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IIT DELHI SUGGESTS K GUPTA'S NAME FOR DIRECTOR

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NEW DELHI: After HRD ministry asked IIT Delhi's governing body to suggest a name for acting director, the premier technical institute on Monday proposed the name of K Gupta, the senior most professor and a faculty in the mechanical engineering department.

Since Gupta is on leave, the board has suggested Anshul Kumar of the computer science department to take charge till Gupta resumes duty.

The ministry had sought IIT Delhi's advice on appointing an acting director as the incumbent director RK Shevgaonkar, who had resigned in December, is likely to be relieved of his duty on June 12.

The ministry, sources said, had cleared Shevgaonkar's relieving orders and is set to be forwarded to President Pranab Mukherjee, the visitor of the institute soon.

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Has govt signalled an end to the row with IIT-Delhi director?

Hindustan Times (Patna)

The Centre asked IIT Delhi's governing body for advice on Friday to appoint an acting head for the premier engineering school, signalling an end to a protracted confrontation between the government and institute director RK Shevgaonkar.

Shevgaonkar resigned in December — two years before the end of his term — amid reports that he was pressurised to quit, while the Opposition blamed the Smriti Irani-headed human resource development (HRD) ministry for interfering in the functioning of higher education institutes.

The ministry's latest move came after Shevgaonkar shot off a letter this week, reminding the government that June 12 will be his last day in office.

Sources said the HRD ministry asked the IIT board to look for an acting director, but it was yet to relieve Shevgaonkar of his responsibilities with his file lying with Irani.

Critics accused the ministry of shifting its position on Shevgaonkar's resignation which, according to some media reports, came after a tiff with the department over payment of ` 70 lakh to BJP leader and former IIT-Delhi faculty Subramanian Swamy as salary arrears.

Following his resignation in December, Shevgaonkar wrote three letters, including the latest one, requesting to be relieved of his duties so he could join IIT Bombay as a teacher.

Former higher education secretary SN Mohanty recommended that Shevgaonkar be allowed to leave on June 12 before he was transferred from the ministry this week.

Sources said while the ministry had at first hinted at irregularities on the part of Shevgaonkar in setting up an offshore IIT campus in Mauritius, it softened its stance after no evidence was found but kept sitting on the matter.

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आईआईटी-दिल्ली का प्रभार संभालेंगे के गुप्ता!

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के. गुप्ता आईआईटी-दिल्ली का अंतरिम प्रभार संभाल सकते हैं

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के गुप्ता बन सकते हैं आईआईटी दिल्ली के अंतरिम निदेशक

नई दिल्ली (एजेंसी)। आईआईटी दिल्ली के बोर्ड ऑफ गवर्नर्स ने संस्थान के अंतरिम निदेशक पद के लिए कै गुप्ता का नाम प्रस्तावित किया है। मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय संस्थान के मौजूदा निदेशक आर शेवगांवकर को कार्यमुक्त करने की तैयारी में है। गुप्ता आईआईटी दिल्ली के मैकेनिकल इंजीनियरिंग विभाग के फैकल्टी मेंबर हैं। वह कैंपस के सबसे वरिष्ठ प्रोफेसरों में से एक हैं। शेवगांवकर के इस्तीफे का नोटिस पीरियड 11 जून को खत्म हो रहा है। इसके बाद वह पदभार संभाल सकते हैं। मंत्रालय के सूत्रों के मुताबिक, हालांकि अभी गुप्ता खुद छुट्टी पर हैं लेकिन उनके लौटने तक बोर्ड ने कंप्यूटर साइंस विभाग के अंशुल कुमार को यह जिम्मेदारी सौंपने का सुझाव दिया है।

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IIT-B to Start a Co to Run Research Park

Not-for-profit company to manage and govern park

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Mumbai: IIT Bombay is starting a not-for-profit company that will manage the affairs and governance of the institute's upcoming research park. The institute will soon appoint a CEO for the company. IIT Bombay director, professor Devang Khakhar, will be the ex-officio chairman and member of board. The board will have alumni, industry professionals and some faculty as members.

"One of the mandates of the company will be to evangelise the concept with industry, understand the match and identify the companies," said Abhay Karandikar, professor, department of electrical engineering at IIT Bombay and in charge of the research park.

Earlier, the premier institute had announced setting up of a research park on its campus, with a partial funding from ministry of human resource development to promote innovation. The main objective of the research park is to build an ecosystem where academic researchers from IIT-B and industry partners work in close collaboration on cutting-edge research problems, technology challenges and product innovation.

Several top companies have expressed interest in the project, prompting the institute to look into the possibility of interim accommodation for some of them either in existing building or build some kind of a temporary structure before the one year deadline for the first phase.

"It is important to engage with industry to convert technology being developed and IPR into tangible products," said Karandikar. The proposed park, where research centres of companies will be co-located, will be built on 7 acres on campus. The first phase of the project will involve the development of 250,000 sq ft plot, Karandikar told ET. Thrust will be on sectors like nanotechnology and semiconductors, mechanical and heavy engineering, chemical and bioscience, energy, among others. "The project aims at improving manufacturing competitiveness of the country", said Karandikar.

