

NBCC to build IIT campus in Haryana

NBCC has entered into an agreement with IIT, Delhi, for construction of various buildings at IIT Delhi Campus and also at its extended campuses in Rajiv Gandhi Education Centre, Kundali and Jhajjar, Haryana. NBCC has been entrusted to do the job on project management consultancy (PMC) basis at an approximate cost of Rs. 250 crores.

AFTER SUICIDES, IIT-K TO EMPLOY PSYCHOLOGISTS

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NEW DELHI: Authorities at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Kanpur have decided to adopt measures to ensure strict discipline and create a 'family-like atmosphere' in the student hostels following another suicide on Tuesday, the second in the past month.

The death was also the fourth registered on campus since December; the authorities have said the other two were cardiac arrests.

"We have to impose strict discipline in hostel life. The students need to sleep well, attend all classes and indulge in good physical activities," IIT Kanpur director Indranil Manna told HT.

"This (strategy) could also involve engaging the spouses of faculty to take a role in hostel management. The objective is to create a family like environment in the hostels," he said, adding that qualified psychologists would be employed.

ग्यारहवीं मौत के बाद भी खामोश है आइआइटी कानपुर छात्रों की संदेहास्पद मौतों की जांच का नतीजा सिर्फ

कानपुर, 6 फरवरी (भाषा)। आइआइटी कानपुर में पढ़ने वाले एक और मेधावी छात्र की बुधवार को हुई मौत की घटना इस साल हुआ ऐसा दूसरा मामला है जबकि 2005 से हुई ऐसी ग्यारहवीं घटना है जिसमें या तो किसी छात्र ने खुदकुशी की है या उसकी रहस्यमय हालात में मौत हुई है।

इस घटना की जांच के लिए संस्थान के अधिकारियों ने एक पांच सदस्यीय जांच समिति गठित कर दी है जिसने गुरुवार से ही काम करना शुरू कर दिया। अब तक हुई ऐसी घटनाओं की जांच के लिए हालांकि कई समितियों का गठन हो चुका है। लेकिन, इनका अभी तक नतीजा नहीं मिला है।

कर्नाटक के रायचूर जिले के रहने वाला छात्र मंजूनाथ (20) बीटेक कंप्यूटर साइंस थर्ड इयर का छात्र था। वह कैम्पस के हॉल नंबर पांच हास्टल में रहता था। बुधवार सुबह हास्टल के कमरे में उसकी लाश मिली थी। आइआइटी प्रशासन के मुताबिक, वह पिछले काफी समय से तनाव का शिकार था और उसका इलाज परिसर में ही चल रहा था। इसके अलावा

मंजूनाथ पोलियो के कारण पैर से विकलांग था। उसके पिता की बचपन में ही मौत हो गई थी। अभी दो महीने पहले उसकी इकलौती बहन की भी मौत हो गई थी। वह काफी गरीब घर का था और उसके कमरे से कुछ जहरीला पदार्थ और नींद की गोलियां मिली थीं। पुलिस ने पोस्टमार्टम में भी उसकी आत्महत्या का कारण जहरीले पदार्थ का सेवन बताया था।

आइआइटी कानपुर के निदेशक (डायरेक्टर) इंद्रनील मन्ना ने बताया कि गुरुवार सुबह मंजूनाथ की मां कर्नाटक से आ गई थी। उन्होंने उसके अंतिम संस्कार की इच्छा कानपुर में ही करने की इच्छा जताई थी। गुरुवार को उसका अंतिम संस्कार कानपुर में पूरे रीति-रिवाज के साथ कर दिया गया। इससे पहले इस साल एक जनवरी को आइआइटी में बीटेक सेकंड इयर के छात्र आंध्र प्रदेश के गोपारप्पू साई कुमार की मौत हो गई थी और इसके लिए गठित जांच समिति की रिपोर्ट अभी तक नहीं आई है।

