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HRD Ministry to launch IIT prep portal

Will deepen focus on open online courses through Swayam

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Gearing up for IIT? Here's some good news. In the coming two months, the government will launch the IITPAL portal and mobile app for IIT JEE aspirants, said Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani.

Speaking during an EPSI conference, the Minister said students can access 50 years of IIT entrance examination papers through the portal / app.

"Some of the best academicians, IIT faculty members will give video lectures, also available as audio aids, so that students can have that additional learning through the portal and the app," said Irani.

The move was announced to curb the menace of coaching institutes, said Irani. "One of the biggest pressures on the students are the IIT entrance exams, for which many students have to learn outside the classroom; they

join various coaching institutions only to pass the JEE exam," she added.

Regional language content

The MHRD Minister also announced, in conjunction with the IIT council, that the government will ensure that the JEE question paper conforms to the 12th standard syllabus, so that degree-level questions are not asked.

To address the challenges faced by students who come from various State boards and have studied in regional languages, the translation for the complete content will be available in 13 languages.

Irani said that many international MOOC (massive open online course) platforms claim to be not-for-profit but are profiteering when they ask academicians and institutions to pay for designing and putting up a course. The MOOC platform Swayam is truly free in that sense.

"We are engaging with IITs, IIMs, and Central universities, and have appealed to them to give us one diploma and one certificate course for one semester from the degree courses," said Irani. "Give



HRD Minister Smriti Irani with TSR Subramanian (right), Chairman of the Drafting Committee for framing the New Education Policy, and MR Jayaram, Senior Vice-President of EPSI, in New Delhi on Wednesday PTI

us the professor that you deem fit for engagement for that course and we will pay for the development of the course and the audio visual component, we will also pay the professors for their time and effort."

To begin with, the content will be available in 10 languages and will be provided free to every Indi-

an citizen. The regulator will also give credit for all these courses exclusively on the Swayam platform.

"We will also ensure that over 1,000 examination centres come up in the country where citizens can take examinations for MOOC courses and receive their certification," said Irani. "These credits

will also get them physical entry into any institution across the country."

To begin with, Swayam will offer 500 courses. Considering most dropouts happen after 8th standard, Swayam will also offer certification for 9th and 11th standards, and Std 10 and 12 board examinations.

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Govt to bring in IIT preparation app to check coaching menace

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NEW DELHI: Aiming to put a check on the rising "menace" of coaching institutes, the HRD Ministry is coming up a mobile app and portal, which would contain free lectures from IIT faculty members on various subjects and previous years' question papers of entrance tests to these premier engineering institutions.

Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Smriti Irani on Wednesday appealed to private educational institutions to help the government in improving access, transparency and quality of higher education in India. She said this while announcing a slew of initiatives to help students with quality academic content and other support to prepare for IITs. She added that it was also decided that the questions in the IIT-JEE entrance test would conform to Class 12 syllabus.

Speaking at the National Conference on Reforming & Rejuvenating India's Higher Education organised by the Education Promotion Society for India (EPSI) in the national Capital, Irani expressed concern over the commercialisation of education.

She urged private institutions to participate in government's Unnat Bharat programme, under which premier educational institutions such as IIMs and IITs are adopting neighboring villages and rejuvenating their educational system.



HRD Minister Smriti Irani with EPSI president G Viswanathan launches web portal 'StudyinIndia.org' during National Conference on 'Reforming & Rejuvenating Indian Higher Education – A Stakeholders' Perspective' in New Delhi on Wednesday
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Referring to the "menace of the coaching industry", Irani said one of the biggest pressures on students preparing for IIT entrance exam is to seek outside help in preparation.

"We will launch Bharat Vani App, which will provide the students with higher education study material in 22 languages. By the next year, we will provide access to the same content in 100 non-scheduled and tribal languages for greater reach and accessibility. We are also coming up with an innovative mobile app and portal, IIT Pal, which will provide engineering aspirants with IIT question papers of the past 50 years. The portal and app will have video lectures by top faculty and audio aid in 13 languages," she said.

The minister also urged EPSI, which comprises private deemed universities, to help identify elements that are

compromising with students' interest for commercial benefits, thereby, bringing disrepute to the entire sector.