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Both Indian entrepreneurs and companies who would like to take advantage of the research'. "We would also encourage start-up accelerators and help them accelerate and reach a level of high end state of the art technology," he said. The park will house modular units of large companies, mid-sized companies and start-ups.

"There will be a system wherein a company that wants to remain on campus has to earn credits based on metrics such as quality and volume of collaboration with faculty, number of research projects a company is engaged in on campus, joint patents filed, technology development and publication, masters and PHD fellowship, and internships offered," he said.

IITs Plan Corporate-Funded Science, Research Parks

IIT Delhi, Kharagpur and Kanpur look for corporate push in an attempt to scale up research activities

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Neew Delhi: The country's premier tech institutes are considering corporate-funded science parks and research centres as they plan to massively scale up their research activities. Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) of Delhi, Kharagpur and Kanpur have laid out extensive plans to establish state-of-art centres for research.

IIT Bombay has already started groundwork for establishing a research park on the campus while IIT Madras, which already has successfully built a research park, is working towards a second one in Chennai.

These institutes plan to approach corporates to funds these projects, which they say will also help deal with faculty shortage as professors love to do research.

IIT Delhi has already floated an expression of interest to all prominent stakeholders in the industry for setting up two research centres in Haryana that would need funds upwards of ₹200 crore, said Suneet Tuli, dean of research at the institute.

The IIT, which is already working towards setting up of a ₹150-crore mini science park within its campus, is working towards setting up parks in Sonepat and Jhajjar in Haryana, which will create massive capacity for heavy researches in bio-chemical, mechanical and electronic engineering space, apart from high-performance computing and handling huge backend operations.

IIT Kanpur is roping in its professors to get sponsorship from the industry

Research Push

Science and research parks to help promote research and fund raising among leading IITs

IIT Delhi, which is already working towards setting up of a ₹150-cr mini science park within its campus, is also working towards setting up parks at Sonepat and Jhajjar in Haryana. It will need over ₹200 cr for these two parks

IIT Kanpur to start a research complex within its campus. It will need around ₹120 cr

With the help of the state government, IIT Kharagpur is working towards setting up a research centre in Kolkata

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to hold research projects in the domain specific to companies at a proposed research complex within its campus.

"Only the faculty with highest bids will get the space for research for a limited number of years based on institute's evaluation," said AK Chaturvedi, deputy director at IIT Kanpur.

The institute will need around ₹120 crore for this complex and it has set a target of a year for this ambitious plan. IIT Kanpur already has an incubation and innovation centre in place where around 30 companies can work simultaneously.

IIT Kharagpur is also working towards setting up a research centre in Kolkata with the help of the state government. "We should be able to roll out our first activities out of this centre by 2017," said Indranil Sengupta of the computer science and engineering department and in-charge of the incubation entrepreneurship at the oldest IIT in the country.

The Indian government is also laying a lot of thrust on conducting industry funded research at IITs, according to a senior government official who did not wish to reveal his identity. "Research centres and science parks will help incubate best of companies and bridge the academia with the outside world. It will definitely provide opportunities to the faculty to fulfil their ideas," said TV Mohandas Pai, director of Manipal Universal Learning, who was also a former Infosys chief financial officer.

IIT Bombay, which recently set up a Biomedical Engineering and Technology (Incubation) Centre (BETiC) for physicians and engineers, is in the process of establishing a National Centre of Excellence in Technology for Internal Security (NCETIS). NCETIS will primarily develop solutions around security for police and paramilitary forces.

"It will try and engage with industry partners for possible commercialisation of the technologies developed," said IIT Bombay director Devang Khakhar.

He said the groundwork for establishing a research park on the campus had also started. Partially funded by the MHRD, an initial grant of ₹100 crore has been agreed upon.

"The idea is to build an ecosystem where IITB academic researchers and industry partners work in collaboration on cutting edge research problems and product innovation," Khakhar said.

IIT Madras, which already has successfully built a research park, is now working towards its second in Chennai with the support of the state government. "Research driven by faculty and funded by industry is healthy for the IITs. With the additional 200 acres granted by the state government, we are focusing on setting up another large research centre," said its director, Bhaskar Ramamurthy.

समझौता : बीएचयू की विशेषज्ञता अब प्रत्यक्ष रूप से मिलेगी : प्रभु

आइआइटी बीएचयू में रेलवे का 'मालवीय चेयर'

जागरण संवाददाता, वाराणसी : केंद्रीय रेल मंत्री सुरेश प्रभु सोमवार को बनारस में थे। इस दौरान भारतीय रेलवे ने आइआइटी बनारस हिंदू विश्वविद्यालय (बीएचयू) के साथ 'मालवीय चेयर फॉर रेलवे टेक्नोलॉजी' के लिए समझौता किया, डीजल रेल कारखाना में 1500वें इंजन का लोकार्पण हुआ, आइआरसीटीसी ने वाराणसी कैंट स्टेशन को गोद लिया व मंडुआडीह रेलवे स्टेशन में द्वितीय प्रवेश द्वार के निर्माण का शिलान्यास हुआ।

