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NEW DELHI: IIT students can look forward to some cool accommodation, as all new hostels will be centrally air-conditioned.

The human resource ministry, which recently ordered a fee hike at Indian Institutes of Technology, planned to modernise hostels including air-conditioned common areas and stateof-the-art kitchens, sources said.

At the country's top engineering schools, which also enjoy a good standing worldwide, students have to live in hostels. At present, around 80,000 students are enrolled in 18 IITs, a majority of them are in areas where summer in harsh. Five more colleges are in the pipeline.

HRD minister Smriti Irani paid a surprise visit to two hostels at IIT Delhi on Friday. She inspected the kitchen, halls and talked to the students about their problems.

After interacting with the officials and students, the minister decided on an overhaul of the hostels, sources said. At the centre of various student agitations recently, the ministry has announced a string of measures for universities and engineering colleges.

IIT Delhi is first off the block. All rooms will get air-coolers. Water coolers will be installed on every floor and the kitchen and dining areas upgraded.

They were not allowed coolers in the room, which was problem during summer, some students had told Irani.

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### IIT hostels

The minister wants IITs to invest money to improve hostels as students spend a lot of time there. "Funds for this will be allocated and a proposal regarding this will be discussed soon," the official said.

Recently, IIT Kharagpur students had protested the fee revision, forcing the ministry to clarify that the hike was for new students only.

The annual fee for undergraduate courses has been raised from ₹90,000 to ₹2 lakh from the new academic session. Students belonging to the SC, ST and differently abled categories get a

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## पढ़ के खाली होने से पहले ही भर्ती की प्रक्रिया शुरू करने की सलाह

# आईआईटी में शिक्षकों की कमी से समिति नाराज

विश्वविद्यालय और आईआईटी, एनआईटी तथा आईआईएम जैसे प्रतिष्ठित संस्थानों में यह समस्या है जो शिक्षा के विकास के साथ ही उच्च शिक्षा में गुणवत्ता को बनाए रखने में बाधक बना हआ है।

#### भर्ती प्रक्रिया में खामियां

समिति ने कहा कि निकट भविष्य में कोई सुधार होता नहीं देख स्थिति विकट ही दिख रही है। समिति ने कहा कि या तो युवा छात्र शिक्षण पेशे की तरफ आकर्षित नहीं हो रहे हैं या भर्ती प्रक्रिया में कई खामियां हैं जिनमें कई प्रक्रियागत औपचारिकताएं हैं। समिति ने कहा कि शिक्षण पेशे को और आकर्षक बनने के लिए शिक्षकों को कंसल्टेंसी करने के लिए शिक्षकों को कंसल्टेंसी सहयोग भी दिया जाना चाहिए।



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एसोसिएट प्रोपेसर के पद	4708
रिक्त	2173
सहायक प्रोफेसर के पद	9521
रिक्त	2478

**नई दिल्ली (प्रे)।** केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालयों, आईआईटी और आईआईएम सहित उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में शिक्षकों की कमी पर संसदीय समिति ने नाराजगी जताई है। समिति ने इसे देश में शिक्षा के स्तर को बनाए रखने और विकास करने के लिए 'सबसे बड़ी बाधा' बताया है।

समिति ने तुरंत सुधार होता नहीं देख स्थिति को भयावह बताया है और सुझाव दिया है कि किसी पद के खाली होने से पहले ही भर्ती की प्रक्रिया शुरू हो जानी चाहिए। शिक्षण को अधिक लुभावना बनाने के लिए इसने सुझाव दिया है कि संकाय को परामर्श भी देना चाहिए।

इस हफ्ते की शुरुआत में पेश रिपोर्ट में मानव संसाधन विकास पर संसद की स्थायी समिति के अध्यक्ष भाजपा सांसद सत्यनारायण जटिया ने पूरे देश में उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में शिक्षकों की 'अत्यंत' कमी पर चिंता जताई।

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#### MoU signed for setting up IIT Jammu

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JAMMU: In a major step towards setting of up Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) at Jammu an MoU was signed on Sunday in presence of Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh.

