

Newspaper Clips August 22, 2015

Dengue cases on the rise in IIT-Delhi

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/dengue-cases-on-the-rise-in-iitdelhi/article7567513.ece>

Number of dengue cases in Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi is climbing with worried parents and students stating that as many as 40 cases of dengue have been reported from this green pocket.

While IIT authorities were not available to confirm the exact number of cases, parents of the students here have asked immediate remedial measures to ensure that more persons here should not be affected.

The Institute saw a surge of dengue cases in 2010 when 150 students were affected. The authorities had then claimed that only 50 cases had tested positive for dengue. Meanwhile city doctors have said that there is no cause for panic. According to international guidelines, unless a patient's platelet count is below 10,000, and there is spontaneous, active bleeding, no platelet transfusion is required in case of being dengue positive.

"The rising number of dengue cases is a cause of concern in the city. Patients should not insist on platelet transfusion unless recommended by doctor. It is not the first line of treatment for dengue and in fact does more harm than good if used in a patient whose counts are over 10,000," cautioned Dr. K.K. Aggarwal, of Indian Medical Association.

"While treating dengue patients, physicians should remember the 'Formula of 20' i.e. rise in pulse by more than 20; fall of BP by more than 20; difference between lower and upper BP less than 20 and presence of more than 20 hemorrhagic spots on the arm after a tourniquet test suggest a high-risk situation and the person needs immediate medical attention," he added.

IIT Delhi Student Named Most Promising Young Entrepreneur in Singapore

<http://www.ndtv.com/delhi-news/iit-delhi-student-named-most-promising-young-entrepreneur-in-singapore-1209599>

Singapore: A 22-year-old IIT Delhi student has been named as the most Promising Young Entrepreneur at a business competition in Singapore.

Chiraag Kapil, led a team of five from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, in the 8th Lee Kuan Yew Global Business Plan Competition and won the award prize of \$5,000 last night.

"I feel brilliant. It is one of the most exciting things that happened in my life. (I am) very privileged to be called Most Promising Young Entrepreneur," Chiraag told PTI after receiving the award.

Chiraag's team Leaf from IIT Delhi also won the second prize of \$12,000 for its revolutionary smart pendant called SAFER, which together with an app, serve to enhance the safety of women.

When a woman feels threatened, she just needs to press SAFER twice.

An alert and her location will be sent to the people she had pre-designated as Guardians, as well as nearby SAFER users who will be able to track her location real-time by navigating on maps.

The SAFER app is installed on mobile/cell phones for transmitting messages.

SAFER is developed by five co-founders of Leaf Innovation Pte Ltd, a start-up from IIT Delhi which is seeking \$500,000 funding to expand its jewelry-embedded app product globally.

About 50,000 SAFER-embedded pendants are worn by women in India and Turkey, with another 10,000 pre-orders from India and Europe, said Leaf team leader Paras Batra who along with Chiraag received the awards last night.

"We will be expanding to South East Asia and the United States in one year," said the 22-year old Batra, who along with Manik Mehta, Ayush Banka, Avinash Bansal and Chiraag have started on the path of entrepreneurship.

This year's competition received 185 submissions from 445 students studying in 140 universities across 44 countries.

Named after Singapore's founder Prime Minister, the late Lee Kuan Yew, the biennial award was incepted in 2001.

दिल्ली के चिराग को युवा उद्यमी का सम्मान

सिंगापुर। आईआईटी दिल्ली के 22 वर्षीय विद्यार्थी चिराग कपिल को यहां एक कारोबारी प्रतिस्पर्धा में सबसे अधिक संभावनाओं वाला युवा उद्यमी नामित किया गया है। चिराग ने 8वें ली कुआन यू ग्लोबल बिजनेस प्लान कंपटीशन में भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, दिल्ली से पांच विद्यार्थियों की टीम की अगुवाई की और 5,000 डॉलर का अवार्ड जीता।

अवार्ड प्राप्त करने के बाद चिराग ने बताया, 'मैं बहुत रोमांचित हूं। यह मेरे जीवन में घटित सबसे उत्साहजनक घटना है और खुद को मोस्ट प्रोमाइजिंग यंग आंत्रप्रेन्योर कहलाते हुए गर्व की अनुभूति कर रहा हूं।'

