजित की जाती है।