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Review suspension of whistleblower, Centre tells IIT Kharagpur

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KOLKATA: The Ministry of Human Resource Development has written to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur to review its decision on Professor Rajiv Kumar, who is under suspension for the past 19 months.

Prof. Kumar from the computer science department was suspended in May 2011. The charges against him include "accessing media for personal gain and maligning the institution" as well as "misrepresentation of facts on 'irregular' laptop purchase."

"While the Ministry would not like to interfere in the disciplinary matters of the institute, in view of the aforesaid situation, IIT Kharagpur is directed to review the case of Professor Rajiv Kumar for his continued suspension as per the provisions of Central Civil Services (CCS) and Classification Control and Appeal (CCA) rules and pass a speaking order in this matter," the letter states.

Prof. Kumar, who raised questions about marking in the IIT-JEE entrance examination system, used RTI to ascertain details of the marks obtained by students during the entrance examination.

Courts laud efforts

His efforts have been lauded by the courts, which said they were aimed at bringing in "transparency in the procedure by various RTI applications." It was also noted that the debate generated by several views of experts during the course of the writ pro-

ceedings, had helped in making the merit-ranking process more transparent and accurate.

Prof. Kumar also alleged that a section of officials of IIT-KGP were involved in running a fake institute within its campus which gave diploma to students; he raised questions about the seating arrangement of IIT students during internal examinations.

"The suspension cannot continue beyond a definite period and the Board (IIT-KGP board) should have prescribed a time-limit for the next review, which should not exceed 180 days as per CCS (CCA) rules," the letter dated October 22, 2012 says.

For a good atmosphere

Earlier in July 2012, IIT Kharagpur's Registrar had written a letter to the Ministry, saying the withdrawal of suspension of Prof. Kumar and resumption of duties would adversely affect the academic atmosphere of the institute.

Referring to the IIT's response on Prof. Kumar's joining, the Ministry pointed out in the communication that such argument did not appear to be tenable because no such charge had been levelled against the professor in the charge sheet in May 2011.

Asked about the letter, authorities of IIT Kharagpur refused to comment. "The decision regarding the letter will be taken by the IIT Kharagpur Board," T.K. Ghosal, Registrar of IIT Kharagpur, said without elaborating further.

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आईआईटी कानपुर का ऑफिस न्यूयॉर्क में

कानपुर (ब्यूरो)। आईआईटी कानपुर का ऑफिस न्यूयॉर्क सिटी में खुला है। 1986 बैच के आईआईटी के पूर्व छात्र संजीव खोसला ने आईआईटी कानपुर को पांच साल के लिए ऑफिस खोलने की जगह रेंट फ्री दी है। संजीव ऑफिस सलाहकार और कोऑर्डिनेटर की भूमिका में रहेंगे। यह जानकारी आईआईटी कानपुर के मिदेशक इंद्रनील मन्ना ने दी।

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आईआईटी की अमिता को मिला एक करोड़ का पैकेज

कानपुर। आईआईटी कानपुर में कंप्यूटर साइंस एंड इंजीनियरिंग की एमटेक स्टूडेंट अमिता सहस्रबुद्धे को एक करोड़ रुपए के वेतन पैकेज का ऑफर मिला है। यह ऑफर सोशल नेटवर्किंग साइट लिंकड-इन (अमेरिका) की तरफ से दिया गया है। उन्हें सालाना 1.30 लाख यूएस डालर (71.50 लाख रुपए) वेतन मिलेगा और कंपनी के शेयर भी दिए जाएंगे। वेतन, शेयर को मिलाकर सालाना वेतन पैकेज एक करोड़ रुपए होगा। आईआईटी प्रशासन का दावा है कि यह वेतन पैकेज अब तक का सबसे बड़ा पैकेज है। आईआईटी में कंपस प्लेसमेंट की पहले चरण की प्रक्रिया चल रही है। 14 दिसंबर तक बीटेक, एमटेक, बीटेक-एकटेक

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कंपस प्लेसमेंट
की पहले चरण की
चल रही है प्रक्रिया**

