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## *Court summons 21 websites for posting objectionable contents*

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**NEW DELHI:** In yet another blow to 21 social networking sites including Facebook, Microsoft, Google, Yahoo and Youtube, a Delhi court on Friday issued summonses to them for facing trial for allegedly webcasting objectionable contents.

Metropolitan magistrate Sudesh Kumar, who took cognizance of a private criminal complaint, directed the Centre to take "immediate appropriate steps" and

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**GOOGLE SPOKESPERSON**

file a report by January 13.

The court issued the order after examining four witnesses to ascertain the veracity of the materials produced by the complainant as evidence and perusing the response of Delhi police on the authenticity of documents filed by him.

Communications and IT Minister Kapil Sibal had earlier raised the issue with representatives of some of these companies and discussed ways to ensure such objectionable contents were not posted on the Internet.

A Google spokesperson told HT: "Access to information is the foundation of a free society. Google Search helps spread knowledge. Services like YouTube and Google+ help users to express themselves. If content is illegal or breaks our terms of service we will remove it."

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## Court summons FB, others for 'obscene content'

Smriti Singh | TNN

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court on Friday summoned 21 websites — including Facebook, Orkut, Google and YouTube — to face trial on charges of criminal conspiracy among others, for “selling, publicly exhibiting and... (circulating) obscene, lascivious content”.

The order came three days after a civil court ordered some social networking websites to remove content that might offend religious sentiments.

Taking cognizance of a private criminal complaint, metropolitan magistrate Sudesh Kumar also directed the Centre to take “immediate appro-

priate steps” and file a report in the court by January 19. Copies of the order are to be sent to secretaries of the IT, home and law ministries as well.

The ruling comes within days of communications minister Kapil Sibal asking websites to ensure no offensive content is uploaded. On De-

cember 20, administrative civil judge Mukesh Kumar had restrained the sites from web-casting any “anti-religious” or “anti-social” content.

On Friday, the court summoned the accused companies to “face trial under Section 292, 293 and 120B IPC” for alleged sale of obscene objects and criminal conspiracy.

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## 'Sites fanning enmity among communities'

Smriti Singh | TNN

**New Delhi:** A Delhi magistrate on Friday took a sterner view about offending content in social networking sites.

“It appears from a bare perusal of the documents that prima facie the accused in connivance with each other and other unknown persons are selling, publicly exhibiting and have put into circulation obscene, lascivious content which also appears to the prurient interests and tends to deprave and corrupt the persons who are likely to read, see or hear the same,” the court said.

The magistrate noted that the website material submitted by the complainant contained obscene pictures and derogatory articles on Prophet Mohammad, Jesus Christ and Hindu gods and goddesses. “The contents are certainly disrespectful to the religious sentiments and faith and seem to be intended to outrage the feelings of religious people whether Hindu, Muslim or Christian,” the magistrate said.

He added that prima facie, the accused are also liable to be summoned for offences of promoting enmity between classes and causing prejudice to national integration but due to an embargo under the Criminal

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Delhi magistrate

Procedure Code, the court can not summon them under these offences without prior sanction of the central or state government or district magistrate.

“However, owing to the embargo under section 196 of the CrPC which prohibits taking of cognizance under the said provisions except with the previous sanctions of central government or state government or district magistrate, the accused persons are not summoned for the said offences,” it said.

The petitioner, in his complaint, had said that content hosted on the websites named were “inflammatory” and sought to create enmity between various religious communities.

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# Minority quota in govt institutes from 2012

## Gazette Notification Issued To All Edu Institutions

Akshaya Mukul | TNN

New Delhi: Within minutes of the Cabinet clearance for 4.5% sub-quota for minorities within 27% reservation for OBCs, the HRD ministry issued a detailed gazette notification asking all the Central educational institutions to abide by the decision.

On Thursday, the ministry had sought advice of law ministry if the sub-quota implementation would require amendment in the Central Educational Institutions (reservations in admission) Act, 2006.

Sources said, "Law ministry said notification is enough and no legislative intervention is needed in the CEI Act."

The Centre's decision would have immediate impact on admissions in IITs/IIMs/NITs/AIIMS, 44 Central universities and educational institutions like National Institute of Design, National Institutes of Fashion Technology and others. However, advertisement for entrance test to most of these institutions has been issued.

