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More firms but fewer offers at IITs

Number Of Proposals Per Company Has Dipped In Phase-I This Year

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Mumbai: Although more companies visited IIT campuses this year for Phase I of the recruitment process, the number of offers per company appear to be fewer than in the previous year. At IIT-Bombay, the number of students picked by leading finance and consulting firms has reduced; it has shrunk from 16 to 13 as in the case with Goldman Sachs or nine to four from consulting firm BCG.

Meanwhile, students across IITs have received more offers from the analytics sector. Firms such as Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan, known to pick candidates for core finance profiles, for instance, have more openings in analytics.

A student said that barring a couple of firms from the finance and banking sectors like Deutsche Bank and Flow Traders that have offered core finance jobs, many such as Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan have offered analytics roles. "Many look forward to these companies for finance roles. But they

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Offers made by some of the financial and consulting firms at IIT-Bombay

Companies	2016	2015
Goldman Sachs	13	16
JP Morgan	2	4
BCG	4	9
Deutsche Bank	2	4
AT Kearney	3	4
Flow Traders	1	2
Oxane Partners	4	2

have sought more students from the software and coding background," said a student. Banks such as ANZ, Axis and CitiFinance, too, have hired students for roles that do not require financial background but programming skills and statistical modelling. Several students who have interned in banks and other financial firms were disappointed with the drop in offers.

At IIT-Kharagpur, the placement cell has witnessed an approximately 10% growth in big data analysts.

"Decision-making is more data-driven these days. All decisions have to be supported by data. There is a fresh wave of recruitment in this sector. Firms that were earlier hiring normal business analysts are now looking for data analysts and some are even looking at students who are into coding for tech-driven roles. Banking firms are also now opening profiles for data analysts or data science analysts," said a placement representative from IIT-Kharagpur.

The institute has been offering tailor-made courses in deep learning and machine learning for these profiles since the past two years. He said that JP Morgan, known for picking students for their investment banking arms, has taken students only for data roles.

Most of these firms had advertised for these profiles before hand and, therefore, the students were

prepared, said professor Manu Santhanam, placement in-charge at IIT-Madras. "Financial companies have advertised for more software and analytical roles this year. But students had an idea, so they have applied accordingly," added the professor.

At IIT-Roorkee, the number of offers touched 500 on Day Five, but fell on Tuesday. Professor N P Padhy, placement in-charge from IIT-Roorkee, said the number of firms have increased on campus, but the offers per company have dropped. "We had around 200 firms last year and this year we have 230. We were expecting a growth in the number of offers too, but that did not happen. However, offers in the core sector almost doubled with each firm making four to five offers instead of last year's one or two. But offers from IT, finance and consultancy firms have dropped from eight to 10 last year to five to six this year," said Padhy.

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IIT में इंटरनेशनल जॉब ऑफर्स की भारी कमी

विदेश में जॉब्स का सपना अधर में: IIT

रुड़की में इंटरनेशनल जॉब ऑफर्स में 77%, मद्रास में 54%, खड़गपुर में 44% और गुवाहाटी में 18% की गिरावट

श्रीराधा डी बसु, मुंबई
इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट्स ऑफ टेक्नॉलॉजी (IIT) में इस साल ग्लोबल पोस्टिंग वाले जॉब ऑफर्स की तगड़ा झटका लगा है। IIT में 1 दिसंबर से शुरू हुए फाइनेल प्लेसमेंट्स में अब चंद्र दिन ही बचे हैं और प्रीमियर इंजीनियरिंग इंस्टीट्यूट्स के स्टूडेंट्स को ऑफर किए जाने वाले इंटरनेशनल ऑफर्स में तेज गिरावट आई है। IIT रुड़की में इंटरनेशनल जॉब ऑफर्स में 77 फीसदी, IIT मद्रास में करीब 54 फीसदी, IIT खड़गपुर में 44 फीसदी और IIT गुवाहाटी में 18 फीसदी की गिरावट आई है।

