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# Two IIT directors speak up: Not under UGC until you change law

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

DAYS after the University Grants Commission asked the Indian Institutes of Technology to “align their courses and degrees with the ones recognised by the UGC”, the institutes have reiterated their autonomous nature, stressing that the UGC and IITs are two different systems.

On Friday, hours after President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra

Modi addressed a conference of Chairmen of Boards of Governors and Directors of IITs at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Director IIT Bombay, Devang Khakhar, said the “government cannot bring the IITs under the UGC unless they change the law”.

At present, 16 IITs across the country function as “apex institutions for engineering education and research” under the Human Resource Development Ministry.

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## Two IIT directors speak up

The institutes are governed by the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961, which declares them as “Institutions of national importance”, and lays down their powers, duties and framework for governance.

Director IIT Delhi, R K Shevgaonkar, said the two bodies are governed by separate acts of Parliament, and that the IITs “have never received any communication

from the UGC before this”. According to him, the notification concerning aligning of courses has not been received by all IITs and has been sent to select institutes.

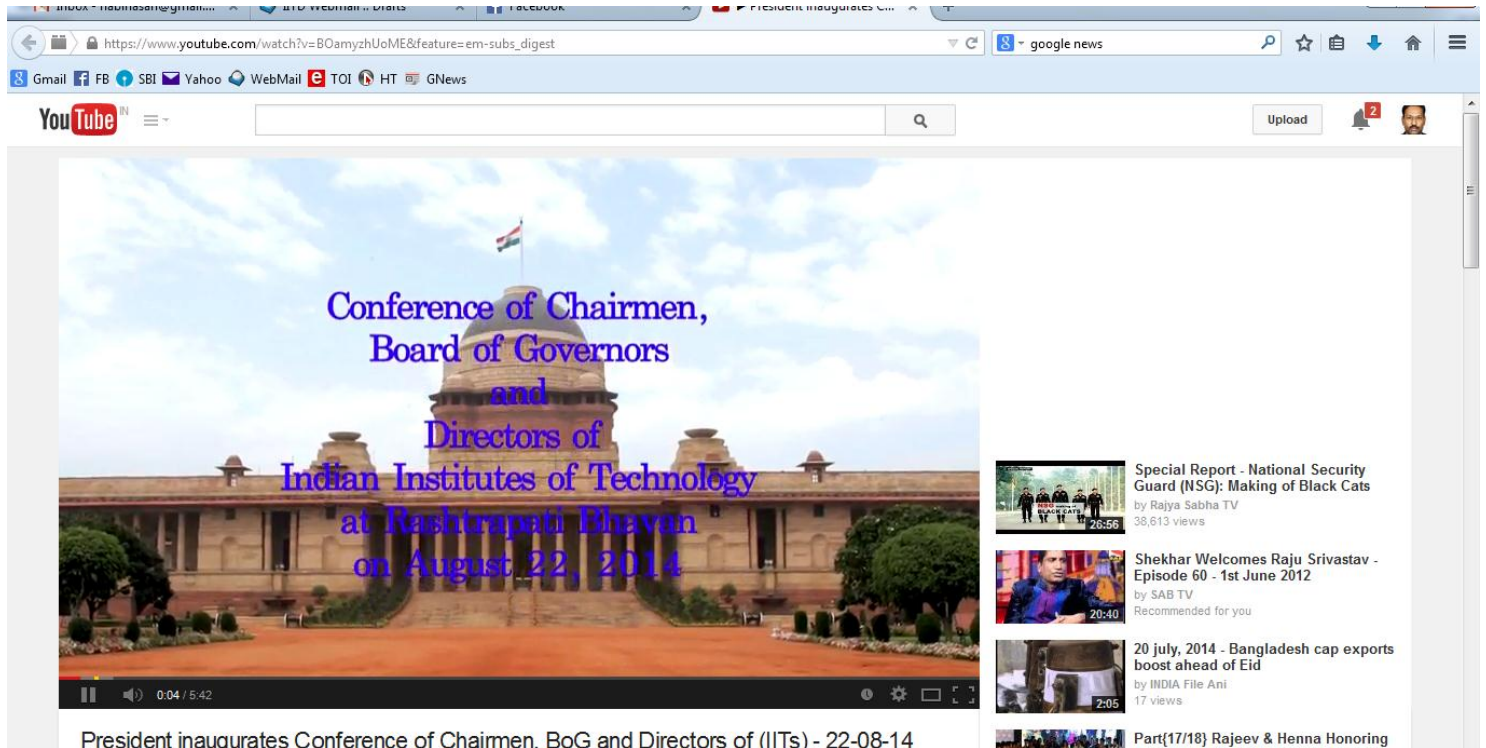
The UGC notification did not come up for discussion during the Directors meeting with the President on Friday, but Shevgaonkar emphasised that if at all the UGC has an issue, it must take it up with the IIT Council and not write

to all institutes individually. “All matters concerning IITs are taken up by the IIT Council which has the HRD Minister as its Chairperson. All directions come from there,” Shevgaonkar said.

The IITs offer four-year bachelors degrees in different branches of engineering and the UGC’s communiqué came days after its recent reversal of Delhi University’s Four Year Undergraduate Programme.

# Video of the Conference of Chairmen, BoGs and Directors of (IITs) - 22-08-14

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The screenshot shows a YouTube video player interface. The video content is a photograph of the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi, India, with the Indian national flag flying. Overlaid on the image is the following text in blue font: "Conference of Chairmen, Board of Governors and Directors of Indian Institutes of Technology at Rashtrapati Bhavan on August 22, 2014". Below the video player, the title "President inaugurates Conference of Chairmen, BoG and Directors of (IITs) - 22-08-14" is visible. The right sidebar contains several video recommendations:

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# Words of wisdom galore IIT conference with Prez, PM



President Pranab Mukherjee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and HRD Minister Smriti Irani at group photo session with Chairmen, Board of Governors and Directors of Indian Institute of Technology, during a conference at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Friday

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# Times of India ND 23/08/2014

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## PM: IIT research in defence, health must

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Stating that “science is universal, technology must be local,” PM Narendra Modi on Friday exhorted IITs to undertake research in areas that help people and develop products in the field of defence and health.

Addressing a conference of chairmen of boards of governors and directors of IITs, Modi said, “IITians are a great force.” He also asked IITs to contribute towards user-



Narendra Modi

friendly innovations in Indian Railways and fulfilling the vision for “housing for all” through technology that would

enable rapid construction of economical, eco-friendly and structurally sound houses. He gave examples of imported products like currency ink and tear gas and said, “I refuse to believe that India

does not have the talent to make these things.”