बीएचयू के उडप्पा सभागार में आइआइटी के निदेशक प्रो. राजीव संगल व रेलवे बोर्ड के सलाहकार आरके वर्मा ने समझौता पत्र पर हस्ताक्षर किए। इसके तहत बीएचयू भारतीय रेलवे के संचालन को सुगम बनाने की दिशा में शोध करेगा व नई धातुओं के प्रयोग के संदर्भ में जानकारी देगा। रेलवे ने

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वाराणसी में कार्यक्रम के दौरान बाएं से कुलपति प्रो. जीसी त्रिपाठी, केंद्रीय रेल मंत्री सुरेश प्रभु व केंद्रीय रेल राज्यमंत्री मनोज सिन्हा।

शोध के लिए बीएचयू को पांच करोड़ रुपये का चेक भी सौंपा। रेल मंत्री सुरेश प्रभु ने कहा कि रेल व यूनिवर्सिटी के बीच समझौते

से बदलते दौर की जरूरतों को पूरा करने में सहूलियत होगी। इस समझौते से बीएचयू की विशेषज्ञता प्रत्यक्ष रूप से रेलवे को मिल

सकेगी। उन्होंने कहा कि रेल का सीधा जुड़ाव महामना पंडित मदन मोहन मालवीय की थाती से हुआ है। कुलपति प्रो. गिरीश चंद्र त्रिपाठी ने कहा कि रेलवे की चुनौतियों को पूरा करने की राह बीएचयू सुझाएगा। रेल मंत्री सुरेश प्रभु ने सोमवार को डीजल रेल कारखाना के पदाधिकारियों को नया टास्क सौंपा। उन्होंने कहा कि डीरेका अब ग्रीन इंजन बनाने की दिशा में कदम आगे बढ़ाए। ऐसा इंजन, जो डीजल, बिजली और सीएनजी तीनों से चले। अभी डीरेका डीजल के साथ बिजली से चलने वाले इंजन बना रहा है। मंत्री ने कारखाने के कर्मचारियों के लिए पांच लाख रुपये पुरस्कार की घोषणा की। रेल राज्यमंत्री मनोज सिन्हा ने कहा कि पांच वर्षों में भारतीय रेल का कायाकल्प हो जाएगा। इसके लिए 8.5 लाख करोड़ रुपये के निवेश की योजना बनाई गई है।

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IISc TOPS NEW TIMES RANKINGS

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, BENGALURU

The new Times Asia Univ rankings show that India has a lot of catching up to do

By **Education Mail Bureau**

INDIAN INSTITUTE of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, known for its contributions in the field of advanced computing, space and nuclear technologies, is now the top ranking Indian university, as per the latest Times Higher Education rankings of top universities in Asia, released on Monday.
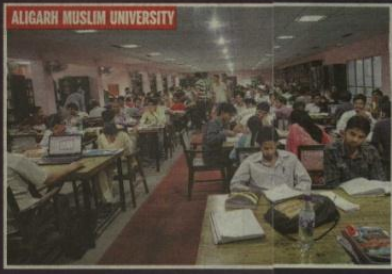
IISc occupies the top spot by pushing last year's winner Panjab University to the second position. The rest of the Indian list is dominated by the five Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) led by IIT Roorkee. The rankings, which features the top 100 universities in Asia, also has Aligarh Muslim University and Jawaharlal Nehru University at the 90th and 96th positions respectively, though most of the Indian universities on the list have fallen in rankings from the previous year.

While the list this year has two new entrants, including a new number one, the exit of three institutions — IIT Guwahati, IIT Kanpur and Jadavpur University — that comfortably got into the top 100 category last year from the rankings altogether, has left the total tally with only nine institutions instead of the usual top 10.

"It is a cause for concern that India has lost ground in the league table and has one fewer representative this year," says Phil Baty, Editor, Times Higher Education Rankings. "Moreover, most of those that make it have fallen down the list," says Baty. According to him, there is real danger that India will be left behind other nations in Asia especially China, if it does not invest in research and strengthen its academic links with other nations to cater to its growing number of college going youth.

The Times rankings, which assess universities on the basis of their core strengths such as teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook, show that China is the new education powerhouse of the continent overtaking Japan. Although Japan still boasts of

IIT MADRAS

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the region's number one institution, the University of Tokyo, the country is steadily losing the number of institutions in the top 100 category. Japan now has 19 universities in the list, down from 20 last year and 22 in 2013.

In contrast, China has three new top 100 entrants, taking its total above Japan's for the first time. It now has 21 representatives, up from 18 last year and 15 in 2013. Both Peking University (fourth) and Tsinghua University (fifth) have moved up a place. All the six universities of Hong Kong make it to the top 50 with the University of Hong Kong retaining the third place overall.

Here is a quick look at some of the

China overtakes Japan as the new education powerhouse in Asia, as per the latest Times rankings

other top Asian universities. Taiwan has 11 universities in the list, down from 13 last year and 17 in 2013. National Taiwan University, its best performer, slips from 14th to 17th. Singapore has only two top 100 players, but both are highly placed: the National University of Singapore retains second place, while Nanyang Technological University moves into the top 10 for the first time. Thailand has two representatives in this year's tables: King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi and Mahidol University, Bangkok.

