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JEE errors could cost students all-India rank

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New Delhi: The model answers for the JEE (advanced) released on Tuesday reveal errors in two questions, one in the maths and another in the physics paper, that could cost students six marks and make a significant impact on their all-India rank.

Also, for the second year in a row, JEE organizers have persisted with fixing subject and overall cutoffs even before assessing the performance of students. Till 2011, cutoffs were based on the performance of all candidates and after evaluating all answer sheets.

Only around 5,000 of the 1.5 lakh students who took the JEE (advanced) would make it to the premier IITs.

This year, subject cutoffs for maths, physics and chemistry are 12, 11 and 6 respectively for general, OBC and SC/ST students. The aggregate cutoffs are fixed at 35%.

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31.5% and 17.5% for general, OBC and SC/ST candidates. With 360 as the total marks, it comes to 126, 114 and 63 respectively for general, OBC and SC/ST candidates.

As pointed out by many senior IIT faculty members last year, the flipside is that each candidate who scores above the cutoffs gets an all-India rank and based on that he/she will be allotted an IIT and course.

But not every student with an all-India rank will make it to the IITs since rankings go up to 25,000 and above, whereas there are only a little over 5,000 seats to be filled in these top-rung institutes.

In the model answers, it has been found that question number 48 (paper I) of maths shows three correct answers, A, C or AC. But the question is such that there could only be one correct answer. If a student ticks more than one correct answer, he is penalized with negative marks.

The second error in the JEE (advanced) is that question number three (paper II) of physics has been shown to have two correct answers – ABCD or BCD.

“How can option A be both right and wrong? Besides, candidates who spend time to correctly solve the question would have realized that all the other options are correct as well. These students would have avoided marking any of the options out of fear of being marked negatively. Such a situation creates unnecessary ambiguity and doesn't test the candidates' knowledge,” a faculty member from IIT-Bombay said.

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NIT PhD student alleges harassment by guide professor

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JALANDHAR: A PhD woman student at the Dr BR Ambedkar National Institute of Technology (NIT) has accused her guide and department head of sexually harassing her. In her complaint to the director of the institute SK Das, three months ago, she alleged that she was asked by another guide Neetu Divya to develop an intimate relationship with chemical department head Ajay Kumar Bansal, if she wanted to get a scholarship for pursuing the doctorate course. She alleged that she refused and her scholarship case was not cleared.

The girl had also submitted a separate complaint to deputy commissioner Shruti Singh, after which the latter ordered the institute director to form a committee to probe the allegations and submit a report to her.

The director formed a five-member committee, comprising S Ghosh, dean, faculty welfare, SK Sinha, dean, students welfare, Mamta Khosla and Geeta Sikka, associate professors and Daljeet Kaur, system analyst.

While the director is on

A committee has taken statements from both the parties and a report has been submitted to the director. It is now for him to take a call

