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IITs to help clean the Yamuna

Apex court calls upon Delhi, Roorkee directors as other efforts bear little fruit

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the directors of Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) Delhi and Roorkee to find out measures to check pollution of the Yamuna. The river was becoming dirtier with each passing day despite several governments and civic bodies having spent Rs.12,000 crore so far, the Court noted.

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all sewer water generated in Delhi to a place 30-40 km away for the purpose of treatment. The Bench asked them to submit a report within two months after consulting officials of the Centre, the Delhi administration, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. It also directed them to hold a meeting on

January 12, 2013, and draw up a blue print for the project.

The meeting, to be convened by the Union Environment Secretary, will be attended, among others, by the Chief Secretary of Haryana, the chief engineer of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), the Member Secretary of the

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the Noida authority, the Delhi Municipal Commissioners, the vice-chairman of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), the Additional Secretary in the Water Resources Ministry and representative of the Delhi Lieutenant-Governor.

The Bench asked the experts to consider the possibility of asking the upper riparian States to release more water in the Yamuna to make the job easier for the treatment plants in Delhi. The Bench expressed its dis-

pleasure at the fact that despite the apex court having passed several orders from 1994 on the issue, the pollution level of the Yamuna had not been brought down..

The Bench directed the Centre and the authorities in Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to render all assistance required by the experts from the IITs. The Bench said it would decide the final shape of the proposed project after considering the experts' report and listed the matter for further hearing on February 8, 2013.

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LAST STRAW TELLS THEM TO MEET WITH TOP GOVT OFFICIALS ON JANUARY 12 AND FRAME A CLEAN-UP PLAN

Can Yamuna ever regain its pristine flow, SC asks IIT directors



The directors will submit a report on February 8. EXPRESS ARCHIVE

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the directors of IIT-Delhi and Roorkee to ascertain damage to the Yamuna and whether there is any possibility of improving its water.

"It is a very sad thing that the petition is pending with this court since 1994 and Yamuna only got dirtier with each passing day. In total, Rs 12,000 crore has been spent on it while the situation only got worse. You (directors) see whether this (cleaning up) can be done or not. As the situation remains today, we get it that it is not possible to clean Yamuna unless some drastic

steps are taken," a bench of Justices Swatanter Kumar and Madan B Lokur told the directors.

Annoyed with agencies that keep passing the buck, the bench had in the previous hearing asked the directors to appear in court to assist in the matter.

The court asked them to assess the situation and prepare a blueprint of a plan to clean the river. "Until and unless some drastic steps are taken with respect to discharge of drains, working of sewage treatment plants, interceptor drains, etc, it may not be possible to clean the river. We want you to prepare an outline. You give us a plan and we will consider giving you a

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anyone, but to do something for the river. The Yamuna requires attention and concern of all, and we hope that all agencies co-operate to clean the Yamuna," the court said.

The bench asked the directors to hold a meeting with chief secretaries of Delhi and Haryana, CEO of Delhi Jal Board, member secretary of Central Pollution Control Board, commissioners of municipal corporations of Delhi, vice-chairman of the Delhi Development Authority and Secretary of Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), on January 12 and submit a report to the court on February 8.

The bench said the meeting

will primarily utilise the expertise of the IIT directors, who will apprise the court if the Yamuna can be cleaned. The court sought their recommendations in this regard.

Senior advocate Ranjit Kumar, appearing as amicus curiae, submitted that the accord entered into by various state governments on May 14, 1999, for flow of fresh water into the river was in force but not implemented. He also proposed the idea of constructing a parallel drain along Yamuna so that polluted water is discharged in the drain. The court asked advocate Kumar to also remain present in the meeting and give his suggestions.

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IIT chiefs to draw Yamuna action plan

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Expressing concern over the pollution of river Yamuna, the Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the directors of IIT Delhi and Roorkee to prepare a report on whether it is possible to clean the river after taking on board the opinions of all stakeholders.

