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Test of advanced version of Agni-II fails

New Delhi: In another jolt to India's strategic missile programme, the test-firing of an advanced version of Agni-II failed on Friday with the nuclear-capable weapon system veering off course and plunging into the sea off the Orissa coast.

The Agni-II-plus missile, designed to have strike range of around 2,500 km, did achieve lift-off from a road mobile launcher at the Integrated Test Range in Wheeler Island around 10 am but deviated from its planned trajectory within 30 seconds.

"The experimental launch of Agni-II-P experienced a trajectory deviation immediately after the lift-off, leading to the failure of the mission. Detailed analysis is in progress (to ascertain the reason behind the failure)," said a defence ministry official.

"Many new technologies like composite rocket motor, indigenous ring laser gyro-based navigation system and road mobile launch were being tested in this mission. Many of these new technologies have been proved," he added. The fact, however, remains the Agni family of missiles, which constitute the land leg of India's quest for a fully-operational nuclear-weapon triad, have been dogged by repeated glitches over the years. **TNN**

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Indian IT delegation in Pak for 4-day visit

Abid Hussain

Karachi: A 9-member delegation of Indian IT CEOs arrived here on Thursday as part of the Aman Ki Asha peace initiative jointly launched by the Jang Group and The Times of India. The delegation is headed by Ganesh Natarajan, chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) National Committee on IT & ITeS and CEO Zensar Technologies.

Speaking to The News, Natarajan expressed immense delight at being presented with an opportunity to visit Pakistan. "This is my first-ever visit here and it is something that I have been

looking forward to for a while. The people here are more hospitable than I ever imagined them to be," he



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said. Expanding on the trip, the head of the Indian delegation said there was a tremendous opportunity to conduct business with Pakistan as there was a lot of

potential in the IT industry. He said, "There is a lot of scope of growth for Pakistani IT organisations and it will be beneficial for both countries to facilitate joint collaboration which will only help in enhancing their businesses."

Natarajan outlined plans for future by saying that Indian IT industry foresaw \$175 billion exports by 2020. "I understand there are impediments but the potential we see is massive. We have set our sights upon achieving that target with the aid of collaborating with other countries of the region with at least \$5 billion of exports from Pakistan," he said.

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Scientists develop world's tiniest battery

Scientists led by Sandia National Laboratories researcher Jianyu Huang have created the world's tiniest battery. Its anode a single nanowire one seven-thousandth the thickness of a human hair, the tiny rechargeable, lithium-based battery was formed inside a transmission electron microscope (TEM) at the Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies (CINT), a Department of Energy research facility jointly operated by Sandia and Los Alamos national laboratories. The tiny battery created by Huang and co-workers consists of a single tin oxide nanowire anode 100 nanometers in diameter and 10 micrometers long, a bulk lithium cobalt oxide cathode three millimeters long, and an ionic liquid electrolyte.

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Want to hear a joke? This comp will tell you one

London: Stand-up comedians beware: The 'joking computer' is here — a computer program that creates pun-based gags created at the University of Aberdeen in Britain and is sure to give you a run for your money.

Debenhams, the department store, has commissioned the computer science department at the university to come up with jokes for next year's crackers.

The computer program can tell awfully terrible jokes like "What kind of tree is nauseated? A sick-amore."

The software, which is known as The Joking Computer, has the capacity to build millions of jokes using a large dictionary of words and simple language rules. "The riddle-style funnies the new software creates are ideal for Christmas crackers, and we hope to work with the University of Aberdeen to include them in ours in the future," said Debenhams spokesman, Ed Watson. ANI

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India may go 8km underground to predict quakes

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NEW DELHI

In what could rank among India's most ambitious attempts to bolster its earthquake prediction capabilities, the ministry of earth sciences (MoES) is planning to place a network of seismic monitors 8km below ground level at Koyna, Maharashtra.

If the project is implemented, it could perhaps be among the deepest network of sensors lodged in the earth's crust and, according to experts, be a valuable source of data that can be crunched to predict the intensity and occurrence of earthquakes greater than 6 units of magnitude on the Richter scale. The plan is still preliminary in nature and funds are yet to be tied up.

The Large Hadron Collider, at the French-Swiss border near Geneva, is less than 500m below ground level and India's deepest mines at the Kolar Gold Fields are slightly more than 4km below.