Officials said, "Since it is a sub-quota within existing



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reservation for OBCs, institutions would have to issue a corrigendum stating the new decision. The Central list of OBCs consisting of minority communities is also known. It would not be a problem to implement."

In real terms, 4.5% reservation would result in roughly 120 seats earmarked for minorities in 15 IITs and Indian School of Mines.

This year, 2,600 students got admission in IITs under the OBC quota. In 30 National Institutes of Technology, where admission is done through All India Engineer-

ing Entrance Examination, 200-odd seats would be for minorities. In 13 IIMs, with total intake of nearly 3500 students, 42 seats would go to students from minority communities. Central educational institutions were allowed to implement 27% OBC reservation in a staggered fashion over five years. The five-year deadline ends next year.

"Profile of Central government-run educational institutions is definitely going to get more diverse from next year," one IIM director said, adding implementation would not be a problem.

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## AIMA writes to government to bring back pen and paper format of examination

**fe Bureau**

**New Delhi, Dec 23:** At a time when various competitive exams in the country are going online and the government is introducing a common management admission test (CMAT) to reduce the burden on students, the All India Management Association (AIMA) has written to the ministry of human resource development to also add the paper-pencil format in exam.

"AIMA has been successfully conducting the management admission test (MAT) for 20 years and the online MAT for three years but our experience is that only 9% students took the computer-based MAT. Hence, we request the government to provide both options to students," said a senior AIMA official.

CMAT-2012 will be conducted by Aptech from February 20-28, 2012 and is expected to cater to about 2.5 lakh candidates. In a letter to the ministry, the association has cited internet bandwidth and power issues as deterrents to the exam while the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) said that the online exams will only reduce students' burden.

Incidentally, AIMA had earlier offered its test centres in the far-flung areas of the country for the CMAT.

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## IIIT and IIFTEM to be set up in Sonapat soon

**CHANDIGARH, DHSN:** Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) and Indian Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (IIFTEM) are soon to come up in Sonapat, on the outskirts of the national capital.

The IIIT will be set up at village Kilrod, while IIFTEM will come up at Kundli, an official spokesman said on Friday. He said establishment of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in Haryana was also under consideration.

He added the Centre had also approved establishment of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at village Sunaria and classes had started at Maharshi Dayanand University at Rohtak. Fifty students were admitted in 2010-11 and 125 in 2011-12, he said.

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# Know how you fared in NET, instantly

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**NEW DELHI:** Students appearing for the National Eligibility Test (NET), 2012 will be able to evaluate their performance immediately after appearing for the much-simplified test.

The University Grants Commission (UGC), which conducts the test for around 2.5 lakh

students twice a year, on Thursday decided that candidates can take carbon prints of their optical reader answer sheets with them.

This will enable students to know instantly how they have fared in the test, said UGC chairperson Ved Prakash.

In another decision, the UGC has decided that all the question papers for the test will be

objective type.

Till now, two papers were objective and the third one subjective. This has led to delay in declaration of the results, sometimes forcing students to appear again.

Students had earlier expressed their unhappiness over evaluation in the subjective type paper.

Now, we will be able to declare

the results much before next NET and to the satisfaction of students, Prakash said. The format will be applicable for the June 2012 exam and results will be announced by October before the next exam in December 2012.

Only those who clear the NET are eligible for junior research fellowship and for appointment in colleges and universities.

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# On Pluto, hints of building blocks of life

## Hubble Telescope Spots Complex Organic Molecules On The Planet's Surface

**London:** Planetary scientists claim that the Hubble telescope has found hints of "building blocks of life" on Pluto.

An international team, led by the Southwest Research Institute in Colorado, says the Hubble has actually detected hints of complex hydrocarbon molecules, crucial to the first life on Earth, on the surface of the dwarf planet Pluto.

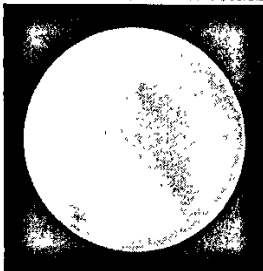
The Cosmic Origins Spectroscopy on the Hubble space tele-

scope has discovered a strong "absorber" of ultraviolet light on the dwarf planet's rocky, icy surface — suggesting hydrocarbons are lying there, the British media reported.