Modi asked IITs to adopt nearby engineering colleges to play a “mentoring” role.

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## INDUSTRY COLLABORATION

# President asks IITs to work on Modi's 'Make In India' vision

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NEW DELHI

All the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) need to work on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Make in India" and "Made in India", President Pranab Mukherjee told the 16 IITs on Friday and asked them to collaborate with industries to channelize corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds into research.

"The council of IITs should focus on how IITs can become a source for meeting technology needs of government and become a harbinger of the vision—'Make in India' and 'Made in India'," the President said in his address to the IIT directors and chairmen.

Prime Minister Modi, in his Independence Day speech, had emphasized the need for India to become a manufacturing hub to create jobs and invited foreign investors to the country. "I want to tell the people of the whole world: come, make in India. Come and manufacture in India. Go and sell in any country of the world, but manufacture here. We have skill, talent, discipline and the desire to do something. We want to give the world an opportunity that come make in India," he said on 15 August.

Modi, who also attended the meeting with IIT chiefs at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi, mentioned several areas where India is dependent on imports, ranging from defence equipment to items such as



Seeking change: Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

currency ink and tear gas.

"I refuse to believe that India does not have the talent to make these things," said Modi.

The Prime Minister also asked the 16 top engineering and technology schools to provide innovative and economical solutions to achieve the "housing for all" goal of the central government and contribute towards user-friendly innovations in Indian Railways.

Mukherjee said IITs need to collaborate more with industry houses to channelize CSR funds to research. "Engagement with corporates to channelize CSR funds into research and education in IITs can lead to a win-win situation," Mukherjee said, according to a Twitter message posted by the presidential palace.

Though there was no official

communication from the human resource development ministry, authorities said that the President took up the issue of world ranking and how to better the governance structure of these top institutions. None of the IITs are in the top 100 global universities list.

"There is a strong feeling that IITs are good enough to be in the top universities list but they have not found top rankings.... Both the President and the ministry believes that efforts must be done to improve this image," said the government official, requesting anonymity.

"There is need for soul searching on what is holding back good governance in institutes of higher learning. If our institutes of higher learning are to compete with the best in the world, governance of these institutes must be comparable to the best in the world. He (Mukherjee) called upon the council of IITs to draw up a road map for governance in line with the best global practices and implement it without any delay," a press statement from Rashtrapati Bhawan said.

Mukherjee said constraints such as a shortage of faculty should be urgently addressed. The vacancy position in IITs varies from 10% to 52%, and the overall vacancy in 16 IITs is over 37%.

"There is need to attach importance to the ranking process. This process provides a reality check and an opportunity to introspect and position the institute on a global map," the Rashtrapati Bhawan statement said.

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# Science is universal, tech must be local, says Modi

**FUTURE** President, PM want IITs to develop local solutions for defence, railways

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**NEW DELHI:** President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday called upon Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to provide local technical solutions in order to reduce dependence on the West.

The PM especially asked the IITs to contribute towards rapid construction of cheap, eco-friendly but structurally sound houses to fulfil the government's "Housing for All" scheme. He also wanted IITs to make user-friendly innovations for the railways.

Inaugurating a conference of chairmen of boards of governors and directors of IITs at Rashtrapati Bhawan, Modi remarked, "Science is universal, technology must be local."

Modi also pointed out India's dependence on imports in defence equipment, health sector, sensitive and security-relat-

ed items like currency ink and tear gas. He egged on the IITs to make the country self-reliant in these sectors.

"I refuse to believe that India does not have the talent to make these things," Modi said.

President Mukherjee added that even as India was sending satellites of many countries in space, it was still importing technology in many key areas ranging from security features and papers for the Indian currency to defence equipment.

"The IIT council should focus on how IITs can meet technology needs of the government and become a harbinger of the vision - 'Make in India' and 'Made in India'," Mukherjee said.

The Prime Minister also pitched-in the idea of IITs adopting local engineering colleges and mentoring them.

He also said that the IITs should provide innovative solutions to common people's day-to-day problems as well.



■ President Pranab Mukherjee and PM Narendra Modi at the conference of chairmen, board of governors and directors of IITs in New Delhi. PTI

Financial Express ND 23/08/2014 P-13

## PM asks IITs to develop defence, health products

**New Delhi, Aug 22:** Noting that India is dependent on imports in several sectors including defence and health, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today asked the IITs to take up the challenge of developing products in these critical fields.

He also asked these premier institutes to contribute towards user-friendly innovations in Indian Railways and fulfilling the vision for "housing for all" through technology that would enable rapid construction of economical, eco-friendly and structurally sound houses.

Addressing a conference of Chairmen of Boards of Governors and directors of IITs here, he asked the IITs to instill among bright young minds

at various IITs a sense of "service" towards the nation. Citing examples of a range of defence and health sector equipment and sensitive and security-related items like currency ink and tear gas which are imported, he said "I refuse to believe that India does not have the talent to make these things."

Wanting the IITs to take up such challenges, Modi asked them to come out with projects that can provide innovative solutions to the common people in their day-to-day lives.

At the function presided over by President Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhawan, Modi calling upon IITs to bring about a "positive change" in the quality of life.

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## Pranab asks IIT councils to draw roadmap for better governance

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■  
NEW DELHI

President Pranab Mukherjee on Friday described IITs as “knowledge leaders” of the nation and asked them to explore how quality of education can be improved and good governance brought in to help the institutes of higher learning compete with the best in the world.

Inaugurating a first of its kind day-long conference of chairmen, board of governors and directors of IITs at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Mukherjee called upon the Council of IITs to draw up a roadmap for governance in line with the best global practices and implement it without any delay. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and HRD Minister Smriti Irani were also present at the conference.

“There is need for soul searching on what is holding back good governance in insti-

**The Council of IITs should focus on how they can become a source for meeting technology needs of Government and become a harbinger of the vision — Make in India and Made in India**

tutes of higher learning. If our institutes of higher learning are to compete with the best in the world, governance of these institutes must be comparable to the best in the world,” he said.

The President also shared the concerns of the Prime Minister over the country’s dependence on other countries for import of technology from security features and papers for Indian currency to defence equipment despite having technical capabilities to put satellites of other countries into space.

“We need to see how the technologies developed by IITs and future research in IITs can be used to meet the technology requirements of the nation.

The Council of IITs should focus on how IITs can become a source for meeting technology needs of Government and become a harbinger of the vision — Make in India and Made in India,” Mukherjee said.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister asked the IITs to come together to find innovative solutions to the problems of the common man. He said they should take up the challenge of making products for which India is critically dependent on imports. “Science is universal. Technology must be local,” the PM said, calling upon IITs to bring about a “positive change” in the quality of life of the people in the country.

