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Shower of US jobs for IIT-D pupils

Over 20 students have bagged offers paying over US $100,000 base pay; Japan, Singapore, and Taiwan open doors too

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New Delhi: It's raining international job offers at Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi this year, with most of the students choosing USA for their first job, after B.Tech.

According to the placement cell of IIT-D, last year only eight international job offers came to the campus, out of which four were rejected, this year the number of offers has gone up to 40 after the completion of the first phase.

"Last year there were eight international job offers but out of them four were rejected by students who chose Indian companies over international. This year, the number has gone up to 40, and out of those 40 offers, around 20 are from USA. Over 20 students have bagged offers paying over US $100,000 base pay. Other job offers are from countries like Japan, Singapore and Taiwan," said a placement co-ordinator at IIT-D.

"Students who got international job offers chose US-based companies over other countries, for better growth opportunities in the beginning of their career. The companies are paying, over 60 lakh plus annual salaries to undergraduate students, mostly in core sectors like IT," she added.

Around 60 per cent of the undergraduate students at IIT-D have already been placed with the completion of the first phase of placement that started on December 1. The second phase of placements is supposed to start from the first week of January.

As per the trends shared by the placement cell, around 73 per cent of students were placed in core jobs (since companies offering Information Technology profiles are core to many including Computer Science, Electrical Engineering

PSU OVER START-UP

The number of start-ups coming to the campus drastically declined as compared to the last academic session. Common at all IITs after the Flipkart hiring fiasco in the last placement session at IITs. The Indian Institutes of Management had also shunned start-ups during their summer placements early this year. However, Almost all major IITs had more than double the number of PSUs - both Maharatnas and Navratnas – who participated in the recruitment process.

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Another trend which was common to all IITs this year was the return of the PSUs to campuses. Almost all major IITs had more than double the number of PSUs - both Maharatnas and Navratnas — who participated in the recruitment process.

IIT-D also saw PSUs coming to recruit undergraduate students. "Some PSU selection panels visited the campus in December. A few other PSU selection panels are expected to visit the campus in the second phase of placements resuming in January," a statement from the placement cell read.

IITs bust myth, now host more PG than UG students

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MUMBAI: The IITs have graduated. From famously being undergraduate colleges for over half a century, they have now reached the exalted status of being largely graduate academies.

More residents at these institutes today are pursuing their master's degree; they have trumped their juniors who used to make up the lion's share on the campus. Academic might multiplied by research power today shatters everything that the IITs were.

The world view of the IITs was captured in a recent IIT review report by Anil Kakodkar. It points out, "The IITs have distinguished themselves for the quality of their BTech degrees. IIT's brand image is primarily due to the very distinguished performance of its BTech students." In the same vein, the report expressed concern over the fact that few top-class student were opting for postgraduate studies.

But a clampdown on work visas in Western countries, slowing down of the global economy and a boost given to startups at home have seen the tide turning. In 2015, the seven old IIT campuses graduated a total of 6,002 undergraduate students, 6,168 master's students and 1,902 PhD candidates.

Student population today is more diverse and hostel cuisine ecumenical. Riding to lectures on horseback, knowing everyone in college, unlimited food in the mess and a room for each are long- forgotten equations. IIT-Guwahati director Gautam Biswas says, "These changes have made the campus very vibrant and an ideal location to pursue a career."

Derided as undergrad colleges that saw most pass-outs jumping on to a plane to do an MS and follow dollar dreams, most IITians are chalking newer routes. IIT-Delhi registrar Sandeep Chaterjee says, "The trend varies. Now many IIT students prefer to do PG or research from IIT-Delhi. Similarly, students from NIT/IISER and other higher educational/engineering institution prefer to do PG or a research degree programme from IIT-Delhi due to its high-ranking, academic facilities and availability of R&D labs/equipment, projects, etc."

What this translates into is that hundreds of non-IIT engineers—the ones who did attend these tech Ivys after high school—are walking past the gates at the next, higher level—PG. "The ratio has shifted positively as more students from smaller towns come to IIT to study," said IIT-Bombay director Devang Khakhar.

Roughly, data shows that about 20% PG students are from IITs, NITs, ISM and IIITs. The trend is likely to get more pronounced as the institutes work to ramp up research scholars on campus. So, the altering of UG-PG student ratio is not a one-year blip.

IIT-Madras director Bhaskar Ramamurthi refers back to the Kakodkar Committee recommendations that direct the IITs to increase their PhD graduation rate steadily towards 1 per faculty member per year. "This means that intake must be approximately of this order. We were graduating only 150 or so in 2010-11, but are moving towards 400+ by 2018-19," he adds.