डुवल डिग्री प्रोग्राम, पीएचडी, एमएससी के करीब 600 स्टूडेंट्स को नौकरी का ऑफर लेटर मिल चुका है। इस बार के प्लेसमेंट में कंप्यूटर साइंस एंड इंजीनियरिंग के स्टूडेंट्स का जलवा है। ऑनलाइन एडवर्टाइजिंग की कंपनी रॉकेट फ्यूल ने कंप्यूटर साइंस की स्टूडेंट शरुति रंजन, वामश्री, राहुल वर्मा और

आशु पचौरी को सालाना 1.30 लाख यूएस डालर (71.50 लाख रुपए) का वेतन पैकेज का ऑफर दिया है। इन सभी को अमेरिका में जॉब मिलेगा। फेसबुक ने तीन स्टूडेंट को 50-65 लाख रुपए का सालाना वेतन पैकेज का ऑफर दिया है। मित्सुबुसी, गूगल, माइक्रोसाफ्ट, सैमसंग, पावरग्रिड ने भी बेहतरीन वेतन पैकेज का ऑफर किया है। एनटीपीसी, एचएएल, सेल, भेल सहित कई सरकारी कंपनियों ने भी आईआईटीयंस के सेलेक्शन में दिलचस्पी दिखाई है। कोऑर्डिनेटर प्लेसमेंट प्रो. विमल कुमार ने बताया कि इस बार प्लेसमेंट अच्छा है। इस दौरान रजिस्टर्ड 1000 स्टूडेंट के सेलेक्शन होने की उम्मीद है।

MIT graduate quits cushy life for TB patients

By **Giridhar Jha** in Patna

MULTIPLE award-winning engineering graduate with a PhD degree under his belt from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is on a mission to eradicate tuberculosis (TB) from the remote villages of Bihar.

Manish Bhardwaj, CEO and co-founder of Innovators in Health (IiH), has been camping in the Dalsingsarai block of Samastipur district with his team of associates and workers to facilitate proper treatment of the widespread infectious disease afflicting a large number of people in the area.

"We identify the patients in the 16 panchayats of Dalsingsarai block and ensure their proper treatment," he said. "We make sure that they take medicines without any break during the six months of their treatment."

In Bihar alone, 1.8 lakh new cases of TB are reported every year. A majority of the patients give up medicines midway through their treatment because of poverty in the state.

Bhardwaj, who has won several awards, including the IBM Research Fellowship, has launched an ambitious programme called Aahan in association with two other voluntary organisations — Prajnopaya Foundation and the Swasti Seva Samiti — to provide world class care to poverty-stricken rural people.

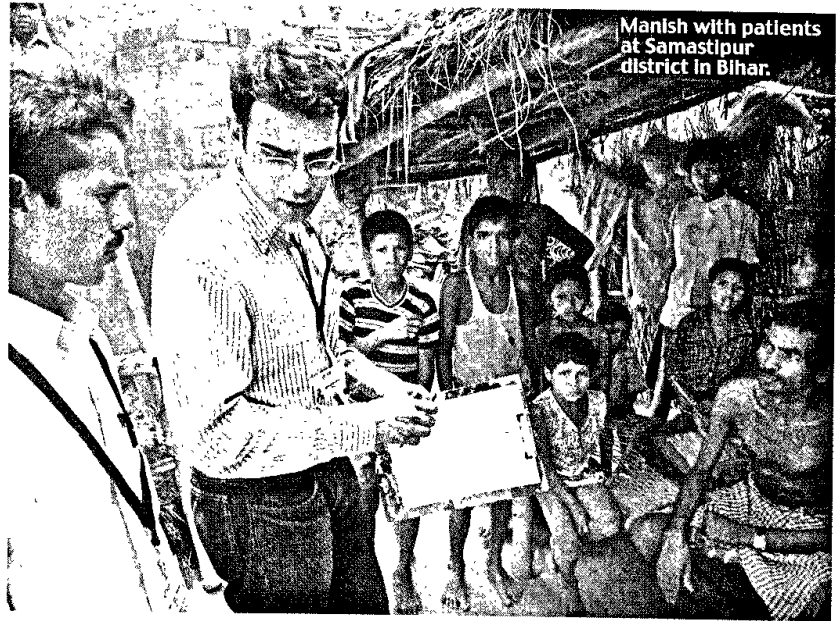
Its workers spread out in differ-

ent villages, identify the suspected patients and bring them to the different public health centres. Once the disease is diagnosed, Bhardwaj and his team make medicines accessible to the patients and keep track on their progress through the next months.

