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# 6 new IITs in the offing

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Six new IITs will come up at Tirupati, Palakkad, Dharwar, Bhilai, Goa and Jammu while ISM Dhanbad will also be upgraded to an IIT. The Union Cabinet on Wednesday gave post-facto approval to the decision. There are currently 16 IITs.

The Cabinet meeting, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, also approved the introduction of the National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research Amendment Bill, 2016, for inclusion of NIT Andhra Pradesh in its first schedule, sources said.

The government gave ex post facto approval to amend the Institutes of

Technology Act, 1961, for incorporation of the new IITs in AP, Kerala, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Goa and J&K and conversion of the Indian School of Mines to an IIT. "The approval will bring six new Indian Institutes of Technology and declare them as institutions of national importance," an official statement said.

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# आईआईटी का दर्जा बढ़ा

## केन्द्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने संशोधनों को मंजूरी दी

■ 11 हजार करोड़ से होगा 1300 किमी रेलमार्गों का दोहरीकरण, राष्ट्रीय पूंजीगत वस्तु नीति को मिली मंजूरी

नई दिल्ली। केन्द्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने छह नए भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों (आईआईटी) को राष्ट्रीय महत्व के संस्थान का दर्जा देने के लिए उन्हें प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान अधिनियम 1961 के तहत लाने वाले संशोधन को आज पूर्व प्रभाव से मंजूरी दे दी।

ये आईआईटी आन्ध्र प्रदेश के तिरुपति, केरल के पलक्कड, कर्नाटक के धारवाड़, छत्तीसगढ़ के भिलाई, गोवा और जम्मू कश्मीर के जम्मू में हैं। इस संशोधन के माध्यम से झारखंड के धनबाद स्थित इंडियन स्कूल ऑफ माइन्स को भी आईआईटी का दर्जा देकर राष्ट्रीय महत्व का

### हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर्स का वित्तीय पुनर्गठन

नई दिल्ली। केन्द्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने बिहार में हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर्स कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड के वित्तीय पुनर्गठन के प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी दे दी है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में आज यहां हुई केन्द्रीय मंत्रिमंडल की बैठक में इस आशय के प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी देने के अलावा कंपनी के सरकारी ऋण 1916.14 करोड़ रुपये और इसके ब्याज 7163.35 करोड़ रुपये भी माफ करने के प्रस्ताव को अनुमोदन कर दिया गया। इसके अलावा कंपनी द्वारा बिहार राज्य बिजली उत्पादन कंपनी लिमिटेड को 56 एकड़ भूमि भी देने के प्रस्ताव को स्वीकार कर लिया गया है। यह भूमि कंपनी की देनदारी की एवज में दी जाएगी। सरकार के इस निर्णय से कंपनी की बरौनी इकाई के पुनरोद्धार के कार्यक्रम में तेजी आएगी।

संस्थान बनाया गया है। केन्द्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने गत वर्ष इन छह आईआईटी को मंजूरी दी थी। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में आज यहां हुई मंत्रिमंडल की बैठक में प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान अधिनियम 1961 में संशोधन को पूर्व प्रभाव से लागू करने पर मुहर लगाई गई। इस संशोधन से ये सभी संस्थान राष्ट्रीय महत्व के

बन जाएंगे। मंत्रिमंडल की बैठक में आंध्र प्रदेश भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान की स्थापना के निर्णय को भी पूर्व प्रभाव से मंजूरी दी गई। सरकार ने गुजरात, उत्तरप्रदेश, मध्यप्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र एवं ओडिशा की रेलवे को करीब पौने ग्यारह हजार करोड़ रुपये की लागत वाली दोहरीकरण/तिहरीकरण की-शेष पृष्ठ दो पर

### किशोर न्याय कानून के लिए नियमावली का प्रारूप जारी

नई दिल्ली। केन्द्रीय महिला एवं बाल विकास मंत्री मेनका गांधी ने किशोर न्याय (देखभाल एवं संरक्षण) अधिनियम 2015 को प्रभावी रूप से लागू करने के लिए नियमावली का प्रारूप आज आम जनता के लिए जारी किया। श्रीमती गांधी ने कहा कि इससे इस महत्वपूर्ण कानून को प्रभावी तरीके से लागू किया जा सकेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि नियमावली जारी करने से पहले इस संबंध में सामाजिक संगठनों, कानूनविदों और विशेषज्ञों के साथ विस्तृत विचार विमर्श किया गया है। नियमावली के प्रारूप में बाल कल्याण समिति के अधिकारों, कामकाज और उत्तरदायित्व का स्पष्टता से उल्लेख किया गया है।

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## DOCTORAL STUDIES

# HRD ministry sets new rules for award of MPhil, PhD degrees

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The human resource development ministry has set new rules for award of research degrees such as MPhil and PhD at Indian universities.

The HRD ministry has also relaxed several rules for women candidates, including allowing a 240-day maternity break from their studies.