Other than a network of sensors, there could be a full-fledged laboratory as well as an international team of scientists that will be involved in

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setting up the sensor network as well as conducting research in laboratories, said a top MoES official.

"It's still an early-stage proposal, but will be quite ambitious and useful when it comes through, and is planned as an international collaboration," said Shailesh Nayak, secretary, MoES.

Even though India doesn't see as many significant earthquakes as parts of the US or Japan, it has lost several thousand lives to earthquakes in the 20th century.

While India's worst earthquakes in recent history are the ones in Bhuj, Gujarat, in January 2001 and the Latur, Maharashtra, tremor in Sep-

tember 1993, experts say that historically quakes have been far more frequent in the north and north-east.

The government's latest seismic zoning maps list parts of Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar and parts of Delhi as category 4 and 5 (on the Richter scale), making them the most earthquake-prone regions in the country.

Koyna, which has historically been associated with several earthquakes of varying degrees of seriousness, is also among the better understood seismic regions, with scientists in the

past having actually successfully predicted tectonic activity there.

Though geologists have monitored the various fault lines that run across India as well as the rate at which internal pressure builds up in them (and triggering earthquakes), they haven't developed systematic models to bet on specific tremors.

"We still don't have good models to predict quakes," Naresh Kumar of the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology,

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Dehradun, an autonomous research institute, had said in an earlier interview with *Mint*. "But we now have better observatory systems proposed. That should help predictions substantially."

As *Mint* has earlier reported, India plans to open its first research centre to predict earthquakes this year, but the institute will take at least five years before it can begin forecasting tremors accurately.

The National Centre for Seismological Research will be set up in Noida, on the outskirts of Delhi, at an investment of ₹500 crore.

It is expected to bring together scientists from various other institutes such as the National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad, and the India Meteorological Department, and focus exclusively on predicting earthquakes.

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IIT graduate found dead in Paris lake

MUMBAI: French officials fished out the body of an IIT graduate from a frozen lake on the campus of the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris on Wednesday evening. Satyam Kumar, 23, from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, was in Paris to do his master's in fluid mechanics and was headed to Purdue University for his Ph.D next year. He went missing on December 3. "Bright young man, smiling and well integrated, he was considered by his peers and teachers as a serious and sociable student," said a statement by Ecole Poyytechnique.

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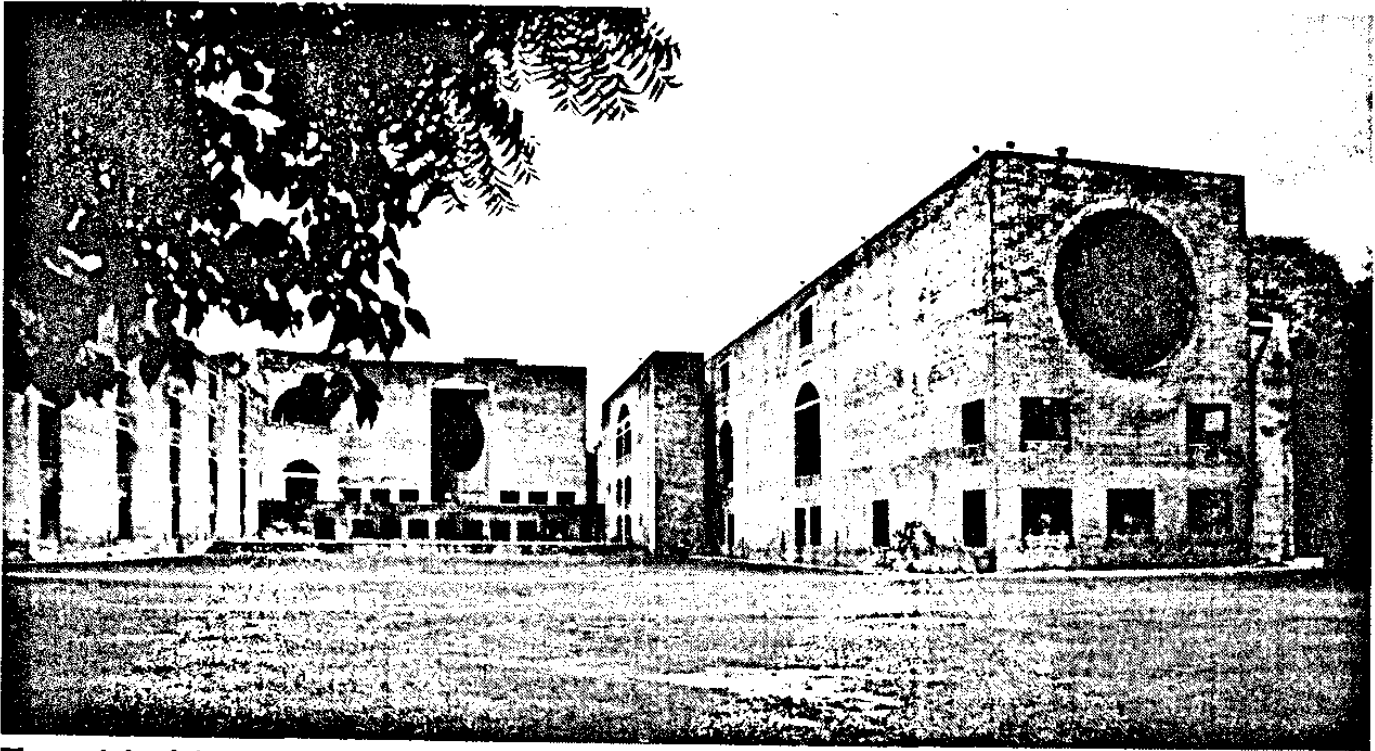
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HP ties up with IIIT-B for network university

