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Take home copy of IIT-JEE answer sheet from 2012

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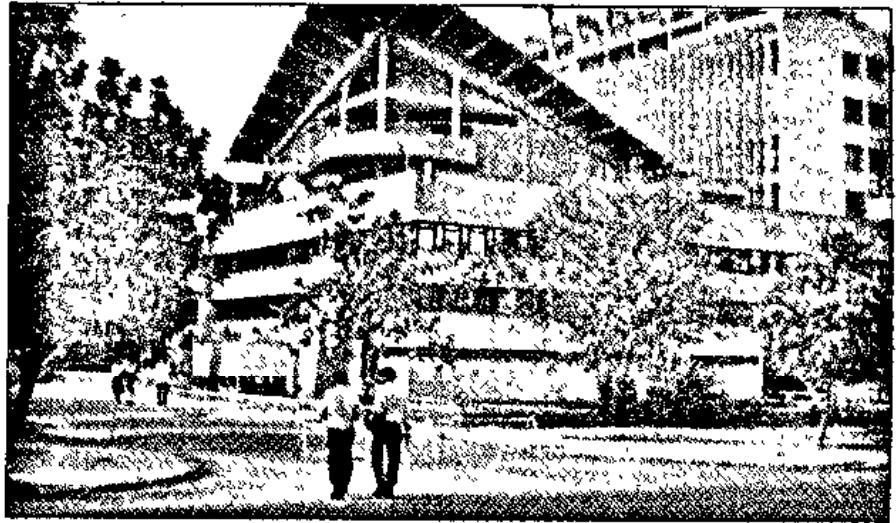
EXPRESS ARCHIVE

STUDENTS appearing for the Indian Institute of Technology Joint Entrance Exam (IITJEE) in 2012 will be allowed to take home a copy of their answer sheets on the day of the examination itself.

Also, all girls applying for the exam will be exempted from paying the application fee from next year, irrespective of category, sources in the top institute said.

Students are required to pay an application fee of Rs 1,800 for the general category and half of that for the reserved category. The darkening of bubbles on the ORS, done using HB pencils till now, will now be done with pens. However, there will be no changes in the pattern of the exam.

IIT Delhi will be conducting the IITJEE next year, for



IIT-Delhi to conduct exam, no application fee for girls

the fourth time since its inception. The date for the exam has been fixed for the April 8, 2012. The responsibility for conducting the exam is given to a different institute every year by the JAB. IIT Kanpur conducted the exam this year. Approximately 6 lakh students apply for the entrance exam every year and about 4.5 lakh students take the exam.

Currently, IIT uploads a

scanned copy of the applicants' Objective Response Sheets (ORS) on the website and also provides copies on request after the results are declared. But, from next year, a chemical-based carbon copy will be attached to the original ORS, which the students will be allowed to take away with them. The decision was taken at the Joint Admission Board (JAB) meeting of the IITs here on Friday.

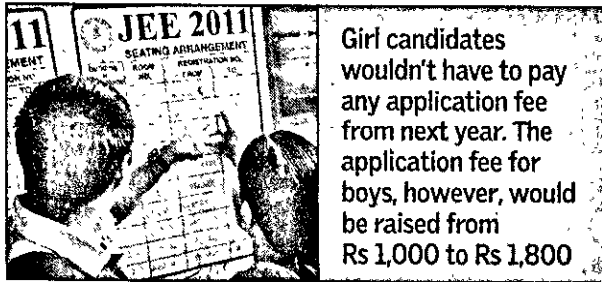
IIT entrance test fee waiver for girls

Aspirants Will Be Allowed To Carry Copy Of Response Sheet After The Exam

Akshaya Mukul | TNN

New Delhi: In a bid to encourage girls to appear in the IIT's prestigious joint entrance examination (JEE), girl candidates wouldn't have to pay any application fee from next year. The application fee for boys, however, would be raised from Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,800.

From 2012, applicants would also be allowed to carry a copy of optic response sheet on which answers are inscribed immediately after the examination. Also, answers can be circled by pen, instead of pencil as is being done now. These decisions were taken on Friday by the



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IIT joint admission board (JAB). Next year's JEE would be conducted by IIT-Delhi. IITs had initiated reforms in small measures from last year. For instance, answers were put out by the JAB before the results came out. However, it was done 35 days after the test. Also, the

scanned copies of optic response sheet of candidates were put on JAB website after the result. But errors, worth 30 marks, were also pointed out.

IITs could feel fresh heat for carrying out more reforms after the Supreme Court set aside a Delhi high

court order that dismissed a PIL by Rajeev Kumar of IIT-Kharagpur. HC had said Kumar does not have the locus standi to demand reforms in JEE. However, last week apex court judge G S Singhvi said, "The high court was not justified in non-suiting the appellant on the ground of lack of locus without even adverting to the averments made by him that he was a professor at IIT-Kharagpur, that his son and daughter had appeared in the Joint Entrance Examinations conducted in 2006 and 2010 respectively and that he was interested in ensuring that the Joint Entrance Examination is conducted in a transparent and

fair manner so that meritorious students may not suffer." The matter has since gone back to the Delhi HC.

In his PIL, Kumar had demanded that JAB should release model answers along with solutions immediately after the examination. He also wanted an investigation into the irregularities, tampering and fraud in the conduct of JEE and in granting admissions in IITs.