गोपारप्पू कुमार का शव एक जनवरी को संस्थान के निकट रेलवे लाइन के पास मिला

था। आइआइटी के निदेशक ने बताया कि मंजूनाथ की मौत की जांच के लिए एक पांच सदस्यीय कमेटी का गठन कर दिया गया है। इसमें तीन प्रोफेसर और दो छात्र शामिल किए गए हैं। समिति जल्द ही अपनी रिपोर्ट देगी। मन्ना से पूछा गया कि एक महीने पहले हुई गोपारप्पू साई कुमार की संदिग्ध मौत के मामले में भी गठित पांच सदस्यीय समिति की रिपोर्ट में क्या नतीजा आया, तो उन्होंने कहा कि अभी तक उस जांच समिति की रिपोर्ट नहीं आई है।

उन्होंने बताया कि अब संस्थान और पुलिस तो यह लगभग मान चुकी है कि एक पहले गोपारप्पू के साथ दुर्घटना हुई थी क्योंकि पोस्टमार्टम रिपोर्ट में उसके सिर में चोट आई थी। कुछ लोगों का कहना है कि पिछले आठ साल में हुई इस ग्यारहवीं संदिग्ध मौत की तथ्यान्वेषण समिति की जांच का नतीजा भी वैसा ही निकलने की उम्मीद है जैसा कि पिछले आठ सालों में हुई मौतों के बाद गठित समितियों का निकला था।

आइआइटी में हो रही छात्रों की संदिग्ध मौतों के लिए बनी तथ्यान्वेषी समिति की रिपोर्ट

के नतीजों के संबंध में डाले गई एक आरटीआइ आवेदन के जवाब में आइआइटी ने बताया था कि 2005 से 2010 के दौरान आठ छात्र-छात्राओं ने आत्महत्या की और 2010 से 2014 तक तीन और छात्र-छात्राओं की संदिग्ध मौत हुई है।

सूचना के अधिकार के तहत मिली जानकारी के मुताबिक, संस्थान में पांच सालों में 2005 से 2010 तक जिन आठ छात्र-छात्राओं ने खुदकुशी की है उनमें से पांच ने अपने-अपने छात्रावासों के कमरों के पंखों से लटक कर जान दी जबकि एक ने फैकल्टी बिल्डिंग की छत से कूद कर और दूसरे ने ट्रेन के सामने कूद कर जान दी जबकि एक छात्र ने कोई जहरीला पदार्थ खाकर जान दी। नौवीं आत्महत्या की घटना 23 अगस्त 2012 को हुई थी जिसमें छात्र ने पंखे से लटक कर जान दी थी। इन आठ मौतों की जांच के लिए संस्थान ने कभी भी जांच कमेटी का गठन नहीं किया बल्कि तथ्यान्वेषी समितियों का गठन किया। इन समितियों ने अपनी रिपोर्ट में क्या कहा इस बारे में संस्थान ने कुछ भी बताने से इनकार किया था।

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Parental pressure, weak psyche pushing young techies to brink

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KANPUR: What is it that makes a young student, barely out of his teenage - who has battled all odds and made it to the most prestigious engineering institute of the country - take his own life?

The recent suicide of a computer science student at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K) has once again brought the predicament of budding techies crumbling under pressure to the forefront.

Experts say it is the combination of several factors like weak psychological personality traits, poor English, homesickness and family pressure, which can force a student to take the drastic step.

Senior professor in the department of physics at IIT-K Dr HC Verma said students lack strong psychological traits due to being overprotected by their families.

"In most of the families, studious children are given extra attention and care and not taught to face their problems on their own. When such students join professional institutes, they find it difficult to adjust with the surroundings and the day-to-day problems. This leads to frustration and in extreme cases, forces one to take his/her own life," said Dr Verma.

He said every year the institute receives several students who suffer from psychological problems. "Whenever we come to know about any such students, we guide them personally and try to help them ward off the depression," he added.

Citing an example, he said, "Some time back, some students informed me of their friend who was under depression. The student was counselled and now he is quite normal," Dr Verma said.