IIT प्लेसमेंट से जुड़े स्रोतों का कहना है कि कंपनियों ने भारत पर अपना फोकस बढ़ाया और सुरक्षा/सुरंग प्रोफाइल पर देने से पर्यटन ऑफर्स में गिरावट आई है। अमेरिका में टूट की नीत के बाद चीन को लेकर बनी अनिश्चितता के कारण यह ट्रेड बढ़ा है। IIT रुड़की के ट्रेनिंग एंड प्लेसमेंट के प्रोफेसर इश्वर एन पी पाधी का कहना है, "ग्लोबल कंपनियों की भारत में अच्छी मौजूदगी है। भारत की एक प्रमुख मार्केट के रूप में लोकप्रियता बढ़ रही है। जब आप किसी रोल के लिए भारत में अप्रेंट कर सकते हैं तो फॉरेन पोस्टिंग कमी ऑफर की जाए। IIT रुड़की में इंटरनेशनल ऑफर्स की संख्या घटकर 7 रह गई है, जो पिछले साल 30 थी। उन्होंने बताया, "माइक्रोसॉफ्ट ने इस साल केवल 1 इंटरनेशनल ऑफर दिया है, जबकि पिछले सालों में कंपनी ऐसे 5-6 ऑफर देती थी। हालांकि, उनके तारक से एक्सटेंड किए गए ऑफर्स (डोमेस्टिक ऑफर्स समेत) की ओवरऑल संख्या उनको ही बनी हुई है।"

माइक्रोसॉफ्ट ने इस संबंध में इकॉनॉमिक टाइम्स को तारक से भेजी गई ई-मेल का जवाब नहीं दिया, लेकिन IIT खड़गपुर समेत दूसरे कंपनियों ने इसकी पुष्टि की है। वर्ल्डवॉट, चर्कर्स एनिकॉर्स, एपिक सिस्टम्स उन दूसरे निर्यातकों में शामिल हैं, जिन्होंने इंटरनेशनल ऑफर्स में कमी की है या कुछ कंपनियों में ऑफर्स नहीं दिए हैं। पिछले सालों में IIT प्लेसमेंट्स के दौरान सबसे अधिक सैलरी ऑफर करने वाली गुगल ने इस साल ऑफ-कैम्पस स्टाफिंग का फैसला किया है, जिससे फॉरेन पोस्टिंग में और गिरावट आई है। IIT मद्रास को प्लेसमेंट के तीसरे दिन तक 6 इंटरनेशनल ऑफर्स मिले थे, जबकि एक साल पहले की समान अवधि में इंस्टीट्यूट को 13 ऑफर्स मिले थे। वहीं, IIT गुवाहाटी को 9 इंटरनेशनल ऑफर्स मिले, जबकि पिछले



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अमेरिका में टूट की नीत के बाद चीन को लेकर बनी अनिश्चितता के कारण यह ट्रेड बढ़ा है।

IIT रुड़की में इंटरनेशनल ऑफर्स की संख्या घटकर 7 रह गई है, जो पिछले साल 30 थी।

साल इंस्टीट्यूट के स्टूडेंट्स को 11 ऑफर्स दिए गए थे। IIT-BHU में इस साल 3 इंटरनेशनल पोस्टिंग ऑफर की गई हैं, जो पिछले साल 4 थीं। IIT खड़गपुर के फॉरेन डिवेलपमेंट सेंटर के चेयरमैन देवाश्री देव का कहना है कि इंस्टीट्यूट को माइक्रोसॉफ्ट, ओरेकल, सिंक्लर और NTT कम्युनिकेशंस जैसी कंपनियों से 9 फॉरेन ऑफर्स मिले हैं, जबकि एक साल पहले इंस्टीट्यूट को 15-16 इंटरनेशनल पोस्टिंग के ऑफर्स मिले थे।

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नियमित फीस, दस्तावेज शुल्क सहित सभी कामकाज होंगे डिजिटल पेमेंट सिस्टम से