Bangalore, Dec. 10

HP, which is looking to beef up its play in the networking solutions space and address the talent crunch in the marketplace, has tied up with the International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore, to set up the 'HP Network University'. The university, which is located at the IIIT-B campus, will offer three-six month courses to students, HP partners and customers on networking technologies, unified communications, and open standards. The university also houses a lab that will conduct extensive research and incubate innovative ideas which can later be brought to the marketplace. "Networking products (routers, switches) is an important piece of technology for HP. Networking is not new to HP. We have been offering the Pro-Curve line of networking products for 25 years now. Our 3Com acquisition is also in line with this strategy. But there is a skills gap in the market that prevents us from going to the next level and the university will help address this," said Ms Neelam Dhawan, Managing Director, HP India. - **Our Bureau**

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The portals of the premier management school

50 years and going strong

Virendra Pandit
India now has around 2,000 management schools, including the IIMs, but the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A) stands out as *numero uno*, India's only business school known across the world and thought to be among the Top 50 globally. Its achievements are awe-inspiring, although some critics see it as the glamorous "Bollywood" equivalent in the country's management education; some cynics even see it as an "NRI-incubator" run at the Indian taxpayer's expense.

Yet, the fact remains that the 8,000-odd alumni have for their *alma mater* abiding gratitude and are proud of their long association with the IIM-A. Many of them will

be arriving here next week to join the alumni reunion meet with precisely this feeling.

IIM-A begins to celebrate its Golden Jubilee Year on December 11, with Ms Mrinalini Sarabhai, wife of the late Dr Vikram Sarabhai, as the Chief Guest at the inaugural function while Dr Mallika Sarabhai, actress, danseuse and theatre personality will give a dance performance.

Dr Mallika is herself an IIM-A alumna (1974 batch); another alumna, Mr Madurai Sundar (1990 batch), who runs a music school in the US, will give a Carnatic vocal recital. The artist-duo only reflects the diversity of scholars that the IIM-A has produced over the years.

Established on December 11, 1961 on a 100-acre plot of

land, the two campuses of the IIM-A are linked by a tunnel underneath a busy, 132-foot-wide road. After Vikram Amalal Sarabhai, the honorary founder-Director (June 1962-August 1965), Dr Ravi J. Matthai became the first full-time Director (August 1965-September 1972).

Since then, the IIM-A has been headed by Dr Samuel Paul (September 1972-June 1978), Prof V. S. Vyas (July 1978 - September 1982), Dr I. G. Patel (October 1982 - July 1984), Prof N. R. Sheth (July 1984 - May 1991), Prof P. N. Khandwalla (May 1991 - August 1996), Prof P. M. Shingi (officiating, September 1996 - April 1997), Prof Jahar Saha (April 1997 - July 2002), and Prof Bakul H. Dholakia (October 2002-October 2007).

The current Director, Prof Samir Barua, took charge on November 8, 2007, and has the distinction of leading the best business school in India in its Golden Jubilee Year.

