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EVENING WITH PIYUSH MISHRA

satirical song from the film *Dill Pe Mat Le Yaar*, which mocked life in Mumbai as seen from the eyes of two village bumpkins, was also much appreciated, as were his improvisations on Ram Prasad Bismil's *Sarfaroshi Ki Tamanna*. Among the songs that were never released for public distribution, he sang his provocative improvisation on a Ganesh *vandana*, which he had written to be performed before a play in 1998. Another popular number was that in which he spoke of himself as Hamlet, standing at the *chawala* outside NSD in Delhi and commenting on the world, acting and life inside the institute (Mishra studied at the National School of Drama).

When students asked him what he would choose from his many activities, were he to choose only two, he said, "Jismain paise milenge. Yeh sab gaane 25 saal pehle likh-likh ke phenk diye - unhe document karne ka mi-jaz nahin tha. Meri maaboori hai ki inn cheezon mein quality kaun jaise mera ghar chaita hai. Inqilab bahut ho gaya, aadmi ki family ki taraf responsibilities bhi hoi hain."

Some of the loudest cheers at the fest were reserved for lyricist, singer, composer and actor Piyush Mishra, who brought day one of the fest to a close. His attendance had been uncertain because of how unwell he was, but he made it nevertheless, and treated the students to one after the other of his best-known songs, besides some undiscovered gems from his college days. Some of the rousing songs from *Gulaa*, like *Dunya* and *Aarambh*, and *Ghar*, got the loudest applause, and he introduced the audience to lesser known songs. A

But the auditorium as a whole cheered lustily for him when, right at the beginning, someone asked him about a few lines he had recited years earlier, mocking the younger generation as shallow. "Nahin, meri woh soch bada chuki hai," he said to everyone's surprise. "Mujhe tab lagta tha ki *Gulaa* ke gaane young logon ko samajh nahin aayenge, lekin sabse zyada appreciate unhe college jaane wale aap jaise logon ne hi kiya. I've taken my words back since, main aap logon ke baare mein galat sochta tha. Aap log bahut sensitive hain."

Media & masti at IIMC

It was two days of work and play as the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) presented their annual fest, Vox Pop 2014, presented by Delhi Times. The fest turned out to be a mix of the serious and the entertaining (mostly entertaining), as students and participants came up with fun, innovative ways to express themselves. From serious panel discussions to sudden flash mobs, street plays to creative writing workshops, T-shirt designing to making up ads, socio-political *gaana-bajana* to a 'battle of the bands', the fest presented a gamut of activities for students to participate in at the institute's hilly, green campus.



STREET PLAY



JMC's *Kalkasha* stood first with their play on the treatment of rape survivors



Ibtida from Hindu College came second. **N**ukkad, the street play competition, was judged by Ankit Chadha and Kiran Pawar, active members of the Delhi theatre scene. *Kalkasha*, the JMC street play society, won for their play *Gunaah Hai Par Saza Nahin*, on the rape mentality of society which treats the rape victim as the culprit and not as a survivor of a hate crime. *Ibtida* from Hindu College came second for their play, which spoke about the reforms required in the education system.



OPENING CEREMONY

The fest kicked off with a fitting opening ceremony where students recreated incidents from the past year or so which have had socio-political ramifications, with the media actively bringing them to the fore - beginning with the Anna Hazare movement to the Nir-

bhaya death and trial, the Muzaffarnagar riots and the Saifal festival. And, to lighten the mood, the students broke into a flashmob (which has almost become a staple at every IIMC cultural event), where even faculty members joined in!



A skit on Nirbhaya's death and the trial



Associate professor Shashwati Goswami (in green) and IIMC director Sunil Tandon joined in during the flash mob



Students present skits juxtaposing the Saifal mahotsav (R) with the situation in the Muzaffarnagar riot camps

Aanchal Tuli, Bohni Bandyopadhyay and Chandna Arora



Conundrum from PGDAV College



A member of Alfaz



The Urban Early Men, the judges

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IITs RANKED AMONG TOP 50

LINE UP Varsities find a place among the best for science, but still lag behind in humanities

Vanita Srivastava

Despite the fact that no Indian university has an overall visibility among the top 200 global university rankings, at least four have found a place in top 50 in their own specialised fields.