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अजमेर विद्यार्थियों के हाथों में नोट लेकर कॉलेज और विश्वविद्यालयों में फीस जमा करने और लाइनों में धक्के खाने के दिन जल्द खत्म होंगे। देश के सभी उच्च और तकनीकी संस्थाओं में डिजिटल पेमेंट व्यवस्था (कैशलेस) शुरू होगी। सभी संस्थाओं में विद्यार्थियों को 12 दिसम्बर से 12 जनवरी तक डिजिटल फीस प्रक्रिया समझाई जाएगी। मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय ने सभी संस्थाओं को डिजिटल इंडिया और कैशलेस योजना लागू करने को कहा है। इसमें देश के आईआईटी, एनआईटी, आईआईएम, केंद्रीय/राज्य स्तरीय विश्वविद्यालय, कॉलेज और अन्य संस्थान शामिल हैं। यूजीसी के सचिव प्रो. जसपाल सिंह संधु ने बताया कि केंद्र सरकार की 'डिजिटल पेमेंट व्यवस्था' (कैशलेस) योजना के तहत संस्थानों में व्यवस्था प्रारंभ होगी।

यूजीसी की राष्ट्रीय अकादमिक संग्रहण केंद्र योजनान्तर्गत स्नातक/स्नातकोत्तर और अन्य पाठ्यक्रमों की डिग्री, डिप्लोमा,

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LET'S LEARN MORE

IIM-K to conduct communication course

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Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Kozhikode will conduct a communication course on 'impersonal, interpersonal and hyperpersonal communication at work' from December 18 to December 22, 2016.

The course is part of the ministry of human resource development (MHRD) sponsored Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN).

In today's technology-enabled world, effective communication is the need of the hour for people across the world with diverse backgrounds. This course

will cover the principles and practice of effective communication from analysing the communication context and dynamics of relational status to delivering ideas. Participants will be taught to identify their own stereotypes, prejudices, and communication behaviours that can create barriers to impersonal, interpersonal, and hyperpersonal relationships.

The course will be jointly taught by Professor Anupam Das of IIMK who is part of the faculty of humanities and liberal arts in management, Professor Richard Buttny of Syracuse University (USA), and Professor Jodi Cohen of

Cornell University (USA). People with good command over the English language and with a minimum of a postgraduate degree are eligible to register.

Interested candidates must register with the GIAN website latest by December 10, 2016. For further information and registration, visit <http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/ccourses/approvecourses2>

Courses under GIAN aim to provide opportunities to students to seek knowledge and experience from reputed international faculty. They also help them create avenues for possible collaborative research with international faculty.

IIT-Kanpur signs MoU with New York University Tandon School of Engineering-Centre for Cyber Security on cyber security

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KANPUR: IIT-Kanpur, Centre for Cyber Security for Critical Infrastructure (IIT-K-CSC) and New York University Tandon School of Engineering-Centre for Cyber Security (NYU-CCS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to build their cyber security capabilities and to increase cooperation in research and innovation. The MoU has been signed for a period of seven years and may be extended after review.

The MoU states that both the centres will strive to become the most important centres for research, education, public awareness and national service, and for securing and defending their national critical infrastructures from cyber attacks and electronic warfare.

The information cell of IIT-Kanpur said that as per the agreement, the two centres will facilitate bilateral academic scientific relationships and develop cooperative research and teaching projects in selected fields such as mechanisms for improved cyber-attack prevention, detection and mitigation, security of cyber-physical systems in sectors such as telecom and transportation and international cyber security and power.

The information cell also informed that both the centres have also committed to host visits of minimum of six graduate and/or PhD students and two faculty members per year for research projects.

The two centres have also agreed to organise joint research and teaching workshops and bringing together junior scholars and esteemed faculty from both the institutes.

Manindra Agrawal and Sandeep K Shukla, joint coordinators, Centre for Cyber Security of Critical Infrastructure, IIT Kanpur said that New York University's Tandon School of Engineering has a strong research programme in cyber security with multiple research centres spread across their campuses in New York and Abu Dhabi. They also offer a masters programme in cyber security and specialisation in Cyberops.

"In India we need such research programmes and curriculum in order to innovate research deliverables in cyber security space to protect Indian infrastructure and to develop manpower with expertise in cyber security product development and cyber operations", they said.

Scientists at IIT Kharagpur find a way to extract biofuel from common aquatic weeds

<http://tech.firstpost.com/news-analysis/scientists-at-iit-kharagpur-find-a-way-to-extract-biofuel-from-common-aquatic-weeds-351365.html>

Scientists at Indian Institute of Technology – Kharagpur have unlocked the secret to ramp up yields of biofuel sourced from commonly found aquatic weeds such as water hyacinths. In a new study published on December 1 in Nature Scientific Reports, researchers have shown that this weed — which contains up to 50 percent hemicelluloses — can now be used as an economic and abundant source of biofuel.