Dr Manindra Agarwal, a professor in the computer science

TRAGIC END

- Third year student of computer science and engineering department Manjunath committed suicide on February 4.
- Director of the IIT-K Professor Indranil Manna said an enquiry committee has been set up into the case and directives given for reconstitution of the counselling cell.

FACTORS RESPONSIBLE

According to faculty members of the IIT-K, following factors can lead a student to end his/her life:

1) WEAK PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAITS:

In many families, the bright students are always over-protected and pampered, which makes them ill-prepared to face the outside world.

2) POOR ENGLISH: Poor command over the language, which is the medium of study, frustrates the students.

3) PARENTAL PRESSURE: There is a huge burden of parents' aspirations on the students, which can push them to the brink.



4) OTHER FACTORS:

Homesickness, academic pressure, broken friendships etc

SOLUTION

Noted psychiatrist Dr Alok Bajpai said families should extend complete emotional support to their wards and not leave them to fend for themselves in far-off places.

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and engineering department at the IIT-K, said it has been found that students who committed suicide had family-related or academic problems.

"Most of these students had weak English and they found it difficult to cope up with the course which was taught in the medium," he said.

"Though special classes to improve students' English to

enable them to grasp the course content are held regularly, the problem could not be solved completely. This tends to frustrate students," he added.

Dr Agarwal suggested that English Qualifying Test, which used to be conducted some 12 years back, should be re-introduced along with the JEE so that students weak in English could be identified at the initial stage.

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Speed up probe into MBBS scam: HC

Court tells crime branch to file chargesheet against nine more students

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The J&K High Court today directed the crime branch of the state police to speed up its investigation into the sale of Common Entrance Test (CET-2012) question papers for selection into medical colleges. It observed that the pace of investigation had slowed down, and that alertness exhibited by the probe agency had started waning.

The probe conducted so far may be just the tip of the iceberg, said the court even as it hinted that the investigations could be extended to CETs held in 2011, 2010 and 2009 and beyond.

In its directions made available today, a division bench of Justice Hasnain Massodi and Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey also directed the crime branch to submit case

diaries for its perusal and asked telecom companies to furnish call details of the accused in the case.

"The pace of the case after the chargesheet was presented against 12 accused (excluding three juvenile accused) appears to have slowed down. The initial enthusiasm and alertness shown by the investigating agency, which earned it appreciation of the court, has started waning," the high court observed in its detailed orders.

Apart from 12 MBBS students, the other accused named in the chargesheet by the probe agency includes former head of the Board of Professional Entrance Examinations (BOPEE) and prime accused Mushtaq Ahmad Peer, his close aide Farooq Ahmad Itoo and brokers Sajjad Ahmad and Haroon.

BOPEE taken to task

- The HC rapped the Board of Professional Entrance Examinations (BOPEE) authorities for failing to act against the MBBS candidates named as accused in the chargesheet by the crime branch
- The court observed: "The board authorities have proceeded at a snail's pace and the result is delay in compliance with the court orders. In case the board officers cannot appreciate the urgency involved and steps required to be taken... the right course for officers is to step aside and allow those having commitment and the requisite skill to man the posts held at present by such officers."
- The BOPEE was required to act against 12 MBBS students named in the chargesheet and cancel their admissions, but it has not done so to date

The court further observed that the probe agency must not rest on its laurels but pursue the investigation with a direction and dedication.

The court observed that the the agency should speed up the investigation and make a serious effort to "unveil the beneficiaries of the fraud other than the 21 candidates who are found to

have wrongfully managed their admissions."

Out of the 21 beneficiaries identified by the probe agency so far, 12 MBBS students have already been named as accused in the chargesheet whereas the names of nine other students were presented to the High Court by the crime branch in a sealed cover

this week.

"The list submitted in the sealed cover identified only nine candidates alleged to have been beneficiaries of the alleged crime. We fail to understand the reason for deleting the 10th candidate from the list of beneficiaries," the court observed in its orders while directing the Investigation Officer to present the case diaries for perusal and forwarding the names of the nine "beneficiary" candidates to BOPEE for taking action against them. The crime branch had earlier said there were 10 more candidates under the scanner.

