

# Newspaper Clips

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## PANEL FAILS TO DELIVER MODEL, IIT AUTONOMY MAY TAKE A HIT

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**NEW DELHI**: Owing to the lack of a politically acceptable alternative funding model, the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) may continue to depend on the government for up to 75% of their financial requirements.

But directors of the premier engineering schools may soon be selected by the institute boards rather than the government, under a much-awaited blueprint for the future of IITs, multiple sources privy to the document has said.

### INSTITUTES MAY HAVE TO DEPEND ON GOVT FOR UP TO 75% OF THEIR FINANCIAL DEMANDS

The blueprint drafted by a panel set up by the HRD minister under former atomic energy chief Anil Kakodkar — is scheduled to be presented to Kapil Sibal on Thursday. The HRD ministry is likely to form a fresh panel to examine the proposals of the Kakodkar panel.

As reported by HT on April 23, the panel has proposed that students' fees be used to finance only up to 25% of the recurring costs of the IITs — after the HRD ministry objected to a plan to fund the entire financial requirements of the IITs through fees.

The Kakodkar panel has suggested a mild hike in fees — that too gradual — and has proposed that the IITs use their resources more efficiently and market their research better to increase their generation of funds.

But the IITs have repeatedly failed to generate adequate funds through research, consultancies and alumni donations.

The panel recommendation to allow boards of governors (BoGs) — instead of government selection teams — to pick directors is unlikely to be easily acceptable to IIT heads, source said.

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# Benefits to evade IIT staff

**BARRED** The institute amends statutes to stop employees on deputation from drawing privileges

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**NEW DELHI:** Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, has barred employees on deputation to other institutions from drawing benefits from the IIT, after *HT* revealed how its former deputy director was simultaneously receiving medical benefits from two institutions.

IIT Bhubaneswar director Madhusudhan Chakraborty, who was deputy director of IIT Kharagpur till 2009, was drawing medical benefits from both IITs, drawing allegations of misusing public resources, as this newspaper first reported on February 27.

The IIT Kharagpur board of governors, at a meeting on March 4, decided not to allow

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employees who have taken up assignments at other organisations to seek benefits while on deputation or lien.

Chakraborty will also be asked to repay the costs of the benefits he drew from IIT Kharagpur while at

IIT Bhubaneswar:

"The board also decided that such employees who are currently on lien/extraordinary leave and have availed allowances, benefits including LTC and medical facilities of BC Roy Technology Hospital be requested to pay the cost of all benefits," the registrar said in a note to the institute community.

Chakraborty had argued that

he was drawing on medicines and consultation from IIT Kharagpur since "they know my medical history and are the best judge for medication administration". The IIT director argued that he also needed to use medicine facilities at IIT Bhubaneswar for emergencies when consultants were unavailable at IIT Kharagpur.

He had claimed that he was

entitled to use medical facilities from both the institutes. But top officials at the HRD ministry questioned his claim, dismissing his argument that an official can draw benefits from two institutions.

Chakraborty also faces questions in a CBI probe into alleged irregularities in laboratory equipment purchased by IIT Bhubaneswar.

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# AIEEE: Students unsatisfied

**SORRY AFFAIR** They say re-exam on Wednesday was the toughest in many years; the whole process was faulty

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**NEW DELHI:** Many of the 34,000 students who appeared for the All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) re-examination on Wednesday were an unsatisfied lot.

Claiming that the paper they had to write was the toughest in many years; the students cried hoarse saying that the whole process was faulty.

The students were forced to reappear for the exam as the paper had been leaked on May 1. More than 34,000 students could not take the exam then (on May 1) as it was postponed by three hours and clashed with another entrance exam. The students were given a different date, dividing the exam in two phases.

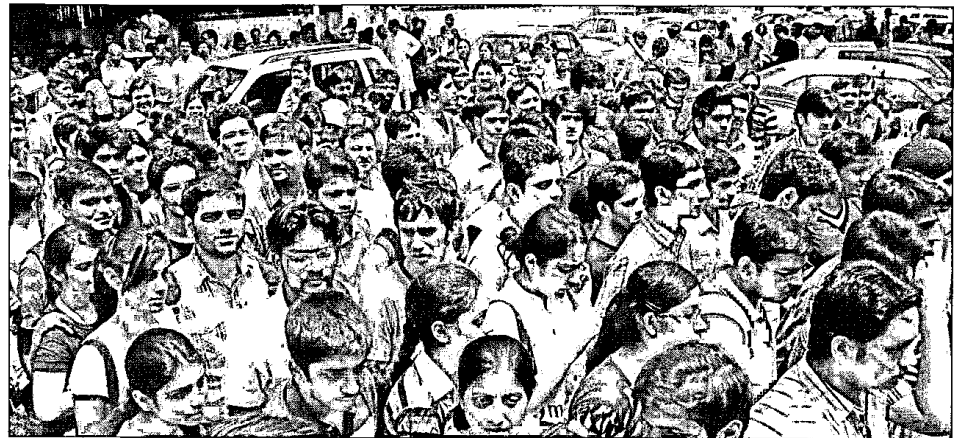
"Physics was extremely difficult. I have never seen this tough

