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# **New entrance test to IITs, NITs non-discriminatory: Pallam Raju**

**NEW DELHI:** The new format of entrance test to IITs and NITs is 'non-discriminatory' and has resulted in a 'perceptible increase' in the number of girl students and those coming from rural areas compared to previous years, HRD minister M M Pallam Raju has said.

In a letter to Andhra Pradesh chief minister Kiran Kumar Reddy, who had brought to Raju's notice

the students affected due to the policy change, the Union minister said students from that state were still the single largest group from any state qualifying in the JEE (Mains) Examination.

'I am happy to share with you that as per the last two years trend, still one out of every fifth student in every thousand ranks up to a rank of 15,000 is from Andhra Pradesh,' Raju said. AGENCIES

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# Harvard's Ashish Nanda to Join as IIM-A Director

**PARAG DAVE**  
AHMEDABAD

The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A) on Tuesday appointed Ashish Nanda, a Harvard Law School professor, as its new director nearly ten months after former director Samir Barua's five-year term ended in November 2012.

The institute, eyeing a spot among world's top B-schools, had for the first time advertised the post in an international publication seeking a candidate with global exposure. The quest has ended with appointment of Nanda, a Robert Braucher Professor of Practice at Harvard Law School, and an IIM-A 1983 batch alumnus.

The IIM-A board was keen on an academician who had international experience and a connection with IIM-A. The institute's board constituted a search committee to find the new director in June last year. It sought applications from India and abroad and finally in March, a list of three candidates that included Nanda apart from two IIM-A faculty members, G Raghuram and Rakesh Basant, was sent to the HRD ministry for approval.

"Nanda is perhaps the first director of the institute who has been selected in an open and competitive process. Anybody was free to apply for the post and the search committee met all the candidates from within the campus and invited candidates from global level," said a senior faculty.

A gold medalist from both, IIT-Delhi and IIM-Ahmedabad, Mr Nanda is a PhD from Harvard University and has been teaching courses in Harvard Business School. Before joining Harvard Law School, Nanda was a Harvard Business School faculty member for 13 years, where he taught professional services in the MBA program. Prior to Harvard, Nanda worked for five years with the Tata group of companies as Tata Administrative Services officer. A recipient of the Henry B. Arthur Fellowship, the Center in Ethics and the Professions Fellowship, President of India Gold Medal (twice), his re-



**GLOBAL EDGE:** Ashish Nanda

search focuses on professional services. He has advised law firms and inside counsel in companies as well as other professional service organizations.

Nanda will take charge on September 2. "He would be visiting the campus for a few days from August 15 for acquainting himself and meeting faculty and staff," stated an IIM-A release. "Professor Nanda, an alumnus with impeccable academic records, with decades of experience in leading international schools, brings in a right mix of international experience and familiarity with IIM-A. With his appointment as the director, I am sure, the institute will grow from strength to strength and chart new territories," a statement by IIM-A chairman AM Naik said.

Senior faculty members at IIM-A said the biggest challenge before Nanda during the next five years would be to raise the institute's stature at the international level. "The new director will have to shape future growth with a perfect activity mix. IIM-A enjoys global recognition, but the new director will have to ensure it gets a place at the top in management education," said a faculty member.

Another faculty member stressed that the institute needs to increase its interface with the government. "IIMs are created by the government and they need to contribute to the nation. The institutes have tremendous talent and they need to provide critical inputs in policy-making," he said.

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# आईआईटी स्टूडेंट्स का कमाल

## घर बैठकर दीजिए ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस के लिए टेस्ट!

गाजियाबाद। ड्राइविंग टेस्ट के लिए आरटीओ के परीक्षा कक्ष में घंटों बिताने से अब जल्द ही छुटकारा मिलेगा। लंबी लाइनों में भी नहीं लगना पड़ेगा। जल्द ही आप अपने ड्राइंग रूम में बैठकर कंप्यूटर पर ऑनलाइन परीक्षा दे सकेंगे। विभागीय अफसरों के अनुसार आईआईटी रुड़की के छात्रों ने ऑनलाइन परीक्षा के लिए सॉफ्टवेयर तैयार कर लिया है। बस इसकी अनुमति मिलना बाकी है। लर्निंग ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस के लिए आरटीओ में लिखित परीक्षा देनी होती है। कई बार परीक्षा के लिए घंटों इंतजार करना पड़ता है।

जनवरी से शुरू होने की उम्मीद



ऑनलाइन होने की दिशा में अग्रसर परिवहन विभाग की यह परीक्षा भी आवेदक घर बैठकर दे सकेंगे। रुड़की आईआईटी के छात्रों ने सॉफ्टवेयर तैयार कर परिवहन विभाग को सौंप दिया है। विभाग के विशेषज्ञ इसको अपलोड करने की तैयारी में हैं। उम्मीद है जनवरी तक इसको शुरू कर दिया जाएगा। ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस

**डॉक्यूमेंट वेरीफिकेशन  
और बायोमेट्रिक के लिए  
ही आना होगा आफिस**

की लिखित परीक्षा ऑनलाइन करने की तैयारी चल रही है। आईआईटी रुड़की के छात्रों द्वारा तैयार सॉफ्टवेयर पर विभाग में काम चल रहा है। लिखित परीक्षा निर्धारित समय में सॉफ्टवेयर द्वारा कंप्यूटर पर कहीं से भी दी जा सकेगी। ऑनलाइन आवेदन तो शुरू कर दिए गए हैं। लेकिन इस मामले में डॉक्यूमेंट वेरीफिकेशन और बायोमेट्रिक के लिए ही आफिस आना होगा।

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# *Common med test: Centre files review plea in SC*

**UTKARSH ANAND**

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE Centre on Tuesday filed a review petition in the Supreme Court against its judgment, declaring the all-India common entrance test for medical admissions as “unconstitutional” since it interfered with the rights of private, minority and linguistic institutions to admit students.