Kumar had also prayed for setting up of a committee of independent experts to prescribe a rational system for determination of subject cut-offs and for eliminating other discrepancies and irregularities.

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CAT for IIMs, IITs and IISc

JMET used previously by IITs and IISc will be discontinued

Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI: The Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and the Indian Institutes of Science (IISc) on Friday announced that they would use common admission test (CAT-2011) as part of the student selection process of their Masters in Business Administration (MBA) and Masters in Management programmes from the academic year 2012-13.

Those having taken this decision are the Indian Institutes of Technology at Bombay, Delhi, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras and Roorkee, and the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

The Joint Management Entrance Test (JMET) previously used for admission by

• **A study reveals JMET is not too dissimilar from CAT**

• **'Move will minimise test preparation and financial burden on candidates'**

the IITs and the IISc will be discontinued. A recent review revealed that the relatively young JMET is not too dissimilar from CAT, and that the effort to organise JMET each year seemed enormous in relation to the approximately 40,000 candidates who took the test each year.

"The intersection of candidates who take both CAT and JMET in a single year is quite large. The decision to use CAT for admission into the IITs and IISc will minimise the test preparation

and financial burden on candidates," said Professor L.S. Ganesh, former head of the department of the Management Department, IIT Madras. "CAT is an ideal fit for IITs as it is a well evolved, established, standardised and widely accepted entrance exam for admission into PG programmes in Management in India. It is also conceived and developed by the IIMs, which serve as the benchmark for Management education in our country and are highly regarded national institu-

tions like the IITs," he added.

Welcoming this move, Professor Janakiraman Moorthy, CAT 2011 convener, said: "This is a major initiative that brings two premier higher education systems together. We anticipate that this will result in closer tie-ups and collaborative research work that will provide both sets of institutions a competitive edge in the long run."

20-day window

CAT 2011 will be held over a 20-day window from 22 October to 18 November 2011 across 36 cities. Online registration, opened on 17 August, will be available until 28 September 2011. Pro-metric, a provider of market-leading test develop-

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REFASHIONED IITS

Recommendations call for reflection

THE IIT council is scheduled to take a call on 14 September on the Ramasami committee's report on reforms. Not that these premier centres of excellence are targeting a reformation; but should the panel's recommendations be accepted without modification, this could lead to a dramatic change in the functioning of IITs as indeed other technological colleges. Chief among the suggestions is a single admission test that will take care of entry to IITs and the state-level institutions. On the face of it, this is a theoretically sound concept. The admission tests are at present conducted by the IITs, state-level boards and the AICTE. A single exam will ensure uniformity in evaluation. There are merits and demerits of both systems, however. Standards of school-leaving exams — ISC, CBSE and state Higher Secondary councils — vary from state to state. And the varying syllabi may militate against a common all-India evaluation. The recommendation calls for reflection; in the interests of the students, it would be unfair to rush to a decision.

The Ramasami committee's suggestion on tenure-based faculties deserves unqualified support. It is somewhat similar to the system that obtains in campuses in America, and is embedded in the concept of perform or perish. The system will ensure regularity and quality of classroom lectures, a casualty of higher education at least in West Bengal. Small wonder that two years ago, the UGC had stipulated a minimum number of lectures to justify the enormously hiked pay-band. If the entry of students is to be regulated, the performance of the faculties ought also to be subject to evaluation.

Yet another suggestion relates to the fee structure. It would be an under-statement to call the proposed hike exorbitant. The committee has recommended Rs 2 lakh a year for IITs, up from the present Rs 50,000. In terms of fees, the IITs will rank next to the IIMs. Even allowing for the proposed subsidy for weaker sections, this will severely compromise those who aren't poor enough to be called 'weaker' but not rich enough to afford Rs 2 lakh a year. Unlike the IIMs, the under-graduate course in IITs is meant for those straight out of school. It would be less than fair to charge the students at the rate of the post-graduate B-schools. To cite lucrative offers at the end of the B Tech course is to proceed from conclusion to premise. It will only encourage loan *melas* in banks.

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IIT-JEE FORMAT TO BE CHANGED

NEW DELHI: Here's some news for students planning to appear for the IIT-JEE in 2012. The format of the exam is all set to change with two papers being held on the same day. April 8 has been decided as the tentative date of the exam. The IITs are also attempting to provide a copy of the Optical Response Sheet (ORS) to students, which they can take home after the exam. A copy of the ORS with answers will also be put up on the IIT website after the exam.

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IIT-I is running on 2 campuses, blame it on to space crunch

● **ATUL GAUTAM**
Indore

THE Indian Institute of Technology, Indore that is operating out of a portion in Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) has moved second and third year batches to Pithampur Auto Cluster Ltd building as it becomes impossible for the elite institute to run all its classes from the limited space in the present campus.

"We do not have enough space to run all our activities from IET, so we requested PACL for land. The PACL provided some built-up area, so we moved our second year and other batches there," said an IIT Indore official. "Now, we have two campuses— one in IET and another in PACL."

A year after its inspection in 2009, the IIT-I had started facing space problems. It looked upon the IET for more space but the latter expressed its inability to comply the demand.

