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# IIT-Delhi to decide on entrance today

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Amid indications that it could hold its own exam, IIT-Delhi will decide on Thursday its response to the government's move to have a single entrance test for the elite institutes even as the HRD ministry appears set to go ahead with its plans.

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methodically unsound" the May 28 decision of the IIT Council to hold the single entrance test.

The IIT faculty and the alumni have been opposing the move tooth-and-nail, demanding that the new system should not be implemented before 2014.

They contend that implementing the new system from 2013 will put a lot of pressure on students already in midst of preparing for the IIT-JEE next year.

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**COMMON TEST**

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to soon ask the joint admission board of the IITs to prepare the modalities for conducting the advanced test under the proposed common entrance exam. Sources also said that the senates of IIT-Bombay, IIT-Madras and IIT-Kharagpur held internal meetings on Wednesday about the proposed exam and possible alternatives in the two-tier test. The meeting of the IIT Delhi senate comes even as HRD minister Kapil Sibal reiterated that there was no going back from hold-

ing the single entrance test from next year.

"This is not my decision (on holding the single entrance test). This is a decision of the IIT council which is a statutory authority under the IIT Act. The IITs have by and large accepted this decision," Mr Sibal was quoted by news agencies as telling a TV channel when asked if he was considering going back on the decision in face of opposition from IIT faculty and alumni to the test.

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# Sibal refuses to budge from 2013 date

## IIT Delhi's Crucial Senate Meet Today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** With the IIT Delhi senate scheduled to meet on Thursday to discuss its response to the common entrance test (CET), HRD minister Kapil Sibal reiterated that the exam for the Indian Institutes of Technology would be implemented from next year.

In an interview, Sibal referred to the IIT system and said, "The excellence of the system is the quality of the system. I also give great credit to the faculty. It's the quality of the students... because best students come to the IITs and the best students will still come. So there is no dilution of quality. But there are certain ills in the present system that needs to be addressed. The



REFUSING TO RELENT

IITs should have come out with solutions in these 40 years. They can't claim whatever they are doing, there is nothing better than that."

Sibal's insistence, however, seems to be contrary to the assurance offered by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at a meeting with IIT faculty recently that differences will be sorted out through a dialogue and the autonomy of the tech schools will not be eroded.

IIT Kanpur had recently decided to conduct its own entrance test, terming the May

28 decision of the IIT council to hold CET as "academically and methodically unsound". This makes the meeting of the IIT Delhi senate significant. If IIT Delhi chooses to back Kanpur faculty members, the ministry will have to seriously reconsider at least some aspects of the current formula. Sources said that among some of the suggestions that had been discussed included holding the IIT main and advanced test on separate days and the way in which Class XII board marks will be factored in.

A section of the IIT faculty and the alumni have been opposing the move tooth and nail, demanding that the new system should not be implemented before 2014. They contend implementing the new system from next academic session will put a lot of pressure on students, who are already in the midst of preparing for next year's IIT-JEE.

The government is likely to ask the joint admission board of the IITs to soon pre-

pare the modalities for conducting the advanced test under the proposed common entrance test. Sources also said the senates of IIT Bombay, IIT Madras and IIT Kharagpur held meetings about possible alternatives.

When asked if he was reconsidering his decision to hold the test from 2013 onwards, Sibal said, "This is not my decision (on holding the single entrance test). This is a decision of the IIT council which is a statutory authority under the IIT Act. The IITs have by and large accepted this decision."

Sibal said the only opposition was coming from IIT Kanpur senate but noted that he was ready to reach out to all to resolve the differences. As per the new format, students will sit for a main test and an advance test. Performance of the Class XII board will also be taken into consideration. So far, IIT Guwahati and IIT Madras have extended their full support.

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# Examination of options

## HRD ministry must be more consultative on exam reform

**T**he dispute over engineering entrance examinations gets to the heart of several issues on which India needs to take a call. Worldwide, school-leaving examinations grade a broad range of basic skills, while higher education requires specialised aptitudes. Most premier institutions of higher learning wind up using school-leaving results as a pre-qualifier and devise additional criteria. In the UK and the US, for example, universities often require student applications to be accompanied by essays and recommendations in addition to results from standardised school-leaving exams. India has a plethora of school boards with varying syllabi and uneven examination standards, and so a single-stage admission process would be difficult to implement fairly. It is also true that having to sit for a multitude of entrance examinations places a huge burden on higher secondary students. Hence the desire to introduce a common entrance test (CET) for engineering. Yet there are problems with the CET as it has been proposed by the human resources development (HRD) ministry — and it carries the seeds of several potential new controversies. The unwillingness on the part of several Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to go along with the CET proposal is only the tip of the iceberg.