Assuming that PhD students take 5-plus years to earn their degrees, it means that at least 3,000 PhD students must be on the rolls at any point in time on the Madras campus. "For high-end activities that involve new technology and development, one needs to have high- quality engineers and technologists at the postgraduate and PhD levels in large numbers," the committee notes.

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आईआईटी कानपुर ओवरऑल चैंपियन

कानपुर (ब्यूरो)। 23वीं इंटर आईआईटी स्टाफ स्पोर्ट्स मीट में आईआईटी कानपुर ने ओवरऑल चैंपियनशिप (पुरुष और महिला दोनों ही वर्गों में) पर कब्जा जमाया। कानपुर की टीम ने कुल 82 अंक के साथ इस खिताब को अपने नाम किया, जबकि दूसरे स्थान पर रही आईआईटी दिल्ली 48 ही हासिल कर सकी। अंतिम दिन भी कानपुर की टीम क्रिकेट और बास्केटबाल में अव्वल रही। बास्केटबाल में आईआईटी खड़गपुर को 64-15 के अंतर से हराया, वहीं क्रिकेट में आईआईटी रुड़की को 91 रन से शिकस्त दी।

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हर वर्ष 'इंटर-आईआईटी टेक मीट' का आयोजन कर सकते हैं आईआईटी

नई दिल्ली, (भाषा)। भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान हर वर्ष 'इंटर-आईआईटी टेक मीट' का आयोजन कर सकते हैं, जिसमें इन प्रतिष्ठित संस्थानों के प्रतिभाशाली छात्र विभिन्न स्पर्धाओं में हिस्सा लेंगे। सूत्रों ने बताया कि कई आईआईटी अपने स्तर पर प्रौद्योगिकी महोत्सव का आयोजन करते हैं लेकिन इस महीने की शुरुआत में आईआईटी के कानपुर परिसर में इन संस्थानों के निदेशकों की बैठक में संयुक्त प्रौद्योगिकी महोत्सव के आयोजन पर चर्चा की गयी। उन लोगों ने बताया कि ऐसा समझा जा रहा है कि निदेशक इस विचार को लेकर उत्साहित थे लेकिन इसमें खर्च होने वाली राशि और अन्य चीजों पर भी बात की गयी ऐसा समझा जा रहा है कि इंटर-आईआईटी टेक फेस्ट, के प्रारंभिक चरण को पुराने आईआईटी के महोत्सव के साथ आयोजित किया जा सकता है।

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IITs would be better off not bearing the burden of fee concessions

WHILE the government decision to hike the IIT fees was well-founded—this was done to cover the costs of upgradation—the riders it came attached with are now coming into question. The government earlier this year had increased the fee to ₹2 lakh, but it had provided a full-concession to economically weaker sections, while also providing a full waiver to those with a family income of ₹1 lakh and 67% waiver for those having family income between ₹1 and ₹5 lakh. Now, according to *The Economic Times*, the IIT Council has asked the government to directly reimburse the fee given as concessions into the students accounts and replace fee-waiver with interest-free loans as the decision is affecting financial viability and eroding their corpus funds.
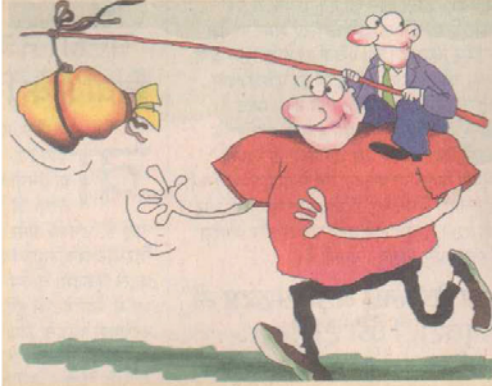
A IIT-Kanpur review of funding shows that fee, consultancy and research grants only cover 21-28% of the proportion of funds allocated to the institutions. Still, it would be a big help if the government provides for the concessions, instead of the IITs parting with their own funds, which can be used for development of new facilities. Of the eight new IITs the government had announced back in 2008-09, only three have got full-fledged campuses, while some are still operating out of their temporary structures without labs or other necessary infrastructure. The dream of having world-class institutions cannot be fulfilled if they are to kept cash-strapped.