a paper at the level of AIEEE. Mathematics was all right but chemistry was quite easy. But if I were to compare this with the earlier exam, it was certainly tougher," said Dibankar Jha, an aspirant whose centre was at RK Puram, sector 2.

Students, both who had taken the test earlier and who took it on Wednesday, say that the decision to hold exams in two phases was unjust.

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pected. This is just not fair. I dedicated two years of my life to this exam. I am very disappointed," said Ritesh Dagar, a resident of Panipat, whose centre was in Delhi.

Meanwhile, the students who had appeared earlier were not satisfied either.

"Chemistry was very easy in the second exam, much easier

than what we had. The results won't be fair this time around," said Rupal Mahajan, a resident of Rohini Sector 3.

"The matter is very upsetting. I know how hard my daughter had studied for this but she is not hoping for a good rank because of the fiasco. This is not fair. There should have been a re-exam for all students," said

Madhulika Arora, a resident of Hauz Khas.

Many students had also visited the CBSE office last week, demanding a re-test for all students but in vain.

"The level of exam is the same. The question of a re-examination was never there," said Vineet Joshi, director, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

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# Mixed reaction to AIEEE re-test

## While Some Said The Paper Was Comparatively Easy, Others Differed

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**HUGE RUSH:** Over 34,000 students appeared for the rescheduled examination on Wednesday

New Delhi: The All India Engineering/Architecture Entrance Examination (AIEEE) 2011 was conducted smoothly on Wednesday but the students who had appeared for the test on May 1 said the rescheduled paper was comparatively easy. Schoolteachers and students who took the test on Wednesday, however, said the difficulty level of the both the papers was the same.

Over 34,000 AIEEE aspirants who could not take the test on May 1 due to a paper leak in Lucknow appeared for the rescheduled examination on Wednesday. On May 1, the exam was conducted after a three-hour delay but these students either had to appear for the Armed Forces Medical Course (AFMC) test the same afternoon or their centre was engaged for some other test. The rescheduled test was conducted in 95 centres across 39 cities.

After completing the exam at Air Force Bal Bharati School, Lodhi Road, Suhasini Nair, a Class XII student, said, "The paper is almost the same as the previous one. With the benefit of hindsight I can say that I could have attempted the same number of questions on May 1 as I have done today."

Students who had appeared for the test on May 1 disagreed.

Sumian (name changed) said, "The exam on May 1 was of much higher level and today's paper seemed simpler. It was completely based on NCERT books."

Principal of Ahlcon International School, Mayur Vihar, Ashok Pandey, said, "Overall, the difficulty level has been same. My students from May 1 and May 11 batch said there is little difference between the two papers. CBSE always keeps back-up papers of parallel difficulty, so there is no chance of anyone getting un-

due advantage. The fact that they could reorganize and conduct the test for over 10 lakh students on May 1 speaks volumes about CBSE's ability to manage crisis."

Dipankar Mukherjee, chemistry teacher of Springdales, Pusa Road, differs: "I am speaking purely as a parent and not as a teacher. I have not done a comparative study of the two papers but the difficulty level of two papers can never be the same and CBSE should have conducted the exam afresh for all students," he said.

The CBSE conducts AIEEE for admission to National Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Information Technology, deemed universities and many state institutions offering engineering and architecture courses. According to CBSE officials, the board takes contingency measures for any untoward incident. The difficulty level has not been compromised as they had set up an expert committee just for setting the paper to be held on Wednesday.

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TOP JOB

# Delhi students excel in UPSC exam

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**NEW DELHI:** A student of Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), Ravi Dhawan, 23, had always been a brilliant student. On Wednesday, he proved it again when he secured 6th rank in the UPSC examination.

The Delhi resident managed to get a rank last year as well. He was able to get through the Indian Police Service (IPS), but he always wanted to make it to the Indian Administrative Service (IAS).

Dhawan, who is currently training at Hyderabad, believes that the number of hours you put in is of no importance. "It is not a question of time but of

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RAVI DHAWAN

what you do in those hours. It is important not to have too many sources of information," said Dhawan.