The rankings also include universities from the Middle East. Turkey, for instance, has six institutions making it to the

top 50, with its Middle East Technical University rising to the 12th position on the strength of its research.

There are four Israeli universities in the top 100 with Tel Aviv University taking the pole position, despite falling three places in the rankings. Iran too has three institutions in this year's rankings with Sharif University of Technology taking the lead at the 43 position. The other two universities are Isfahan University of Technology and the Iran University of Science and Technology. "The world expects that Asia will be the next global higher education superpower, after Europe and North America," says Baty. "This new data from Times Higher Education demonstrate that many of the continent's leading universities are already competing on equal terms with the best in the West," he says.

INDIA'S TOP NINE

- Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
- Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
- Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
- Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
- Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

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'REWARD TO PROF FOR COURSE ON KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT'

GUWAHATI: Union HRD Minister Smiti Irani on Monday announced a Rs one lakh reward to any IIT faculty member who designs a new course for knowledge development. "Faculty are the fulcrum of our education system. But when discussions are held on the status of education, people often cringe that they have not been able to develop new courses," Irani told the 17th convocation of the IIT-Guwahati. "I now announce a Rs one lakh reward to any faculty member who designs a new knowledge development course," the minister said. On a lighter note, Irani added, "Faculty members think these politicians only think for the youth and not for us. The faculty of the IITs are as important as their students."   AGENCIES

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"The Director was telling me that the graduates have got very good placements in the country and globally. I was hoping he would pick one of these graduates to be part of the faculty. I shall be grateful for life if any one was picked," Irani said.

She lauded IIT-G for its support to government's 'Ishani Vikas' and 'Unnat Bharat' programmes to integrate the nearby school children with the institute, and efforts to train 10,000 school teachers.

While congratulating the graduates of IIT-G, she told the parents, "You put your children here with a lot of faith and in our hand with a lot of trust. We are proud to be a part of their journey".

To the graduates, she said, "When you turn around, remember your teachers and parents as part of your success and remember them for their love and affection."

What next in IIT Madras? A Hindutva lab?

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The revoking of the de-recognition of a student's body, the Ambedkar-Periyar Study Circle (APSC), at the IIT Madras is not only an endorsement of political freedom in Indian campuses, but also a body-blow to the increasing institutionalisation of intolerance to free speech in government institutions.

The IIT's decision to withdraw its bizarre action was out of sheer helplessness because its intemperate ban was neither logical nor legal. The circumstances that led to the ban also smacked of a minor conspiracy because the decision was followed by a Human Resources Ministry enquiry based on an anonymous letter.

The anonymous letter against the APSC, alleged that the orgnanisation was trying to polarise SC/ST students and spreading hatred against the Prime Minister and the Hindus. The letter also alleged that the group was politically motivated and received "funds and encouragement" from an outside organisation.

What followed was bizarre. The Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD) immediately issued a letter to the IIT Director asking for his comments on the complaints and he promptly banned the organisation saying that it violated certain guidelines of the institution. It later turned out that the so called "guidelines" were published four days after the APSC held its contentious meeting. In other words, the entire development was a set-up - the unsigned and unsubstantiated letter of complaints against the APSC, the MHRD's follow up communique to the IIT director, and the de-recognition.

Perhaps this was the first time after Indira Gandhi's emergency that an organisation with bonafide credentials, engaged in purely democratic activities, was banned in India because it criticised the Prime Minister and the Union Government. However, given the spate of controversial decisions of the MHRD since Smriti Irani took over, IIT Madras's overzealousness was not surprising. The conflicts that the director of IIT Delhi; Anil Kakodkar, chairman of the board of governors of IIT-Mumbai; Vice Chancellor of Algarh Muslim University and several officers of the MHRD had with the minister in the recent past did show that there was resistance to Irani's allegedly overbearing ways. The Madras IIT director too should have resisted; instead he brought disrepute to the institution by de-recognising the organisation.

The ban also bespoke of the growing tendency to keep educational campuses free from progressive political ideas. Indian democracy is in serious need for committed fresh blood and new streams of thought. Unfortunately, students at learning places such as the IITs, tend to overlook socio-political issues outside their campuses and use their time only for furthering their careers. If at all they intervene in social issues, it usually happens in a piecemeal project-basis that is devoid of an overall political thought.

When the students organised themselves around the ideas of Ambedkar and Periyar and questioned the twin danger of Hindutva and neo-liberal economic policies, the authorities chose to clamp down on them. In fact, at its meeting in the campus on 14 April, the APSC did raise these issues and quoted from Ambedkar's seminal essay, "annihilation of caste". There was nothing inflammatory, illegal or against the rules of the IIT.

An encouraging spinoff of this development, however, is the support that the APSC and free political speech received in Chennai and across the country. It also exposed the apolitical mindset of India's premier technical education institutions. The climbdown of the IIT authorities was obviously a result of the swelling protest against the move, not only from political parties and student bodies, but also from public intellectuals and academicians.

