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Govt hiring young engineers for building toilets in Delhi

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NEW DELHI: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government has decided to hire young engineers to help them in implementing its ambitious plan to make the Capital open defecation free.

The Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB), the agency that implements development programmes at slums, plans to construct two lakh public toilets across Delhi in the next five years. As many as 1.5 lakh of these toilets will be in the slum clusters.

Sources said over 250 engineers from IIT, Delhi Technological University and other prestigious engineering colleges have applied for 50 posts that the Delhi government seeks to fill. Many others working with some multi-national companies have also applied for the post which offers a pay of ₹25,000 per month.

The government has also hired post graduates to conduct a survey for its slum-free city plan. They will work with Delhi government for six months. Later, their contract may get extended.

“We have a shortage of engineers and recruiting them is a

JOB OPENING

- 250 engineers from IIT, Delhi Technological University and other engineering colleges have applied for 50 posts
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- 5 lakh in Delhi are forced to defecate in the open

long process. The government decided to hire engineers on contract basis to expedite the development work. They will help us in building toilets and also in maintaining them,” said a DUSIB official.

According to the government, over five lakh residents in the national Capital defecate in the open. Lack of public toilets is not the only reason behind people going to relieve themselves in the open. Improper maintenance of the public loos and restrictive timings also forces those without a permanent toilet at their premises to defecate in the open.

There are around 100 slum clusters in Delhi that lack toilet facilities. Women residents

have to walk long distances to relieve themselves.

In June, the Hindustan Times reported how children were going missing from a slum in outer Delhi’s Shahbad Dairy where residents use a nearby forest for relieving themselves. Women and children who defecate in the open are prone to fall prey to sex offenders.

A survey found out that there are 259 open defecation spots in Delhi. It also said that there is a need for 24,036 toilet seats across 70 assembly constituencies. The DUSIB has proposed to construct 17,846 toilet seats before March 2017.

“We recently submitted a representation to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal proposing to construct toilets in the next 7-8 months. We asked MLAs to identify areas where toilets are required. A constituency-wise plan has been prepared,” said a DUSIB official.

The government has decided to repair the existing toilets and penalise agencies for their poor upkeep. There are three types of toilets in the city — individual, constructed by different agencies; community, which are in the slums and maintained by the DUSIB; and public toilets, which are managed by the civic bodies.

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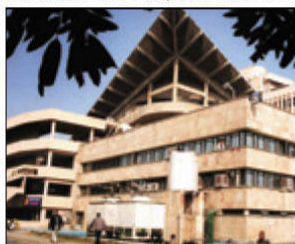
Off-campus IIT students? Council to decide on Aug 23

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In a bid to increase its student strength to 1 lakh by 2020, IIT council on August 23 will consider HRD ministry's proposal that seeks to achieve it by waiving off the condition that students have to compulsorily stay in hostels.

Sources said student strength will be increased across all levels, B.Tech, M.Tech and research. IITs have a total strength of a little over 72,000 in 23 IITs.

The increase will be achieved by having 4,000 additional B.Tech seats from the little over 10,000 seats at present. The boost in numbers, sources said, will be done uniformly across all IITs. Sources said one of the biggest roadblock to increasing the student strength has been



Allowing off-campus students will help IITs raise its student strength to 1 lakh by 2020

lack of hostel facilities across IITs. Even the plan to expand hostel facilities to accommodate OBC reservation that started in 2009 has not been completed yet.

To deal with the hostel crunch, IITs will make arrangements outside campus. It can be residential areas or private hostels that will have hostel-like facilities. "Once we get rid of the provision of compulsory stay in campus it will help us increase the intake. Right now even if a student's family stays in the same city he has to stay in hostel. Teaching facility is equipped to adjust to increase of students," a source said.

After shelving it earlier, IIT council will again discuss the idea of National Aptitude Test that would filter students for a single entrance test for admission to IITs, NITs and other engineering institutions. HRD had to drop the idea as ministry's department of school pointed out that an aptitude test might not find favour with students from rural and semi-urban backgrounds. "We were told aptitude test will go against the principle of equity in education. Students belonging to marginal classes would suffer," a senior official said. "This led to a rethink," the official said.