Citing examples of a range of defence and health sector equipment and sensitive and security-related items like currency ink and tear gas which are imported, he exuded confidence that India has the talent to produce them indigenously. “I refuse to believe that India does not have the talent to make these things” the PM said, asking the IITs to take up such challenges. Modi also asked them to contribute towards user-friendly innovation in Indian Railways.



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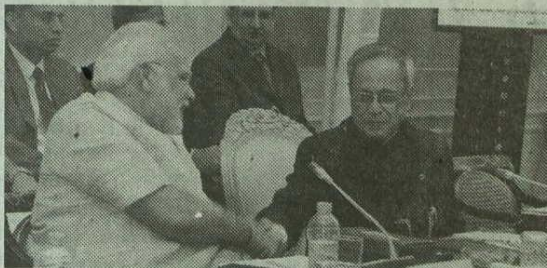
# Prez asks IITs to improve education quality

AGE CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, AUG. 22

President Pranab Mukherjee on Friday called on the IITs to utilise their expertise to explore how quality of education can be improved and good governance brought in to help the institutes of higher learning compete with the best in the world. Speaking at the same event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked IITs to come together to find innovative solutions to the problems of the common man.

The comments came at a day-long conference of

chairmen, board of governors and directors of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Speaking after inaugurating the conference, President Pranab Mukherjee described IITs as "knowledge leaders" of the nation. "There is need for soul searching on what is holding back good governance in institutes of higher learning. If our institutes of higher learning are to compete with the best in the world, governance of these institutes must be comparable to the best in the world," he said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Pranab Mukherjee at a conference for IITs at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Friday.

The President also shared the PM's concerns over the country's dependence on other countries for import of technology despite having technical

capabilities to put satellites of other countries into space.

"The council of IIT's should focus on how IIT's can become a source for

meeting technology needs of government and become a harbinger of the vision - Make in India and Made in India," Mr Mukherjee said.

Mr Modi called upon the IITs to bring about a "positive change" in the quality of life of the people in the country while asking the institutes to come together to find innovative solutions to the problems of the common man. He said they should take up the challenge of making products for which India is critically dependent on imports. "Science is universal. Technology must be local," the PM said.

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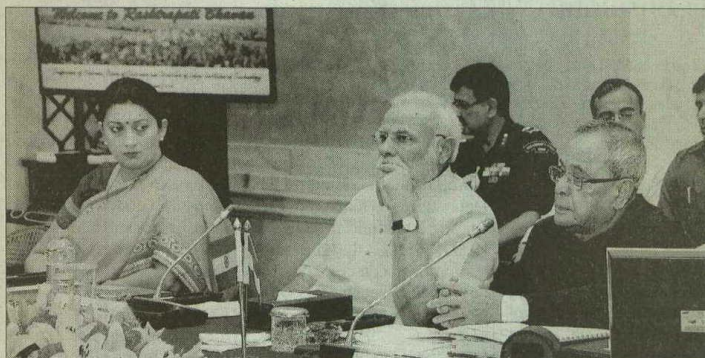
# Develop defence, health products: Modi to IITs

■ President asks the institutes to explore how quality of education can be improved

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Friday urged Indian Institutes of Technology to take up the challenge of developing defence and health equipment and user-friendly innovations in railways so that India ceases to be dependent on imports. He was addressing a conference of chairmen of Boards of Governors and directors of IITs organised by President Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Modi in his speech sought technological support from IITs in realising the vision of "housing for all". Citing exam-



President Pranab Mukherjee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and HRD Minister Smriti Irani in New Delhi on Friday.

ples of a range of defence and health sector equipments and sensitive and security-related

items like currency ink and tear gas which are imported, he said, "I refuse to believe

that India does not have the talent to make these things." IITs he said need to teach their

students the "science of thinking and the art of living."

The President also emphasised the need for research at these premiere institutes to be attuned to the technological needs of the nation. Describing IITs as the "knowledge leaders" of the nation, he asked them to explore how quality of education can be improved and good governance brought in to help the institutes of higher learning compete with the best in the world. He called upon the Council of IITs to draw up a roadmap for governance in line with the best global practices and implement it without any delay.

He added that the structure of a good education sys-

tem rests on four pillars — values, teachers, students and infrastructure. There is no dearth of talent in our faculty or students. Constraints such as huge shortage of faculty should be urgently addressed. Vacancy in IITs varies from 10 per cent to 52 per cent and the overall vacancy in the 16 IITs is over 37 per cent. He said the process of ranking institutes provides a reality check and is an opportunity to introspect the position on a global map.

The Prime Minister conceded that global rankings are important but we should also have our own parameters of rankings to serve as an "inbuilt mechanism for change and improvement."

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# Hindu ND 23/08/2014 P-10

## Let's have user-friendly innovations, IITs told

Special Correspondent

**NEW DELHI:** President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to contribute to nation-building with user-friendly innovations.

Both flagged the need to build and strengthen indigenous capacity in developing defence equipment, besides security features and paper for currency. Mr. Modi also urged the IITs to help meet the goal of 'Housing for All' and modernisation of the Railways.

They were addressing a one-day conference of chairmen of the Board of Governors and Directors of IITs at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Calling IITs as "knowledge leaders" of the nation, the President asked the Council of IITs to draw up a roadmap for governance in line with the best global practices and implement it without delay.

Of the view that till now the country has focussed on



*President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a conference at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Friday. – PHOTO: PTI/RB*

industry-academic inter-linkages, Mr. Mukherjee made out a case for a similar interface between government and academia. "The Council of IITs should focus on how IITs can become a source for meeting the technology needs of government and become a harbinger of the vision — 'Make in India' and 'Made in India'."

Stating that technology must be local, Mr. Modi

asked IITs to address the question of how they can "teach our students the science of thinking and the art of living." Referring to the import of equipment for defence and health purposes, he said: "I refuse to believe that India does not have the talent to make these things."

The Prime Minister also wanted IITs to adopt nearby engineering colleges and mentor them.

**Statesman ND 23/08/2014 P-10**

# IITs knowledge leaders, says President

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**

New Delhi, 22 August

The President, Mr Pranab Mukherjee, today described the Indian Institutes of technology as knowledge leaders of the nation and urged them to explore how the quality of education can be improved.

Inaugurating a one-day conference of chairmen, board of governors and directors of the IITs at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Mr Mukherjee called upon the Council of IITs to draw up a roadmap for governance in line with the best global practices and implement it without delay.

The President said in spite of India's technical capabilities to put the satellites of other countries into space, the nation is still importing technology starting from secu-

rity features and papers for Indian currency to defence equipment.