Of late, IIT Madras, considered among the top engineering and science institutions in India, has been in news for wrong, mostly regressive, reasons. Some time back, the city was shocked to hear that the authorities had enforced a night-curfew for girls in the campus. The move, that cited their safety, irked students because it amounted to curtailing the freedom of girls in the name of their safety. It also painted boys in a wrong light. Then came a letter from an RSS man, forwarded by the MHRD, which wanted the IITs to have separate dining areas for vegetarians and non-vegetarians. The MHRD, in fact, wanted the directors to keep it informed on their decisions on the letter, which meant that the ministry wanted the IITs to act on a third-party letter.

It was then known that IIT Madras already had a separate vegetarian mess. The APSC in 2014 took out a campaign against the move and told the authorities: "wheat or meat, don't segregate". In 2012, a Hindu evangelist delivered a lecture under the auspices of Vivekanda Study Circle hailing India's civilisational and spiritual supremacy over modern science. In fact, reportedly the dean of students himself had communicated about the activities of the Circle. Another student body that's sufficiently patronised is titled Vande Mataram.

There has been an organised campaign for a few years from Hindutva forces against the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences for its alleged "Marxist", "Dravidian" "anti-Hindu" "feminist" pitch. It was thus not surprising that the only organisation that came out strongly in support of the APSC ban was the RSS.

Anyway, yet another effort to saffronise IIT Madras has been defeated by public pressure.

However, the efforts to dismantle the rational architecture of the institution are not going to stop because several influential stakeholders are working hand-in-glove.

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A mistake is rectified

The decision of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, to restore recognition for the Ambedkar Periyar Study Circle (APSC) organised by a group of students, brings to an end an unseemly episode that was threatening to politicise the campus and distract from its academic focus. The restoration was on a technicality — the meeting of the study circle that supposedly violated the guidelines for student groups was held on April 14, four days before the institute publicised the guidelines on its website. But after hours of discussion with representatives of the study circle, the IIT-M management also agreed to look into issues raised by the APSC with regard to uniform application of the guidelines for independent student bodies. While some of the requests for modification of the guidelines would be implemented by the Office of the Dean (Students), the others would be taken up for consideration by the Student Affairs Council, the Board of Students and the Senate in due course "as per established procedure". That the management did not stand on prestige after members of the APSC campaigned against the withdrawal of recognition as an issue of freedom of expression is a good sign, and the student representatives would do well to drop their demand for an unconditional apology. The withdrawal of recognition was a mistake. With that mistake corrected, matters must now be allowed to rest.

The episode, beginning with the hasty withdrawal of recognition based on an anonymous complaint to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, is a reminder of the vulnerability of freedom of expression in the face of institutional authority. Quite unmistakably, the controversy is closely related to recent attempts of the Sangh Parivar and Hindutva elements to appropriate the name of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. A study circle that sought to bring his legacy in line with that of the iconoclast Periyar (notwithstanding some irreconcilable ideological differences between the two) must have upset many in the ruling establishment. Indeed, the RSS supported the withdrawal of recognition on the ground that the study circle was indicative of the pervasiveness of the 'red' ideology of the communists on campuses, and that while Ambedkar might not have adhered to all the tenets of Hindutva, he was certainly anti-communist. As one of the charges against the study circle was that it was extremely critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the inescapable conclusion is that the withdrawal of recognition came at the prompting of the powers-that-be in New Delhi. In such a context, the study circle's success in its battle for recognition is surely a victory for liberal forces, and a blow for freedom of expression.

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2 errors in JEE physics paper: IIT

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The second error in Physics relates to question 19. The question had two columns: column I had four entries: A, B, C, D and column II had five entries: P, Q, R, S, T. For each entry in column I, student had to darken the bubbles of all the matching entries. However, due to ambiguity in the question, IIT announced two correct answers: either (R) or (R) and (T). If IIT announced R and T only, this would be a single set of answer. Instead, IIT announced two sets of answers: R or R and T. The marking scheme for this question is: +2 marks, if only the bubble(s) corresponding to all the correct matches are darkened; zero marks if none of the bubble is darkened; -1 in all other cases. But due to the answer keys, most students who have attempted the question correctly, could not darken the bubble, as bubble T is correct as well as incorrect.

IIT has asked the candidates to file objections till June 11 only by fax. Last year IIT called for objections through any mode including email resulting in 1,600 objections. This year candidates have restricted choice. A Delhi IIT professor said, "It is beyond imagination that such errors keep on recurring in JEE every year." A team of 60 IIT professors (20 professors each for physics, chemistry and mathematics) participate in framing the question.

NCSC asks IIT-M director to submit fresh report

Report does not state why action was initiated against student body

MPOST BUREAU

NEW DELHI: Terming the IIT-Madras report on de-recognition of a students' group as "incomplete", the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) on Monday sought an additional report from the institution even as its director appeared before it for a hearing over the controversy.

"They have given me a report in writing. I have asked for clarifications on why there was knee-jerk reaction on the part of IIT-Madras in a letter asking for comments from the Ministry and why straightway de-recognition of APSC (Ambedkar- Periyar Study Circle) was issued, which was wrong," NCSC chairman PL Punia said.

