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IIT professor offers online course

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Professor Somnath Sengupta of the Department of Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, has launch his first-ever live online Certificate Course in Image and Video Communication (<http://go.wiziq.com/2qox>), starting February 8.

Not only does the course offer an insight

into how IIT-Kharagpur operates but it also gives participants an opportunity to attend two sessions at the IIT campus.

It gives an opportunity to engineering/science students, software developers, teachers and research scholars to look behind the scenes of image and video processing, from basic and classical tools to the most modern and advanced algorithms.

The course provides coverage of communication tools and techniques in use.

Prez Comes to Aid of Universities



It was a telephone call from President Pranab Mukherjee to Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde last month that led to the Home Ministry relaxing a rule last week that now enables IIT's and Central Universities to hire faculties from abroad with a salary of \$14000 per annum. Earlier, employment visa was not allowed by the Home Ministry to those foreign scholars who would get a salary of less than \$25000 per annum in India. Mukherjee acts as the pro vice-chancellor of all universities.

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आईआईटी प्लेसमेंट का दूसरा चरण आज से

कानपुर। आईआईटी कानपुर के प्लेसमेंट अभियान के तहत पहले चरण में 950 छात्र छात्राओं में से 700 छात्रों को अच्छी नौकरी का आफर मिलने के बाद संस्थान में प्लेसमेंट का दूसरा चरण शुक्रवार से शुरू होगा, जिसमें करीब 250 छात्र छात्राएं शामिल होंगे। आईआईटी प्लेसमेंट सेल के प्रभारी विमल कुमार ने गुरुवार को बताया कि पिछले वर्ष एक दिसंबर से 24 दिसंबर के बीच प्लेसमेंट के प्रथम चरण में 1104 छात्र छात्राओं ने नौकरी के लिए रजिस्ट्रेशन कराया था लेकिन 154 छात्र छात्राओं ने विभिन्न प्रतियोगी परीक्षाओं में बैठने के कारण अपने नाम वापस ले लिए। शेष 950 में से 700 को नौकरियों के शानदार आफर मिले। इन छात्र छात्राओं को करीब 200 देशी विदेशी कंपनियों ने प्लेसमेंट का आफर लेटर दिया है। उन्होंने इस बारे में जानकारी देने से इंकार कर दिया कि प्लेसमेंट के दौरान छात्र छात्राओं को कितने वेतन की पेशकश की गई है।

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आईआईटी-बॉम्बे का एंटी स्मोकिंग अभियान लिम्का बुक में शामिल

32 शहरों के 64 कॉलेजों में चलाया गया था कैम्पेन

एजेंसी | मुंबई

आईआईटी बॉम्बे के एंटी स्मोकिंग सोशल मीडिया कैम्पेन को लिम्का बुक ऑफ रिकॉर्ड्स में शामिल किया गया है। आई स्मोक (आई सपोर्ट द मूवमेंट टू किल कैंसर) अभियान की शुरुआत बीते साल 26 अगस्त से हुई थी। इसमें जुड़ने वाले व्यक्ति को अपने हाथ पर संदेश लिखकर उसकी फोटोग्राफ भेजनी थी। अभियान को सोशल मीडिया पर 21 हजार से ज्यादा फोटोग्राफ्स मिले। इसके लिए मोबाइल एप भी तैयार की गई। इसमें तंबाकू से होने वाले कैंसर, धूम्रपान



छोड़ने की दवाएं और कैंसर अस्पतालों की जानकारी दी गई थी। अभियान को देश के 32 शहरों के 64 कॉलेजों में चलाया गया था। इसका मकसद युवाओं को धूम्रपान के खतरों के प्रति जागरूक करना था। भारत से बाहर 20 अन्य देशों में भी यह अभियान चला। 5 जनवरी को टेक्नोलॉजी फेस्टिवल के दौरान इस अभियान का समापन होगा।

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Cabinet okays setting of 58 medical colleges

Colleges will be attached to existing district hospitals

CCEA DECISIONS

Our Bureau

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Thursday approved the establishment of 58 new medical colleges which will be attached with the existing district or referral hospitals.

