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# CBSE shocker: Deadline, cost for JEE review

## Pay ₹1,000 For Challenge To Each Answer

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**TOUGH FOR STUDENTS**

**New Delhi:** The CBSE's decision to give just 24 hours to students to challenge the answer keys of JEE (main) and demand Rs 1000 for each question challenged has raised serious questions about the procedure.

A senior professor of IIT-Delhi said, "Charging money for challenging multiple questions reflects the typical mindset of CBSE that is involved in conducting board examinations."

"How does one expect a student to challenge within 24 hours. Ideal thing would be to give more time to all stakeholders like parents and students. After all, charging Rs 1000 for each question is an expensive proposition," the professor said. He also asked as to why CBSE should not correct the answer key for all students instead of only those who challenged it. "Answer key is applicable to every one. The procedure is a problem," he said.

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per based JEE (main) as well those who took computer based examination will be available till 5 pm on Tuesday. Answer keys were uploaded only on Monday afternoon. Students have also been asked to challenge these by 5 pm on Tuesday. They can pay through debit/credit card or e-challan. The board has also made it clear that challenges submitted by post or in person will not be accepted. In case, challenge is accepted by the CBSE the correction will be done and fee refunded.

CBSE chairperson Vineet Joshi defended the decision. He said, "Fourteen lakh students appeared for JEE (main). It is not easy to redress the challenge to answer keys. There is a question of logistics so we felt some money should be charged." He justifies giving 24 hours for challenging answer keys. "We are under tremendous pressure. We have to give the result to IIT by May 3," he said.

# JEE answer review raises questions

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"How does one expect a student to challenge within 24 hours? Ideal thing would be to give more time. After all, charging thousand rupees for each question is an expensive proposition," a senior professor of IIT Delhi said. **P 13**

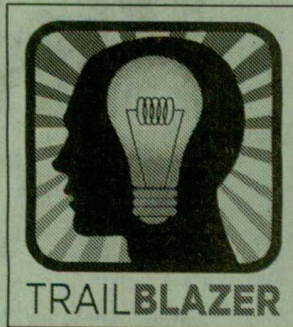
# IITians' biz model eases shopping woes

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

While all start-ups dream of becoming a Google or Facebook one day, the life of an entrepreneur; especially in India, is a "dog's life", says Sujendu Kuila one of the co-founders of *Reviews42*, a consumer product research platform.

Mr Kuila IIT and IIM alumni started *Reviews42* along with another IIM alumni Neeraj Jain in 2011. While both of them agreed that e-commerce is going to flourish in India, they felt there was a need for a company which could provide consumers with information like product discovery, reviews of different products and prices offered by various on-line and off-line ventures.

"Review is very important for purchasing," says Mr Kuila. As far as naming the company as *Reviews42* was concerned, they used the word "review" as it was going to be in review space. "42" was inspired from comic science fiction 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' created by Douglas Adams, which is popular among fans of the genre(s) and members of the scientific community. As per the book "the answer to the ultimate question of life,



the universe and everything is 42."

However, as they began setting up the company they found out that there is challenge in every step. "There is a challenge in every step you take, from getting electricity, to internet connection. Then you have to pitch with the venture capitalists to invest in the company. You have to pitch with the employees to join a company at a stage where we are no one and you have to keep motivating them. We are constantly selling our product," says Mr Kuila.

When quizzed about hitting a break-even point Mr Kuila was not positive about it. "We are not focused on break even. This is because if you want to be a big company you have to plough money back into the business. If Flipkart wants to break-even, they can do it tomorrow but they are looking at growth," says Mr Kuila.