He added that an additional report has been sought as Monday's report was incomplete, which does not reveal the reasons behind why action was initiated against APSC.

"It is an incomplete report. It does not mention why action was taken against APSC at the first place," he said.

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Ministry of HRD, Praveen Kumar, were present in the meeting, which was convened a day after IIT-Madras revoked its de-recognition on the student group which was critical of PM Narendra Modi.

Welcoming the move to restore the recognition to APSC, Punia said justice has been done to the study circle.

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Punia said the Commission has fixed a date for another hearing over the issue. Meanwhile, IIT-M director Ramamurthi said recognition of APSC has been restored but was tightlipped about the hearing. "It (APSC) has been re-recognised. What I have told the (NCSC) Chairman is the property of the Commission. I cannot reveal (anything)," Ramamurthi said.

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नई शिक्षा नीति वर्ष के अंत तकः स्मृति

भाषा

नई दिल्ली। शिक्षा के भगवाकरण का आरोप लगाने वालों पर चुटकी लेते हुए मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी ने सोमवार को कहा कि देश की शिक्षा पद्धति की अंतर्निहित शक्ति, प्राचीन अवधारणाओं और मूल्यों की विदेशों में प्रशंसा और सराहना की जाती है लेकिन देश में इसे 'भगवा' बताया जाता है। स्मृति ने आश्चर्य जताते हुए कहा कि क्या भारत की अंतर्निहित शक्ति को अहमियत नहीं दी जानी चाहिए? शिक्षा के भगवाकरण का आरोपों का सामना कर रही स्मृति ईरानी ने कहा कि यहां तक कि गणित के क्षेत्र में भगवाकरण के आरोप लग रहे हैं जबकि भारत की प्राचीन गणितीय पद्धति पर दुनियाभर में अनुसंधान हो रहा है। हिन्दू शिक्षा बोर्ड की ओर से यहां आयोजित समारोह को संबोधित करते हुए मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री ने कहा कि प्रिंसटन विश्वविद्यालय के प्रोफेसर मंजुल भार्गव को अपने देश में आलोचनाओं का सामना करना पड़ रहा है जिन्होंने स्वीकार किया कि उन्होंने संस्कृत की कविताओं के माध्यम से गणित के सिद्धांत सीखे हैं। स्मृति ने कहा, उन पर टेलीविजन शो के दौरान

गणित के भगवाकरण करने के आरोप लग रहे हैं। यह केवल भारत में ही संभव है कि आपके पास गणित की प्राचीन पद्धति है जिसके बारे में दुनिया में खोज चल रही है और प्रशंसा हो रही है और यह भारत में भगवा बन जाता है। स्मृति ने कहा, कि क्या हर भारतीय चीज को अहमियत नहीं दी जानी चाहिए? क्या यह किसी देश में संभव है कि हम अपनी अंतर्निहित शक्ति से पल्ला झाड़े, हम अपनी अंतर्निहित धरोहर,

अपनी संस्कृति, अपना गौरवमयी इतिहास छोड़ दें। योग दिवस समारोह से जुड़े विवाद का जिक्र करते हुए केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा, कि मुझे आश्चर्य है कि जिन सभी 175 देशों ने हमें यह दिवस मनाने के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र में समर्थन दिया, वे हमारे इतने ही भगवा थे। नई शिक्षा नीति का जिक्र करते हुए स्मृति ने कहा कि यह इस वर्ष के अंत तक तैयार हो जाएगी और राष्ट्र निर्माण के कार्य में मददगार होगी।

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ईरानी बोली

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उनकी संस्कृति से जोड़े और आध्यात्मिक संयोजन प्रदान करे। पूर्व राष्ट्रपति और प्रसिद्ध शिक्षाविद डॉ. सर्वपल्ली राधाकृष्णन का जिक्र करते हुए कृष्ण गोपाल ने कहा कि दिवंगत नेता ने कहा था कि शिक्षा का गैर भारतीय स्वरूप होना एक शताब्दी से अधिक समय से हमारी शिक्षा प्रणाली के खिलाफ एक गंभीर शिकायत रही है। उन्होंने कहा, कि लेकिन हमने इतने वर्षों में इसे दुरुस्त करने के लिए क्या किया? इसके साथ ही उन्होंने वर्तमान शिक्षा प्रणाली के बारे में आरएसएस के विचारों को भी रखा।

कृष्ण गोपाल ने कहा कि भारत ने कई आईआईटी और आईआईएम स्थापित किए हैं लेकिन ऐसी कोई दृष्टि या दर्शन नहीं पेश कर सका जो एक स्नातक को अच्छा मनुष्य बना सके। उन्होंने कहा, कि क्या भारत की विशिष्टता

उनमें मिलेगी? भारतीयता कहां है। भारतीय मन व्याकुल हो गया है। आध्यात्मिक बुद्धिमत्ता कहां है। उस शिक्षा का उद्देश्य क्या है जब एक व्यक्ति मस्तिष्क से इंजीनियर या डाक्टर बनता है लेकिन दिल से अच्छा नहीं बनता।' आरएसएस के वरिष्ठ पदाधिकारी ने कहा कि वर्तमान प्रणाली संसाधनों के सृजन और संचय पर ज्यादा जोर देता है जो समाज के लिए अच्छा नहीं है। कृष्ण गोपाल ने एक ऐसी शिक्षा पद्धति की वकालत की जो अध्यात्म से जुड़ा हुआ हो। दलाई लामा का जिक्र करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि शिक्षा भौतिकवादी मूल्यों पर आधारित हो गई है।