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आईटीआईआर लाएगी तकनीक में क्रांति

जोधपुर @ पत्रिका. आईआईटी जोधपुर में गत दिनों कानून व न्याय मंत्रालय और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स व सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी राज्य मंत्री पीपी चौधरी के मुख्य आतिथ्य में जोधपुर-पाली क्षेत्र में इनफॉर्मेशन टेक्नोलॉजी इनवेस्टमेंट रीजन स्थापित करने को लेकर गोष्ठी हुई। इस अवसर पर संस्थान के इंडस्ट्री एकेडमिया इंटरफेस के एडवाइजर एमएल बापना ने अपना प्रेजेंटेशन दिया।

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IIT रिसर्च की फंडिंग के वादे से मुकरे मंत्रालय

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इस साल 30 से भी ज्यादा मंत्रालयों और केंद्र सरकार के विभागों ने सेक्टर आधारित रिसर्च एंड डिवेलपमेंट फंडिंग के लिए संस्थानों के साथ 250 एमओयू पर हस्ताक्षर किए। इसके तहत 50 फीसदी फंडिंग का वादा किया गया था। हालांकि, सूत्रों ने ईटी को बताया कि कुछ महीने बाद मंत्रालयों और विभागों ने अपने फाइनेंशियल वादा पूरा करने से मना कर दिया।

अब तक इनमें से 60 प्रस्तावों पर काम शुरू हो पाया है और संबंधित विभाग बाकी 199 परियोजनाओं की फंडिंग के लिए मना कर रहे हैं। फंडिंग के लिए मना करने वाली इकाइयों में डिफेंस रिसर्च एंड डिवेलपमेंट ऑर्गेनाइजेशन (डीआरडीओ), हेल्थ मिनिस्ट्री और डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स एंड इंफॉर्मेशन टेक्नोलॉजी (डीईआईटीवाई) प्रमुख हैं।

एचआरडी मिनिस्ट्री इस मिशन से जुड़ी नोडल मिनिस्ट्री है। एचआरडी मिनिस्ट्री अब इस मामले को संबंधित मंत्रालयों के पास आगे बढ़ा रही है, ताकि एमओयू में किए गए वादों पर अमल हो सके। इस मिशन का अहम हिस्सा रहे आईआईटी के डायरेक्टर्स ने इस मसले पर निराशा जताई है। बीते 12 दिसंबर को आईआईटी डायरेक्टर्स की हुई 155वीं बैठक में इस मामले में एचआरडी मिनिस्ट्री के दखल की मांग करते हुए कहा गया कि सर्वोच्च कमेटी की तरफ से मंजूर 259 प्रोजेक्ट्स के लिए तत्काल

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या अगले फाइनेंशियल ईयर तक फंड मुहैया कराया जाना चाहिए।

सर्वोच्च कमेटी की तरफ से तीन दौर की जांच-पड़ताल के बाद कुल 478 प्रस्तावों में से 259 प्रोजेक्ट्स को शॉर्टलिस्ट किया गया था। इनमें से सिर्फ 60 प्रोजेक्ट्स पर संबंधित सरकारी विभागों ने एमओयू में किए गए वादे के तहत फंड देने के लिए सहमति जताई है।

प्रोजेक्ट्स को लेकर अचानक से पीछे हटने में डीआरडीओ प्रमुख है। इससे जुड़े कुल 501.85 करोड़ रुपये के 47 प्रोजेक्ट्स हैं। हेल्थ मिनिस्ट्री ने 44 और डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स एंड इंफॉर्मेशन टेक्नोलॉजी ने 20 प्रोजेक्ट्स की फंडिंग का वादा किया था। इसी तरह, डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ हेवी इंडस्ट्रीज और अर्बन डिवेलपमेंट मिनिस्ट्री ने 11-11 प्रोजेक्ट्स की फंडिंग के लिए एमओयू पर दस्तखत किए थे।

एचआरडी मिनिस्ट्री फंडिंग के लिए बाकी विकल्प भी तलाश रही है। मसलन प्रोजेक्ट्स के लिए 50 फीसदी फंड हासिल करने की खातिर इंडस्ट्री, एल्युमनाई और बाकी फंडिंग फोरम को तैयार करने में जुटी है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी और राष्ट्रपति प्रणब मुखर्जी ने मिलकर पिछले साल इम्प्रिंट लॉन्च किया था। आईआईटी और आईआईएससी की इस संयुक्त पहल का मकसद इंजीनियरिंग और टेक्नोलॉजी से जुड़ी बड़ी चुनौतियों से निपटने के लिए रिसर्च संबंधी रोडमैप तैयार करना था। इसके तहत वैसी टेक्नोलॉजी पर फोकस करने की बात है, जहां देश बड़े पैमाने पर विदेशी टेक्नोलॉजी पर निर्भर है।

IIT-Gandhinagar to help Army battle extreme conditions

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AHMEDABAD: Indian Army has selected the Indian Institute of Technology-Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) as its research hub and will sign an agreement with the IIT-Gn to collaborate in identifying problems faced by the force and its technical solutions. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) is likely to be signed on Tuesday.

This is the first time that the Army has decided to collaborate with an academic institution to help solve the problems being faced by troops deployed on borders and forward areas. This initiative "Make Projects" by Indian Army is in line with "Make in India" programme of the Union government.

Lieutenant General Subrata Saha Uttam, a recipient of Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM), Yudh Seva Medal (YSM), Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM) and Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Planning and Systems), with his team of officers will be at the Palaj campus of IIT-Gn to sign the agreement.

