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लेटलतीफी | आईआईटी दिल्ली के निदेशक ने राज्य सरकार को लिखा पत्र, अधर में लटका मामला

हरियाणा में फेल हुई आईआईटी की इंजीनियरिंग

हरिभूमि ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली

हरियाणा के सोनीपत में प्रस्तावित आईआईटी दिल्ली के विस्तारित कैम्पस का मसला राज्य सरकार की लापरवाही के कारण अटका पड़ा है। छह महीने पहले राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री भूपेन्द्र सिंह हुड्डा ने सोनीपत में दो हजार एकड़ में विकसित किए जाने वाले राजीव गांधी एजूकेशन सिटी की आधारशिला रखते हुए घोषणा की थी कि इसी में से 50 से 52 एकड़ जमीन आईआईटी कैम्पस के लिए दी जाएगी। पर अभी तक राज्य सरकार की ओर से इस दिशा में किसी तरह की कार्रवाई नहीं हुई है। आईआईटी

छह माह पहले सीमा ने की थी जमीन देने की घोषणा



यह बनाई थी योजना

निदेशक ने दोनों कैम्पस को लेकर योजना बनाई थी कि सोनीपत का इस्तेमाल फेकल्टी डेवलपमेंट एवं विज्ञान प्रौद्योगिकी पार्क स्थापित करने में होगा। झज्जर में शोध सम्बंधी गतिविधियों पर फोकस किया जाएगा। दिल्ली का कैम्पस छोटा है।

दिल्ली की योजना यहां जल्द से जल्द अकादमिक एवं शोध सम्बंधी गतिविधियां प्रारम्भ करने की है।

आईआईटी दिल्ली के निदेशक आर के शेवगांवकर ने आखिरकार

राज्य सरकार को इस दिशा में त्वरित कार्रवाई के साथ अपनी गतिविधियां प्रारम्भ करने के लिए जरूरी उपाय सुनिश्चित करने को लेकर पत्र लिखा है। निदेशक के कहना है कि हमने राज्य

सरकार से अनुरोध किया है कि कैम्पस के लिए चिन्हित जमीन की घेराबंदी की अनुमति दी जाए ताकि निर्माण सम्बंधी दूसरी गतिविधियां सुगमता से शुरू की जा सके। यह हाल तब है जब पहले कैम्पस के लिए मुख्यमंत्री के उत्साह को देखते हुए आईआईटी दिल्ली के निदेशक ने राज्य में एक और कैम्पस के लिए पहल शुरू कर दी थी। यही नहीं राज्य सरकार की ओर से इस बावत झज्जर में एम्स-2 परिसर के समीप जमीन चिन्हित करने के बाद आईआईटी दिल्ली की स्थल चयन समिति ने दौरा भी किया था। आईआईटी दिल्ली ने झज्जर कैम्पस के लिए सौ एकड़ की मांग की थी।

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खुलेंगे आईआईटी सेंटर्स

बाढ़सा और राई में 150 एकड़ भूमि देगी सरकार

चंडीगढ़। नई दिल्ली स्थित देश के प्रतिष्ठित तकनीकी संस्थान इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नोलोजी (आईआईटी) के एक साथ दो एक्सटेंशन सेंटर हरियाणा में खुलने जा रहे हैं। एक सेंटर झज्जर के बाढ़सा और दूसरा सोनीपत जिले के राई स्थित राजीव गांधी एजुकेशन सिटी में खुलेगा।

बाढ़सा के सेंटर में बच्चों के नियमित कोर्स की पढ़ाई होगी, जबकि राई में रिसर्च सेंटर बनेगा। बाढ़सा के आईआईटी सेंटर के लिए हरियाणा सरकार ने 100 एकड़ जमीन की पहचान कर ली है। यह पहला मौका है, जब दिल्ली आईआईटी का राष्ट्रीय राजधानी के बाहर एक्सटेंशन सेंटर खुलेगा। राई सेंटर के

आईआईटी सेंटर के लिए केंद्र और प्रदेश सरकार धन्यवाद की पात्र हैं। दिल्ली में जगह सीमित होने के कारण आईआईटी का विस्तार संभव नहीं है। आईआईटी सेंटर खुलना प्रदेश के लिए गौरव की बात है। इससे हरियाणा की ब्रांडिंग होगी और राज्य एजुकेशन हब के तौर पर विकसित होगा।