“We show that the secret to rapidly producing soluble sugars from amorphous natural polymers such as hemicelluloses lies in their smallest scale—the pores,” said Saikat Chakraborty, faculty member at the Department of Chemical Engineering and lead researcher of the Bioenergy Research Group at IIT – Kharagpur. Chakraborty and co-author Sajal Kanti Dutta have

uncovered the pore-scale phenomena that result in “fourfold increase in the yields of fermentable sugars and bioethanol” from hemicelluloses.

“It turns out that three quarters of the soluble sugars we obtain for generation of bioethanol are produced from the pore-scale reactions. So increasing the polymer’s porosity and degree of swelling will enhance the deconstruction of hemicelluloses from plant cell walls, thus increasing bioethanol,” the authors said.

Hemicelluloses are the second most abundant natural polymer on earth — after cellulose — and a new technology engendered from this pore-scale phenomena could rapidly produce biofuels from locally available plant sources, added Chakraborty. Apart from water-hyacinth, hemicellulose-based bioethanol can also be produced from commonly available grasses, red and green algae, etc., which have 2.5 to 3 times more hemicellulose than cellulose.

Scientists at the institute’s chemical engineering department and PK Sinha Centre for Bioenergy are now working to transform these fundamental insights into new biofuel technologies that would help fight climate change.

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IIM Bill: B-school forum to boost **autonomy**

POWER-PACKED Setting up of the proposed IIM forum will help create a layer to ‘insulate the IIMs from govt control’

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Debates are heating up over the proposed draft of the Indian Institutes of Management (IIM) Bill 2015. Issues in focus are the setting up of the proposed IIM Forum and dropping the provision for the Visitor (the President of India serves as Visitor in Centrally funded institutes and IITs). Many academic experts also say that if implemented the new rules will put the future of institutes offering postgraduate diploma in management (PGDM) in jeopardy. As for the complete autonomy promised to the IIMs? The jury’s out on that one too.

The draft will go to the Cabinet before it is presented in the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament. It is aimed at giving IIMs the status of Institutes of National Importance and empowering them to grant degrees. As of now, the IIMs offer PGDMs.

PLANS FOR AN IIM FORUM

A co-ordination forum of all IIMs is proposed to be set up with the HRD minister, ex-officio, as chairperson. Prof TV Mohandas Pai, senior vice president, All India Management Association, feels it is a good idea as it will create a “layer to insulate the IIMs from government control.”

The forum will also help IIMs leverage each other’s resources and give policy direction to these institutes. However, this should not matter much to the IIMs, says Ashok Thakur, former secretary to the government of India, department of higher education, HRD ministry. “Earlier, the HRD minister used to chair the IIM meetings round-the-year. But this was done informally. There was

no Act binding them together. Meetings were held four times a year and these meetings were to coordinate and not interfere. It worked fairly okay. Such a forum was first proposed by an IIM review committee under RC Bhargava.”

There have been reports of IIMs opposing such a forum as such an overarching body would undermine their autonomy and that it would be on the lines of the IIT Council. Thakur believes such fears are unfounded as it will help the B-schools have regular meetings with the ministry. “It is also different from the IIT Council. The IITs work as a team and there is not much of a difference in their approaches. Among IIMs, however, there is a very strong sense of competition, even between IIM Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Calcutta. It is not a collaborative game.”

The IIT Council, by virtue of the IIT Act, is a cooperative entity and not like the proposed forum as there are differences between the old and the new institutes. The forum will only give a broader

➤ **Earlier, meetings with IIM heads and HRD minister were held four times a year and these worked fairly okay. Such a forum was first proposed by an IIM review committee under RC Bhargava**

ASHOK THAKUR, former secretary, department of higher education, HRD ministry

focus to management education policies, he says. It is a good idea to let the IIMs compete for innovation. Suggesting another way, Prof Pritam Singh, former director, IIM Lucknow, says, “Having a peer review system can be an option and will give the IIMs a platform to look within and also improve. It should comprise distinguished scholars with a good leader. A cue can be taken from Harvard University’s structure wherein the varsity has schools which are autonomous and an apex body that supervises them and does day-to-day control.”