To meet the technology requirements of the nation, Mr Mukherjee said, it needs to be seen how the technologies developed by IITs and future research in IITs can be used. "So far we have been giving attention to industry-academia inter-linkages, but now we also must focus on government-academia inter-linkages. The Council of IIT's should focus on how IITs can become a source for meeting technology needs of government and become a harbinger of the vision ~ 'Make in India' and 'Made in India'," said the President.

Emphasising on addressing constraints such as huge shortage of faculty, he said the vacancy position in IITs varies from 10 to 52 per cent, and the overall vacancy in 16 IITs is over 37 per cent.

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# Help nation reduce reliance on imports, Prez, PM tell IITs

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**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22**

President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi today did some straight talk with the heads of Indian Institutes of Technology, urging them to help reduce India's dependence on imports in defence and security.

In the first meeting of the Chairmen of Boards of Governors and Directors of IITs called by the President today, the challenge thrown at IITs was: "Can we produce solutions for day-to-day problems of people and locally produce sensitive security-related equipment such as currency and tear gas?"

"We are critically dependent on imports, ranging from defence equipment to health to sensitive and security-related items such as currency ink and tear gas. I refuse to believe that India does not have the talent to make these things...the IITs should take up this challenge," Modi said.

He especially invited the institutes to help achieve "Housing for All" by developing technology to enable rapid construction of economical and eco-friendly houses. His second challenge for IITs was: "Develop eco-friendly innovations for Indian Railways."

The President asked the

IITs to help realise the PM's vision of "Make in India" and "Made in India". He was interested in knowing how the IITs would in future become better institutions.

The IITs were asked to develop a roadmap for the same though the task won't be easy given 10 to 52 per cent vacancy in the 16 IITs, the average vacancy being 37 per cent, a concern the President flagged today, adding that the institutes should continue to attach importance to rankings.

In the 2013 global rankings, none of the Indian institutes made it to the top 200. Ever since then, the government has been working on developing national rankings to judge central institutions better. The PM today again asked the IITs to come up with national ranking formula. It is learnt that the IITs shared with the gathering a blueprint of the national ranking system which is expected to be rolled out in 2015.

Another issue flagged by them was how IITs could use science, technology and innovation for growth. The President, while referring to the need to skill 500 million people by 2022, said the ICT programmes must be converged with the skilling programme to reap the demographic dividend.

## Statesman ND 23/08/2014 P-10

# Focus on local needs, PM tells IITs

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**

New Delhi, 22 August

The Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, today called on IITs to provide innovative solutions to local needs so as to do their contribution in nation building.

“Science is universal. Technology must be local,” the Prime Minister said, asking IITs to give local need-based projects to its students. It would lead to a positive change in the quality of life of people, besides instilling a sense of “service” towards the nation, among the bright young minds at IITs, Mr Modi said, while addressing a conference of chairmen of Boards of Governors and directors of IITs at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Giving several examples where India is critically dependent on

imports, ranging from defence equipment to the health sector to sensitive and security-related items, the Prime Minister said IITs should take up such challenges. “I refuse to believe that India does not have the talent to make these things,” he added.

Mr Modi asked IITs to contribute towards fulfilling the vision of “Housing for All” through technology which would enable rapid construction of economical, eco-friendly and structurally sound houses.

The Prime Minister also called upon IITs to adopt nearby engineering colleges and play a role in mentoring them. He asked IITs to search for innovations that people may have developed in their neighbourhood and which could serve as inspiration for path-breaking changes.

Deccan Herald ND 23/08/2014 P-13

# President echoes Modi mantra for IITs

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Backing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day call, President Pranab Mukherjee on Friday asked the Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) to focus on how to become a source for meeting technology needs of the government and become a harbinger of the vision—"Make in India, Made in India".

Addressing the first-ever conference of chairmen, board of governors and directors of IITs convened by him, the President noted that India was still importing technology, starting from security features and papers for



**Pranab Mukherjee**

Indian currency to defence equipment, despite its technical capabilities.

"We need to see how technologies developed by IITs and future research in IITs can be used to meet the technology requirements of the nation. The Council of IITs should focus on how IITs can become a source for meeting the government's technology needs, and become a harbinger of the vision 'Make

in India' and 'Made in India,'" he said.

Addressing the conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also called upon the IITs to provide innovative solutions to daily problems of the masses.

"Science is universal. Technology must be local," he said.

Giving examples, Modi suggested that IITs could contribute in fulfilling the vision of "Housing for All" through technology which would enable rapid construction of economical, eco-friendly and structurally sound houses. The IITs could also contribute towards

user-friendly innovations in the Indian Railways, he added.

The President also asked the IITs to focus on government-academia inter-linkage. He described the IITs as "knowledge leaders of the nation" and asked them to explore how quality of education could be improved.

"There is need for soul searching on what is holding back good governance in institutes of higher learning. If our institutes of higher learning are to compete with the best in the world, governance of these institutes must be comparable to the best in the world," he said.

## Business Line ND 23/08/2014 P-13

# Help fulfil vision of housing for all, PM tells IITs

### INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 22

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday asked the Indian Institutes of Technology to use technology for building economical and eco-friendly houses to help fulfil the government's vision of "housing for all".

"Contribute towards fulfilling the vision of housing for all through technology which would enable rapid construction of economical and eco-friendly houses," Modi said, addressing a conference of chairmen of boards of governors and directors of IITs at Rashtrapati Bhawan here.

Stressing that "science is universal, technology must be local", Modi called upon IITs to give their students projects related to local needs so that they can find innovative solutions while pursuing their studies.

## Business Standard ND 23/08/2014 P-4

# मोदी को आईआईटी से काफी उम्मीदें

भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों से रक्षा, स्वास्थ्य उत्पादों के विकास का आह्वान

भाषा

नई दिल्ली, 22 अगस्त

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने रक्षा और स्वास्थ्य समेत कई क्षेत्रों में आयात पर भारत की निर्भरता का जिक्र करते हुए आज भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों (आईआईटी) से अपील की कि वे इन महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में उत्पादों के विकास की चुनौती स्वीकार करें।

उन्होंने देश के इन विशिष्ट संस्थानों से भारतीय रेल में लोगों के लिए अधिक अनुकूल चीजें तैयार करने और प्रौद्योगिकी के जरिये 'सबके लिए आवास' के सपने को पूरा करने की दिशा में योगदान करने को कहा ताकि देश में लोगों के लिए सस्ते, पारिस्थितिकी अनुकूल और मजबूत घरों का तेजी से निर्माण किया जा सके।