A bench of Justices Swatanter Kumar and Madan B Lokur directed both the academicians, who were present in the court, to hold a meeting of the Chief Secretary of Delhi, CEO of Delhi Jal Board, Member

Secretary of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority and Secretary Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) among others on January 12 and submit a report to the court on February 8.

The court said the findings given by them would be considered to give direction for the project of cleaning Yamuna.

“It is no use re-noticing that despite spending thousands

crores of rupees, the condition of Yamuna has become worse. It requires attention and concern of all,” the court said.

The court further said: “We are not here to blame anyone. The case is pending since 1994 and a sum of over Rs 12,000 crore has already been spent on it.”

The court was hearing the suo motu proceedings initiated on the basis of a newspaper report pointing out the issue of pollution in river Yamuna in 1994.

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SC to IITs: Prepare new Yamuna project

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NEW DELHI, DEC. 11

Observing that it is “impossible” to clean the Yamuna unless “drastic” steps are taken, the Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the directors of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi and Roorkee, to prepare a new project to cleanse the river.

A bench of Justices Swatanter Kumar and M.B. Lokur directed the secretary, ministry of environment and forests, to convene a meeting of all relevant authorities and IIT directors to discuss the project to be formulated by them. “We would like you to take up the project minutely. Prepare an outline of the project to clean

the river. We have got impression that it is impossible to clean the river until drastic steps are taken,” the bench told the directors, who were personally present in the court.

The bench said the meeting must be attended by heads of the DDA, MCD, Delhi Jal Board, a representative of the lieutenant-governor, chief secretary of

Haryana and the amicus curiae who is assisting the court in the Yamuna cleaning matter. The meeting is to be held on January 12 and the outline of the project would be placed before the apex court on February 8.

“Give us an outline of the project and we will give you a team to implement the project,” the bench said.

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SC asks IITs for new project to clean Yamuna

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Observing that the efforts made by various authorities to clean the river since 1994 have failed to control its pollution, a bench comprising Justice Swatanter Kumar and Justice Madan B. Lokur

decided to take assistance from the country's premier engineering institute.

"You prepare an outline for a project to clean the river if it is possible. If not tell us," the bench told the directors of the two IITs present in court. The court has directed the key officials from the Centre, Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to hold a meeting with the directors.

While asking the directors of the institutes to see if more flow of water could improve the situation, the court asked all the authorities concerned to cooperate with the IIT teams. "We can't allow public authorities get away with incomplete work after crores of public money has already been spent," the court added.

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SC asks IITs to draft project for cleaning Yamuna

NEW DELHI, 11 DEC: The Supreme Court today asked the directors of IITs, Delhi and Roorkee to prepare a new project for cleaning the Yamuna, observing that the current project has failed despite spending Rs 12,000 crore over two decades.

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The meeting is to be held on 12 January and the outline of the project would be placed before the apex court on 8 February. *sns*

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Get blueprint ready for Yamuna clean-up: SC to IITs

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11

In yet another attempt to have the Yamuna cleaned up, the Supreme Court today asked the Directors of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in Delhi and Roorkee to explore all possible options for checking the growing pollution levels and treating the river water in Delhi and submit a report within two months in consultation with the Centre, the city administration, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

A Bench comprising Justices Swatanter Kumar and Madan B Lokur directed them to have a

meeting on January 12, 2013 with all the authorities concerned on the issue in order to draw up a blueprint for the project.

The meeting would be convened by the Union Environment Secretary and attended among others by the Chief Secretary of Haryana, Chief Engineer of Delhi Jal Board (DJB), Member Secretary of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Noida authority, Delhi Municipal Commissioners, Vice Chairman of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), Additional Secretary in the Water Resources Ministry and the representative of the

THE DIRECTIONS

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Among the options that would be considered by



the two experts was taking all sewer water, be it from industrial or residential areas, to a place 30-40 km

away from Delhi for the purpose of treatment. Another possibility was to ask the upper riparian states to release more water in Yamuna to make the job of the treatment plants in Delhi easier, the Bench said.