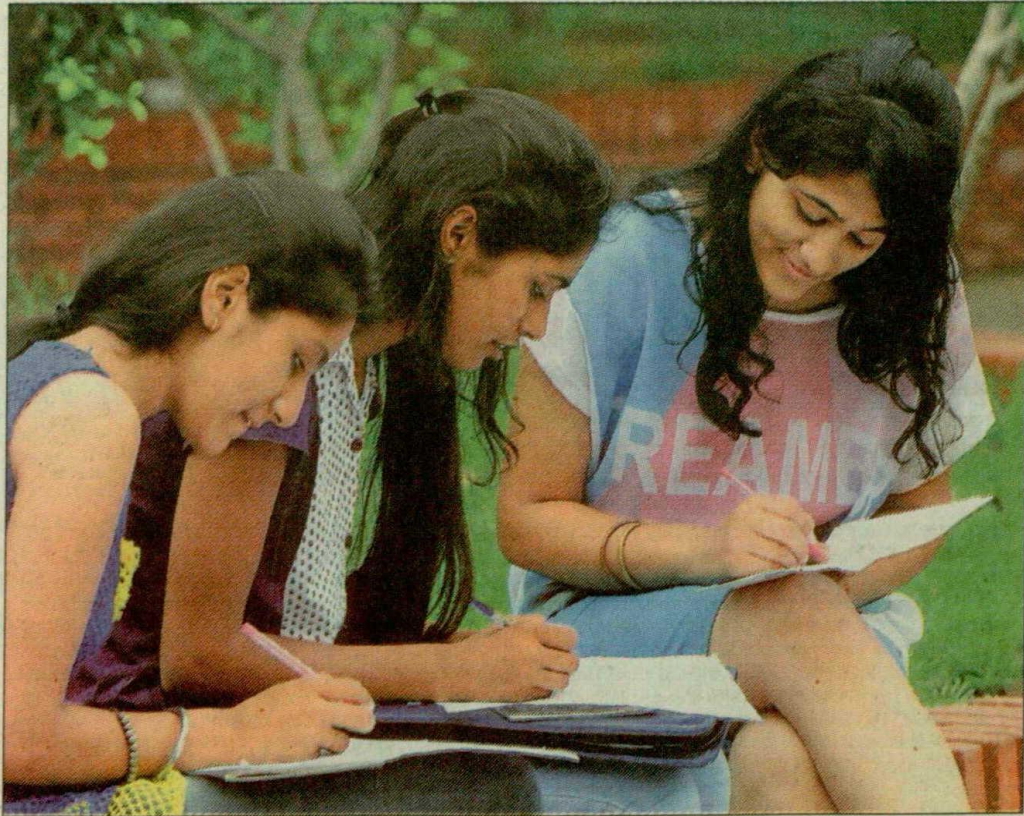
SK SINHA
dean students
welfare

leave till June 14, dean Sinha, when contacted, said Bansal had also lodged a complaint with the director that a vulgar message was sent to him from the mobile phone of girl's mother.

"When the committee members asked her mother about the same, she said that she doesn't know English and if such a message had been delivered to the guide from her phone, then she felt sorry for the same," Sinha said.

He revealed that Bansal did not sign the scholarship form of the student, since she had been late in submitting the same. "Both the guides have now submitted that they will not be in position to guide the student anymore," he said.

Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology becomes first tech varsity for women



■ Girls fill out their application forms at the Arts Faculty on Thursday. As many as 85 per cent of the varsity's seats will be reserved for women. SUSHIL KUMAR/HT PHOTO

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NEW DELHI: The country's first-ever technical university for women was inaugurated here on Thursday. The Indira Gandhi Delhi Technological University (IGDTU) has been upgraded from the erstwhile Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology which was set up in 1998. The varsity will offer four BTech courses and five MTech programmes that include a Master's degree in computer applications.

"The university will impart quality education to women, so that well-qualified female engineers become part of the workforce to meet growing demands of the industry," said Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit after unveiling

the website and the admission brochures of the varsity at its Kashmere Gate-based campus in north Delhi.

"It is a non-affiliated teaching and research university to facilitate and promote research and innovation in the field of engineering, technology, applied sciences and management," Dikshit said.

The varsity, Dikshit said, will initially have 480 seats. Eighty-five per cent seats would be reserved for Delhi girls.

Delhi higher education minister Ashok Kumar Walia said the new university would help improving number of women engineers in prominent Indian companies as well as in multi-national companies.

With inputs from HT Correspondent

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India's 1st tech univ for women in city

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology has been upgraded to a state university and will now be known as Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University. Inaugurated on Thursday, it is the first technical institute for women in the country. Formerly under Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, it shares its Kashmere Gate campus with Ambedkar University, and like it, will be a non-affiliating university.

"I hope this will outshine all the technical institutes in Delhi," said chief minister Sheila Dikshit who inaugurated it. The upgrade takes the number of state universities in Delhi to five. "The government will try to give more land so that the university can have a larger campus", said Dikshit.

Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology was established in 1998 as the first engineering college for women in Delhi. The university is launching MTech programmes in five courses for the 2013 round of admissions. This includes information security management, VLSI design, mobile and pervasive computing, robotics and automation and electronics and communication – the last being a weekend programme.

The intake per course will be 30 and forms can be bought from branches of Punjab and Sind Bank in Delhi. "We are planning four new industry-linked MTech programmes," the vice-chancellor, Nupur Prakash, said.

