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Areva signs fellowship pact with IIT-Bombay

Our Bureau

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Areva, the France-based multinational that offers technological solutions for nuclear power generation, has signed a fellowship agreement with Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay.

Under the pact, Areva will support doctoral Student Fellowships for R&D projects in nuclear reactor production and design, nuclear fuel cycle products and services, renewable energies and energy storage.

It will support the scholars and help them connect with the international scientific community working in renowned R&D laboratories and universities worldwide.

"I am proud that this collaboration will bring together the French and Indian research communities. We are committed to sharing our expertise in nuclear and renewables with our Indian partners," said Luc Oursel, CEO, Areva.

"The agreement will benefit students undertaking research in the area of energy at our institute and has the potential to strengthen scientific sharing and learning between the two organisations" said Shiva Prasad, Dean, IIT-Bombay.

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14 छात्रों को होंडा यंग इंजी. साइंटिस्ट अवार्ड

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होंडा मोटर इंडिया की ओर से देशभर की विभिन्न आईआईटी के 14 प्रतिभावान छात्रों को वर्ष 2013 के यंग इंजीनियर्स एंड साइंटिस्ट्स (यस) अवार्ड्स से सम्मानित किया गया। इसके तहत प्रत्येक छात्र को छात्रवृति स्वरुप तीन हजार अमरीकी डॉलर के समतुल्य नकद राशि का चेक दिया गया।

इसके अलावा इनमें से जो छात्र स्नातकोत्तर कक्षा में अध्ययन के लिए जापानी विश्वविद्यालय में दाखिला लेंगे वे अवार्ड हासिल करने के तीन साल के अंदर और 10 हजार अमरीकी डॉलर होंडा से हासिल कर सकते हैं।

होंडा फाउंडेशन की पहल पर भारत में युवा इंजीनियरों को पर्यावरण अनुकूल अनुसंधान के क्षेत्र में प्रोत्साहित करने के उद्देश्य से वर्ष 2008 में यस अवार्ड की शुरुआत हुई थी। इसका मकसद विज्ञान और तकनालाजी के क्षेत्र में अच्छा प्रदर्शन करने वाले छात्रों को प्रोत्साहित करना है। इंजीनियरिंग की विभिन्न विधाओं में अध्ययनरत इन छात्रों का चयन

■ आईआईटी के प्रतिभाशाली छात्रों का सम्मान

उनके क्युमुलेटिव ग्रेड प्वाइंट एवरेज (सीजीपीए), तकनीकी पर्चे, निबंध और चयनकर्ता पैनल के आमने-सामने के इंटरव्यू में उनके प्रदर्शन के आधार पर किया गया है। इस मौके पर होंडा मोटर इंडिया के प्रेसिडेंट और सीईओ तोशिओ सुगियामा ने कहा कि भारत में प्रतिभाओं की भरमार है और यह कवायद अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर पहचान दिलाने में मददगार बनेगी।

समारोह में जापान के राजदूत तकेशी यागी ने छात्रों को उ =1 के उ ल्लो.ख=नीय प्रदर्शन के लिए सम्मानित किया। पुरस्कार विजेताओं में आईआईटी बीएचयू के फुहार दीक्षित, आईआईटी बॉम्बे के संदिति हेमंत खंडेलवाल व सिद्धार्थ बुद्धिराजू, आईआईटी दिल्ली के आयुष्मान शुक्ला, इशान अरोड़ा व कुश भाटिया, आईआईटी गुवाहाटी के लेरेल जोसेफ पिन्टो व सेंथिल पीएस प्रकाश, आईआईटी कानपुर के सौम्या कपूर व वत्सल शरण, आईआईटी खड़गपुर के मृगांक कश्यप, आईआईटी मद्रास के मयंक नायक चौधरी व निशिता मोहन और (आईआईटी रुड़की के प्रद्युम्न पालीवाल शामिल हैं।

HT Mumbai

PENNY PINCHING

IITians 'coin' novel scheme to help needy

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INDORE: ORM; doesn't it sound like an operating system developed by some techies? It is not an OS, but a social welfare initiative developed by the students of Indian Institute of Technology, Indore. ORM (One Rupee Miracle) is an initiative by IIT-Indore's social welfare club AVANA by which it collects one rupee from the club members every day to help the needy.

Through this initiative these future engineers of India have decided to do more than just pursue a gruelling B.Tech degree. Out of the 500 students at IIT-I, more than 300 students have participated in the initiative and a sum of Rs 10,000 has been col-

■ **IIT Building on PACL campus near Mhow** ARUN MONDHE/HT

lected and put to use till date.

The students use the money to give gifts, educational utilities and basic amenities to the orphans at Abundant Life Orphanage. The club members even embark on a

'Respect For Women' marathon

With the Delhi rape case still fresh in everybody`s mind, the students of IIT- I are all set to organise a marathon (10km for men and 5km for women) on Sunday. The marathon, which will start from Institute of Engineering and Technology-DAVV, Khandwa Road, aims to spread the message of 'Respect For Women' across the city.

blanket donation drive late at night, with the institute providing them transportation facility. The students are also putting to use their educational capabilities and teaching at a government school at

Ashrawad Khurd, near Tejaji Nagar. The club members have been voluntarily teaching the students every weekend since October 2012.

