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IIT-D praised for helping SC students

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New Delhi: National Commission for Scheduled Castes announced on Tuesday that IIT-Delhi had done well to ensure that there was no discrimination against SC candidates in admissions as well as during the course of study.

The Commission members visited the IIT-D campus on Tuesday and chatted with students from the SC category to know about their experience at the institute. Though not many students were available as the new session is yet to start, the Commission members said they got ample feedback to say that SC students were happy the way they were being groomed and helped out at the institute. They also said that the personality development programme organized by IIT-D for the first-year students was a hit among them.

"We had a detailed interaction with students and none of them complained about any caste-based discrimination. They in fact said they were quite happy with the 10-day-long personality development pro-

gramme organized for them. They said it was a confidence-building exercise which made a difference to them. They could now present their views," said P L Punia, chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Castes. He also said that students wanted such programmes to happen more frequently like every six months.

According to Punia, the Commission had received some complaints mostly about discrimination in the allotment of hostel rooms to SC candidates. However, they found the complaints to be false. "We had heard that SC students were being segregated, but we spoke to the students and found that all such complaints were false as far as IIT-D is concerned," Punia said. The Commission members also visited AIIMS in the evening and further plan to go to a couple of medical colleges in Lucknow.

IIT-D had started the personality development programme for SC candidates last year to help them gain confidence and learn to communicate in English if need be.

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IIT-Delhi did not discriminate against SC/ST students: NCM

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NEW DELHI, JULY 19

THE National Commission for Minorities (NCM) on Tuesday cleared Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi, of charges of discrimination against scheduled caste and scheduled tribe students and termed the allegations as “baseless”.

The charges of discrimination was concerning allotment of hostels and harassment of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) students, according to NCM officials.

A team from the NCM, led by Chairperson, P L Punia visited the IIT campus and spoke to students and staff about the complaints. However, of the 800 students in this category, only about 15 were present as vacations are on. “We received some complaints from IIT Delhi about harassment of SC/ST students on campus and also discrimination in allotment of hostels and we have come to investigate into the matter.” said Punia.

IIT-DELHI director Surendra Prasad said the institute was going out of its way to help out students from reserved categories, besides providing them with the same opportunities as general category students

The team, after speaking to the reserved category students, concluded that the complaints were completely “baseless”.

The average SC cut-off at IIT Delhi is 54.33 per cent of the general category cut-off. The number of SC/ST students at IIT has gone up from 93 to 123 between 2006 and 2011.

The director of IIT-Delhi Surendra Prasad said that the institute was going out of its way to help out students from reserved categories and providing them the same facilities and opportunities as the general cate-

gory students.

A relaxation in performance is also provided to all SC/ST students to help them in continuing their education smoothly. While general category students require 27 credits to pass first year of their degrees, reserved category students need only 23.

“We also run a preparatory course of one year’s duration for those reserved category students who have not made it to the cut off but fall above a second cut-off. These students are taught Physics, Chemistry, Math and English for a year and after passing a test, they are admitted to the first year.” said the director.

IIT admits about 30 students in the reserved category through this programme every year.

In accordance with government policy, these students are exempted from paying tuition fee and mess charges, additionally IIT Delhi provides a scholarship of Rs 300 per month to each student from the reserved category whose parent’s annual income is below Rs 4.5 lakh.

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SC panel clean chit for IIT-D in caste bias row

By Hakeem Irfan In New Delhi

THE National Commission for Schedule Castes (NCSC) on Tuesday gave a clean chit to IIT Delhi over discrimination against the reserved category students on the campus.

The assessment was, however, based on an interaction with just 15 of the 900 such students enrolled in the Institute. The NCSC visit comes at a time when most students are on vacations.

The inspection took place in the wake of allegations that the scheduled caste students were not being treated well by the IIT authorities.

"We found the allegations baseless. The

students are happy with the system and even appreciated their teachers' efforts," NCSC chairman Dr P.L. Punia said.

According to him, media reports on the discrimination were fabricated. In fact, he said, the students had themselves accepted that they had an inbuilt sense of withdrawal.

"We talked to 10-15 students and no one complained about facing problems. Many of them said a personality development program started by the Institute had actually helped them in the personal as well as academic sphere," Punia added.

