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## IIT-D announces special meeting with HRD ministry

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**NEW DELHI:** A day after Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi rejected the entrance exam format announced by human resource development minister Kapil Sibal on 28 May, it announced a special meeting of the IIT Council on 27 June with the ministry to address the concerns of students, sources in the IIT. Apparently, they want the ball to be in the ministry's court and that they would react according to the situation.

'We are very clear about our stance and as far as preparations for Wednesday's meeting is concerned we can only comment on that once we would know what the ministry wants to say,' said the source.

When contacted IIT-D, Deputy Director Ishtiaque said, 'I'm not aware of anything.' But he added IIT-D is not happy with the 2013

changes. He also added that the faculty federation insists that implementing the new system would put a lot of pressure on students already in the midst of preparing for the IIT-JEE next year.'

He also added that new format would increase the stress of students as students aspiring to join institutes other than the IITs need not sit for two test as proposed. 'The IITs advance test should be subjective type, just for the candidates aspiring to join the IITs. This advance test would be held on a day different from the main test and would be administered to only shortlisted candidates from the main test (50,000 to 70,000) by the IITs,

but HRD wants to include all the short listed students in that advance test and wants objective type test, which is unpractical,' said Ishtiaque.' This is impossible because how one can check five to six lakh copies,' said Ishtiaque.

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# आईआईटी दिल्ली के विद्रोह से दबाव में कपिल सिब्बल

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नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय संस्थानों के लिए संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा के मुद्दे पर कानपुर के बाद अब दिल्ली आईआईटी सीनेट के विद्रोह से मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय दबाव में आ गया है। बीच का रास्ता निकालने के लिए कपिल सिब्बल ने 27 जून को आईआईटी काउंसिल की विशेष बैठक बुलाई है।



इस बीच शनिवार को ज्वाइंट एडमिशन बोर्ड (जैब) की बैठक भी दिल्ली में होने जा रही है। संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा के मुद्दे पर शुरू से आईआईटी की ओर से विरोध हो रहा था लेकिन सिब्बल व उनकी टीम को यह अंदाजा नहीं था कि विरोध करने वाले सीधे विद्रोह पर उतर आएंगे। इस धारणा के पीछे दो आधार थे पहला यह कि आईआईटी काउंसिल कानूनी रूप से प्रवेश परीक्षा के मामले में सर्वोच्च संस्था है। दूसरे वे निदेशकों से भी यह उम्मीद कर रहे थे कि वे अपने-अपने संस्थान में विरोध को शांत करने में समर्थ रहेंगे। मगर उम्मीद के विपरीत विरोध लगातार तीखा होता जा रहा है। लंबे समय तक चर्चा के बाद 12 मई को सिब्बल की अध्यक्षता में हुई आईआईटी काउंसिल की बैठक में जो फॉर्मूला तय हुआ था थोड़े फेरबदल के साथ 28 मई को केंद्रीय संस्थाओं की काउंसिल की संयुक्त बैठक में उस पर सिब्बल ने मुहर तो लगवा ली लेकिन आईआईटी प्रोफेसर उससे सहमत नहीं हुए।

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## Govt may dilute common test plan to take IITs on board

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NEW DELHI

After the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Delhi rejected the common entrance test proposed by the central government, the human resource development (HRD) ministry expressed its willingness to accommodate the elite engineering schools by diluting the plan to some extent.

Three HRD ministry officials said the confrontation—with two IITs rejecting the common entrance test for all engineering schools in the country—had led to “uncertainty among students” and action had to be taken quickly to resolve the issue. None of them wanted to be identified.

After the IIT-Delhi resolution on Thursday evening, the ministry called back a joint secretary on tour to take stock of the situation and declared that it will hold a fresh round of negotiations with the IIT Council, the umbrella body of all the IITs.

“The uncertainty faced by the student community consequent to the resolutions of the senates of IIT-Kanpur and IIT-Delhi re-

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# Government may dilute common test plan

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quires to be addressed. Consequently, a special meeting of the IIT Council is being convened on 27 June,” the ministry said in a statement.

“We believe that IITs have taken their brand value too seriously and think it’s too precious (to be diluted). They are not willing to change,” one of the ministry officials said, but added, “We understand that and are willing to accommodate them. Whatever has happened over the last two-three weeks is unfortunate, but you cannot punish IITs.”

On 28 May, HRD minister Kapil Sibal announced the one-nation, one-test formula for all the engineering colleges across India after a meeting with the councils of IITs, the National Institutes of Technology and the Indian Institutes of Information Technology. Sibal is the chairman of all the councils.

The minister believes the move will reduce stress for students having to write multiple exams, lend weight to the Class XII board exam and reduce the influence of coaching centres that prepare students for the entrance tests.

It was then decided that applicants will be selected on the basis of three tests—the Class XII board exam, the JEE (joint entrance examination of IITs) main test and the JEE advanced exam. All the centrally funded technical institutes except IITs were to give weight to these three sets of examinations in the proportion of 40:30:30. For IITs, the Class XII board and the JEE main were to

work as screening tests.

A.K. Mittal, secretary of the All India IIT Faculty Federation, said IITs want to fully manage the JEE Advance (test) and only the top 50,000 students should appear for this, not all the 1.5 million students who are expected to take the test. Mittal doesn’t want the Class XII marks to be given any weight apart from being a qualifying cut-off.

“We don’t want the JEE Advance to happen on the same day with IIT-JEE. The pattern and day should be at the discretion of IITs and we are very clear that board marks should not have any role while making the ranking directly or indirectly. It should be like the present system where a certain per cent is required for applying to IITs,” said Mittal.

When asked about this stand of IITs, the second ministry official cited above said, “We are ready for such a change. We are ready to give IITs the entire responsibility of JEE Advance and other issues can be discussed on the table.”

The official said IITs have a special status and dismissed speculation about funds being cut to the dissenting IITs as a pressure tactic. “I can categorically say that it has not crossed our mind,” he said. “It’s not in the option list.”

The government provides nearly ₹150 crore to each of the IITs as planned allocation and around double the amount as non-planned allocation every year. Besides, many government-sponsored research and consultancy projects go to IITs.

The third government official with knowledge of the development said both the ministry and IITs were equally responsible for the confusion. While IITs regarded themselves as sacrosanct, the government was facing a trust deficit. “So, even good steps are being frowned upon and the people are not ready to trust the larger goal advocated by the ministry,” he said.

IIT-Delhi’s rejection of the move on Thursday followed a similar decision by IIT-Kanpur on 8 June. The joint admission board of IITs is to meet on Saturday for discussions before the ministry meeting next week.

Sanjay Purohit, an alumnus of IIT-Bombay and chief executive of education content creation firm iProf Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd, said, “My views are inclined towards one-nation, one-test. Having seen the US examination system, where all 12th graders appear for one exam irrespective of their stream, I believe it is a much more efficient and less stressful system for students. The initial period after the new exam will be of turbulence and population composition will change in the entry classes. Over time, we would see a complete education system overhaul adapting to this approach and much more efficiency coming into play.”

He, however, clarified that “the common test should be a two-step process—shortlisting (objective) and then selection (subjective). If it is a one-step selection, it should be objective to mitigate human errors and manipulation.”

# Govt fears IITs batting for coaching centres

Kapil Sibal has convened emergency meeting with central institutes after IITD rejected CET

TANIA AMEER KHAN

**NEW DELHI:** With the war between the human resource development minister Kapil Sibal and the the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) intensifying deeply, the ministry has called a special meeting next week to discuss the controversial issue of the new Common Entrance Test (CET) proposed by the government.

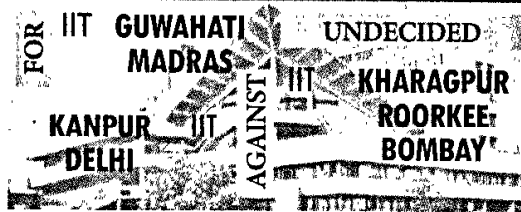
On Thursday, IIT, Kanpur, was joined by IIT, Delhi, in taking on Sibal against the CET. They have decided to hold their own separate examination for undergraduate engineering courses from next year.