It is certainly the case that an admission-test process causes the more balanced secondary school curriculum to be ignored, which means that India's school leavers do not, typically, invest in a balanced education. The problematic implications for society and citizenship of a one-dimensional educational system lead naturally to proposals such as that a weight of 50 per cent be applied to higher secondary results. Yet, unless the ministry can persuade 20-odd school boards to review and standardise syllabi and examination processes and introduce better quality control, the weighting will involve some process of comparative normalisation — which will be open to legal challenges once the future prospects of millions of students are impacted.

The IITs' unwillingness to accept an externally imposed examination format could have more than one underlying reason. One is the fear of losing autonomy. Another is a lack of confidence in the quality of school-board examinations, to which they currently assign no weight whatsoever. Their intransigence could be dealt with in several ways. One possible solution, for instance, would be to "invert" the process and ask the IITs to devise and administer the CET. Or, perhaps, the IITs could be allowed to use the CET as a pre-qualifier and hold an internal examination or interview to further screen the students for technological aptitude from a much smaller set of candidates. Another point is worth making: school-leaving examinations and the assorted engineering and medical entrance tests are offered once every year, and clustered in a very short time span. The burden may be reduced by spreading things out. The American SAT, for example, is held six times a year and students are allowed to take it when they please, and as often as they please. While the IITs fear for the dilution of their brand, parents worry about the burden on their children, and India as a whole should worry about one-dimensional education. The HRD ministry, which so far has chosen to try and railroad its CET proposal through, should recognise that these are interests that need balancing. Only genuine consultation will move the debate forward.

# New Sibal plan to make entry into IITs tougher

**LIMIT** Only top 20% students in boards can take the test

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**NEW DELHI:** A compromise formula aimed at breaking the deadlock between teachers and HRD minister Kapil Sibal over admissions to the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) could end up hurting hundreds of thousands of aspiring students.

Under the new formula, only the top 20% students in their respective Class 12 board exams would be eligible for appearing in the IIT entrance exam, top government and IIT sources told HT.

The compromise was brokered by the Prime Minister, who met members of the protesting All India IIT Faculty Federation (AIFFF) last week and asked Sibal to consider their demands.

Sibal had wanted an admission system where the board exam percentile was given weightage along with scores in a screening test while selecting candidates for a second, advanced entrance exam. This process allowed students who scored relatively lower in the boards to make up for it by doing better in the screening test.

But faced with persistent

## TESTING TIMES FOR IIT ASPIRANTS

HRD minister Kapil Sibal's formula, if accepted, will radically change eligibility for IIT entrance



### THE FALLOUT

**80%** students will not be eligible, even if they were to perform brilliantly in the admission test

### SIBAL'S PREVIOUS PLAN

- Use board exam percentile scores and a screening test in a weighted manner to shortlist students for a second, final test to qualify for IIT

- Board results are announced after IIT exam, so all students would anyway have to take the test

- In tougher boards like CBSE, even those with 80% marks may struggle to be eligible for the test

### REVISED PROPOSAL

- Consider only the top 20% students from each board for the screening test

- The IIT faculty federation was against using board percentile scores to select students for second, final test

**4 lakh** appear for joint entrance exam every year

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|-------------|---------------|
| <b>15</b>   | <b>10,000</b> |
| No. of IITs | Total seats   |

opposition from IIT faculty federations on weightage to board scores, Sibal has asked IIT-Delhi director RK Shevgaonkar to seek the opinion of faculty across the IITs on the compromise plan.

The new proposal, to be discussed by the IIT senates and faculty associations this week, places students in the top 20 percentile of board scores on an equal footing in the selection process.

This would negate Sibal's intention of encouraging students to focus on their board exams, but rob 80% students of even a chance of trying for the IITs.

Since the Class 12 results are unlikely to be declared in time for the two-tier IIT test, all students would need to appear for the exams even if their board marks turn them ineligible later.

► **PM BREAKS DEADLOCK, PB**

# PM push breaks IIT-Sibal deadlock

**PROS & CONS** Though the compromise stands to appease faculty, it may deprive 80% students of their IIT chances

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**NEW DELHI:** In an attempt to broker a compromise, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has intervened in a row between IIT faculty members and the human resource development (HRD) ministry over admissions to the premier institutions.

However, while the compromise proposed by the HRD ministry after the PM's intervention may represent a victory for protesting faculty members, it will — if accepted — dramatically alter the conditions of eligibility for admission to IITs.

