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# प्लास्टिक के कचरे से गरीबों के लिए घर बनाएंगे

## पहल

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इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नोलॉजी (आईआईटी) दिल्ली के छात्र प्लास्टिक के कचरे से गरीबों के रहने के लिए घर बनाएंगे। 'प्लास्टिक वेस्ट रिसाइकलिंग प्रोजेक्ट' के तहत न केवल घर बल्कि सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर लगने वाले फर्नीचर भी तैयार किए जाएंगे।

इस प्रोजेक्ट में आईआईटी छात्रों को दिल्ली सरकार और फ्रांस के एक संस्थान का भी साथ मिल रहा है। 'प्लास्टिक वेस्ट रिसाइकलिंग प्रोजेक्ट' का नेतृत्व बॉटिक (केमिकल इंजीनियरिंग) अंतिम वर्ष के छात्र अमर श्रीवास्तव कर रहे हैं। राष्ट्रीय

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**10** लाख कूड़ा बीनने वाले हैं दिल्ली में, जो सस्ते में इसे कबाड़ी वालों को बेच देते हैं

सेवा योजना (एनएसएस) से जुड़े अमर ने बताया कि दिल्ली में रोज निकलने वाले कूड़े में एक बड़ा हिस्सा प्लास्टिक का होता है, जो बड़ी समस्या है। दूसरी ओर, दिल्ली में बगैर घर के रहने वालों की संख्या भी काफी है।

## जल्द सर्वे की शुरुआत होगी

अमर के अनुसार, जल्द दिल्ली के इलाकों का सर्वे शुरू किया जाएगा, ताकि वहां के हिसाब से उत्पाद तैयार किए जा सकें। दिल्ली की सड़कें और गमलों को बदलित करने वाले घर और फर्नीचर बनाने के लिए रिसर्व भी शुरू कर दी गई है। उन्होंने बताया कि हम फर्नीचर और घर बनाने के लिए प्लास्टिक का कचरा, कूड़ा बीनने वालों से लेंगे। प्लास्टिक का कचरा उठाने वालों को वास्तविक कीमत दी जाएगी, जो कई गुना ज्यादा होगी।

सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर लगने वाला फर्नीचर भी बहुत महंगा होता है।

इन सारी समस्याओं का हल एक साथ निकालने के लिए ही इस प्लास्टिक वेस्ट रिसाइकलिंग प्रोजेक्ट की योजना बनाई गई। दिल्ली सरकार



को भी यह आइडिया पसंद आया। घर और फर्नीचर की डिजाइन में फ्रांस के नेशनल स्कूल फॉर एडवांस्ड स्टडीज एंड डिजाइन का साथ मिल रहा है। प्लास्टिक कचरे से बनाए जाने वाले फर्नीचर को पार्क, फुटपाथ, स्कूल

और बस स्टॉप आदि पर लगाया जा सकेगा।

इस प्रोजेक्ट के मेंटर प्रो. पीवी मधुसूदन राव ने बताया कि 18 जनवरी को इस प्रोजेक्ट की शुरुआत की गई थी।

हिन्दुस्तान नजरिया

आईआईटी के छात्रों की प्लास्टिक के कचरे से घर और फर्नीचर बनाने की पहल सराहनीय है। इससे भविष्य में गरीबों के लिए आसान ठिकाना होने के साथ-साथ सार्वजनिक जगहों पर भी सस्ते फर्नीचर लगाए जा सकेंगे। इससे कूड़ा बीनने वालों की मनचाही कीमत मिल सकेगी।

## लोगों को संदेश देंगे

इसके माध्यम से लोगों को संदेश देना चाहते हैं कि जिस प्लास्टिक को हम कूड़े में फेंक देते हैं, उसका इस्तेमाल लोगों के आश्रय से लेकर अन्य सुविधाओं के लिए भी किया जा सकता है। इस प्रोजेक्ट में विभिन्न ब्रांच के 25-30 छात्र शामिल हैं। अभी विभिन्न ब्रांच के और छात्रों की आवश्यकता है।

## South Asian University dean likely to be DU V-C

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/south-asian-university-dean-likely-to-be-du-vc/article8211008.ece>



Yogesh Tyagi

The Dean of Law Faculty at South Asian University and former Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) professor Yogesh Kumar Tyagi is likely to be the new Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University, according to sources.

