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IIT Kharagpur defies CVC, faces heat

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THE Centre may soon crack the whip on IIT Kharagpur for disregarding the Central Vigilance Commission's order to act against three professors for their involvement in a scam.

The HRD ministry is weighing several options, including action against the entire board of governors, and is set to summon the institute's director over the issue.

The CVC had sought action against professors A K Bhowmick, director of IIT Patna; P P Chakraborty, the IIT's dean; and R N Banerjee, Director Select; for their role in the so called coal-net scam, involving computerisation of Coal India and its subsidiaries between 2001 and 2004.

The IIT did not act against them and instead told the Delhi high court, in an affidavit filed in response to a case brought by whistleblower Prof Rajeev Kumar,

that since it was an autonomous institute, the CVC had no jurisdiction. If that wasn't enough, the IIT upset the ministry by filing the affidavit without consulting it.

Whether the IIT's argument convinces the court remains to be seen but it clearly hasn't cut much ice with the ministry. The IIT, the ministry has pointed out, gets substantive grants, about Rs 300 crore, from the Centre and falls within the jurisdiction of the CVC. Besides, being an autonomous institute, it is even more imperative that the IIT encourage transparency of processes, the ministry has said.

Its embarrassing affidavit is not the first time the IIT has irked the Centre. The HRD ministry recently directed the IIT to revoke the suspension of Prof Rajeev Kumar, as advised by the CVC, but it is yet to do so. Prof Kumar was suspended in May 2011 for, among other charges, maligning and misrepresenting the IIT.

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Few takers for taking JEE examination online

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NEW DELHI: Despite technological invasion when it comes to writing for their exam, students still prefer the traditional paper and pen method over the computer mode.

Of the total number of aspirants appearing for the Joint Entrance Exam—JEE (main), a mere 14% have opted for the

computer mode of writing the exam.

The paper and pen based JEE (Main) exam is to be held on April 7.

According to sources of the total 1,297,709 candidates who will be appearing for the JEE(Main) exam, only 180,644 have chosen the computer-based exam over the paper and pen method.

Among the candidates 50,386

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girls and only 130,258 have chosen for computer centric exam. While there are 2015 centres

spread across 82 cities for the traditional method, there are only 276 centres across 31 cities for computer-based exam.

The computer based exams will be held on April 9, 22, 23 and 25.

Though the exam fees for female candidate is half that of a male aspirant, girls constitute a mere 27%—343,939—of the total number of candidates.

IIT exam from this year will

be two phased—JEE(Main) and JEE(Advanced). Only the top 1.5 lakh students from JEE (Main) will be eligible for JEE(Advanced) on June 2. The rest will be given admission to the different National Institutes of Technology (NIT) and other centrally-funded institutes according to their ranks.

Of the total candidates who would be appearing, 261,187 candidates have not opted for JEE.

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कस ले कमर, कल है जेईई परीक्षा

नई दिल्ली | प्रमुख संवाददाता

नए प्रारूप के तहत आईआईटी सहित देश के प्रतिष्ठित इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेजों में दाखिला पाने के लिए जेईई मुख्य परीक्षा का आयोजन सात अप्रैल को होगा। इसके आधार पर डेढ़ लाख विद्यार्थियों का चयन होगा जो जेईई एडवांस परीक्षा में बैठ सकेंगे।

कैसा होगा प्रश्नपत्र

जेईई मुख्य का प्रश्नपत्र दो माध्यम से होगा। इसमें पहला पेन-पेपर और कंप्यूटर आधारित और दूसरा पेपर पेन-पेपर आधारित होगा। जेईई मुख्य की ऑफलाइन परीक्षा सात अप्रैल, 2013

को होगी जबकि ऑनलाइन परीक्षा आठ अप्रैल और 30 अप्रैल 2013 को होगी।
अगर आए समान अंक

अगर दो या दो से अधिक उम्मीदवारों के जेईई मुख्य परीक्षा में समान अंक आ जाते हैं तो पहले यह जांचा जाएगा कि गणित या भौतिकी में किसके अंक बेहतर हैं उसके आधार पर रैंक दी जाएगी। यदि इस आधार पर फैसला नहीं होता है तो यह देखा जाएगा कि किसके नकारात्मक अंक अधिक हैं। यदि इस आधार पर भी फैसला नहीं हो पाता है तो दोनों ही छात्रों को अगली परीक्षा में बैठने का मौका दिया जाएगा।

मुख्य परीक्षा का वर्गीकरण

- कॉमन मेरिट लिस्ट शीर्ष- 75,750
- ओबीसी शीर्ष- 40,500
- अनुसूचित जाति शीर्ष- 22,500
- अनुसूचित जनजाति शीर्ष- 11,250

एडवांस परीक्षा का वर्गीकरण

शीर्ष 20 पर्सटाइल में आने के लिए इन बोर्ड के छात्रों को लाने होंगे इतने प्रतिशत

- सीबीएसई- 77.8
- सीआईएससीई- 81.4
- तमिलनाडु बोर्ड- 78.17
- पश्चिम बंगाल बोर्ड- 58
- आंध्र प्रदेश स्टेट- 87.2
- झारखंड स्टेट- 52.4

14 lakh examinees get ready to take JEE mains tomorrow

Manash Pratim Gohain | TNN

New Delhi: The first Joint Engineering Entrance Examination Main after change of AIEEE format will be conducted on Sunday. Over 14 lakh engineering and architecture aspirants have registered for the entrance which is a record number.

Last year, 11.5 lakh aspirants took the test conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education. Experts are advising aspirants not be complacent as this may result in minor but critical mistakes, marring their chances of appearing for the JEE Advanced as only the top 1.5 lakh candidates in the merit list of the 14 lakh will be eligible for the advanced exam, which is the entrance exam for the admission to the Indian Institutes of Technology.

While the offline (pen and paper) exam will be conducted

on Sunday, the computer-based exam introduced last year will be conducted on April 9, 22, 23 and 25. The JEE (Main)-2013 (paper 1 of earlier AIEEE) will have one objective-type question paper. The three-hour paper will comprise physics, chemistry and mathematics.

Apart from the nomenclature, a lot of changes have been

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introduced in the exam from this year. The JEE (Main) examination 2013 is being conducted for admissions to BE/BTech courses at National Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Information Technology, Delhi Technological University and other Central Government-funded technical institutes. But unlike previous years, this year's JEE (Main) merit list will give 40% weightage (suitably normalized) to Class XII or other qual-

ifying examination marks and 60% to performance in the entrance exam. And the significance of JEE (Main) from now on is that only 1.5 lakh of the top rankers in JEE (Main), which includes students from all categories, will be eligible to appear in JEE (Advanced) 2013 (earlier known as IIT-JEE) for admission to the IITs, IIT BHU and ISM Dhanbad.

According to experts, the difficulty level in this exam is likely to be relatively lower and, therefore, students need to be more careful while attempting the paper.

"A question of higher difficulty will be a challenge for a regular student. But a question of lower difficulty level can be tricky for bright students. So the students have to be very careful as paper of easy standard can result in silly mistakes which can be costly," Ananda Raman, mentor and director, FIIT JEE, Hyderabad, said.