HOSPITAL UPGRADE

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare proposal that got approved, will lead to establishment of medical colleges by upgradation of existing district hospital in deficient States with intake capacity of 100 MBBS seats in each medical college.

This will result in an increase of about 5,800 seats.

The Central assistance share will be of Rs 8,457.40

crore while, State/UT share of Rs 2,513.70 crore.

RURAL WATER SUPPLY

In another decision, CCEA approved the implementation of the rural water supply and sanitation project for low income States of Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh with World Bank assistance over a period of six years till 2019-20. In a statement, the Government said that this project is expected to directly benefit rural population of about 78 lakh people.

“The total project cost of Rs 6,000 crore will be financed through Government of India [from the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) allocation - 33 per cent], State Government (fund sharing as per NRDWP guidelines - 16 per cent), beneficiary contribution (1 per cent)

and external financing (World Bank-IDA funds - 50 per cent),” it said in a statement.

In another decision, the CCEA has approved the Central Sector Scheme Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDIP) for implementation during the period of the 12th Plan period. The move is aimed at the overall development of the leather sector.

With a total outlay of Rs 990.36 crore, six sub-schemes including Integrated Development of Leather Sector, Human Resource Development (HRD), Support to Artisan and Leather Technology Innovation and Environmental Issues among others are being proposed.

This is in continuation from the 11th Plan period for implementation in the 12th Plan.

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HT Indore

Innovations to continue at IIM-I, says director

AGENDA Better opportunities for students, faculty will be created: Krishnan

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INDORE: The newly appointed director of Indian Institute of Management, Indore, (IIM-I) professor Rishikeshha Krishnan, said the integrated programme in management (IPM) is the biggest radical innovation to have been initiated by the institute.

Speaking at a media interaction at the institute on Thursday, he said, "As I take charge of this office, I will ensure that from time to time radical innovations are carried forward. Also, I will see to it that the existing programmes experience a quality upgradation."

On allotting diploma to the students pursuing the five-year IPM instead of a degree, Krishnan said, "We are trying hard to get the status wherein we can grant degree to the students. There are talks of an IIM bill to be tabled in the Parliament soon. Also, the government is serious on bringing it this time, so we do stand a chance of granting degrees."

Mentioning that his agenda remains on creating better opportunities for the students and the faculty members by initiating various programmes, he said, "I am aware of the challenges that I have to face, but it is time we focus on the future and let go off the by-gones."

Stating that he will ensure



■ Prof Rishikeshha Krishnan addressing the press conference at Indian Institute of Management in Indore on Thursday. SHANKAR MOURYA/ HT

THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME IN MANAGEMENT (IPM) IS THE BIGGEST RADICAL INNOVATION TO HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE INSTITUTE

that the IIM-I sticks to the point and follows rules and regulations, Krishnan said, "There have been some cases of indiscipline in the past, but I am sure that nothing of this sort is ever done in the future

as strictness from my side will be maintained."

Exhibiting a student friendly behaviour, the newly appointed director also said, "We will be encouraging case studies and management research as they do benefit the students. Also the coming in of guest lecturers and speakers will depend on what the students want for themselves."

A former faculty of IIM-Bangalore, Krishnan also said, "IIM-Indore has an amazing infrastructure and faculty, my work here will be to enhance it further by initiating different programmes and techniques."

HT Indore

IIT-Bombay's festival makes it to record book

ACHIEVEMENT ISMOKE, part of the institute's annual fest, has registered the highest number of doodles in any campaign

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MUMBAI: Even before it begins, Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay's annual science and technology festival, Techfest, has achieved a record. The fest has entered the Limca Book of Records for using the maximum number of doodles in a campaign.

Named ISMOKE (I support the movement to kill cancer), the fest's flagship campaign has registered more than 20,000 doodles with participation from 64 colleges in 32 cities in the country.