Another proposal to be considered will be project 'Vishwajeet'. As a part of the project, seven IITs -- Delhi, Bombay, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras, Roorkee and Guwahati -- will be assisted in breaking into the top 100 universities in the global university ranking by 2018 and top 50 by 2020.

IITs set to consider increase in seats, change hostel rule

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THE IITs are set to consider a proposal to add more seats to their B.Tech, M.Tech and research programmes at a forthcoming meeting of the IIT Council — the highest decision making body of the premier institutions. The meeting is scheduled to take place on August 23.

At present, there are close to 72,000 students in all the 23 IITs. The HRD Ministry, sources said, will propose that the institutes, collectively, increase their student strength to one lakh over the next three years.

An IIT director familiar with the proposal told *The Indian Express* that the IITs will be expected to add close to 4,000 new seats across all B.Tech programmes — from the current 10,560 to close to 14,000 seats — by 2020. The institutes will also have to increase the number of seats in M.Tech and PhD programmes to achieve the strength of one lakh.

"To achieve this, the IITs will have to waive off the condition which makes students stay compulsorily on campus. The institutes will depend on admitting more non-resident students," said the director. Currently, all students of IITs have to stay on campus.

If approved, this move will result in the biggest increase in seats across IITs since the OBC quota was implemented.

The Council will also consider a new project titled 'Vishwajeet' which proposes to assist IITs, especially the top seven — Delhi, Bombay, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras, Roorkee and Guwahati — to reach the top 100 in Global University ranks by 2018 and top 50 by 2020. This project will provide these institutes additional support and funds.

Five IISc researchers get young scientist awards

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/karnataka/Five-IISc-researchers-get-young-scientist-awards/2016/08/14/article3578581.ece>

BENGALURU: Five scientists from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have bagged the prestigious INSA Medal for Young Scientists for this year. This makes IISc the only institution in the country with more INSA awardees than any other institute.

The five awardees are Dr Prabeer Barpanda, Dr Sai Siva Gorthi, Dr Praveen Kumar, Dr Anshu Pandey and Dr Chandan Saha.

Commending their achievements, IISc Director Prof Anurag Kumar said, "It is a matter of great pride and satisfaction for the Institute that for 2016, five of our young faculty members have been selected. These prestigious awards have recognized work that cuts across the boundaries of basic research and applied research and their conferral on our faculty is testament to the success of the rich and varied, interdisciplinary intellectual atmosphere of the institute."

The Five Achievers

Dr Praveen Kumar, Assistant Professor at the Department of Materials Engineering, has been awarded for his discovery of electric-field induced changes in the mechanical behaviour of Carbon Nanotube (CNT).

Dr Prabeer Barpanda, Assistant Professor at the Materials Research Centre, worked on the development of new classes of Lithium and Sodium cathode materials for next-generation battery and storage application.

Dr Sai Siva Gorthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Instrumentation and Applied Physics, was honoured for his contribution to the field of Innovative Opto-fluidic technologies. His recent work includes R&D of in-vitro diagnostic tools, biomedical instrumentation and micro-fluidic nanotechnology.

Dr Chandan Saha, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Automation, worked on arithmetic circuit lower bounds, polynomial identity testing and reconstruction of arithmetic circuits. Understanding computational efficiency is a great challenge in theoretical computer science, said Dr Saha.

Dr Anshu Pandey, Assistant Professor, Solid State and Structural Chemistry Unit, also made it to the list with his outstanding contribution in the area of low threshold quantum dot lasers.

The INSA award

The Indian National Science Academy (INSA) annually honours young scientists with the INSA Young Scientist Award to distinguish young scientists of promise and creativity who have made notable research contributions in Science and Technology. Started in 1974, this award is considered to be the highest recognition of promise, creativity and excellence for a young scientist in India. Till date, 760 young scientists have been honoured with this award.