VITAL INFO

BTECH PROGRAMMES

- ▶ Computer science & engineering
- ▶ Electronics & communication
- ▶ Mechanical & automation
- ▶ Information technology

**Sale of admission brochure
June 1 – July 1**

**Start of counselling
July 15**

पुणे का मिट-सॉम कॉलेज देश के टॉप कॉलेजों में शीर्ष पर

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देश के नंबर एक एमबीए पोर्टल ने पुणे के मिट-सॉम कॉलेज को देश के टॉप कॉलेजों में शीर्ष स्थान पर रखा है। इसकी शुरुआत 1983 में महाराष्ट्र इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नोलॉजी की स्थापना से हुई थी। आज यह महाराष्ट्र के पहले निजी इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज के रूप में दुनिया में अपनी पहचान बना चुका है।

इस संस्थान की स्थापना समाज और धर्मार्थ ट्रस्ट के रूप में हुई थी, जिसका उद्देश्य था वैज्ञानिक और शैक्षणिक अनुसंधान का केंद्र स्थापित करना। आज करीब एक हजार एकड़ में फैले इस कॉलेज में 10 कैम्पस हैं। यहां इंजीनियरिंग, चिकित्सा, फार्मेसी, मरीन इंजीनियरिंग, बीमा, डिस्टेंस एजुकेशन, दूरसंचार प्रबंधन, बिजनेस एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन आदि के क्षेत्र में उत्कृष्ट शिक्षा दी जाती है। सभी पाठ्यक्रमों को महाराष्ट्र सरकार से मंजूरी प्राप्त है और कॉलेज पुणे विश्वविद्यालय से सम्बद्ध है। यहां करीब 130 विदेशी छात्र शिक्षा ग्रहण कर रहे हैं।

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HOTEL INSTITUTES TO FOLLOW CORNELL UNIV

NEW DELHI: From 2015, the curriculum of the different institutes of hotel management will be upgraded to the level of Cornell University with a major shift from theoretical to practical learning. In an endeavour to bring the institutes of hotel managements to global level and bolster employment opportunities outside India, the National Council of Hotel Management and Catering Technology is all set to enter into an academic collaboration with the Cornell School of Hotel Administration, US.

PENDING ISSUES

Older central universities yet to warm up to common test

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NEW DELHI

The human resource development (HRD) ministry's efforts to introduce a common admission test for all 42 central universities in the country has not made much headway, particularly because the older and more well-known of these institutes have not taken to the idea.

"There have been a few rounds of meetings, but we have failed to reach any consensus," said Somnath Dasgupta, vice-chancellor of Assam University, in a telephone interview.

Although 10 of the new central universities are agreeable to the move, others including the older central universities have demurred, according to two ministry officials, because they say in the absence of a concrete mechanism, changing to a new system will dilute their legacy and standards. Both officials declined to be named.

This may have put paid to the ministry's plan of introducing the new entrance examination in the current academic season, they said.

"It may look simple, but it's really complex. The number of students is huge and there is no clear guideline on how to conduct it," said Dasgupta. "I have discussed it with my colleagues in our campus, but they too are not very

enthusiastic."

The ministry says this common test will benefit students, who now have to apply separately to all central universities. Also, universities located outside major cities will get students from across India instead of from a particular region, said one of the ministry officials.

Dasgupta was not too sure about this. "As an older university in North-East India, we have to cater to the local population.

One of the questions is, can we do that in the proposed system?" he asked. "I think the first point is to develop a mechanism—who will conduct it, who will evaluate, and who will prepare question papers. Before that, we can say it's a project in the pipeline without any consensus."

Unlike the Indian Institutes of Technology and the Indian Institutes of Management, which admit students based on common admission tests, the common examination for universities is more complex because of the number and variety of programmes on offer and the issue of integrating them in a test consisting of one or two

papers, said the head of another central university, who spoke on condition that neither he nor his institution be named.

M.M. Salunkhe, vice-chancellor of the University of Rajasthan, which is coordinating the common entrance for the 10 new central universities this year, agreed with this view.

Institutions such as Banaras Hindu University, Allahabad University or the University of Delhi have a huge number of programmes, and to streamline them will take time, Salunkhe said.

Surabhi Banerjee, vice-chancellor of the Central University of Orissa, said the new universities are expecting to get a better pool of students from the common test as awareness of the new universities are not high.

Salunkhe said more than 40,000 students will write the common entrance examination in 2013 for entry into the 10 new central universities. The test will take place this weekend.

Last year, seven new universities had conducted their selection together.

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