To this, IIT-I director Dr Pradeep Mathur thought to

construct some classrooms on the land meant for the institute at Simrol.

But to his bad luck, the proposed site contained 198 acres of forestland. The Union Ministry of Environment and Forest declined to give forestland to the institute. When the bad news came, the IIT Indore seemed to be standing in no man's land, but the DAVV came to its rescue and gave more space at the IET.

Temporarily the problem was solved but it again grew as new students continued to come to the IIT.

Understanding the plight of the IIT Indore, the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests agreed to give away its forestland for the institute campus.

But until, the IIT campus would come up at Simrol, it requires a larger space to run its academic activities as students have increased. The space allotted at the IET was inadequate so it looked to PACL that responded to its call.

IIT-I is the only IIT in the country which is functioning from two campuses.

JEE panel says no to Acharya committee views

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

The meeting of the Joint Entrance Reforms Committee of T Ramaswami in IIT-Delhi, with statistical experts from ISI Kolkata on Friday agreed to the controversial decision on giving the carbon copy of the optical response sheets to the candidates, thereby enabling him to verify the answers and lending transparency to the examination procedure.

According to the sources, this could be made possible after a PIL filed by Rajeev Kumar, whistle-blower professor of computer science from IIT Kharagpur for comprehensive

reforms and conduction of JEE with transparency and accountability to minimise bungs. He was later suspended for allegedly defaming the institute. The PIL filed in Delhi High

tion, the JEE committee trashed the proposals by Acharya Committee, arguing that 12th standard marks cannot be effectively be normalised.

According to sources, the

tests for IIT, was also discarded on the grounds that it will lead to "add-on tests race" among many others, leading to multiplicity of examinations. Further, add-on is sub-

report had suggested that the entry of students to technical institutions on the basis of their combined score of Class XII (70 per cent weightage) and the National Aptitude Test. For entry to IITs, the panel, despite stiff resistance from HRD Ministry had suggested an add-on subjective test.

A major objection to the Acharya panel report pertained to normalisation of Class XII marks across different State boards which have their own exams and evaluation. This was later replaced by a fresh panel under Secretary, Science and Technology T Ramasami to suggest more acceptable mechanisms in this regard.

MEET AGREES TO THE CONTROVERSIAL DECISION ON GIVING THE CARBON COPY OF THE OPTICAL RESPONSE SHEETS TO THE CANDIDATES

Court, had earlier been quashed on the plea that it had no *locus standi*. But the Supreme Court pointing out that the High Court had gravely erred in doing so remitted it back for disposal of the petition on merit.

In another important deci-

meeting pointed out that marks scored across the board cannot be compared, thereby discarding normalisation as well as any percentile-based scheme, on the basis of ranking in these examinations.

The concept of add-on-

jective (long question answer); subjective evaluation is error-prone and open to manipulation. Such an evaluation cannot scale to increasing number of aspirants.

The Acharya panel set up in February 2009 in its interim

IIMs to award special marks to girls and non-engineering students seeking admission

Diversity can breed creativity

There's nothing wrong with the decision of the six new IIMs, as well as the ones in Lucknow and Kozhikode, to award special marks for admission to women and non-engineering students. The rationale behind it is plausible and individual educational institutions should be allowed to make experiments in affirmative action of this sort, as long as they don't flow from government diktat. The IIMs in question feel that their admission process is skewed towards male engineering graduates, when greater diversity in the classroom would make for more academic creativity. Promoting women and non-engineering students with bonus points can inject much-needed diversity in classrooms.

The Common Admission Test (CAT) used to screen IIM aspirants is quite formulaic. True, given the massive number of applicants, it is practical to have a nation-wide common entrance exam as the first filter. However, the character of the CAT exam provides an edge to engineering students, a majority of whom are male. As a result, the thinking pattern of IIM students differs little. Giving girls and those from non-engineer-

ing backgrounds bonus points can offset the monotony and lead to vibrant classrooms. This is not unlike the affirmative action policy in US universities, where admission criteria for certain candidates are relaxed taking into account the extra edge that diverse backgrounds can bring in.

As long as affirmative action is the discretion of the institutes concerned,

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not a government mandated rule, meritocracy won't be diluted. Educational institutes know what is best for them and deserve far greater autonomy over admissions. Besides, there is no rule that says engineers make better management graduates. Cross-discipline studies and interactions need encouraging to foster lateral thinking. Some giants of business, such as Steve Jobs or Richard Branson, owe their success to their ability to think out of the box. That's something the IIMs should strive for.

Standards will be sacrificed

Six new IIMs as well as the institutes in Lucknow and Kozhikode have decided to grant special marks for admission to girls and non-engineers. This is unfortunate in the extreme. If anything, the move comes suspiciously close to the policy of reservation - call it quota in a disguised form. While some may argue that



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there's a need to address the skewed gender balance at IIMs and to garner a diverse pool of talent, particularly from non-engineering streams, this shouldn't be done through a policy of giving 'grace' marks. That'll accord unfair advantage to the targeted beneficiaries, many of whom may be non-deserving candidates.