The commission had received reports that the reserved category students were being segregated on the basis of

their caste, not being given proper accommodation, and being discriminated against in the classroom.

Punia admitted "the students we talked to were few" but added that "it was a random choice".

The commission also asked the IIT to repeat the self-enrichment program conducted by the Centre for Research and Education for Social Transformation. It was started by the Institute to enhance communication and leadership skills among students.

Punia said: "There are many students who have studied in Hindi medium schools and need to be exposed to the new culture of IIT. These programs have

helped them perform better and adjust to their surroundings."

During the interaction with the NCSC members, IIT director professor Surendra Prasad detailed the initiatives taken for reserved category students in the Institute.

"We provide monthly scholarships to those reserved category students whose parental income is less than ₹4.5 lakh. Also, the best 10 students from the category are given a monthly scholarship of ₹2,200, laptop and books," he said.

Prasad also informed the commission that the faculty conducted special help sessions and evening classes to aid the learning of academically weak students.

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'No-ragging' affidavit a must for new IIT students

Kanpur: Ahead of the new academic session which commenced on Monday, the IIT Kanpur administration has asked all its new students to fill an affidavit pledging not to get indulged in any kind of ragging.

All students have to sign and submit an affidavit to the institute that disciplinary action can be initiated against them if found involved in any kind of ragging, institute's registrar Sanjeev Kashalkar said.

As many as 1,200 students, including 800 for under-graduate and 400 for post-graduate courses, are likely to take admission in the institute during the academic year 2011-12. Classes will start from 25th of July following an orientation programme for new students, that is scheduled till 23rd of this month, Kashalkar said. PTI

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Highest so far, 24 Gujarati students join IIT-G

Bharat Yagnik | TNN

Ahmedabad: The Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-G) has given admission to 24 Gujarati students this year. This is the highest number of local students joining the institute ever since its inception four years back.

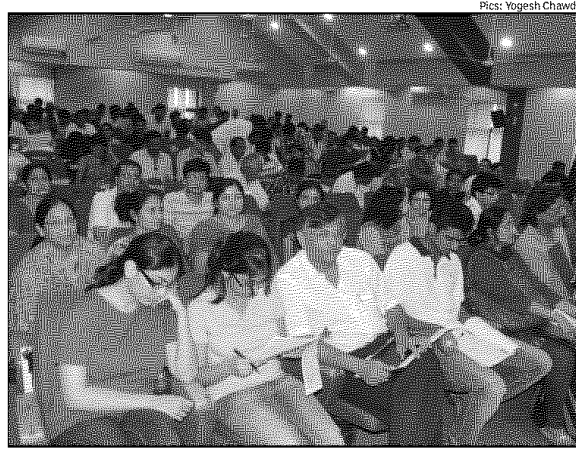
IIT-G director Sudhir Jain said that 116 students joined the institute in 2011. "This is the highest number of Gujarati students joining IIT-G in one year. In the last three years, total 55 Gujarati students had become part of the institution," Jain said.

Of the 24 students, 20 are boys while four are girls. Interestingly, there are also a number of Gujarati students who have decided to come back to their roots when they chose to opt for IIT-G over other IITs. The families of such students are settled outside Gujarat for generations now, but they chose to study at IIT-G as they consider it a fast developing and safe state.

Mihika Shah is one such student whose family hails from Vijapur in Gujarat but has been in Mumbai since the past three generations. Shah was getting admission in IIT Kharagpur and Roorkee as well but she chose IIT-G as her parents considered that Gujarat was a safe state for a girl to study.

"Moreover, since IIT-G is connected with IIT Mumbai, I will get the benefit of good quality lecturers who come to teach here," said Mihika.

Tushti Shah of Ahmedabad has opted for chemical engineering stream in IIT-G. She too had other options but decided to come to Gandhinagar as it is fast gaining reputation among the new IITs. Tushti is daughter of a chartered accountant and had scored 93 per cent in HSC from Prakash School.