‘VISITOR’ NOT WELCOME?

Recent reports suggest that the IIM Bill will not have the provision for the Visitor as President of India in its final version. The draft says that the Visitor can appoint one or more persons to review the work and progress of any institute. IIMs have reportedly resisted the proposal saying it will put a question mark on their said autonomous powers, say experts. The Visitor makes top appointments in all IITs and Central varities and also holds a probe in the functioning of an institute or its head.

“This is a major departure from the Institutes of National Importance model. Major appointments had to go through the Visitor. Who replaces him is the question. If it’s the MHRD then it is going to be a double-edged sword for the IIMs. In the long run, if there is indirect interference from the ministry then the buck stops with MHRD,” says Thakur. Prof Pai, however, says, “Removal of the Visitor will positively impact the IIMs as it was a way for the government to exercise direct control.”

WHAT THE BILL MEANS FOR B-SCHOOLS

- Issues in focus are the setting up of the proposed IIM Forum and provision for the ‘Visitor’ or the President of India
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- The IIM forum will also help IIMs leverage each other’s resources and give policy direction to these institutes, say experts
- Having a peer review system can be an option and will give the IIMs a platform to look within and also improve, management education experts say
- Experts also say that if the Visitor or President of India clause is removed from the Bill, it will be a major departure from the Institutes of National Importance model. However, it will help IIMs

Will the Bill mean more freedom for IIMs?

The Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are autonomous institutes of management education and research in India and are registered as societies under the Indian Societies Registration Act. Each IIM is autonomous and exercises independent control over its daily operations. According to Prof Pritam Singh, former director, IIM Lucknow, the IIM Bill seeks to give degree-granting powers to these institutes and greater autonomy.

“The IIMs must be given full autonomy otherwise they will not flourish. They need to nurture creativity and innovation and have to be empowered through decentralisation. This will remove any possibilities of political appointments of directors and allow their appointment for longer duration,” he says.

The founders of the IIMs had thought that establishing the institutes under the Societies Act would give them autonomy. As Ashok Thakur, former secretary to the government of India, department of higher education, HRD ministry, says, “If they (IIMs) are able to stand on their feet, then they will be autonomous. IIMs such as Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Calcutta practically don’t need government funding. They are independent to that extent. If they are able to maintain their economic independence it is fine.”

Prof TV Mohandas Pai, senior vice president, All India Management Association, says the bill is a way to give these institutes greater autonomy and put them “on a more firm footing.”

A positive impact of autonomy will be that a number of things will be set right and institutions will start giving valid degrees with other B-schools also falling in line to match the IIM standards, says Thakur.



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Private B-schools at a disadvantage?

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What kind of an impact will the Indian Institutes of Management Bill have over the 500 private institutions offering postgraduate diploma in management (PGDM) in India?

Private B-school authorities feel the bill, if passed, might create "an unfavourable situation" for institutions such as XLRI, Jamshedpur; SP Jain Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai; Management Development Institute, Gurgaon; Birla Institute of Technology Management (BITTECH) Greater Noida; and Institute of Management Technology, Ghazalabad; among others.

Prof Harivansh Chaturvedi, executive president, Education Promotion Society of India (EPSI), and director BIMTECH, says, "It might create an unfavourable situation, putting the market validity of the PGDM programmes at a loss. These B-schools sustain on the basis of quality education they impart, have large alumni base and work without any government aid and funds."

It will be a good idea if the HRD ministry also evolves the process of empowering these private B-schools, feels Prof Chaturvedi.

The EPSI had earlier written to the MHRD on the matter requesting the ministry to allow PGDM institutions to offer MBA degrees too. "Instead of focusing on only 20 IIMs, the government must work on improving Indian management education as a whole. We propose that a Management Education Bill should be designed which can replace the proposed IIM Bill. Also, all those PGDM institutions which have been accredited by the National Board of Accreditation or National Assessment and Accreditation Council can be given degree-awarding powers similar to IIMs as proposed," he suggests.

Another suggestion is the setting up of an Indian Management Council as a regulatory body for

PGDM SCHOOLS VERSUS IIMS

- Private B-school authorities feel the bill, if passed, might create "an unfavourable situation" for institutions such as XLRI, Jamshedpur; SP Jain Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai; Management Development Institute, Gurgaon
- All PGDM schools accredited by the National Board of Accreditation or National Assessment and Accreditation Council can be given degree-awarding powers similar to IIMs, suggest experts

management education. It can take over the current role of All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) on management education and can act as a catalyst for management education at undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral levels.