Talking

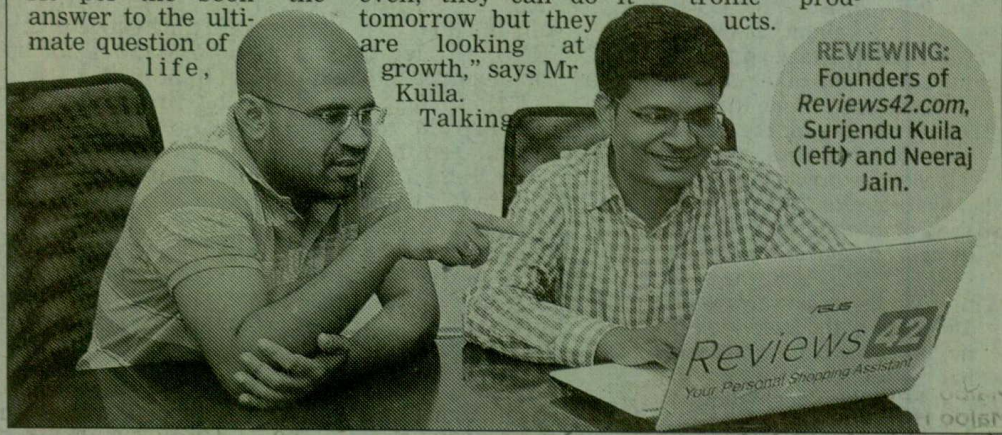
about future plans, *Reviews42*, which is based out of Noida, is looking to open office in Bangalore, Hyderabad and Mumbai this year. "We want to be in 32 cities in next five years," says Mr Kuila.

*Reviews42*, which is a VC funded company received its initial funding from Nirvana Venture Advisors and Blume Ventures, in addition to a couple of Angel Investors. The company is not looking at raising loans from banks.

*Reviews42* aims at solving the information deficit for both online buyers as well as offline buyers. When people are shopping in a retail store, they are at an information disadvantage vis-a-vis prices, features, and reviews of different brands at other stores, says the company website.

*Reviews42* intends to empower these shoppers by making all the desired information easily available on the user's mobile phone as well. It encourages its users to share their candid product experiences with the community to help everyone avoid costly buying mistakes. *Reviews42* has also started giving its users information about electronic products.

REVIEWING:  
Founders of  
*Reviews42.com*,  
Surjendu Kuila  
(left) and Neeraj  
Jain.



HT Chandigarh

# CSIR-IMTECH CHOSEN TOP R&D INSTITUTION

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**CHANDIGARH:** Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh, has bagged the prestigious National Intellectual Property Award 2014 in the category of 'Top R&D Institution' in the field of healthcare.

According to a press release, IMTECH has been in the forefront in developing innovative technologies in biotherapeutics, especially, life-saver drugs such as streptokinase and its advanced versions.

Dr Girish Sahni, director, CSIR-IMTECH, received the award from Justice S Ravindra Bhat, judge, Delhi High Court, at a function in New Delhi on Saturday. Amitabh Kant, secretary, department of industrial policy and promotion was also present on the occasion along with other dignitaries. The award carries ₹1 lakh cash, a trophy and a citation.

The National Intellectual Property Awards are conferred to recognise and reward outstanding creators/innovators of IP who have contributed in harnessing the country's intellectual capital and creating an eco-system that boosts creativity and innovation.

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INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL**

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## VARSITIES NEED TO CHALLENGE FRONTIERS OF KNOWLEDGE: DRDO CHIEF

Though India has become one of the strongest in the world in terms of scientific manpower, its universities and institutions should be able to challenge the frontiers of knowledge while creating an environment supportive of innovation, Scientific Advisor to the Defence Minister and

DRDO chief Avinash Chander said recently.

"We have come a long way since Independence, from mere buyers of technology to those who have made science and technology an important contributor for national development and societal transformation. It is

important for India to put its act together to become a continuous innovator and creator of science and technology intensive products," Chander said.

Despite strong scientific and technical manpower base, India was still far behind in creation of intangible

assets and ownership of patents, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) said.

"Our institutions must be able to challenge the frontiers of knowledge. Our universities have to create an environment supportive of innovation," the DRDO chief said.