"When we talk about stakeholders, it is important to see who get predominance. I believe it is the students who are the main stakeholders and every policy and reform should revolve in their interest. Currently, higher education in the country is facing ripples. However, I feel looking at an issue as a challenge brings negative connotation, but viewing it as an opportunity will bring new perspective and inspiration. We need to leverage technology to benefit from the education sector," she said. Appealing for participation by private institutions, she talked about the expansion of MOOC (massive open online course) platform named SWAYAM that has 500 courses to begin with.

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IITs to release 50 years' solved question papers to combat Kota

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The central government and the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have jointly decided to release solved question papers of all joint entrance examinations (JEE) held in the last 50 years, Union human resources development (HRD) minister Smriti Irani said. The move is aimed at helping students and reducing the influence of the coaching industry.

The papers will be released through an app and a portal.

The IIT-JEE has long been India's most iconic and also its most difficult entrance examination.

The IITs and the HRD ministry have also decided to prepare questions for JEE exams keeping in mind the Class XII syllabus to reduce the difficulty level of the JEE, the minister said.

The ministry has also asked IITs to help aspirants with video and audio lectures.

Irani said many people have complained about the menace of the coaching industry. "The question is, what can we do?" The answer, she added, was to

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provide 50 years of question papers. This will happen in the next two months, Irani said.

The ministry's move follows a spate of suicides in Kota, a Rajasthan town often called the coaching capital of India. At least half-a-dozen students have committed suicide in Kota this year, the latest one being on 28 April.

India's coaching industry was worth ₹40,000 crore in 2011 as per a report by rating agency Crisil. Though its current size is not available, industry insiders peg it in excess of ₹50,000 crore.

The IITs are India's most elite engineering schools.

The entrance examination is tough, and requires more than just proficiency with the Class XII syllabus.

That prompts students to take up coaching classes, Irani explained. To address that, "for the first time, the government, in conjunction with the IIT Council, will ensure that the question papers (of JEE) conform to Standard XII syllabus".



Stress factor: The ministry's move follows a spate of suicides in Kota, the Rajasthan town often called the coaching capital of India.

"If degree-level questions are asked, we cannot expect a school student to answer," the minister added. She said the present system was encouraging students of various school boards to go to places such as Kota "to get that knowledge".

Irani said that recognizing the language challenge of students in different parts of the country, her ministry has asked the IITs to make all study material availa-

ble in 13 languages.

In 2012, the IITs for the first time uploaded JEE answer sheets for a "brief period of time" before the final rankings were prepared. In August 2011, the Supreme Court had ruled that examination answer sheets must be made public under the Right to Information Act.

"I don't think coaching industry is a menace," said Satya Narayanan R., executive chairman

of CL Educate (formerly Career Launcher) which runs a chain of coaching institutes.

"The aim of coaching centres and government is one—to benefit students. Opening up the JEE papers is a good move and shall benefit students. But the question is why students are going for coaching. The answer is, the formal education system has gaps which have not been plugged for decades," he added.

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आईआईटी-जेईई पेपर 12वीं के पाठ्यक्रम से ही

नई दिल्ली | वरिष्ठ संवाददाता

इंजीनियरिंग में कोचिंग सिस्टम के खिलाफ मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी ने बुधवार को कई महत्वपूर्ण कदमों की घोषणा की। स्मृति ने कहा कि आईआईटी में दाखिले की संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा का प्रश्नपत्र 12वीं के पाठ्यक्रम के अनुरूप ही रखा जाएगा।

यहां एक कार्यक्रम में स्मृति ने कहा कि आईआईटी की परीक्षा में कई बार कुछ प्रश्न 12वीं के स्तर से ऊपर के होते हैं। लिहाजा यह सुनिश्चित किया जाएगा कि भविष्य में ऐसा न हो। छात्रों की मदद के

भारतवाणी पोर्टल

25 मई को स्मृति ईरानी 'भारतवाणी' नाम का एक पोर्टल और एप लांच करेंगी। इस पोर्टल और एप पर उच्च शिक्षा से संबंधित लिखित, वीडियो, ऑडियो सामग्री डाली जाएगी। यह सामग्री मुफ्त होगी।