While Professor Tyagi's name has been finalised, sources from the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development said, a nod from President Pranab Mukherjee, who is the Visitor of the University, is still awaited.

Stating that Professor Tyagi is likely to join on February 11, a DU professor said: "Unless the President gives his nod, nothing can be said with certainty. The name of JNU V-C M. Jagdeesh Kumar came as a surprise as the frontrunner was someone else."

Professor Tyagi holds a PhD in legal studies from JNU and LLM in legal studies from Columbia University. The other frontrunner for the coveted post is DU Professor Bidyut Chakrabarty, who, it is learnt, allegedly enjoys the backing of the Ministry.

However, a number of women's organisations had opposed Professor Chakrabarty candidature and even wrote to President Pranab Mukherjee in December highlighting that charges of sexual harassment levelled against him by an employee of Gandhi Bhawan in 2007.

The search-cum-selection committee, comprising UGC chairman Ved Prakash, former CAG Vinod Rai and former chairman of the Union Public Service Commission D. P. Agrawal, had in a meeting in December shortlisted four names — JNU Professor with School of Life Sciences Rameshwar Nath Kaul Bamezai, Professor Tyagi, former IIT professor and UPSC member Hemchand Gupta and Professor Chakrabarty.

The appointment of the DU V-C has been pending for three months since Dinesh Singh demitted office on October 28.

Among the tasks cut out for the incumbent, a number of other important appointments like that of the Principals of Hindu College, Shri Ram College of Commerce and Hansraj College have to be decided soon.

## IIM-I director among Top-50 management thinkers

<http://www.freepressjournal.in/iim-i-director-among-top-50-management-thinkers/775348>



Indore : Indian Institute of Management Indore Director Prof Rishikesh T Krishnan is also among the Top-50 management thinkers in the country, according to Thinkers50 India.

Thinkers50 India has released the list of most influential management thinkers from India for the year 2015 in which Krishnan has also found place.

Apart from him, IIM Ahmedabad Director Ashish Nanda and four professors from IIM Ahmedabad and two professors from IIM Bangalore have figured into the prestigious list.

The list seeks to honor and celebrate the best management thinkers from India.

The Thinkers50 India management thinkers were selected based on their work in the domains of management, leadership, business marketing, finance, people management and corporate strategy. The basis of selection in the elite group is on the timely relevance and presentation of ideas, rigor of research, international outlook, originality and impact of ideas, business sense and power to inspire change.

Thinkers50 India is a joint initiative of Institute for Competitiveness and Thinkers50 London. The objective of Thinkers50 India is creation, expansion and enhancement of thought leadership in India. Institute for Competitiveness, India is an international initiative centered in India, dedicated to enlarging and purposeful disseminating of the body of research and knowledge on competition and strategy. This Institute conducts and supports indigenous research, offers academic and executive courses, and provides advisory services to the Corporate and the Governments. The institute studies competition and its implications for company strategy; the competitiveness of nations, regions & cities and thus generates guidelines for businesses and those in governance; and suggests and provides solutions for socio-economic problems.

Created in 2001 by Stuart Crainer and Des Dearlove, the Thinkers50 is the first-ever global ranking of management thinkers.

## IIT-Guwahati students campaign for voting rights

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/iit-guwahati-campaigns-for-voting-rights-116020800446\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/iit-guwahati-campaigns-for-voting-rights-116020800446_1.html)

### It aims to create awareness that voting builds a healthier nation & strengthens democracy

In a bid to create [awareness](#) among citizens about their voting rights, [IIT-Guwahati](#) (IIT-G) [students](#) undertook a [campaign](#) that aims to enlighten citizens about their right to vote and how they could exercise their right.

On February 6, team Techniche of IIT-G went to about 20 villages where they raised awareness about elections and successfully collected 200 registrations for Voter IDs.

The campaign --- 'Wake Up and Vote' --- launched by the students of IIT-Guwahati in the city, is part of the Institute's techno-management festival Techniche from September one next.

The right to vote campaign is aimed at spreading awareness that voting builds a healthier nation and strengthens democracy, said Techniche convenor Vikram Aditya on Monday.