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## IIM-B alumni meets to be held in 15 cities

Over 8,000 IIM-B alumni from across the world expected to attend the meets

### OUR BUREAU

Bangalore, April 28

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore's (IIM-B) alumni meet - Anusmaran - will be held on May 4 at the IIM-B campus in Bangalore. This year's meet, spread across 15 cities around the world, is likely to see the participation of over 8,000 IIM-B alumni.

The Bangalore Chapter will host three panel discussions on 'Entrepreneurship and Disruptive Thinking' on the IIM-B campus as part of the event.

The other IIM-B chapters

where panel discussions and entrepreneurship is the theme are: Chennai Chapter (May 3); USA East Coast Chapter (May 17), where Ashish Pandey (PGP'02), CEO, Altisource Residential Corporation, will address the alumni; Kolkata Chapter (May 10), where C S Ghosh, Chairman & MD, Bandhan Group, will speak.

Rakesh Godhwani, Head - Alumni and Development IIM-B, said "Anusmaran is a perfect example of how we can leverage the gold mine of knowledge that the alumni of IIMB possess. Learning

from each other is undoubtedly our way forward."

Harish Mittal, President of IIMBAA Bangalore Chapter, Founder and Managing Director at Camellia Clothing Ltd, said "Bangalore is the new haven for entrepreneurs and we have seen tremendous energy among IIMB alumni in the city to learn from one another's entrepreneurial experience."

For the Bangalore Chapter event panellists on the 'Start Up Track' include Saumil Majumdar (PGP'95), Co-Founder & Managing Director of EduS-ports; Manu Indrayan (PGP'94), Founder of 612 Ivy League; Sanjay Anandaram, (PGP'91), Entrepreneur, Investor, Advisor and Mentor, Ojas

Venture and Founding Partner of JumpStart; K Ganesh (IIMC), Chairman and Co-Founder Portea Medical; Meena Ganesh (IIMC), CEO & Managing Director, Portea Medical; and P C Musthafa (IIMB PGSEM'07) Co-Founder, ID Fresh Food.

Panelists on 'Join the Entrepreneur' include Subhash Dhar (PGP'92), CEO, Enterprise Nube Services; Atul Shinghal (PGP'93), CEO Probe Equity Research; Sudhakar Varanasi (IIT KGP and PhD IISc), Chief Mentor, Emergent Institute; Anju Maudgal Kadam (IIMB MPWE 2010), Founder and Director Web TV.in; and Professor Ramya Ranganathan (IITM & IIMA and PhD London School Of

Business), IIMB faculty. Panelists on 'Social Change Agents' include A Vaidyanathan (PGP'83), Founder & Managing Director, Cleantech Consultants and HMX Systems; Mainak Chakraborty (PGP'10), Co-CEO, Green Power Systems; Poonam Bir Kasturi (NID Ahmedabad '86), Industrial Designer, Facilitator, Entrepreneur and Mentor at Founder Industree Crafts and Playnspeak and Pioneer of the Daily Dump Project; Shridhar Venkat (NMIMS), Executive Director, Akshaya Patra Foundation; Ramesh Swamy (REC Bhopal), CEO, Swamy Group of Companies; and Suresh Bhagavatula (PhD Netherlands), Assistant Professor, NSRCEL at IIMB.

# भारत के रमेश अग्रवाल को 'ग्रीन नोबेल'

## ■ एनबीटी

पर्यावरण के लिए सबसे बड़े पुरस्कार गोल्डमैन प्राइज से नवाजे जाने वाले छह लोगों में भारत के रमेश अग्रवाल भी शामिल हैं। अग्रवाल को छत्तीसगढ़ में अंधाधुंध कोयला खनन से निपटने में ग्रामीणों की मदद करने और एक बड़े प्रस्तावित कोयला प्रोजेक्ट को बंद कराने के उनके काम के लिए यह पुरस्कार दिया जा रहा है।

अग्रवाल के साथ यह अवॉर्ड पाने वाले अन्य लोगों में पेरू, रूस, दक्षिण अफ्रीका, इंडोनेशिया और अमरीका के पर्यावरण कार्यकर्ता शामिल हैं। विजेताओं में हरेक को पौने