लिए जेईई के पिछले 50 सालों के प्रश्नपत्र उत्तर समेत जारी होंगे। 'आईआईटीपाल' नाम का पोर्टल और एप लांच होगा जिस पर ये उपलब्ध होंगे। एप पर आईआईटी के सर्वश्रेष्ठ शिक्षकों के वीडियो और ऑडियो लेक्चर भी उपलब्ध होंगे।

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13 भाषाओं में उपलब्ध होगी अध्ययन सामग्री

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भाषा की परेशानियों को देखते हुए मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय ने आईआईटी संस्थानों से 13 भाषाओं में जेईई की अध्ययन सामग्री उपलब्ध कराने को कहा गया है। केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री ने बुधवार को यह जानकारी भी दी।

केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि बहुत सारे लोगों ने कोचिंग उद्योग के खतरे के बारे में शिकायत की है। उन्होंने कहा कि अगले दो महीनों में ये हल प्रश्नपत्र जारी कर दिए जाएंगे। केंद्रीय मंत्री ने माना कि आईआईटी की तैयारी 12वीं कक्षा के पाठ्यक्रम की तैयारी से काफी कठिन है। इस कारण छात्र कोचिंग संस्थानों की शरण लेते हैं। इसके लिए सरकार आईआईटी परिषद के सहयोग से यह सुनिश्चित करेगी कि जेईई की प्रश्नपत्र 12वीं कक्षा के पाठ्यक्रम के अनुरूप हों।

उन्होंने कहा कि अगर हम जेईई परीक्षा में स्नातक स्तर के सवाल पूछेंगे तो स्कूल स्तर के छात्रों से इसका हल पाने की उम्मीद नहीं की जा सकती। उन्होंने स्वीकार किया कि मौजूदा व्यवस्था छात्रों को कोचिंग संस्थानों की ओर धकेलती

सुविधा

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- ईरानी ने कहा, आईआईटी जेईई के अभ्यर्थियों को मदद मिलेगी

50 हजार करोड़ का कोचिंग उद्योग

क्रिसिल के एक अध्ययन के अनुसार, भारत में कोचिंग उद्योग का सालाना कारोबार 40 हजार करोड़ रुपये से ज्यादा का है। मौजूदा समय में यह 50 हजार करोड़ से ऊपर निकल चुका है।

है। केंद्रीय मंत्री ने बेहिचक कहा कि कुछ संस्थान कैपिटेशन फीस जैसे मुद्दों पर दिशानिर्देशों का पालन नहीं कर रहे हैं।

गौरतलब है कि वर्ष 2012 में आईआईटी ने पहली बार जेईई की उत्तर पुस्तिका कुछ वक्त के लिए वेबसाइट पर अपलोड की थी। वैसे सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने भी अगस्त 2011 के एक फैसले में कहा था कि आरटीआई के तहत परीक्षाओं की उत्तर पुस्तिकाएं सार्वजनिक की जाएं।

Adding a new chapter: IITs and IIMs help launch manufacturing startups

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NEW DELHI: The word startup usually conjures up images of companies, which have something to do with softwares or online retail.

But beyond the limelight, there has been a sharp rise in manufacturing startups over the past five years, especially at the incubation centres of IIMs and IITs.

"Technology institutes can provide prototyping and testing infrastructure for these ideas, and management institutes can provide active business mentoring and operational scale-up support. Incubators associated with these academic institutes can be the channel of supporting these entrepreneurs," says Kunal Upadhyay, CEO, Centre for Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship at IIM Ahmedabad.

The key is to make these educational institutes engage with not only student entrepreneurs, but external entrepreneurs as well. The latter can often be a source of inspiration for students and provide them live learning opportunities, adds Upadhyay.

Anil Wali, managing director, Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT) at IIT Delhi, says academic institutions can serve as sources of innovative ideas, commercialisable research

TURNING THE GEARS

Over the past five years, more than 120 manufacturing startups have been incubated by differing success rates

Incubation centre	Manufacturing startups funded since 2010	Survival rate	Some successful startups
IIT Kharagpur STEP	12	10%	Amnivor Medicare, SG ArtHeart, Polysorb Laboratory
IIT Madras Incubation Cell	21	100%	Ather Energy, Dhvani Research, Planys Technologies
IIT Bombay SINE	34	80%	Ideaforge Technology, Sedemac Mechatronics
IIT Delhi FITT	15	60%	Sintex Esco, KritiKal Solutions, Mechartes
IIM Ahmedabad CIIE	40	90%	Greenway Grameen, Tessol, Ecolibrium Energy

and technical manpower that can be leveraged by the startups.

