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Govt, IIM Hold Talks to Finetune Draft IIM Bill

Draft IIM Bill proposes setting up of apex council like IIT; management institutes fear curb on autonomy

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The government and the IIMs held detailed discussion on Friday to fine-tune the proposed law about the country's premier publicly-funded business schools, which had evoked strong reactions from the institutes and its alumni.

"The first draft set the ball rolling and kicked off discussions. It was absolutely not the case that the government wants to bring the IIMs under an act of Parliament. The vast majority of the IIMs wanted to be able to award degrees. That required a law in place," a senior government official told ET.

Government officials said the first draft of the proposed Indian Institutes of Management Bill is being fine-tuned after discussions in a committee comprising IIM directors. The committee debated various issues at a lengthy meeting late on Friday, sources involved in the process said.

The new draft is expected to be discussed when IIM directors meet at Bangalore on Saturday to discuss the Common Admission Test.

The initial draft had the contentious provision of setting up an apex council akin to a similar body for the IITs. The provision was strongly contested by the IIM-Ahmedabad and other well-established IIMs, which want to guard their autonomy.

The official said that the bill would be based



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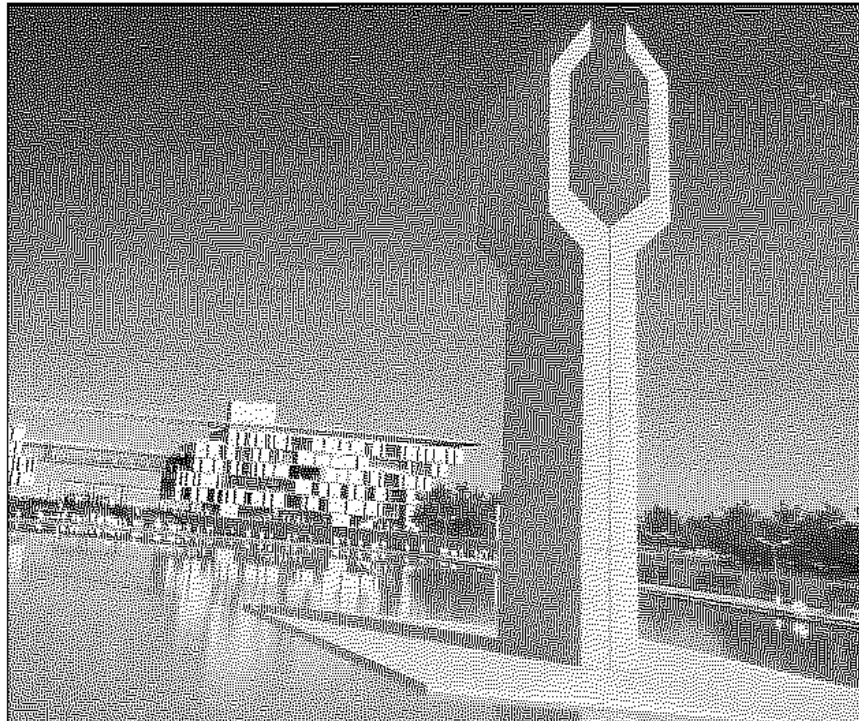
on the needs and realities of the IIMs. Another official said it was still premature to speculate what the bill would finally contain. "The shape that the IIM Bill would take would represent a consensual view and make sure that the IIMs are globally competitive. Before you can actually finalise the details you have to have the clarity of what this consensus view would be," the official said.

The first draft mirrors the Institutes of Technology Act, which governs the IITs. It had proposed several structures similar to the IITs such as the council, which is a supreme decision-making body for all the institutes governed by the act. The IIMs had deep reservations about this as they feel that boards of governors of the management institutes were already quite autonomous and the proposed new law would turn the clock back.

The newer IIMs are more excited about getting the power to award degrees. Established business schools such as IIM-Ahmedabad, whose diplomas are already recognized internationally, are more concerned about autonomy.

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IIT Ropar to have its own building soon



A view of the building plan of the Indian Institute of Technology, to be set up on 501 acres in Ropar.

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Five years after it came into existence, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar, is likely to get its own building in the near future. The management of the premier institution in the region has finalised the consultant for the work and the drawings of the building are expected to get the approval from the Board of Governors soon.

The new building will come up on 501 acres provided by the state government near Birla seed farm, five km from the town. It is expected that a meeting in this regard will be convened by Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, after the first convocation of the institute here on February 2, sources said.

After the project was approved by the Board of Governors, tenders would be floated, said an official.

HT Indore

IITians to hold model UN meet

CONTEST 30 students to debate Israel-Palestine conflict

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INDORE: To overcome the typical image of being seen just as 'techies', students of Indian Institute of Technology Indore, are all set to improve their communication skills by holding a model United Nations conference on the campus.

This would help the students during their placements when they have to face personal interviews, say the students who have organised the two-day event, scheduled to start on Saturday. They would debate and discuss over the Israel-Palestine conflict and would give solutions for peace-making.

It would be like a competition where nearly 30 students would take part and would represent about 22 countries and mock the entire UN General Assembly. Students representing the countries will have to put their country's stand on the conflict and later the assembly would come up with solutions to solve the issue.

Students of all the four years would participate in the event. "This one would be intra IIT-I event and later in March we would hold this conference



■ IIT buliding on PACL campus near Mhow.

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during our annual festival where we would keep it open for students of all the colleges and schools," told Karthikeya Upasani, first year BE student who would be judging the event along with Diksha Thadi.

This activity would give the students a chance to get out of their tiring routine and says Upasani, "It aims at fostering spirit and introducing the global scenario to the students. This would help in improving the negotiation skills, diplomacy skills, interpersonal and communication skills."