नरेंद्र मोदी, प्रधानमंत्री

प्रधानमंत्री यहां इन प्रतिष्ठित संस्थाओं के निदेशक मंडल के अध्यक्षों और सदस्यों के एक सम्मेलन को संबोधित कर रहे थे। उन्होंने आईआईटी से कहा कि वे अपने आपने यहां युवा मस्तिष्कों में देश के प्रति सेवा का भाव विकसित करें। उन्होंने करेंसी नोटों की छपाई के काम आने वाली स्याही और आंसू

गैस जैसे संवेदनशील एवं सुरक्षा से जुड़े उत्पादों के लिए आयात की निर्भरता का उल्लेख करते हुए कहा, 'मैं नहीं मानता कि भारत के पास ऐसी वस्तुएं बनने की प्रतिभा नहीं है।' मोदी कहा कि आईआईटी ये चुनौतियां स्वीकार करें। उन्होंने उनसे कहा कि ये संस्थान ऐसी परियोजनाएं सुझाएं जो आम जनता की रोजमर्रा की जिंदगी के लिए अभिनव समाधान प्रस्तुत कर सकें। राष्ट्रपति भवन में आयोजित इस समारोह की अध्यक्षता कर रहे प्रणब मुखर्जी ने कहा कि मोदी आईआईटी से देश के लोगों के जीवन स्तर में सकारात्मक बदलाव लाने का आह्वान कर रहे हैं।

राष्ट्रपति ने आईआईटी के छात्रों को बड़ी ताकत करार देते हुए कहा, 'विज्ञान सर्वव्यापी है पर प्रौद्योगिकी स्थानीय होनी चाहिए।'



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प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने आईआईटी से अपील की कि वे रिसर्च के जरिए 'सबके लिए आवास' विजन को पूरा करने में सहयोग दें।

आईआईटी के अध्यक्षों, बोर्ड ऑफ गवर्नेंस और डायरेक्टर्स के सम्मेलन में मोदी ने कहा कि आईआईटी अपने छात्रों को स्थानीय जरूरत से संबंधित प्रोजेक्ट दें ताकि वह अपनी स्टडी से इन दिक्कतों का समाधान ढूंढ सकें। पीएम ने आईआईटी से कहा कि टेक्नॉलजी के जरिए सहयोग दें ताकि कम कीमत पर मजबूत और इको फ्रेंडली घरों का तेजी से निर्माण किया जा सके। उन्होंने आईआईटी से कहा कि वे अपने आस-पास के लोगों द्वारा विकसित किए गए प्रयासों की खोज करें।

एक दिवसीय सम्मेलन में राष्ट्रपति प्रणव मुखर्जी ने कहा कि आईआईटी को यह पता लगाना चाहिए कि एजुकेशन की क्वालिटी को कैसे सुधारा जा सकता



राष्ट्रपति भवन में आईआईटी के निदेशकों ने सुना संबोधन।

है। यह पता करने की जरूरत है कि हायर एजुकेशन के इंस्टीट्यूशन की शासन व्यवस्था को कौन पीछे धकेल रहा है। राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि दूसरे देशों के उपग्रहों को अंतरिक्ष में भेजने की क्षमता के बावजूद हम सुरक्षा संबंधी उपकरणों और रक्षा उपकरणों की टेक्नॉलजी इंपोर्ट करते हैं। आईआईटी में भविष्य में होने वाली रिसर्च का उपयोग देश की टेक्नॉलजी जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए कैसे किया जा सकता है।

## आईआईटी एंट्रेस रिफॉर्म्स पर चर्चा

सुपर-30 के फाउंडर आनंद कुमार ने एचआरडी मिनिस्टर स्मृति ईरानी से मुलाकात की जिसमें इंजीनियरिंग इंस्टीट्यूट के एंट्रेस में रिफॉर्म्स पर चर्चा की गई। कुमार ने कहा कि आईआईटी-जेईई देने वालों के लिए भी अवसर बढ़ाने चाहिए।

# सबको घर का सपना पूरा करें आईआईटी : मोदी



राष्ट्रपति श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी शुक्रवार को नई दिल्ली में भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों के बोर्ड ऑफ गवर्नर्स के अध्यक्षों और निदेशकों के सम्मेलन में शामिल हुए। साथ ही प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी और केन्द्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी।

नई दिल्ली. प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने आईआईटी से रक्षा और स्वास्थ्य सहित कुछ क्षेत्रों में भारत के आयात पर निर्भर होने की चर्चा की। मोदी ने कहा कि आईआईटी इन कठिन क्षेत्रों के उत्पाद विकसित करने की चुनौती को स्वीकारे। इन प्रमुख संस्थानों से रेलवे के लिए उपभोक्ताओं की सुविधा वाले उत्पाद विकसित करने और 'सभी के लिए आवास' योजना का सपना पूरा करने के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी के माध्यम से सस्ता, पर्यावरण अनुकूल और मजबूत घर बनाकर देने में योगदान देने को कहा। विभिन्न आईआईटी के निदेशक मंडलों के अध्यक्षों की राष्ट्रपति भवन में शुक्रवार को हुई बैठक में मोदी ने कहा कि आईआईटी ऐसे युवा मन तैयार करे जिनमें देश सेवा की सोच हो। मोदी ने इससे इनकार किया कि देश के पास इस तरह की चीजों के लिए प्रतिभा नहीं है और इसके लिए उसे आयात पर निर्भर होना होगा। रक्षा एवं स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र के आवश्यक उपकरणों से लेकर नोट छापने की स्याही और आंसू गैस जैसी संवेदनशील चीजें भी आयात करते हैं।

## रोड मैप तैयार करें-राष्ट्रपति

राष्ट्रपति प्रणब मुखर्जी ने सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन करते हुए शिक्षा की गुणवत्ता को सुधारने का आह्वान किया ताकि हम विश्व के सर्वश्रेष्ठ शैक्षिक संस्थानों का मुकाबला कर सकें। उन्होंने इसके लिए आईआईटी कौंसिल को एक रोडमैप तैयार करने का भी निर्देश दिया। मुखर्जी ने कहा कि आज हम दूसरे देशों के उपग्रह अपने यहां से छोड़ रहे हैं लेकिन अब भी सुरक्षा उपकरणों से लेकर नोट के कागजों का आयात करना पड़ रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि आईआईटी संस्थानों में ऐसे शोध एवं अनुसंधान होने चाहिए ताकि यह देश की प्रौद्योगिकी जरूरतें पूरी हो सकें। मुखर्जी ने अगले वर्ष मार्च में होने वाले आठवें महोत्सव में सभी आईआईटी को भाग लेने के लिए भी आमंत्रित किया। एक सप्ताह के इस महोत्सव का आयोजन राष्ट्रपति भवन करेगा। सम्मेलन को मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी ने भी संबोधित किया।