Singh met members of the All India IIT Faculty Federation (AIFFF) last Friday, and assured them that the autonomy of the

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IITs would not be hurt by the government. He asked Sibal to consider the faculty federation's demands, sources said.

Sibal had initiated reforms in the IIT-JEE with the intention of slashing the number of exams that students need to take, reducing the influence of coaching classes, and making school education more relevant. His proposals were based on concerns that students were ignoring their studies to attend coaching classes.

Based on the recommendations of committees set up by Sibal, the IIT Council decided to give 40% weightage to the board examination percentile, and 30% weightage to each of the two tests (basic and advanced) for IIT selection.

But after the IIT faculty opposed employing board scores for the final selection, it agreed to use them only to shortlist students for the second test — which the institutes would conduct.

When the faculty continued to object, the government asked the IITs to consider a new proposal wherein all students in the top 20 percentile of their respective boards would stand on an equal footing. The others, however, would have to give up their IIT dreams.

## IIT ADMISSIONS: HOW SIBAL DREW A STRATEGIC RETREAT

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- The second test, conducted by IITs, would be used by them to select and rank students



### FACULTY OBJECTED TO

- Using board exam percentile scores to shortlist students for the second test. They want board scores only to screen eligible students

### THE NEW PROPOSAL

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**Note:** As board results are usually announced only after the two-tier test is conducted, all students will have to appear for the tests, even if their board scores make them ineligible.

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# No weightage to board results in IITs, says Sibal

## 2013 JEE to follow format approved by IIT council

**NEW DELHI:** Human Resource Development Minister Kapil Sibal on Wednesday said that provision for giving weightage to class XII Board marks in the proposed joint entrance examination to all centrally-funded technical institutions was not meant for selection of candidates for IITs.

Institutes other than IITs will have to take Class 12 board examination result into account.

However, the government asserted that the joint entrance examination will be conducted in 2013 in the format approved by the Council of the Indian Institutes of Technology.

"There is a two tier process (for selection of candidates).

For IITs, there is a separate process. For other centrally-funded technical institutions, the (selection) process is entirely separate," Sibal said in an interview to a news channel here.

The proposed test will be conducted in two parts, JEE-Main and JEE-Advance.

Sibal said that the candidate's Class XII Board marks, calculated on percentile basis through a formula and the marks obtained in the JEE-Main examination, with 50 per cent weightage to each, will be considered for admissions to centrally-funded technical institutions, other than IITs.

This process will only be used for screening of candidates seeking admission to IITs. Candidates screened so will have to

then take JEE-Advance test. "And the merit on the advance examination will alone be counted for admission to the IIT system which is entirely going to be under control of the IITs," the Minister said clarifying the IIT council's decision.

Sibal said about 50,000 candidates or whatever the limit set by the IITs (Joint Admission Board of IITs) will be screened by giving equal weightage to their performance in JEE-Main and class XII board marks. "The advance test will completely be (designed and conducted) under control of the IITs," he clarified.

Asked if the proposed test will be conducted in 2013 in the format as explained by him, Sibal said, "There is no question of

going back or coming. This is council's decision."

Sibal refused to react on what IIT faculties and alumni are saying over the proposed test, wondering, "How is that opinion of IIT Madras is less relevant than the IIT Kanpur, I would like to know. They (IIT-Madras Senate members) say its fine."

The Minister said that excellence of the system is the excellence of the quality of individuals. "But, there are certain ills in the implementation of the present system which needs to be addressed. My decision may also not be best. There will be better solution. I would like the IIT council to come with a better solution," he added.

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# HRD plans new formula to win over IITs

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**E**VEN as Union HRD minister Kapil Sibal on Wednesday said the government would not reverse the IIT Council decision on a new JEE format with weightage on school board scores, sources said that an olive branch had been informally extended to all IIT senates and faculty federations suggesting that their demands may be agreed upon.

It is learnt that a new formula has been proposed wherein the top 20 per-

centile holders in Class XII boards would be eligible to take the JEE Advanced for admission to IITs.

IIT senates have been insistent that school board scores be only used as a cut-off for determining eligibility for an IIT test.

An urgent meeting of the IIT Joint Admission Board has been called on Saturday at IIT-Delhi to find a compromise formula to resolve the stand-off between IITs and the ministry on the issue. While the ministry is directly not holding discussions with IIT faculty, 'feelers' have been sent out

through directors of all IITs, sources said.