He added that engineering students are usually known for "not having literary attitude" and the members of the literary club at IIT have hence organised this event. This would

help to improve the personality and knowledge base of the students who would now study on the given topic and get to understand the global issues and might encourage them to read the otherwise ignored international news and politics.

There would be about three-hour-long sessions on both the days. On the first day, the representatives will talk on issues and problems and would prepare a rough draft of solutions. On the second day (Sunday), they would discuss on a hypothetical emergency scenario and the last session would be about finalising the solutions. Such conferences are being held at the other IITs and this would be the first of the kind for IIT-I.

HT Kolkata

Calcutta University 6th in national trust survey list

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KOLKATA: The University of Calcutta, one of the oldest in India, has bagged sixth position in the category of education in a survey conducted by Trust Research Advisory. The survey was carried out in 16 cities across India between July and December 2012. The Calcutta University, which did not figure in the list of trusted brands in India in 2012, entered the list in 2013.

Of a total 1100 brands, Calcutta University ranked

1095 this year, while Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) ranked 1029, according to the survey report. Calcutta University falls behind institutes such as IIT, Oxford, IIM, IIPM and JNU, the brand trust report published by the Trust Research Advisory (TRA) said.

“This year’s research was conducted among 2505 influencer-repondents,” said Sachin Bhosle, research head of TRA. People working for either a ₹50 crore company or in a company with a strength of 200 people, between the ages

of 20 and 50 year, and drawing a salary of ₹20,000 have been identified as influencer-respondents, Bhosle explained. The total survey was carried out based on 61 attributes.

“The top ten brands in eastern Indian are Nokia, Samsung, Tata, Sony, Bajaj, LIC, BMW, Reliance, Audi and Godrej,” said N Chandramouli, CEO of TRA. The survey says that Kolkata thinks differently from the rest of the country. The east zone shows that it has extremely different preferences as compared to the rest of India.

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इग्नू को 16 महीने बाद भी नहीं मिल सका पूर्णकालिक कुलपति

● बुजेश सिंह

नई दिल्ली। इंदिरा गांधी मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय (इग्नू) 16 महीने से कार्यवाहक कुलपति के भरोसे काम चला रहा है। मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय अभी तक कुलपति की नियुक्ति पर अंतिम फैसला नहीं ले सका है। सर्व कम सेलेक्शन कमेटी ने जिन तीन नामों की सूची दोबारा मंत्रालय को भेजी है उसमें से किसी एक की इग्नू के नए कुलपति के रूप में नियुक्ति का फैसला होना है।

इस बीच कुलपति पद पर नियुक्ति के लिए सांसदों से सिफारिशी पत्र लिखाने को लेकर भी विवाद उठ खड़ा हुआ है। इग्नू देश का ही नहीं बल्कि विश्व का सबसे बड़ा ओपन

● सर्व कमेटी के पैनल में संजय धांडे व प्रो.

असलम के नाम शामिल

● नियुक्ति को सांसद से सिफारिशी पत्र लिखाने को लेकर उठा विवाद

कैंपस विवि माना जाता है। पूरे देश में इसके सैकड़ों सेंटर हैं जहां लाखों बच्चे प्रोफेशनल एवं उच्च शिक्षा प्राप्त कर रहे हैं। अक्टूबर 2011 में तत्कालीन कुलपति राजशेखरन पिल्लई का कार्यकाल समाप्त होने के बाद से यहां कोई नया कुलपति नहीं

नियुक्त हो सका है। प्रो. पिल्लई के बाद दस महीने तक इग्नू के ही प्रो. असलम तथा उनके बाद अब प्रो. गोपीनाथ प्रधान कार्यवाहक कुलपति के रूप में काम कर रहे हैं।

असलम के पक्ष में मंत्री को चिट्ठी : सर्व कमेटी ने नए कुलपति के लिए जिन तीन नामों का पैनल भेजा है उनमें आईआईटी कानपुर के पूर्व निदेशक संजय धांडे, इग्नू के प्रो. असलम तथा एक अन्य नाम शामिल है। कालाहांडी के सांसद भक्तचरण दास ने मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री पल्लम राजू को पत्र लिखकर प्रो. असलम को कुलपति नियुक्त करने की सिफारिश की है। इस सिफारिशी पत्र को चयन प्रक्रिया को प्रभावित करने का प्रयास माना जा रहा है।

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3D printer to help build Moon base?

European Space Agency Plans To Construct Habitat Using Lunar Materials

London: The European Space Agency (ESA) plans to set up a base on Moon by using a 3D printer to build it from lunar materials, scientists say. Industrial partners including renowned architects Foster + Partners have joined with ESA to test the feasibility of 3D printing using lunar soil, the space agency said.

"Terrestrial 3D printing technology has produced entire structures. Our industrial team investigated if it could similarly be employed to build a lunar habitat," said



ADDING A NEW DIMENSION

Laurent Pambaguan, who heads the project for ESA.

Foster + Partners devised a weight-bearing "catenary" dome design with a cellular structured wall to shield against micro-meteoroids and space radiation, incorporating a pressurized inflatable to shelter astronauts.

A hollow closed-cell structure — reminiscent of bird bones — provides a good combination of strength and weight. The base's design was guided in turn by the properties of 3D-printed lunar soil, with a

1.5 tonne building block produced as a demonstration.

The UK's Monolite supplied the D-Shape printer, with a mobile printing array of nozzles on a 6m frame to spray a binding solution onto a sand-like building material. "First, we needed to mix the simulated lunar material with magnesium oxide. This turns it into "paper", said Monolite founder Enrico Dini.

"Then for our structural 'ink' we apply a binding salt which converts material to a stone-like solid. P11