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IITs Ready No-Entry Sign for 20 Startups

Likely to blacklist cos that reneged on placement offers

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New Delhi: The Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are likely to blacklist about 20 startups and ecommerce companies this placement season for having reneged on offers made to graduating students last year. Apart from this, a warning will be issued to companies that deferred joining dates, changed job profiles or altered salary terms.

Ecommerce company Flipkart will get a warning letter for deferring the date of joining for its IIT hires last year.

"Flipkart does not figure in the list of startups that would face a blanket ban as it did not completely withdraw the offers," said All-IIT Placement Committee (AIPC) convenor Kaustubha Mohanty, who added that a ban on Zomato will remain in place for a second year.

The companies couldn't be reached for comment on Sunday.

The IITs will draw up the list in about two weeks, it was decided at the AIPC meeting on Saturday. "We do not want this to be repeated this year," said a faculty member.

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Tight Leash

Twelve IITs were present at the All-IITs Placement Committee meeting at IIT Kanpur to discuss placements for 2017

The committee decided to categorise the ecommerce players & startups that flouted placement rules in 3 categories

THE 3 GROUPS are those that deferred placements, those that cut pay or changed job profiles and those that withdrew offers

THOSE COMPANIES that completely withdrew their offers last year would be blacklisted at all IITs

COMPANIES SUCH as Flipkart that partially flouted the placement rules will be issued a warning

BAN ON Zomato will continue this year too



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Mohanty declined to give details on the companies likely to be on the blacklist. "IITs are unanimous that this kind of behaviour will not be tolerated," he said. Twelve IITs were present at the AIPC meeting at IIT Kanpur to discuss placements for 2017. Of the big ones, IIT Bombay didn't attend, Mohanty said.

The meeting decided that the startups would be grouped into three — those that deferred placements, those that cut pay or changed job profiles and those that withdrew offers. The warning letters will go to the companies on the first two lists while those on

the third would be barred, Mohanty said.

Zomato had been banned last year after a spat over placement slots. CEO Deepinder Goyal then took to Twitter to express his views on the matter.

Flipkart told campus recruits last year it was deferring joining dates to December from June due to a restructuring exercise.

"The decision to defer joining for six months has been taken after due evaluation of all possibilities and keeping in mind timelines to complete organisational restructuring at Flipkart," the company said at the time. "We are committed and absolutely confident of having all our trainees on board in December 2016."

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2,515 IIT-B students receive degrees; PhDs at record high

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Mumbai

A TOTAL of 2,515 students, including 325 doctoral candidates, received their degrees at IIT-Bombay's 54th convocation day here.

The institute also accorded the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2015-16 on RK Malik from the department of chemical engineering in recognition of his contributions to the institute, the Indian Institute of Technology – Bombay (IIT-B) said in a statement.

The 54th convocation day held on Saturday saw 2,515 students being awarded degrees on completion of their

academic programmes, the premier institute said.

The graduating students this year include 208 PhDs, nine dual degree (MTechs and PhDs) students and seven dual degree (MSc and PhD) candidates.

A total of 101 PhDs were awarded during the interim convocation held in March, making it the highest number of PhDs being awarded at convocation in the history of IIT-B, it said. Out of these, 29 research scholars were selected for the 'award of excellence in PhD thesis'.

A total of 16 joint PhDs in association with the Monash University, were also conferred. Besides

these, 6 MSc (by research), 14 dual degrees (MSc and MTech), 6 dual degrees (MSc and MPhils), 626 MTech, 56 MDes, 14 MPhils, 115 MMgt, 201 two-year MSc, 22 five-year integrated MSc, 508 dual degrees (BTech and MTech), 586 BTech degrees and 14 PGDIIT degrees were awarded at the convocation.

IIT-Bombay is one of the top engineering schools in the country.

A total of 49 out of top 50 rankers and 67 of the top 100 rankers in JEE 2016 chose IIT-Bombay among 22 IITs. All the top 10 all-India JEE 2016 rank holders joined this institute.