दो लाख डॉलर की राशि मिलेगी। सैन फ्रैंसिस्को स्थित गोल्डमैन एनवायरमेंट फाउंडेशन की तरफ से कहा गया है कि रमेश अग्रवाल का ऑफिस सिर्फ एक छोटा-सा इंटरनेट कैफे था, जिसकी मदद से उन्होंने गांव वालों को जागरूक किया और विकास परियोजनाओं के बारे में जानकारी हासिल की। वह छत्तीसगढ़ में कोयला खनन की बड़ी परियोजना को बंद कराने में कामयाब रहे। अग्रवाल के इस काम की वजह से कई लोग उनके दुश्मन भी बने और जब कोयला खनन परियोजना रद्द हो गया, तो उन पर हमला भी किया। उन पर गोली चलाई गई और उनकी हड्डियां भी टूटीं।

**WINDOW OF UPWARD MOBILITY GETS NARROWER**

# Most US High School Grads Now Prefer to Stay off College Limits

**FLOYD NORRIS**

The proportion of new US high school graduates who go on to college, a figure that rose regularly for decades, now appears to be declining.

In October, just 65.9% of people who had graduated from high school the previous spring had enrolled in college, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said this week. That was down from 66.2% the previous year and was the lowest figure in a decade. The high point came in 2009, when 70.1% of new graduates had gone on to college.

"Falling college enrollment indicates that upward mobility may become more difficult for working-class and disadvantaged high school graduates," said Heidi Shierholz, an economist with the Economic Policy Institute in Washington. "It's another part of the long-term scarring process of the Great Recession that has been partly hidden."

She said that might reflect poorer employment prospects for parents and students who would have worked their way through college a few years ago, and added that many parents in the past had obtained money for college by refinancing mortgages, an alternative no longer available to many families.

At the same time, there were some encouraging signs in the report, which is released annually. The bureau reported that 51% of the high school graduates who did not go on to college had jobs by October, and that 74% were in the labor force, meaning they either were employed or were looking for work.

Those figures may not sound high, but they are up from the past couple of years and may be an indication that the labor market has improved at least a little.

On the other hand, only 43% of new high school dropouts were part of the labour force in October, a figure that was the lowest for the past 20 years, the period for which the figures are available. But there was an increase in the proportion of new high school dropouts who had jobs, to 31% from 24% in 2012, which could be another indication of an improving economy.

The figures are volatile from year to year, partly because they come from the bureau's household survey, in which 60,000 households are

**LABOUR WOES**

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alternative for many



asked each month about the employment status of all members of the household who are 16 years of age or older. Each October, additional questions are asked of the respondents to produce this report, which was not published until this week as the bureau sought to make sure it had made appropriate adjustments for revised population estimates.

Most of those households have no one who recently left school, and as a result there can be large errors. The bureau said the estimated 65.9% figure for high school graduates who went on to college could be off by as much as 2.4 percentage points in either direction. The margins of error for the enrollment estimates of 68.4% for young women, and 63.5% for young men, were even larger.

Still, there seems to be little doubt that the long-term trend of more and more high school graduates going to college has halted, if not reversed. As recently as 1976, the enrollment figure was less than 50%. It rose to 69% by 2005 and since then has fluctuated.

# फर्जी आईआईटी छात्र ले उड़ा सीएम से पुरस्कार, केस दर्ज

■ 12वीं फेल ने किया कारनामा, नकली सर्टिफिकेट बना दिखाया 35वां रैंक

**कई संस्थाओं से लिये  
लारवों के पुरस्कार**

नवीन पांचाल  
गुड़गांव, 28 अप्रैल

मेवात के एक 12वीं फेल किशोर ने ऐसा खेल खेला कि प्रदेश सरकार से लेकर निजी कंपनियों व गैर सरकारी संस्थाएं उसकी काबिलियत पर नाज करने लगे। यहां तक कि गणतंत्र दिवस समारोह में मुख्यमंत्री भूपेंद्र सिंह हुड्डा ने उसे पुरस्कृत भी कर दिया। मामले का भेद खुला तो डीसी ने किशोर के खिलाफ मामला दर्ज करवा दिया।