For the Golden Jubilee Year Convocation, to be held on March 26, 2011, the Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh, has been invited. During the Golden Jubilee Year, the IIM-A has lined up a number of programmes. On December 11, it has organised lectures, felicitation of past directors and others, followed by an international conference on challenges to inclusive growth in the emerging economies (December 15) and alumni reunion (December 22 and 25). The year 2011 will witness a number of programmes.

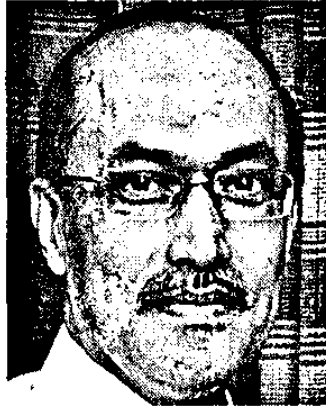
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Thought leadership, innovation are new goals

Virendra Pandit

The Indian Institute of Management-Ahmedabad (IIM-A) is not sitting on its laurels as it enters the Golden Jubilee Year on December 11, 2010. If it saw the 'Hindu rate of growth' during the Nehruvian years, it made rapid strides subsequently keeping pace with the changing times. The premier institute is ranked 85 by 'The Economist' in 2010, up 14 places from 99 in 2009! It is charting an entirely new course to reposition itself in the rapidly changing socio-economic scenario in India and abroad. Its Director, Prof. Samir K Barua, who has seen it evolve over three decades of his association, is leading this transformation from the front. Excerpts from an interview:

How do you view the 50-year-long journey of the IIM-A, particularly post-liberalisation? The IIM-A has had a glorious journey. At least 10 per cent of its 8,000-odd alumni have emerged as entrepreneurs and global management leaders. They include the late Dr C.K. Prahalad and Prof Srikant Datar (Associate Dean, Harvard Business School) in the academia and Mr M. S. Banga, formerly of Unilever. However, the 1990s brought in a paradigm change due to the



Prof. Samir K Barua

process of redistribution of resources, economic liberalisation and globalisation. Many MNCs set up offices in India and needed trained managers to run them. The IIM-A responded with panache—changes in teaching programmes and curricula etc to groom talent pool to meet this demand. The slowdown in the pace of globalisation gave the Indian Government and business the breather to absorb the new realities.

How have the last 10 years changed the scenario at the IIM-A?

We are not content with remaining the best business school in India. From collaboration with just four business schools, IIM-A has now evolved to become a member of the Partnership In Management involving 65 global business schools, facilitating student and faculty exchange programmes. Almost 100

students, that is one-third of the total intake each year, now go abroad on exchange programmes. In all, nearly 50 per cent of Post-Graduate Programme (PGP) students are exposed to the socio-economic ecosystems abroad to mould them into emerging business, industry and commercial managers.

Given the IIM-A's global standing, why does it not get visiting faculty from business schools such as Harvard?

Our faculty currently has only about 10 visiting teachers from abroad. Major business schools such as Harvard or London have banned their faculty from teaching elsewhere on a visiting faculty basis as they fear 'brand dilution'. But this does not really matter much as our own faculty is among the best anywhere.

What goals has the IIM-A set for itself in the Golden Jubilee Year?

Although we are among the Top 50 business schools in the world, we would strive to be among the Top 20 in the not-too-distant future. We want to cater to the demand of not only the private and public sectors but also to the NGOs that work for socio-economic change at the grassroots level. We want to emerge as thought leaders as well —

the ideas we evolve should have global acceptance and applications. Our new mantra is innovation and thought leadership.

The IIM-A has set up the Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) a few years ago. What will be its role in innovations?

CIIE is going to be our new focus area. We want to use it as a vehicle of change. has tied up with the Piramal Foundation for leading the process of change in healthcare sector. I'm sure CIIE will be able to create case-studies that the IIM-A could use as study material.

You have said that 10 per cent of the IIM-A alumni have emerged as entrepreneurs, away from the glare of the corporate world. Name some who are now the leading lights in their field of activity?

Yes, of course. Mr Vijay Mahajan, the doyen of social micro-finance, Mr M.P. Vasimalai, Executive Director, Development of Human Action (DHAN) Foundation, Mr Ashok Alexander, Director, India Aids Initiatives of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Mr Salil R. Shetty, CEO, ActionAid and Mr Shivkumar A.K., UNICEF, are among the pioneers who charted a social transformational role for themselves.