Bhardwaj, who has PhD and graduate degrees in electrical engineering and computer science from MIT, had started working in Dalsingsarai two years ago.



MANISH BHARDWAJ, 36



Manish with patients at Samastipur district in Bihar.

■ CURRENT WORK

Co-founder of Innovators in Health, a non-profit voluntary organisation which he founded in Bihar in 2010. The organisation is working to eradicate TB.

■ EDUCATION

■ Bachelor of Computer Engineering: Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
 ■ Masters In Computer and Electrical Engineering,

Massachusetts Institute of Technology and PhD on wireless technology, MIT

■ AWARDS

IBM Research Fellowship, MIT Graduate Student Council Teaching Award & Compaq gold medal

"In two years time, we have achieved remarkable results," he said. "TB patients used to shy

Cured 204 TB patients within two years

away from going to the hospital for treatment but more and more people are coming forward now." He said Aahan served about

1.22 lakh people in 68 village communities which helped diagnose 1,119 cases of suspected TB. "Since the programme was launched in July 2010, 328 patients have been diagnosed with TB out of which 204 have been fully cured," he said.

Bhardwaj said Aahan, which works closely with the Centre's National TB Programme and the health department of the Bihar government, had trained and

engaged more than 70 government female health workers from the local communities to deliver the drugs to the patient.

Bhardwaj said initially he had heard a lot of negative things about Bihar "I was told about the abduction industry and all kinds of things but I found things completely different here," he said. "By the time I came, the Nitish Kumar government had already started doing work in the health sector."

Private medical colleges can conduct entrance test but can't declare results

Supreme Court grants permission, while deciding to examine NEET validity

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court, while deciding to examine the validity of the National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET), has permitted private medical colleges to conduct their own entrance tests for admission to MBBS/postgraduate/dental courses but they should not declare the results until its further orders.

A Bench of Chief Justice Altamas Kabir and Justices S.S. Nijjar and J. Chelameswar, by an interim order, also allowed the Medical Council of India, the Dental Council of India, as well as the States and universities and other institutions to conduct their respective examinations for MBBS and other postgraduate courses on condition that they would not declare the results.

- **Transfer matters from High Courts: Bench**
- **All transferred cases, pleas listed for final hearing on January 15, 16, 17**

The MCI recently conducted the NEET even as the case was pending consideration by the Bench. Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, several associations of private medical colleges, the Christian Medical College, Vellore, DD Medical College and DD Hospital, Tamil Nadu, and various individual colleges had filed petitions in High Courts and obtained an interim stay against NEET applicability to them.

Aggrieved, the MCI filed petitions seeking transfer of these cases to the Supreme Court to avoid multiplicity of proceedings. The Supreme Court, while staying all further proceedings, issued no-

tice to the respondent colleges/States/associations seeking their response.

In the interim order passed on over 50 transfer petitions, the Bench said that while the main pending matters needed to be decided early, "the time taken in hearing the matters should be utilised in allowing the students to sit for their examinations which have been already notified. Accordingly, let all the transferred cases, as well as the writ petitions, be listed for final hearing and disposal on January 15, 16 and 17, 2013."

'Give wide publicity'

Such of those matters

which had not been transferred from High Courts should be transferred to the Supreme Court, the Bench said. It asked the MCI, the DCI, the Union of India and the States to give wide publicity so that "students who are intending to sit for the entrance examinations may have knowledge of the same."

Differing stands

In these cases, while the MCI said the NEET would avoid multiple entrance tests and minimise corruption and irregularities in admissions, private unaided colleges, religious and linguistic minorities alleged that the NEET interfered with their autonomy and right to admit students of their choice by conducting their own entrance tests without compromising on merit.

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Experts against school marks in JEE

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EXPERTS have warned against any tweaking in the AIEEE to decide admission to engineering institutes, including IITs, saying this would “detract seriously from the effectiveness” of the all-India entrance exam.

Brought in by the CBSE to ‘normalise’ Class XII marks across 29 school boards — ahead of making them part of the engineering entrance format — experts from the Australian Council of Education Research and Pearson Foundation have cautioned against the same. They have questioned the distribution of marks by the CBSE, suggesting there was external intervention by the way of grace marks/extra marks at points.

A reputed independent organisation, the ACER manages the international PISA testing for secondary-level school education.