Launched in July in association with Indian Cancer Society (ICS), the campaign will con-

CAMPAIGN WITH A DIFFERENCE

IIT-B's flagship campaign ISMOKE was launched in July in association with Indian Cancer Society

Bollywood actor Amrita Rao launched it formally at the IIT-B campus on July 29

Between August 26 and September 26, the campaign collected 21,383 doodles, the highest for any campaign in the country

It has seen participation from 64 colleges in 32 cities in the country



The campaign gathered steam overseas too, with students from 20 countries having participated so far

It will conclude during the Techfest, which is scheduled between January 3 and 5.

■ **Bollywood actor Amrita Rao (left)** launched ISMOKE in the IIT-B campus on July 29 this year.

HT PHOTO

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cancer and the ill-habit of smoking in the country.

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Entries for the doodles, which comprised of the photograph of a person holding an anti-smoking message, were received through social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter.

The organisers of the fest distributed sheets in colleges and asked students to write an anti-smoking message each and take a photograph.

The students were then asked to upload the pictures on social media and share them through various platforms on the Internet.

Not only locally, the campaign also gathered steam overseas, with students from more than 20 countries participating with their doodles.

ISMOKE was launched on July 29 by Bollywood actor Amrita Rao at the IIT-B campus, and has found support from celebrities such as child actor Darsheel Safary, and actors Ayushmann Khuranna and Pranchi Desai.

As part of the campaign, doctors delivered lectures in participating colleges, informing the students about the harmful effects of smoking.

An Android application too was launched by IIT-B students that gives information about cancer hospitals in India and medication reminder.

The application consists of a feature where users can upload a related query that is answered by experts from the ICS.

HT Kanpur

IIT-K set to offer PhD in Earth science from 2014-15 session

KANPUR: The Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur has decided to introduce 'Earth Science' as a major subject. The decision was taken in the meeting of the IIT-K senate. Earlier, environmental science had been taught to students of environmental engineering and management streams. Students also did research on earthquakes when professor RP Singh, prof SK Jain and Prof CVR Murthy taught at the institute. The subject did not get any attention after these professors retired some time ago.

IIM- I pays Rs 55- L as Service Tax

- Six courses of the prestigious management institute came under the purview of Service Tax.
- IIM sought guidance over the 7 courses from HRD Ministry

Indore: The Indian Institute of Management Indore (IIMI) paid Rs 55 lakh as Service Tax to the Central Excise and Customs Department, on Wednesday. This tax was charged from IIM's 6 courses. The Service tax liability over the rest of seven courses is under consideration. After the inquiry of the department on November 19, the IIM- I paid Rs 55 lakh as a Service Tax for the financial year 2012- 13 over its 6 courses.

Sources in the Central Excise and Customs Department said that the IIM had paid this amount just 8 days after the department's inquiry visit to the IIM campus. The department has considered the teaching of some of the courses of IIM- I under the category tuition and coaching, which are taxable under the Service Tax Rules.

Sources further said that initially the authorities of the IIM were declining that there courses are liable for Service Tax payment. However, later on they agreed and paid the tax of said amount. The tax is charged for IIM's 6 courses and for the rest of 7 courses it has sought guidance from Ministry of HRD. Highly placed sources in the department said that a few courses of the Institute are kind of certificate and they are not recognized from any university.

Hence they come under the purview of Service Tax. It is notable that 4 officials of the department visited the IIM- I on November 19 to know about the courses. Since documents were in large quantity, the Institute had sought a few days time .

<http://freepressjournal.in/iim-i-pays-rs-55-l-as-service-tax/>

AAP can teach a lesson or two in management: IIM - Indore chief

INDORE: The newly-appointed Indian Institute of Management (IIM) - Indore Director is impressed with the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) political achievements within a very short span of time.

AAP's stunning debut in Delhi Assembly elections, within a year of its formation, holds many interesting management lessons, said Rishikesh T. Krishnan on Thursday, a day after he took charge as IIM - Indore Director, while talking to reporters.

Mr. Krishnan said he will ask his students to mull over what they can learn from the success of AAP, which has formed its Government in Delhi with the support of Congress.