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Titan among business schools



HARISH BHAT

To have studied in IIM-Ahmedabad is the privilege of a lifetime. Its trademark red brick walls may look somewhat unfinished to the lay person, but the institute is undoubtedly one of the finest finishing schools for aspiring managers wishing to enter the portals of business and industry.

IIM-A is first and foremost a great institution because of its brilliant faculty, who taught us with passion and brought brilliant concepts to our famous theatre-style classrooms. It was inspiring to sit in classes conducted by legendary professors, each of whom straddled his or her area of study like a Colossus. I looked forward to most of these sessions, even on hot and sultry summer afternoons in dusty Ahmedabad, because they jogged the intellect, seducing our minds in new ways, provoking new thoughts and explorations in virtually every sphere of business.

To tell the truth, we were scared of many of these professors, because they would make us look incredibly stupid during intense case-study discussions, or would administer us surprise quizzes at the drop of a hat. While watching some of them perform in class, I often felt much like the villagers in Oliver Goldsmith's

poem, who looked at their schoolmaster with awe — “and still they gazed, and still their wonder grew, that one small head could carry all he knew”.

Most importantly, these brilliant professors taught me that there are wonderful new worlds of knowledge lurking in every turn of business, that these can be explored with great pleasure, and mastered through intense and happy application of mind.

IIM-A is also a unique institution (alongside very few others in the world) because of its fierce commitment to the case-study method of learning. I fondly recall the hundreds of case-studies we read by ourselves, analysed in groups, and debated in class. In most cases, there were no obvious answers, and of course there could be many different shades of solution. The cases were interesting because they were rich real-life situations, and from the case discussions emerged nuggets of knowledge and wisdom which left their imprints on our young and impressionable minds.

Apart from imparting knowledge in specific areas of business, the IIM-A case-studies taught me, above all, that business issues are often messy and complicated, that many decisions have to be made based on limited or even ambiguous data. Simultaneously, they also illustrated that good understanding of the core issue at hand, and the application of knowledge-based judgement (sometimes tempered with intuition) can yield simple, elegant and robust solutions. This learning



has stood me in good shape, over two decades of my career.

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The IIM-A ethos is very competitive, so it prepared many of us to cope very well with a very competitive corporate world. The two-year PGP syllabus is intense, and it taught us to deal with unrelenting pressure in our own different ways. In doing so, it also built our confidence immensely. The campus gave us an opportunity to rub shoulders, learn from and collaborate with many diverse and fine intellects. Immersion in such a crucible always sharpens the saw, and it certainly did in my case. From many of my professors, I also learnt that some

of the most powerful minds sit on a firm yet vibrant foundation of humility, restlessness, curiosity and openness. I admire them greatly for these values, and hope I can live up to at least some of these traits in my own life.

IIM-A also shaped the direction my career would take, because it opened my doors to the Tata Administrative Service (TAS) and a very fulfilling voyage with the Tata group. Indeed, the institute is a Titan amongst business schools, a jewel in India's crown.

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Farm varsities need more funds, says ICAR chief

Haryana Agricultural University confers degrees on 832

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, DECEMBER 10

Dr S Ayyappan, Director-General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, and Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Government of India, said today that the pace and quality of farm technology generation in most Indian agricultural universities could be considerably improved provided these were adequately funded.

Addressing the 23rd convocation of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University here, he said inadequate public funding meant that universities were unable to keep even the minimum required strength of faculty in certain disciplines. This had also resulted in a specific lack of competence among the existing faculty in new and emerging areas.

The mismatch between student intake and faculty recruitment, lack of infrastructure for education and research, poor status of universities' farms and establishment of new agricultural universities and colleges without matching resources were other factors affecting farm universities.

Ayyappan said till the Sixth Plan as much as 33 per cent



Haryana Governor Jagannath Pahadia confers the degree of Doctor of Science (honoris causa) on Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda at HAU in Hisar on Friday. A Tribune photograph

of the ICAR budget was spent on strengthening agricultural education in the country. This explained why most farm varsities established during that period had excellent infrastructure.

After that period the spending had gone down to 8.9 per cent in the Eighth Plan, 14 per cent in the Tenth Plan and 21.5 per cent in the Eleventh Plan.