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AUTONOMY FOR ALL

Government's decision to give a free hand to IIMs is welcome.
But that should not be preserve of elite institutions

THE MORE THAN a year-long wrangle between the prime minister's office (PMO) and the human resource development (HRD) minister over the IIMs has had a happy ending. The new HRD minister, Prakash Javadekar, has made a break from his predecessor Smriti Irani's obstinacy and agreed to relinquish the government's role in appointing the chairperson of the board of governors of the B schools. This is just months after Irani went against the PMO and rejected a panel of corporate stalwarts recommended by IIM-Ahmedabad for the chairperson's post. For the time being, it seems that the IIMs' demand for autonomy has received a major fillip.

The elite B schools are lucky to have had a supporter in the PMO. Over the past year or so, the PMO has advocated autonomy for the IIMs and, in recent times, it has also mooted setting up of institutes of excellence that will be autonomous of the government. But autonomy to institutions of learning need not be dependent on the PMO's support or contingent upon their being institutes of excellence. Micro-management by governments and authorities such as the UGC has stifled the creativity of academic institutions without creating any accountability. In recent times, universities have disapproved of an "excessive control mechanism" that obliges them to seek the permission of the UGC on administrative and financial matters. Every small expenditure requires the UGC's consent. Universities have vice-chancellors, academic heads and executive and academic councils. But they are required to seek the approval of the UGC to start new courses. Once these courses are sanctioned, they have to apply again to the UGC for grants. It is nobody's case that central authorities like the HRD ministry or the UGC be done away with. But their role in quotidian matters needs to be minimised.

The HRD ministry's move is a positive one especially given this government's track record in meddling in affairs of institutions. While past governments have rarely given a free hand to vice-chancellors and the academic bodies of universities, this government has drawn flak — rightly so — for intervening in matters that are usual to the running of an university. The Rohith Vemula case in Central University, Hyderabad, and the JNU case are well known. The HRD ministry's interventions in these cases betrayed its basic distrust of the academic bodies and authorities in the institutes concerned. Does the government's decision on the IIM augur a new beginning? One hopes so.

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आईआईटी काउंसिल की बैठक में बीटेक की सीटें 15000 करने पर होगा विचार

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नेशनल एपीटीयूड टेस्ट से ही आईआईटी में मिलेंगे दाखिले

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। आईआईटी में ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के छात्रों को अब दाखिला मिलना और मुश्किल होने जा रहा है। जेईई मेन और एडवांस की बजाय देश में अब केवल नेशनल एपीटीयूड टेस्ट करवाने की तैयारी चल रही है और इसी आधार पर दाखिला मिलेगा। आईआईटी काउंसिल की 23 अगस्त को होने वाली बैठक में इस पर चर्चा होगी। वहीं, बीटेक प्रोग्राम में सीटों की संख्या साढ़े दस हजार से बढ़ाकर पंद्रह हजार करने की भी चर्चा होगी।

पूर्व मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी ने जेईई मेन और एडवांस की बजाय नेशनल एपीटीयूड टेस्ट से दाखिला करवाने की राज्य शिक्षा बोर्ड की मांग को ठुकरा दिया था। पिछले दिनों बोर्ड वेटेज का सिस्टम खत्म होने से अब नेशनल एपीटीयूड टेस्ट का रास्ता साफ हो गया है। आईआईटी में दाखिले की तैयारी करवाने वाले व पूर्व आईआईटी छात्र डॉ. आशीष यादव के मुताबिक, नेशनल एपीटीयूड टेस्ट से छात्रों



- जेईई मेन और एडवांस की बजाय अब नेशनल एपीटीयूड टेस्ट से दाखिले पर होगी चर्चा
- महंगे कोचिंग में पढ़ने वाले छात्रों को होगा लाभ, ग्रामीण इलाकों के छात्रों को होगी मुश्किल

राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति में भी एक परीक्षा की सिफारिश

राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति में सुब्रह्मण्यम समिति ने भी 12वीं परीक्षा के बाद अलग-अलग प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा की बजाय राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर एक परीक्षा आयोजित करने की सिफारिश की थी। समिति का कहना था कि अलग-अलग परीक्षा से छात्रों को अधिक पैसे और समय खर्च होने के साथ सरकारी सिस्टम का भी नुकसान होता है। एक परीक्षा होने से उच्च शिक्षा में गुणवत्ता में भी सुधार होगा।

