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Shevgaonkar relieved, ministry hunts for new IIT-Delhi director

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Human Resource Development has initiated process to fill up the post of the director of the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi days after the government accepted R K Shevgaonkar's resignation from the post and relieved him of his duties.

The ministry on Wednesday invited applications for the post while the process to set up a search-cum-selection committee was underway. Kshitij Gupta, a professor at the institute, is currently looking after its affairs as Acting Director after Shevgaonkar's exit last month.

"The appointment to the post will be on contractual basis for five years or till the attainment of 70 years, whichever is earlier, as per usual terms and conditions," the ministry said inviting ap-

plications from the candidates, who should be "preferably" below 60 years.

Shevgaonkar resigned as the director of the institute halfway into his term in December last year, amid reports that he was humiliated by HRD Minister Smriti Irani for not clearing arrears of former faculty of his institute and now a BJP leader Subramanian Swamy.

The minister was also upset with him for not allowing cricketer Vijay Dahiya to open a centre of excellence for cricket at IIT Delhi campus.

President Pranab Mukherjee accepted Shevgaonkar's resignation and relieved him of his duties on June 11 following a recommendation by the HRD Ministry. The ministry forwarded Shevgaonkar's resignation to the President for his approval almost six

months after he put his papers and kept on sending reminders to the ministry for relieving him of his duties.

Shevgaonkar's resignation had sparked a major controversy in political and academic circles. Opposition leaders made an issue out of the episode during the Budget session of Parliament and used it to accuse the HRD Minister of interfering with the autonomy of elite technical institutes and central universities.

On Shevgaonkar's resignation, nuclear scientist and former chairperson of IIT Bombay Anil Kakodkar recently told a news channel that the IIT Delhi director was a respected academic whose self respect was "severely hurt" and that he should be allowed to exit "honourably".

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HRD to name new IIT Delhi director

New Delhi: Union human resource development ministry has initiated the process for appointment of a new IIT Delhi director. The ministry has invited applications for the post after R Shevgaonkar was relieved on June 11. "The search-cum-selection Committee will consider applications received as well as nominations received from eminent persons. The appointment will be on contractual basis for a period of five years or till the attainment of 70 years, whichever is earlier," the advertisement stated. Shevgaonkar had resigned last December amid reports that he was under pressure from the ministry on a controversial move to set up an International Institute of Technology Research Academy (IITRA) in Mauritius.

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HRD MINISTRY BEGINS PROCESS TO APPOINT IIT-DELHI DIRECTOR

NEW DELHI: The HRD Ministry has initiated the process of appointing a new IIT-Delhi director, weeks after it relieved R Shevgaonkar. The Ministry, headed by Smriti Irani, has invited applications for the post. Shevgaonkar was relieved on June 11. "The search-cum-selection Committee will consider applications received as well as nominations received from eminent persons," the advertisement stated.

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City's JEE (Main) topper wants to go to IIT Delhi

Anandita Singh Bhada | TNN

New Delhi: The Delhi topper of Joint Entrance Examination (Main) 2015 is hoping for a seat in IIT Delhi. Having secured the all-India rank of 91 in the JEE (Advanced)—the entrance to IITs, Mukund Mundhara had also bagged an all-India sixth rank in the JEE mains, thereby becoming top ranker in Delhi zone. The results were declared on Wednesday by Central Board of Secondary Education.

Getting into an IIT is not an easy task. It takes hours of hard work and one needs to be very dedicated and focused in order to do well in the exams. Missing out on the first choice of IIT Bombay, which closes admissions at rank 70, the



CHOOSING TECH: Mukund

Delhi JEE (main) topper is now aiming at securing a seat at IIT Delhi in computer science stream. An alumnus of DPS Rohini, Mundhara's Class XII aggregate is 98.2%.

"I want to do MTech after my BTech degree and thereafter build a career in research

and development. My father never forced me to join his profession and my parents were always very supportive and told me to follow my interest," said Mundhara.

Mukund did not fill up the DU admission form because he is confident of making it into an institution of his choice. He said: "I always wanted to be an engineer since Class IX and I was focused on that. Studying for 12 hours a day is not an easy task, but if I had to be an engineer, I had to do that. It takes just two years of hard work for a good start in life. However, students must not compromise with sleep. It's important to have eight hours of sleep before writing an exam."

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IIT-NIT joint seat allocation begins

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Mumbai: After a week's delay, the first-ever joint seat allocation process to the IITs and NITs commenced on Wednesday after the CBSE released the JEE (Main) ranks to the Central Seat Allocation Board at 10pm Tuesday. The Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA) opened the registration portal to students at 3am, Wednesday. In the first day itself, close to 47,000 students registered on the site and filled around 15.5 lakh choices.