# आइआइटी में शोध का उपयोग टेक्नोलॉजी की जरूरतें पूरी करने में हो : राष्ट्रपति

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली, 22 अगस्त। राष्ट्रपति प्रणब मुखर्जी और प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने आइआइटी में भविष्य में होने वाले शोध का उपयोग देश की टेक्नोलॉजी की जरूरतों को पूरा करने पर दिया। उन्होंने शुक्रवार को सवाल किया कि अन्य देशों के उपग्रहों को अंतरिक्ष में भेजने की क्षमता के बावजूद हमें अभी भी रक्षा संबंधी उपकरणों से लेकर भारतीय मुद्रा छापने के कागज तक की टेक्नोलॉजी आयात क्यों करनी पड़ रही है। राष्ट्रपति ने प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों (आइआइटी) के अध्यक्षों, बोर्ड ऑफ गवर्नर्स और निदेशकों के एक दिवसीय सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन करते हुए उन्होंने यह सवाल किया।

मुखर्जी ने कहा- अब तक हम उद्योग व शिक्षा जगत के बीच आपसी संपर्कों पर ध्यान देते आए हैं, लेकिन अब हमें सरकार और शिक्षा जगत के बीच संपर्क पर भी ध्यान देना होगा। आइआइटी परिषद को इस बात पर जोर देना चाहिए कि कैसे

आइआइटी सरकार की टेक्नोलॉजी जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए स्रोत बनेंगे और 'मेक इन इंडिया' व 'मेड इन इंडिया' की दृष्टि का वाहक बनें। बड़ी संख्या में शिक्षकों की कमी की समस्या आवश्यक रूप से दूर करने पर जोर देते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि आइआइटी में खाली पदों की स्थिति 10 फीसद से लेकर 52 फीसद तक है और 16 आइआइटी में कुल खाली पदों का फीसद 37 है।

उन्होंने कहा कि रैंकिंग प्रक्रिया को महत्त्व दिए जाने की जरूरत है, क्योंकि यह प्रक्रिया वास्तविक नियंत्रण व विश्व के नक्शे पर संस्थान की स्थिति के बारे में आत्मचिंतन करने का मौका देती है। राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि आइआइटी के पूर्ववर्ती छात्रों को शासन व्यवस्था में शामिल किया जाना चाहिए ताकि उनकी दक्षता, वैश्विक पहुंच व सक्रियता की क्षमता का उपयोग हो सके। उन्होंने आइआइटी परिषद से ऐसा ढांचा विकसित करने को कहा जिससे इन संस्थानों की व्यवस्था में पूर्ववर्ती विद्यार्थियों

की भागीदारी हो सके। उन्होंने आइआइटी जैसे इंजीनियरिंग संस्थानों से कहा कि वे विज्ञान, टेक्नोलॉजी व नवाचार की नीति को सफल बनाने की दिशा में काम करें।

मुखर्जी ने यह भी कहा कि केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालयों के नवोन्मेष क्लबों व एनआइटी व आइआइटी के बीच शोध और विकास को बढ़ावा देने के लिए मजबूत संपर्क कायम हो। उन्होंने कहा कि आने वाले सालों में जन-सांख्यिकी लाभ भारत की सबसे बड़ी ताकत होगा। यह हमें कौशलपूर्ण मानव शक्ति दुनिया को उपलब्ध कराने का अवसर देगा। इसके लिए हमें 2022 तक 50 करोड़ लोगों को कौशल संपन्न बनाने के लक्ष्य को पूरा करना होगा। आइआइटी को राष्ट्र के ज्ञान का नेता बताते हुए राष्ट्रपति ने उनसे यह पता लगाने को कहा कि शिक्षा की गुणवत्ता को कैसे सुधारा जा सकता है।

उन्होंने कहा कि यह पता लगाने की भी आत्मिक आवश्यकता है कि उच्च शिक्षा संस्थानों के सुशासन को कौन पीछे धकेल

रहा है। उन्होंने कहा- अगर हमारे उच्च शिक्षा संस्थानों को विश्व के श्रेष्ठ संस्थानों से मुकाबला करना है तो इन संस्थानों का कार्य व्यवहार विश्व के श्रेष्ठ संस्थानों के बराबर होना चाहिए।

उधर, प्रधानमंत्री ने समारोह में प्रतिष्ठित संस्थाओं के निदेशक मंडल के अध्यक्षों और सदस्यों के एक सम्मेलन को संबोधित करते हुए आइआइटी से कहा कि वे अपने यहां युवा मस्तिष्कों में देश के प्रति सेवा का भाव विकसित करें। उन्होंने करंसी नोटों की छपाई के काम आने वाली स्याही और ऑसू गैस जैसे संवेदनशील व सुरक्षा से जुड़े उत्पादों के लिए आयात की निर्भरता का जिक्र करते हुए कहा, मैं नहीं मानता कि भारत के पास ऐसी वस्तुएं बनाने की प्रतिभा नहीं है। मोदी ने कहा कि आइआइटी ये चुनौतियां मंजूर करें। उन्होंने उनसे कहा कि ये संस्थान ऐसी परियोजनाएं सुझाएं जो आम जनता की रोजमर्रा की जिंदगी के लिए अभिनव समाधान प्रस्तुत कर सकें।



नई दिल्ली, राष्ट्रपति प्रणब मुखर्जी शुक्रवार को भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों के बोर्ड ऑफ गवर्नर्स के अध्यक्षों और निदेशकों के सम्मेलन में शामिल हुए। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी और केंद्रीय मन्त्र संसधान विकास मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी भी इस अवसर पर मौजूद थे।

## रक्षा उपकरणों की खोज करें आइआइटी छात्र : नरेंद्र मोदी

रक्षा और चिकित्सा उपकरणों के लिए विदेशों पर निर्भरता घटाने की अपील

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प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने आइआइटी छात्रों से रक्षा और स्वास्थ्य की दिशा में नई-नई खोज करने की अपील की है। ताकि इन क्षेत्रों में विदेशों पर हमारी निर्भरता घटे। मोदी ने उन्हें जनता की रोजमर्रा की जरूरतों और समस्याओं का समाधान करने वाली खोज करने को भी कहा। प्रधानमंत्री शुक्रवार

को राष्ट्रपति भवन में आइआइटी के अध्यक्षों तथा निदेशकों के सम्मेलन को संबोधित कर रहे थे। उन्होंने ऑसू गैस जैसे सुरक्षा उपकरण और चिकित्सा उपकरणों के लिए आयात पर निर्भरता का जिक्र किया। फिर कहा, 'मैं यह नहीं मान सकता कि भारतीय छात्र इन चीजों का निर्माण नहीं कर सकते। आज आइआइटी छात्रों के सामने इसी तरह की चुनौतियां हैं।'