"There is not much of a difference between those who have got ranks in the top 10 and those in the last 10. At the end of the day, it is about faith, support of parents and teachers and blessings of God," he added.

Dhawan did his schooling from St George's School, Alaknanda, and Delhi Public

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SMRITI BHARDWAJ

School, RK Puram. He then pursued BCom (honours) at SRCC. "This is a matter of pride for the college and a big inspiration for the students. A celebration is due," said PC Jain, principal, SRCC.

Meanwhile, more than 10 students from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) are reported to have cracked the exam. Ajay Prakash, who is pursuing his masters from JNU got the 9th rank. Three students from

Jamia Millia Islamia have also managed to get through.

"The result at JNU has been very good. Five students from my hostel alone have cleared the exam," said Pinak Mishra, an MPhil student, who got 104th rank.

Another former DU student, Smriti Bhardwaj, also managed to clear the exam. Bhardwaj studied at Lady Shri Ram College. Yet for Bhardwaj, who has got 149th rank, the wait is not over as her final department of service still remains a mystery.

"My first option was IAS, followed by IFS and finally the IRS. I doubt I'll make it to the first two, but I sincerely hope I find place in the revenue services," she said.

# In a first, women No. 1 & 2 in civil services exam

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: History has been made in this year's civil services' exam results, with women bagging the top two ranks.

Topper S Divyadharshini is an alumnus of Dr Ambedkar Law University in Chennai. Sweta Mohanty, who did her BTech in computer science from Gokaraju Rangaraju Institute of Engineering and Technology (GRIET), Hyderabad, has come second. The merit list boasts of five women candidates in the top 25.

► **Marks out in 15 days, P 13**

R V Varun Kumar, a student of Chennai's Ragas Dental College, has topped among the male candidates. Overall, he came third.

Of the 547,698 candidates who appeared for the preliminary exam held in May 2010, 920—717 men and 203 women—made the grade. Now, they will be inducted in the Indian Administrative Service,

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**TOP OF THE PECKING ORDER:** S Divyadharshini celebrates with her mother in Chennai

Indian Foreign Service and Indian Police Service along with other Central services.

Of the top 25, 15 had an engineering background, followed by medicine (five). Eight made the cut in their first attempt. Four, including Divyadharshini, did so in the second attempt. Nine, including the second and third in the merit list, got through in their third attempts.

# Civil service topper aims to change the system

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai/Hyderabad:** V Shanmuggam loves his daughter and hates corruption. It couldn't have got better for the Chennai-based customs consultant as his daughter S Divyadharshini topped the civil services exam with a vow to fight graft.

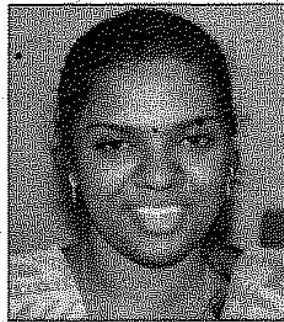
"It takes more than a wish to become a civil servant. She is an intelligent person with a lot of perseverance. She'll make a good administrator," said Deepika J, who studied with her in the School of Excellence in Law under The Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University.

"When I was in college, I noticed a lot that I didn't like many things about the system of governance," Divyadharshini said. "So I decided to get into the system to change it."

Successful in her second attempt at the exam, the 24-year-old said her first attempt when she was in her college final year in 2009 was a shot in the dark. "I put in a lot of hard work in it, but I didn't know how to go about the whole process," Divyadharshini said. This

time she took a year off to concentrate on the exams, put in 10% extra effort and made the cut.

It's not all about studies for the young woman, whose day begins at 6am. She spends four to five hours, five days a week preparing for the exam. Father Shanmuggam said he was surprised over her ranking. "Most of the time I found her watching cricket. I didn't expect her to make it to the very top," he said. It is a first-of-a-kind experience for Divyadharshini, who got 1% less than distinction in Class 10 in Asan Memorial Senior Secondary School, Egmore and 86% in Class 12. In college, she was among the top five.



S Divyadharshini

Of all the qualities that shine through in this IAS topper is the character to never give in. "She doesn't compromise on anything," said college friend Surendar K. "She would stand by her convictions, however hard you argue. We like that in an IAS officer."

Hyderabad girl Sweta Mohanty bagged the second rank in the UPSC civil service exam in her third attempt. She said she hoped to follow her IAS father PK Mohanty's footsteps.

## Results out, marks in a fortnight

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The top two slots in the Civil Services Examination 2011 have gone to women: S Divyadharshini and Sweta Mohanty. Of the 547,698 candidates who appeared for the preliminary exam held in May 2010, 920 made the grade.