आईआईटी दिल्ली से चिराग की टीम लीफ ने अपने क्रांतिकारी स्मार्ट पेंडेंट 'सेफर' के लिए 12,000 डॉलर का दूसरा पुरस्कार भी जीता। सेफर महिलाओं की सुरक्षा बढ़ाने वाला एक ऐप है।

जब एक महिला खतरा महसूस करे तो वह सेफर को दो बार दबा सकती है और उससे जुड़े लोग सतर्क हो जाते हैं।

IIM Bill: Social inclusion vs autocratic autonomy

The recent drafting of the IIM Bill is making headlines with many alleging that the proposed move will jeopardise the autonomy of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs). AM Naik, the chairman of IIM(A) Board of Governors, has vehemently opposed the measure, saying, "It will not only curtail autonomy but will reduce the premier B-school to a mere 'operating centre' while arming the Government with sweeping powers". Ashish Nanda, the director of IIM-Ahmedabad shares the same concerns. A lot of columns and articles in the newspapers have been written against the Government's move to introduce the Bill.

This unrest raises a few questions about the provisions of the IIM Bill 2015 that are drawing criticism. What are the clauses of the IIM Bill? Are other institutions of excellence governed by a similar Act? How beneficial has the autonomy of IIMs been?

Did autonomy exist before?

It is necessary to explore the provisions of the IIM Bill 2015 and the reasons for which it is being opposed. One of the most controversial statements is that of Clause 17(2) of the Bill which is irking the present IIM-A director. It says: "The Director shall be appointed by the Central Government with the approval of the Visitor, on such terms and conditions of service as may be prescribed".

On April 10, 2013, much before the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) came into power, an article published in *Business Standard*, reads "IM seeks liberty to elect directors". It further stated that "the board of governors at IIM-Ahmedabad had sent names of three contenders — Ashish Nanda of Harvard University, IIM-A faculty members G Raghuram and Rakesh Basant — for the post of director to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) on March, 2013. But the Ministry is yet to respond". The article clearly indicates that the MHRD is the highest authority in making decisions regarding the appointing of directors. The high profile appointments



often have political motivations and hence seldom remain untouched by corruption. However the article brings into question: Does the news published in 2013 imply that the IIMs exercised liberty in the selection of directors before the NDA came into power?

IIM Bill and acts governing other institutions

The Netaji Subhash University of Technology Bill passed on June 24, 2015, by the Delhi Government can be cited. The Bill was introduced during the Delhi Assembly on June 23, 2015 and was passed the very next day. The Bill too has provisions similar to the IIM Act. Surprisingly, there was no protest and resentment despite the fact that the Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology (NSIT) too ranks among the world's top institutions.

Be it the appointment of Gajendra Chauhan as the chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) or hiring Pahlaj Nihalani as chairperson of the Central

Board of Film Certification (CBFC), the BJP is facing massive protests for allegedly encroaching the autonomy of the said institutions.

The proposed IIM Act is not very different in spirit from the IIT, NIT, and AIIMS Acts. In fact, a detailed comparison between the IIT and IIM Acts would reveal that IIM enjoys more liberty than IIT, while credentials in the world market are higher for IITs and AIIMS than IIMs. These institutions of engineering and medical sciences, established under an Act of Parliament, are also autonomous. Like the IIMs, these institutions too have autonomy in making policies regarding admission, recruitment of teachers and curriculum. The issue, however, is different. Perhaps the IIMs are worried that the financial autonomy assuring the freedom to determine fees, salaries, perks, international travel grants, etc. would be at stake. This apart the autonomy that the IIMs enjoy in recruiting faculty at international rates without keeping mandatory

constitutional provisions of reservation in the appointment of teachers, would be endangered.

Who governs the IIMs?