यह भी कहा

- आइआइटी छात्रों को जनता से जुड़ी हुई परियोजनाएं भी जाननी चाहिए। ताकि वे उनकी रोजमर्रा की जरूरतों और समस्याओं को पदार्थ के दौरान ही सुलझा सकें।
- आइआइटी छात्र सभी लोगों के लिए पर्यावरण के अनुकूल तरीके तय कर सकते हैं।
- आइआइटी छात्र रेशम के क्षेत्र में भी यशस्वी की उत्पत्ती के अनुकूल पीछे बंध सकते हैं। उन्हें इस दिशा में भी ध्यान देना चाहिए।

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# UGC: Give 3-yr degree for non-tech courses

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**New Delhi:** University Grants Commission's letter to all educational institutions asking them to ensure that they confer only approved degrees and ordering non-technical undergraduate courses to be of three years is going to impact a few courses in Shiv Nadar University and Symbiosis.

UGC sources said, "Shiv Nadar has around 40 students in various humanities streams who were admitted in four-year undergraduate programme. University has been asked to either make the course for three years or make the fourth year optional only for those who

want to undertake research." Sources said the university has been given this option but is yet to clarify its stand.

Symbiosis had started a four-year Liberal Arts undergraduate course in 2011 and students are in the final year. "We have UGC's permission for four year course. It is not a conventional programme but we decided for four year course as per the international trend," says Vidya Yeravdekar, principal director, Symbiosis University. She says 300 students are enrolled in this course. According to her in July UGC wrote to Symbiosis asking for details of the course.

*For the full report, log on to [www.timesofindia.com](http://www.timesofindia.com)*

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# 'Climate change is real and happening in India'

**New Delhi:** Ahead of the UN climate summit which is to be organized in New York on September 23 to give a political push to future negotiations, Indian scientists on Friday emphasized the need to take urgent steps to address the issue of climate change that has potential to adversely affect the country.

Taking stock of climate change and its implications for India, scientists from JNU, IIT Delhi, IARI and UCAS Bangalore highlighted country-specific points in the recent IPCC reports covering agriculture production, increase in sea-level, floods,

droughts and cyclones, carbon dioxide content in air, temperature change and associated heat wave and melting of Himalayan glaciers.

"Climate change is real and happening in India. These issues have a direct impact on our daily lives and it is necessary that we start taking measures to address the issue," said V Rajamani of School of Environmental Science, JNU. It was noted during discussions that the years 1983-2012 was probably the warmest 30 years in the last 1,400 years. TNN

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# सुपर-30 ने सुझाया आईआईटी प्रवेश परीक्षा में तीन मौके देने का विकल्प

संस्था के आनंद कुमार मिले मानव संसाधन मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी से

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आईआईटी प्रवेश परीक्षा की कोचिंग कराने वाली संस्था सुपर-30 ने मानव संसाधन मंत्रालय को प्रवेश परीक्षा के मौके बढ़ाने की मांग की है। वंचित तबके के बच्चों को कोचिंग देने वाले सुपर-30 प्रमुख आनंद कुमार ने शुक्रवार केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी से मुलाकात कर आईआईटी-जेईई प्रवेश पर अपने सुझाव दिए हैं। मंत्रालय ने कोचिंग इंस्टीट्यूट के सुझावों पर विचार करने की बात कही है।

मुलाकात के बाद आनंद कुमार ने बताया कि संघ लोक सेवा आयोग (यूपीएससी) ने हाल ही में परीक्षा के मौके बढ़ाकर 6 कर दिया है। लेकिन आईआईटी-जेईई प्रवेश परीक्षा के लिए अभी भी छात्रों को सिर्फ दो मौके ही मिलते हैं। सुपर-30 ने इस मामले पर केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी को बताते हुए प्रवेश परीक्षा के मौके 2 से

बढ़ाकर 3 करने का सुझाव दिया है। आनंद कुमार का कहना है कि वंचित तबके के छात्र अन्य की तुलना में थोड़ी देर से ही शिक्षा प्राप्त कर पाते हैं। ऐसे में आईआईटी-जेईई प्रवेश के दौरान कम मौके होने की वजह से इंजीनियर बनने का सपना भी साकार नहीं हो पाता। जेईई प्रवेश परीक्षा सुधार पर आगे बातचीत के दौरान सुपर-30 प्रमुख ने मानव संसाधन मंत्री को सुझाया है कि सिर्फ टॉप-20 प्रतिशत के लिए ही पात्रता पर दोबारा विचार करने की जरूरत है।

मसलन, विभिन्न राज्यों से आने वाले और वंचित तबके के बच्चों के रिजल्ट में कम अंक हो सकते हैं। लेकिन ये किसी भी काम में बहुत मेहनती साबित होते हैं। इसलिए ऐसी पात्रता का कोई तर्क मतलब नहीं है। इससे पहले भी जेईई प्रवेश परीक्षा सुधार पर सुपर-30 के आनंद कुमार यूपीए सरकार में मानव संसाधन मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल से दो बार मुलाकात कर चुके हैं।

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# Want to Get into IIT? Pay ₹1/Lecture for Coaching

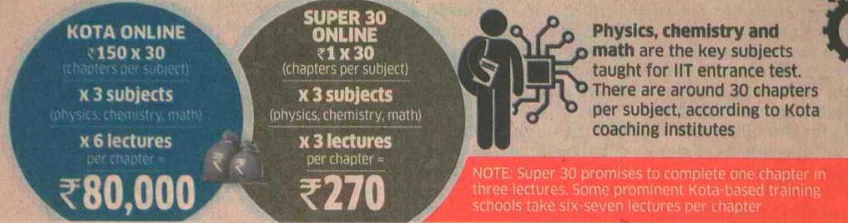
Man behind Super 30, Anand Kumar, plans to take formula online to raise funds for helping more underprivileged students

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**Mumbai:** What if you had to pay just one rupee for a lecture that will help you get into the Indian Institute of Technology? You would jump at it. That's Anand Kumar's canny marketing plan — and given the success rate of the man behind Patna's Super 30, you'd have to take him seriously. Kumar coaches 30 underprivileged every year for the IIT entrance exam, and 90% of them make it.

Now he plans to take the formula online — the plan is to offer coaching for more than just IIT

## Will this Formula Hurt Kota's Schools?



entrance exams — and raise funds so that he can help more bright aspirants coming from families with financial constraints. Kumar and his team of

five plan to offer online tutorials to school students (class VI onwards), besides those preparing for Olympiad tests and competitive examinations with each lec-

ture costing one rupee.