He said "it is imperative to enhance budgetary support, both at the central and the state level, to attain and sustain enhanced velocity and vigour and the much desired output, outcome and long-term impact".

The ICAR chief said the present approach on technology transfer was not delivering the desired results. The strategy had to be reviewed and emerging issues had to be addressed. New strategies for on-farm employment generation needed to be evolved. The role of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) had to be redefined, he added.

Ayyappan had a word of advice for teachers and students. "Teachers who teach with the salary paid to them in their minds and students who learn with the jobs they may procure in their minds are both pursuing wrong paths," he

said, quoting an anonymous spiritual personality.

Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda was conferred the honoris causa degree of Doctor of Science. Haryana Governor and Chancellor Jagannath Pahadia, who presided over the convocation, presented the degree to Hooda while Vice-Chancellor KS Khokhar read the citation.

Hooda, who was the guest of honour on the occasion, gave away the Best Teacher awards, the Best Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Best Research Station awards. As many as 832 degrees were awarded. These included 54 PhD degrees.

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Ministry seeks Mahabaleshwar land for cloud-seeding project

NISHA NAMBIAR
DECEMBER 10

THE Ministry of Earth Sciences has requested the state government to part with 17 gunthas of land in Mahabaleshwar for its cloud-seeding project, for which it had got a green signal early in the year. City-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), which will be operating the centre, is hoping that it will get the land soon.

"We have been waiting for a long period after the announcement. This will be a high-altitude



cloud physics laboratory, where the highest peak is over 4,500 feet above sea level," IITM director Dr BN Goswami said.

IITM says only 17 gunthas needed, state delays project

Ministry officials said Kapil Sibal, who holds the charge of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, had recently reprimanded the state governments for failing to provide land for the new IITs.

State government officials, however, said they were yet to receive a proposal for this land. "If we get a letter from the Ministry,

then the government will look into it," a senior official with the general administration department at Mantralaya said.

"It is a small area sought by the Ministry of Earth Sciences; we are hoping that the government will take action at the earliest," Goswami said. "The laboratory will be helpful to scientists in understanding clouds and monitoring them on a long term basis though cloud-seeding experiments were being carried out to understand cloud properties."

The institute will have a team of scientists to measure cloud para-

meters; the scientists deployed at this centre will continue to record observations and collect data to understand how aerosols (gaseous suspension of fine particles) interact with clouds. There are studies showing that human activities do influence cloud formation.

Aircraft measurements are an expensive proposition and have several limitations such as air traffic control while high-altitude sites experience clouds close to ground and can be monitored for longer terms under different environmental conditions.

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आईआईटी कानपुर की सुरक्षा बड़ी

वाराणसी विस्फोट के बाद एहतियात के तौर पर लिया गया फैसला

एजेंसी

कानपुर

वाराणसी में हुए विस्फोट के बाद पुलिस प्रशासन ने आईआईटी कानपुर समेत शहर के सभी संवेदनशील स्थानों की सुरक्षा बढ़ा दी गई है, पुलिस ने शहर को किसी ताजा धमकी की बात से इंकार करते हुए कहा कि फरवरी 2010 में आईआईटी को आतंकी हमले की धमकी मिली थी। इंडियन मुजाहिदीन द्वारा कानपुर को निशाने पर लिए जाने संबंधी खबरों के बारे में कानपुर पुलिस के डीआईजी मुथा अशोक जैन ने कहा कि आईआईटी कानपुर या कानपुर शहर को हाल फिलहाल धमकी दिए जाने की बात सामने नहीं आई है लेकिन इस वर्ष फरवरी में ऐसी खबर आई थी कि आईआईटी कानपुर भी आतंकी संगठन के निशाने पर है। आईआईटी प्रशासन ने भी किसी विशेष धमकी की बात से इंकार किया और कहा कि परिसर में पूरी तरह से शांति का माहौल है। जैन