Such a method is certainly not the way forward. For, if the aim is to engender diversity in the classroom, this policy won't serve the purpose. All it will do is adversely

affect academic standards as many deserving students may be deprived of a fair chance to compete on an equal footing. Our IIMs and IITs have created a reputation for promoting meritocracy. A seat in an IIM is coveted and fiercely contested by lakhs of MBA aspirants. So, the IIMs can't suddenly blink at the need to attract the best and the brightest. To make academic curricula more diverse and courses less linear, they can instead remould selection criteria which, at present, are tailor-made for engineering, economics and commerce graduates.

That will call for devising a selection procedure that goes beyond just assessing a candidate's mathematical, logical and verbal abilities. The IIMs can take the cue from American universities which appraise the overall suitability of applicants, irrespective of gender. They look at a student's statement of purpose as well as analytical skills, not just GMAT scores. This automatically allows them to admit a diverse range of students without favouring any group over others. There's no reason why our management institutes can't emulate this practice.

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IIT-made satellite to be launched by Sept-Oct

Srinivas Laxman | TNN

Mumbai: India's first IIT-made satellite is set to blast off by next month or October from Sriharikota. The 3-kg Jugnu is designed and developed by the students and staff of IIT Kanpur. Its development began in 2008.

The small satellite will piggyback with two other nano satellites – 10-kg SRMSat built by students and teachers of SRM University, Chennai, and another from Luxembourg – on the 500-kg Indo-French Megha Tropiques satellite that will undertake atmospheric studies.

The highly proven four-stage

Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) rocket will carry these satellites. "It promises to be historic mission because it will be the first time a satellite built by IIT students and staff will be launched," said an Isro official.

The images transmitted by Jugnu will help in studying vegetation and water bodies. It will operate at an altitude between 500 and 850 km in the sun synchronous orbit.

The primary mission role of SRMSat will be to study greenhouse gases. This will be the second Chennai-made satellite to be launched. The first one, Anusat, was launched in April 2009.

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AIIMS cancels entrance results after TOI report

Durgesh Nandan Jha | TNN

New Delhi: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has cancelled results of the written exam conducted on August 7, just hours after TOI reported the 'paper leak' in the entrance exam for recruitment of ophthalmic technicians. Interviews that were scheduled for August 26 have also been cancelled. Officials said the applicants will be re-issued admit cards and allotted a new examination date.

"We are inquiring into allegations and action will be taken against the guilty officials," said Dr R C Deka, AIIMS director. He did not divulge names of officials who are being probed.

Eight candidates, who appeared for the examination, had written to the director on

Wednesday alleging that many applicants were aware of the questions and had prepared accordingly. Sources said 110 applicants took the exam for eight posts of which 44 were selected

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and called for an interview. "We have been told that exams will be conducted again," said Prashant Kumar Jaiswal, one of the candidates selected in the exam. The Progressive Medicos and Scientific Forum, a group of AIIMS doctors, said in the last 10 years there have been

six instances where institute examinations came under the scanner of investigating agencies, including CBI, for irregularities. Two months ago, CBI registered a case pertaining to manipulation and rigging of AIIMS entrance exam, held on May 8. Six persons had been arrested. During investigation, it was found that those involved in the question paper leak had also manipulated various entrance exams conducted by AIIMS since January 2010.

"The institute has failed to set up an effective mechanism to check irregularities in exams. Those responsible must be brought to book. Just rescheduling the exams won't help as it is a matter of the sanctity of the examination system of the premier institute," said a doctor.

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CAT and mouse tension rattles students in Gujarat

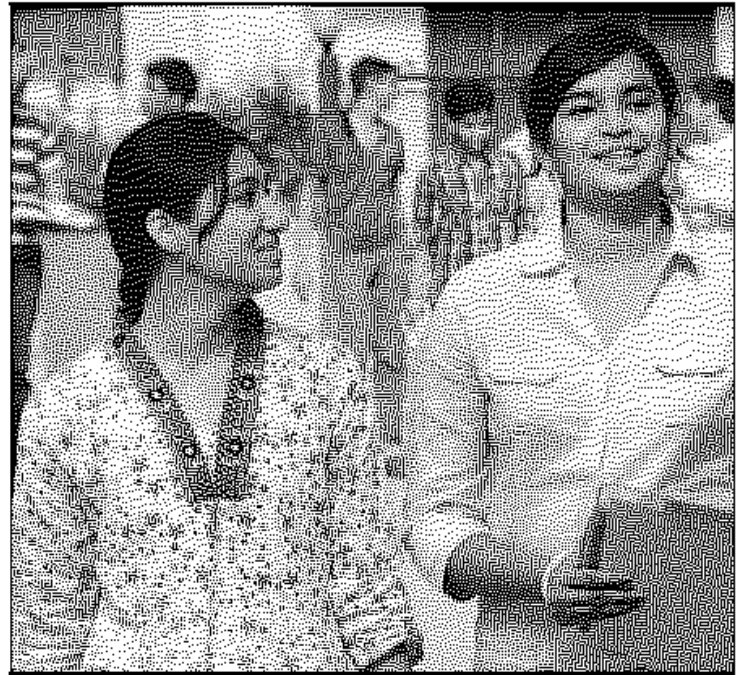
Test Seats Get Full, Candidate Capacity Increased Later

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: Common Admission Test (CAT) candidates in Gujarat were racked by anxiety on Thursday as the registration website failed to offer them time slots for the test in the state. Students feared that they would have to travel all the way to centres like Mumbai. However, the problem was resolved by evening as CAT authorities increased the candidate capacity.