Stating Techniche has always been a torch bearer when it comes to rights and duties of the citizens of India, Aditya said backed up with an enormous success in 2014 where Techniche successfully had thousands of people take a pledge to vote throughout the country, this year team Techniche is back with full force for the upcoming Assam elections.

In this respect the team is helping the [Election Commission](#) to get [Voter ID cards](#) of hundreds of people in Guwahati who do not have a photograph on their card, he said.

"Next we have many events and campaigns planned to educate the state to the need to vote. Wake up and Vote is what the state needs right now and team Techniche is in full support with all our might", said Rajat, an organising committee member of Techniche 2016.

Golapi Das, booth level officer (BLO) of Hajo Constituency said: "It was a great experience working with the students of IIT-Guwahati. The team effort was brilliant. This is the first time any student community stepped in to help people correct their errors in the Voter ID cards and formulation of new ones".

"People with the errors in their Voter ID face many problems for verification process and this effort from Techniche just before the Assam elections is worth applauding", Das added.

## IIT-B students lend voices to help the blind

<http://www.mumbaimirror.com/mumbai/others/IIT-B-students-lend-voices-to-help-the-blind/articleshow/50895944.cms>

By **Ankita Bhatkande**

Students of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, (IIT-B) have come up with a novel cellphone application with a crowd-funded repository of audio books called 'Lend your voice' (LYV) that promises to come in handy for students, especially for the visually impaired. With the objective of ending the dearth of such resources, especially ones in the vernacular languages, students of IIT-B lent their voices for recording readings of 30 books for over a year since December 2014, to make the application ready for release.

The application was launched during IIT-B's social festival, Abhyuday, on Saturday. Bollywood actress Shraddha Kapoor was in attendance at the launch. "The idea was to come up with an audio platform where students who are visually disabled can access mainstream content without any mediation, like a reader or converting the book into braille. The app is not only open for all to use, but in fact, works as a crowd-sourced platform where students from all over the country can record books, poems and anything that they think is useful," said Rajnayan Datta, media head and coordinator of the LYV project.

Students from diverse academic streams ranging from engineering to humanities from the institution participated in the year-long campaign and successfully recorded over 30 books.

Recounting his recording experience for the application, Aniruddha Reddy, a BTech student, said, "When we were recording a novel, we had to study our parts properly and get our characters right. If we made a mistake, we had to edit the recording again, which would often be a huge task."

Talking about the future of their application, Nitin Chandrol, overall coordinator of Abhyuday, said, "The application is the next step of our project on campus wherein people all across the country from any remote part can record books in their local languages, which can benefit some student in another part of the country."

However, being realistic about the challenges that lay ahead for them, Datta added, "We have to screen all the submissions to check if the voice is alright. These audio clips might have to be digitally cleaned if there is a lot of external noise or disturbance." The team plans to have at least a thousand books in its repository by the end of the year.

## **IIT-KGP to send engineering students to ICMR**

**While doctors from the medical research body will visit the engineering institute's campus**

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/iit-kgp-to-send-engineering-students-to-icmr-116020800709\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/iit-kgp-to-send-engineering-students-to-icmr-116020800709_1.html)

To enable research in medical technology, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, will send its engineering students to study at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), while doctors from the medical research body will visit the engineering institute's campus.

The two institutes have signed a collaboration which will facilitate student exchange programmes and promote interaction and collaboration between faculty, staff and students, P P Chakrabarti, director, IIT-Kharagpur, said.

"This collaboration will facilitate doctors to study in an institution known for its excellence in engineering and technology and engineers to study at [ICMR](#) thus providing a platform for interdisciplinary academics and leading further to integrated research, aimed towards meeting the health care needs of the country," he said.

Officials said besides the summer/winter terms or short courses, students can also opt for a longer duration, not exceeding two semesters.

[IIT-Kharagpur](#) has already planned a medical college and hospital in its campus which will offer Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) course.

The two institutes will also explore opportunities of undertaking joint research projects under IIT-KGP's initiatives in health care like 'signals and systems for life science', IMPRINT (impacting research, innovation and technology).

Under the IMPRINT program, IIT-KGP (as nodal centre for health care for all IITs, NIITs and Indian Institute of Science) and ICMR will work together for the purpose of identifying the needs of the country in research and technology requirements, officials said.