Students who cracked the IIT entrance exam finishing paper work in Gandhinagar

Pics: Yogesh Chawda

I paid more attention to entrance tests for IIT. If one is clear about one's goals, nothing is difficult"

Sachit Vekhariya | VADODARA

It feels great to crack the entrance test. I was inspired by my aunt who is pursuing MTech from IIT

Ujaas Dave | AHMEDABAD

Super 30 boy makes grade

Bharat Yagnik | TNN

Ahmedabad: Ramesh Kumar has made both his parents and mentors proud with his admission to IIT-G. Kumar is one of the students of the famed

Super 30, a coaching class for the exceptionally poor but super bright students in Patna.

The coaching class, where the mentors Pankaj Kumar and RP

Singh offer free lodging and boarding to the students along with free coaching, has won national and international acclaim for its unique concept of giving equal opportunity to poor students to crack IIT-JEE.

Kumar is son of a point man in railways and has spent his childhood in penury as his parents fended to feed and educate their five children. Kumar has two brothers and two sisters.

Kumar says that he had taken a loan of Rs 1 lakh for IIT coaching, but saved the money as he got admission in Super 30. "Over 1000 students appeared for the test of which 250 are selected. They were then subjected to further screening, bringing down the number of contenders to 100. Of these 30 are selected. I was very happy when I cracked the exam", Kumar said. He has scored the rank of 1564 in the IIT-JEE in the OBC category. Kumar has now used the money to pay the fee at IIT-G, so that his father does not have to compromise on paying the fee of his younger brothers, who are studying in class VII and X respectively.

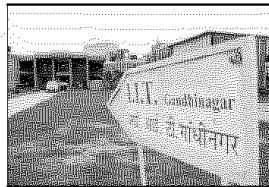
Fun welcome planned for freshers

Bharat Yagnik | TNN

Ahmedabad: The wannabe engineers at IIT-Gandhinagar who got admission on Monday will get into the fun mode right at the start of their academic session.

IIT-G'nagar is a trendsetter of sorts in this regard. This is the first IIT in the country to launch a five-week Foundation Programme for its first-year students.

This programme, scheduled to take place between July 19 and August 23, will take the new students through a variety of events like guest lectures, documentary



screening, visits to rural areas, street plays and community service.

The students will be introduced to a variety of topics that range from historical and cultural stud-

ies of past civilizations, art and culture, sports, issues of national and international significance. The foundation towards contributing to the community will also be set during the programme.

Sudhir Jain, director of IIT-G'nagar said: "This is the first time that such a programme is being held at an IIT. These five weeks we will focus on sports, inculcating team work, work culture and values among the students. The programme has been also designed to give these students a break from academics, as they have just gone through the rigours of IIT-JEE."

3 more IIMs set to get autonomy

CHINKI SINHA

NEW DELHI, JULY 19

AFTER the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, three others have succeeded in getting autonomy for themselves. Their memoranda of association (MoAs) have been approved by the HRD Ministry and sent to the Law Ministry for opinion, after which they will be ratified and the institutes notified.

Now only IIMs in Kolkata and Lucknow remain to get autonomy. "We are discussing it with our faculty and other members of the society," said an official from IIM-Calcutta.

As per the new amendments in the MoA in case of the four IIMs — Ahmedabad, Indore, Bangalore and Kozhikode — these can set up overseas campuses as they are now allowed to buy and sell property. But in doing so, they can't use public funds or the money they raise by selling membership of the societies, according to HRD Ministry sources.

The MoA with the government with the amendments allowing them to select their own directors and allowing corporate houses to be part of the society membership for a sponsor-

ship cost are nothing new. The autonomy to shortlist own director existed until 2001. When Murlī Manohar Joshi took over the MHRD in 2002, he said the directors would be appointed by the government.

Currently, a search-cum-selection committee set up by the government selects the directors.

The amended MoA reduces the role of the government. Now the board will select a panel of three names and send it to the ministry, which will then pick a name for the director's position.

Even the board will be limited to 12-14 people with only two members from the government. "We were interested in reducing the size of the board, bringing down the Centre's representation, and having the director make nominations," said a ministry official.

Among the various amendments allowing for greater autonomy, one says in case a legislation allows institutes to award degrees in the future, IIMs won't have to ask for another amendment.

The last time amendments were made to the MoAs was more than a decade ago.