Apart from these, cloth and book donation drives and various intra college social events are also a regular part of the club's activities.

"It gives a feeling of pride and contentment when we see that we have brought happiness to underprivileged people. We are doing our bit to contribute towards the upliftment of the society. I strongly feel that the students of various colleges all over Indore should take such initiatives, and fulfil the responsibility of helping the needy," said Shashikant Agarwal, third year student at the institute and an active member of the club.

IIT-B STUDENTS WARNED ABOUT LEOPARD ATTACKS

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MUMBAI: Officials have asked students of the Indian Institute of Technology - Bombay (IITB) to be careful while on the campus, on account of increased leopard sightings.

Students were sent instructions, asking them to be more vigilant while moving around in the campus, through an email recently.

"It has been reported by our patrolling guards as well as our residents that leopard movements are being observed in the Hillside/Sonari Bagh/Lakeside area," said an email, sent to students from the security office, asking them to avoid using a specific road after sunset.

The IITB campus border abuts the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, and has had leopard visits on several occasions in the past.

The institute has also decided to increase lighting facilities around the campus and has added one more watch post inside the campus. Students have also been advised to move around in groups and not be out too late at night, said U Yajnik, dean of student affairs.

However, students don't seem to be too affected. "We keep getting such emails, no one is that worried. We are used to this by now," a student said.

UGC, AICTE responsible for low quality of education: Arindam

Govt has ordered Internet service providers to block access to more than 70 Urls, critical to IIPM

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: The Indian government has ordered Internet service providers to block access to more than 70 Urls that seem to contain material that is critical of the Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM).

The order signed by Subodh Saxena of the department of telecommunications (DoT) was issued on 14 February. The URLs listed include that of the University Grants Commission (UGC), which states that IIPM is not a university and 'does not have the right of conferring or granting degrees as specified by UGC' as well as those of some satire-based sites. The move comes amid the government being criticised for recent steps that have been regarded as attempts to curb freedom of speech. DoT and UGC couldn't be immediately reached for comment.

IIPM Head Arindam Chaudhuri said the matter is subjudice and he will not make any comment.

However, he said, 'Last year one of our channel partner had filed a suit against Google and submitted ISPs about certain defamatory articles about us on the internet. After hearing the suit, court had asked Google to remove those links. However, Google failed to comply the order. Subsequently, the court has asked ICERT to block the those defamatory Urls till further orders after hearing

the application filed by him and issued notice to IIPM to be as one of the respondent and we will file our reply.'

Also, upon being asked that some satire pieces were also in the same list, Chaudhuri categorically commented, 'I have no objections on any satire nor would I have filed anything against them were I to do the same personally. In a democracy that is basic freedom of speech. However, I am glad that defamatory links with malicious

interests have been ordered to be removed.'

On UGC links, he said, 'UGC and AICTE are organisations full of bribe-seeking corrupt people, where even at the top they have a track record of being caught red-handed and being jailed. The standard of education they have created in the nation is shameful to say the least. IIPM is proud to have no affiliation from them and proud that it imparts a quality of education that is at par with the

best globally, thanks to our independence of approach and non-caring attitude towards UGC.'

'I suspect at the behest of some of our petty competitors with dirty past record, UGC had been deliberately spreading misleading information about IIPM to hurt its business interests and had gone to the extent of calling IIPM a fake university. For the same, the Delhi High Court had reprimanded it and given clear direction to remove the same allegation because IIPM, like ISB does not give any degree of its own nor has it ever claimed to do the same or has it ever called itself an university. UGC's false campaign is utterly defamatory against which IIPM has also released public notices in newspapers and the same is available on the net. So there is no doubt about the defamatory intent of the UGC/AICTE campaign and I am glad that the court has now ordered the removal of those links,' he added.

NO RIGHT TO EDUCATE?

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Soon, cars that auto-drive while you nap

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London: Imagine a car that drives on its own while you take a power nap? Robotic technology from Oxford University that enables a car to 'drive itself' for stretches of a route has been shown to be effective.

Scientists are calling it a milestone on the way to creating everyday vehicles that can offer 'auto drive' for some parts of a journey, taking the strain off drivers during a busy commute or school run.

The adapted electric cars have a low-cost navigation system that can clearly identify its surroundings using small cameras and lasers discreetly built into its body and linked to a computer in the boot.

The new car gives a glimpse of what the driver's experience of an auto drive-enabled car of the future might be like: the technology is controlled from an iPad on the dashboard that flashes up a prompt message, offering the driver the option of the car taking over for a portion of a familiar route — touching the screen then switches to 'auto drive' where the robotic system takes over.

At any time a tap on the brake pedal will return control to the human driver.

Paul Newman from Oxford said, "Because our cities don't change very quickly robotic vehicles will look out for familiar structures as they pass by so that they can ask a human driver 'I know this route, do you want me to drive?' and the driver can choose to let the car take over.

"We are working on a low-cost navigation system independent of GPS, done with discreet sensors that are getting cheaper all the time. It's easy to imagine that this kind of technology could be in a car you could buy."