A deeper unearthing of the matter reveals that the board of governors which recommends prospective directors includes candidates from industries, academics, administrations and the Government. For instance, the current chairman of the board of governors of IIM-A is AM Naik, the executive chairman of Larsen and Toubro Limited. The other members include three civil servants, one vice-chancellor of a university, five industrialists and five academicians from IIM and other institutions. Given the present scenario, it is difficult to expect an unbiased selection. The existing composition which has a majority of members from industrial and bureaucratic backgrounds can, very convincingly, disorient decisions concerning the welfare of society.

The new Bill requires hav-

ing at least one person of the board of governors from the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes distinguished in the field of education or industry or social service or public service. It is very anomalous that the present structure of the board of governors does not have any member from the reserved categories. This fact belittles and questions the autonomy that the IIMs have been practicing so far.

Excellence and social inclusion

The recent success of the two outstanding brothers (their father works as a daily-wage labourer at Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh) who managed to secure impressive ranks in IIT entrance stresses the importance of social inclusion. Such inspiring incidents resonate in AIIMS, NIT, DU, JNU and other excellent institutions of India. But any poor student making it into IIMs is unheard of. The reason is not simply Rs 22 lakh fee charged by the institution in addition to all other expenses incurred before and

after admission. The pattern in which the entrance examination has been formulated automatically ensures the exclusion of poor students residing in villages and who are not adept in English. Any faculty from the Dalit community is rarely found in IIMs. If autonomy helps educational institutions to excel while excluding students from socially and economically poor backgrounds, it is better to not have that autonomy. The new Bill clearly emphasises on the inclusion of backward classes in Clause 6(d).

Who support the IIM Bill? Why?

Though it might seem that the majority of academicians are against introducing this Bill, some do support it. The director of IIM Calcutta has welcomed the move by saying, "It is a welcome move and one that students, in particular, will greatly benefit from. Students of the fellowship programme which is equivalent to a PhD have always faced a problem abroad explaining that the two (fellowship and PhD) carry the same weight. This Bill will help them as also the PGP students for whom, now, a master's degree will be far more recognised globally than a PGDM".

Unlike the IITs, which are governed by their respective Acts of Parliament, the IIMs are run by registered societies and therefore award postgraduate diplomas at the end of their two-year programme instead of an MBA. Autonomy is a very subjective term. With time and situation, its meaning keeps changing. Instead of behaving autocratically in the name of autonomy, the critics should demand fair and just selections within the board of governors in the institutions of higher education. Instead of having a majority of industrialists in the board of governors, they should emphasise on the academicians of reputed credentials.

It might be argued when an engineer graduating from IIT can efficiently work without being highly proficient in English, why not an IIM graduate? This is one of the reasons behind the unfortunate wide communication gap between the labourers and the managers in India. This suppressed unrest finds expression in the violent attacks when the managers are not just manhandled, but are brutally killed by the labourers. How ruthlessly the manager of the Maruti Udyog in Haryana and a jute mill CEO in West Bengal were killed by labourers is really horrifying. These are just two of the many other brutal instances that display the lack of understanding between the managerial staff and labourers. This gap can be bridged

through effective communication and English has definitely no role to play at this level. Not diluting the importance of English in business communications, it may be argued further that there is always an opportunity to train the students as required.

Autonomy is a subjective term. Instead of behaving autocratically in the name of autonomy, the critics of the Bill should demand fair and just selections within the board of governors in the institutions of higher education. Instead of having a majority of industrialists in the board of governors, they should emphasise on the academicians of reputed credentials.



ANISH GUPTA



AALEYA GIRI

(Anish Gupta and Aaleya Giri teach Economics and English respectively at Delhi University. They can be reached at pioneer.article@gmail.com)

'Hub in the Sky' facility at IIT-M to boost academia-industry collaboration

OUR BUREAU

Chennai, August 21

Hub in the Sky, a facility to promote greater collaboration between the academia and industry, set up by the IIT Alumni Industry Interaction Centre (AIIC) will be commissioned in 2016. The facility was inaugurated at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras Research Park.

Objective

The facility is aimed at facilitating informal interaction between academia and industry. The objective is to create an opportunity to connect with the alumni from corporate R&D, technology and senior management as well as local industry and professionals for increased collaboration. The centre is spread over

35,000 sq ft in the upper floors of the IIT-M Research Park and has come up at a cost of ₹14-15 crore.