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CET for med seats from next session

Kounteya Sinha | TNN

New Delhi: Come next academic session, students seeking to get into medical schools will have to appear for a Common Entrance Test (CET).

The Union health ministry and the Medical Council of India (MCI) have reached a consensus to roll out CET for admission to all government, private medical colleges and deemed universities for MBBS course from the 2012-13 academic session.

MCI officials confirmed this to TOI, saying the decision was taken in a meeting on Monday, chaired by Union health secretary K Chandramouli. The meeting was also attended by officials of MCI and CBSE.

About 8-10 lakh students are likely to appear for the maiden CET exam. Chandramouli told TOI that they "are working out the modalities". In the meeting, there was also talk about bringing institutes like AIIMS under CET's ambit.

Hence, AIIMS won't be able to hold its own undergraduate entrance exam. "The top students can choose to join AIIMS.

The entrance exam will be held for MBBS courses offered by all 271 medical colleges — government and private. There was also talk about bringing AIIMS under CET's ambit

However, more discussions will be held on this matter. The idea is to have one single medical entrance exam in the country," an official said.

The new MCI governing board is taking a fresh look at the revised medical curriculum, prepared by its predecessors. "We will finalize India's revised medical education curriculum, and put it up on our website for public comments soon," an MCI governing body member told TOI.

Ministry sources said the entrance exam will be held for MBBS courses offered by all 271 medical colleges — 138 run by governments and 133 under private management.

These colleges offer over 31,000 MBBS seats.

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DU fake certificates: Parents to be charged

Many Admitted To Have Paid Touts: Cops

Neeraj Chauhan | TNN

New Delhi: Weeks after a major admission racket in Delhi University was busted, Delhi Police is now investigating the role played by the parents of the students who sought admission to DU colleges by presenting fake SC/ST certificates.

Three agents and two DU employees have been already arrested in the case.

The crime branch has questioned the parents of the 13 students involved in the racket and recovered several documents, relating to payments made to scam kingpin Himanshu Gupta, from their possession. Crime branch sources now say "the parents would be named in the chargesheet".

The parents paid amounts ranging between Rs 2.5 to Rs 5 lakh to Gupta and two other touts – Vikas Khanna and Ketan Gupta – for SC/ST certificates that would allow their children to seek admission in

prestigious colleges under the reserved category.

Senior Delhi Police officials say they "have not arrested the parents because they are still collecting evidence in the case" and are yet to arrest Satish, an employee at the Ghaziabad Tehsil.

"The parents against whom we will find evidence of making payments to agents would be chargesheeted under section 120B (criminal conspiracy). We have spoken to all of them. Some of them have admitted to paying the money while a few others will have to be questioned again," said an officer. In an effort to jog their memory, the police have questioned some parents in the presence of accused Gupta and Khanna as well.

The department is also scanning call records of the parents because they reportedly kept in touch with the racketeers over the phone. "The parents were aware that what they

were doing was illegal. They paid for their kids' admissions knowingly," said an officer.

During the interrogation of Gupta, the police learnt that he had facilitated admissions by providing fake certificates under SC/ST category in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Most of the students who availed of his services during these years also belonged to affluent families.

The racket came to light in the middle of June when crime branch officials arrested Himanshu Gupta and two others for facilitating students admission, through the reserved category in prominent DU colleges, by providing them fake SC/ST certificates.

During the probe, the police learnt 12 students had gained admission this year through this dubious route in colleges such as SRCC, Kirori Mal, Sri Venkateshwara, Kamla Nehru and Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Moti Lal Nehru and College of Vocational Studies.

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Final farewell: Atlantis leaves space station for last time, heads home

The crew of Atlantis on Tuesday bade a bittersweet farewell to the International Space Station, wrapping up the final visit by a space shuttle to the orbiting outpost.

With a spectacular orbital sunrise illuminating a shuttle in the sunset of its career, Atlantis inched away from the ISS at 0628 GMT about 350 kilometers above the Pacific Ocean to begin its final return to Earth, closing the book on the storied relationship between the two iconic spacecraft. "Thanks so much for hosting us. It's a great station, and it's been an absolute pleasure," Atlantis commander Chris Ferguson said of his crew's eight-day stay at the ISS.