On receiving the JEE (Main) paper-I and paper-II ranks from the CBSE, the National Informatics Centre checked the data and merged it with the JEE (Advanced) post-midnight. Once the data was

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uploaded, the site was opened for students.

By noon Wednesday, close to 20,000 students had registered and the numbers trebled by late night. Around 13 lakh students who appeared for JEE (Main) exam are eligible to register for the joint seat allocation process.

Since it was a combined process, the JoSAA had to use multiple ranks system and wait for the JEE (Main) ranks to be announced. The ranks were to be announced on June

24 initially and the joint seat allocation process was scheduled to start on June 25.

The schedule for the admission process had to be revised thrice and the last and final one was released on Wednesday. The delay in the commencement of admissions has pushed the academic session by almost a week. An IIT director said the first years will come to the IIT campuses late and some of the lectures may have to be held on weekends to ensure their term also gets over with the other batches.

While the online registration was smooth on the first day, a few students did call up IIT-Bombay for a few minor queries which were sorted.

"Some students did call up to say that they have forgotten

their passwords while some said that the passwords are not working. The help centre assisted them with the details," said the official.

An advisory from IIT-B director, Devang Khakhar on the JoSAA site, said, "Choose the academic programs wisely and rationally... It is important that you enter sufficient number of choices... You should opt for an academic program that you have an interest in and in which you have an intrinsic flair. "Don't be swayed by the current placement trends - these can change with time... IITs allow 'change of branch: it is possible to switch to the academic program of your choice if you perform academically well in your first year."

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IIT Mandi clash: HC seeks action taken report

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The HP High Court today directed the state government to file its reply on the firing incident at IIT Mandi. Four persons were killed and 10 injured in the incident on the north campus of IIT at Kamand in Mandi.

Taking cognizance of the news reports published in this regard, the court directed the state to file its status report, indicating what action had been taken by the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police, Mandi, in the incident.

It further directed the state to inform what action was taken against the contractor, who had hired the gunmen and who had granted license to the so-called goons and other persons carrying arms and what was

the mechanism in place for granting the licences.

It also directed the state to inform about persons who had been granted such permits/ licences and which authority had permitted the said persons to move around with arms in the entire state. The court also asked the authorities how shopkeepers, mill owners, contractors, companies, societies and other persons had been permitted to utilise the services of gunmen or so called goons.

While passing these directions, a Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Mansoor Ahmad Mir and Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan, observed that "it appears that some private person/ persons/so called goons are moving in the state with arms. It is not known how many such people are working/ moving in the entire state.

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UGC lists 21 fake univs; 7 in Delhi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The University Grants Commission on Wednesday released a list of 21 fake universities, eight of them in Uttar Pradesh.

Most of these universities have been in the list for years but the UGC and the HRD ministry have not been able to shut them down. The UGC says it has no power to close any university. "Our job is to inform children and parents in the admission session," one official said.



UGC said these universities flout section 22(1) of the UGC Act under which a university should be established by a central, state Act or have deemed status under section 3 of the

Act. Section 23 of the UGC Act prohibits use of the word 'university' by any institution other than those set up under provisions of section 22.

In the fake list, seven are in Delhi with such names as Varanaseya Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Commercial University Ltd, United Nations University, Vocational University, ADR-Centric Juridical University and Indian Institution of Science and Engineering.

In UP, names of universities are equally imaginative, ranging from Gandhi Hindi

Vidyapith (Allahabad), National University of Electro Complex Homeopathy (Kanpur), Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Open University), Aligarh and others. In case of one university — Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad (Lucknow) — the matter is subjudice.

Bihar, Karnataka, TN, Maharashtra, MP and Bengal have one fake varsity each. While Bihar has Maithili University (Darbhanga), Maharashtra has Raja Arabic University (Nagpur) and MP has one called Kerserwani Vidyapith.

Visvabharati V-C served showcause by HRD

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NEW DELHI, JULY 1

The Union human resource development ministry on Wednesday issued a showcause notice to Visvabharati University vice-chancellor Sushanta Dattagupta, seeking his explanation on alleged financial and administrative irregularities found by a three-member panel set up by the ministry.

Sources stated that the HRD ministry has given 21 days to Mr Dattagupta for explaining his position. Any further action is expected only after seeking response by the vice-chancellor, sources added.

The HRD ministry had last week got the approval of the President to showcause Dattagupta. As per government norms, the President of India, who is the Visitor to the Central universities including Visvabharati, can invoke Section 16 of the General Clause Act to remove a VC.