The AIIC's first facility, Club in the City, was started in 2010 in Chennai.

Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director, IIT Madras, told a press conference that though most of the interaction happens in the campus, the alternate social setting will create a space for the industry players to network with a different frame of mind.

K Ananth Krishnan, Chief Technological Officer, Tata Consultancy Services and an IIT alumnus, said given the proximity of the Hub in the Sky to Tidel Park and Ramanujan IT City, it will facilitate beneficial exchange between stakeholders.

The facility is also expected to heighten the faculty participation, as most of them stay within the campus, which is closer to the facility.

Other initiatives

Industry Round Table (IRT) is another initiative of AIIC to promote industry collaboration. M Subramanian, Chief Executive Officer, Development Office, IIT-M Alumni Charitable Trust, said after four rounds of IRT conferences with the automobile players, an Auto Industry Cell is being set up in the IIT-M and will be funded by the automobile industry for research.

An IRT will be held in 2-3 weeks on medical devices to discuss indigenous production of low-cost diagnostic equipment.

The Pioneer ND 22/08/2015 P-11

INVITATION FOR INAUGURATION OF IIT ROORKEE-NBCC R&D CENTRE

NBCC in its constant pursuit towards adopting new technology in construction and bringing in innovation in the practice has tied up with IIT Roorkee to carry out joint Research & Development for sustainable civil infrastructure and has set up an exclusive Centre for the purpose in Greater Noida Extension Centre of IIT Roorkee. The joint R&D Centre of NBCC-IIT Roorkee is going to be inaugurated by Union Minister for Urban Development & Parliamentary Affairs, M Venkaiah Naidu on August 26, 2015 at 1130 hrs at IIT Roorkee, Greater Noida Extension Centre, 20, Knowledge Park-2, Greater Noida-201306. Dr Anoop Kumar Mittal, CMD, NBCC; Director, IIT Roorkee and other senior officers of MoUD, NBCC and IIT Roorkee, shall also grace the occasion. NBCC is a Navratna CPSU under the ministry of Urban Development, established in 1960, the company has executed and also been executing huge number of projects in diversified areas such as health, transportation, environment, offices and institutions, cooling towers & chimneys for power plants, border fencing & border roads, PMGSY works, JNNURM works etc., all across the nation.

AIIC inaugurates second facility at IIT Madras Research Park

http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/aiic-inaugurates-second-facility-at-iit-madras-research-park-115082100193_1.html

The [IIT](#) Alumni Industry Interaction Center (AIIC), a pan IIT initiative (spread across all 16 IITs), recently held an inaugural puja (prayer) for its 'Hub in the Sky' facility at the IIT Madras Research Park.

The event was conducted in the presence of Professor Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director IIT Madras, Professor Ashok Jhunjhunwala, Head, IITM Research Park and Dr. R. Nagarajan, Dean Alumni and International Affairs.

Faculty, invitees and other alumni also graced the occasion to support the IIC initiative

Suresh Kalpathi of Kalpathi Investments and the president of IIT AIIC thanked the governing council that includes Professor Ramamurthi, Mr. Arjun Malhotra, Mr. M.S. Ananth, Professor Jhunjhunwala, Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan and Dr. R. Nagarajan amongst others for their guidance and support.

As a step closer to achieving the Prime Minister's seven-point focus Charter for IITs, a part of its vision to project [India](#) as a brand worldwide, the AIIC announced the collaboration between academia, apex corporate houses and business institutions on financial technology (FinTech) innovations.

This comes as a part of a series of Industry Round Tables (IRT) through which IRT for automotives was successfully launched early this year.

Interacting with media, Kalpathi said, "With giants like Cognizant, TCS, Saint Gobain, L&T, Sundaram Finance, JK Fenner and Carborundum Universal Limited as our institutional members providing industrial expertise to technological innovations from the IIT eco system, AIIC will facilitate mutually beneficial dialogue between academia and industry".