दीपेंद्र सिंह हुड्डा, सांसद, रोहतक

लिए हुड्डा ने 50 एकड़ जमीन मुहैया करवाने का फैसला किया है। सांसद दीपेंद्र हुड्डा आईआईटी एक्सटेंशन सेंटर को हरियाणा में लाने के लिए काफी समय से प्रयत्न थे। सूत्रों के मुताबिक राई की जमीन ट्रांसफर करने की तमाम औपचारिकताएं अगले सप्ताह तक पूरी कर लिए जाने के आसार हैं।

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4-yr course may give colleges a free hand

META UNIV Under the revised plan, students will study a set of interdisciplinary subjects along with those from their chosen discipline

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NEW DELHI: Colleges under Delhi University may get some degree of autonomy under the proposed four-year undergraduate-degree programme.

In a meeting of the 61-member task force, which was set up to make a proposal for the consideration of the academic council, the option of giving colleges to teach a small number of courses according to their expertise was discussed.

Under the plan, if a college has expertise in teaching technology, it will be allowed to teach the course to the students. The exams for this paper will also be in-house.

"The number of these courses will be limited and will be strictly based on the expertise of college staff," said a member of the task force on condition of

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TASK FORCE MEMBER

anonymity.

The Vice-Chancellor of DU has for long been advocating limited autonomy for the university colleges and this decision can be seen as a step in that direction. Another important decision of the task force was to change the earlier envisioned structure of the first year of the four-year programme.

While earlier every student was supposed to study the same subjects in the first year, under the revised plan students will study a set of interdisciplinary subjects along with subjects from their chosen discipline.

"Students will enroll in spe-

cific disciplines as they do currently but they will be able to choose a certain number of papers from other disciplines too. This way, the interdisciplinary approach will be maintained," the member added.

All courses will have elements of practical work, field work, dissertations and research projects. Also, tutorials will continue to be part of the new programme.

"For those students who wish to complete their honours degree, a paper in research methodology will be compulsory so that their research projects and dissertations are sound," said a member of the task force.

The proposed programme has options for three exits — one after two years (diploma for primary level teachers), one after three years (simple graduation) and four years (graduation with honours).

HT Patna

Patna HC quashes appointment of six varsity heads

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PATNA: The Patna high court on Friday set aside the appointment of six vice-chancellors and four pro-vice-chancellors made by Bihar governor Devanand Konwar in his capacity as chancellor of universities more than a year ago.

The appointments set aside include that of Patna University V-C Shambhunath Singh.

The court also set a deadline of one month for the process of new appointments to be completed.

A division bench comprising chief justice Rekha M Doshit and justice A Amanullah passed the order scrapping the appointments on the ground that the chancellor had made them without consulting the state government as required by law.

Education minister PK Shahi said the law had been upheld by the order. "I have not seen the

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order. Once I see it, I will be able to speak about the road ahead. But I am happy that the decision has come," he said.

Governor Konwar could not be contacted as he was in Delhi. He is expected to be back on Sunday. "The governor is aware of the order but he has not got the signed copy. He himself is a lawyer. He has said he will comment only after seeing the order. He is, after all, the appointing authority," said an official close to Konwar.

Konwar had made the appointments in August 2011. But soon after the announcement, education minister Shahi said he was not consulted on the matter.

HT Mumnai

Case study competition at IIT Kharagpur's annual fest

MUMBAI: Kshitij, the annual techno-management fest of IIT Kharagpur, will conduct a case study competition this year. Participants will have to come up with a sustainable development model for a smarter and better Mumbai. The event, Vision 2030, invites students to consider the socio-political, economic, technological and infrastructural constraints while designing a course of action. The deadline for entries is December 15. To participate, students can register on www.ktj.in. **HTC**

Researchers say working from home increases workload, sustains work-family conflicts

Greater efficiency and flexibility

The finding by researchers at the University of Texas that working from home adds extra hours to one's work week and does little to reduce work-family conflicts doesn't dilute the advantages of an office-free work culture. Enabled by technology such as smartphones and the internet, the concept of working from home or any off-site location is fast gaining ground. Several renowned corporations such as Best Buy and IBM have long moved to a result-oriented work culture that allows employees to work whenever they want and from wherever they want, as long as they deliver results. Interestingly, what initially appeared to be a radical experiment has started paying rich dividends. Companies that have bought into the concept have seen greater employee satisfaction, better productivity — an almost 35% increase in the case of Best Buy — and improved retention figures.

