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# IIT-Delhi professor set to be next JNU vice-chancellor

President selected Kumar from panel of four shortlisted contenders

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DR M JAGADESH Kumar, a professor of electrical engineering from IIT-Delhi, is set to become the new vice-chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), sources told *The Indian Express* Wednesday.

JNU's current vice-chancellor, Professor Sudhir Kumar Sopory, completes his term on January 27.

President Pranab Mukherjee, the Visitor of all central universities, selected Kumar from a panel of four contenders that included R NK Bamezai, genetics professor associated with the School of Life Sciences at JNU, scientist Virander Singh Chauhan, a leading name in malaria research and Ramakrishna Ramaswamy, former vice chancellor of



Dr M Jagadesh Kumar

Hyderabad University, according to sources.

The four names were shortlisted by a search-cum-selection panel headed by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) director D P Singh.

Chauhan was also a leading contender for the post, said sources. Kumar has completed his Masters and PhD from IIT-

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Madras, according to his bio-data. He has worked in the field of nanoelectronic devices, nanoscale device modeling and simulation, innovative device design and power semi-conductor devices. He has published four book chapters and more than 180 articles in journals on topics concerned. Six patent applications, based on his research, have also been filed.

When contacted, Kumar said he had appeared for an interview for the V-C's post but had received no intimation about being selected for it.

On his vision for the university, Kumar said, "JNU is among

the best universities in the country and I want to take it further. If selected, I will first interact with students to seek their feedback on improving campus facilities. I also want to ensure that JNU becomes the best centre of scientific research, one which is relevant to the country's needs".

Meanwhile, a senior office-bearer of Vijnana Bharati, a wing of the RSS involved with the swadeshi science movement, told *The Indian Express* that Kumar has been associated with the organisation. Renowned scientists V K Saraswat, Anil Kakodkar and Vijay Bhatkar are patrons of Vijnana Bharati.

While Kumar denied that he was associated with Vijnana Bharati, he said it was a "good organisation doing good work".

"I have attended its function in IIT Delhi last month," he added.

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# IIT Delhi professor to be JNU VC

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**New Delhi:** Prof M Jagadesh Kumar of IIT Delhi has been appointed as the new vice-chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University. A professor of electrical engineering, Kumar will be the 12th VC of one of the country's most reputed universities.

President Pranab Mukherjee, as the Visitor to the university, cleared Prof Kumar's name from the list that included names of V S Chauhan, chairperson, executive committee of National Assessment and Accreditation Council and former director of International Centre for Genetics Engineering & Biotechnology; R N K Bamezai of JNU's department of life sciences; and Ramakrishna Ramaswamy of the department of physical sciences, also of JNU. Sources said Chauhan was the favourite initially but finally Kumar was chosen.

Asked about reports of him being associated with Vigyan Bharti, an RSS outfit, Kumar said, "I attended a workshop organised by them in IIT Delhi, but I have no association with Vigyan Bharti. I am a researcher and an academic."

Prof Kumar couldn't be immediately contacted while his family members said they would rather wait for the government's order.

Prof Kumar obtained his Masters and Doctorate in Electrical Engineering from IIT, Madras and did his post-doctoral research at the department of electrical and computer engineering, University of Waterloo (Canada). He currently holds the NXP (Philips) Chair, established at IIT Delhi by Philips Semiconductors, Netherlands. He is also the chief investigator of the Nano-scale Research Facility (NRF) being built at IIT Delhi as well as chief investigator of the Centre of Excellence for Nano-devices and Systems funded by the HRD ministry.

Kumar is a fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Sciences and the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers, India. He is a member of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.

## Professor from IIT Delhi, a Karate Expert, Chosen as JNU Vice-chancellor

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/Professor-from-IIT-Delhi-a-Karate-Expert-Chosen-as-JNU-Vice-chancellor/2016/01/21/article3237304.ece>

NEW DELHI: Dr M Jagadesh Kumar, professor of electrical engineering at IIT Delhi, is set to be the new vice-chancellor of the prestigious Jawaharlal Lal Nehru University. His name was cleared by President Pranab Mukherjee who is the Visitor to the central university, sources in the Human Resource Development Ministry said.

Earlier this month, the search-cum-selection panel had shortlisted Professor Kumar's name along with R N K Bamezai, who is a professor of human genetics at the School of Life Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Professor Virendra Singh Chauhan, who is a leading researcher on malaria.