Reacting to this develop-



ment, the ministry issued a statement on Friday that called a special meeting of the IIT Council on 27 June to discuss the impasse. In a press release, Sibal said, "The uncertainty faced by the student community, consequent to the resolutions of the Senates of IIT Kanpur and IIT Delhi, requires to be addressed. Consequently, a

## STATUS OF THE IITs VIS-A-VIS CET



special meeting of the IIT Council is being convened on 27.6.2012.

An IIT, Delhi, Senate official said the institute will conduct the exam in association with IIT, Kanpur, which too is against the new format.

However, IIT, Madras, is keen to go with Sibal's proposal. Its Director Professor Bhaskar Ramamurthi told

*Millennium Post:* 'Various senates gave their view, and we have supported the proposal of the HRD ministry, as its close to our viewpoint.'

The sources in the ministry have said that the reason behind these two IITs vehemently opposing the CET is that the new proposal will hit at the Rs 10 to 15 crore coaching industry, in which

faculty of the IITs have a direct say. The sources said that the IIT faculty fear that if Class XII marks are counted for admission to IITs, the importance of coaching centres will diminish.

However, Ramamurthi said, 'Coaching centres are not our concern. We just want a good exam and good students to come out from it.'

While sources in the Congress say that they believe the government is competent enough to handle the situation and will ultimately resolve this issue.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had earlier met members of the All India IIT Faculty Federation to find a solution to the impasse.

HT, Lucknow

## TESTING TIME FOR SINGLE EXAM

### IIT-KANPUR & DELHI

Against Sibal's plan, have decided to hold their own exam

### IIT-KHARAGPUR & BOMBAY

Likely to follow Kanpur and Delhi

### IIT-GUWAHATI & ROORKEE

Fence-sitters, waiting for Kharagpur and Bombay to decide

### IIT-MADRAS

Only centre to support Sibal's one-test formula

## THE DISPUTE

IIT faculty is against the HRD ministry's common engineering entrance exam formula based on a two-tier test and giving weightage to board scores. They want the existing exam pattern to continue in 2013

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# *Social engineering*

At long last, the HRD ministry has begun serious give-and-take with the IITs '

**A**FTER IIT Kanpur, IIT Delhi has rejected the HRD ministry's new version of the Joint Entrance Examination, calling it "academically unsound and procedurally untenable". the HRD ministry has reopened negotiations with the IITs — Kapil Sibal has called a special IIT Council meeting on June 27. That's welcome, but if only a genuine process of consultation with stakeholders had been in place before the changes were rolled out, much of this heartburn could have been avoided. It makes sense to have a single test for all engineering exams. It is also true that IIT aspirants tended to secede from the school experience to cram for the JEE. Also, despite its meritocratic self-image, getting into an IIT has come to depend on coaching institutes, and those who can't afford this dedicated IIT-JEE training are at a disadvantage.

However, the HRD ministry hasn't solved the problem. It has only complicated it with the new common entrance examination, which will require students to prepare

equally for the Class XII board exam, JEE Main and Advanced. The plan has been riddled with conceptual flaws right from the start — first, the HRD ministry pushed for a common test to provide a SAT-like standard. However, the SAT aims to separate academic ability from family background or quality of schooling — why should school scores be bundled into the final assessment for engineering schools? After some give and take with the IITs, the ministry has conceded that Class XII marks would only be used as a filter for them, and not be a part of the overall assessment. It clearly needs much more dialogue with the IIT faculty and administration — listening, not talking — before it rolls out these drastic changes.

Coaching institutes are not the problem, but the symptom of the spottiness of the school system. If the HRD ministry genuinely wants to produce a single, fair test for all engineering aspirants, it must ensure minimal uniform standards in schools, and make sure that they can prepare students for the exacting standards of the JEE.

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# IIT, JEE brass meet on joint entrance test today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** A series of meetings starting Saturday could break the impasse between the government and the IITs over the implementation of the common entrance test (CET) from the next academic session. IIT directors and JEE chairmen will meet on Saturday under the aegis of the Joint Admission Board (JAB), while a special meeting of the IIT Council has been convened by the HRD ministry for June 27.

The JAB will discuss the modalities of implementing the government's May 28 decision that has caused resentment prompting Delhi and Kanpur to announce that they will be conducting their own tests. There are indications that IIT Bombay and IIT Kharagpur may follow their Delhi and Kanpur counterparts.

The IIT Council had announced that candidates for IITs and other central institutes like NITs and IIITs will have to take the re-worked CET from 2013 which will also take class XII results into consideration.

## IIT Delhi students back institute

**A** day after IIT Delhi joined ranks with IIT Kanpur to conduct its own entrance test; an overwhelming number of students from IIT Delhi supported the move. An online survey conducted of over 900 students by two students bodies said that 93% students were opposed to the new JEE format. The survey was done by the Co-curricular and Academic Interaction Council and Student Affairs Council from IIT Delhi. TNN

The meeting assumes significance as it will precede the special meeting of IIT Council, the highest decision-making body headed by HRD Minister Kapil Sibal and including directors of all the 16 IITs, called on June 27. A statement by the ministry said the special meeting has been convened after the developments on Thursday in IIT Delhi, where the Senate adopted a resolution rejecting the proposed test and deciding to conduct its own entrance exam.

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## Entrance test row: IIT directors to meet today

NEW DELHI, 22 JUNE: Against the backdrop of a controversy over the government's proposal for single entrance tests, IIT Directors will meet here today which will be followed by their meeting with HRD Minister Kapil Sibal next week to address the issue

The IIT Joint Admission Board, comprising IIT Directors, will discuss the implications of the government's 28 May announcement under which aspiring candidates for IITs and other central institutes like NITs and IITs will have to sit from 2013 under a new format of common entrance test which will also take plus-two board results into consideration.

The Board is also expected to deliberate upon the simmering discontent among the faculty of the IITs over the government's

move, sources said. The meeting assumes significance as it will precede the special meeting of the IIT Council, the highest decision-making body headed by HRD Minister Kapil Sibal and including Directors of all the 16 IITs, called on 27 June to deliberate on the controversy.

There are indications that the IIT directors could also deliberate upon a compromise formula, which is reported to have been sent by the Ministry to them to end the ongoing logjam, at the Joint Admission Board (JAB) meet today.

Meanwhile, The Central Board of Secondary Education has revised the result of All India Pre-Medical/ Pre-Dental Entrance Final Examination, 2012 as per the new scheme for online counselling approved by the Supreme Court. **pti**

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# IIT directors meet today on test row

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**\*NEW DELHI, JUNE 22**

In the wake of both IIT Delhi and IIT Kanpur rejecting the government's single-entrance test proposal, IIT directors will meet in the capital on Saturday which will be followed by their meeting with HRD minister Kapil Sibal at a specially convened meeting of the IIT Council on June 27.

On Friday, the Union HRD ministry stated, "The uncertainty faced by the student community, consequent to the resolutions of the senates of IIT Kanpur and IIT Delhi, requires to be addressed. Consequently, a special meeting of the IIT Council

is being convened on June 27."

Meanwhile, the IIT Joint Admission Board, comprising IIT directors, will discuss the implications of the government's May 28 announcement under which aspiring candidates for IITs and other Central institutes like NITs and IIITs will have to sit from 2013 under a new format of common entrance test which will also take plus-two board results into consideration.

The board is also expected to deliberate upon the simmering discontent among the faculty of the IITs over the government's move.

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# IIT directors to meet today

**PBD BUREAU/PTI**

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 22**

AGAINST the backdrop of a controversy over the government's proposal for single entrance test, IIT Directors will meet here tomorrow which will be followed by their meeting with HRD Minister Kapil Sibal next week to address the issue.

The IIT Joint Admission Board, comprising IIT Directors, will discuss the implications of the government's May 28 announcement under which aspiring candidates for IITs and other central institutes like NITs and IIITs will have to sit from 2013 under a new format of common entrance test which will also take plus-two board results into consideration.