Amid stiff opposition, the HRD Ministry — then led by Kapil Sibal — had announced a new common entrance format for admission to IITs, NITs and IIITs from 2013. This new exam is proposed to have two components — JEE Main (for screening) and JEE Advanced (for the final IIT merit list). In the format, 40 per cent weightage is to be given to Class XII scores at the screening stage in

JEE Main for determining admission to NITs, IIITs and other engineering institutes. Board marks were to be ‘normalised’ across school boards to ensure a level playing field to students from all states.

CBSE Chairperson Vineet Joshi said the report by the Australian experts was not the last word on the subject. “They have seen limited data and their view is based on the same. The normalisation across boards and weightage to board scores is do-able and in fact it is happening around the world and even at home. Kerala for instance does it with joint entrance exams taking board marks into account,” Joshi said.

However, ACER and Pearson experts feel school board scores from across states can hardly be ‘normalised’ effectively to enable the same to be used for a common entrance. “AIEEE Total scores appear to be quite well suited for tertiary selection, and to form any combination with scores distributed like these would detract seriously from their effectiveness,” ACER experts have said.

The recently launched Centre for Assessment and Research of the CBSE and a task force with experts from the Indian Statistical Institute, IIT-Kanpur and the CBSE looking into the issue has come up with a divergent view, fully backing the normalisation format.

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■ Members of IIT, Indore, winning team.

IIT-I gears up for Tech-fest 2013

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INDORE: This year more than 500 students from Indian Institute of Technology-Indore are to participate in Tech-fest, Asia's largest science and technology festival organised by Indian Institute of Technology- Bombay.

The fest is patronised by UNESCO in its endeavor to provide a platform for students to showcase their talent in the field of technology. The 16th edition of Tech-fest is scheduled to be held from January 3-5, 2013.

"Tech-fest, in its latest edition saw a footfall of more than 92,000 visitors from 2,200 colleges all across India and 500 universities from abroad including 6000 corporate executives and faculty members," said Shaily Garg, one of the organisers of the show.

Fifteen years ago in 1998 Tech-fest was organised for promoting technology, sci-

entific thinking and innovation among students. The fest acquaints students with upcoming technology, research and development in their respective streams of technology.

This year the list of speakers scheduled to speak at the event comprises of various dignitaries such as Nobel prize winner's Amartya Sen (Economic science, 1998), and Ei-Ichi Negishi (Chemistry, 2010), first Indian astronaut Rakesh Sharma to name a few.

"Apart from the events during the festival, Tech-fest is a socio-technical festival with initiatives taken up by the team each year. Apart from the over 150 events during the three days, we have various events lined up throughout the year which cater to all sections of society," said Garg. The event list comprises of initiatives, ideate, competitions, workshops, lectures, exhibitions, technoholix and fun filled ozone for the students.

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Class Apart

Vatsala Shrangit/TNN

The entrance exam to the two-year Masters in mathematics education, a joint-degree programme initiated by Delhi University (DU) and Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), under the Meta university concept was conducted recently. The programme, which is equivalent to MSc mathematics education, had a total of 205 students appearing for the exam for 20 seats on offer.

Fifty-seven students were shortlisted for the interview, while 20 students were finally selected for the programme. The list has been posted on the websites of the two universities. Provisional admissions will be made from December 18-21, while if necessary, a second list for admission will be displayed on December 22. The course will begin on January 3, 2013. Classes will be held jointly on both campuses — AJK mass communication centre, JMI, and cluster innovation centre (CIC), DU.

"Since the course is starting mid-semester, the response was good with more than 200 students applying for the course. We expect all students in the final list to take admission. However, in case of any dropouts, we will be announcing a second list. It is an interesting course and we have received several requests from students of various disciplines to run similar programmes in other subjects as well, including biology, English, Hindi, etc.," says MM Chaturvedi, director of CIC.

While the written test had a weighting of 75%, the interview had a weighting of 25%. An eight-member panel interviewed the candidates. "It was difficult, as most students were bright with many even having a BEEd degree. What we were looking for in candidates, besides aptitude, was their interest in the subject," says Pankaj Tyagi, programme-coordinator, DU.