The selection process was keenly watched as it had kicked up a storm over allegations from a few academicians, including an applicant who has withdrawn from the race, accusing the panel of favouring a few persons, overlooking merit.

According to Prof Kumar's homepage, he obtained his MS(EE) and PhD(EE) degrees from the Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras. A self-confessed Karate and gym expert, Kumar was born in Mamidala, Nalgonda district, Telangana.

From 1991 to 1994, he did post-doctoral research at Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Professor Kumar is currently the NXP (Philips) Chair Professor at IIT Delhi, a chair established by Philips Semiconductors, Netherlands.

He is also the Chief Investigator of the Nano-scale Research Facility (NRF) being built at IIT Delhi at a cost of USD 10 million.

The professor is a Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering, The National Academy of Sciences, India, and The Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers, India. He has been awarded the 29th IETE Ram Lal Wadhwa Gold Medal for distinguished contribution in the field of Semiconductor device design and modeling. He has received the first ever ISA-VSI Techno Mentor Award given by the India Semiconductor Association to recognise a distinguished Indian academician and researcher for playing a significant role as a mentor and researcher.

Kumar was also the Organising Chairman of the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) 2012 with the overall responsibility of organising the test across India in 860 centres spread over 170 cities/towns.

## **Kumar Mangalam Birla new chairman of IIT Delhi Board**

Hindustan Times (Chandigarh)

NEW DELHI: Industrialist Kumar Mangalam Birla is the new chairman of the board of governors (BoG) of IIT Delhi while Rajiv I Modi will head IIT Guwahati, officials said.

Files related to their nomination, which was sent by the HRD ministry to the President have been cleared and they will take oath soon, official said.

Officials further said that the move is aimed at strengthening partnership between the industry and the academia. Their tenure is for a period of three years.

Birla is the chairman of the Aditya Birla Group and Modi is the chairman and managing director of Cadila Pharmaceuticals. The ministry has also approached Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel, chairman and managing director of Cadila Healthcare limited, Ahmedabad and Mallika Srinivasan of Tractors and Farm Equipment limited.

President Pranab Mukherjee's permission was sought as he is the visitor of the institutes. This is not the first time that industrialists have been nominated as the chairman of BoG.

“The move is aimed at strengthening ties between the industry and the engineering institutes,” said a senior official. In the past RC Bhargava chairman of Maruti Suzuki was appointed as the chairman of BoG of IIT Kanpur while BVR Mohan Reddy was appointed as the BoG of IIT Hyderabad.

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## बिड़ला को आइआइटी-दिल्ली संचालक मंडल का अध्यक्ष बनाने की तैयारी

नई दिल्ली, 20 जनवरी (जनसत्ता)। उद्योगपति कुमार मंगलम बिड़ला को आइआआइटी-दिल्ली के संचालक मंडल का अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किए जाने की तैयारी है। आधिकारिक सूत्रों ने कहा कि मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय ने आदित्य बिड़ला समूह के अध्यक्ष बिड़ला को नियुक्त करने के लिए राष्ट्रपति

प्रणव मुखर्जी की संस्तुति मांगी थी। पता चला है कि राष्ट्रपति ने बिड़ला के नाम को मंजूरी प्रदान कर दी है। सूत्रों ने कहा कि कैडिला फार्मास्यूटिकल्स के प्रमुख राजीव मोदी को आइआइटी-गुवाहाटी के संचालक मंडल का अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किए जाने की तैयारी है। इस मामले में भी राष्ट्रपति की संस्तुति मिल गई है।

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## The Choice to Govern

Every honcho has his preference for the institute he may be invited to head. So while Kumar Mangalam Birla was disinterested in heading the board of governors to IIM, Udaipur, he is learnt to have agreed to head IIT, Delhi BoG. Vallabh Bhansali of Enam Securities decided against heading the BoG for IIM, Ranchi. SBI chairperson Arundhati Bhattarchoya has agreed to chair the BoG to IIM, Sambalpur.

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# Brand Modi worst hit by student stirs


**BEYOND THE NEWS**
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**NEW DELHI:** Is the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led ruling dispensation at the Centre losing the plot?