“I was very upset because the registration for the test had begun hardly ten days ago” said Archana Tulsani a student from the city. “So I had to choose Mumbai as my test centre. But in the evening, I learnt that the problem had been solved and I rushed to change my test centre to Ahmedabad.”

A faculty of IIM-Calcutta and convener of CAT 2011, Janakiraman Moorthy, said: “We got to know of the problem in the morning and we immediately started solv-



ing it.” He said the number of seats was limited and had become full. “We have increased the capacity and there will be no problems now,” he said, but refused to reveal any numbers.

While there were three test centres for CAT in the state until last year, there is only one this year, at L J Institute of Management. Around 7,000 students appeared in CAT last year in Gujarat. There were many candidates from Jaipur, Indore and Udaipur taking the test in Ahmedabad.

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Nasa's moon mission begins Sept:

Nasa's discovery mission programme - GRAIL - is making final launch preparations for its Sept 8 launch from Cape Canaveral.

Air Force Station in Florida, the space agency announced. The spacecraft are

targeted for a mission to the moon. [More](#)

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China braces to launch unmanned space lab

China is gearing up to launch its first space lab which officials say is a prelude to a multiphase construction programme aimed at building a large space station around 2020. The Tiangong-1 (Heavenly Palace-1) unmanned space lab prototype is scheduled to blast off in early September as a test-bed for experiments related to space rendezvous. According to the China National Space Administration, Tiangong-1 is an eight-ton-class space lab prototype with a cylinder-shaped body and two docking ports on its ends.

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No quotas for higher studies, please



P.V.INDIRESAN

VISION 2020

In its latest order, the Supreme Court has made a distinction between eligibility and qualifying criterion for the admission of OBC students. Eligibility is taken as the minimum marks to be obtained in the qualifying examination for a person to be eligible for admission, whereas qualifying marks relate to those obtained by the last candidate of the general category, who was admitted. Choice of the eligible mark is arbitrary; the qualifying mark is a fact.

UNABLE TO SURVIVE

Invariably, the eligibility criterion is lower than the qualifying marks. In its wisdom, the Supreme Court has said that in admitting students from the OBC category, only the eligibility criterion is valid and not the qualify-

This is 310th in the Vision 2020 series. The last article appeared on August 13.

ing marks. I wonder what the IITs should do — they have no eligibility criterion and depend only on the marks obtained in the Joint Entrance Examination.

The IITs have had a long history of admitting SC/ST students. In 1971, the Indian government introduced reservation of 22.5 per cent for the SCs and STs in admission to the IITs. It was done hurriedly and without preparation.

Reportedly, there was a case in one of the IITs, where a student was admitted with zero marks in all four subjects of the entrance examination. While the other SC/ST students had realised they had performed badly and opted out of the later examinations, this particular candidate had entered all four

Reservation at the university level is not the correct solution to the backwardness of communities. This is borne out by their poor performance. Instead, seats should be reserved at the primary school level.



With good early education, students should be able to compete on equal terms, without any need for special privileges.

exams, and as it happened, there were not enough students to fill the quota, and so he too was admitted.

At this stage, I became the Dean in IIT Delhi, in charge of undergraduate courses. Realising what a travesty of justice it would be if such poor quality students were allowed to continue for five years or even more without any prospect of getting a degree, I introduced minimum performance for continuing in IIT. At the end of the year, of the 53 SC/ST students admitted, admission for 47 of them was terminated. In fact, one of them wrote me a letter of thanks for saving his career.

Professor Nurul Hasan, the then Minister for Education, called me for an explanation. I told him that every student had written two sets of internal tests, two semester examinations and also a supplementary examination. On each occasion I

had sent letters to the student and to the parents, expressing my concern at the poor performance and fears that if they continued in the IIT, their future would be ruined.

The Minister was impressed but still concerned. He went through the list of students who had been terminated and found one Ashok Chaturvedi there. *Ye kaisa aa gaya* (how did he come in here?) he asked. I explained that the IITs give automatic admission to the top 10 students from each school board and that he was one of them. He looked at me and then asked *aap kya lenge — chai or coffee?* (What will you have, tea or coffee?) That was that.

MINIMUM PERFORMANCE

In a subsequent meeting, I suggested that no SC or ST student should be admitted without securing a minimum of two-thirds of the marks

listed for admission for the general candidates to the IITs and to the BHU.

That did not help because not enough candidates qualified. Mr Shankaranand, himself an SC, had become Minister for Education and, at first, he objected to the suggestion made by the Additional Secretary, Professor Jha, to reduce the qualifying marks further, by saying that it would bring a bad name to the community. In the end, he yielded.

Nowadays, the cut-off is 50 per cent. Unfortunately, sympathy and charity have not helped. Even after 40 years of reservation, SC/ST candidates do not seem to be doing well in the IITs. In IIT Delhi, general category students passed out with an average Grade Point Average of 7.5, whereas the SC/STs had an average of around 5-6. By IIT standards that is low, very low.

EARLIER RESERVATION

In the light of this record of nearly 40 years, I conclude:

Reservation at the IIT level has not helped SC/T candidates.