Welcoming the AIIC to its new premises, Professor R. Nagarajan, Dean, International and Alumni Relations, IIT Madras said, "IITs and their alumni share one common characteristic-innovation in all their endeavours. The AIIC is another example of that-a path-breaking effort to integrate academia/ alumni/ industry interaction into

traditionally social setting. I'm sure the success of this initiative at IIT Madras Research Park will spur similar Centres at other IITs as well".

The Indian landscape is primed for entrepreneurs using technology to promote financial inclusion. With IITs being a hub of innovations and the Research Park having the facility of an incubation cell, AIIC will bring closer the industry requirements to novel ideas and solutions.

The 'Hub in the Sky' facility is the first in a series of similar ventures planned across metros to foster discussions on technology, business and social networking amongst alumni & faculty of all IITs.

At this second facility, AIIC aims to take the vision of Alumni Center to a new level with world class facilities that will include a Member's lounge, Fine dining, Banquet halls, Meeting rooms, Library, Business center, AV Room and Executive rooms.

Over and above the vision of Alumni Center, the objective of "HUB IN THE SKY" will be to supplement and complement the vision of IITMRP. It will provide world class ambience for meaningful and fruitful discussions and interaction between industry, academia, research scientists, policy makers, legal/finance/technical specialists and investment managers thus enabling value creation for a greater good through networking amongst its members. The IITM Research Park, designed by Hafeez Contractor, will eventually add more than 1 million sq. feet of well architected and environment friendly space.

AIIC corporate member Dr. E.S.Sivashankar, Director - KKK-JAPAN & Director - CKIPL, Chennai said, "Being a member, could develop business contacts with reliability which could be useful mutually. In the long run, we can explore the possibilities of collaboration in areas of common interest between my Japanese company and a reputed institution like IIT. Being a part of the group will also help in exchange of ideas which are mutually beneficially. We also think that with help from IIT, KKK Japan lookout for ways to be of use to the community in Chennai and later for India."

Through this initiative, AIIC will systematically map and group IIT alumni to leverage on their collective experience in different sectors, identify innovation and serve as a platform that inspires path-breaking changes.

AIIC Patron Member, Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan, Co-Founder, Infosys congratulated the Center on the success of a pan IIT initiative of such magnitude and said over a video call, "I am glad that IIT Alumni Club is moving to the IIT Madras Research Park. With larger area, the activities of the club can increase and serve the IIT Alumni community better. I hope all IIT Alumni will join and take full advantage of the facilities.

IIT-B's info highway choked up

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/IIT-Bs-info-highway-choked-up/articleshow/48596885.cms>

Mumbai: The internet connection at IIT Bombay is choked up and experts have not been able to diagnose the problem that has dogged systems for a fortnight.

Faculty believe a host of factors have caused the slowing down of the internet. Interventions to boost speed have only led to brief easing, followed by clogging up. The campus community has been asked to "improve" browsing by restricting it to academic and professional requirements.

"A thing we have observed is an unusually high rate of requests to some external websites. We have also seen very high levels of activity on some links and are unable to diagnose the source of this activity," said a letter from the head of the computer science department, D Manjunath.

The gravity of the problem seems to be bigger than what meets the eye. Even if a solution is found, experts are unsure if it

will be lasting. "I am unable to promise a date and time by which the problem will be resolved. The best I can say is that we will be trying very hard with the meagre resources we have to identify and resolve it. Given the experience of the last few days, it is not clear if the solution, when we find it, will be permanent."

The mail asked students to refrain from sending complaints about the poor quality of the net service. "Do not send your complaints to me or to the website about poor internet performance. This will only add to already strained resources.... It is especially expected that sarcastic and smart alec emails will not be attempted," read the letter.

Among all the IITs, it is believed browsing is smoothest on the Powai campus; the download speed too is considered to be jet category due to the high bandwidth of 100 Mbps. But currently the net speed is a crawl.

The batch of incoming freshmen who have plugged in their laptops have also been asked to ensure that they did not bring in any virus. "Make sure that your PCs/laptops are virus-free. Take the help of your tech-savvy friends and sysads (system administrators) to achieve this. This has been the source of problems before and could be haunting us this time too," professor Manjunath's letter said.