Apart from the basic support such as a company secretary, legal help and office space, entrepreneurs see immense benefits of being a part of an incubator by the way mentorship and interaction with the alumni.

"When we started off in March

2015, we were overwhelmed with so many business opportunities for our idea. Our mentors guided and helped us identify the key areas to focus on, got us the right meetings through their connections," says Tanuj Jhunjhunwala of Planys Technologies, incubated at IIT Madras Incubation Centre.

However, the survival rate of

startups at the end of incubation ranges from 10% to 100%.

As Upadhyay says: "It is harder for manufacturing startups to find financial support as lots of venture capital funds don't invest in them."

Satyahari Dey, MD, Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Park IIT Kharagpur blames the missing "drive in the country" for the low survival rates. Increased focus of the government, though, will work in favour of these startups in the coming years, he says.

Dey says the government should create world-class incubation campuses at all these institutions with no bar on funding, to make India the number one innovation-translation destination as well.

Tamaswati Ghosh, CEO, IIT Madras Incubation Cell says: "The government should provide channels for obtaining funds for seeding and scaling-up startups, and also help us get necessary funding clearances."

However, startups in the manufacturing space are set to grow.

"Make in India initiative is giving entrepreneurs a platform to create hype about the sector and it is the right time to launch startups. With an innovative idea in mind your chances of survival will be high," says Poyini Bhatt, COO, Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, IIT Bombay.

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वायु प्रदूषण पर भारत-अमेरिका द्विपक्षीय कार्यशाला शुरू

नई दिल्ली। उत्तर भारत में तेजी से बढ़ रही वायु प्रदूषण की समस्या से निपटने के लिए भारत और अमेरिका के द्विपक्षीय सहयोग से मंगलवार को दिल्ली में एक कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। यह कार्यशाला बहुत से साझा लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने में महत्वपूर्ण साबित हो सकती है। अमेरिकी दूतावास की ओर से इस कार्यशालाओं की एक

श्रृंखला की शुरुआत की गई है। लिहाजा, दिल्ली के स्वास्थ्य मंत्री सत्येंद्र जैन और अमेरिकी दूतावास के उप राजदूत माइकल पेलेटर ने मंगलवार को इसका शुभारंभ किया। ये कार्यशाला 17 मई से 26 मई के दौरान दिल्ली, चंडीगढ़, जयपुर, लखनऊ आदि शहरों में आयोजित की जाएगी। कार्यशाला श्रृंखला की समाप्ति 26 मई को लखनऊ में एक

विशेष समापन समारोह के साथ होगी। कार्यशाला भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईटी) दिल्ली, अनुसंधान त्रिभुज संस्थान (आरटीआई) इंटरनेशनल के सहयोग से और अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति ओबामा व प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी द्वारा वायु प्रदूषण के प्रभाव पर अध्ययन व सहकारी प्रयासों को विकसित करने के लिए आयोजित की जा रही है।

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उपलब्धि

आईआईटी कानपुर से बीटेक करने वाले राकेश जैन को दिया जाएगा अमेरिका का प्रतिष्ठित मेडल

अमेरिका में भारतवंशी को नेशनल मेडल ऑफ साइंस

वाशिंगटन (प्रे)। आईआईटी कानपुर से बीटेक करने वाले भारतीय मूल के राकेश के जैन को अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति बराक ओबामा प्रतिष्ठित नेशनल मेडल ऑफ साइंस अवॉर्ड से सम्मानित करेंगे। उन्हें यह सम्मान ट्यूमर बायोलॉजी के क्षेत्र में उल्लेखनीय योगदान के लिए 19 मई को दिया जाएगा।