The MoU was signed by Director, IIT Delhi Prof. V Ramgopal Rao.

While congratulating the people of the State the Deputy Chief Minister said that government is committed for setting up IIT Jammu with highest standards parallel to other IITs in the country. He also expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for providing all support and requisite expertise resulting in timely completion of necessary formalities required for establishment of IIT in Jammu.

He said that IIT Jammu has been established at Jagti Nagrota on about 5,000 Kanal of land and the regular classes will commence from the current session in the temporary campus.

Dr. Singh, while directing the executing agencies to put in concerted efforts for timely completion of the project, said that with the establishment of this IIT the students of the State will not have to go to far off cities in the country for obtaining degree in various branches of engineering and technology adding that the institute will be of the highest standards parallel to other IIT's in the country. He also said that with the establishment of the IIT in Jammu long pending demand of the region will be fulfilled and Government is taking all the requisite measures to meet the aspirations of the people of the state.

Minister of State for Education, Technical Education, Culture, Tourism, Horticulture, Floriculture and Parks Priya Sethi while speaking on the occasion said that IIT Jammu will come up fully equipped at par with IIT's in rest of the country.

Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh met a delegation of Chamber of Traders Federation, Jammu led by its President Neeraj Anand alongwith office bearers and patrons. Anand apprised the Deputy Chief Minister about various issues related to trade and demanded government's cooperation for their redressal.

Deputy Chief Minister assured the delegation full cooperation to resolve their issues and demands. The delegation comprised of Parveen Gupta, Kailash Nath Nagar, Sr. Attar Singh, Vinod Sachdeva, Chander Gulati and Vinay Gupta. Later, Dy CM also visited Janak Madan Girls Hostel at Poni Chak Khanpur.

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# IIMs refuse to toe govt line on reservation in faculty

**TOUGH STAND** In a response to HRD ministry's letter asking if they followed quota policy in hires, some IIMs said they only looked at merit

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NEW DELHI: India's premier management institutes might be on the warpath with the government over implementing reservations in teaching staff recruitment, potentially aggravating a nationwide debate over caste quotas and discrimination on campuses.

Three top IIMs not dependent on government funds — Kolkata, Bengaluru and Lucknow haven't yet responded to an HRD ministry letter asking if the schools followed SC/ST/OBC quota policy in faculty hires.

Some other IIMs put up a defiant note to the April 12 letter, saying they stressed only on merit in staff recruitment, said sources. IIM-Rohtak said 16 of 17 faculty positions were from the general category.

"You cannot be giving nondeserving candidates preference just because they are SC or ST," Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, chairperReservation for students at school and university level is fine, but to fill faculty positions on the basis of caste at premier management schools that are centres of excellence is foolhardy.

AN IIM DIRECTOR

son of IIM-Bangalore, told HT.

IIM-Trichy said it extended reservations, provided the candidate measured up to qualification sought.

An IIM director, who did not wish to be named, said quotas in teaching positions will hurt the quality of education that 'brand IIM' is associated with.

"Reservation for students at school and university level is fine, but to fill faculty positions on the basis of caste at premier management schools that are centres of excellence is foolhardy," he said.

India extends reservations for SCs, STs and OBCs for social empowerment of the communities that have been historically marginalised. But critics say quotas hurt the quality of education and are unfair to upper-caste candidates.

The IIM controversy comes as the Centre faces intense criticism over caste discrimination and the absence of SC/ST/OBC faculty members.

Most IIMs said they recruited teachers on merit and not on the basis of their caste or background. "We agree a combination of meritocracy and affirmative action is the solution and if all things are equal, we would certainly give preference to a candidate from SC or ST community," Shaw said.

Sources said after getting the status report on reservation policy in these institutions, the government will work out a strategy to enforce it.