Times Of India ND 22/08/2015 P-08

4,000 MBBS seats lost to red tape in 2014-15

SC Holds MCI, Centre Guilty For The Loss

Dhananjay Mahapatra
@timesgroup.com

New Delhi: Red tape consumed nearly 4,000 MBBS seats in the 2014-15 academic session, and this at a time when India is lagging behind the doctor to population ratio by a wide margin.

The country has one doctor for every 1,700 persons against the WHO-prescribed standard of one doctor for every 1,000 persons.

The Supreme Court held the government and the Medical Council of India (MCI) guilty for the loss of 3,920 MBBS seats mainly because of lethargic inspection of infrastructure in medical colleges and non-grant of timely permission to colleges to admit students.

A bench of Justices A R Dave, Vikramjit Sen and U U Lalit said, "The affidavit filed on behalf of Union of India shows that though the number of seats had risen, obviously because of permissions granted for establishment of new colleges, because of disapproval of renewal cases, the resultant effect was net loss in terms of number of seats available for the academic year."

AN AILING SYSTEM



➤ Loss of seats due to lethargic inspection of infrastructure in medical colleges and non-grant of timely permission to colleges to admit students

➤ Capacity in MBBS courses rose from 51,598 in 2013-14 to 54,348 in 2014-15. Renewal of 3,920 seats not permitted in 2014-15, leading to net loss of 1,170 seats

➤ India is lagging behind the Who-adviced doctor to people ratio. It has one doctor for every 1,700 people against the required one doctor for every 1,000 people

According to the affidavit, total capacity in MBBS courses increased from 51,598 in 2013-14 to 54,348 in 2014-15. However, renewal of seats was not permitted in case of 3,920 seats in 2014-15, leading to a net loss of 1,170 seats.

The MCI had recommended rejection of renewal in case of 8,667 seats. However, renewal permission for 4,747 seats in 73 government medical colleges was granted by the Centre on the last date, that is July 15, 2014, by relying on the undertaking/compliance given by the respective state governments.

Calling the loss of MBBS seats serious, the bench said, "It not only causes loss of opportunity to the student community but at the same time causes loss to society in terms of less number of doctors being available. The MCI and the central government must, therefore, show due diligence right from the day when ap-

plications are received."

The SC has time and again dealt with the issue of admissions to medical colleges and attempted to streamline it by laying down a detailed schedule for inspection of medical colleges.

On rectification, a fresh inspection is to be carried out and a report sent expeditiously to the central government for either grant or rejection of the application seeking renewal of permission to admit students well ahead of the commencement of each academic session.

Writing the judgment for the bench, Justice Lalit said the Centre had been empowered to make minor adjustments in the schedule for inspection and grant of permission to medical colleges. However, the bench clarified that the September 30 deadline to complete admissions to all MBBS seats must be scrupulously adhered to.

IIT Roorkee gears up Student Council elections

<http://www.pagalguy.com/articles/amidst-scuffles-and-strict-rules-iit-roorkee-gears-up-studen-35491394>

'Gathering of more than 5 students is not permitted anywhere inside the campus.'

'Inter-Bhavan movement of students is not permitted after 11 p.m.'

The above lines are diktats from the authorities at IIT- Roorkee. All this is because of the upcoming Student Council elections in the campus. The students are all charged up, and this electric atmosphere has led to skirmish in the campus. The authorities were prompt to take swift actions, and implement strict rules until elections are done. Although the students are irked by these instructions, authorities feel it is the best way to ensure there is no breach of discipline.

"The matter was miniscule, but this being the election time, it escalated. There are various factions of students from different Indian regions. This has led to a kind of group-ism resulting in a brawl," says a student, in the 4th year at IIT Roorkee. The authorities took immediate steps to avert any future confrontations. "There was an incident where the students from one Bhavan (hostel) had gone to the other to address the students there which led to a minor argument. In order to prevent any such situations, we implemented the rules," says Professor, D.K Nauriyal, Students Affairs Dean at IIT- Roorkee.

Did Google try to derail Net neutrality in India?

http://zeenews.india.com/news/net-news/did-google-try-to-derail-net-neutrality-in-india_1650498.html

New Delhi: Joining hands with Facebook, Internet search giant [Google](#) is allegedly lobbying against net neutrality in India, according to reports.