Representatives of DU and Jamia held a meeting recently in regard to conducting classes and timetables. "We had a detailed discussion on the modalities of the programme. The timetable slots will be notified on the websites in about 10 days' time," informs SM Sajid, registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia.

Jamia will also be initiating the next Meta university project in public health, which is to begin in the next session in July 2013. All the four Meta universities — JMI, DU, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi — will be participating in the programme. "We will be holding our first meeting in this regard in January and initiate the process of writing to the other three universities for their approval on the course. The course will be designed in such a manner that students can be located at each institution for a semester, while the faculty can be on the move," adds Sajid.



Fee hike on the cards for Centre-funded universities

By Ritika Chopra In New Delhi



HRD minister Pallam Raju

A FEE hike across most central universities, including those in the Capital, and institutes appears to be imminent with the tacit nod of the new minister for human resource development (HRD).

Echoing the sentiment of the Planning Commission, HRD minister M.M. Pallam Raju feels that there isn't anything wrong in central institutions (that is, funded by central government) increasing their fee to make academic programmes "viable".

"It (fee) can be raised to keep up with the current fee levels. The idea is not to punish students, but to ensure that the programmes are viable and infrastructure such as laboratories and research facilities do not suffer for want of funds," the minister told MAIL TODAY.

Raju's support is clearly good news for the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), which

recently proposed an 80 per cent hike in its annual fee — from ₹50,000 to ₹90,000 per annum. This proposal awaits the final approval of the IIT Council, which is chaired by the HRD minister.

Moreover, his statement will only strengthen the case of central universities such as Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

HRD minister supports change in fee structure

which has, time and again, been forced to rollback its fee hike on account of stiff resistance from the student community. JNU hasn't hiked its fee in at least the last two decades. Masters students continue to pay a measly ₹264 per semester (every six months) and research scholars ₹275 for the same period.

According to JNU vice-chancellor S.K.

Sopory, the varsity is once again trying to raise its fee. "Our fee is so little that even a 100 per cent increase will not make much of a difference to our actual need for funds. But nothing can be implemented unless the students are also on board. Our preliminary discussion with the students showed there is a lot of resistance to the idea," Sopory said.

The draft report of the Planning Commission for the 12th Plan Period has strongly advocated fee hike especially for central universities based in Delhi, where higher education continues to be highly subsidised.

"Maintaining low levels of fee is not sustainable; in fact it is regressive since it often tends to benefit the better-off students. With growing prosperity, rising household incomes and strong family values, more and more households are now willing to pay higher fees," the draft report suggests.

HT Chandigarh

Deal signed for better cooperation among NITs

JALANDHAR: In order to promote academic and research activities, Dr BR Ambedkar National Institute of Technology (NIT) has signed memorandums of understanding (MoU) with three national institutes of technology based at Hamirpur, Srinagar and Jaipur.

NIT director SK Das said, "We would support each other's endeavour in the delivery of exchange of scientific and technical information, joint

supervision of postgraduate and PhD students, undertaking collaborative research activities through participation in national and international funded projects."

"We will also jointly organise events including seminars workshops, conferences and training programmes. We will identify areas of interests and exchange faculty members as per the requirements," he added.

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India develops world's first JE vaccine

Kounteya Sinha | TNN

New Delhi: The world's first vaccine against Japanese Encephalitis (JE), created using an Indian strain of the virus, is now ready.

National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune had provided Bharat Biotech with a strain of the JE virus collected from Kolar in Karnataka — a hotbed for JE infections, for the vaccine. Bharat has just submitted the results from the final human trials to the drug controller general of India for marketing clearance.

Dr Raj Shankar Ghosh from PATH, an organization instrumental in conducting JE vaccinations across India since 2006 in 15 states and 118 districts, said the vaccine has been found to have a protection rate of 90% and can be used on the 1-15 years age group. "The application for marketing approval has already been submitted to the DCGI. The clinical data will also be placed before the Indian Council of Medical Research for review in January. ICMR's scientific committee provides technical support to the government on effectiveness of vaccines following which a decision is taken on whether it can be introduced in the public health programme," Dr Ghosh said.