The IIM - Indore Director concurred with a suggestion that Delhi Chief Minister



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal

and AAP Convener Arvind Kejriwal may be invited to the institute to share experience of his party's short but highly successful political journey.

"This is a very good idea. I will support the students if they invite him to the institute."

Talking about his task ahead, the 49-year-old Director said he will concentrate on improving the current syllabus at IIM - Indore and will not bring in new curriculum. - PTI

घरेलू महिलाओं को बना रहीं कंप्यूटर और मोबाइल फ्रेंडली

तकनीकी शिक्षा की अलख जगाने निकलीं निशिता

विनीत सिंह, बरेली

जमाना कंप्यूटर और मोबाइल का है, नए-नए इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स गैजेट्स का है। हर घर में इनकी उपलब्धता भी किसी से छिपी नहीं। मौजूदा पीढ़ी तो इसकी मास्टर है लेकिन बड़ा वर्ग अब भी इस तकनीक से अछूता है, जमाने की कदमताल में पीछे है। खासकर वे घरेलू महिलाएं, जिनकी दुनिया चौका-चूल्हे या फिर बच्चों तक की सिमटती है। ऐसे लोगों को ही तकनीकी शिक्षा से जोड़ने के लिए सात समंदर पार भारत की एक आइआइटियन बेटी ने बीड़ा उठा लिया है। वर्चुअल क्लास के जरिये। शुरूआत अमेरिका से की और अब जल्द ही पूरी दुनिया में यह मुहिम चलेगी। भारत में आगाज अगले साल होगा।

घरेलू महिलाओं को तकनीकी दुनिया से रूबरू कराने का बीड़ा उठाने वाली भारत की इस बेटी का नाम है निशिता अग्रवाल। बरेली की मूल निवासी हैं और दिल्ली आइआइटि से बीटेक किया। फिलहाल निशिता सोशल नेटवर्किंग साइट्स फेसबुक का अहम हिस्सा हैं।

अमेरिका में ही रहती हैं और खुद उनके नाम कई उपलब्धि हैं। फेसबुक पेज पर टाइम लाइन, नोट्स



- ◆ अमेरिका से शुरू हुआ अभियान, पूरी दुनिया में चलेगा
- ◆ सात समंदर पार भारत की एक आइआइटियन बेटी ने बीड़ा उठाया

और लाइक जैसे महत्वपूर्ण फीचर उन्हीं की देन हैं। अब वे फ्री सर्फिंग जैसे महत्वाकांक्षी प्रोजेक्ट को लीड कर रही हैं।

इन दिनों अपने घर बरेली आई निशिता बताती हैं, नौकरी के दौरान ही अमेरिका में उनकी मुलाकात तमाम ऐसी महिलाओं से हुई जो तकनीकी और रोजगार परक शिक्षा से कौसों दूर थीं। अमेरिका में यह हाल? सोचकर थोड़ी हैरान हुईं। हालात भारत

से भी बदतर लगे। उसके बाद तय किया कि घरेलू महिलाओं को मौजूदा तकनीक से दक्ष कराऊंगी। समस्या का तोड़ निकाला वर्चुअल क्लास के जरिये, जिसकी शुरूआत हर संडे अमेरिका की सिलिकॉन वैली से की। निशिता बताती हैं, वहां वर्चुअल क्लास इतनी पॉपुलर हुई कि उनकी कंपनी फेसबुक ने उसे अपना कार्यक्रम घोषित कर दिया। तय किया कि भारत समेत तमाम देशों में महिला शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने के लिए इस मॉडल का इस्तेमाल होगा।