It is **inconceivable** that a community that produced an Ambedkar cannot produce a few hundred students each year to perform well in the IITs.

Therefore, the system used by the IITs does not attract the best students from the SC/ST communities. SC/ST candidates look for a career in government establishments, which only reserve posts for their community but do not show any preference to IIT graduates.

Hence, it appears that good quality SC/ST candidates voluntarily prefer to study in institutions other than the IITs, where the competition is less severe and admission is easier. Thus, it appears highly probable that the IITs are not attracting the best students from these communities.

I go further and suggest that reservation at the university level is not the correct solution to the backwardness of communities. Instead, reservation should be given at the earliest stage — say at the end of the first standard, or at the most, the fifth standard.

I suggest that in each district, a hundred or two hundred best students be selected at this low level and sent — with adequate scholarships — to the schools from where the IITs and other such institutions get their regular students. With such good education, the SC/ST students should be able to compete, on equal terms, perhaps, without any need for special privileges.

Selected students may even be below the poverty line (BPL) — they will mostly be SC/STs — but will definitely not bear the stigma of caste. The “SC Brahmins” — who want to preserve their hegemony rather than truly help the underprivileged — are likely to object. But then, there is the Supreme Court; but that is another story.

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Best-selling speaker

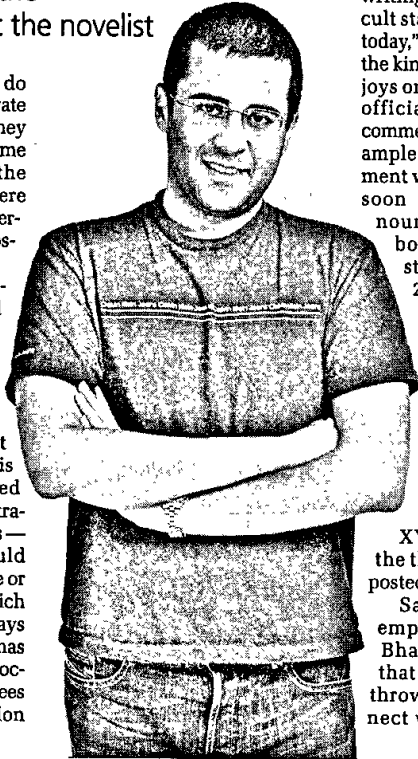
Aabhas Sharma finds that Chetan Bhagat the motivational speaker is as popular as Bhagat the novelist

Chetan Bhagat's books have sold in millions, and his new book, *Revolution 2020*, is eagerly anticipated by his readers. Critics may turn up their nose, but his novels strike a chord with the young and the restless. He is also gaining traction as a commentator, on television as well as print, on current issues. The third hat he wears is of a motivational speaker. He has been invited by corporations like Bharti, Citibank, HCL and many others to give a pep talk to their employees.

In a Q&A published on his site, Bhagat explains how motivational talks came about: "The motivational talks, I admit, happened by accident. I gave a speech titled Sparks at Symbiosis College, and the text of it became viral. Soon, I started getting invitations and hence the new avatar came about." He goes on to add what differentiates him from others (like Shiv Khhera and Kapil Dev): "I keep my talks

light, personal and honest. I do not consciously try and motivate people, but many have said they feel inspired when they hear me talk live. I am thankful for the gift God has given me, for there are few things in life as wonderful as touching people in a positive manner."

Susan Visvanathan, professor of sociology at Jawaharlal Nehru University, says what works in Bhagat's favour is his huge success as a writer. "The readers probably see him as an inspiration and want to know what made it work for him," she says. In his Sparks speech, Bhagat talked about disappointments, frustrations, isolation and unfairness — something all students would have encountered at one time or the other. "It's the context which strikes a chord with many," says the HR head of a bank which has invited Bhagat on a couple of occasions. "Some of our employees who didn't have a great opinion



of his books did feel uncomfortable about the idea, but overall he was a hit amongst them."

"You can have a negative opinion about his books and writing but the fact is he enjoys cult status among the youth of today," says Visvanathan. To see the kind of following Bhagat enjoys one just needs to go to his official website and see the comments people leave. One example of it is this comment which was made soon after he announced that his book will hit the stands in October 2011. "Hello Chetan bhai.. I really excited about your upcoming book..."

Revolution 2020 Its Sounds really good... Can't Wait for October. Please Issue it soon na... I m dying To read (sic) that book... Love and regards, XYX." This is just one of the thousands of comments posted on his site.

Sanket Srivastava, a TCS employee, attended one of Bhagat's sessions and says that as a speaker he is witty, throws in quotes which connect with the audience and

comes across as "one of us". "We all felt that here is this intelligent IIT and IIM graduate, an investment banker, and yet he made a career out of something he loved." Add quotes like "the world's most sensible person and the biggest idiot both stay within us; the worst part is, you can't even tell who is who", and you can see why the audience loves him.

It is this which clicks with the audience and separates him from the other best-selling authors like Amitav Ghosh and Shobhaa De. Bhagat also markets himself well as far as motivational

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'I keep my talks light, personal and honest'

talks are concerned. There's a separate section on his website that contains details on how to invite him and what he brings to the table if you invite him as a speaker. While other authors may enjoy critical acclaim, it's Bhagat who is India's cult fiction writer. Small surprise then, that people are eagerly waiting for his new book and companies and educational institutes are making a beeline to invite him to lift the morale of their employees.