According to PATH's country programme leader Tarun

Vij, the vaccine, besides protecting against the Indian strains of JE, is also effective against the Nakayama strain — the original strain from Japan, and the Biken strain that circulates in other Asian countries. At present, India imports its entire stock of JE vaccine from China's National Biotech Group. Health minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said on Friday that India recorded nearly 7,800 cases of AES till December 11 with nearly 1,200 deaths. The number of cases and deaths of AES (Acute Encephalitis Syndrome) have been increasing every year. In 2009, India recorded 4,975 cases and 779 deaths followed by 5,167 cases and 679 deaths in 2010, 8,249 cases and 1169 deaths in 2011.

JE, a mosquito-borne virus, affects the central nervous system. It is transmitted to humans via the bite of an infected mosquito. The mosquitoes usually get infected when feeding on domestic pigs carrying the virus. The Cabinet recently approved a proposal for a comprehensive multi-pronged strategy for the prevention and control of JE and AES. The plan will be implemented in 60 priority districts for five years till 2017. The programme is expected to cost Rs.3,354 crore.

Dr Ghosh said, "SA 14 will finally get prequalification certificate from the World Health Organization in 2013."

प्रतिभाओं की मुट्ठी में चमकीले रोजगार

विश्लेषण

जयंतिलाल भंडारी

र कौन इस समय वैश्विक सुस्ती के दौर में भारतीय प्रतिभाएं देश और दुनिया में ऊंचे-ऊंचे वेतन पर प्रतिष्ठापूर्ण और चमकीले रोजगार प्राप्त करती दिख रही हैं। हाल में बिट्स पिलानी के तीन छात्रों को गुगल ने एक करोड़ 22 लाख रुपये के वार्षिक पैकेज पर चयनित किया है। यह बिट्स के छात्रों का अब तक के सर्वाधिक ऊंचे वेतन पर किया गया चयन है। तीनों छात्र बिट्स में ड्यूल डिग्री पाठ्यक्रम में एमएससी मैथेमेटिक्स एवं बीई कम्प्यूटर साइंस में अंतिम वर्ष के विद्यार्थी हैं। तीनों की पढ़ाई जुलाई 2013 में पूरी होगी। गुगल कंपनी ने तीनों को अक्टूबर 2013 में कंपनी के अमेरिका के माउटेनव्यू शहर स्थित मुख्यालय में नौकरी के लिए चयनित किया है।

ऐसे कई भारतीय प्रतिभाओं के चमकीले रोजगार चयन आए दिन दिखाई दे रहे हैं। ऐसे में देश के कोने-कोने में नई पीढ़ी यह अनुभव कर रही है कि अब अच्छे करियर के लिए डिग्री के साथ पेशेवर कुशलता (प्रोफेशनल स्किल्स) जरूरी है। प्रसिद्ध इंप्लायमेंट सर्वे आर्गनाइजेशन 'मैककिन्से' का नया अध्ययन बता रहा है कि भारत में स्किल गैप के कारण 25 फीसद ग्रेजुएट ही अच्छा करियर प्राप्त कर पा रहे हैं। इसी तरह हाल ही में प्रकाशित हुए 'एमबीए यूनिवर्स डॉट कॉम-मेरी ट्रैक इंप्लायबिलिटी स्टडी' के सर्वे के नतीजों से यह पता चला है कि देश में एमबीए की पढ़ाई की गुणवत्ता लगातार गिर रही है। यद्यपि पिछले पांच वर्षों में भारत में एमबीए करने वाले छात्रों की तादाद दिन-ब-दिन बढ़ी है। लेकिन ऐसे कुशल मैनेजमेंट ग्रेजुएट्स की संख्या लगातार घटी है, जिन्हें रोजगार दिया जा सके। सर्वे में कहा गया है कि एमबीए की पढ़ाई कर रहे स्नातकों में से महज 21 फीसद छात्र ही नौकरी पाने के काबिल हैं। इस सर्वे में 29 प्रमुख शहरों के 2263 एमबीए स्नातक और 100 बिजनेस स्कूल शामिल थे। इस सर्वे में यह

बात भी उभरकर सामने आई कि अधिकतर कंपनियां नौकरी पर रखने से पहले मैनेजमेंट ग्रेजुएट्स स्टूडेंट्स को कई मानकों पर मापती हैं। कंपनियां अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानकों के अनुस्यू स्टूडेंट्स की रीजनिंग योग्यता, वर्बल एबिलिटी और क्वॉन्टिटेटिव एबिलिटी का मूल्यांकन करती हैं। इन कसौटियों पर भी स्टडी में बी-स्कूलों के एमबीए पास आवेदकों का स्तर बहुत असंतोषजनक निकला है।