#### IIT-Guwahati Student Allegedly Commits Suicide In Hostel Room

http://www.ndtv.com/guwahati-news/iit-guwahati-student-allegedly-commits-suicide-in-hostel-room-1401290

GUWAHATI: A student of the Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati (IITG) allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling of his hostel room, police said on Saturday.

SI Alam of West Bengal's Murshidabad, was found hanging around 10.30 pm on Friday by a co-resident who informed police. Although the student was rushed to a local hospital, the doctors declared him brought dead.

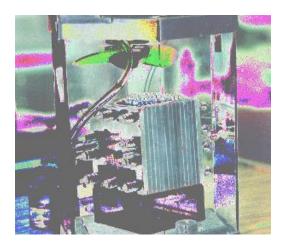
Mr Alam was a first semester student of MSc (Physics) and he was supposed to sit for his semester examination starting Saturday.

"We have recovered a note from near the body where it was written that no one is responsible for his death. We have sent the note to the forensic science laboratory for matching the handwriting with the deceased," said Rana Bhuyan, incharge of the North Guwahati police outpost.

"It is difficult to ascertain the exact cause of the death as of now. However, preliminary investigation indicates it to be a case of suicide and the student must have taken the extreme step due to stress," he said.

#### **IISC DEVELOPS NOVEL APPROACH TO STORE HYDROGEN EFFICIENTLY**

HTTP://WWW.BANGALOREMIRROR.COM/OTHERS/SCI-TECH/IISC-DEVELOPS-NOVEL-APPROACH-TO-STORE-HYDROGEN-EFFICIENTLY/ARTICLESHOW/52056417.CMS



Hydrogen is acknowledged as an alternative energy source, it is abundant and a zero-emission fuel. While there are several challenges involved in utilising hydrogen as a fuel, like difficulty in storage of hydrogen and selectivity, researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, have found a new way to store hydrogen efficiently.

Till date, research in this field was primarily directed at finding a suitable material for hydrogen storage. The aim, so far, has been to find a lightweight medium that would store a viable amount of hydrogen, and release it as needed. Such a material was engineered; it was a carbon base with metal atoms decorated on it and the idea was that these atoms would interact with hydrogen. Scientists, however, said that though the theory suggested that the material could store more hydrogen, this extra storage could not be achieved in practice.

"This is where our work comes in. In the experimental cases, oxygen was also interacting with these metal atoms, thus reducing the amount of hydrogen stored. Hence, there was a need to somehow block this oxygen interaction," said Dr Abhishek Singh, assistant professor at the Materials Research Centre, IISc. He worked along with PhD student Rafia Ahmad and project assistant Pankaj Lochan Bora on the project.

While currently hydrogen is used as a fuel for rocket propulsion at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and is also used in fuel cells, where chemical energy is converted into electricity, this recent finding by the IISc team addresses the hydrogen storage problem. It is a huge step towards development of a hydrogen fuel cell.

#### THE SOLUTION

The solution proposed in their study involves 'capping' the metal atoms with molecules called 'arenes'. This alters the electronic structure of the atoms in such a way that oxygen interaction is cut off, whereas hydrogen access is still secured, said the team. While this particular study was specifically aimed at hydrogen storage, this unique idea can be extended to other applications also. "The key idea you can take away from this study is that selectivity of a gas-adsorbing or gas-storing system can be improved by engineering relevant electronic structures. So this can be applied to gas sensors and industrial catalysts, basically any place where one would prefer storage of one gas over the others," he said. The findings have been published in the International Journal of Hydrogen Energy.

#### WHAT"S THE POTENTIAL?

Dr Singh is optimistic about the potential of this study. Two separate research groups have already expressed their interest in carrying out experiments based on this new approach. "We've basically addressed a hurdle that has remained unresolved for quite some time. This can have a huge impact on our energy source problems and pollution woes. We've given the idea; now it's up to experimentalists to take this forward. Hopefully, in a few years, we'll be harnessing hydrogen as we had envisioned," he said.