The Bench acknowledged that several orders passed by it on a 1994 PIL on the issue had not resulted in improving the pollution levels of the river water. Rather, it was getting dirtier day by day despite the fact that several governments and civic bodies had spent Rs 12,000 crore so far, it observed.

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authorities concerned at the Centre and in Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to render all assistance required by the IIT experts.

The apex court would decide the final shape of the proposed project after considering the experts' report, the Bench said. The PIL would be taken up for next hearing on February 8.

The Bench was informed that the SC had passed an order on May 14, 1999 on the need for releasing fresh water into the Yamuna at Delhi in order to check pollution, but this was no longer being implemented.

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Publication: The Times Of India Delhi SC seeks new Yamuna plan

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आईआईटी बताए कैसे साफ होगी यमुना : सुप्रीम कोर्ट

राजेश चौधरी ॥ सुप्रीम कोर्ट

यमुना सफाई के मामले में सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने आईआईटी से कहा है कि वह एक खाका तैयार कर बताएं कि आखिर कैसे यमुना की सफाई की जा सकती है? इसके लिए अदालत ने एक महीने का वक्त दिया है। साथ ही तमाम संबंधित विभागों से इस मामले में आईआईटी के सुझाव के बाद मीटिंग करने और अदालत में इसकी रिपोर्ट पेश करने के लिए कहा है। अगली सुनवाई के लिए अदालत ने 8 फरवरी की तारीख तय की है।

सुप्रीम कोर्ट में मंगलवार को इस मामले की सुनवाई के दौरान आईआईटी रुड़की और आईआईटी दिल्ली के डायरेक्टर पेश हुए। पिछली सुनवाई के दौरान सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने आईआईटी के दोनों डायरेक्टरों को बुलाया था और उनसे यमुना की सफाई के मामले में तकनीकी सहायता मांगी थी। सुनवाई के दौरान आईआईटी के एक्सपर्ट ने बताया कि उन्हें सुझाव देने के लिए कुछ वक्त चाहिए। इसके बाद सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने उनसे कहा कि यमुना की सफाई कैसे हो सकती है, इस बारे में वो एक प्रोजेक्ट का खाका तैयार



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एक महीने बाद यानी 12 जनवरी को इस मामले में आईआईटी डायरेक्टर के साथ मीटिंग करें और यमुना की सफाई के बारे में तैयार किए गए प्रोजेक्ट के खाका पर डिस्कशन करें। अदालत ने कहा है कि अगली सुनवाई के दौरान प्रोजेक्ट का खाका उनके सामने पेश किया जाए। कोर्ट ने कहा कि हमें इस मामले में खाका दिया जाए हम प्रोजेक्ट को लागू करने के लिए टीम देंगे।

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने पिछली सुनवाई के दौरान कहा था कि इस मामले में सरकार का रवैया दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण है। दिल्ली में यमुना में पानी नहीं, बल्कि गंदगी बहती है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने हजारों करोड़ रुपये खर्च करने के बावजूद यमुना की सफाई नहीं किए जाने के मामले में सरकार की खिंचाई करते हुए उक्त टिप्पणी की थी। इससे पहले सीपीसीबी (सेंट्रल पॉल्यूशन कंट्रोल बोर्ड) की ओर से सुप्रीम कोर्ट को बताया गया था कि यमुना में लगे सीवेज ट्रीटमेंट प्लांट ठीक तरीके से काम नहीं कर रहे। साथ ही इंटरसेप्टिंग ड्रेन नहीं है। अदालत ने कहा था कि यह सरकार का दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण रवैया है इस तरह के रवैये अपनाने से यमुना की सफाई नहीं हो सकती।

HT Mumbai

IIT-B to offer executive MBA in tie-up with US B-school

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MUMBAI: In a first, the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB) and the Washington University in St Louis's Olin Business School will be tying up to offer an executive Master of Business Administration (MBA).

The two institutes will be coming together to offer an 18-month programme for senior level executives with classes four times in a month, although some formal approvals for the joint programme are still awaited.