समारोह के दौरान रेल मंत्री सुरेश प्रभु ने उच्च शिक्षण संस्थाओं और उद्योग के बीच और अधिक सम्पर्क पर जोर दिया। वित्त राज्य मंत्री जयंत सिन्हा ने कहा कि भारत अपनी सभ्यता से जुड़ी विरासत का उपयोग देश के समक्ष उत्पन्न कई समस्याओं के समाधान के लिए कर सकता है। उन्होंने कहा कि अगर हमें समस्याओं का समाधान निकालना है तब हमें भारत की खोज करनी होगी, हमें लीक से हटकर पहल करनी होगी। हमें भारतीय विज्ञान और नवोन्मेष की जरूरत है। ∎

Engineering, an evergreen career

VIBRANT India is one of the fastest growing countries in the world. As projects like Smart Cities take off, there is an increase in demand for engineers

Proyashi Barua

There is no denying the fact that an engineering degree has an evergreen attraction in India. "This is not difficult to understand. In the years following independence from colonial rule, there were a few professions that the upcoming and aspiring urban and semi-urban middle class could identify with and engineering was one among them. Crucial sectors like power, transportation, defence, real estate, telecommunications and information technology were directly or indirectly dependent on engineers," explains PK Bhatnagar, a member of The Institution of Engineers, India.

The socio-economic dynamics that attributed to the demand and supply of engineers (in India) did not change after liberalisation of the economy in the early nineties.

Today in 2015, the demand for qualified engineers across all branches continues to increase. "And following the Modi Government's pronouncements on 100 smart cities there is an unprecedented demand for civil engineers," observes Bhatnagar.

Vidya Murugan is a civil engineer who has worked on projects like the Delhi Metro, the Mumbai Metro , Mumbai International Airport and the Taj Group.

Throughout her academic life she was not just another exceptionally good student – she had unflinching passion and enthusiasm for studies. Her enthusiasm to understand the whys and hows of every subject matter lent her a natural edge in the subjects pertaining to the science stream. When she chose to pursue civil engineering she was unsure about continuing in the field for long.

However, when she started her career she realised that there was a lot more to be learnt about the subject than what was contained in the course textbooks. According to her, engineering requires an aptitude for problem solving and one becomes better at this profession only through experience.

Murugan says that every day brings a new challenge and it is very satisfying when the work comes alive

ELECTRONICS ENGINEER

Electronics engineers design and develop the systems used by machines and equipment in a range of industries, from mobile communications and computing to aerospace.

"If you love electronics and like finding out how things work, this could be a perfect choice of career for you," says Anshul Mahajan, an electronics engineer who works for a firm in the public sector.

"To do this job well, you will need to be good at science, math and information technology. Part of the job is about finding better ways of doing things, so you'll need to be good at figuring out problems and coming up with new ideas. You'll also need good communication skills to get those ideas across," he says.

Employers who are looking to hire electronic engineers (those with a four-year engineering graduate degree with a specialisation in electronics) also hire people who studied aerospace engineering, software engineering and nanotechnology where electronics was one of the subjects covered in the course.

The starting salary of graduates varies from is Rs. 4 lakh to Rs. 35 lakh per annum.

MECHANICAL ENGINEER

Every manufacturing industry, including automobiles, aerospace, power generation, railroads etc have a consistent demand for trained mechanical engineers, who have an ability to analyse, test, design, construct, develop, install and maintain equipment. "The hallmark of an engineering mind is the ability to

■ A civil engineer who has worked on the Mumbai International Airport Project, Vidya Murugan says she has learnt through work that there is a precise solution for every complicated challenge.
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> THERE IS NEVER AN END TO LEARNING AND THAT THERE IS ALWAYS A SOLUTION. ONE JUST HAS TO STAY CALM TO FIND THE SOLUTION. ALSO, GOOD TEAM WORK IS HALF THE BATTLE WON.
> **VIDYA MURUGAN, Civil engineer**

think logically and sequentially," says Lalit Mehra, alumnus of IIT Delhi.

The course includes topics on engineering thermodynamics, dynamics of machines, power plant technologies and renewable energy technology.

"Given the growing scarcity of natural resources, there is considerable scope for graduates in the renewable energy sector.

The need for devising ways to re-use waste water and ideas for designing water treatment plants in an efficient manner have spurred the demand for mechanical engineers," says Ankit Gupta, design and proposal engineer, Forbes Enviro Ltd.

Starting salaries of graduates in this domain vary from about Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 30 lakh per annum.

CHEMICAL ENGINEER

Be it toothpaste, shampoo, detergent, medicines, paper, cosmetics or the clothes we wear, various products of chemical engineering touch our lives every day without even us knowing this fact. Chemical engineers are in demand across various sectors, including manufacturing, healthcare, food processing, and speciality chemicals, to name a few.