ने कहा कि वाराणसी विस्फोट के बाद प्रदेश शासन के एलर्ट रहने के आदेश के बाद अन्य संवेदनशील जनपदों की तरह ही कानपुर में भी गश्त बढ़ा दी गई है। आईआईटी कानपुर के अंदर मौजूद पुलिस चौकी को भी एलर्ट कर दिया गया है, लेकिन यह एक सामान्य प्रक्रिया है। डीआईजी ने कहा कि चूंकि फरवरी 2010 में आईआईटी के लिए ऐसी धमकी आई थी इस लिए इस बार आई आई टी सहित शहर के अन्य बड़े संस्थानों की सुरक्षा के विशेष प्रबंध किए गए हैं और उन पर विशेष निगरानी रखी जा रही है डीआईजी जैन के मुताबिक आईआईटी कानपुर स्थित पुलिस चौकी को एलर्ट रहने को कहा गया है तथा चूंकि आईआईटी की सुरक्षा प्राइवेट सुरक्षा एजेंसियों के हाथों में है इस लिए उन सुरक्षा एजेंसियों से पुलिस समन्वय बनाकर चल रही है। इस सिलसिले में आईआईटी के आला अधिकारियों के साथ भी बात की गई है और पुलिस टीमों को आईआईटी के आसपास

लगातार गश्त लगाने को कहा गया है। कानपुर शहर को इंडियन मुजाहिदीन से खतरा होने की मीडिया खबरों के बारे में उन्होंने कहा कि फिलहाल उन्हें इस संबंध में कोई जानकारी नहीं है और न ही प्रदेश सरकार की तरफ से उन्हें इस बारे में कोई विशेष सावधानी बरतने की हिदायत दी गई है। उधर दूसरी ओर आई आई टी के रजिस्ट्रार संजीव कशालकर ने भी ऐसी किसी विशेष धमकी की सूचना के इंकार करते हुए कहा कि संस्थान में रोजमर्रा की तरह पठन पाठन चल रहा है। सुरक्षा इंतजाम पहले जैसा ही है और उसमें कोई इजाफा नहीं किया गया है। वैसे आईआईटी परिसर के बाहर पुलिस और सुरक्षा बलों की सुरक्षा गतिविधियों में इजाफा जरूर हुआ है। पुलिस प्रशासन और आईआईटी के अधिकारी किसी धमकी अथवा खतरे से इंकार कर रहे हैं, लेकिन वाराणसी विस्फोट के बाद संभवतः सुरक्षा कारणों से एहतियातन अतिरिक्त हिफाजती कदम उठाए गए हैं।

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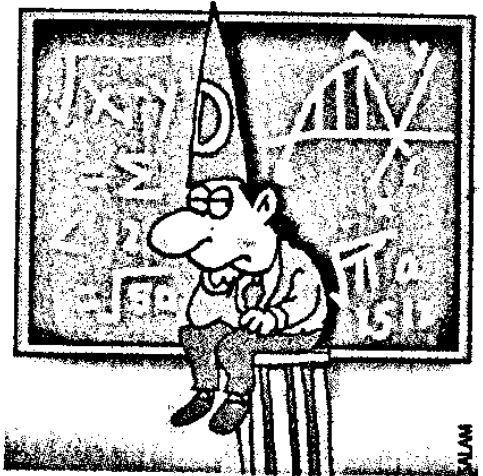
दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के स्नातक पाठ्यक्रमों के छात्र पे-पैकेज हासिल करने के मामले में इंजीनियरिंग के छात्रों पर भारी पड़ते दिख रहे हैं। विश्वविद्यालय के दो छात्रों को इस साल प्लेसमेंट के दौरान 39-39 लाख रुपए का पैकेज ऑफर किया गया है, जबकि दिल्ली टेक्नोलॉजिकल यूनिवर्सिटी के एक छात्र को करीब 11 लाख रुपए का पैकेज ऑफर किया गया है। डोएचे बैंक ने श्रीराम कॉलेज ऑफ कॉमर्स (एसआरसीसी) के दो छात्रों को यह ऑफर दिया है। पिछले साल इसी बैंक ने इसी कॉलेज के एक छात्र को 32 लाख रुपए का पैकेज दिया था।

भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था की रफ्तार का असर डीयू में स्नातक कर रहे छात्रों के पे-पैकेज पर भी नजर आ रहा है। एसआरसीसी के प्रिंसिपल पी सी जैन बताया, 'डोएचे बैंक ने बीकॉम ऑनर्स के दो छात्रों को शॉर्टलिस्ट किया है और उसने उन्हें 39-39 लाख