"We'll miss you guys. Godspeed, soft landing and we'll see you back on Earth in the fall," space station crew-member Ronald Garan, a Nasa flight engineer, said as Atlantis floated away. "It's been an incredible ride," said Ferguson of the final shuttle mission. "We will never forget the role that the space shuttle played in (the station's) creation," he said. "Farewell ISS, make us proud."

As Atlantis began its final homecoming, Nasa engineers at Mission Control in Houston, Texas were reverently quiet, according to an announcer on Nasa TV, who said the flight control team was "in awe of the



WE'LL MISS YOU: Crew members of Atlantis and International Space Station say goodbyes as the hatches between the two spacecraft close for undocking

moment." As the shuttle age drew to a close after 37 dramatic rendezvous with the ISS, their crews held a moving ceremony on Monday, exchanging embraces and kisses before shutting the hatches separating them for a final time. Astronauts then placed an American flag that flew on the very first shuttle mission in 1981 on the passageway separating the shuttle and the space station, in a poignant gesture to symbolize the end of one era of US spaceflight and the dawn of a new one. AFP

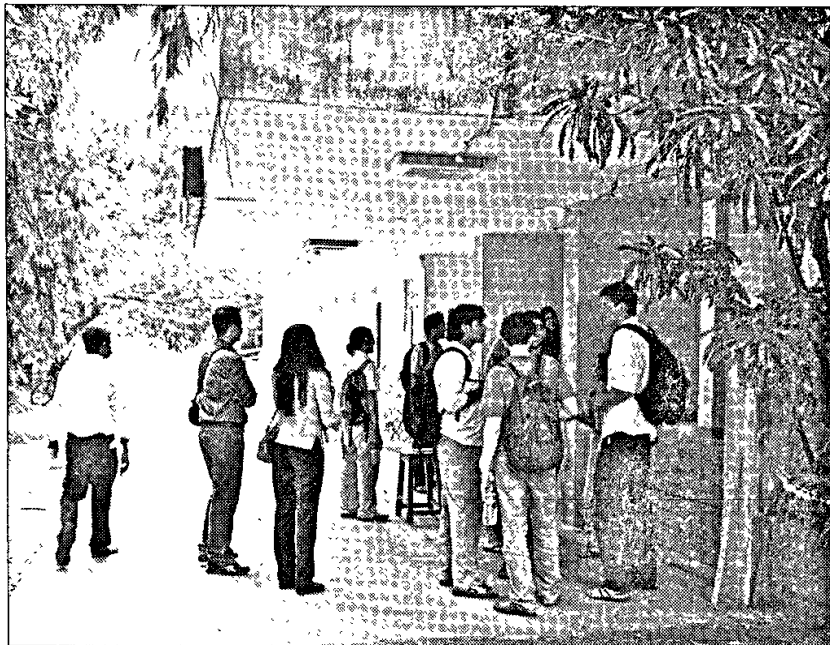
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Nagging dilemma over admissions

THERE are few things that occur repeatedly but we never learn from them. One such example is the admission process in engineering and management education. Each year, three non-converging parallel streams connected with these areas of specialisation run simultaneously and create confusion in the minds of students, parents and institutional heads. The first delay comes at the institutional, university, state government and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) levels; exactly in the same order. Generally, institutions are alert and they start processing in October each year and then both the university, to which the institution is attached, and the state government process applications and forward them to the AICTE sometime in March the next year. The regional and central Delhi offices of the AICTE take almost four to five months to clear the sanctions. They do it in phases and the process runs well until August. The new colleges/institutions come up in August and, sometimes, even in September, and more seats become available for admission.

Then, there are innumerable admission tests conducted by state colleges, deemed institutions, central universities, private universities and standalone institutions. Students and parents are locked in the process right from April until admissions start, which could happen even as late as August. The state governments and also the AICTE go on changing the norms for admission. This year, the CBSE issued only grade sheets instead of mark sheets and students who want admissions in colleges affiliated to other state boards have to

Arun Nigavekar



CONFUSING NORMS: It appears that the universities, state governments and the AICTE collectively are working to keep the admissions process in engineering and management courses in a nebulous state

get mark sheets issued from designated CBSE schools. In addition, several state governments changed the cutoffs for admissions to aided and non-aided institutes for higher technical education; they brought it down to almost 40 per cent. The AICTE took exactly the opposite decision; it enhanced the minimum marks to 50 per cent for open and 45 per cent for scheduled class and scheduled tribe students in the qualifying examination to become eligible for admission. The parents face further hardship because the administration at the state level always take a long time to distribute cast certificates required for admissions to various educational courses. Such a confusing scenario

exists nowhere in the world. We play with the future of the youth.