वर्ष 1972 में केमिकल इंजीनियरिंग करने वाले राकेश जैन हार्वर्ड मेडिकल स्कूल में ट्यूमर बायोलॉजी के प्रोफेसर हैं। पहले पुरस्कार समारोह 22 जनवरी को आयोजित होना था, लेकिन भारी बर्फबारी के चलते कार्यक्रम की तिथि आगे बढ़ा दी गई। मेडल ऑफ साइंस विज्ञान, इंजीनियरिंग और गणित के क्षेत्र में उल्लेखनीय काम करने वालों को हर साल दिया जाता है। जैन ने ट्यूमर की धमनियों पर शोध किया है। इस शोध से कीमोथैरेपी एवं रेडिएशन को ज्यादा प्रभावी बनाने में मदद मिलेगी। अवॉर्ड की स्थापना 1959 में विशेष कानून के तहत की गई थी।



भारतीय किशोर को इंटेल यंग साइंटिस्ट अवॉर्ड

भारतीय मूल के अमेरिकी किशोर श्यामांतक पायरा को इस साल इंटेल यंग साइंटिस्ट अवॉर्ड दिया गया है। उनके साथ कैथी लिउ को सम्मानित किया गया। इन्हें अवॉर्ड कम कीमत के इलेक्ट्रॉनिक नी ब्रेस (घुटनों को मजबूती देने वाला यंत्र) विकसित करने के लिए दिया गया। श्यामांतक (15) और कैथी (17) को इंटेल कॉर्पोरेशन और द सोसाइटी फॉर साइंस एंड द पब्लिक (एसएसपी) की ओर से पचास हजार डॉलर (33.38 लाख रुपए) नकद का पुरस्कार दिया गया। दोनों को एरिजोना में आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम में सम्मानित किया गया। टेक्सास निवासी श्यामांतक ने इस नए यंत्र का दो पोलियो पीड़ितों पर सफल परीक्षण किया था। यंत्र के इस्तेमाल से दोनों बेहतर तरीके से चलने लगे थे। बेस्ट ऑफ कैटेगरी में भारतीय मूल के पांच युवा वैज्ञानिकों को भी सम्मानित किया गया।

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Suicides in Kota are wake-up call

THE spate of suicides being reported from the coaching capital of India, Kota, should shock all of us. Young children are killing themselves not because they are not able to get admission into any Indian Institution of Technology (IIT), but because of sheer pressure of coaching and obsession of parents with IITs. The most poignant is the case of a girl who killed herself despite 'cracking' the joint entrance examination for IIT with a good rank. She took the extreme step of ending her young life because she did not want to become an engineer but a scientist. This is indeed a sad commentary on everyone — education system, parents, media, governments and politicians.

Kota suicides represent collective failure of the society. Over the years, we have created an atmosphere in which IITs have been placed on a pedestal — an ultimate goal for young children. Any inability to reach there is considered end of career dreams for many. For middle-class and poor parents, an admission into IIT appears to be the best career option, a passport to megabuck jobs and good life. The biggest beneficiaries of this craze are coaching centres in Kota, Guntur, Hyderabad, Faridabad, Patna and elsewhere.

The frenzy begins with IITs, which themselves are under wrong impression that they are among the best engineering schools in the world. They always pride themselves by the number of students competing for each seat, hiding real academic indicators such as innovation, research output and teacher-student ratio. Forget any comparison with MIT and Harvard, the combined research output of IITs is far below that of just two technology universities in Singapore — National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University. The faculty shortage in IITs is pathetic, as pointed out by the parliamentary committee on



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NEW data has revealed that the Gorkha Earthquake, which hit Nepal in April last year, did not release all of the seismic stress that had built up underground along the Himalayan arc. Due to the residual stress, likelihood of another large earthquake occurring in the future remains, according to a report released by Kathmandu-based International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development. Seismologists say the damage from a possible large earthquake could be much worse. The report says that geological hazards induced by the quake were landslides, river channel constriction and damming, and avalanches with debris flow and airburst.

higher education last month.

While all such serious issues are shoved under the carpet, all that we hear are unverified claims about salary packages — which help IITs further consolidate their brands and lure gullible middle class parents.