Four Indian universities make it among the global top 50 in at least one of the 30 disciplines, according to the QS World University Rankings by Subject, released on Tuesday.

IIT Delhi achieves the nation's highest position, ranking 42nd in electrical and electronic engineering. IIT Bombay is at 49th rank in electrical and electronic engineering and 50th in civil and structural engineering.

The Indian Institute of Science is ranked 46th in material science. Last year also they were in the top 50 but the rankings have fluctuated, with some going down this year.

The subjects with the highest number of Indian universities in the global top 200 all fall within the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) range of disciplines — Mechanical engineering (8 universities in the top 200), Electrical engineering (7), Civil engineering (7), Chemical engineering (7), Computer science (6), Mathematics (6) and Materials science (6).

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■ IIT Delhi is ranked 42nd in electrical and electronic engineering category FILE PHOTO

In other areas such as the arts, humanities and social sciences, Indian universities are conspicuous by their absence.

IIT Bombay is the only Indian institution to appear in the top 200, ranking in the 151-200 grouping for linguistics. The five life sciences disciplines contain just two Indian institutions, while in the social sciences there are no ranked Indian institutions in six of the eight disciplines. The exceptions are statistics, in which five Indian institutions feature, and politics, in which Jawaharlal Nehru University appears in the 101-150 grouping.

CHASING WORLD RANKINGS

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■ 4 Indian varsities are among global top 50

Electrical engineering

- IIT Delhi (42nd)
- IIT Bombay (49th)

Civil engineering

- IIT Madras (49th)
- IIT Bombay (50th)

Material Science

- Indian Institute of Science (46th)

Green court to decide if stormwater drains should be covered

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NEW DELHI: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has summoned top government and municipal officials to take a call on whether stormwater drains should be covered.

The green watchdog also issued a show-cause notice, asking them to explain why the “polluter pays principle” should not be invoked and higher fines imposed.

The chief executive officer of the Delhi Jal Board, the member secretary of the Central Pollution Control Board, engineers-in-charge of the three municipal corporations, the secretary of the Delhi environment department and other senior officials will appear before the tribunal on March 18.

The officials will inform the tribunal whether stormwater and sewage should be carried separately.

“We direct professor AK Gosain of IIT Delhi to be present during the hearing to assist the tribunal,” the NGT bench said. “We direct all corporations to

ensure no garbage is thrown into drains in Greater Kailash, Defence Colony, South Extension and all other colonies of Delhi,” the bench said.

The South Delhi Municipal Corporation informed the tribunal that it would ensure that garbage dumped near Archana, B block, Greater Kailash was cleared.

An expert committee, formed by the NGT, said stormwater drains should not be covered for constructions like roads, parking and shopping complexes.

The committee in its report said green belts should be developed on their flanks. “Direct flow of sewage into these drains and dumping of debris on their flanks should be stopped. They should be properly cleaned and regularly monitored,” the panel said, recommending penal provisions for violations.

“It is the responsibility of the Delhi Jal Board to ensure that its sewerage networks are maintained and sewage does not flow into stormwater drains. Corporations will develop a mechanism to prevent solid waste from being dumped into drains,” it has said.

Six IIM graduates bag packages of ₹44 lakh

Press Trust of India and Vanita Srivastava

NEW DELHI: Six Indian management graduates from IIMs have landed themselves a lucrative job with an annual pay of ₹44 lakh each from a Dubai-based finance firm.

Dunia Finance, an Abu Dhabi-based finance company, has hired six new graduates from the distinguished Indian Institute of Management's campuses in Ahmedabad and Kolkata.

The MBA graduates have been offered a highly competitive tax-free annual pay of ₹44 lakh or gross of tax ₹66 lakh, plus discretionary performance-related bonuses.

This ranks the finance company at par with world's major corporate and multinational recruiters. Empowering and enabling talent for success is embedded in the company's culture, the company said.