Super 30 Online will be launched next year, said Kumar, who expects the venture to hurt the business of coaching schools

based in Kota, Rajasthan. "You do not need to go to Kota anymore, and can pay Re 1 per lecture. I expect lakhs to log on to our online portal that will be launched in 2015," said Kumar, who started Super 30 in 2002 under the banner of the Ramanujan School of Mathematics coaching school.

Kumar judges that his team will need three-four lectures to teach one chapter in every subject. Compared with this, an online tutorial by Kota's prominent coaching centre Career Point charges ₹150 per lecture with six-seven lectures covering a chapter.

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A back-of-the-envelope calculation shows that for the three Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) subjects, at 30 chapters each, a student will pay Rs 270 if he signs up for Kumar's online classes. That compares with Rs 81,000 at some of the best of the Kota-based centres. More than 13.6 lakh took the JEE this year as they tried for one of the 10,000 or so seats across IITs.

Heads of major coaching institutes at Kota don't believe Super 30 online would hurt their business. Kota is home to more than 1 lakh students preparing for different entrance tests. "Online teaching can be supplementary but never compensate for classroom learning. Students learn from their peers and interaction with teachers is necessary for these preparations," said Pramod Maheshwari, managing director of Career Point. Classroom training, including boarding charges, comes to Rs 1.4 lakh per year at Career Point. The training takes place over two years.

Kumar aims to plough profit from the online venture into Super 30.

"For the batch of 2015-2017, I want to train 100 underprivileged students instead of 30," said Kumar. The name of the programme, Super 30, will remain unchanged regardless of how many he enrolls, Kumar said.

Currently, it costs Kumar Rs 18 lakh to train his Super 30 batch. The students join him after class X and are prepared for the next two years by a crack team of five professors, with all their needs taken care of.

The online project is currently being put together. The tutorial platform is being devised by the coaches. Also helping are six interns from the IITs of Delhi, Jodhpur and Mandi, and from Birla Institute of Technology (BIT), Mesra. Business developers based in Gujarat are also part of the project, Kumar said. Apart Super 30, Kumar also teaches students in Patna at the centre, which charges Rs 6,000 per subject.

Kumar's online initiative comes as online education has caught on globally with Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) from companies such as Coursera, Udacity and edX enrolling lakhs of students.

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# जेईई प्रवेश परीक्षा में तीन और मौके संभव

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आईआईटी-जेईई प्रवेश परीक्षा में बैठने वाले छात्रों को भविष्य में दो की बजाय तीन मौके मिल सकते हैं। मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी ने इस मामले में जल्द कदम उठाने का भरोसा दिलाया है। इस सिलसिले में शुक्रवार को सुपर-30 के संस्थापक आनंद कुमार ने ईरानी से मुलाकात की, जिस पर उन्होंने यह आश्वासन दिया। बाद में आनंद ने मीडिया को यह जानकारी दी।

आनंद कुमार ने ईरानी से उनके कार्यालय में मुलाकात की। उन्होंने अनुरोध किया कि गरीब और पिछड़े तबके के छात्र भी बड़ी मेहनत से आईआईटी-जेईई परीक्षा की तैयारी करते हैं।

ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों व छोटे शहरों में कोचिंग की सुविधाएं नहीं हैं। जहां हैं भी तो वह गरीब छात्रों के दायरे से बाहर है। इसलिए, उन छात्रों के लिए शहरी छात्रों की बराबरी कर पाना मुश्किल होता है। जेईई परीक्षा में छात्रों को सिर्फ दो बार बैठने का मौका मिलता है। इससे सबसे ज्यादा नुकसान गरीब छात्रों को होता है। कुमार ने कहा कि

## 2011 के उम्मीदवार फिर परीक्षा में बैठ सकेंगे

नई दिल्ली। अगले साल होने वाली सिविल सेवा परीक्षा में उन सभी छात्रों को एक और मौका मिलेगा, जो 2011 की परीक्षा में बैठे थे। शुक्रवार को कार्मिक मंत्रालय ने अधिसूचना जारी कर दी। गौरतलब है कि कार्मिक राज्यमंत्री जितेंद्र सिंह ने 4 अगस्त को संसद में सीसैट प्रश्नपत्र से अंग्रेजी का हिस्सा हटाने की भी घोषणा की थी। अंग्रेजी के हिस्से को हटाने की अधिसूचना पूर्व में जारी कर दी गई थी।

करीब-करीब सभी परीक्षाओं में छात्रों को कम से कम तीन बार बैठने के मौके मिलते हैं। इसलिए, आईआईटी-जेईई में भी तीन मौके मिलने चाहिए। यदि इससे ज्यादा भी संभव हों तो मिलने चाहिए। इस पर ईरानी ने कहा कि यह मांग जायज है और वह इस मामले में जल्द कदम उठाएंगी।

कुमार ने इसके अलावा जेईई परीक्षा में छात्रों के लिए टॉप 20 पर्सेंटाइल के फार्मूले का भी विरोध किया है।



## Hindustan Times ND 23/08/2014 P-6

# MHRD cuts short Delhi University registrar's tenure

**NEW DELHI:** Alka Sharma, registrar of Delhi University who was deputed from the Ministry of Defence, will soon have to return to her parent department. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has issued a letter cancelling the extension to her deputation as registrar.

She joined the university as finance officer in 2006 and was elevated to the position of registrar in 2012.

She was granted extension as registrar till June 2015.

"The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal for cancelling the extended period of deputation and premature repatriation of Alka Sharma," an official memorandum issued by DoPT said.

Sharma has been under attack for her role in the controversial four year undergraduate programme (FYUP)

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## **IIT-B starts registrations for robotics competition**

<http://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report-iit-b-starts-registrations-for-robotics-competition-2012932>

The Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay started registrations for its annual robotics competition, e-Yantra. The competition is sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

"The idea behind this competition is to help students get a hands-on experience without having to pay a registration fee or money to buy a robot-kit," said Professor Kavi Arya, principal investigator of the e-Yantra project. "Last year we offered the winning and 1st runners-up teams an eight week internship at IIT and a five day workshop on "Innovation and Entrepreneurship" which was a great success. The students seriously started considering setting up their own entrepreneurial ventures rather than a good placement offer."

The theme this year is 'Urban Services' which will challenge students to develop indigenous solutions using robotics and engineering to address waste management, fire emergencies, etc.

Registrations began from 1st August and already over 800 teams (3200 students) from colleges across the country have already signed on. The last date to register for the event is 31st August.