The Board is also expected to deliberate upon the simmering discontent among the faculty of the IITs over the government's move, sources said.



## Exam row

The meeting has been called in the wake of IIT Delhi and Kanpur rejecting the government proposal and deciding to have separate exam. There are indications that IIT Bombay and IIT Kharagpur may follow their Delhi and Kanpur counterparts.

The meeting assumes significance as it will precede the special meeting of IIT Council, the highest decision-making body headed by HRD Minister Kapil Sibal and including Directors of all the 16 IITs, called on June 27 to deliberate on the controversy.

The IIT Council will discuss the situation created by the divisions

among the elite educational institutions by the government proposal and the future course of action to end uncertainty among the student community, sources said.

There are indications that the IIT directors could also deliberate upon a compromise formula, which is reported to have been sent by the Ministry to them to end the ongoing logjam, at the Joint Admission Board (JAB) meet tomorrow.

The JAB has been conducting the IIT entrance test for 50 years.

The IITs are opposing the proposed test contending that it will increase stress of students instead of decreasing. They feel students aspiring to join institutes other than the IITs need not sit for two test -- main and advance - as proposed by the HRD Ministry.

They have also insisted that board examination results should not be taken into consideration while preparing the merit list.

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# IIT admission board meets today amid exam angst

Kirtika Suneja  
New Delhi, June 22

**T**HE cloud of uncertainty over admissions to the elite Indian Institutes of Technology has thickened. In the backdrop of two leading IITs – Kanpur and Delhi – opposing the common entrance exam proposed by the government and two more seen joining their ranks, the IIT joint admission board (JAB) meets in the capital on Saturday to discuss the way forward. The development is crucial because it is the JAB which conducts the IIT joint entrance exams.

The meeting also gains significance because sources said IIT Bombay and Kharagpur too may shortly join Kanpur and Delhi.

On Thursday, IIT-Delhi rejected the single entrance test proposal, deciding to conduct its own entrance exam from next year, following in the footsteps of IIT-Kanpur.

The crisis brewing in the government over the matter can also be gauged by the fact that a meeting of the IIT council, the apex government-nominated body which has decided on holding common entrance tests, is also scheduled on June 27.

"The uncertainty faced by the student community, consequent to the resolutions of the senates of IIT Kanpur and IIT Delhi, requires to be addressed. Consequently, a special meeting of the IIT council is being convened on June 27," the human resource ministry

said in a statement.

The IIT council is headed by the HRD minister and includes directors of the seven old IITs. The directors also head the senate bodies of their respective institutions. The senates, as per IIT Act of 1961, are the highest decision-making bodies on all academic matters of the IITs. The council only holds an advisory role.

The HRD ministry, however, takes a different view, pointing to an ordinance which states that the council is supreme in matters like holding, entrance examinations.

The senate's role, on the other hand, comes only in matters relating to courses and examinations within IITs – which means, examinations after the students

have entered the institutes through the entrance exams.

Sources said that 130 deemed universities having engineering colleges currently not under the common entrance exam plan may also be brought in. In that case, there could be opposition from these universities also.

"Any such move would be detrimental to our autono-

my and we will oppose it. The government must consider the issues of the private sector and deemed universities before taking any drastic policy decision like in the case of management programmes last year and the common entrance test for technical institutes this year," said H Chaturvedi, alternate president, Education Promotion Society for India (EPSI), an association of technical and management institutes.

Deemed universities like VIT Vellore, BITS Pilani, Thapar University and Manipal University conduct their own engineering entrance exams. Whether the entrance exam for the deemed universities would be different from the CET for IITs will be clear early

next week when HRD minister Kapil Sibal meets them.

"We have rejected the IIT council's proposal and will conduct an entrance exam similar to the one in 2012 because we are worried about the students. No drastic changes will be done and we are joining hands with like-minded IITs. It is not the IITs' concern to follow political mandates," IIT Faculty Federation president Sanjeev Sanghi told FE.

According to senate members, the council can only advise the IITs and the senate has the right not to join the exam.

"The IITs will not cater to political whims and fancies of introducing the CET from 2013 as general elections are set to be held in 2014," Sanghi added.



## MERIT TEST

- Joint Admission Board meeting on June 23
- Special meeting of the IIT Council on June 27
- IIT Delhi rejected IIT Council's CET plan on June 21
- Last week IIT Kanpur decided to conduct its own entrance test calling the CET "academically and methodically unsound"
- HRD ministry keen to introduce CET in 2013, wants deemed universities to follow "one nation, one test" principle

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# एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा मुद्दे पर आईआईटी के निदेशकों की बैठक आज

नई दिल्ली (एजेसी)। इंजीनियरिंग के केंद्रीय शैक्षणिक संस्थानों में दाखिले के लिए एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा आयोजित करने के सरकार के प्रस्ताव से पैदा हुए विवाद के मद्देनजर आईआईटी के निदेशकों की शनिवार को बैठक होगी। इसके बाद अगले हफ्ते मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल के साथ उनकी बैठक होगी, ताकि इस मुद्दे का हल निकाला जा सके। आईआईटी का संयुक्त दाखिला बोर्ड सरकार की 28 मई की घोषणा को लागू करने के बारे में चर्चा करेगा। इसमें आईआईटी के निदेशक भी सदस्य हैं।

आईआईटी दिल्ली और कानपुर द्वारा सरकार के प्रस्ताव खारिज कर दिए जाने और इनके द्वारा अलग परीक्षा लेने के फैसले के मद्देनजर यह बैठक बुलाई गई है। यह बैठक काफी मायने रखती है क्योंकि इसके बाद आईआईटी परिषद की विशेष बैठक होगी। मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल के नेतृत्व वाली यह परिषद निर्णय लेने वाली सर्वोच्च परिषद है। इसमें सभी 16 आईआईटी के निदेशक

भी शामिल हैं। इसकी बैठक 27 जून को बुलाई गई है ताकि इस विवाद पर चर्चा की जा सके। विशेष बैठक में इन दोनों आईआईटी के प्रस्तावित परीक्षा से अलग होने के कदम पर चर्चा की जाएगी और उस अनिश्चितता को दूर किया जाएगा जिसका छात्र सामना कर रहे हैं। इस गतिरोध को भी दूर करने का रास्ता ढूंढा जाएगा।

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## आईआईटी के निदेशकों की बैठक आज

नई दिल्ली, 22 जून (भाषा)। इंजीनियरिंग के केंद्रीय शैक्षणिक संस्थानों में दाखिले के लिए एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा आयोजित करने के सरकार के प्रस्ताव से पैदा हुए विवाद के मद्देनजर आईआईटी के निदेशकों की बैठक शनिवार को होगी। इसके बाद मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल के साथ अगले हफ्ते उनकी बैठक होगी, ताकि इस मुद्दे का हल हो सके।

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## आईआईटी के निदेशकों की बैठक आज

पेज एक का बाकी

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# IIT dissent spreads, 2 more favour own test

## HARD LINE Now, Kharagpur, Bombay may dump Sibal plan

**ht SPECIAL**
**TESTING TIME FOR SINGLE EXAM**

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**NEW DELHI:** Two more centres of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) may join its Kanpur and Delhi branches in holding their own admission tests from next year, further challenging HRD minister Kapil Sibal's plan for a common engineering entrance exam.

Faculty members influential in the senates of IIT-Kharagpur and IIT-Bombay said they were veering towards rejecting Sibal's proposal — which is of using board marks and an all-India test to screen candidates and then making them appear for a final exam conducted by the IITs.

IIT-Kharagpur is holding its emergency senate meeting next week while IIT-Bombay's senate is scheduled to meet on July 5.

Sources in IIT-Roorkee and IIT-Guwahati said they were waiting for Kharagpur and Bombay to decide. "If IIT-

### IIT-KANPUR & DELHI

Against Sibal's plan, have decided to hold their own exam

### IIT-KHARAGPUR & BOMBAY

Likely to follow Kanpur and Delhi

### IIT-GUWAHATI & ROORKEE

Fence-sitters, waiting for Kharagpur and Bombay to decide

### IIT-MADRAS

Only centre to support Sibal's one-test formula

### THE DISPUTE

IIT faculty is against the HRD ministry's common engineering entrance exam formula based on a two-tier test and giving weightage to board scores. They want the existing exam pattern to continue in 2013

Bombay and IIT-Kharagpur go with Kanpur and Delhi, we may well follow suit," a senior IIT-Roorkee faculty member said.