Meanwhile, faculty forums of IIT-Bombay, IIT-Kanpur, IIT-Kharagpur and IIT-Delhi have begun meeting to deliberate on the compromise offer. Directors of various IITs are discussing the proposal with faculty to broker peace.

Sources within IIT senates confirmed that feelers had been sent out to them, but at the same time said that they were not particularly enthused as no written formula has come from the ministry so far.

"There is no written pro-

posal from the ministry, the directors or the JAB. We have been told that the ministry is willing to agree to all our demands, including the class XII board scores weightage issue. However, the ministry is at the same time making statements that it will not roll back the IIT Council decision. The ministry is talking in multiple voices, so we are not very excited by this turnaround. The top 20 percentile formula is definitely welcome, but we would prefer to deliberate on cut-off issue after studying the JEE scores," said a faculty member at IIT-Kanpur.

Senate members of other IITs said they would be willing to go forward with the new exam pattern in 2013 with the 20 percentile formula, provided the ministry issues a clear statement with details of syllabus, structure and percentile aspects. They point out that the new formula would require tweaking of the proposed admission format for other Centrally-funded technical institutes such as the NITs.

The ministry has written to IIT-Delhi, which is currently handling the JAB position to call a meeting and define the "nature, modalities

and timing" of the JEE Advanced exam.

Members of the All India IIT Faculty Federation met Prime Minister Manmohan Singh last week and raised three demands — that no change should be effected in JEE 2013 and the present system should continue, that Senates of IITs be allowed to take decision on admission in IITs to ensure the academic autonomy of the IITs, and consideration of board marks from 2014 to be worked out over a period of time after analysing the board data and results from the dry run.

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## A question of access

**T**he efforts of the Union government to rejig the entrance examination to Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have led to controversy. The issue has been framed in terms of elite control vs mass access to these institutions. There are echoes of the problem elsewhere as well; while India is grappling with ways to administer education and institutions in a manner that can provide much greater access to youth, students in the US and the UK are struggling to cope

with the cost of their established, widely appreciated higher education system.

These might seem like different problems. But they are merely different facets of the same issue: how can high-quality educational institutions anywhere in the world scale up without compromising on quality or imposing unbearable cost on students?

After years of experimentation, it now looks like a clutch of US universities are on the verge of finally cracking an education

conundrum: how to offer sophisticated online learning cheaply, meaningfully and reliably.

Last month Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Harvard University came together to announce edX: an online platform that will offer courses from both universities complete with video lesson segments, embedded quizzes, immediate feedback, student-ranked questions and answers, online laboratories and student-paced learning.

For years online learning has been poised on the fringes of ed-

ucation delivery. Entities such as the Khan Academy, MIT and even several Indian universities have previously posted study material and video lectures. But the idea of interaction, grading and evaluation has remained elusive.

If edX can get that aspect correct, then the implications for online learning are immense, especially by delinking the teaching and evaluation process. Why shouldn't a student in Thrissur learn computer science on edX and then take University of Calicut examinations for certification? That way the local university outsources the hardest bits to edX, while

merely focusing on a more scalable element: world-class evaluation techniques.

If anything, technological solutions of the kind represented by edX can bypass the bruising political debates about quality compromises and the politics of education that surround the changes being contemplated in how students get into IITs. Indian universities and educational institutions will be better off if they try exploring online platforms.

*Is there a technological fix for access to higher learning institutes in India? Tell us at [views@livemint.com](mailto:views@livemint.com)*

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# IIT-B agrees to new test, with riders

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MUMBAI, JUNE 20

THE IIT-Bombay faculty forum, which met on Wednesday to see if a compromise formula can be worked out, decided they are ready to implement the new JEE from 2013, provided that the HRD Ministry agrees to their other conditions.

The suggestions of the IIT-Bombay senate, which had been disregarded by the Ministry, included implementing the new test from 2014 and not next year, making JEE-Advanced a subjective-type paper and not giving weightage to the Std XII board exams.

“It was decided on Wednesday that we can support the introduction of the new exam format from 2013,