These B-schools had also submitted a memorandum to former HRD minister Smriti Irani in April 2016. These institutions have also been struggling to get out of the ambit of the AICTE as their regulator and the matter is pending in the Supreme Court.

According to Fr E Abraham SJ, director, XLRI, Jamshedpur, "The proposed IIM Bill 2015 recommends granting statutory status to 13 existing IIMs to enable them to grant MBA degrees to their students. Till now, these institutions like other PGDM schools could award only PG diploma and fellow programme in management, which lacked universal acceptability in the field of academia and research. This recommendation, if implemented will put the top private B-schools which are on par with the leading IIMs at a distinct disadvantage. I hope that the government will extent degree-granting status to the other B-schools as well, giving them a level-playing field."

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AIMA to hold MAT exam

Forthcoming MAT as Paper Based Test (PBT) is scheduled on December 11, 2016 and MAT as Computer Based Test (CBT) is scheduled on December 17, 2016 onwards.

All India Management Association's Centre for Management Services (AIMA-CMS) is the specialised division undertaking testing and other management services. The Management Aptitude Test (MAT) has been in operation since 1988. Hundreds of B-Schools and many candidates have availed services under MAT.

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CAT flaws: Candidates point at complete mismanagement

Leak Of Data Online Raises Question On Compromise Of Security

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Though IIM-Bangalore said on Monday that the leaking of the toughest section of last Sunday's Common Admission Test (CAT) for the Indian Institutes of Management and other prominent business schools on social media sites was an isolated incident that was being dealt with, some candidates have alleged "complete mismanagement" at the test centres.

Despite a non-disclosure agreement, images of questions from the "data interpretation and logical reasoning" section of the test leaked online by a candidate during the test (at 3.09 pm) were circulated on social media. This also raised the question of whether security had been compromised even though candidates were not allowed to wear shoes and socks while taking the test.

"There have been issues previously as well. But they were mostly about technical

GLITCHES MAR TEST

2009 | CAT became computerised-based test this year

➤ Major glitches disrupted test in many centres across 360 testing labs

➤ Prometric, then testing partner, blamed glitches on a virus attack —Conflicer and W32 Nimda

➤ Over 10,000 candidates were allowed retest of CAT 2009

2010 | Due to quarantine measures initiated by IIM Lucknow and Prometric, the test was comparatively smoother, but there were minor technical glitches

2011 | Minor technical glitches reported

CAT 2016 | Technical glitches with candidates alleging screens showing "pi" symbol instead of "square root" symbol & questions from Quantitative Ability (QA) in circulation on social media even when the second session (afternoon) exams were under way

2012 | CAT now entangled in score controversy

2013 | Post-results, it was found 95,000 candidates obtained '0' or negative scores. The controversy resulted in IIMs and test-conducting partner ordered by courts to share raw scores with candidates

2014 | Five-year association with US-based Prometric with IIMs ended

➤ Tata Consultancy Services bagged 5-year contract to conduct CAT

➤ While exams went off without issues, the announcement of CAT exam scores was met with anger as glitches prevented candidate from accessing scores online

glitches. But this (circulation of questions on social media while the exam was under-

way) is far too serious and demands a thorough review," said a mid-level executive of

an IT firm who took the test for the second time on Sunday.

"I came across candidates pointing out that some aspirants were allowed inside the test centres with watches and wallets. I haven't come across any personally, though, at my centre. Also, the question is how we can be sure there was just one incident (and one person), and not more," a candidate from Delhi said on condition of anonymity.

There were also allegations that some of the questions were wrong and that the score calculation for CAT 2016 was questionable. "For an exam as reputed as CAT, its recent history has been marred by blemishes of all kinds — technical glitches, wrong questions, questionable score calculations, and now even a leak that went viral," said Deekshant Sehrawat, director, Roots Education and an alumni of IIM-Kolkata.

The first computer-based CAT in 2009 was marred by technical glitches due to a virus attack that led to a retest for over 10,000 aspirants.