IIT-Madras was the only one to have decided in its senate to back Sibal's plan.

The tussle between the HRD ministry and IIT teachers has left hundreds of thousands of students, who either completed school this year or are in class 12, confused about what to expect next year.

IIT teachers continue to protest despite concessions made

by Sibal. "I am willing to talk to the faculty at any time they want," he told HT earlier this week.

The Joint Admission Board, which decides on admissions to the IITs, is meeting on Saturday while the ministry has called an emergency meeting of the IIT Council — the highest decision-making body of the IITs headed by Sibal — on June 27. The council meeting may prove to be a last-ditch effort to evolve consensus on the proposed examination reforms.

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# HRD Ministry convenes IIT Council meet on June 27 to resolve row

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** A day after IIT Delhi decided to go the IIT Kanpur way and hold a separate entrance test for admission to its undergraduate courses, the Human Resource Development Ministry on Friday called an emergency meeting of the council of IITs on June 27 to end the current impasse.

"The uncertainty faced by the students, following the resolutions of the senates of IIT Kanpur and IIT Delhi, requires to be addressed. Consequently, a special meeting of the IIT Council is being convened on June 27," the HRD Ministry said in a statement.

"The special meeting of the council will discuss the fallout

of the move of the two IITs, address the issue of uncertainty faced by the students and the way ahead to end the logjam," sources in the Ministry said.

According to sources, senates of IIT Bombay and IIT Kanpur may toe the line of their Delhi and Kanpur counterparts.

A large section of faculty members from these four institutions have been vocal in their protest to the "one nation, one examination" plan of the government.

While IIT Bombay senate will hold a crucial meeting on the issue on July 2, faculty members of IIT Kharagpur are likely to ask their Director to hold a senate meeting soon. IIT

Kharagpur Director Damodar Acharya, whose tenure ends on June 30, has so far backed the IIT Council.

The IIT Council, National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIIT) have unanimously decided to hold the test in two parts, the JEE-Main and the JEE-Advance. It was decided that equal weightage will be given to marks scored in the Class-XII board examination and score in the main entrance, to screen candidates for the advance test.

Section of the faculty and alumni opposing the proposed test format have been contending that the class-XII board examination results should not

be taken into consideration for selection of candidates.

Clarifying the proposed test format, HRD Minister Kapil Sibal recently said the provision for weightage to performance in class-XII board examination was not meant for selection of candidates to the IITs. The ranking of candidates for admission to undergraduate programmes in the IITs would be based "entirely" on the performance in JEE-Advance.

Joint Admission Board (JAB) of the IITs has been given a "complete control" over paper setting, evaluation and preparation of merit list for the JEE-Advance test, according to the council's decision.

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## IIT Council Meets on June 27 to Fix Admission Row

Uncertainty faced by the student requires to be addressed, says HRD ministry

OUR POLITICAL BUREAU  
NEW DELHI

In the aftermath of the senates of two IITs—Kanpur and Delhi—rejecting the new common entrance examination, the human resource development ministry has called for a special meeting of the IIT Council on Wednesday.

"The uncertainty faced by the student community, consequent to the resolutions of the IIT Kanpur and IIT Delhi, requires to be addressed. Consequently a special meeting of the IIT Council is being convened on Wednesday, June 27," the ministry said in a statement.

The question whether the new test format should be postponed for another year, till 2014, is among the key issues that will be taken up at the meeting.

The IIT faculty and the alumni have been opposing the "one nation, one examination" system tooth and nail. Apart from their reservations on taking class XII board results into consideration, they have been demanding that the new system should not be implemented before 2014. The IITs oppose the new format, contending that the proposed format will increase stress on students, instead of decreasing it. They feel students aspiring to join institutes other than the IITs need not sit for two tests—main and advance—as proposed.

The argument is based on the fact that students seeking admission to IITs begin their preparations 2-3 years ahead of the examination. Hence, students planning to take the entrance exam in 2013 have been preparing with the older system in mind, and making adjustments for the new system will create unnecessary pressure. The IIT Delhi senate in its June 21 resolution said that it would admit students "through an examination which will be on a pattern similar to the one used in IIT JEE 2012".

At the May 28 meeting, members of the IIT Council, which comprises directors and chairperson of the board of each of the IITs, had rejected the idea of implementing the new system from 2014. However, what remains to be seen is how the council will respond to the idea of postponing the implementation of the new system in light of the developments and protests since May 28. Speaking to ET, IIT Bombay chairperson Anil Kakodkar said: "If you



TOUGH TASK: Kapil Sibal

consider the single examination for all engineering institutions to be a right move, why should we wait to implement it? I think it is a good idea."

Kakodkar said a single test serves two purposes. "It creates a situation that will result in greater importance being given to school marks. The school marks will now count somewhere. Earlier, students just had to score a certain threshold marks to appear for the IIT entrance test. The other issue it addresses is that of reducing the stress of multiple entrance tests," he said.

Another issue that is likely to be discussed is the powers of the IIT senate and the council. The IIT faculty has argued that in matters of admission, the senate was supreme. This is an argument that is contested, as the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961, clearly states that the IIT Council has the final say in matters such as admission. The law, which details out the functions of the senate, doesn't list setting admission standards among them. Further, since jurisdiction of the senate is limited to the particular institute, as stated in Section 15 of the Act, and not the IIT system, only the council can take the final decision on an admission process for all the IITs. Section 15 states the "senate of an institute shall have the control and general regulation, and be responsible for the maintenance of standards, of instruction, education and examination in the institute".

Kakodkar felt that it was "unfortunate" that there was talk of autonomy being infringed upon, when that was nowhere the case. He said that the council would find a way "to take everyone along".

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## Govt calls for meeting with IIT Council to solve common test issue

Our Bureau

New Delhi, June 22

The controversy surrounding the proposed 'one nation, one test' module for engineering institutes has reached fever pitch with the Government calling for a special meeting with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Council to discuss the issue.

At a meeting held on Thursday, the IIT Delhi Senate followed the footsteps of IIT Kanpur and rejected the proposed admission procedure for undergraduate courses.

A release issued by the Institute said, "For the year 2013, IIT Delhi shall admit students to its undergraduate programmes through an examination which will be on a pattern similar to the one used in IIT JEE 2012."

The release added that the Government's decisions are against the stated position of the Senate of IIT Delhi and impinge on its autonomy, while they are academically unsound and procedurally untenable.

### ADDRESS CONCERNS

Following this resolution, which is also likely to be adopted by IIT Bombay and Kharagpur at their Senate meetings, the Human Resource Development Ministry has decided to call a special meeting with the IIT Council on June 27 to look into the concerns raised by the premier institutes.

A release from the HRD Ministry said, "The uncertainty faced by the student community, consequent to the resolutions of the senates of IIT Kanpur and IIT Delhi, requires to be addressed."

Last week, representatives of the seven IITs met the Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh, and called for his intervention in the matter.

Speaking about the proposed change in admission procedure earlier, Prof K. Narasimhan, President of the All India IIT Faculty Federation, and Faculty at IIT-Bombay, said, "This is the right diagnosis but the treatment is wrong."

He also said this module would increase stress for aspirants since they would get only one chance to make it into a good engineering institute.

He added that this would just help coaching institutes who would cash-in on the change to sell coaching classes for Class XII board exams along with entrance examinations, at higher rates.

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## HRD plans new move to win over IITs

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

**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 percentile 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, 'feeler' 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 proposal from the ministry, the directors of 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.

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# Sibal calls meeting of IIT Council

## IIT Joint Admission Board to meet in Delhi today

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

**W**ITH IIT-Delhi also rejecting the proposed common entrance examination for all engineering colleges, and amidst apprehensions that more IITs may follow suit, Union HRD Minister Kapil Sibal has called a meeting of the IIT Council next week to address the concerns being raised.