The institute directors were speaking on the sidelines of an energy symposium in the city on Tuesday. So far, IITB's management school has not offered an executive MBA.

Though the partnership with the Olin Business School has to be formally passed by the IITB's senate – the academic decision making body – the board has given its in-principle approval. The programme is however unlikely to be offered before 2014, said officials.

"We think it is really important to engage with senior management professionals and give high quality management education," said Devang Khakhar, IITB director.

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JOINT VENTURE

The Washington University in St Louis has about 100 Indian students pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes.

Officials from the university are in the city for the fourth annual MacDonnell Academy Global Energy and Environmental Partnership (MAGEEP) symposium to discuss energy related

problems and solutions.

MAGEEP is a consortium of 28 universities from across the world.

The joint programme between IITB and Washington University is likely to be 18 months long and conducted partly in both institutes. The degree would be jointly awarded.



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IIT-B is one of the 28 universities along with Washington University that is part of an international consortium working on energy and sustainability issues.

The consortium has met over the past few days in the city to discuss energy related problems and solutions.

Olin already has a similar tie-up with the Fudan University in Shanghai since 2002.

"We have an established track record and this is an opportunity for us to work in collaboration," said Mark Wrighton, chancellor of Washington University, adding that finer details were still being worked out.

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76 med colleges say no to common test

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Even as all medical colleges, both government and private, are preparing to admit students in MBBS courses through a National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for the academic year 2013-14, several medical colleges have moved the Supreme Court seeking exemption from it on the ground that they are minority institutions.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Altamas Kabir and Justices S S Nijjar and J Chelameswar on Tuesday started hearing on the pet-

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itions filed by 76 colleges, which claimed that they being either religious or linguistic minority colleges, were entitled autonomy in administration of their educational institutions under Article 30 of the Constitution.

In the lead case relating to Christian Medical College, Vellore, the court had on October 10 allowed the institution to receive applications for its own entrance examination for filling MBBS seats. But after hearing Medical Council of India counsel Nidesh Gupta, the court had put a caveat saying this "will not entitle the respondent institution to claim any equity on the basis thereof".

This means, if the colleges lose the legal battle in the apex court, then they cannot claim a right to hold separate examination on the ground that they have already re-

ceived applications from candidates.

This interim order allowing minority education institutions to receive applications from candidates for an individual entrance test for filling their respective undergraduate medical seats was extended to all colleges which approached the apex court invoking Article 30.

In the days to come, the apex court will witness an interesting constitutional battle as private institutions have engaged renowned lawyers like K K Venugopal, Harish Salve, Rajeev Dhavan and P P Rao.

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Dark energy: It was Einstein's idea 80 yrs ago

London: Physicist Albert Einstein was the first to come across the concept of 'dark energy',



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much before the idea became popular and the genius regretted it as "the biggest mistake of my life", researchers claim. A dialogue between Einstein and Austrian physicist Erwin Schrodinger suggests the pair stumbled upon the idea of dark

NOT THE BIGGEST MISTAKE

energy 80 years before its time, while toying with what they thought was an ugly fudge factor.

In 1917, Einstein's novel equations of space-time had geometric terms on the left and energy on the right. A constant on the left kept the universe steady, suiting observations at the time.

However, in 1929, it became clear that the universe is expanding and Einstein dubbed the constant "the biggest mistake of my life", the 'New Scientist' reported. Historian Alex Harvey of New York University re-analysed papers from the physicists, published in 1918. In one Schrodinger toyed with Einstein's equations, moving the constant from the left to the right.

The simple move transformed the constant from part of the geometry of space-time to a source of energy for the universe. "While mathematically it doesn't make any difference, physically it does," says Harvey.

Einstein responded, rather cheekily, that the properties of this new energy term were either nothing or demand a "non-observable negative density in interstellar spaces". "That turns out to be dark energy," Harvey says — which only emerged again in 1998 to explain the universe's accelerating expansion. ■