While confirming the development, Professor Sudhir Jain, director of IIT-Gn, said, "It is a historic event for the institute and IIT-Gn will do its best in providing technical solutions to problems being faced by the Indian Army."

Officials said that IIT-Gn will help in identifying problems faced by the Indian Army while operating in extreme weather conditions and border areas. The institute will work towards addressing such issues through research and development activities and projects.

Earlier, a team of three students and a teacher of IIT-Gn had visited various army base camps to understand the problems faced by the soldiers. The team of Professor Amit Arora along with doctoral students Amit Kumar Singh, Nidhi Anand and an MTech student Mayuri Madhukar visited Army bases from November 22 to 26 on the Sikkim border.

Various technical problems faced by the Indian Army over energy, communication, food and habitat were discussed in different sessions during the visit. After a pact is signed between the Indian Army and IIT-Gn, these problems will be addressed by giving technical solutions.

Dainik Bhaskar ND 26.12.2016 P-01

दिव्यांग छात्रों के लिए जोधपुर आईआईटी ने बदला सिलेबस

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सुनील चौधरी देख नहीं सकते। लेकिन साल भर में आईआईटीयन (कंप्यूटर इंजीनियर) बन जाएंगे। हाथ व पैर से दिव्यांग प्रभाष जैन भी सिस्टम साइंस से बीटेक पूरी कर लेंगे। जोधपुर आईआईटी के रजिस्ट्रार अमरदीप शर्मा ने बताया कि हमने दिव्यांग छात्रों की सुविधा के लिए सिलेबस में जरूरी बदलाव किए हैं। पहली बार किसी आईआईटी ने यह प्रयोग किया है। उन्होंने बताया कि एक सेमेस्टर तक नई व्यवस्था लागू की। प्रयोग सफल रहा। अब दिव्यांग छात्र आईआईटी से स्वॉइस की स्ट्रीम से इंजीनियरिंग कर सकेंगे। उन्हें विकलांगता को देखकर कोर्स तय नहीं करना पड़ेगा।

दिव्यांग छात्रों के...

पिछले सप्ताह ही मानव संसाधन एंव विकास मंत्रालय को पत्र लिखकर सभी आईआईटी में नया सिलेबस लागू करने का सुझाव दिया गया है। बदलाव का यह प्रस्ताव डायरेक्टर प्रो. सीबीआर मूर्ति लेकर आए थे। उन्होंने बताया कि प्रो. मूर्ति जब आईआईटी मद्रास और उससे पहले जब हैदराबाद में प्रोफेसर के पद थे, तभी दिव्यांग छात्रों के लिए इस तरह का सिलेबस बनाना चाहते थे, तभी से वे लगातार उनके लिए कैरीकुलम तैयार कर रहे थे। जोधपुर में डायरेक्टर बनते ही इन्होंने इसे लागू किया। पिछले साल उन्होंने सीनेट को सुझाव दिया कि कोर्स से प्रेक्टिकल हटाकर स्पीच सॉफ्टवेयर लगाया जाए, प्रेक्टिकल की जगह थ्योरी पढ़ाई जाए है, लैब में जिन प्रेक्टिकल्स को करने में परेशानी होती, उन्हें हटाया जाए। चूंकि उसकी जानकारी जरूरी है इसलिए विषय का रीडिंग पार्ट बनाया जाए। उन्हें एक अटेंडेंट मिले। इस प्रस्ताव को सीनेट ने मंजूरी दे दी।

प्रभाष के कोर्स से प्रेक्टिकल हटाए : प्रभाष अपने कोर्स में अकेले दिव्यांग हैं। ये सिस्टम साइंस से इंजीनियरिंग कर रहे हैं। उनके कोर्स में वही प्रेक्टिकल रखे गए हैं, जो वे आसानी से सभी छात्रों के साथ कर सकें। कोर्स से कुछ प्रेक्टिकल हटाकर उसकी जगह थ्योरी का पार्ट बढ़ा दिया है। उसका कहना है कि वह एक साल से आसानी से प्रेक्टिकल व क्लासेज कर रहे हैं। उन्हें दूसरे छात्रों के साथ प्रेक्टिकल करते समय यह अहसास ही नहीं होता कि वह दिव्यांग है।

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आईआईटी और आईआईएम की पढ़ाई का खर्च उठाएगी सरकार

मेधावी छात्र-छात्राओं के लिए सौगात

सतना. अखिल भारतीय प्रतिस्पर्धी परीक्षाएं पास करने वाले आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर छात्रों की पढ़ाई का खर्चा सरकार उठाएगी। आईआईटी, आईआईएम जैसी परीक्षाओं में सफल विद्यार्थियों की फीस सरकार भरेगी। इसमें जाति वर्ग का बंधन नहीं होगा। यह घोषणा मुख्यमंत्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान ने रविवार को विद्याभारती के आयोजन अभ्युदय महाशिविर में की।