Rajeev Kakar, founder, MD and CEO of

Dunia, who is himself a 1987 graduate alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad, said, "Our recruitment drive puts us right amongst the world's major businesses as an employer of talent."

IIM SEATS FOR PETITIONERS

The Madras High Court on Thursday ordered that 8 seats be reserved for each of the petitioners in any of the 13 IIMs pending final disposal of writ petition filed by eight candidates who undertook CAT 2013 at Chennai.

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“We had asked for an interim stay in the admission process which was not granted. But the court has ordered that eight seats be reserved for the petitioners in any of the 13 IIMs. The court has also directed that notices be issued to the Government of India, CAT 2013 centre which is IIM Indore and Prometric Testing Pvt Ltd, the body which conducts the exam,” Anjali Sridhar, one of the counsels for the petitioners at Madras high court told HT.

The petitioners, she said, had challenged the normalisation process and lack of transparency in the scoring adopted by the IIMs.

There's a Naming Ceremony at IIM-A & Everyone's Invited

Following global cues, premier B-school offers building naming rights to drum up funds

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AHMEDABAD

For any pedigreed company or individual donors looking to get their names on a building at the Indian Institute of Management in Ahmedabad (IIM-A), the country's top-ranked business school, now's the time to do so. Naming rights for various buildings on the campus are on offer, as the institute tries to emulate a fund-raising method that's well established overseas.

Back home, Indian Institutes of Technology and the Indian School of Business are among educational establishments that use this method to drum up contributions.

"Yes, we are in the process of implementing infrastructure naming rights," said IIM-A Director Ashish Nanda, a Harvard Law School professor who was appointed last year after a global hunt that took nearly 10 months. He said Arvind Sahay, a professor at the school, was heading the project.

Big education institutions such as Harvard Business School receive a substantial portion of their revenue from naming rights. "If we can have a large corpus, then this may also result in a decrease in student fees," said an official associated with the plan. IIM-A rights will be awarded for a fixed tenure and the terms will vary.

Amongst IIMs, the Ahmedabad



THE PROPOSAL

Corporates or individual donors may be allowed to acquire 'naming rights' for various infrastructure at IIM-A campus

THE INFRASTRUCTURE

Rights may be allowed for dorms, classrooms, seminar & faculty rooms, cricket ground

THE PRECEDENT

Amongst the premium educational institutions in India, only IITs & ISB allow 'naming rights' for infrastructure

THE INSPIRATION

Globally, institutions such as Harvard University earn huge revenues from naming rights



school will be the first to give out naming rights in an organised format, said the person.

Harvard Business School's 2013 annual report showed a total revenue of \$587 million, of which 31% came from publishing, 25% from executive education tuition, 18% from MBA tuition and fees, 2% from housing, rents and others and 24% from endowment distribution and gifts.

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Annual or bi-annual Renewal of Rights

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Among the most prominent of recent contributions by an India business house is Tata Hall named after Ratan Tata and finished in December last year, endowed by the Tata Group's philanthropic wings.

Total operating revenue for Harvard University rose 5% to \$4.2 billion, due largely to the increased annual distribution from endowments and a substantial increase in gifts for current use. The university's net assets were up \$3 billion to \$38.6 billion at the end of June last year, driven mainly by positive endowment returns and an increase in giving. In fiscal 2013, the endowment distribution rose 5% to \$1.5 billion.

Of course, naming rights form just a part of this, said Ahmedabad-based chartered accountant Saurabh Shah.

Donors to IIM-A will be able to choose from various facilities. "Dorms, classrooms, seminar rooms, faculty wings, the IMDC (International Management Development Centre) complex, cricket ground, case development centre are the locations/sites which can be allowed for naming rights," said the person cited above.

The 110-acre area is divided in two by a road that runs between the old and new sections that are connected by an underground passage. The old campus is on 65 acres and new one on 45 acres.

IIM-A has 18 dormitories, 100 faculty houses, 250 staff houses, a library, six large classrooms, six seminar rooms, 90 faculty offices and some administrative offices. The Kasturbhai Lalbhai Management Development Centre (KLMDC) has 64 rooms, two auditoriums, two class rooms, eight seminar rooms, a dining hall and a computer lab.