There are 151 vacancies for IAS, IFS (35) and IPS (150). The result of two candidates has been withheld, and candidature of 39 candidates has been declared provisional. The consolidated reserve list includes 242 candidates.

Twenty eight physically challenged, 14 orthopaedically challenged, five visually impaired and nine hearing impaired got selected. While, 148 are from the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes (74) and other backward classes (270). The list can be accessed on the websites of Press Information Bureau and Union Public Service Commission. The marks are expected to be published within a fortnight.

# 10 from JNU crack civil services

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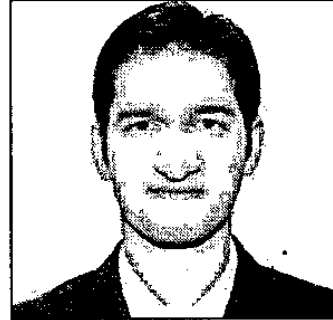
**New Delhi:** A first-generation civil servant, Ajay Prakash, led the pack of over 10 students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) who have come out successful in the Civil Services Examination, 2010, on Wednesday. And he described his rank of 9 among the final 920 candidates as something he had never dreamt of.

Also on Wednesday, there were celebrations at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, over its junior resident doctor of neuro radiology, Aditya Dahiya, a topper throughout his career, ranking 21. With the result, Dr Dahiya was all set to realize his dream of pursuing a career in civil services. And both of them have cracked the exams in their very first attempt.

An ecstatic Prakash, who is from Bihar, said the greatest influence on him has been the JNU environment. "It is be-



**TOPPERS:** Ajay Prakash (left) and Aditya Dahiya



cause of the JNU environment that I managed to be among the top 10. I never thought I would be even among the top 100 and that itself would have been a dream come true. To rank ninth is unbelievable," said Prakash, whose roll number is 002040.

A student of MPhil in English in JNU, Prakash had done his BA (H) in English from Hindu College, and his immediate reaction to news of his success was that of relief that he would not have to ap-

pear for the exams again. "As a civil servant I would like the bureaucracy to keep the common man in the centre of all its decisions and the common man should never be afraid of the government machinery. Civil servants should be the servants of the masses and not masters as is the case now. This is what I will try to practise," said Prakash, whose inspiration has been his mother.

And he minced no words in praising his alma mater. "JNU has a dynamic intellectual en-

vironment and is a dream place. It is a beacon of freedom. Even though I don't subscribe to the left ideology, the best part of JNU is that all voices are respected," said Prakash. Dahiya has been a topper all his life. He topped the CBSE AIPMT 2005 and then went on to top AIIMS 2010 exams.

A practising doctor at AIIMS, he is from Sonapat and all members of his family (father, mother and elder sister) are doctors. "Administrative services has been my natural inclination and I decided to appear for the civil services and join the administration to serve the nation," said Dahiya. Another successful civil service aspirant among top 100 from JNU was Suchitra Kishore, who ranked 39 overall. She is a PhD scholar and had cleared the exams in her third attempt and her first choice is Indian Foreign Services.

# 1st pedal-powered copter set to fly

## A Frail Woman Will Pedal With Hands & Feet To Keep The 60ft Chopper Afloat

**London:** A university team in the US is all set to propel into the history books when it test-flies the world's first-ever human-powered helicopter on Thursday.

While basic planes without engines have been launched by humans for decades, no one in the world has yet found a way to make a pedal-powered helicopter stay in the air for more than a few seconds.

After two years of gruelling work, 50 engineers from the University of Maryland in the US are set to launch their creation for the first time, the 'Daily Mail' reported. The University of Maryland's helicopter, named Gamera, is a huge 60 foot long and each rotor is 42 feet in diameter. Despite its size, which stretches across about a third of a football field, the whole model, made from carbon fibre, foam and balsa wood, weighs just 140 pounds, say its makers.

Aaron Harrington, an aerospace engineer-



READY TO TAKE OFF

ing student at Maryland, said he decided to join the team after one of his professors "came to me and said he had this really awesome idea". "I thought it's an awesome idea and really interesting challenge," he added.

The chopper will attempt to be flown by Judy Wexler, 24, a biology student, who will sit beneath the X-shaped frame and furiously pedal with her hands and feet. She has been chosen because she is light and, as a competitive cyclist, has a very strong power-to-weight ratio.