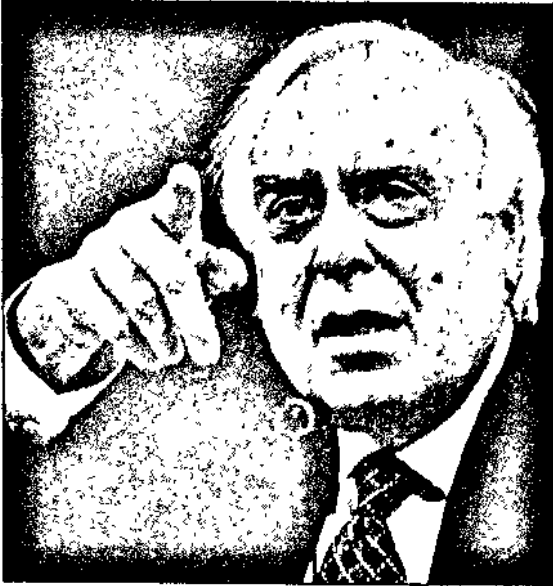
provided that the first test (JEE-Main), to be used for filtering students, will not give any weightage to board marks. It was agreed that the board performance will be used as cut-off only, as per the existing practice. It was also decided that the second test for selected students will be conducted exclusively by the IITs. According to the ministry, the second test will be held on the same day as the main exam and the scores can be used by all engineering institutes. This is not acceptable to us,” said a faculty member.

Faculty members decided that the IITs “own JEE” (second test) will be held on a separate date from main exam, possibly by the end of May after the results of the first test are available.



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# आइआइटी दिल्ली ने भी दिए अलग प्रवेश परीक्षा के संकेत सिब्ल 2013 से एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा पर अड़े



♦ सिब्ल ने कहा, 12वीं की परीक्षा और कोचिंग संस्थानों के बढ़ते दखल को रोकेंगे

आइआइटी कानपुर की सीनेट से बातचीत कर मतभेद दूर करने का भरोसा भी दिया। सिब्ल ने स्पष्ट किया कि 12वीं बोर्ड परीक्षा के नतीजों को 50 फीसदी और मुख्य परीक्षा को 50 फीसदी वेटेज दिया जाएगा। हालांकि, आइआइटी फैकल्टी सूत्रों ने मंगलवार को संकेत दिया था कि 12वीं परीक्षा के नतीजों को मेरिट में वेटेज न देने समेत उसकी कई मांगों को केंद्र सरकार मान सकती है। सिब्ल ने दावा किया कि छात्रों में 12वीं परीक्षा की महत्ता बरकरार रखने और कोचिंग संस्थानों के बढ़ते दखल को रोकने में एकल प्रवेश कारगर होगी।

नई दिल्ली, प्रेड : आइआइटी संस्थानों और पूर्व छात्रों के बढ़ते विरोध के बीच मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सिब्ल ने स्पष्ट कर दिया है कि सरकार 2013 से ही एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा आयोजित करेगी। वहीं, आइआइटी कानपुर के बाद आइआइटी दिल्ली ने भी अलग प्रवेश परीक्षा कराने के संकेत दिए हैं। आइआइटी दिल्ली की सीनेट बृहस्पतिवार को इस पर रुख स्पष्ट करेगी।

सिब्ल ने बुधवार को एक इंटरव्यू में कहा कि आइआइटी, एनआइटी और ट्रिपलआइटी के लिए एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा का फैसला उनका नहीं, बल्कि आइआइटी काउंसिल का है। ज्यादातर आइआइटी संस्थान इसके समर्थन में हैं। आइआइटी दिल्ली के प्रतिकूल संकेतों के बीच सिब्ल ने दावा किया कि सिर्फ आइआइटी कानपुर ही विरोध कर रही है। उन्होंने

साथ ही तमाम इंजीनियरिंग परीक्षाओं के लिए दर्जनों आवेदन करने और संस्थानों के चक्कर लगाने से भी निजात मिलेगी। मालूम हो कि आइआइटी कानपुर ने एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा के खिलाफ 28 मई को काउंसिल की बैठक में अलग प्रवेश परीक्षा कराने का फैसला किया था। आइआइटी फैकल्टी और पूर्व छात्र 2014 से एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा कराने की मांग कर रहे हैं। उनका कहना है कि 2013 से ही नई व्यवस्था शुरू करने से अगले साल की आइआइटी-जेईई प्रवेश परीक्षा की तैयारी कर रहे छात्रों पर अतिरिक्त दबाव पड़ेगा। हालांकि इससे बेपरवाह सरकार ने आइआइटी संस्थानों के संयुक्त प्रवेश बोर्ड से परीक्षा की रूपरेखा तैयार करने का निर्देश दे दिया है। आइआइटी बांबे, आइआइटी मद्रास और आइआइटी खड़गपुर ने प्रस्तावित एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा और इस परीक्षा के संभावित विकल्पों पर विचार किया।

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# और कठिन हो सकती है आईआईटी की राह