आईआईटी से आईआईएम तक छात्रों को राहत

नई दिल्ली | मैनेजमेंट की पढ़ाई हो या फिर इंजीनियरिंग की वर्ष 2012 सत्र में आईआईएम व आईआईटी में दाखिले के लिए जाने वाली छात्राओं को अब छात्रों के मुकाबले बड़ी राहत मिलने जा रही है। आईआईटी ने जहां आगामी 8 अप्रैल 2012 को आयोजित होने वाले आईआईटी ज्वॉइंट एंट्रेंस एग्जाम के लिए छात्राओं से आवेदन शुल्क न वसूलने का फैसला किया है, वहीं आईआईएम लखनऊ, रोहतक व रायपुर ने छात्राओं को अंकों के मोर्च पर बड़ी राहत देने का निर्णय लिया है।

दिल्ली आईआईटी के निदेशक प्रो. सरेन्द्र प्रसाद व कानपुर आईआईटी के निदेशक प्रो. संजय गोविंद धांडे ने बताया कि इस बार प्रवेश परीक्षा में पेसिल की बजाए बॉल पेन का इस्तेमाल करना होगा। इसके अलावा, ओबीसी कोटे को लागू किए जाने के मुद्दे पर उनका कहना था कि इस दिशा में प्रयास जारी है, लेकिन अभी कोई अंतिम निर्णय नहीं हो सका है। उन्होंने

कहा कि मौजूदा स्थिति पर नजर डालें तो यहां ओबीसी उम्मीदवारों की मौजूदगी को लेकर कोई परेशानी नहीं है। आगामी 8 अप्रैल, 2012 को आयोजित की जा रही आईआईटी की प्रवेश परीक्षा के लिए इस बार आवेदक ऑनलाइन व ऑफलाइन दोनों ही माध्यमों से आवेदन कर सकते हैं, जिसके लिए लगभग 16 से 18 सौ का भुगतान करना होगा। हालांकि, छात्राओं से आवेदन शुल्क नहीं वसूला जाएगा। आईआईएम ने भी अपने यहां छात्राओं को अंकों के मोर्चे पर राहत दी है। आईआईएम लखनऊ ने जहां उन्हें पांच अंकों की राहत दी है, वहीं आईआईएम रोहतक ने 20 अंकों की छूट देने का निर्णय किया है। इसी कड़ी में आईआईएम रायपुर ने अपने यहां छात्राओं को 30 अंकों की राहत देने का निर्णय किया है। उदाहरण के तौर पर यदि आईआईएम लखनऊ में दाखिले के लिए पहुंची छात्रा को प्रवेश परीक्षा में 20 अंक मिले तो उन्हें 25 अंकों के बराबर माना जाएगा।

इंजीनियरिंग की पढ़ाई के प्रति रुझान पैदा करने के लिए छात्रों को मिलेगा मुफ्त प्रवेश फार्म

बेटियों के लिए आईआईटी की अनोखी पहल

नई दिल्ली | प्रमुख संवाददाता

आधी आबादी का डंका हर क्षेत्र में बज रहा। ऐसे में भला इंजीनियरिंग और मैनेजमेंट कैसे पीछे रह सकते हैं। आईआईटी और आईआईएम जैसे देश के अग्रणी शिक्षण संस्थान ज्यादा से ज्यादा संख्या में छात्रों को अपनी ओर आकर्षित करने के लिए नई पहल कर रहे हैं। इंजीनियरिंग की पढ़ाई के प्रति छात्रों में रुझान पैदा करने के लिए भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईटी) ने छात्रों को मुफ्त में आवेदन-पत्र देने की

ठानी है। वहीं भारतीय प्रबंधन संस्थान (आईआईएम) दाखिले में इन्हें विशेष रियायत दे रहा।

आईआईटी-जेईई का फॉर्म यू तो इस बार से महंगा कर दिया गया है। लेकिन छात्रों को यह अब मुफ्त में मिलेगा। वर्ष-2012 में होनेवाली प्रवेश परीक्षा से यह व्यवस्था लागू होगी। आईआईटी, दिल्ली के निदेशक प्रो. सुरेंद्र प्रसाद ने बताया कि अधिक से अधिक लड़कियां परीक्षा में आवेदन कर सकें, इसी सोच के साथ यह कदम उठाया गया है। उन्होंने बताया कि आईआईटी जेईई की



परीक्षा आठ अप्रैल, 2012 को आयोजित की जाएगी। परीक्षा के फॉर्मेट में किसी तरह का बदलाव

नहीं किया गया है। सिर्फ छात्रों को ओआरएस शीट को पेन से भरना होगा। आवेदन-पत्र इस बार काउंटर

आईआईटी परीक्षा में 2011 में बेटे उम्मीदवार **468280**

सफल हुए उम्मीदवार **13196**

लड़कियों ने भरा फॉर्म **108653**

इतनी हुई पास **1443**

लड़कियों का पास प्रतिशत **11**

आठ अप्रैल, 2012 को होगी आईआईटी जेईई की परीक्षा

से खरीदने पर 1800 रुपये का मिलेगा जबकि पिछले वर्ष यह एक हजार रुपये का था।

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छात्रों को नहीं देना होगा आवेदन शुल्क