मेवात जिले के फिरोजपुर झिरका के गांव रवा निवासी वाजिद अली पुत्र शेर मोहम्मद ने वर्ष 2010-11 में हरियाणा पब्लिक स्कूल फिरोजपुर झिरका से दसवीं पास की। उसके बाद 2011-12 में उसने आरोही माडल स्कूल हसनपुर बिलोंडा से 11वीं पास की। अगले साल वह 12वीं में फेल हो गया। एक बार नाकाम रहने के बाद उसने दोबारा से पलवल स्थित एक नामी स्कूल में दाखिला ले लिया। अभी उसका 12वीं कक्षा का परिणाम आना शेष है। इस बीच वाजिद अली ने आईआईटी परीक्षा में 37वां रैंक हासिल करने के फर्जी दस्तावेज तैयार करवा लिए।

इतना ही नहीं पिछले दिनों जब मेवात जिला प्रशासन ने जब मेवात के प्रतिभाशाली विद्यार्थियों को पुरस्कृत करने के लिए आवेदन मांगे तो उसने फर्जी डॉक्यूमेंट के आधार पर आवेदन कर दिया।

हुड्डा से ली शाबाशी, इंडस्ट्री से लिया लेपटॉप



26 जनवरी को गणतंत्र दिवस पर सीएम से पुरस्कार (बाएं) व एक इंडस्ट्री के प्रतिनिधि से लेपटॉप लेता वाजिद। फइल फेदे

## सर्टिफिकेट को ही मान लिया सबूत

आरोपी छात्र ने जब जिला प्रशासन के समक्ष मेधावी विद्यार्थियों को पुरस्कृत करने के क्रम में आवेदन किया तो प्रशासन ने बिना किसी जांच पड़ताल के ही उसके द्वारा उपलब्ध करवाए डॉक्यूमेंट्स को ही वास्तविक मान दिया। इससे 12वीं फेल छात्र जिला प्रशासन की लापरवाही के कारण आधा दर्जन स्थानों पर पुरस्कृत भी हो गया।

जिला प्रशासन ने उसे पुरस्कृत करने की अनुशंसा करते हुए मुख्यमंत्री भूपेंद्र हुड्डा के हाथों उसे 26 जनवरी को गणतंत्र दिवस

## ऐसे खुला भेद

मेवात रेड क्रॉस सोसायटी को छात्र के दस्तावेजों पर शक हुआ। इन्हें जांच के लिए दिल्ली आईआईटी भेजा गया। वहां सोसायटी को मिले एक मेल में दस्तावेजों को फर्जी बताते हुए कहा गया है कि मेवात जिले के वाजिद अली नामक किसी भी छात्र ने आईआईटी की परीक्षा में 35वां स्थान प्राप्त नहीं किया है। दरअसल, आरोपी वाजिद ने किसी अन्य विद्यार्थी के सर्टिफिकेट को फर्जी तरीके से अपने नाम तैयार करवा लिया।

समारोह में सम्मानित भी करवा दिया। इस बीच वाजिद अली झारखंड की एक मुस्लिम संस्था के हाथों भी पुरस्कृत किया गया। साथ

## अभी और भी मिलने थे इनाम

अब वाजिद अली को अलवर की एक संस्था 2 लाख रुपये और प्रशस्ती पत्र से पुरस्कृत करने की तैयारी कर रही थी, लेकिन समय रहते भेद खुल जाने पर डीसी आरसी वर्मा ने उसके खिलाफ मुकदमा दर्ज करवा दिया। पुलिस आरोपी वाजिद की तलाश में छापेमारी कर रही है।

ही रोजका मेव की एक कंपनी ने जिला प्रशासन के कहने पर उसे सम्मानित किया। इंडस्ट्री की ओर से उसे लेपटॉप दिया गया।