मुख्यमंत्री चौहान ने कहा, 12 जनवरी स्वामी विवेकानंद जयंती को

छात्र पंचायत बुला रहे हैं। वहां इस घोषणा को मूर्त रूप दिया जाएगा। सीएम ने बताया कि उनके पास काफी संख्या में छात्र-छात्राओं के पत्र पहुंचते हैं, जिसमें लिखा होता है कि उनमें टैलेंट है, पढ़ना चाहते हैं

लेकिन आर्थिक हैसियत नहीं है। इसको देखते हुए यह निर्णय लिया गया है। बुंदेलखंड के प्रतापी शासक छत्रसाल का स्मरण करते हुए मुख्यमंत्री ने पाठ्यक्रम में उन्हें शामिल करने की भी घोषणा की।

December 25

IIT-Kharagpur looks northeast for tech fest

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GUWAHATI: For the first time, IIT-Kharagpur will survey institutes in the northeast to look for participants for its annual techno-management fest Kshitij.

Yash Bajaj, a leading organizer of the fest, said the Bengal institution, the oldest of the IITs, will approach technical institutes and students from the northeast to join the 14th edition of the mega fest that has grown exponentially since its inception in 2004.

"We did not touch the northeastern region in the earlier editions of the fest. This is the first time that we will approach the talent of the northeast. We will give them ample opportunities to showcase their potential during the mega fest," said Bajaj.

The participation process for the fest has already started. The events will be held from January 27 to 29.

"Renowned organizations like ACM, IEEE, ASME, ASHRAE and IMechE certify the numerous events of the fest. Besides, Kshitij also hosts workshops conducted by technical giants like IBM, Deloitte and Texas Instruments," said an organizer.

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प्रदूषण बढ़ क्यों रहा है ?

आईआईटी चेन्नई ने शुरू की पड़ताल

नई दिल्ली, 24 दिसम्बर (ब्यूरो): आईआईटी चेन्नई ने राजधानी में वायु प्रदूषण के कारणों की जांच शुरू कर दी है। दिल्ली सरकार ने आईआईटी चेन्नई को एक वर्ष की अवधि के लिए राजधानी में सामान्य से कई गुना अधिक रहने वाले प्रदूषण के कारणों की जांच करने का जिम्मा सौंपा है। इसके लिए सरकार संस्थान को 2 करोड़ की राशि देगी। एक्सपर्ट को स्टडी कर हर माह एक रिपोर्ट देनी है। पहली रिपोर्ट फरवरी माह में आने की उम्मीद है।

दिल्ली सरकार ने इस नए स्टडी के मापदंड भी तय कर दिए हैं। जिसमें प्रत्येक माह के वायु प्रदूषण के स्तर व इसके कारणों की जांच की जाएगी। हर माह की रिपोर्ट को उस महीने के मौसम की स्थिति को देखकर यह विश्लेषण करना होगा कि मौसम के कारण प्रदूषण कितना प्रभावित हो रहा है। जैसे नवंबर-दिसंबर में ओस की बूंद के साथ धुआं मिलकर गहरा धुंध बनाता है जो हर वर्ष जाड़े में प्रदूषण स्तर में अत्यधिक वृद्धि करता है। इसी समय पंजाब व हरियाणा के खेतों में फसलों के अवशेष जलाए जाते हैं। इस तरह वर्ष भर के प्रदूषण स्तर का वैज्ञानिक अध्ययन हर महीने के मौसम के साथ जोड़कर किया जाएगा।

वहीं, आईआईटी चेन्नई को कहा गया है कि राजधानी में भवन निर्माण कार्य व वाहनों

पर्यावरण को लेकर उपराज्यपाल भी लगातार बैठक कर चुके हैं। उधर सरकार सड़कों पर ज्यादा संख्या में वैक्यूम क्लीनर लगाने की योजना बना रही है और प्रदूषण फैलाने वाले भारी वाहनों पर किए जाने वाले चालान की प्रक्रिया भी तेज कर दी है।

के कारण होने वाले अत्यधिक प्रदूषण से आबोहवा कितना प्रभावित होती है इसकी पड़ताल अलग से की जानी चाहिए। वाहनों से होने वाले प्रदूषण का डॉटा भी अलग से तैयार होगा।

जाड़े के मौसम की समाप्ति के बाद मई–जून में ओजोन स्तर में डैमेज होता है जो कैंसर का कारक है। इसलिए गर्मी के मौसम में प्रदूषण के कारणों का विश्लेषण भी किया जाएगा। दिल्ली प्रदूषण नियंत्रण समिति (डीपीसीसी) ने स्टडी का काम सौंपने के बाद संस्थान से जांच का काम तेज करने का आग्रह किया है।

December 24

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IIT-D students bag ₹60 lakh-plus salary packages

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New Delhi: Over 65% of undergraduate and 50% of graduate students at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi have bagged job offers during the first phase of campus placement.