“The uncertainty faced by the student community, consequent to the resolutions of the senates of IIT-Kanpur and IIT-Delhi, requires to be addressed. Consequently, a special meeting of the IIT Council is being convened on June



**KAPIL SIBAL**

27,” a statement from the HRD Ministry said.

The IIT Council, which has directors of all the 16 IITs as members, is the highest decision making body related to the IITs and is chaired by the HRD Minister.

Ahead of the IIT Coun-

cil, the IIT Joint Admission Board is meeting in Delhi on Saturday to deliberate on the same issue.

The government has proposed to replace the multiple entrance examinations for different engineering colleges with a single exam that will act as the qualifying test for the IITs, NITs and all the other engineering colleges. The new format will also give weightage to the marks obtained by students in the Class XII board exams.

IIT-Kanpur was the first one to reject the proposal and said it would conduct a separate entrance examination for itself. IIT-Delhi has now joined ranks.



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# Stung Sibal reaches out to IITs

## HRD Minister calls for special council meet

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Stung by the decision of the senates of two prestigious IITs to conduct separate entrance test, HRD Minister Kapil Sibal has called for a special meeting of the IIT Council next week. The IIT Council is the highest decision-making body headed by HRD Minister and includes Directors of all 16 IITs.

On the other hand, the Directors of all IITs have also called for an urgent meet on the controversial issue on Saturday. The meeting of IIT Directors assumes significance as it will precede the special meeting of the IIT Council on June 27.

While a Council of Board for Secondary Education (COBSE) meeting on June 28

would also discuss the controversy over the entrance test format, June 30 is the last date for States/UTs to respond. At the same time, the UGC has called all the deemed to be universities on Monday to discuss and adopt the HRD proposal of one nation one test for entry to their

IIT-Kharagpur may follow the decisions taken by the Senates of Delhi and Kanpur to conduct JEE on their own.

HRD Ministry sources say that the uncertainty faced by the students consequent to the decision of the Delhi and Kanpur IITs has forced the

**THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS THE FALLOUT OF THE MOVE OF TWO IITS, ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF UNCERTAINTY FACED BY THE STUDENTS AND THE WAY AHEAD TO END THE LOGJAM**



institutes offering engineering courses.

The meeting called by Sibal is to address the situation before the Senates of other IITs, including Bombay and Kharagpur meet to give the thumbs down to his proposal of Single Entrance Test for engineering institutes including IITs. There are enough indications that IIT-Bombay and

Ministry to review the situation. "The special meeting will discuss the fallout of the move of the two IITs, address the issue of uncertainty faced by the students and the way ahead to end the logjam," official sources claimed.

The IIT Council will discuss the situation created by the divisions among the elite educational institutions by the

Government proposal and the future course of action to end uncertainty among the student community, sources said.

On Saturday, the IIT Joint Admission Board (JAB), comprising IIT Directors, will discuss the implications of the Government's May 28 announcement. Sibal had announced that aspiring candidates for IITs and other central institutes like NITs and IIITs would have to appear for a common entrance test from 2013 under a new format, which would take Class XII results into consideration.

The Board is also expected to deliberate on the simmering discontent among the faculty of the IITs over the Government's move, sources said. There have been widespread resentment from across the IITs, faculty members, Senates, students and alumni association forcing Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to assure IITs' autonomy.

# IIT council meet to clear confusion

By Ritika Chopra in New Delhi

THE rebellion of the IITs has forced the HRD ministry to call a special meeting of the IIT council on June 27.

In a statement issued to the media on Friday, the ministry said the meeting has been convened to address the uncertainty faced by the students because of the recent resolutions of the senates of IIT Delhi and IIT Kanpur. Both senates have rejected the new format of the Joint Entrance Examination and have decided to conduct separate entrance tests to admit students in 2013.

IIT Delhi, in fact, went a step further by announcing that it would reach out to its counterparts and coordinate the separate entrance exam with them. The ministry's move comes in the wake of indications that senates of IIT Bombay and Kharagpur may also follow suit. The Bombay senate will probably meet in the first week of July.

The ministry's decision to call the council's meeting has, in a way, come as a dampener for the Joint Admission Board (JAB) meeting scheduled for Saturday. The JAB, consisting of all IIT directors, JEE chairmen and few ministry officials, was supposed to discuss the modalities of the JEE advance test under the new format.

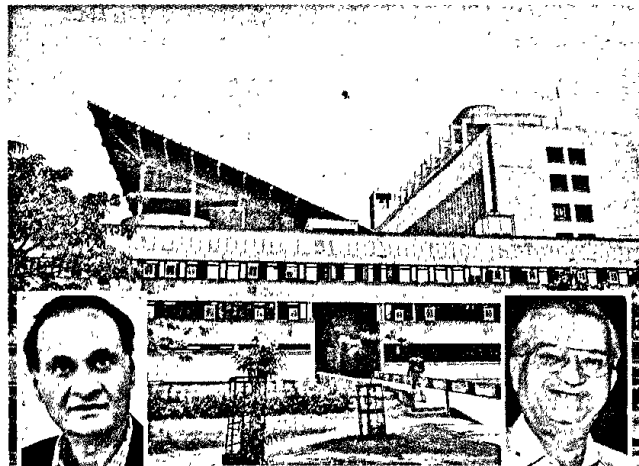
## HRD ministry forced to call meeting on June 27

"But now that the IIT council is going to meet on Wednesday to discuss this issue again, there are chances that some sort of compromise could be evolved. In such a scenario, I doubt if the JAB meeting will yield anything significant on Saturday," an IIT director said.

HRD minister Kapil Sibal has also indicated that he's willing to listen if the IIT council has a better formula to suggest as long as it strengthens the school system and allows rural children to compete for the IITs.

The government had on May 28 announced the new test from 2013, under which aspiring candidates for IITs and other central institutes like NITs and IIITs will have to sit under a new format of common entrance test which will also take plus two board results into consideration.

The IITs oppose the new format contending that the proposed test will increase students' stress instead of decreasing it. They feel students aspiring to join institutes other than the IITs need not sit for two tests — main and advance — as proposed.



Goverdhan Mehta

IIT Delhi have rejected the proposal for a combined entrance exam.

Anil Kakodkar

## POINT COUNTERPOINT

(Three arguments of the IIT faculty and responses from two members of the IIT council)

### IIT FACULTY ARGUMENT

### GOVERDHAN MEHTA'S RESPONSE

### ANIL KAKODKAR'S RESPONSE

**1** The council announced the new format of the entrance test without the proper completion of the consultation process

The directors of all the IITs are ex-officio members of the council. It's reasonable to assume that they reflect the views of their faculty and students

There were 2 panels (Acharya & Ramasami), talks within council and senate's views were sought. Faculty too supported the May 12 decision

**2** Any big change should only be introduced in 2014 or later as it will adversely affect students preparing for JEE next year

It's not a question of 2013 or 2014. One has to ensure the system is prepared to conduct the entrance exam on such a large scale

Students who took boards this year & are preparing for JEE are not disadvantaged as they can improve board marks next year

**3** There is no fair method of normalising Board marks and so it should only be used as a cut-off criterion

You can't dismiss Board marks. One should not forget that every child who gets admission in IITs is, after all, a product of Board exams

In the new format Board marks do not play a direct role. It's only used for screening. So in way it is still remains a cut-off

Goverdhan Mehta is a renowned scientist, chairman of the Board of governors of IIT Jodhpur and member of IIT council. Anil Kakodkar is a renowned nuclear scientist, chairman of the Board of governors of IIT Bombay and member of IIT council.

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# IIT revolt: Govt calls meeting to resolve row

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**NEW DELHI, JUNE 22**

Under pressure to resolve the ongoing crisis over the future of engineering entrance exams in the country next year, the Human Resource Development Ministry has called a special meeting of the IIT Council on June 27.