The academic year begins in July-August across the country. As of today, there are 1.5 million seats in engineering and 0.35 million seats in management courses. This may rise by the middle of August. However, today's admission trends predict that a quarter of seats in engineering and 40 per cent of management seats would not be filled. This situation could get grimmer if the AICTE clears few more engineering colleges and business schools by the middle of August. It appears that the universities, state governments and the AICTE collectively are working to keep the scenario more

in a nebulous state. The AICTE claims that it is strictly adhering to the well-defined norms for sanction of any new institution or new programmes. The advisory and statutory body also says that it conducts the entire process online; collection of information from institutions, analysing of information and additional processing. This is a half-truth because it still asks institutions to send printed version of every document and still goes through the regional and central process of screening and sends inspection committees or asks the institutions to conduct a presentation before the committee; first at regional level and then, finally, at national level in Delhi. The universities and

the state governments also continue to follow same process that was followed few years ago.

The AICTE still continues to change admission processes. Only recently, as a response to criticism on an earlier decision of brining state governments in the process of admission for business schools, it clarified that business schools can now chose from the Common Admission Test (CAT), Management Aptitude Test (MAT) or the examination conducted by the states for providing admission to students. However, the business schools have approached the Supreme Court to review anomalies regarding post-graduate diploma programmes. The net result is that the entire admission process is in a mess. Hence, the moot question is: What has happened to reforms in the entire education domain? For the past two years, the ministry of human resource development is claiming that it would remove the ad-hock decision-making process in the entire system. At that time, the ministry was facing huge criticism on the level and depth of corruption in the AICTE. It brought the changes at the top level and a few officers' level. But these are just peripheral changes. The core reforms are not yet taking place. It looks like the central government is not serious about these aspects that is of crucial importance to thousands of children and their parents. Otherwise, how can one explain the prime minister's decision to keep ministries of human resources development and telecommunications in charge of one person, however energetic and intelligent he may be.

(The writer is a former chairman of UGC and former VC of University of Pune)

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आईआईटी को क्लीनचिट

नई दिल्ली (प्र.सं)। तमाम विवादों के बीच राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति आयोग ने आईआईटी दिल्ली को क्लीनचिट दे दी है। कमीशन ने मंगलवार को आईआईटी पर लगे आरोपों को निराधार माना है।

कमीशन के चेयरमैन डा. पी.एल.पुनिया ने कहा कि मीडिया रिपोर्टों के हवाले से सामने आया था कि आईआईटी दिल्ली में अनुसूचित जाति/जनजाति के छात्रों के साथ भेदभाव हो रहा है लेकिन जब छात्रों से इस मामले में बात की गई तो आरोप झूठे निकले। छात्र आईआईटी दिल्ली की प्रक्रियाओं से काफी खुश है। उन्होंने

कहा कि क्रस्ट के प्रोग्राम द्वारा आईआईटी में दाखिला लेने वाले अनुसूचित जाति/जनजाति के छात्रों और कमजोर वर्ग के छात्रों को काफी राहत मिली है। आईआईटी निदेशक सुरेंद्र प्रसाद ने कहा कि अनुसूचित जाति/जनजाति के छात्रों को काफी राहत प्रदान कर जाती है। इन छात्रों का प्रदर्शन शैक्षिक गतिविधियों में बेहतर रहता है। उन्होंने बताया कि अनुसूचित जाति के छात्रों को 44 में से 23 क्रेडिट प्वाइंट अर्जित करने की छूट दी जाती है। उन्होंने बताया कि क्रस्ट के प्रोग्राम से छात्रों का आत्मविश्वास बढ़ा है।

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आईआईटी में रैगिंग से निपटेगा डिस्को