"The thought processes and skills developed during the course prepares one to tackle problems effectively in engineering, management and also healthcare. A chemical engineer can also move into any field of specialisation, from mathematics and physics to medicine and biotechnology. If a coporate job doesn't interest you, one can always opt for research," says Danny Raj M, student, chemical engineering, IIT Madras.

IISc meet comes home for first time

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BENGALURU: For the first time, the IISc's Global Conference will be held on its Bengaluru campus later this month, with a host of scientists, including Isro chief AS Kiran Kumar and principal scientific adviser to the Centre R Chidambaram, expected to speak on various scientific challenges.

Nobel laureates to take part: Some Nobel laureates, too, are likely to participate in the event to be held from June 25 to June 28.

Among the topics that will be discussed is improvement of IISc in global ratings. One of the sessions - IISc as a global institution reaching the top - will focus on understanding the current standing of IISc among global institutions, identify its strengths and key areas for improvement, and discuss the challenges involved, the institute said. Besides a host of alumni, the session will feature Sunil Kumar, dean, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago.

TOI had reported in August 2014 that IISc has dropped 130 ranks in 11 years in the prestigous Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2014.

The first IISc Global Conference was organized by the IISc alumni association of North America at Santa Clara, California in June 2007. This second conference was held in Illinois, in July 2013.

Sources in IISc said the institute was keen to host the conference this time. "Even I've attended the second conference, but keeping logistics in mind, not all students from the institute can benefit if the conference is held elsewhere. So there had been a lot of efforts to bring it home," a student said.

He said nearly 400 participants have already confirmed participation. "This is not including the panel of speakers and alumni," he added.

PMO reverses decision, Trivedi is TIFR director

Hindustan Times (Mumbai)

MUMBAI: The Prime Minister's Office (PMO), in a reversal of its earlier decision, has accepted the appointment of Sandip Trivedi, 52, as director of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR).

RK Sinha, secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy and TIFR Council member, confirmed the news.

"The council felt that the spirit of the procedural requirements for the appointment of TIFR director was met," said Sinha. "Accordingly, a detailed request was made to the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) for a review of its earlier decision. The ACC was kind enough to review the matter and decided to approve the proposal for the appointment of Professor Trivedi."

HT, in March, had reported that the PMO had rejected Trivedi's appointment as the director on technical grounds, a first in the history of the premier scientific research institution. The PMO wanted TIFR to advertise the position, similar to its directive to the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata, and Bangalore-based Jawaharlal Nehru for Advanced Scientific Research.

While Trivedi is yet to accept the appointment, a section of scientists are unhappy with the PMO's decision. In fact, senior scientists at the institute had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, raising concerns over the selection process.

"We are aghast and disappointed by the flip-flop by the PMO," said a senior scientist, requesting anonymity. "A person's academic excellence has nothing to do with how they run an institute. We need someone with a vision who can take the institute to the next level."

Last year, the TIFR Council, chaired by industrialist Ratan Tata had formed a three-member search committee with scientist and Bharat Ratna CNR Rao as its head, along with K Kasturirangan, member (science) planning commission, and Srikumar Banerjee, former chairperson of Atomic Energy Commission. Trivedi had taken over as director in January.

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US degree no more a distant dream!

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NEW DELHI: Students, who wish to pursue their undergraduate degree programme at leading United States Universities and Colleges, can now apply to American Honours programme, a training ground for students to develop necessary skill sets and knowledge in a broad coursework before applying to their desired degree programme in the US.

American Honors has launched a 2+2 pathway programme in India to help Indian students enter community colleges with an entry to prestigious US Universities like Stanford, Ivy League and many more to pursue their degree programme of their choice.

Under this programme, a student can pursue two year selective Honours courses at any public or private funded university in India. The Indian universities with credible faculty and infrastructure will be looked at as partners with American Honors to provide their curriculum and coursework to students after high school or senior secondary school.

American Honors, offered by Quad Learning, a venture-backed startup that collaborates with leading community colleges to jointly develop and deliver the course, is designed to provide a strong educational foundation in the first two years after which the student can transfer credits to one of the top universities or colleges in the US for their final two years of the degree.

"We modelled the education system as 2+2, which is two years of foundation education in India, and the final two years in the US to make studying American courses more affordable for Indian students. The cost incurred under this programme is half in comparison to a full four-year degree course in the US and will allow more number of Indian students to apply for higher education in the US," said David Finegold, Chief Academic Officer, American Honors. "The Indian students can pay a nominal tuition fee as charged by our partner Indian University or Community College but get the two year training equivalent to the American Community Colleges," he added.

American Honors pro-gramme provides a 360 degree support and one-on-one advising sessions for prospective students for enrolment through transfer, personalised guidance on degree plan, course selection, choice of college, financial aid and scholarships.

In order to apply to this programme, a student has to showcase scores in English Language Proficiency (ELP) under examinations like IELTS and TOEFL. However, students without ELP scores can be awarded conditional admission, with simple demonstration of English Proficiency, without Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Students with a high school degree and competitive GPA can also be considered for scholarships of up to $4000.