The court directed the crime branch to take steps for presenting a supplementary chargesheet against the nine beneficiary MBBS students before the Special Judge, Anti-Corruption, Kashmir.

नई प्रेरणा, नया गर्व माइक्रोसॉफ्ट के नए सीईओ सत्या नदेला के बारे में उन्हीं के शिक्षक से जानिए-

'गणित, गणित और सिर्फ गणित पढ़ते थे सत्या'

नई दिल्ली/हैदराबाद भारतवंशी सत्या नदेला माइक्रोसॉफ्ट के नए सीईओ हैं। बिल गेट्स, स्टीव बॉम्बर के बाद अब उन्हीं का नाम लिया जाएगा। सत्या की कामयाबी प्रेरक भी है और हमारा गर्व भी। हैदराबाद पब्लिक स्कूल में पढ़े सत्या को बचपन से सिर्फ गणित पसंद था। क्रिकेट उनका शौक था, पर मन पढ़ने में ही लगता था।



और सबक भी | औरों की तरह सिर्फ बातें नहीं, मन में ठाना, अंजाम तक पहुंचाया सपने को

सत्या कक्षा 6 से 8 तक मेस स्टूडेंट था। बहुत शिष्ट और लेज डिमाण का। दूसरी-तीसरी कतार में ही हमेशा बैठता। पढ़ते वक्त हमेशा लीन। घंटे लाइब्रेरी में रहता। सिर्फ तीन विषय पसंद थे-गणित, गणित और गणित। मैंने उसे कभी शैतानी करते नहीं देखा। क्रिकेट का जबरदस्त शौक था। बाकी बच्चे बताते थे कि बड़े होकर क्या बनैंगे। पर उसने ऐसा कभी नहीं बताया। हम टीचर्स उसकी लगन को देखकर अंदाजा लगा सकते थे कि वह मन ही मन कुछ बड़ा करने की सोच रहा था। पर इतना बड़ा-इसका अंदाजा नहीं था। आज मुझे मेरे शिष्य पर गर्व है। - प्रोफेसर जी जयानंद

लोग परंपराओं का नहीं, आविष्कारों का सम्मान करते हैं- सत्या नदेला

नदेला के लिए चुनौतियों की विंडो भी खुली

सीईओ बनने के बाद माइक्रोसॉफ्ट को दिया पहला मंत्र

1 दुनिया के 90% कम्प्यूटर विंडोज सॉफ्टवेयर पर चलते हैं, लेकिन 4% से भी कम मोबाइल में विंडोज प्लेटफॉर्म का इस्तेमाल होता है। टैब में तो यह प्रतिष्ठत और कम है।

2 वर्क प्लेस कम्प्यूटिंग के मामले में माइक्रोसॉफ्ट नंबर 1 है, लेकिन घर या सफर के दौरान ग्राहक विंडोज कम्प्यूटिंग के बजाय एंड्रॉइड को ज्यादा महत्व देते हैं।

3 माइक्रोसॉफ्ट ने नोकिया को टेकओवर किया है, पर इसके बावजूद वह मोबाइल सेक्टर में एपल और गूगल से पीछे ही है। बराबरी के लिए ही बहुत काम करना होगा।

Cabinet divided over powers of AICTE

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New Delhi: The Union Cabinet was divided on Thursday over a Bill which seeks to restore the powers of All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) to approve institutes offering technical courses and the matter was referred to a Group of Ministers.

The AICTE Amendment Bill is being brought against the backdrop of a Supreme Court ruling which had stripped the body of its powers to approve institutes offering technical courses. It also ruled AICTE does not qualify to affiliate MBA and MCA programmes.

According to sources, the matter came up for discussion and there were differences on the Bill, following which the issue was referred to a GoM which will be constituted soon. They said several Ministers spoke on the issue.

The HRD Ministry's proposal seeks to amend Section 2(h) of the Act and insertion of Section 24(A) in the Amendment Bill.