नई दिल्ली। डीयू के बाद अब भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईटी-दिल्ली) ने भी नए सत्र में रैगिंग पर काबू पाने के लिए कठोर कदम ली है। संस्थान का नया सत्र 22 जुलाई को ऑरिएंटेशन प्रोग्राम के जरिए शुरू होने जा रहा है। रैगिंग में दोषी छात्र पर डिस्प्लिनरी कमेटी (डिस्को) एक्शन करेगी।

आईआईटी दिल्ली के मुख्य सुरक्षा अधिकारी कैप्टन. यादव ने बताया कि प्रशासन ने 22 जुलाई से शुरू होने वाले नए सत्र में रैगिंग पर रोक लगाने की पूरी तैयारी कर ली है। इसके तहत तीन स्तरीय व्यवस्था तैयार की गई है। पहले स्तर पर प्रोक्टोरियल बोर्ड है जिसके तहत अधिकारी कैम्पस के दौरे पर रहेंगे और कभी भी सरप्राइज चेकिंग करेंगे। दूसरे स्तर पर सुरक्षा टीम तीन शिफ्ट में मुस्तैद रहेगी। सुरक्षाकर्मी चार बाइक्स और एक जिप्सी की मदद से कैम्पस में निगरानी रखेंगे। छात्रों को कंट्रोल रूम के सभी नंबर



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और ईमेल आईडी मुहैया कराए जाएंगे जिससे वे सुरक्षा टीम से सहायता ले सकें।

तीसरे स्तर पर आईआईटी दिल्ली के हॉस्टलों में स्टूडेंट्स वॉलेंटियर्स की तैनाती कर दी गई है। इनमें कुछ फ्रेशर्स को भी शामिल किया गया है। इसके बाद भी अगर कोई मामला सामने आया तो दोषी के खिलाफ डिस्प्लिनरी कमेटी (डिस्को) एक्शन लेने के लिए पूरी तरह तैयार रहेगी। इस कमेटी में संबंधित विभाग, हॉस्टल और प्रशासन के अधिकारियों के अलावा छात्र प्रतिनिधि भी शामिल रहेंगे।

डीयू में हेल्पलाइन नंबर जारी

नई दिल्ली। डीयू प्रशासन ने सत्र की शुरुआत और रैगिंग पर रोक के लिए अधिकारिक तौर पर निर्देश जारी कर दिए हैं। डीयू के प्रोक्टोरियल बोर्ड ने सोमवार को नए सत्र की शुरुआत और रैगिंग पर रोक लगाए जाने संबंधी उपायों को लेकर

एक बैठक की। बैठक के बाद सभी कॉलेजों और छात्रों के लिए खास दिशा-निर्देश जारी किए गए। कॉलेज में लगाए गए बॉक्स में लिखित शिकायत डालने, नेशनल रैगिंग हेल्पलाइन नंबर 1800-180-5522 पर कॉल करने, नॉर्थ कैम्पस के जॉयंट कंट्रोल रूम में 27667221 नंबर पर कॉल करने, साउथ कैम्पस के जॉयंट कंट्रोल रूम में 24119832 नंबर पर कॉल करने, 100 नंबर पर कॉल करने, पीसीआर वैन में शिकायत करने और proctor@du.ac.in पर ईमेल करने का सुझाव दिया गया है। कॉलेजों और हॉस्टलों में आउटसाइडर्स को एंटी बैन करने के अलावा रैगिंग रोकने संबंधी नियम लगाए जाने के निर्देश दिए गए हैं। मॉनिटरिंग के लिए डिस्प्लिनरी स्क्वाड बनाए जाने का निर्देश दिया।