Barely twenty months after they catapulted Narendra Modi to power in New Delhi, students and the youth are in agitation mode in different campuses. Some of them may be politically or ideologically driven, as some ruling party leaders would have us believe, but the frequency of such protests should set the alarm bells ringing. It seems anachronous to talk about Start-up India when campuses are on the boil over suicide by a Hyderabad university Dalit scholar Rohith Vemula raising questions over the conduct of some Central ministers. HRD minister Smriti Irani on Wednesday slammed opposition parties for making it a Dalit-versus-non-Dalit issue but underlined that her beleaguered ministerial colleague Dattatreya is a "Yadav" and the ABVP student, an attack on whom led to the suspension of Rohith and others, is an OBC. Lest the opposition parties should overlook the OBC angle in this partisan debate! As usual, the BJP looks determined to brazen it out.

If his portrayal of Hyderabad university as a "den of casteist, extremist and anti-national politics" allegedly made Dattatreya an agent provocateur in the suicide case, BJP general secretary Muralidhar Rao did his bit to reignite the passions on Tuesday branding the 26-year-old deceased as a supporter of terrorism.

Amid all these acts of bravado by ruling party functionaries, it's Brand Modi that seems to be taking the real blow. Many of the Modi

government's initiatives in the education sector may have baffled his loyal followers among students and the youth. To start with, the HRD ministry would have them believe that they would have better career prospects in a global market if they studied Sanskrit, instead of German, as their third language in school. The ministry would have them believe that eminent nuclear scientist and then chairman of the board of governors of IIT, Mumbai, Anil Kakodkar, who was a member of the Irani-headed search-cum-selection panel to choose IIT directors, resigned because he batted for a wrong candidate.

Director of IIT Delhi, RK Shevgaonkar resigned mid way through his tenure — and then wait for several months to get his relieving orders — as he refused to accept the ministry's diktat. Many other institutions of higher learning have been showing signs of unrest in recent times — Madras IIT (over the banning of a students' forum), Hyderabad university, FTII (over appointment of actor Gajendra Chouhan as its head), and Delhi University (over a seminar on Ayodhya temple). Yet another controversy is brewing over selection of vice-chancellors of the Delhi and the Jawaharlal Nehru universities.

The PM has many experienced colleagues who got their political apprenticeship in students' politics. Union ministers like Ramvilas Paswan would know how an agitation over small issues like hostel food and fees could turn into a political movement to change the political order, if not handled sensibly and timely.

2016 is not the 1970s or 1990s and the current students' protests are not as potent or organised either. But given that they constitute Modi's core constituency, even small rumblings of discontent are bound to hurt the ruling party and the government.

# HRD minister hits back at rivals, dismisses resignation demand

New Delhi, Jan 20

**H**ITTING back at political rivals, HRD minister Smriti Irani on Wednesday accused them of attempting to "instigate" students all over the country on the issue of suicide by a dalit student in Hyderabad University and dismissed demands for her resignation. After keeping a low profile for the last two days, Irani addressed a press conference flanked by three ministers where she took on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi saying the party wants to "shoot" on the issue which is "expected but unfortunate".

The minister was at pains to project that the ABVP student, who was attacked in a student rivalry, belonged to the OBC community as was Union minister Bandaru Dattatreya, who had written a letter to her about the attack.

Claiming that a "malicious attempt" was being made to project the suicide as a dalit versus non-dalit caste battle over which "passions" are being ignited, the minister rejected allegations that her ministry's intervention through letters had led to the suicide of the student Rohith Vemula. Facing a number of questions, Irani said she did not want to get into political mudslinging or a blame game and was only bringing certain facts to set the record straight in the face of attempts to create caste divisions in the society.

"An effort is on to instigate students all over the country. My appeal is,



HRD minister Smriti Irani addresses a press conference in New Delhi on Wednesday

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please do not instigate students and communities deliberately. There has been a malicious attempt to ignite passions and present this as a caste battle which it is not. It is not a Dalit versus non-Dalit confrontation as has been the efforts of some to project it that way," she said repeatedly.

Asked about the resignation demand made by Gandhi during his visit to the University on Tuesday, "They need to look at all these facts. Today I want to answer (to his statements) only through these two reports," she said referring to the standard protocol followed in government from the UPA time.

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## Dattatreya says he only forwarded students' representation

**Hyderabad, Jan 20:** Dismissing allegations that a letter written by him to HRD ministry led to the suspension of a Dalit scholar who later committed suicide, Union minister Bandaru Dattatreya on Wednesday sought to clarify that he merely forwarded a representation given to him by some students.