Around 200 companies visited the campus and offered jobs for 350 profiles with most students getting technical profiles.

Over 40 students received international offers with at least 20 of them receiving basic annual pay of USD 1,00,000 (₹67,84,495) during the first phase of the campus placement.

"There was a surge in international offers this season with at least 20 students being offered over USD 100,000 base pay. Forty students bagged international offers for jobs in USA, Singapore, Japan and Taiwan," said an IIT official.

The official said that many students, however, preferred domestic offers over international ones.

"Under the first placement drive, 65% of 850 undergraduate students have been offered jobs and 50% of 1,200 graduate students have received job offers, an official said.

The second drive will begin next year in January and con-

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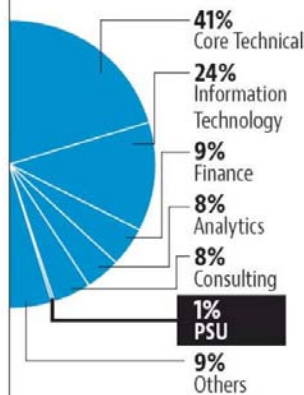
tinue till the end of May.

Officials said this year there were fewer job offers from consulting sector companies compared to last year. But companies from technical streams such as information technology recruited in large numbers this year.

"Around 73% students were placed in the core jobs. This year saw the return of PSUs to campuses. Some PSU selection panels visited the campus in December. A few other PSU selection panels are expected to visit the campus in the second phase of placements resuming in January," said a release from IIT-D.

The release said, "A trend that was noted was of the consulting sector offering fewer jobs per company on campus this year as compared to last year. Offers from start-ups were even sparser due to a smaller number registering for campus placements."

CAMPUS PLACEMENTS AT IIT-DELHI - 2016

- **41%** Core Technical
- **24%** Information Technology
- **9%** Finance
- **8%** Analytics
- **8%** Consulting
- **1%** PSU
- **9%** Others

- The interview processes are conducted in two phases. Phase I started on 1st December whereas Phase II will commence in the 1st week of January and will go on till the end of May ' 2017.
- Nearly 200 companies, offering more than 350 job profiles, participated in the first phase of interview processes
- This year saw the return of PSUs to campuses. Some PSU selection panels visited the campus in December. A few other panels are expected to visit in January.

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60% IIT-M students get placed in first phase

Chennai: Nearly 60 per cent students at IIT Madras have been placed at various companies including start-ups and government agencies in the first phase of placement session.

The first placement session began on December 1 and 1,195 registered students of which 728 were successfully placed so far, IIT Madras said in a statement.

Some of the major companies that offered placements include Intel, Citicorp, Eaton, Samsung, Ernst and Young and Axis Bank.

"The first phase of campus placements saw almost 60 per cent of our registered students getting job offers. The large participation by core engineering companies, even among start-ups, is very heartening" IIT Madras, Advisor-Training and Placements, Professor Manu Santhanam said.

While 90 companies were from core and Research and Development secors, 43 firms that offered jobs were from Information Technology, 35 from analytics and consulting and 45 start up companies.

Indian space agency ISRO, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, Navy, Coal India were also some of the companies that offered placements to successful candidates, it added. —**PTI**

IIT-Kanpur Placement: 60% students get recruited in first phase

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KANPUR: The first phase of the placement drive at IIT-Kanpur concluded on Thursday late evening with over 60 per cent of the students getting placed with the top multinationals.

The first phase of the drive remained a 23-days long affair, commencing on December 1. The IIT-Kanpur authorities have decided to begin the second phase of the drive from January 1, 2017. The weather in the first week of December had not remained conducive as a result of which the placement percentage remained a bit low this year. The representatives of the recruiting firms could not reach IIT-K campus or reached late due to cold and foggy weather.

This year a total of 1,050 students belonging to graduate, postgraduate and PhD courses had registered themselves with the placement cell of the institute. But 84 students had opted out of the placement drive by accepting the Pre Placement Offers (PPOs) which they got during summer internship. Therefore, 966 students were left to be placed when the placement drive began on December 1. According to reliable sources, around 580 students have got job offers with the recruiting firms. Still over 300 students are left to be placed who will be picked up by the firms in the second phase starting from January 1 and will conclude by March 31.