कैमरों की निगरानी में रहेंगे छात्र

नोएडा। चौधरी चरण सिंह विश्वविद्यालय (सीसीएसयू) से संबद्ध सरकारी और अनुदानित महाविद्यालयों में सीसीटीवी कैमरा और बायोमेट्रिक्स सिस्टम लगाने का आदेश दिया है। पिछले दिनों हुए महाविद्यालयों की बैठक में यह निर्णय लिया गया है। जीबी नगर के कॉलेजों ने भी इस संबंध में रूपरेखा तैयार कर ली गई है। दूसरी ओर, रैगिंग रोकने के लिए सुप्रीम कोर्ट के आदेश और जिला प्रशासन के निर्देशों के तहत राजकीय स्नातकोत्तर महाविद्यालय ने हेल्पलाइन जारी कर दी है। महाविद्यालय के छात्र किसी भी तरह की शिकायत के लिए 8447519297, 8010070287, 9868093278 और 9999257183 नंबरों पर सूचना दे सकते हैं। रैगिंग को देखते हुए कॉलेजों में एंटी रैगिंग कमेटीयों का गठन किया जा रहा है। नए छात्रों के आगमन से पहले ही महाविद्यालयों में पोस्टर भी लगा दिए गए हैं।

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दिव्य भास्कर नेटवर्क, गांधीनगर| इंफोसिस के संस्थापक अध्यक्ष नारायण मूर्ति ने उच्च शिक्षा में गिरावट पर चिंता जताई है। मंगलवार को मूर्ति ने कहा कि इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नोलॉजी और इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ मैनेजमेंट का जो स्तर 1960 के दशक में था, अब वैसा नहीं रहा। नीचे गिरा है। पहले जैसी गुणवत्ता और श्रेष्ठता स्तर अब आईआईटी - आईआईएम में नजर नहीं आता। इनमें शोधकार्य लगातार घट रहा है और ये शिक्षा संस्थान से अधिक ज्यादा कुछ नहीं कर रहे। वे यहां आईआईटी-गांधीनगर के विद्यार्थियों को संबोधित कर रहे थे। डेढ़ दशक में आईआईटी के चमक खोने की बात दोहराते हुए मूर्ति ने कहा कि 1967 में आईआईटी-कानपुर के इलेक्ट्रिक इंजीनियरिंग विभाग में 60 विद्यार्थियों ने पीएचडी के लिए आवेदन किया था। मौजूदा समय में इस विभाग में पांच विद्यार्थी भी आगे आए तो हालत सुधर सकते हैं। आईआईटी के गोल्ड मेडलिस्ट विद्यार्थी एमआईटी अथवा हॉवर्ड में शोधकार्य हेतु जाने में हिचकिचाते हैं। कारण, भारतीय शिक्षा शैली में काफी अंतर है। मुख्यतः अमेरिका में प्रॉब्लम शॉल्विंग और वास्तविकता थ्योरी का हिस्सा होती है जबकि भारत में ऐसा कुछ नहीं।

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आईआईटी में नये छात्रों की प्रवेश प्रक्रिया शुरू, देना होगा शपथपत्र

कानपुर : आईआईटी कानपुर में सोमवार से अंडर ग्रेजुएट और पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट छात्र छात्राओं के नये सत्र की पंजीकरण प्रक्रिया शुरू हो गयी है। साथ ही में उन्हें एक शपथपत्र भी देना होगा, जिसमें वादा होगा कि रैगिंग या उससे संबंधित किसी कार्य में लिप्त पाये जायेंगे तो संस्थान उनके खिलाफ अनुशासनात्मक कार्रवाई कर सकती है। आईआईटी के पंजीयक **संजीव कशालकर** ने बताया कि सोमवार से संस्थान में अंडर ग्रेजुएट और पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट छात्रों की प्रवेश प्रक्रिया आरंभ हो गयी है। अंडर ग्रेजुएट पाठ्यक्रम में 800 से अधिक और पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट पाठ्यक्रम में करीब 400 छात्र-छात्रायें प्रवेश लेंगे। प्रवेश लेने वाले सभी छात्र छात्राओं का 23 जुलाई तक ओरिएंटेशन कार्यक्रम होगा। उन्होंने बताया कि आने वाले सभी छात्र-छात्राओं को पंजीकरण के साथ एक शपथपत्र भी देना होगा, जिसमें उन्हें इस बात की घोषणा करनी होगी कि वह परिसर या छात्रावास में किसी भी प्रकार की रैगिंग की गतिविधियों में शामिल नहीं होंगे और अगर वह किसी गतिविधि में शामिल पाये गये तो उनके खिलाफ अनुशासनात्मक कार्रवाई की जायेगी।