The move to convene this meet comes in the wake of unprecedented developments wherein the Senates (faculty bodies) of IIT Delhi and Kanpur rejected the IIT Council's May 28 decision to hold a common engineering entrance exam in 2013, with weightage in admissions for school leaving exam marks and scores in JEE Main and Advanced.

With IIT Delhi and Kanpur deciding to hold their own tests for admissions, the government is under pressure to clear the air on the status of engineering entrance tests next year and put to rest the apprehensions of students, who say they don't know what they need to prepare for.

Accordingly, the ministry said in a statement today, "The uncertainty faced by the student community, consequent to the resolutions of the Senates of IIT Kanpur and IIT Delhi, requires to be addressed. Consequently, a special meeting of the IIT Council is being convened on June 27."

The special meeting is expected to take a call on



**May agree to advance CET beyond 2013 or hold it minus IITs**

whether the CET is to be held next year or if the 'one nation-one exam' proposal mooted by HRD Minister Kapil Sibal and cleared by the IIT Council on May 28 needs to be advanced beyond 2013 in the larger interest of students.

Sibal is also under pressure to take a firm decision in the

matter after Prime Minister Manmohan Singh assured agitating representatives of the All India IIT Faculty Federation of the protection of IIT academic autonomy in terms of admission processes and decisions.

Ministry sources said students were the top priority of the government and their interests paramount. That being the case, the Council may agree to advance CET beyond 2013 and allow JEE and AIEEE to be conducted for admission to IITs and NITs etc. It may also agree to hold CET minus the IITs or at least formally decide to exempt the IITs from the system and allow them time until 2015 to join the all India CET process.

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# 'CET an attack on IITs' autonomy'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The ambitious plan to introduce a single entrance test for centrally funded engineering institutes, including NITs and IITs, was expected to reduce the stress on students and make the exam more inclusive by incorporating the board exam but ended up raising a storm over the alleged erosion of IITs' autonomy.

Rejecting the IIT Council decision for a CET as "attack on the autonomy of the IITs", the IIT Delhi Senate said it would "conduct its own entrance examination in coor-

## Times View

**T**he clash of will between the education minister and various IITs is seriously hurting the interests of the students, whom both sides of the argument claim to be acting for. Whether the new examination system proposed by Sibal makes sense or not is at this point a secondary issue. What is important is to recognize that the uncertainty over what will finally happen is a matter of grave concern for aspirants to India's premier engineering institutes. The pressure of competitive exams is severe enough without this element of uncertainty being added to it. The minister and the directors of various IITs should agree to any changes be put on hold for the time being. If and when they are able to agree on what changes, if any, are needed, they can make them having given applicants sufficient time to adjust.

dination with other IITs, if possible".

Speaking after the meeting, All India IIT Faculty Fed-

eration secretary Prof A K Mittal said, "A unanimous decision was taken to reject the IIT Council decision of

conducting a single entrance test. IIT Delhi will conduct its own exam."

A Senate member said, "The proposed (common) test is academically unsound and procedurally untenable." He said the other IITs have been asked to reject the new system and side with IIT Delhi and IIT Kanpur.

A resolution passed at the end of the meeting said the senate had decided that the next year's test will be on the lines of JEE 2012. "For 2014 and beyond, the senate will set up a committee which will review and propose changes to the senate," it said.

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आईआईटी के बढ़ते विरोध के कारण परीक्षा 2013 के बजाए 2014 से कराने पर विचार

# सिंगल टेस्ट पर सुर ढीले

नई दिल्ली | मदन जैड़ा

सिंगल एंट्रेंस टेस्ट पर एक के बाद एक आईआईटी के विरोध के बाद आखिरकार सरकार के सुर ढीले पड़ने लगे हैं। मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय ने आईआईटी फैकल्टी फेडरेशन के साथ मिलकर बीच का रास्ता निकालते हुए टेस्ट को लेकर कुछ मुद्दों पर आईआईटी की मांगों स्वीकार करने के संकेत दिए हैं।

इसमें टेस्ट को 2013 की बजाय 2014 से लागू करने और एडवांस टेस्ट से ही आईआईटी में एडमिशन करने पर सहमति के आसार हैं। आईआईटी काउंसिल की 27 जून को होने वाली विशेष बैठक में नए बदलावों को अंतिम रूप दिया जा सकता है। इसे गतिरोध तोड़ने की दिशा में कदम माना जा रहा है।

बैठक में आईआईटी कानपुर और आईआईटी दिल्ली की सीनेट द्वारा पारित प्रस्तावों को भी रखा जाएगा। सरकार की मुश्किल यह है कि आईआईटी कानपुर के बाद आईआईटी दिल्ली ने भी टेस्ट पर सरकार के खिलाफ मोर्चा खोल दिया है और आईआईटी मुंबई भी इसी राह पर है। सूत्रों के अनुसार काउंसिल की बैठक में प्रस्तावित टेस्ट पर कुछ बदलावों पर मुहर लग सकती है। इसमें सिंगल एंट्रेंस टेस्ट को 2014 से आयोजित

## क्या होगा अगले साल

**विकल्प 1** आईआईटी-जेईई को मौजूदा स्वरूप में जारी रखा जाए और इसी से आईआईटी व अन्य केंद्रीय इंजीनियरिंग संस्थानों में प्रवेश हो।

**विकल्प 2** आईआईटी-जेईई के साथ-साथ एआई ईईई टेस्ट भी आयोजित किया जाए। हालांकि सरकार एआई ईईई अगले साल नहीं करने का फैसला ले चुकी है। इस टेस्ट से आईआईटी को छोड़कर बाकी केंद्रीय इंजीनियरिंग संस्थानों में एडमिशन होते हैं।

**विकल्प 3** आईआईटी-जेईई के साथ नया संशोधित सिंगल टेस्ट भी परीक्षण के तौर पर आयोजित किया जाए और उससे दाखिला लेने की बाध्यता न रखी जाए बल्कि संस्थानों के लिए स्वैच्छिक रखा जाए।



## नए फॉर्मूले की कितनी संभावना?

प्रस्तावित सिंगल एंट्रेंस टेस्ट में संशोधन के अलावा सरकार के पास एक विकल्प यह भी है कि किसी नए फॉर्मूले पर विचार हो। लेकिन इसमें अड़चन यह है कि राज्यों की फिर से अनुमति हासिल करनी होगी, जबकि सिंगल एंट्रेंस टेस्ट पर राज्य सहमति जता चुके हैं। इसलिए इसमें थोड़े बहुत बदलाव तो संभव हैं, लेकिन नए सिरे से टेस्ट तैयार करने की प्रक्रिया सरकार के लिए कठिन होगी। इसलिए संभावना है कि सरकार मौजूदा टेस्ट में ही बदलाव करेगी।

हमने टेस्ट के प्रावधानों को लेकर कुछ जायज चिंताएं प्रकट की हैं। यदि सरकार उन्हें काउंसिल की बैठक में रखती है तो यह अच्छा होगा। छात्रों और अभिभावकों में भी अनिश्चितता का माहौल बना हुआ है। सरकार को इसका समाधान करना चाहिए।

अतुल मित्तल, सचिव, आईआईटी फैकल्टी फेडरेशन

कराने, एडवांस टेस्ट को ही आईआईटी में एडमिशन का आधार बनाने, स्कूल बोर्ड के अंकों को सिर्फ स्क्रीनिंग तक ही सीमित रखने तथा एडवांस टेस्ट और मेन टेस्ट अलग-अलग दिनों में आयोजित

कराने के मुद्दे शामिल हैं। सरकार ने इन मुद्दों पर रुख में थोड़ी नरमी के संकेत दिए हैं। शनिवार को ज्वाइंट एडमिशन बोर्ड (जेईबी) की भी बैठक होने जा रही है। जेएबी आईआईटी दिल्ली के

अधीन है जिसमें सिंगल एंट्रेंस टेस्ट के विरोध पर चर्चा होगी और फैकल्टी फेडरेशन द्वारा उठाए गए मुद्दों पर विचार किया जाएगा।

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# आईआईटी निदेशकों को मनाएंगे सिब्ल