This year also like the previous years, the students of Computer Science and Engineering department and those who are pursuing dual degree course (BTech+MTech) were the ones who were picked up first by the recruiting firms. A whopping

salary package of Rs 1.5 crore was offered to four students — probably all of whom were from the Computer Science Engineering department. These students have been picked up for foreign location in the US. The average salaries have this year ranged between Rs 8 lakh to Rs 20 lakh per annum. Software giants Oracle, Mircosoft, Adobe, Samsung, EXL, GE were the ones who took students in bulk. EXL and GE took around 10 students each.

The sources informed that the students preferred working within the country and picked up companies which offered them location in India. Students therefore, opted for jobs with consulting and analytic firms, banks to name a few. But the harsh weather conditions in the first week of December affected the placement drive. Representatives of a number of top-notch companies could not reach IIT-Kanpur campus in time. They therefore, reached late or else conducted the interviews through video-conferencing. The impact of the weather was such that the interviews used to go on till late in the night. Had the weather remained conducive, the percentage of the students hired by the firms would have remained high, the placement cell has assessed.

In the second phase, public sector companies such as Bharat Heavy Electronics Limited (BHEL), Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), GAIL, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), BPCL and several others would be coming to the IIT-Kanpur campus. Several students prefer working in these public sector companies due to job security and decent perks and pay. Such students would be applying for job in January now when second phase will begin.

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Ministries Fail to Keep Word on Funding Research at IITs

FAILING TO TAKE OFF Of the 259 MoUs signed earlier this year, only 60 have been able to take off with relevant departments refusing to fund the remaining 199 projects

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New Delhi: The Centre's much celebrated IMPRINT programme- a single window mechanism for funding India specific research across IITs and other prestigious institutes—has hit the big red tape.

As many as 259 MoUs were signed earlier this year by over 30 ministries and central government departments with the institutes promising 50% funding for sector specific research and technology development. Barely months later, the ministries and departments have refused to honour their financial commitment, sources confirmed to ET.

Only 60 of these proposals have been able to take off so far with relevant departments refusing to fund the remaining 199 projects, they had agreed upon earlier. The biggest defaulters are the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), the Health ministry and Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DEITY). The nodal ministry for the mission- Human Resource Development- is now planning on escalating the matter to the respective ministers to ensure that commitments made in the MoU are honoured. IIT directors, who were a key part of the whole mission have also expressed their disappointment over the issue. At the 155th meeting of the IIT Directors held on December 12, the IIT Directors have sought the HRD ministry's intervention and have submitted that "sincere efforts should be made to fund all 259 projects approved by the Apex Committee immediately or in the next financial year".

As many as 259 projects were shortlisted and approved from

Testing Excellence

IIT Directors: EXIT exam to assess proficiency levels of all engineering graduates from across all colleges

WITH the industry repeatedly stating that graduates churned out by engineering colleges are far from employable or adequately trained, the IITs have proposed an 'Exit Exam' for all those graduating out of engineering colleges from across the country. AICTE regulations will have to enable the same

It has been proposed that the GATE examination should be made mandatory for all students passing out of engineering colleges as soon as they complete their degree course. The main aim is to "test the attainment levels' of engineering graduates

IITs have resolved to participate as accreditation agencies for other higher educational institutes as was proposed by the HRD ministry. They, however, also want the power of accreditation- which rests on NAAC- to be devolved upon them

On the Higher Education Funding Authority, IITs agreed to adopt it but want interest serviced by HRD ministry and principal amount refunded in easy installment through internal revenue generated by individual IITs

IITs are also working on an induction programme of all 1st Year B Tech students

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among 478 proposals after three rounds of rigorous vetting by the Apex Committee. Of these, only in case of 60 projects have the relevant government departments finally agreed to fund them as agreed upon in the MoU.

Among those that have backed out leaving the projects in a lurch are DRDO with 47 projects and a contribution of ₹5018.57 lakh, health ministry with 44 projects, which required ₹4603.72 lakh from it, ₹2076.44 lakh for 20 projects by DEITY, 11 projects each by the Department of Heavy Industries and urban development ministry, 8 projects for which the power ministry had signed up and 6 involving the Ministry of Environment and Forests have suffered a setback

LEAVING IN LURCH

Among those that have backed out are DRDO with 47 projects & health ministry with 44 projects

due to the sudden change in the government's position.

The HRD ministry is also exploring other options like roping in industry, alumni and other funding forums to generate the 50% fund for the projects. IMPRINT was

launched jointly by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Pranab Mukherjee last year. A largely Pan-IIT and IISc joint initiative to develop a roadmap for research to solve major engineering and technology challenges in ten technology domains relevant to India and where the country is heavily dependent on foreign technology. The move to set up a one stop funding system had been made after a number of scientists and researchers conveyed how the current bureaucratic systems were coming in the way and delaying projects as well as discouraging institutes from taking them up. The drill of getting clearances and approvals through various ministries was another dampener.