को नुकसान और फायदा दोनों होगा। उन्होंने कहा कि अभी जेईई मेन और एडवांस की परीक्षा देनी पड़ती है, लेकिन एक टेस्ट होने से छात्र बार-बार की परीक्षा के तनाव से बच जाएंगे। हालांकि इस व्यवस्था के लागू होने से कोचिंग सेंटर में पढ़ने वाले छात्रों को



नेशनल एपीटीयूड टेस्ट से छात्रों को नुकसान और फायदा दोनों होगा। इस टेस्ट से एक और जहां महंगे कोचिंग संस्थानों में पढ़ने वाले छात्रों को लाभ होगा वहीं, ग्रामीण पृष्ठभूमि वाले छात्रों को इसका बड़ा नुकसान उठाना पड़ेगा। - डॉ. आशीष यादव, पूर्व आईआईटीयन व कोचिंग अध्यापक

अधिक लाभ होगा। इससे ग्रामीण इलाकों के और गरीब छात्रों को बड़ा नुकसान उठाना पड़ेगा। इसके साथ ही कैंपस के बाहर रहने का प्रस्ताव पास होने पर छात्रों को बड़ी राहत मिलेगी। इसके बाद वे कैंपस के बाहर भी रह सकेंगे।

संस्कृत के विद्यार्थी भी कर सकेंगे बीएमएस

नई दिल्ली (ब्यूरो)। संस्कृत पाठ्यक्रम से पढ़ने वाले विद्यार्थियों के अच्छे दिन आ गए हैं यह कहना है बाबा रामदेव का। रामदेव ने बताया कि केंद्र सरकार ने गुरुकुल और संस्कृत महाविद्यालयों से पढ़कर निकलने वाले विद्यार्थियों को बीएमएस करने की सुविधा प्रदान कर दी है। वहीं एमबीबीएस डाक्टर भी अगर आयुर्वेद की शिक्षा लेना चाहेंगे तो उनके लिए आयुष मंत्रालय ने एक वर्ष के डिप्लोमा कोर्स को मान्यता दे दी है। वहीं, परिषद से जुड़े वेदप्रकाश त्यागी ने बताया कि शुक्रवार को आयुष मंत्रालय ने उनकी सालों से लंबित मांग पूरी कर दी है। उनका कहना है कि संहिताओं और पुरानी किताबों में आयुर्वेद से जुड़ी अधिकतर जानकारियां संस्कृत में हैं जबकि अभी तक संस्कृत से डिग्री लेने वाला बीएमएस नहीं कर सकता था।

आईआईटी भुवनेश्वर को तटीय वेधशाला केंद्र खोलने की मंजूरी

भुवनेश्वर, (भाषा): ओडिशा सरकार ने आईआईटी-भुवनेश्वर से आग्रह किया है कि वो तटीय वेधशाला केंद्र और जलवायु परिवर्तन को देखते हुए नवाचार केंद्र खोले। यह राज्य लगातार बाढ़, चक्रवात और सुनामी जैसे प्राकृतिक आपदाओं से प्रभावित रहा है। मुख्य सचिव एपी पाधी ने कहा कि सरकार ने इस उद्देश्य के लिए गंजाम जिले के लौडीगांव में आईआईटी को 40 एकड़ जमीन निःशुल्क हस्तांतरित करने का फैसला किया है। पाधी ने कहा कि कल शाम मुख्यमंत्री नवीन पटनायक की अध्यक्षता में हुई बैठक में वेधशाला केंद्र स्थापित करने की मंजूरी दे दी गई। सचिव ने आगे बताया, प्रस्तावित वेधशाला मौसम विज्ञान, समुद्र विज्ञान, भूमि विज्ञान के उपकरणों की सहायता से प्राकृतिक आपदाओं से निपटने, निगरानी रखने और जानकारी जुटाने में मदद करेगा। इस केंद्र का उपयोग बाढ़ से बचने के उपाय, तूफान की भविष्यवाणी करने, मछली पालन और समुद्री जैव प्रौद्योगिकी क्षेत्र में किया जाएगा।

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IIT-Madras to study erosion at Puri beach

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BHUBANESWAR, AUG. 12

With the aggressive beach erosion near Puri playing havoc among locals, Orissa water resource secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena on Friday informed that a team of experts from IIT-Madras would carry out a tide-impact study in the coastal town in order to find a long-term solution to the issue.