If Wexler succeeds in keeping the helicopter off the ground for a minute and manage to get it to rise to a height of three metres, the team will win an award of \$250,000 and make history by becoming the first ever to achieve the feat. The Sikorsky prize was established in 1980 by the American Helicopter Society to encourage people to strive to achieve the first controlled flight of a human powered helicopter. >>>

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## **7.5m minor social-site users at high risk**

**Boston:** Facebook has 7.5 million users who are underage and are “not supposed” to be using the social networking site, according to a new report. Of the 20 million minors who actively used Facebook in the past year, more than one-third or about 7.5 million were younger than 13 and not supposed to be able to use the site, Consumer Reports, an American consumer advocacy publication, said in a study.

Among the young users, more than five million were 10 years and under, whose accounts were largely unsupervised by their parents. One million children were harassed, threatened and subjected to cyberbullying on the site in the past year. The study said majority of parents of 10-year olds and younger kids were “largely unconcerned” about their child using the site.

“Despite Facebook’s age requirements, many kids are using the site who should not be,” consumer reports technology editor said. P11



# IIM-C the best bet for aspiring managers

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WHEN it comes to business schools, reputations matter a lot – both for students keen to join the best and companies searching for top talent.

To help clear the confusion created by presence of hundreds of B-Schools with their slick prospectuses and tall claims, the most authoritative assessment, The Indian Management Best Business Schools Survey 2011, will be out in the May issue of *Indian Management*. The issue will be on news-stands over the weekend.

The survey does not rank

## SUPER LEAGUE 1

### INSTITUTE

	OVERALL SCORE	INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL	ADMISSIONS & PLACEMENTS	INFRASTRUCTURE	INDUSTRY INTERFACE	GOVERNANCE	SCALE OF OPERATIONS	PERCEPTION SCORE
Indian Institute of Management-Ahmedabad	854	240	360	137	59	40	50	760
Indian Institute of Management-Calcutta	867	265	360	139	47	36	50	777
Indian Institute of Management-Indore	792	235	346	131	3	38	40	787
Management Development Institute, Gurgaon	864	290	346	163	10	36	50	773
National Institute of Industrial Engineering, Mumbai	811	210	346	138	22	38	50	832
S.P.Jain Institute of Management & Research, Mumbai	752	193	332	114	21	33	40	810
Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar	776	239	346	153	8	27	40	668
XLRI, Jamshédpur	774	205	346	142	7	40	50	728

the institutes but puts these in 14 categories – Super League 1, Super League 2, A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, B1, B2, B3 and B4.

According to the survey, the top B-Schools in India

are IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Calcutta, IIM Indore, Management Development Institute (Gurgaon), National Institute of Industrial Engineering (Mumbai), SP Jain Institute

of Management & Research (Mumbai), Xavier Institute of Management (Bhubaneswar) and XLRI (Jamshedpur). These make up the Super League 1.

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## IIM-C still best..

THE Super League 2 comprises Department of Management Studies, IIT-Delhi, New Delhi; Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University; Great Lakes Institute of Management, Chennai; Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi; Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode; Indian Institute of Management Lucknow, Institute of Management, Nirma University, Ahmedabad; Institute of Management Technology, Nagpur; International Management Institute, New Delhi; K J Somaiya Institute of Management Studies & Research, Mumbai; and Shailesh J Mehta School of Management, Mumbai.

B-Schools have been placed in an alphabetical order. That is why, in the Super League 1, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, is on top and XLRI is at the bottom, although on the basis of the overall score, it could be the other way round.

The survey ranks participating B-schools on parameters such as intellectual capital, admissions & placements, infrastructure, industry interface and governance. According to the publication: "These have been framed and vetted by industry leaders and found to be the most appropriate. These can be measured objectively, leaving no scope for misrepresentation of data.

Each parameter has been assigned a weight according to an expert committee's directions. The final score is, therefore, a weighted aggregate. The final scores are used to put the schools in different categories.

This year we have done two things to make the survey more user-friendly and comprehensive. The publication has been brought forward keeping in mind the needs of its core users, industry and students. More important, the methodology has been refreshed to make the exercise more robust and inclu-

sive. While the self-audit method of arriving at classification is fairly robust, we felt a need to increase the scope of the data. The methodology, therefore, was expanded to include the views of other stakeholders, namely talent managers and B-School graduates working in various organisations.

The approach, therefore, merges the best of both worlds – a self-audit and an external rating by industry. In other words, it's a 360-degree method.

Our methodology keeps "self-styled" B-Schools out. The survey covers only institutes recognised by the All India Council for Technical Education, an industry body. The other requirement is that at least two batches should have graduated. Questionnaires were sent to 1,266 B-Schools. As many as 237 sent entries within the stipulated time. We rejected four entries due to incomplete information and other related issues."