The three-member panel, set up in February this year, took cognisance of several enquiries and complaints against Mr Dattagupta, including alleged misappropriation of funds. The panel is headed by Justice Sakharam Singh Yadav, a former judge of Allahabad high court. The vice-chancellor has been accused of making several illegal appointments, including the appointment of the controller of examinations despite having no powers to do so and sanctioning posts in violation of the Visvabharati Act.

'Let IIMs Flourish On Their Own,' Says Dean of Cornell Business School

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Soumitra Dutta, the Dean of the prestigious Cornell University's business school, has said there must be no government interference in the functioning of institutions like IIMs and IITs.

"The government's role should be in setting up these institutions. But after that the government should allow them to flourish on their own," the Indian-born Mr Dutta told NDTV.

Soumitra Dutta is an IIT alumnus and is ranked among top Indian-American educators. He is the first Dean from a foreign country to be hired by a major American business school.

His comments come at a time when the Centre faces huge criticism over the draft Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bill that educators say will erode the autonomy of the elite learning centres.

Mr Dutta warned that any interference from the government will render these institutions unable to compete in the global market. "If the government puts limits on what you can charge students, what you can pay to faculty members, what you can do in terms of investments, you are limiting ability to compete in the global market," he said.

Regarding the government's plan to set up eight new IITs, Mr Dutta said, "Too many, too fast, will lower their brand value."

He said he would favour setting up more IITs "if the government has a clear plan for putting faculty, research strength and infrastructure for laboratories and all other elements of learning in place. It should be done before or at the same time as the announcement."

"We cannot open a building and wait for faculty to be developed. We have a problem of faculty capability and research strength in many institutions in India which needs to be reinforced," Mr Dutta added.

The IIM bill - which the government could reportedly attempt to present for Parliament's approval in July - has drawn much criticism.

The IIMs maintain that the bill grants the Centre powers to override its Board of Governors, which will need the approval of the ministry for any substantial change, including fee structure, salary, admission and even scholarshi

ps. There are apprehensions that it will reduce the board to a mere recommendatory body.

DRDO, US, Japanese institutions eager to partner with IIT-Kanpur

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KANPUR: In order to help Centre realize its 'Make In India' programme, IIT-Kanpur has taken a giant step where prototype of seven different domain products ranging from flexible displays to flexible LEDs, organic solar cells to flexible sensors, wearable and lightweight electronics on textiles, security packaging of medicines to check circulation of fake drugs and flexible lighting would be developed.

A national centre for flexible electronics centre is being set up at IIT-Kanpur. IIT-Bombay has shown keen interest in joining hands for working on the new technology domain. IIT-K is also keen in roping international collaborators for this project. Technical institutions in US and Japan are interested in doing joint work in this direction. The IIT-K authorities are in talks with these foreign institutions. Even Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) spoke to IIT-K to make them a partner in research pertaining to needs in defence field.

The institute has so far partnered with two industries to speedily commercialise the prototype of the flexible electronic products. The entire exercise being done is aimed at conducting research and development in large area flexible electronics that serves as a foundation for development of domestic industry under the Make In India initiative to grow the country as a manufacturing hub through new technology domain. IIT-Kanpur will also train manpower in flexible electronics domain. The trained manpower would become asset and engage in mass production of such prototyped products in industries.

IIT-K director Indranil Manna informed that the emerging range of electronic products that are flexible, bendable and can be printed like newspapers is taking the shape worldwide and therefore even India is interested in it. "Flexible and large area electronics devices are driven by innovative applications at a much lower cost than conventional methods of manufacturing. In this type of technology, circuits will be printed on plastic, paper etc. Flexible and printable electronic products find application in a number of sectors such as healthcare, power, lighting, defence, security packaging etc. IIT-K wants to champion this new technology and compete with the world before this technology emerges in the foreign land and is adopted by India. Let India be the master of this technology," said Manna.

He stressed on the fact that IIT-Kanpur with its experience and capability can play a leadership role in this area.

Professor Monika Katiyar, head of the core team, informed that IIT-Bombay and some other institutes in the country have shown interest to partner IIT-K in doing research. She said that even US and Japan are eager to join hands and talks are on with them. She said that a total of 55 experts will be hired to work in the national centre for flexible electronics and in next five years, the target is to roll out seven prototypes of such flexible and bendable products.

Another core team member Y N Mahapatra informed that the rapid rise in demand for cost-effective consumer electronic products, especially for healthcare, packaging, power generation and lighting, military and logistics, is going to be a major driving factor for flexible electronics, requiring products to be flexible and lighter and having ability to conform to various shapes.