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IIT-Kgp may cut fee hike by half

Kharagpur: Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur looked poised to slash the proposed hike in registration fees for MTech and PhD scholars by half following unprecedented protests at the institute for over a week.

Around 300 research scholars had ghearoed the administration building on Tuesday and Wednesday, holding institute director Partha Pratim Chakrabarti and several officials hostage for 17 hours.

A committee of three deans (students affairs, UG and PG) that met on Friday to discuss the hike in overhead charges recommended a revision in both hall establishment charge and mess advance. Instead of a 84% hike in hall establishment charge from Rs 8,250 per semester to Rs 15,200, the panel suggested a hike to Rs 12,500. At the same time, it wants a reduction in mess advance from Rs 13,500 to Rs 12,000. TNN

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आईआईटी का सुझाव, आरक्षित छात्रों को फीस में छूट की समीक्षा करे सरकार

इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नोलॉजी संस्थानों ने केंद्र सरकार को सुझाव दिया है कि आरक्षित वर्ग के छात्रों को फीस में छूट देने वाली पॉलिसी में बदलाव कर उन्हें सीधे तौर पर पैसे की वापसी की जाए। इसके अलावा आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर बच्चों को बिना ब्याज के एजुकेशन लोन उपलब्ध कराने का सुझाव दिया है। संस्थानों ने मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय को बताया कि वर्तमान में एससी, एसटी और दिव्यांग छात्रों को ट्यूशन फीस में छूट दी जाती है। इसके अलावा जिन परिवारों की सालाना आय ९ लाख रुपए से कम है, उन छात्रों को पांच साल के लिए एजुकेशन लोन पर भी छूट दी जाती है। ये सभी प्रकार के खर्च संस्थान करता है। जिससे संस्थान की वित्तीय कोष कम होता जा रहा है। हाल ही में आईआईटी, कानपुर में आयोजित १५५वीं मीटिंग में सभी डायरेक्टर ने इस प्रस्ताव को आईआईटी काउंसिल को भेजने का निर्णय लिया है।

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आईआईटी से शिक्षित भारतवंशी गुप्ता बने कैलिफोर्निया में मेयर

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अमेरिकी प्रांत कैलिफोर्निया के एक और शहर के मेयर पद पर भारतीय मूल का व्यक्ति निर्वाचित हुआ है। आईआईटी चेन्नई से पढ़े प्रदीप गुप्ता को साउथ सैन फ्रांसिस्को शहर का मेयर चुना गया है। इसी महीने सविता वैद्यनाथन प्रांत के कुपेर्टिनो शहर की मेयर बनी हैं। स्थानीय मीडिया के अनुसार, मेयर पद की शपथ लेने के बाद गुप्ता ने कहा, 'सम्मान की बात है कि मैं पूर्व मेयर मार्क एडिगो के शुरू किए कार्यों को आगे बढ़ा पाऊंगा। खुशकिस्मत हूं कि कार्य में सहयोग के लिए मुझे अनुभवी लोगों की टीम मिली है।' गुप्ता 2012 में साउथ सैन फ्रांसिस्को शहर की काउंसिल में पहली बार एक साल के लिए चुने गए थे। इसके बाद उन्हें नवंबर, 2013 में चार साल के पूर्ण कार्यकाल के लिए चुना गया। वह इसके पहले शहर के योजना आयोग के अध्यक्ष पद भी तीन साल तक रह चुके हैं।

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Autonomy of IIMs should not be curbed: K M Birla

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In keeping with the line of thinking of his predecessors, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla on Friday said the autonomy of the IIMs should not be curbed.

Commenting on the draft IIM Bill, which looks to reduce the IIMs' autonomy, Birla, chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, said: "I haven't seen the bill draft as I am new to this world. But the autonomy of institutes like IIM-A should not be fettered even to the slightest extent."

Talking about his role as chairman, Birla said he looked to strengthen the existing academia-industry bond at the premier B-school.

"There is a linkage between industry and academy (at IIM-A), which has to be made stronger. My role in this position is to create an even stronger bond so that both academia and industry can connect and learn from each other. I would like to contribute by trying to build an ecosystem that marries the two and brings them closer," he said.

When asked about improving the ranking of the institute, Birla said: "Rankings have many components, which necessarily all Indian institutes may not want to score very high on. One element of rankings is the number of international students that one has on campus. When you have such a dearth of quality management education in our country and when you have the youngest working population in our country as compared to anywhere else in the world, as an Indian I would feel proud to head an institution that imparts knowledge to our own youths. This way, we can reap demographic dividend advantage. Doing things just to go up in the rankings doesn't make an institution a great institution."

Before Birla L&T Chairman AM Naik was chairman, followed by Cadila Healthcare chairman and managing director Pankaj Patel, who held the post in the interim period.