They will also explore opportunities for creating visiting faculty positions, joint PhD/Masters programmes, setting up of a joint research centre at IIT-KGP for long-term collaboration between the two institutions, the officials added.

## PM may review HRD functioning

Hindustan Times (Mumbai)

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to hold a meeting to review functioning of the human resource development ministry, under fire over the suicide by a Dalit scholar alleging discrimination on campus.

The meeting, to be held on February 17, is likely to discuss a number of issues including the lower rate of enrollments and implementation of various schemes in higher education.

HRD minister Smriti Irani and the higher education secretary are expected to be present at the meeting, which will be held a day before Irani's session with vice-chancellors of all central universities to discuss ending possible discrimination of socially disadvantaged students.

**CENTRE TO ROPE IN VOLUNTEERS FOR TEACHING** The HRD ministry is planning to launch a pilot project under which volunteers willing to teach in government schools would be able to enroll themselves through an App.

A meeting of education ministers and officials of state governments was chaired by HRD minister Smriti Irani, where it was decided that a 'pilot project' to encourage volunteers and retired teachers to contribute to schools, especially those in rural areas, should be launched. A statement issued by the minister said that a mobile app is being developed in collaboration with My Gov platform, to enlist citizens willing to volunteer as teachers. So far, 18 states have expressed their willingness to participate in the first phase. These states would formulate the finer details of this plan. Earlier, HRD minister Smriti Irani had also said that ex-servicemen could be utilised in schools for physical training, etc.

Apart from this, the ministry is also working on introducing IIM-designed modules for educational administrators and a grading system for teacher training institutes to address concerns related to shortage and quality of teaching.

A workshop for educational administrators in higher education will also be organized by the UGC in five regions across the country in April and May.

"A committee has also been set up to develop a grading framework for teacher education institutions so as to provide an idea of the quality of institutes," said a senior HRD official.

## HC directs UGC Jt Secty to be present in court

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/hc-directs-ugc-jt-secty-to-be-present-in-court-116020801101\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/hc-directs-ugc-jt-secty-to-be-present-in-court-116020801101_1.html)

The Madras High [Court](#) today directed the Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, to be personally present in the court for briefing its stand with regard to appointment of Vice-Chancellors to Universities.

The first bench, comprising Chief Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, was hearing a batch of petitions seeking a direction to quash advertisements dated May 31, 2015 and April 26, 2014 calling for applications for the post of appointment of Vice Chancellors for Universities in Tamil Nadu.

The petitioners, including A.Narayanan, Director of Change India, an NGO, contended that it would be impermissible for state universities or the state to adopt a different procedure in reference to selection of Vice-Chancellors, "contra and in violation of the UGC Regulations," in the light of a Supreme Court directive.

The petitioners said persons of the highest level of competence, integrity, moral and institutional commitment are to be appointed as Vice-Chancellors.

The petitioners, while referring to the advertisements in which the qualification is mentioned as Associate Professor for the Post of VC, submitted that authorities failed to consider that there is vital difference "between the qualifications of Professor "as contained in regulation 4.1.0 and Associate Professor as contained in Regulation 4.3.0 of UGC Regulations 2010."

The petitioners sought to quash the advertisements by the Universities for the post of Vice Chancellors and also to direct all state universities concerned to comply with the provisions of UGC Act, 1956 and its regulations 2010.

When the matter came up, the Chief Justice asked the counsel for UGC "what is your stand and what are you planning to do?"

The counsel said the search committee had no power to dilute the eligibility or qualification for candidates.

The bench then said "that is fine but what are you going to do? What do you propose to do? Are you going to issue any advisory at least for future?"

Then the bench directed the Joint Secretary of UGC to remain personally present in the court with all relevant records and listed the matter for February 22.



# Trai bars differential pricing for data access

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
New Delhi, 8 February

In a boost for net neutrality, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) today barred telecom service providers from offering differential pricing for data services.


"No service provider shall enter into any arrangement or contract that has the effect of discriminatory tariffs for data services," the telecom regulator said in its final guidelines on the issue.

This means that all content on the internet will have to be made available at the same data price. A violation will lead to a fine of Rs 50,000 per day, TRAI said.

"This (ban) will disallow any programme or project which works on the architecture of differential pricing," the regulator said, stressing that "content agnostic" access to the internet is the operating principle, though it said data charges can be dropped during public emergencies like flooding.