Rohith Vemula was one of the five students who was barred from accessing the hostel and other facilities of Hyderabad Central University. "Taking representations from common people, constituents and forwarding it to concerned ministries is what I consider my earnest responsibility by being an elected people's representative," Dattatreya said. Expressing "deep shock" over the scholar's demise, he said he would have forwarded the representation in the same way had they been given by any student groups.

"My role was only limited to forwarding these two representations. I would have happily forwarded representations of any other student body, if they had approached me," he said hoping that the matter now will rest with this clarification. *PTI*

बढ़ते कदम

संस्थान ने विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग को 'टेक्नोलॉजी बिजनेस इनक्यूबेटर' सेंटर के लिए भेजा प्रस्ताव

# रायपुर आईआईएम के अन्वेषणों को मिलेगा पूरी दुनिया का मंच

**रायपुर(छग)।** 'स्टार्ट अप इंडिया' की तर्ज पर ही इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ मैनेजमेंट (आईआईएम) रायपुर भी युवा उद्यमियों को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए 'टेक्नोलॉजी बिजनेस इनक्यूबेटर' (टीबीआई) सेंटर खोलने का प्रस्ताव भारत सरकार के विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग को भेजा है। इससे राज्य के युवा उद्यमियों को तकनीकी बिजनेस विकसित करने व अन्वेषण के लिए ट्रेनिंग व आर्थिक मदद दी जाएगी। इतना ही नहीं, इन उद्यमियों द्वारा बनाई गई तकनीकी चीजों को इंटरनेशनल मार्केट से जोड़कर दुनिया भर में फैलाया जाएगा। इस तरह मेक इन आईआईएम रायपुर के उद्यमियों के अन्वेषणों की खरीदार होगी पूरी दुनिया। टीबीआई सेंटर के लिए पिछले दिनों रायपुर आईआईएम ने अहमदाबाद में विभाग के सामने प्रजेंटेशन भी दिया है।



**देश-विदेश के  
इंस्टीट्यूट से  
रहेंगे कनेक्ट**

टीबीआई सेंटर खुलने के बाद इसकी कनेक्टिविटी देश के सभी आईआईएम व विदेशों के प्रतिष्ठित बिजनेस इंस्टीट्यूट से रहेगी, ताकि दुनिया को बेहतर से बेहतर से नई टेक्नोलॉजी चीजों के बारे में जानकारी प्राप्त हो सके। वर्तमान में रायपुर आईआईएम का एजुकेशन के लिए कुछ इंटरनेशनल ब्रांड के बिजनेस स्कूलों के साथ भी कनेक्टिविटी है। इस तरह इन इंस्टीट्यूट्स के बीच तकनीकी चीजों का आदान-प्रदान होता रहेगा।

## रजिस्ट्रेशन के बाद ट्रेनिंग

यहां ट्रेनिंग के लिए उद्यमियों को रजिस्ट्रेशन कराना होगा। फिर वेरिफिकेशन के बाद ट्रेनिंग दी जाएगी। उद्यमियों द्वारा विकसित तकनीकी चीजों की परफारमेंस वैल्यू भी देखी जाएगी। सेंटर के लिए जगह का चयन कर लिया गया है।

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संस्थान में युवाओं को प्रोत्साहन देने 'टेक्नोलॉजी बिजनेस इनक्यूबेटर' सेंटर खोलने का प्रस्ताव विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग को भेजा है। यहां उद्यमियों के अन्वेषणों को देश-विदेश के इंस्टीट्यूट्स से शेयर किया जाएगा।  
—**प्रो. वीएस सहाय**, डायरेक्टर आईआईएम रायपुर



## टेक्नोलॉजी के बिजनेस की ज्यादा डिमांड

आज पूरी दुनिया टेक्नोलॉजी की वस्तुओं से घिरी हुई है। इसके कारण इन चीजों का बिजनेस डिमांड काफी ज्यादा है। रायपुर आईआईएम में टीबीआई सेंटर खुलने का फायदा राज्य के युवा उद्यमियों को तो होगा ही, साथ में शहरवासी भी टेक्नोलॉजी की चीजों से अपडेट रहेंगे। भविष्य की निर्भरता केवल इन्हीं चीजों पर टिकी हुई नजर आती है। ऐसे में राज्य के लिए यह सेंटर फायदेमंद है।