नई दिल्ली | चाठ सूदन कस्तूरी

एक समझौते का प्रस्ताव आईआईटी और मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल के बीच आईआईटी एंट्रेंस टेस्ट को लेकर चल रहे विवाद को खत्म कर सकता है। लेकिन यह प्रस्ताव आईआईटी में नामांकन की इच्छा रखने वाले लाखों छात्रों के सपने चूर भी कर सकता है।

आईआईटी और सरकार से जुड़े सूत्रों ने बताया कि नए प्रस्ताव के मुताबिक किसी भी राज्य के बोर्ड में टॉप 20 परसेंटाइल लाने वाले छात्र ही आईआईटी में नामांकन के लिए योग्य होंगे। यह समझौता प्रस्ताव प्रधानमंत्री के हस्तक्षेप के बाद आया है। आईआईटी के ऑल इंडिया फैकल्टी फेडरेशन ने सिंगल एंट्रेंस टेस्ट के खिलाफ प्रधानमंत्री से पिछले शुक्रवार को मुलाकात की थी।

नए प्रस्ताव में किसी भी बोर्ड में टॉप 20 परसेंटाइल लाने वाले छात्रों को ही आईआईटी प्रवेश परीक्षा में शामिल होने



## नए प्रस्ताव से दिक्कत

- टॉप 20 परसेंटाइल लाने वाले छात्र ही नामांकन के लिए योग्य होंगे
- सिब्बल और आईआईटी के बीच विवाद खत्म करने की कोशिश

का मौका मिलेगा। लेकिन यह नया प्रस्ताव बाकी के 80 फीसदी छात्रों के लिए आईआईटी में जाने के मौके खत्म कर देगा। साथ ही कई बोर्ड जहां छात्रों को ऊंचे अंक मिलते हैं वहां 80 फीसदी अंक लाने वाले छात्र भी आईआईटी एंट्रेंस टेस्ट में जाने से वंचित हो सकते हैं।

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## NTPC inks pact with IIT-Delhi



**To encourage its employees to go for higher qualification and develop research skills, NTPC Lim-**

**ited has inked an MoU with IIT-Delhi on 19 June, 2012. The MoU was signed by S.P. Singh, director (HR), NTPC, and R.K. Shevgaonkar, director, IIT-Delhi, in the presence of D.K. Agrawal, ED (NETRA), NTPC and other senior officials.**

# रेनीवेल से बोरवेल का पानी बेहतर

आईआईटी दिल्ली की भूजल पर की गई रिसर्च में मिले कीटनाशक

● संतोष कुमार

नई दिल्ली। अगर आप रेनीवेल का पानी पी रहे हैं, तो सावधान हो जाइए। लंबे समय तक इस पानी का इस्तेमाल आपकी सेहत पर भारी पड़ सकता है। राजधानी के पल्ला इलाके में आईआईटी दिल्ली की एक रिसर्च के अनुसार, बोरवेल का पानी रेनीवेल से बेहतर है।

रिसर्च यमुना फ्लड प्लेन की 21 बोरवेल और पांच रेनीवेल पर की गई। यहां से भूजल का सैपल प्री-मॉनसून और पोस्ट-मॉनसून के दौरान लिया गया। जांच ऑरगेनोक्लोरीन कीटनाशकों के समूह 17 बड़े रसायनों पर की गई। इस समूह के कंपोनेंट प्री-मानसून के सैपल में हालांकि ब्यूरो ऑफ स्टैंडर्ड के मानक से बोरवेल में कम और रेनीवेल में ज्यादा पाए गए, लेकिन यूरोपीय स्टैंडर्ड और विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन के मानक से इनकी मात्रा कहीं ज्यादा पाई गई।

- शोधकर्ताओं ने भूजल न पीने की दी हिदायत
- कहा, सेवन करने से बिगड़ सकती है सेहत

वहीं पोस्ट-मॉनसून के सैपल में ज्यादातर कंपोनेंट की मानक से अधिक पाए गए। इस आधार पर शोधकर्ताओं का मानना है कि रेनीवेल की तुलना में बोरवेल का पानी ज्यादा सुरक्षित है।

शोध के प्रमुख प्रो. एके मित्तल के मुताबिक इस तरह के पानी का लगातार सेवन करने से सेहत पर गंभीर असर पड़ता है। राजधानी की आबादी तेजी से बढ़ रही है, जिससे पानी की जरूरत बढ़ रही है। जाहिर है, भूजल के समुचित दोहन की मांग बढ़ी है। लिहाजा कीटनाशकों से संबंधित उत्पादों पर गहन निगरानी रखी जानी चाहिए।