In its ruling in April last year, the SC had said colleges affiliated to a university do not come under the purview of the definition of "technical institution" as defined under Section 2 (h) in AICTE Act, 1987. While the ruling had triggered a confusion about the fate of technical education especially of the management programmes, the ministry had also decided to bring an ordinance to undo the apex court ruling.

However, the proposal was dropped later as the ministry was unsure about it being carried through.

UGC, meanwhile, has prepared broader guidelines on the matter of affiliating the technical institutes as an interim arrangement till the AICTE (Amendment) Bill is passed by Parliament.

Under it, AICTE would set standards for technical institutes but universities would provide the affiliation. The institutes on their part would have to get themselves assessed by the National Board of Accreditation.

Over 50 pc aspirants crack IIT without coaching classes

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Amid high competition and difficult exams, it's but natural to see students rushing off for coaching classes and even juggling multiple tuitions. However, when it comes to cracking at an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) exams, the numbers of candidates attending coaching classes has seen a steady decline.

Although considered the toughest exams, students are increasingly relying on self studies to make the cut for a seat. A JEE chairman echoed the sentiment, mentioning that the number of students attending coaching classes is indeed going down.

An IIT-Delhi report has shed light on the statistics. Around 52 per cent of candidates who cleared JEE (Advanced) 2013 used self-study while 48 per cent opted for coaching.

Region-wise, Guwahati had the highest percentage of self studying candidates at 61.4 per cent and only 38.6 per cent relied on coaching classes. Kanpur had 54.8 per cent self studying against 45.2 per cent for coaching, Roorkee with 55.1 per cent self-prepared and 44.9 per cent having attended coaching.

Among the metros, Mumbai saw 52.6 per cent self-study preparation as opposed to 47.4 per cent through coaching institutes, while Delhi witnessed only 47.1 per cent preparing by self study while coaching classes were attended by 52.9 per cent.

The lowest percentage of students using self study was in Madras at 39.4 per cent with 60.6 per cent of applicants relying on coaching centers. Whichever way you choose to prepare, by self study or via coaching centers, concentration and perseverance will lead you to your destination.

BTech student dies after falling off train

Was Returning From Seminar At IIT-Kharagpur

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Noida: A 19-year-old first year B'Tech student of an engineering college in Noida died after falling from a train near Aligarh on Wednesday under mysterious circumstances. The victim, Somesh Sandilya, a resident of Patparganj, was on his way back from IIT-Kharagpur with a group of 60 other students after attending a seminar. An FIR has been registered in Aligarh. The family has alleged that gross negligence by railway authorities led to the youth's death.

The family said Somesh left for IIT-Kharagpur on January 29 to attend an IT seminar—Robotics. "The group of students was not accompanied by any faculty members," alleged Somesh's maternal uncle, Kumar Shambhu.

Somesh had boarded the Purshottam Express and was to reach Delhi on February 5. "I got a call from Somesh around midnight that he would be reaching Delhi soon. The train was running about 6-7 hours



Somesh Sandilya

late," Shambhu said.

However, the family received a call from Somesh's friend around 3am saying that something was wrong and he had fallen off the train. "The friend had called from Somesh's mobile as he had reportedly gone to the washroom and left the phone on charge," Shambhu said.

Somesh's friends said they pulled the train's emergency chain when they found Somesh missing. The family alleged that railway authorities misbehaved with them, threatened them with dire consequences and did not extend any help to find Somesh. "The train stop-

ped only after the friends pulled the chain for a second time. They then ran along the tracks between Dadri and Aligarh and found Somesh badly injured. He was then taken to Aligarh district hospital and was declared dead around 5.30am," Shambhu said.

Family members alleged that if Somesh had been given immediate medical aid, he may have been saved. Somesh's uncle added that they received no help or assistance from the college authorities. "We have written to the dean but are yet to receive a reply," Shambhu said.

Somesh's mother, Jaya, is a teacher in a private school in Delhi, while his father is employed with the Chhattisgarh government. Somesh was the only son of his parents and has a younger sister. His last rites were performed on Wednesday after police handed over his body to the family after an autopsy. Police are conducting an investigation into the incident to find out what led to the death of the youth.