"A master plan is being prepared to contain the erosion there. A team of experts from IIT-Madras will reach Puri in the next two days to find a perma-

nent solution," Mr Jena told reporters here.

Even though the administration has already started work on creating a barrier to avoid further erosion, the high tide is making the task difficult.

"We are trying to erect a wooden barricade with the help of piling, but the high tide is making the task difficult. We are unable to run the piling instrument," said Public Works Department assistant engineer Purna Chandra Beuria.

High tides have already eaten up 100 metres of the beach. The very existence of seaside hotels and other



business establishments is already at stake.

Over 100 shops operating on the beach have been shifted to other places and tourists have been barred to enter the area. The administration has hoisted a red flag in the area and life guards have been deployed to avoid any untoward incident.

Meanwhile, Wildlife Society of Orissa (WSO), a

non-governmental environmental watchdog, on Friday wrote letters to chief minister Naveen Patnaik and water resources secretary lamenting the lack of any action that has led to a crisis situation at Puri in the last few days.

Erosion noticed along the Orissa coastline is seasonal and most of the beaches manage to regain their original shapes over an annual cycle by March/April. However, some beaches undergo net erosion and at least 50 per cent of the beaches do not regain their original profile. Orissa has a total

coastline of 476 km out of which sandy beaches account for 57 per cent of the coastline.

"Puri beach has never faced this kind of erosion, not even two decades before. This is surprising since the beach profile has been quite stable over the last 100-200 years. We feel that the unprecedented erosion at Puri could be correlated prima facie with the opening of a new mouth at Chilika Lake done on September 23, 2000. Coincidentally, beach erosion at Puri was noticed soon after from 2001," WSO secretary Biswajit Mohanty said.

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आईआईटी के फेल छात्रों को मिली बड़ी राहत

रुड़की (ब्यूरो)। आईआईटी रुड़की में बीटेक प्रथम वर्ष के फेल 18 छात्रों (पांच सीजीपीए प्राप्त) को दोबारा प्रवेश दिया जाएगा। सीनेट की बैठक में लिए गए इस निर्णय से छात्रों को जहां राहत मिली है, वहीं सीनेट ने अब पांच सीजीपीए की बाध्यता भी समाप्त कर दी है। अब छात्रों को पुराने नियम के तहत औसतन चार ग्रेड मिलने पर पास कर दिया जाएगा।

दो वर्ष पूर्व आईआईटी रुड़की में सीनेट की बैठक में निर्णय लिया गया था कि बीटेक प्रथम वर्ष के दोनों सेमेस्टर में जिन छात्रों के अंक पांच सीजीपीए से कम होंगे, उन्हें फेल कर प्रथम वर्ष से निष्कासित कर दिया जाएगा। इस निर्णय के बाद पिछले वर्ष 72 छात्र निष्कासित कर दिए गए थे। बाद में सीनेट की बैठक में इन छात्रों को एक मौका देते हुए प्रथम वर्ष में दोबारा प्रवेश दे दिया गया था। लेकिन यह शर्त लागू कर दी गई थी कि इन छात्रों को पांच सीजीपीए की न्यूनतम योग्यता हासिल करनी ही होगी। करीब एक माह पूर्व प्रथम वर्ष के परीक्षा परिणाम जारी हुए तो 18 छात्र निर्धारित पांच सीजीपीए हासिल नहीं कर पाए थे। जिसके चलते इन छात्रों पर निष्कासन की तलवार लटकी थी।

● सीनेट की बैठक में बीटेक प्रथम वर्ष के फेल 18 छात्रों को दोबारा प्रवेश का मौका

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HRD likely to grant more autonomy to all IIMs

New Delhi, Aug. 12: The Union HRD ministry is likely to grant more autonomy to Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) in choosing the chairmen of their governing boards.