## पेयजल संकट के विरोध में प्रदर्शन

नई दिल्ली (ब्यूरो)। राजधानी के कई क्षेत्रों में पेयजल संकट के विरोध में प्रदर्शन करने का सिलसिला जारी है। बुधवार को भी लोगों ने कई जगह प्रदर्शन किया। लोगों ने मटके फोड़ने के अलावा मुख्यमंत्री का पुतला जलाया। इसके अलावा सड़कों पर चक्का जाम भी किया गया। दिल्ली प्रदेश भाजपा ने मोहन गार्डन में पेयजल संकट के विरोध में प्रदर्शन किया। पार्टी कार्यकर्ताओं ने मुख्यमंत्री का पुतला जलाया और मटके फोड़े। उन्होंने सरकार के खिलाफ नारेबाजी करते हुए चक्का जाम किया। प्रदर्शन का नेतृत्व प्रदेश उपाध्यक्ष पवन शर्मा ने किया। इस मौके पर भाजपा के स्थानीय नेता सुमन प्रकाश शर्मा, अशोक शर्मा, संतलाल, जोगिंदर, सुधा मिश्रा, पुलकित शर्मा, संतपाल, सोनीकी, सुशील गुप्ता, पवन सिंघल आदि उपस्थित थे। वहीं महरोली, साकेत, महिपालपुर, उत्तम नगर, रोहिणी आदि इलाकों में भी प्रदर्शन किया गया।

## महिलाओं ने जल बोर्ड का दफ्तर घेरा

नई दिल्ली (ब्यूरो)। पांच दिनों से पानी की इंतजार कर रहे गोकलपुर गांव के लोगों का गुस्सा बुधवार को जल बोर्ड दफ्तर पर फूट पड़ा। नाराज महिलाओं ने खाली बर्तन लेकर जल बोर्ड दफ्तर का घेराव किया। महिलाओं ने करीब दो घंटे से ज्यादा समय तक प्रदर्शन किया। इस बीच लोगों के गुस्से से बचने के लिए अधिकारी ऑफिस छोड़कर भाग गए।

## पलड प्लेन के भूजल में आर्सेनिक

दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय की एक दूसरी रिसर्च बताती है कि राजधानी के फ्लड प्लेन के भूजल में आर्सेनिक मिला है। रिसर्च भूगोल विभाग ने किया था। इसमें फ्लड प्लेन से 120 सैपल उठाए गए। शोधकर्ताओं के अनुसार आर्सेनिक का सांद्रण अपने स्टैंडर्ड 10 पीपीपी की अपेक्षा 180 तक मिला है। इसकी वजह फ्लाइंग एश और ताप विद्युत गृह की गाद बताई जा रही है। आर्सेनिक युक्त जल का सेवन करने से यमुना खादर के कई इलाकों के लोगों को पेट संबंधी बीमारियां हो रही हैं।

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**HONCHOS' APPOINTMENT****IIT-Kharagpur dean,  
director shortlisted****MOUSHUMI BASU ■ NEW DELHI**

With the interviews for appointing directors of IIT Kanpur and Kharagpur scheduled next week, sources in HRD Ministry have revealed that Director Prof. D Acharya and Prof. PP Chakrabarti, Dean of IIT Kharagpur have been short-listed for the coveted posts despite CBI recommending their prosecution in different cases of irregularities.

HRD Minister Kapil Sibal is Chairman of this selection-cum-search committee for the appointments of the heads of these top educational institutions of the country.

The Pioneer had earlier reported that in the run-up to the appointment, Board of Governors (BoG) had quashed the CBI recommendations for regular departmental action (RDA) and penalty against three top brass of IIT. Dr. PP Chakrabarti was one of them. The issue was related to the ₹40 crore Coal Net project for computerizing Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries.

The timing of the BOG's clean chit to Chakrabarti had raised eyebrows because it had sat over the issue for five

**JOINT ADMISSION BOARD PUTS  
FORTH MODALITY CHANGES****PNS ■ NEW DELHI/MUMBAI**

After widespread resentment from within the IIT fraternity, the Joint Admission Board (JAB) of the Council of IITs has conveyed to the HRD Ministry some changes in the modalities.

Sources in the HRD Ministry said that the JAB has sent a suggestion that the main contention to give weightage to class 12 results to screen the IIT aspirants should be scrapped.