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Coaching centres then start hyping up their own brands by making false and unethical claims about ranks of their stu-

dents. Some of them even hold entrance tests — an entrance test for preparing for entrance test. The coaching business operates in connivance with state education departments, which turn a blind eye to 'dummy schools' where children are enrolled for 10th and 12th grade CBSE or state board examinations but are actually studying in coaching institutes. These kids are being deprived of basic schooling and robbed of their childhood. Their growing years are spent in 10-12 hours of rote learning and solving multiple choice questions, blunting their mental growth and capacity to think and ask questions.

It is time we wake up to end this menace. We will have to work at different levels. IITs will have to be deglamourised. Parents need counselling and the government needs to act tough with coaching industry.

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जल्द बनेगी नई शिक्षा नीति

नई दिल्ली, (वार्ता): केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी ने कहा कि देश में शीघ्र ही एक व्यापक राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति बनायी जाएगी जिसके लिये एक समिति का गठन किया गया है। श्रीमती ईरानी ने आकाशवाणी को एक विशेष साक्षात्कार में बताया कि नई शिक्षा नीति के संबंध में गठित समिति की ओर से एक पखवाड़े के भीतर अपनी मसौदा नीति प्रस्तुत कर दिये जाने की संभावना है। उन्होंने कहा कि नयी नीति का फार्मूला दो लाख से अधिक ग्रामीण शिक्षा परिषदों और करीब 1500 शहरी स्थानीय निकायों सहित विभिन्न क्षेत्रों से मिले अभिवेदन के आधार पर तैयार किया जा रहा है। दस हजार से अधिक गांवों की ओर से लिखित अभिवेदन भेजे जा चुके हैं जिसमें उनकी आवश्यकताओं को रेखांकित किया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि मानव संसाधन मंत्रालय शीघ्र ही एक वेबपोर्टल भारतवाणी लांच करेगा जिसमें 22 भारतीय भाषाओं में विषय

इंटरव्यू



इस विषय पर गठित समिति एक पखवाड़े में सौंपेगी रिपोर्ट

रहेंगे तथा अगले वर्ष तक इसे सौ भाषाओं में विस्तारित किया जायेगा। इसके साथ ही आईआईटी की ओर से छह अनुसंधान पार्क स्थापित किये जायेंगे। उन्होंने जोर दिया कि उनके मंत्रालय का मुख्य उद्देश्य छात्रों को गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षा देना और इसे उनके वहन के योग्य बनाना है।

IISc. leads country in research output

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The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, has proved that it was not adjudged the top university in the country by the Centre for nothing.

With 22,056 publications between 2002 and 2014, it was ahead of 29 top academic institutions — government and private — based on the volume of publications, according to a study commissioned by the Department of Science and Technology. This is the most number of publications from a single academic institute in India. The 2016 study, 'International Comparative Performance of India's Research Base – A Bibliometric Analysis', looked at the number of publications research institutions had in the 12-year period. Though the IITs did not make it to the top slot, seven of them made it to the top 30 with five in the top 10. It also looks at the volumes for the period of 2009-13.

'Most prolific'

The study hailed IISc. as 'India's most prolific academic institution', with its output growing from 999 to 2,224 publications between 2002 and 2014. What's more, the institute was termed the most prolific in most subject areas, with the highest number of publications between 2009 and 2013 in six subjects.

However, another section of academics were of the view that these rankings should be taken with a pinch of salt for the simple reason that not all the institutions are on the same pedestal.

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River Ganga Repository inaugurated at AMU

ALIGARH: The 'River Ganga Repository' was inaugurated at Maulana Azad Library in Aligarh Muslim University on Tuesday in order to collect and disseminate information about the holy river in printed and digital forms. AMU librarian Nabi Hasan said the project was aimed at collecting, organising and making accessible to the world the literature and other information pertaining to the river. To start with, he said, AMU had already collected a number of books, reports, dissertations and theses which have been made part of the repository. He said this knowledge could be utilised in cleaning and rejuvenating the Ganga river.

Hasan said AMU had already implemented projects on the Ganga river and a number of other activities and researches were going in the university. "AMU now wishes to give impetus to this important mission of restoring this river to its pristine glory," he pointed out.

Hasan said that AMU had created this section in the central library and a link (<http://www.amu.ac>) had been created for relevant literature. Vice-chancellor Zameer Uddin Shah is the patron while Prof Sachchidanand Sahay advisor and Nabi Hasan coordinator of this project. **HTC**