हर संडे स्कूल

निशिता बताती हैं कि फेसबुक पर अनायास ही सिलिकॉन वैली में महिला शिक्षा को लेकर बहस छिड़ गई। उसके बाद जो परिणाम आए वे बेहद चौंकाने वाले थे। शहर में सिर्फ पांच फीसद महिलाएं ही तकनीकी रूप से सक्षम मिलीं। मुद्दा कंपनी की चीफ ऑपरिंग ऑफिसर सैलेन सेंटवर्ग तक पहुंचा। वे भी फेसबुक के शहर में महिला शिक्षा की बदहाली देख दंग रह गईं। इस पर तुरंत ही टीम की महिला वर्कर्स को उन्होंने समस्या का समाधान खोजने की जिम्मेदारी सौंपी और हल निकला निशिता की संडे क्लास से।

HT Chandigarh

PM TO VISIT JHAJJAR TODAY

CHANDIGARH: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will visit Haryana on Friday to lay the foundation stones of the National Cancer Institute and the Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership, an official spokesman has said.

Both projects, estimated to cost ₹3,000 crore, are coming up in Jhajjar district. While the cancer institute will be built at Bhadsa village, the nuclear energy centre will be raised at Jasur Kheri. Congress parliamentarian from Rohtak Deepinder Singh Hooda said here on Thursday that the 710-bed cancer hospital at Bhadsa would cost about ₹2,035 crore in the first phase and be ready in 45 months.

“This hospital will work under AIIMS (the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences), New Delhi, and later accommodate the AIIMS cancer hospital,” the MP added. The centre for nuclear energy partnership will be the first global university dedicated to nuclear science. “The US, Britain, Russia, France, and India are collaborators.”

The project will come up on 225 acres and cost ₹800 crore. The centre will govern five colleges of nuclear science research. The PM will also lay the foundation stones of the four-lane Bahadurgarh-Gurgaon road, Government Girls College in Jasur Kheri, and the 2,800-megawatt nuclear power plant at Gorakhpur in Fatehabad district in January.

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DU teachers concerned over appraisal

Vijetha S.N.

As Delhi University opened its gates to students on the second day of the New Year, the first day of classes was nerve-racking, but mostly for the teachers.

“The fact that students will get to appraise the teachers, and that this appraisal could effect our promotions, pay-hike and overall career was on our minds,” said Aditya Narayan Misra, who has been taking classes for several decades now.

He said the Vice-Chancellor’s “proposal” concerning students assessing teachers is nothing new, but a regulation already put in place by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

“The Delhi University Teachers’ Association [DUTA] carried out an exercise, where students assessed the four-year course. The university then realised that they could do the same for the teachers too. In my opinion, the proposal should have been stopped by the DUTA when the issue was with the UGC itself,” he added.

The university, for its part, said it had not prepared the templates required for the feedback, which it has every intention of taking from the students.

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Inter IIT: Battle of fame

<http://www.coolage.in/2014/01/02/inter-iit-battle-of-fame/>



The most important event for the sports lovers of the most prestigious engineering colleges of India i.e. IIT was this year's 49th Inter [IIT sports meet at Guwahati](#). This is the time when you understand what is to represent your own college, strive for the highest position and earn respect.

Despite of the freezing atmosphere there, it didn't seize the enthusiasm and excitement among the participants. [IIT Guwahati](#) catered to all the needs of the participants. It was obvious that the older IITs would have an upper hand in terms of their preparations but the extreme determination and confidence of The IIT GN (Gandhi Nagar) community was the key element which resulted in a better performance than the last year.



Starting the [event](#) with an astonishing "marching" by the participants of the individual IITs, the opening ceremony was graced by the presence of the five times Olympic winner- " Mary Kom" and the great celebrity "Sushmita sen". Although this year the General championship was bagged by [IIT Kanpur](#) followed by [IIT Delhi](#), but "This year the effort and spirit of fighting was the 10 times that of last year" as said by Hydar Ali, one of the participants.

The IIT students generally not considered to be good athletes, showed a commendable amount of skill and style. With loud noises of cheering, hooting and even sledging was also a factor to add to the liveliness of the event.

"I really felt like I participated in Olympics" reported by Vaibhav Joshi. Even the inter IIT staff meet was also a hit, many of our professors participated with full energy. I consider that it's the best way that IITs have chosen to develop an overall product in the form of its students.