According to officials, while the ministry had previously favoured a greater say for the government in this matter, it was now toeing a line reportedly favoured by the Prime Minister's Office for granting more autonomy.

It is learnt that in the proposed bill, which the HRD ministry has recently circulated, it has suggested that the IIM Board be allowed to choose their own representatives. Presently they need the ministry's approval in this regard. "However it does not mean that the ministry has relinquished all say as one its representative will also be there on the Board," a source said.

There have been controversies over the appointment of heads of these prestigious schools. The HRD ministry under Ms Smriti Irani had rejected the three names selected by the IIM Ahmedabad board to be its chairman.

The proposed IIM bill, which has seen much wrangling between the HRD ministry and the PMO, will soon be put before the Cabinet. — *PTI*

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All at fault, says IIT report on flyover

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA: Multiple reasons — faulty design, poor quality of raw material and lack of supervision — led to the collapse of the under-construction flyover in central Kolkata on March 31 this year, said the report of an expert committee comprising former faculty members of Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-KGP).

The committee was set up by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to probe the collapse that led to the death of 27 persons.

“We have found defects in multiple aspects of the flyover construction. Be it the design, the construction, the raw material and the supervision, all were at fault,” Anandpran Gupta, former head of the department of



MULTIPLE DEFECTS: Experts say faulty design, poor quality material and lack of supervision led to the collapse of the under-construction flyover in Kolkata in March.— PHOTO: PTI

civil engineering at IIT-KGP, told *The Hindu* on Thursday.

Along with Professor Gupta, another retired professor, Swapan Majumdar, from the structural engineering department of the IIT-KGP, was

also probing the collapse, one of the worst civic disasters in the city. On August 10, the committee had submitted its report to the State government. The government had asked the panel of ex-

perts to decide on the future of the flyover — whether the State government should complete the work or dismantle the structure.

Ten officials in jail

Though Kolkata Metropolitan Development Agency (KMDA) had commissioned the work, the Hyderabad-based infrastructure company IVRCL was constructing the flyover. Ten officials, including directors of the firm, were arrested and are still behind bars.

While the police had earlier brought murder charges in the case, the charge was later dropped. Instead, charges under Section 304 of the IPC (punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder) were brought in the charge sheet submitted in June.

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छह आईआईटी और आंध्र में एनआईटी को राष्ट्रपति ने मंजूरी दी

नई दिल्ली, (विप्र)। जम्मू और तिरुपति जैसे स्थानों पर छह नए आईआईटी की स्थापना की जाएगी और राष्ट्रपति प्रणब मुखर्जी ने इस संबंध में मंजूरी दे दी है।

प्रणब ने मंगलवार को 'प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (संशोधन) अधिनियम, 2016' को मंजूरी दे दी। इस अधिनियम के तहत पलक्कड (केरल), गोवा, धारवाड़ (कर्नाटक) और भिलाई में भी आईआईटी शुरू किए जाएंगे। इस कानून के दायरे में

इंडियन स्कूल ऑफ माइन्स (आईएसएम), धनबाद भी आया है। आईएसएम को अब इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नोलॉजी :आईएसएम:, धनबाद के नाम से जाना जाएगा। इसमें नए और पुराने दोनों नामों का समावेश किया गया है। अधिनियम के अनुसार ये तमाम संस्थान राष्ट्रीय महत्व के संस्थान होंगे। लोकसभा ने गत 25 जुलाई को 'प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (संशोधन) विधेयक, 2016' पारित किया था।

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IIM-Ahmedabad's CIIE invests in two health-tech start-ups

Doux Dentistry and Zeolr develop solutions for better management of diseases

VIRENDRA PANDIT

Ahmedabad, August 11

The Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) at IIM Ahmedabad has invested undisclosed amounts in two health-tech start-ups – Doux Dentistry, an innovative dental care venture aiming to make dental care affordable and accessible to patients at their homes, and Zeolr, an Internet-of-Things-based venture.