## 27 जून को काउंसिल की होगी विशेष बैठक

नेशनल ब्यूरो | नई दिल्ली

आईआईटी से एक के बाद एक मिल रहे झटकों से परेशान मानव संसाधन मंत्री कपिल सिब्ल ने आईआईटी परिषद की एक विशेष बैठक 27 जून को बुलाई है। इस बीच दिल्ली में शनिवार को ज्वाइंट एडमीशन बोर्ड की बैठक के बहाने आईआईटी निदेशकों की एक अहम बैठक हो रही है। माना जा रहा है कि अगले हफ्ते होने वाली बैठक में मंत्रालय सभी नए पुराने आईआईटी निदेशकों से गतिरोध खत्म करने के उपाय सुझाने का अनुरोध करेगा। मानवसंसाधन मंत्री कपिल सिब्ल आईआईटी निदेशकों के संपर्क में हैं। सूत्रों का कहना है कि निदेशकों ने मंत्रालय के दबाव में सिंगल टेस्ट के प्रस्ताव पर हामी जरूर भरी थी, लेकिन उनके संस्थानों में जिस तरह का विरोध सामने आ रहा है उससे वे अपनी राय बदलने को मजबूर हुए हैं। पिछले दिनों आईआईटी फैकल्टी फेडरेशन के लोग प्रधानमंत्री से भी मिले थे। इसके बाद मानव संसाधन मंत्रालय पर दबाव बढ़ा है।

गौरतलब है कि इंजीनियरिंग के लिए आईआईटी सहित केंद्रीय शिक्षण संस्थानों के लिए प्रस्तावित सिंगल टेस्ट से आईआईटी कानपुर और आईआईटी दिल्ली के अलग होने के बाद मंत्रालय काउंसिल की राय लेने को विवश हुआ है। मंत्रालय सूत्रों

ने कहा कि हम छात्रों की चिंता दूर करना चाहते हैं। आईआईटी कानपुर और दिल्ली के फैसले के बाद छात्रों में भ्रम की स्थिति पैदा हुई है।

अलग परीक्षाओं की घोषणा से परेशान सिब्ल

मंत्रालय सूत्रों ने कहा कि विशेष बैठक में इन दिनों आईआईटी के प्रस्तावित परीक्षा से अलग होने के कदम पर चर्चा की जाएगी। एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी के मुताबिक छात्रों में अनिश्चितता दूर करने की जरूरत है। मंत्रालय गतिरोध खत्म करने के उपायों पर चर्चा करेगा। आईआईटी दिल्ली और आईआईटी कानपुर के बाद आईआईटी मुंबई और आईआईटी खडगपुर से भी मानव संसाधन मंत्रालय को सकारात्मक संकेत नहीं मिले हैं।

गौरतलब है कि सरकार ने 28 मई की काउंसिल बैठक में एक राय बनने का दावा करते हुए वर्ष 2013 से सिंगल टेस्ट कराने की घोषणा की थी। आईआईटी कानपुर पहली आईआईटी थी जिसने सरकार के फैसले से उलट कदम उठाते हुए अपनी अलग परीक्षा आयोजित कराने की घोषणा की। बोर्ड के अंक को दिए जाने वाले वेटेज, नार्मलाइजेशन फार्मूला सहित परीक्षा के प्रारूप को लेकर आईआईटी सहमत नहीं है। आईआईटी नहीं चाहते कि उनका बर्चस्व किसी तरह से खत्म हो।

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# सिबबल ने बुलाई आइआइटी कौंसिल की बैठक

◆ प्रवेश परीक्षा विवाद सुलझाने की होगी कोशिश

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली : राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिक संस्थानों (आइआइटी) में प्रवेश के लिए एकल परीक्षा पर मचे विवाद को सुलझाने के लिए मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सिबबल ने 27 जून को आइआइटी कौंसिल की बैठक बुलाई है। कौंसिल आइआइटी से संबंधित सभी फैसलों के लिए सर्वोच्च संस्था है और सिबबल इसके अध्यक्ष हैं। इससे पहले शनिवार को आइआइटी के निदेशक भी बैठक कर रणनीति तैयार करेंगे।

आइआइटी और एनआइटी की संयुक्त एकल परीक्षा के फैसले के खिलाफ आइआइटी दिल्ली और आइआइटी कानपुर ने विरोध का झंडा बुलंद कर अपनी स्वतंत्र प्रवेश परीक्षा करने का फैसला किया है। मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के अधिकारियों को भरोसा है कि आइआइटी कौंसिल की बैठक में प्रवेश परीक्षा के मामले में कोई रास्ता निकल आएगा। बैठक में सिबबल खुद एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा का विरोध कर रहे आइआइटी संस्थानों के निदेशकों के तर्कों को सुनेंगे और उनकी आपत्तियों को दूर करने की कोशिश करेंगे। वैसे इसे आइआइटी निदेशकों को एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा के लिए मनाने की कोशिश के रूप में देखा जा रहा है। दूसरी ओर, कपिल सिबबल के साथ बैठक से पहले



कपिल सिबबल

आइआइटी के निदेशक भी अपनी रणनीति बनाने की तैयारी में जुट गए हैं। इस सिलसिले में शनिवार को आइआइटी निदेशकों की अलग से बैठक बुलाई गई है।

बैठक में सभी आइआइटी के बीच इस मुद्दे को लेकर एकराय बनाने की कोशिश होगी। ध्यान देने की बात है कि एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा के प्रस्ताव को नकारते हुए जहां आइआइटी दिल्ली और कानपुर ने अपनी स्वतंत्र प्रवेश परीक्षा आयोजित करने का फैसला किया है। वहीं, आइआइटी खड़गपुर और गुवाहाटी जैसे संस्थान एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा का समर्थन कर रहे हैं।

HT, Indore

# IIT-I to decide later on entrance pattern

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**INDORE:** A day after Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi rejected the new entrance exam format announced by Human Resource Development Minister Kapil Sibal on May 28, Indian Institute of Technology Indore was maintaining a wait and watch policy.

It is to be believed that IIT Indore will go with majority and will decide their stance only after IIT Bombay and IIT Kharagpur opened their cards, one of the senior faculty members at the IIT Indore informed. When approached, IIT Indore registrar, G Rajashekhar refused to comment on the issue.

Earlier on Thursday, IIT Delhi rejected the entrance exam format announced by Human Resource Development minister Kapil Sibal on May 28 and said

**IT IS BELIEVED THAT IIT INDORE WILL DECIDE THEIR STANCE ONLY AFTER IIT BOMBAY AND IIT KHARAGPUR OPEN THEIR CARDS**

it would hold its own entrance exam, much like IIT Kanpur, a worried HRD minister has called a special IIT Council meeting on June 27 to address the concerns of students.

Sources at IIT Indore believed that institute administration don't want to hurt the HRD ministry, since they were close to HRD minister Kapil Sibal and that is why would stick to wait and watch policy.

Sources said there are indications that IIT Bombay and IIT Kharagpur may follow their Delhi and Kanpur counterparts.



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# आईआईटी की स्वायत्तता में दखल

आईआईटी काउंसिल और मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय ने अगले वर्ष से आईआईटी तथा एनआईटी और आईआईआईटी के लिए एकल संयुक्त परीक्षा लेने का फैसला लिया है। इसमें 12वीं बोर्ड के अंकों को भी जोड़ने की योजना है। इसका काफी विरोध किया जा रहा है। गरीब बच्चों को अपने सुपर-30 के जरिये आईआईटी की राह दिखाने वाले युवा गणितज्ञ आनंद कुमार से इस विवाद पर ब्रजेश सिंह ने बात की:

● आईआईटी-जेईई परीक्षा के पैटर्न में बदलाव की कोशिशों को आप किस रूप में देखते हैं?