इतना ही नहीं मेट्रोमैन ई श्रीधरन के इंजीनियरिंग छात्रों पर आधारित सर्वे के मुताबिक महज 12 फीसद इंजीनियरिंग छात्र ही नौकरी के लायक हैं। सर्वे में ई श्रीधरन ने इंजीनियरिंग छात्रों की प्लेसमेंट संबंधी चिंताजनक स्थिति के लिए कुकुरमुत्तों की तरह खुल रहे इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेजों की गुणवत्ताविहीन शिक्षा को जिम्मेदार ठहराया है। ऐसे कॉलेजों को मिल रहे राजनीतिक संरक्षण

पर भी अंगुली उठाई गई है। सचमुच यह चिंताजनक परिदृश्य है कि जहां एक ओर देश में प्रोफेशनल्स एजुकेशन के कॉलेजों की बाढ़ आ गई है। वहीं, दूसरी ओर औद्योगिक-व्यावसायिक जख्मत के अनुस्यू प्रोफेशनल्स नहीं मिल पा रहे हैं। ख्याति प्राप्त स्टाफिंग फर्म मैनापॉवर ग्रुप की स्टडी रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि पिछले वर्ष के मुकाबले इस वर्ष 2012 में पर्याप्त संख्या में टैलेंटेड प्रोफेशनल्स नहीं मिल

- 'एमबीए यूनिवर्स डॉट कॉम-मेरी ट्रैक इंप्लायबिलिटी स्टडी' के सर्वे के नतीजों से यह पता चला है कि देश में एमबीए की पढ़ाई की गुणवत्ता लगातार गिर रही है
- मेट्रोमैन ई श्रीधरन के इंजीनियरिंग छात्रों पर आधारित सर्वे के मुताबिक महज 12 फीसद इंजीनियरिंग छात्र ही नौकरी के लायक हैं
- भारत में 17 फीसद लोग ही कौशल प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रमों से शिक्षित-प्रशिक्षित हैं, जबकि चीन में ऐसे लोगों की संख्या 91 प्रतिशत है

रहे हैं। इसमें करीब 19 फीसद की कमी आई है। विशेषज्ञ बार-बार यह कहते हुए आए जा रहे हैं कि डिग्री के साथ प्रोफेशनल स्किल्स से दक्ष भारतीय प्रतिभाएं ही देश और दुनिया की जरूरत के रूप में दिखाई दे रही हैं।

यही कारण है कि इस समय वैश्विक दोहरी मंदी के दौर में जब विकसित देशों में नई नौकरियां दिखाई नहीं दे रही हैं, तब भी इन दिनों देश-विदेश की कंपनियां भारत की एमबीए,

आईटी और अन्य प्रतिभाओं को लेने के लिए आईआईटी, आईआईएम और मैनेजमेंट बी स्कूल्स की तरफ दौड़ते हुए दिखाई दे रही हैं।

यद्यपि देश के विभिन्न आईआईएम, आईआईटी और प्रमुख बिजनेस स्कूलों के कुछ छात्रों को तो ऊंचे-ऊंचे वेतन वाले पैकेज मिल रहे हैं। लेकिन अधिकतर कॉलेजों के अधिकतर छात्रों के समझ प्लेसमेंट संबंधी निराशाएं हैं। ऐसे में हमें इस सचाई पर भी ध्यान देना होगा कि अब भी देश में कुछ ही प्रतिभाशाली युवाओं की मुट्ठियों में चमकीले रोजगार हैं और अधिकतर युवाओं की मुट्ठियां रोजगार रहित हैं। अधिकतर युवा इसलिए पेशेवर के रूप में अपनी पहचान नहीं बना पा रहे हैं, क्योंकि उनकी शिक्षा का स्तर बहुत ही खराब है। ज्यादातर इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेजों में छात्रों को ही ग्रेजुएट बना दिया जाता है। देश की शिक्षा व्यवस्था में ठहराव है।