Under the brand names MobiDent and Zeolr, the healthcare start-ups are developing solutions to aid in better management of chronic diseases for patients and availability of information to physicians for regular supervision, revision and reinforcement, a CIIE spokesperson said here.

Founded by Devaiah, a dentist, and Vivek Madappa, a serial entrepreneur, Doux Dentistry is present in

Bengaluru, Pune, Mysuru and Ahmedabad. Lack of awareness and the consequence of neglecting dental health among the population are the barriers it wants to address.

Mobident's 'dental clinic in a suitcase' is an asset-light model designed to address the core challenges of dental care industry such as end-user experience and high cost of dental services in India.

"For Mobident, it is an opportunity to derive cross-learning from CIIE and propel its business to the next level through active support in fund-raise and business development," said Madappa.

Zeolr's flagship product RespirON helps asthmatic and other patients and their physicians come up with the best plan for managing their conditions.

It is a three-tier system that

includes a device and a smart-phone application connected to the cloud server that helps patients and physicians consistently monitor and manage their condition.

"CIIE came with the hands-on support to ease the hardships and mitigate the risks that most early-stage start-ups experience, said Roshit Gopinath, CEO, Zeolr.

At present, CIIE's healthcare portfolio consists of nine start-ups across medical devices, e-health, health-education and home care. These start-ups have enjoyed market response and continue to receive strategic advisory and mentoring from CIIE, said J Salim Vali, Vice-President - Investments, CIIE.

With Mobident, CIIE hopes to test the waters in the homecare innovation space and foray into more asset-light models that address key barriers in making healthcare ubiquitous, while Zeolr is poised to set in motion CIIE's active involvement in healthcare IoT, he said.

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NO GOVT ROLE IN APPOINTMENT OF IIM CHAIRPERSONS**Javadekar accepts what Irani rejected:
PMO idea to let IIMs choose their chiefs****RITIKA CHOPRA**
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 11

THE MINISTRY of Human Resource Development, under its new head Prakash Javadekar, has agreed to relinquish the government's role in appointing the chairman of the Board of Governors (BoG) at all IIMs, just months after his predecessor Smriti Irani rejected a panel of corporate stalwarts recom-

mended by IIM-Ahmedabad for the chairman's post.

In May, the Ministry led by Irani, in an unprecedented move, had scrapped the shortlist sent by IIM-Ahmedabad — Chairman of Board of Directors of Infosys R Seshasayee, Chairman of HDFC Deepak Parekh, and Hero MotoCorp CMD Pawan Munjal — for appointment of a new BoG chairman after A M Naik, Group Executive Chairman of Larsen & Toubro Limited, resigned on



Javadekar on Thursday. PTI

December 31, 2015, two years before his term was to end. No reason was given for the rejection and the decision was seen as another attack on the autonomy of the premier B-schools.

But now, after the Cabinet reshuffle, the HRD Ministry is learnt to have accepted the PMO's suggestion to empower the IIMs, under the IIM Bill, to appoint their own chairmen. The draft law was recently dispatched for Cabinet approval.

As per the previous version of the Bill finalised under Irani's ministership, the chairman had to be appointed by the President in consultation with the BoG. In other words, the government would have had the last word on the final selection for the post. The government's role, top sources said, has been deleted from this clause.

The Indian Express first reported on March 11 on the

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differences between the HRD Ministry and PMO over the IIM Bill. The PMO had recommended more than five changes to the draft law — which aims to empower the premier B-schools to award degrees instead of diplomas — to dilute the scope of government control over the institutes. The HRD Ministry did not relent on all the suggested changes.

So while it agreed to increase the num-

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ber of alumni and female members on the BoG of every IIM from three to five and from one to three, respectively, the Ministry retained the provision which makes the HRD Minister the head of the IIM Coordinating Forum. The PMO was not in favour of the latter.

At a meeting held with the PMO last month, after Javadekar assumed charge, the Ministry agreed on relinquishing its role in the appointment of the BoG chairman. However, the PMO is learnt to have accepted the Ministry's reasons for not diluting the clauses which appoint its Minister as head of the Coordinating Forum and empower the President to review any IIM's work.