The chemicals detected on the surface might have been produced by sunlight or cosmic rays reacting with Pluto's surface ices, which include frozen methane, carbon monoxide and nitrogen, say the scientists.

They believe the presence of

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HELLO, ANYONE THERE?

the chemicals would explain the body's red hue.

"This is an exciting finding. Plutonian hydrocarbons may be responsible for giving Pluto its ruddy colour," Alan Stern of the Southwest Research Institute, who led the team, was quoted as saying. Scientists also found evidence that things on Pluto appear to be changing, with differences in the ultraviolet spectrum compared to Hubble measurements from the 1990s.

The changes may be simply be caused by looking at different terrains, or to other effects, such as changes in the surface related to a steep increase in the pressure of Pluto's atmosphere, they say. "The discovery we made with Hubble reminds us that even more exciting discoveries about Pluto's composition and surface evolution are likely to be in store when Nasa's New Horizons spacecraft arrives at Pluto in 2015," Stern added. 711

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# Norms to open med colleges to be eased

## Govt May Change Land Rules To Boost Numbers

Kounteya Sinha | TNN

**New Delhi:** The Union health ministry will soon relax norms to open medical colleges. Union health minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday asked the Medical Council of India (MCI) to prepare a series of medical reforms within a month. One of the crucial reforms is regarding land required to start medical colleges.

Now, the ministry allows a medical college to start on a 10-acre plot in nine cities — Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Kanpur and Pune. It is planning to expand this list and include state capitals of Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, which are not only facing acute shortage of human resources, but also have poor health indicators.

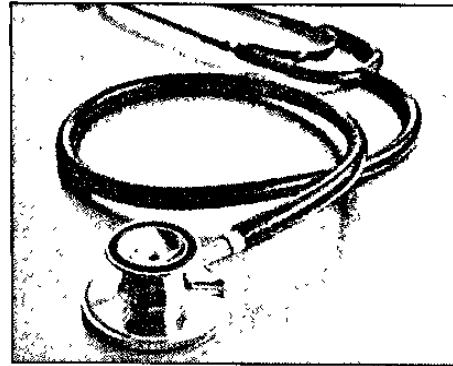
The ministry will allow these states to have split campuses — hospital and medical college within 10km of each other. This facility is available only in north-eastern and hill states, which require 20 acres of plot to start a medical college.

India has a density of one medical college per 38.41 lakhs.

Around 315 medical colleges are spread across 188 of 642 districts. The ratio is worse in certain states: there is only one medical college for 115 lakhs in Bihar, UP (95 lakhs), Madhya Pradesh (73 lakhs) and Rajasthan (68 lakhs), whereas Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu each have medical college for 15 lakhs, 16 lakhs and 19 lakhs, respectively.

"Sometimes a hospital does not have enough land to start a medical college. We have asked the MCI to relax norms to allow a split campus provided facilities like transportation and telecommunication are in place," a ministry official said.

India has the largest number of medical colleges in the world, producing over 30,000 doctors and 18,000 specialists every year. However, India's average annual output is 100 graduates per medical college in comparison to 110 in North America, Central Europe (125), Western Eu-



rope (149) and Eastern Europe (220). China, which has 188 colleges, churns out 1,75,000 doctors annually with an average of 930 graduates per college.

The high-power expert group (HLEG) of the Planning Commission working on universal health coverage has proposed a phased addition of 187 colleges. The HLEG said by 2015 under phase A, 59 new medical colleges will admit students in the 15 states of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, UP and West Bengal. By 2017, 13 of these states will have an additional 70 medical colleges, and by 2022, 58 additional colleges will be built in two additional phases (2017-20 and 2020-22). By 2022, India will have one medical college per 25 lakhs in all states except Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

"The implementation of HLEG's recommendations will enable the additional availability of 1.2 lakh doctors by 2017 and another 1.9 lakh doctors between 2017 and 2022. With this rate of growth, it is expected that the HLEG target of one doctor per 1,000 will be achieved by 2028," the report said. According to the HLEG's estimates, the number of allopathic doctors registered with MCI has increased since 1974 to 6.12 lakhs in 2011 — a ratio of 1 doctor for 1,953, or a density of 0.5 doctors per 1,000. However, the availability of allopathic doctors as per current trends is both inadequate and uneven.