देश में भले ही चौराहे-चौराहे पर शैक्षणिक संस्थान खुल गए हों पर गुणवत्ता के स्तर पर उनमें से ज्यादातर का मूल्यांकन नहीं के बराबर होता है। स्थिति यह है कि देश के ज्यादातर विश्वविद्यालयों एवं कॉलेजों का ध्यान सिर्फ बीई, एमबीए और अन्य विषयों के छात्रों को प्लेसमेंट प्रक्रिया में बिताने तक ही सीमित है। छात्रों के ओवरऑल डेवलपमेंट के लिए वे कुछ खास नहीं कर रहे हैं। उद्यमपरक मानव संसाधन तैयार करने की ओर अब भी सरकार, सक्षम प्राधिकरण व अन्य संबंधित संगठन संजीद नहीं हैं। गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षा के लिए न तो प्रशिक्षण व पढ़ाई के स्तर पर किसी तरह की ठोस पहल की जा रही है और न ही बाजार के अनुस्यू रोजगार के लिए माहौल विकसित किया जा रहा है।

हमें देश की नई आबादी को मानव संसाधन और पेशेवर बनाने के लिए ठोस प्रयास करने होंगे। देश और दुनिया में आज भी मानव संसाधन में परिणित भारतीय प्रतिभाओं की मांग है और भविष्य में भी बनी रहेगी। विश्व बैंक की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक विकसित देशों और कई विकासशील देशों में वर्ष 2020 तक कामकाजी जनसंख्या की भारी कमी होगी। यह माना जा रहा है कि दुनिया में आबादी का स्वरूप इस तरह

बदल गया है कि भारत की बढ़ी हुई आबादी मानव संसाधन के परिप्रेष्य में आर्थिक वरदान सिद्ध हो सकती है।

भारत की जनसंख्या में करीब पचास प्रतिशत से ज्यादा संख्या उन लोगों की है, जिनकी उम्र 25 साल से कम है। दुनिया भारत को प्रतिभाओं का गढ़ मान रही है। ये प्रतिभाएं सस्ते एवं गुणवत्तापूर्ण काम से एक ओर भारत से आउटसोर्सिंग को बढ़ाकर नई कमाई का डेर लागू सकती हैं, वहीं दूसरी ओर विदेशों में जाकर विदेशी अर्थव्यवस्थाओं का सहारा बनकर डॉलर, यूरो और येन की कमाई करके देश की समृद्धि बढ़ाने में योगदान कर सकती हैं। यह हम चाहते हैं कि भारतीय प्रतिभाएं देश की मिट्टी को सोना बना दें, तो हमें कुछ महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाने होंगे। कम योग्य युवाओं के लिए हमें प्रशिक्षण एवं सेवा क्षेत्र में अवसर खोजने होंगे और उन्हें रोजगारोन्मुखी पाठ्यक्रमों से शिक्षित-प्रशिक्षित करना होगा। गांवों में काफी संख्या में जो गरीब, अशिक्षित और अर्धशिक्षित लोग हैं, उन्हें अर्थपूर्ण रोजगार देने के लिए कौशल प्रशिक्षण से सुसज्जित करके निम्न तकनीक विनिर्माण में लगाना होगा। देश के उद्योग-व्यवसाय में कौशल प्रशिक्षित लोगों की मांग और आपूर्ति में लगातार अंतर बना हुआ है।

भारत में 17 फीसद लोग ही कौशल प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रमों से शिक्षित-प्रशिक्षित हैं, जबकि चीन में ऐसे लोगों की संख्या 91 प्रतिशत है। ऊंची डिग्रीयों की पढ़ाई करने वाले छात्रों को अब कॉलेज में पढ़ाई के साथ-साथ कम्प्युटेशन स्किल्स, वर्बल एबिलिटी, एनालिटिकल स्किल्स, जनरल अवेयरनेस और अच्छी अंग्रेजी जैसी पेशेवर कुशलताएं भी विकसित करना जरूरी है। छात्रों को चाहिए कि वे कॉलेज को कार्रपोरेट गुरुकुल मानते हुए उन स्किल डेवलपमेंट फॉर्मूलों को सीखें, जिनसे उनका चमकीला करियर बनेगा। वस्तुतः देश की नई पीढ़ी को नए आर्थिक दौर में अधिक उत्पादकता के लायक बनने तथा प्रतिस्पर्धा की दौड़ में अडल आने के लिए खुद को मानव संसाधन के रूप में चमकीला बनाना होगा।

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