As per a MediaNama report, Google has been trying to prevent Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), which represents some of the largest Internet companies in India, from taking a stand that counters Zero Rating.

The report also reveals that Vineeta Dixit, a member of Google's public policy and Government Relations team has written to IAMAI for removal of any mention of 'Zero Rating' from its submission to the Department of Telecom. The news site has got its hands on the copies of the emails written.

Stating that there is no consensus on Zero Rating, Dixit's email dated August 14 to IAMAI government relations committee requested for removal of the same from the submission.

It should be noted that Google has not participated or even commented in the consultation process on net neutrality issue to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in the past.

Meanwhile, yesterday was the last day for submitting your suggestions on the issue of Net Neutrality and as many as 73,326 people posted their views on the DoT report on mygov.In, the government's platform for citizen engagement.

Spelling mistakes in letter embarrass Smriti

New Delhi, Aug 22, 2015, DHNS

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/496564/spelling-mistakes-letter-embarrass-smriti.html>

Red-faced HRD minister seeks explanation from CBSE



Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Smriti Irani faced an embarrassment after a language teacher from Chhattisgarh posted on social media an official letter written on her behalf that contained spelling mistakes.

As the image of the letter went viral on Twitter, with users sharing it and deriding Irani, the ministry sought an explanation from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) after it found that it was the board's faux pas. The HRD minister told reporters as much.

The CBSE had sent the letter to Richa Kumar, a language teacher with the Delhi Public School in Bhilai, to congratulate her on the "stellar performance" of her students in the secondary school examination in July.

Though the spellings of the words "Minister" and "Sansadhan (resources)" were incorrect in Irani's official letterhead, the CBSE officials ignored them and sent it on behalf of the Minister with her digital signature.

"The minister did not physically sign the letter. It was her digital signature the board officials used," said a top HRD Ministry official.

The teacher had initially posted the letter on her Facebook account. "Thank you for congratulating me on the excellence I exemplify. However, having been a teacher for the last 20 years, your official letter head is an affront to my sensibilities as a Language teacher. The attached photographs are self explanatory. Please ensure that at least the people who work for you, in your ministry, are well educated (sic)," she also wrote.

"Would not misspell my own name in Hindi. Have asked concerned organisation to give an explanation (sic)," said an upset Irani on Twitter on Friday morning, replying to one of the scathing comments against her on the micro-blogging site.

She also acknowledged on Twitter that among other things in the letter, the Hindi spelling of middle name, Zubin, was also wrong.

The CBSE had sent similar letters, bearing Irani's digital signature, to school teachers across the country to congratulate them on the success of their students in the board examination. It, however, was not clear at this moment if all the letters had similar spelling mistakes.

Smriti Irani Gets an Apology From CBSE for Spelling Mistakes

<http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/smriti-irani-asks-ministry-to-explain-spelling-error-1209512>

New Delhi: Education Minister Smriti Irani today received an apology from the national school board over spelling mistakes in a letter sent on her behalf, which was flagged by a teacher and derided on social media.

"Inconvenience caused due to the errors is deeply regretted," Joseph Emmanuel, the Secretary of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), wrote in a letter to the minister.

The words "minister" and "sansadhan (resources)" were spelt incorrectly in the letter that was sent by the CBSE in Ms Irani's name to schoolteachers across the country, congratulating them on the performance of their students.

A teacher from Chhattisgarh responded with a "thanks" - and some advice.

Highlighting the errors in a Facebook post, Richa Kumar of the Delhi Public School wrote: "Thank you for congratulating me on the excellence I exemplify. However, having been a teacher for the last twenty years, your official letter head is an affront to my sensibilities as a Language teacher. The attached photographs are self explanatory. Please ensure that at least the people who work for you, in your ministry, are well educated."

In response to the post, which has been liked by over 80 people and has nearly 800 shares, Smriti Irani asked CBSE for an explanation.

Rattled by comments on twitter, Ms Irani said: "I would not misspell my own name in Hindi."

Citing "oversight during proof reading", CBSE said it would send fresh letters to teachers and principals, along with an apology.