The idea of working from home may still encounter resistance in traditional businesses. But IT companies have long switched over to flexible work schedules and untethered executives. With the in-

creasing digitisation of the workplace, the trend is bound to gain greater acceptability. Another factor contributing to this is increasing transport and office space costs. In working from home employees can

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save on the daily commute to work, while employers need not spend crores on workplace infrastructure.

Sure, working from home may not entirely eradicate work-family conflicts, but achieving the perfect work-life balance is an individual objective. A work culture that focuses on results rather than face time provides employees with a host of options. Besides, the modern office is increasingly becoming innovation-centric. The premium is on ideating, not logging in man hours. In such a scenario, working from home or off-site locations is definitely the wave of the future.



Working from home destroys focus

Only a small minority of Indians enjoys organised sector jobs, and those that have the option of doing these jobs from home comprise an even smaller, really privileged elite. Houses

that hold the key to one's future pay and promotions. What about relationship time? It's said that there could be gains, on the spouse, children, parents or 'just me' front. But as the University of Texas study suggests, this is a myth. The reality is that blurring the divide between work and home actually results in more work hours put in. That's because while working from home, one can focus on neither work nor home — it's better, therefore, to separate the two spaces.

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can be designed and computer code written at home, but selling tyres and auctioning coal blocks must still be done in office environments, after all. And the pajama party isn't really paying off for these elite employees.

What is gained in flexibility is lost in wastefulness — of time in general, as one takes 5-7 extra hours to accomplish the work of a standard 40-hour week at the office. But also of face time specifically, where working remotely reduces the odds of one's being marked as 'dedicated' in the all-important performance reviews

A job is, at bottom, a transactional exchange. In office, the evidence of this exchange's returns to others is always in sight, keeping the animal spirits constantly pumped up, and the search for excellence and elevation constantly turned on. At home, no amount of social networking can deliver good blood to the competitive veins in quite the same way. The only convincing reason for not going to today's cool offices (literally and metaphorically) is that you don't like your job. But then you won't enjoy working from home either.

79% of docs with foreign degrees fail screening test

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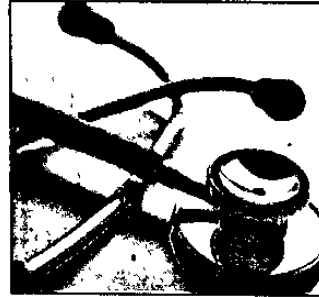
New Delhi: The obsession of earning a foreign medical degree is proving costly for Indian students. Thousands of newly-anointed Indian doctors, who completed their medical degrees abroad, are failing en masse for the past four years in clearing the mandatory screening test that allows them to practice in India. Only 21% (around one in five) students who received foreign medical degrees and appeared in the screening test qualified this year.

In 2011 and 2010, only 26% medical students qualified, while the corresponding figure was only 16.2% in 2009.

Union health minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said on Friday that the test has been prescribed to ensure that "citizens of India who obtain medical qualifications from universities or medical institutions outside India have acquired adequacy of knowledge and skills as per MCI (Medical Council of India) norms and to ensure that such students have secured proper standard of medical education in foreign countries."

Data released on Friday shows that 14,476 students appeared for the test in 2012, with only 3,150 clearing it. In 2011, 13,270 students appeared and 3,576 cleared it. In 2010, 10,115 students appeared for the test — conducted by the NBE (National Board of Examinations) — and only 2,680 passed muster. And, in 2009, 6,262 students appeared for the crucial exam and just 1,017 cleared it.

Azad said, "The existing policy entails that an Indian citizen possessing qualification from any medical institution outside India has to qualify the test for getting pr-



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ovisional or permanent registration with the MCI or any state medical council." He added, "The test is conducted by NBE and has proved to be effective in maintaining the standards. There is no proposal to review the existing system of screening tests."

India recognizes post-graduate medical degrees from only five countries — Australia, Canada, the UK, the US and New Zealand. Doctors from these countries are exempted from taking the test and are allowed to practice in India. Similarly, screening test rules were amended last December, allowing exemption of a person seeking provisional and permanent registration if s/he holds an undergraduate medical degree from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the US.

India has been mulling the idea of doing the same with students who have finished medical education from Japan, France, Germany and other European nations. "This move will see a large number of Indian doctors return to India for good. Many will come on sabbaticals for a short stint in teaching or even practice in public or private hospitals. India is facing an acute shortage of doctors and we are trying to remove all barriers for Indian doctors to return home," a ministry official said.