Data packs that currently offer discounted rates for some content will not be yanked and customers can use them till they expire, said TRAI, adding that it is the "convenience of users" that is the overriding concern. The decision was announced by TRAI chairman RS Shar-

## BOOST FOR NET NEUTRALITY



- The Trai notification means that all content on the internet would have to be made available at the same data price.
- The move pulls the plug on Facebook's Free Basics project, which would have allowed free access to certain web services.

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In partnership with Reliance Telecom in India, Facebook planned to offer pared-down web services on mobile phones, along with access to Facebook's own social network and messaging services, called Free Basics, without any charge. TRAI suspended Free Basics a few weeks ago, arguing that it violates the principle of net neutrality, the concept that all websites on the internet are treated equally.

Differential pricing would put small content providers and start-ups at a disadvantage, according to critics who launched a massive consumer awareness programme to lobby TRAI. Those who have taken on Free Basics include founders of some of the most successful internet companies in India, as well as faculty at presti-

gious academic institutions like the IITs.

They argue that if the Facebook scheme is allowed, it would confer huge gate-keeping powers on the online giant, allowing it to decide what content users access ~ and that content would be either its own or that of its partners.

Earlier, the regulatory body had issued two consultation papers, one in December 2016 about differential data pricing and one in early 2015 about over-the-top services.

The consultation paper on differential data pricing had raised concern over zero-rating tariff models ~ a practice wherein service providers offer free data to users for select applications and websites ~ and the paper had become key to the debate on Net neutrality.

## Mark Zuckerberg disappointed with TRAI's ruling on Free Basics, but says he won't give up

<http://www.dnaindia.com/scitech/report-mark-zuckerberg-is-disappointed-with-trai-s-ruling-on-net-neutrality-but-he-will-not-give-up-2175569>

Facebook chief executive and founder Mark Zuckerberg speaks during a 'town-hall' meeting at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in New Delhi on October 28, 2015. (Getty - Image Courtesy)

Facebook founder and chief Mark Zuckerberg said that he is committed to break down connectivity barriers around the world.

Expressing disappointment on India's decision on net neutrality, Facebook founder and chief Mark Zuckerberg has said he is committed to keep working to break down connectivity barriers in India and around the world.

"Internet.org has many initiatives, and we will keep working until everyone has access to the Internet," Zuckerberg said in a post on the Facebook yesterday, his first reaction to the ruling of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on net neutrality.

Backing Net neutrality, telecom watchdog TRAI yesterday barred operators from charging different rates for Internet access based on content, dealing a blow to Facebook's controversial Free Basics and other such plans.

Facebook's Free Basics plan came in from major criticism from experts who alleged that it curbed one's freedom to access the Internet of their choice.

"Today India's telecom regulator decided to restrict programmes that provide free access to data. This restricts one of Internet.org's initiatives, Free Basics, as well as programmes by other organisations that provide free access to data," Zuckerberg said.

"While we're disappointed with today's decision, I want to personally communicate that we are committed to keep working to break down barriers to connectivity in India and around the world. Internet.org has many initiatives, and we will keep working until everyone has access to the Internet," he said.

Zuckerberg claimed that Facebook's work with Internet.org around the world has already improved many people's lives.

"Connecting India is an important goal we won't give up on, because more than a billion people in India don't have access to the Internet," Zuckerberg said.

"We know that connecting them can help lift people out of poverty, create millions of jobs and spread education opportunities. We care about these people, and that's why we're so committed to connecting them," he said.

More than 19 million people in 38 countries have been connected through Facebook's different programmes.

"Our mission is to make the world more open and connected.

That mission continues, and so does our commitment to India," he said, adding that everyone in the world should have access to the Internet.

"That's why we launched Internet.org with so many different initiatives - including extending networks through solar-powered planes, satellites and lasers, providing free data access through Free Basics, reducing data use through apps, and empowering local entrepreneurs through Express Wi-Fi," Zuckerberg said.

Meanwhile in a statement, Facebook said it would continue with its efforts in India.

"Our goal with Free Basics is to bring more people online with an open, non-exclusive and free platform. While disappointed with the outcome, we will continue our efforts to eliminate barriers and give the unconnected an easier path to the Internet and the opportunities it brings," a Facebook spokesman said.