The controversial single test format proposed by the HRD Ministry last month included Class XII results on percentile basis for the JEE 2013. The JEE-Main, which is in fact the filtering test, will be a multiple choice objective type paper and will be conducted by CBSE. The nature and modalities of the JEE-Advanced which will book a berth in an IIT, is being determined by the JAB of IITs headed by Delhi IIT for 2013. IIT Delhi will decide its response on Thursday, even as the HRD Ministry is set to go ahead with its plans. IIT Kanpur had decided to conduct its own entrance test, terming as "academically and methodically unsound" the May 28 decision of the IIT Council to hold a single entrance test. IIT-Bombay has sought HSC/Central board performance be looked at as "cut-off only, but possibly cut-off based on top 10-20 percentile of each board".

Similarly, it was also decided that the Ministry's CET examination would be "used to screen and select the top 50,000-plus students who will be eligible to give the IITs' own JEE". IIT-Bombay also sought to decide its own format.

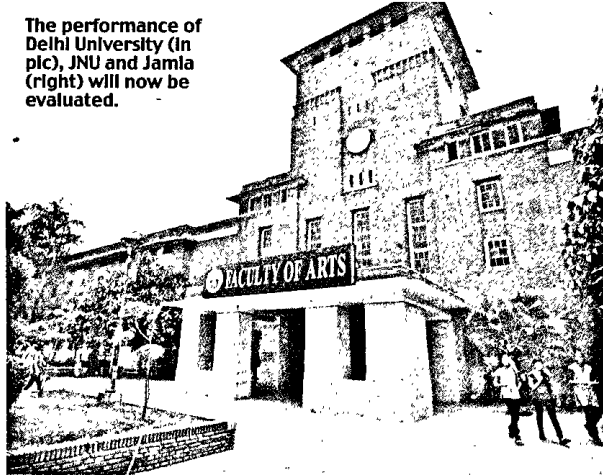
years since 2007.

The BOG decision saved Chakrabarti from the hurdles in getting mandatory vigilance clearance for appointment as Director. The other

shortlisted candidate D Acharya, Director, IIT Kharagpur, who is in the race for a second term for the top post, was also under CBI scanner.

# You will soon know how good your univ is

The performance of Delhi University (in pic), JNU and Jamia (right) will now be evaluated.



## OTHER ISSUES



■ **Improving Gross Enrollment Ratio:** To increase the GER, central universities (CUs) such as Jawaharlal Nehru University will be advised to start undergraduate programmes and offer courses through open distance learning

■ **School Education:** CUs will be asked to fulfil their obligation towards school education by developing curricula, evolving pedagogues and establishing a department of education, if there isn't any

■ **Teacher shortage:** In wake of 33 per cent of teaching posts lying vacant, CUs will be asked to fill these positions on priority basis

■ **Academic Depository:** CBSE has been asked to create an electronic database of academic awards for all central education institutions (CEIs) including CUs, IITs, IIMs, NITs NIOS etc. Vice-chancellors' views on this will be invited for discussion

By **Ritika Chopra** in New Delhi

THREE of the Capital's most prized academic institutions — Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Jamia Millia Islamia — will soon have to go for accreditation.

Not just them, but all central universities dodging accreditation — as it is voluntary — will now have to “immediately initiate the process” as the HRD ministry (while the National Accreditation Regulatory Authority Bill is still stuck in the Parliament) expects them to lead by example.

This message will be communicated at the conference of vice-chancellors of central universities (CUs) on Friday.

According to the agenda note for the conference, a copy of which is with MAIL TODAY, the ministry along with the University Grants Commission (UGC)

### THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN ACCREDITED

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| ■ Allgarh Muslim University   | ■ Mizoram University                                  |
| ■ Delhi University            | ■ Visva-Bharati                                       |
| ■ Jawaharlal Nehru University | ■ Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya |
| ■ Jamia Millia Islamia        | ■ Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar university               |

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will specifically push eight central universities — namely Allgarh Muslim University, Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jamia Millia Islamia, Mizoram University, Visva-

Bharati, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya and Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar university — as they have never gone for accreditation before.

Accreditation is nothing but the evaluation of performance of universities and colleges. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is authorised to assess all colleges and universities recognised by UGC.

Under this process, NAAC evaluates an institute's curricular aspects, teaching-learning and evaluation, research, infrastructure, student support, governance, leadership, management and innovation and grades it accordingly.

But since accreditation till now is completely voluntary, even many of the central universities have not got it done.

According to the agenda note of the conference, out of the 39 central universities, 13 are newly established. Of the remaining 26 institutions, 16 universities have been accredited by NAAC, but the validity of the accreditation of nine institutions has expired by now.

The accreditation Bill aims to change that but it has been stuck in the Parliament for almost two years now. “So till that happens, we want that at least our central universities to lead by example and get themselves accredited,” a senior ministry official said.