सबसे पहले हमें यह देखना चाहिए कि इस बदलाव का मकसद क्या है। क्या जो फैसले लिए गए हैं, उनसे मकसद हासिल हो सकेगा। आईआईटी काउंसिल तथा मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय का तर्क है कि बच्चों को कई परीक्षाओं के तनाव से बचाने के लिए एकल परीक्षा जरूरी है। लेकिन मेरा मानना है कि प्रस्तावित परीक्षा से बच्चों में तनाव बढ़ेगा। प्रस्तावित नई प्रणाली में, आईआईटी में प्रवेश के लिए बच्चों को इंटर बोर्ड के साथ ही जेईई मेन (मुख्य संयुक्त परीक्षा) तथा एडवांस के लिए तिहरी तैयारी करनी होगी, जिससे कोचिंग को भी बढ़ावा मिलेगा। इससे सीमित साधनों के साथ पढ़ाई करने वाले ग्रामीण और गरीब परिवारों के बच्चों के लिए आईआईटी में प्रवेश पाना और कठिन हो जाएगा।

● आईआईटी काउंसिल द्वारा 2013 से प्रस्तावित संयुक्त परीक्षा में क्या खामियां हैं?

वर्तमान में आईआईटी की संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा में पांच लाख, एआईईईई में 15 लाख तथा विभिन्न राज्यों की इंजीनियरिंग प्रवेश परीक्षाओं में पंद्रह लाख बच्चे हर साल शामिल होते हैं। अनुमान है कि एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा प्रणाली को स्वीकार करने से

उसमें तकरीबन 20 लाख बच्चे शामिल होंगे। जाहिर है, आईआईटी-जेईई एडवांस के लिए पहले जहां पांच लाख बच्चे थे, वहीं यह संख्या 20 लाख तक जा सकती है। इससे बच्चों पर कोचिंग लेने का दबाव भी बढ़ेगा और कोचिंग संस्थानों का धंधा बढ़ेगा। दूसरी प्रमुख बात इंटर बोर्ड के अंकों को 'नॉर्मलाइज' करने का भारतीय सांख्यिकीय संस्थान का फॉर्मूला क्या होगा, यह अभी तक सामने नहीं आया है। इस भ्रामक स्थिति के कारण भी प्रस्तावित परीक्षा का विरोध किया जा रहा है।

● मंत्रालय चाहता है कि प्रवेश परीक्षा और कोचिंग के चलते छात्र इंटरमीडिएट या 12 वीं की पढ़ाई को उपेक्षित न करें?

यह सही है, इससे हम भी सहमत हैं। लेकिन इसके लिए काउंसिल द्वारा सुझाया गया फारमूला सही नहीं है। स्कूली शिक्षा के महत्व को कायम रखने के लिए बोर्ड में मिले अंकों को महत्व देने के बजाय इंटरमीडिएट परीक्षा में विज्ञान पाठ्यक्रम पर आधारित स्क्रीनिंग टेस्ट लिया जाना चाहिए। इसके साथ ही देश के सभी स्कूल बोर्ड के पाठ्यक्रम को भी समान बनाना होगा। शुरू में एनसीईआरटी की इंटर पुस्तकों से परीक्षा के प्रश्नपत्र तैयार किए जा सकते हैं। इस टेस्ट में शीर्ष 50,000 रैंकिंग वाले छात्रों को आईआईटी प्रवेश परीक्षा के लिए अनुमति दी जा सकती है। बाकी छात्र अन्य परीक्षाओं में हिस्सा ले सकते हैं। इससे इंटर की शिक्षा में बच्चों की रुचि बढ़ेगी।

● आईआईटी, कानपुर तथा दिल्ली नए प्रस्ताव को अपनी स्वायत्तता में दखल मानते हैं, आपका क्या कहना है?

आईआईटी कानपुर तथा दिल्ली की सीनेट के फैसले को मैं सही मानता हूं। मैं उनके इस तर्क से सहमत हूं कि काउंसिल उन पर अपना फैसला थोपकर संस्थान की स्वायत्तता में दखल दे रही है। लेकिन इस विवाद में नुकसान छात्रों को होगा। इसलिए दोनों पक्षों को मिल जुलकर एक राय बनानी चाहिए।



**प्रस्तावित बदलाव से बच्चों को इंटर के साथ ही जेईई मेन तथा एडवांस के लिए तिहरी तैयारी करनी होगी, जिससे कोचिंग को बढ़ावा मिलेगा।**

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# Gates or barriers?

College entrance exams should test for potential, not achievement, or it risks dividing society further, says Shubhashis Gangopadhyay

Some time ago my colleagues and I were working on indoor air pollution resulting from fuel use in India. In our findings, indoor air pollution was caused to a large extent by the use of firewood for cooking and, to a lesser extent, by kerosene in rural areas. In our team there was a young Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) student who helped us in collecting scientific material on the heat efficiency and emissions of firewood, kerosene and gas (LPG). Our basic questions were: (a) Do people know how these efficiencies and emission rates stack up? (b) Why is it that they are choosing fuels in a way that affects their health due to pollution within the house? (c) How much of this distorted choice was because of misplaced policies?

However, I am not going to comment on our work, but on the young IIT student who helped us with the study as our research assistant (RA). He was simply brilliant. He had done little or no economics and, hence, spent time first understanding the methodology we were using. Second, he knew exactly what the steps in the argument were and took the initiative to stay one step ahead of what we were asking of him. Third, he collected a very relevant set of research papers and documents that helped us understand better the scientific principles and methodology behind the technical calculations that we used in the study. I have seldom been so impressed with someone who came to me during his vacation simply because he was interested in what we were trying to do. I wrote a very strong recommendation letter for him and he went away for higher studies to one of the best universities in the US.

... Why am I writing about him today? I am remind-

ed of him because of what I see in the papers regarding admission tests for the IITs and "cut-offs" in Delhi University. Are we doing enough in our higher education admission systems to ensure that students from small towns can make it big? Are we ensuring that we take in those with the highest potential? Or, are we simply ensuring that students with parental resources to pay for coaching centres and access to costly schools in big cities are being rewarded with a shot at higher education? This is a pertinent question in India since we have a peculiar asymmetry in our education system. While the government has failed miserably in providing good schools – most will want to send their wards to private schools – institutions like the IITs are world-beaters and highly subsidised by the government. What this tends to do is widen the gap between the rich and the poor; children growing up in bigger towns and in wealthier families have greater access to the better training in costlier schools which, in turn, enable them to have better access to the highly subsidised institutions of higher learning. Since higher education reaps higher returns, this system strengthens the divide between the rich and the poor. Our RA was a small-town lad and not from a well-off family. He and his family had struggled very hard so that he could get a good education. Will he find it easier to join the IITs today than when he did?

For me, government-funded higher education has to admit the very best. This is not because I am an elitist but because I think that when we are using public money (which includes the taxes paid by the poorest

of the poor) we better come up with solutions that yield the highest returns. The question to ask of our admission system, therefore, is whether we are taking in those who have the highest potential. The reason for harping on the word "potential" rather than on "achievement" is that the latter depends on many more things than simply potential. And the impact of good training on high potential is many times more than the same good training on low potential. Unfortunately, achievement in school-leaving examinations is a very imprecise estimate of the potential to do well in higher education.

Think of a poor child in a village school studying science. Her physics and chemistry laboratories are no match for the ones in a costly private school in Delhi. Her teachers are usually absent. Given that nobody from her school has ever been admitted to any of the IITs, she has no pointers from any of her seniors. Of course, if she is someone like Ramanujan, she may "achieve" in spite of this. However, if she is a notch behind him, she may be lost to society forever. Are we doing enough to bring such students into higher education? I am afraid that the current debate between the higher education minister and the directors of the IITs is not addressing this issue.

Take, for instance, the proposed compromise of an 80 per cent cut-off to be able to sit for the IIT entrance examination. Is Maya, who obtained an average of 79 per cent in a village school, worse than Dilip, who got 81 per cent in a Delhi school? The former will never enter any IIT while the latter will, at least, have a shot at it. Of course, life is not fair, but there is no reason for brilliant people not to put their heads together to try and make it fairer. Therefore, when we say that Maya's entry into an IIT at the expense of Dilip will dilute the average quality of an IIT student, we should have a better argument than simply pointing to their performance at the school-leaving examination.

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