आईआईटी ज्वाइंट एंट्रेंस परीक्षा आठ अप्रैल को करने का फैसला

● अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। मैनेजमेंट के लिए आईआईएम और इंजीनियरिंग के लिए आईआईटी में वर्ष 2012 में दाखिला लेने वाले छात्रों को तोहफा मिलने जा रहा है। आईआईटी ने आगामी आठ अप्रैल 2012 को होने वाली आईआईटी ज्वाइंट एंट्रेंस परीक्षा में छात्रों से आवेदन शुल्क न लेने का फैसला

किया है। वहीं आईआईएम लखनऊ, रोहतक और रायपुर छात्रों को अंकों में राहत देने जा रहे हैं।

इंजीनियरिंग में दाखिले के लिए प्रवेश परीक्षा की तिथि की घोषणा करते हुए दिल्ली आईआईटी के निदेशक प्रो. सुरेंद्र प्रसाद व कानपुर आईआईटी के निदेशक प्रो. संजय गोविंद धांडे ने बताया कि इस बार परीक्षा आठ अप्रैल को होगी। इस परीक्षा में पेंसिल की

● एंट्रेंस में पेंसिल की जगह-पेन का होगा इस्तेमाल

● आईआईएम ने छात्रों को दी अंकों में रियायत

बजाए बॉल पेन का इस्तेमाल छात्रों को करना होगा। ओबीसी कोटे के संबंध में कहा गया कि प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं फिलहाल कोई निर्णय नहीं हो पाया है। प्रवेश परीक्षा में इस बार ऑफलाइन व ऑनलाइन

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पांच अंकों में राहत देने जा रहे हैं। आईआईएम रोहतक 20 अंकों की राहत व आईआईएम रायपुर अपने यहां छात्रों को 30 अंकों की राहत देने जा रहा है। मसलन यदि आईआईएम लखनऊ में किसी छात्र को प्रवेश परीक्षा में 20 अंक प्राप्त होंगे तो उन्हें 25 अंक के समान समझा जाएगा। यह छात्रों के लिए एक तरह से स्पेशल अंकों के समान होगा।

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IIT ALUMNUS ANNA'S ARDENT FAN

An alumnus of IIT Roorkee, who left his job with a multinational company and dedicated his life to the service of the nation, came to support Anna's movement. An ardent supporter of Anna, he has been following Anna since his dharna at Jantar Mantar in April.



Three men from Usmanpur enacted an act of hanging of eminent freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev. Puran Saini was dressed as Bhagat Singh, Ram Kumar Gujjar as Sukhdev and Ravi Kumar as Rajguru.

Vikash Lata | Pioneer

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छात्रों ने अन्ना को कहा 'मैनेजमेंट गुरु'



रामलीला मैदान में बच्चे के साथ पहुंची महिला।

मनोज कुमार

नई दिल्ली, जागरण संवाददाता : 'हम लोगों को एमबीए के दौरान पढ़ाया जाता है कि किस प्रकार उच्च पद पर रहते हुए अधिक से अधिक लोगों को अपनी ओर आकर्षित करना है। उन्हें अपनी कंपनी और अपनी बातों का कायल बनाना है। एमबीए (एचआर) में इस पर पाठ्यक्रम भी है, जिसका

नाम है प्लानिंग मैनेजमेंट और गोल एंड ऑब्जेक्ट। अन्ना के प्रति लोगों, खास कर युवाओं का आकर्षण देखते हुए अन्ना की चुंबकीय शक्ति पर एमबीए में पढ़ाई होनी चाहिए'। यह कहना है कि देश के कई नामी मैनेजमेंट संस्थाओं से एमबीए कर रहे छात्रों का। वे अन्ना हजारों के

◆ कई बड़े मैनेजमेंट संस्थाओं के छात्र भी आए अन्ना समर्थन में

भ्रष्टाचार विरोधी मुहिम को बल देने, रामलीला मैदान पहुंचे थे। डीयू की फैकल्टी ऑफ मैनेजमेंट के छात्र सौरभ सिंह, इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ प्लानिंग एंड मैनेजमेंट (आइआईपीएम) के एमबीए के छात्र सूरज सेठ, आलोक पांडेय, जिनिया वदेरा, स्तुति माथुर, दीपाली शर्मा, सुधांशु और सरोजीत ने बताया कि हम 74 वर्षीय अन्ना के पीछे युवाओं की भीड़ देख कर उनके कायल हो गए हैं।

उनमें एक अजीब सी चुंबकीय शक्ति है जो युवाओं के अलावा महिला-पुरुषों, बुजुर्गों के अलावा छोटे-छोटे बच्चों को भी अपना दीवाना बना दिया है। अन्ना ने भ्रष्टाचार के विरुद्ध जो अभियान शुरू किया है, उसका इंतजार युवाओं को सालों से था। बस नहीं था तो केवल मार्गदर्शन जो अब अन्ना से मिल रहा है। केंद्र सरकार अगर अन्ना की बात नहीं मानती है तो इसका खामियाजा उन्हें चुनाव में भुगतना पड़ेगा।