In a 2-1 split verdict on the validity of the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET), a Bench led by former Chief Justice Altamas Kabir had held that the Medical Council of India and the Dental Council of India lacked legal authority to control admissions to MBBS, BDS and post-graduate courses. This view was shared by Justice Vikramjit Sen. However, Justice Anil R Dave differed with this opinion.

The July 18 verdict, that

came out on the last day of Justice Kabir’s tenure as CJI, had witnessed controversies relating to its alleged leak before the pronouncement.

Demanding a reconsideration of the verdict, the government has claimed that the judgment failed to consider the decision of another three-judge bench that “prescribing standards of education includes the power to conduct a common entrance examination” and that regulating admissions was a necessary facet of maintaining standards of education.

The plea also referred to a Constitution bench judgment in 1999 wherein it was ruled that the right to life under Article 21 required a need for excellence in medical education and that “norms for admissions can have a direct impact on the standards of education.” It said that this verdict was binding on the three-judge Bench.

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# Teachers protest DU appointment plan

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Delhi University has been waiting for appointment of permanent teachers since 2007 and there are around 4,000 positions to be filled across colleges and departments.

Yet, with the university having announced its intent to adopt the University Grants Commission "regulation on minimum qualification for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in universities and

colleges and measures for maintenance of standards in higher education", issued for gazette notification on June 14, teachers have come out against the proposal set to be tabled before the academic council on August 16 and the executive council on August 17, dubbing it as "anti-teacher".

They are claiming that the DU proposal is full of "lapses/omissions from UGC norms which will have far-reaching consequences on the recruitment and pro-

motions of DU teachers".

Teachers fear that the August 16 AC meeting will bring about drastic changes in the UGC regulation. The agenda for the meeting has no mention of the selection committee for assistant professor though the experts are supposed to be recommended by this council.

The teachers are questioning how the registrar notified initiation of the appointment procedure two months ago ahead of receiving nod from the AC/EC.

"The registrar's letter received two months ago talked about initiating the appointment process in colleges though it is yet to be ratified," president of Academics for Action and Development J Khuntia said.

Sources said the selection committee will be on the EC agenda on August 17. According to the UGC amendment, the college principal's post will be term post. This has been a long-awaited move. However, DU is not placing it on the AC and EC

agenda. "This smacks of a design to concentrate decision-making and power in the hands of one person," said Khuntia.

Another move that has not gone down well is the proposal to not count the past service of ad hoc teachers during promotion (permanent). "As per the new proposal, a teacher will be deprived of these benefits which is against UGC norms," Shiba C Panda, a commerce teacher in Satyawati College (evening), said.

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# Students can now pursue two degree courses at same time

## UGC clears expert panel suggestions

ANUBHUTI VISHNOI  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

**T**HE University Grants Commission has finally given the go-ahead to students to pursue two degree programmes simultaneously.

Giving in to long-standing demands from universities and students, the apex higher education regulator, at a meeting on July 31, decided to accept its expert panel's recommendations on permitting pursuit of an additional degree programme.

This will allow students enrolled in a regular full-time degree programme to pursue one more additional degree programme simultaneously on open/distance learning mode from the same university or another institution. A student pursuing a regular degree will also be allowed to pursue an additional certificate/diploma/advanced diploma/PG diploma programme simultaneously either in regular or open/distance mode from the same university or another institution.

The UGC expert panel headed by Dr Furqan Qamar, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Hyderabad, had made these recommendations "in view of the changing sce-

nario and flexible guidelines". Saying that "more choices to the students need to be given", the panel was of the view that joint degree programmes need to be encouraged by the UGC.

UGC Chairman Prof Ved Prakash said the idea was to allow new opportunities to students who wish to expand their skill set and have the will to stretch themselves beyond their comfort zones. Universities have been asked to modify their ordinances to facilitate the joint degree programmes.

Currently, no student in India can legally pursue more than one degree simultaneously either from the same institution or from any other institution. The restriction is applicable irrespective of the mode of pursuing degrees — open/distance learning/part-time/private or full time. To ensure compliance, students are required to submit in the original the migration certificate issued by the previous institute.

While there has been a lot of interest to pursue two or more degree programmes simultaneously to help students improve their knowledge, skill and employability, the present UGC guidelines are silent about the pursuit of a certificate/diploma course alongside a degree programme.

# MORE SEATS FOR INDIAN STUDENTS IN RUSSIA

Premium Russian state universities have announced an increase in the number of seats for Indian students this year.

EDURUSSIA, the universities' official admission processing office for students from India, can now enroll an additional 375 students seeking admissions to medicine, dentistry and engineering streams.

The universities include Moscow Medical Academy, Tambov State University and others. For more information and for application details, contact EDURUSSIA - The Admission Department (India) for Russian State and Government Universities on 022 65295354, 65174444, 9920868727 or 9769559855. You can also apply online at [www.edurussia.in](http://www.edurussia.in)