रुपए का पैकेज ऑफर किया है।' प्राचार्य जैन ने कहा कि कंपनी अगले हफ्ते तक इन छात्रों को ऑफर लेटर दे देगी। जैन ने बताया, 'दोनों छात्रों को लंदन जाना होगा, जहां उन्हें करीब 2 साल ट्रेनिंग दी जाएगी।' उन्होंने बताया कि डोएचे बैंक ने पिछले साल नियुक्त किए गए छात्रों को लंदन और सिंगापुर में ट्रेनिंग दी थी। दोनों छात्रों के नाम का खुलासा करने से उन्होंने यह कहते हुए इनकार कर दिया कि छात्रों ने उनसे फिलहाल ऐसा न करने का अनुरोध किया है।

एसआरसीसी में प्लेसमेंट के चरण में करीब 480 छात्रों ने रजिस्ट्रेशन करवाया, जिसमें से अब तक 80 छात्रों को ऑफर लेटर मिल चुका है। अभी तक कॉलेज में 27 कंपनियां आ चुकी हैं। इस साल एसआरसीसी में औसत पे-पैकेज 5-7 लाख रुपए के बीच रहा है, जबकि पिछले साल औसत पे-पैकेज 5.75 लाख रुपए था। कॉलेज में प्लेसमेंट प्रमुख आदित्य नारायण ने बताया, 'इस साल पे-पैकेज पिछले साल से बेहतर है।'

▶ **जॉब प्रोफाइल, कंपनी की साख जरूरी: पेज 2**



पी सी जैन, प्रिंसिपल, एसआरसीसी

डोएचे बैंक ने बीकॉम ऑनर्स के दो छात्रों को शॉर्टलिस्ट किया है और उसने उन्हें 39-39 लाख रुपए का पैकेज ऑफर किया है। दोनों छात्र 2 साल की ट्रेनिंग के लिए लंदन जाएंगे

जॉब प्रोफाइल, कंपनी की साख ज्यादा जरूरी

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आदित्य नारायण ने बताया, 'वैश्विक स्तर पर हालात सुधरने का असर ग्रेजुएशन कर रहे छात्रों के पे-पैकेज पर दिख रहा है।' दूसरी ओर, इंजीनियरिंग कर रहे छात्रों को स्नातक पाठ्यक्रम के छात्रों से कम पे-पैकेज ऑफर हो रहा है। दिल्ली टेक्नोलॉजिकल यूनिवर्सिटी (डीटीयू, जिसे पहले दिल्ली कॉलेज ऑफ इंजीनियरिंग के नाम से जाना जाता है) में अब तक लगभग 54 कंपनियां प्लेसमेंट के लिए आ चुकी हैं। इन कंपनियों ने करीब 320 जॉब ऑफर दिए हैं। पिछले साल डीटीयू में 39 कंपनियां आई थीं और उन्होंने 254 जॉब ऑफर किए थे। इंस्टीट्यूट को लग रहा था कि इस साल यानी 2010-11 में कंपनियों की

संख्या में 30 फीसदी इजाफा होगा। इस साल भी आईटी, ऑटोमोबाइल, सिविल और कंसट्रक्शन सेक्टर की कंपनियां नियुक्तियों के लिए आईं। इस साल सबसे ज्यादा 10.49 लाख रुपए का पे-पैकेज माइक्रोसॉफ्ट दे रही है। डीटीयू में प्लेसमेंट प्रमुख प्रोफेसर एस के गर्ग ने कहा, 'अब छात्र पे-पैकेज से अलावा जॉब प्रोफाइल और कंपनी की साख को अधिक महत्व दे रहे हैं।'

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आईआईटी में खरीद की सीबीआई जांच

नई दिल्ली। भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान आईआईटी भुवनेश्वर में उपकरणों की खरीद में कथित भ्रष्टाचार की जांच केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो कर रही है। मानव संसाधन विकास राज्य मंत्री डी पुरंदेश्वरी ने आज राज्यसभा में बताया कि सीबीआई के एक दल ने इस सिलसिले में इस वर्ष 10 नवम्बर को आईआईटी भुवनेश्वर में आकस्मिक जांच की थी। भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों में अवर स्नातक पाठ्यक्रमों में भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों द्वारा आयोजित संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा के जरिए और राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों में प्रत्येक वर्ष सीबीएसई द्वारा प्रवेश परीक्षा के जरिए दाखिले दिए जाते हैं।