The IMDC complex has 168

rooms for executives, two classrooms, an auditorium, two seminar rooms, 12 syndicate rooms, five large classrooms, five seminar rooms, 10 faculty offices, 17 dormitories and 120 married student homes. The school has an average student strength of about 1,100 every year.

"The immediate requirement is for roughly Rs 1-2 crore for the Louis Kahn Plaza (KLP) area restoration as it has been affected by cracks due to the earthquake in 2001," said the person cited above. American architect Louis Kahn designed the iconic red brick IIM-A building in 1961. "Negotiations with a few donors are going on."

IIM-A will make clear in the conditions that the money won't allow donors to impose any restrictions on the school and that there should be flexibility with regard to its use, the person said.

Nanda declined to provide any names of donors, but said, "Much progress has been made in the last three months." While naming rights will go to the highest offer, there's unlikely to be a typical bidding process, said the person cited above. The naming rights won't be awarded in perpetuity but will need annual or bi-annual renewal or as per the agreement between IIM-A and donors.

The Hyderabad-based Indian School of Business (ISB) has various facilities named after donors, including lecture theatres.

According to IIM-A's 2011-12 annual report, total income from various sources rose to ₹151 crore from ₹132.7 crore in 2010-11. In 2011-12, the fund corpus was ₹63.63 crore, out of which ₹62.62 crore was the endowment fund (donation corpus). The Comptroller & Auditor General of India audits the accounts of IIM-A every year. 2012-13 accounts haven't been published yet.

Remembering Bharat Ratna CV Raman

The nation celebrates February 28 as the National Science Day to remind us of CV Raman's Nobel prize discovery.

This piece outlines what Raman effect is and what made him unique. Motivated by the blue colour of the sea, Raman extended his work on the scattering of light.

A beam of monochromatic light (single-frequency) is scattered when it passes through a transparent medium.

At long last, on February 28, 1928, Raman observed two low-intensity spectral lines emanating from the monochromatic light.

He discovered one of the hidden mysteries of nature: the effect of the change in the frequency of light when scattered. Raman received the Nobel Prize in 1930 for this discovery. He used alcohol to demonstrate it (Raman effect) at the award ceremony.

The Bharat Ratna was announced on August 15, 1954. One of the first to congratulate him was Indira Gandhi who said, "As you know, I have been an ardent admirer of yours since that journey to England in 1937 and have regarded you as the 'Ratna' of India. I am happy to learn that now you are officially a Bharat Ratna. It is a title that you richly deserve." Raman promptly responded, conveying his grateful thanks to Mrs Gandhi for her congratulatory message.

Raman received a telegram on January 19, 1955 from the President of India Dr Rajendra Prasad saying, "I shall be glad if you stay in Rashtrapati Bhavan as my guest, when you come to receive your Bharat Ratna award. Kindly let us know your mode and date of arrival for reception arrangements."

Raman sent a reply to the President on January 20 saying that he was greatly touched, to be so invited as the guest at 'Rashtrapathi Bhavan' for the Investiture Ceremony on January 27, 1955.

But he expressed his inability to attend the function telling that he was firmly tied down



■ **Pride of the nation: CV Raman**

here to enable one of his students to complete his doctorate thesis which the regulations required him to submit to his university before the end of January.

He further added, "Thus, my duty as a teacher has to take precedence over my own personal affairs. I feel fully confident that you will appreciate the compelling nature of the circumstances which prevent me from accepting your kind and gracious invitation to come to Delhi." This unique example is hard to find these days.

Science was a cosmic religion for Raman who would wonder at the miracles of nature.

He was strongly committed to blend the modern spirit with ancient wisdom.

To Raman, nature was a great teacher.

Education is imperfect unless one resonates with nature and responds to her beauty. The beauty is the capacity to see and understand.

Unless we have this capacity, we are essentially uneducated. Can we learn some lesson from all this? Science Day celebrations remind us of his vision while the country starves scientists like Raman.

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