The new rules are aimed at putting in place a "proper system" for doctoral studies and streamline their administration, duration and quality, said higher education secretary V.S. Oberoi. The rules are also intended to allow women greater flexibility in pursuing research.

In 2013-14, some 107,890 students were pursuing PhD in India. That was less than 0.4% of the total student enrolment in the country. Of the students pursuing a PhD, only around 3,335 were women.

Following are some of the key changes:

(1) MPhil duration: Minimum two consecutive semesters or one year, and a maximum of four consecutive semesters or two years.

(2) PhD duration: Minimum of three years, including course work, and a maximum of six years. Extension beyond the

limit to be governed by statute or ordinance of the individual institution.

(3) Number of PhD scholars per supervisor now has been fixed at 8/6/4 for professor/associate professor/assistant professor, respectively. It was eight per supervisor earlier.

(4) Number of MPhil scholars per supervisor now at 3/2/1 for professor/associate professor/assistant professor, respectively. It was five per supervisor earlier.

(5) Only a full-time regular teacher of the concerned university/college can act as a supervisor. It means an external, visiting, adjunct or part-time teacher in a

university cannot be the core supervisor of a research scholar. However, a co-supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas.

(6) Special provisions have been provided for women scholars. For a female research candidate, the course duration has been relaxed by two years for PhD and one year for MPhil courses. It also applies to physi-

cally handicapped candidates with 40% disability.

(7) The new rules allow the women candidates maternity leave, or child-care leave, once during the entire duration of their MPhil/PhD programmes for up to 240 days.

(8) Women candidates can now also transfer research data due to relocations to new institutions. It means that if a

woman candidate shifts her place of work or residence because of any personal or professional reasons, she can shift her research work from one university to another close to her where she is moving.

The rules will encourage

more women to enrol in doctoral programs by allowing them to get married and build a family while pursuing their studies, said S. Parasuraman, director of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

He said the HRD ministry's new rules are also "progressive and will help address procedural issues related to administering the programmes".

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### Trai looks to IISc, IITs to make STBs interoperable

**New Delhi, May 25:** Broadcasting sector regulator Trai is counting on the acumen of experts from institutions like IITs and IISc to overcome technological challenges that block the possibility of interoperability of Set Top Boxes (STBs). Trai chairman R S Sharma on Wednesday said with the interest of the consumers in mind, inter-operability of STBs has been high on the regulator's agenda for long, but technological factors have impeded progress in this regard.

Inter-operability refers to a situation where STBs of different cable or DTH operator become inter-useable and a consumer is not forced to spend on buying a new one set-top box every time he or she decides to change the service provider.

Sharma said many people feel that it is not possible to have a common STB because of security reasons and the need of broadcasters to keep their content encrypted and safe from piracy.

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### IIMs, passouts on sticky wicket as Flipkart defers recruitment

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Flipkart's decision to defer joining dates of new Indian Institute of Management (IIM) recruits has put students and authorities on a sticky wicket.

Sources said the joining dates have been deferred from June to as late as December. So far, IIM-Ahmedabad (IIM-A) is the only one to have expressed concern. The e-commerce major has claimed that it has taken this step because of ongoing restructuring in its business.

The authorities at IIM-A have sent a strongly worded letter to Flipkart, marking other premier B-schools such as IIM-Bangalore, IIM-Lucknow and

the Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi.

Both IIM-B and IIM-L confirmed they have received a communication from Flipkart, and were mulling further action.

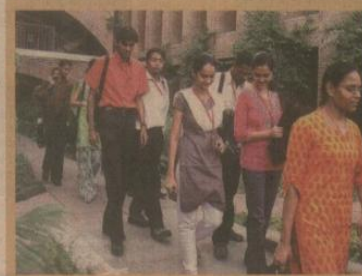
"We have not talked to Flipkart. We are in consultation with our students on what actions can be taken. The students will have to decide whether they would want to wait or look for alternative opportunities," said Sapna Agarwal, head, career development services, IIM-Bangalore.

IIM-A has proposed a joint call with stakeholders and other B-schools. Asha Kaul, chairperson, placements, was unavailable for comments; an e-mail sent to the institute went unanswered.

Flipkart, in a public statement, said the delay in the joining dates of new campus recruits was because of ongoing organisational restructuring that involves creating new business units and merging some. It cited examples of integrating its engineering organisation while creating a new unit—the customer shopping experience group.

"As a part of this ongoing restructuring, the campus program will also go through a comprehensive overhaul to ensure that it is in line with our new business structure and that our campus recruits start working towards larger company goals from Day One," the company said.

Flipkart had extended offers



to about 10 candidates each at IIM-A and IIM-B, while it made offers at IIM Lucknow, too, among other B-schools.

"At the outset, let me share

that this was a difficult decision for us to arrive at and we feel the disappointment of students. At the same time, it is important for us to land our campus

#### IN A NUTSHELL

IIM-A had sent a strongly worded letter to Flipkart, protesting the announced delays to recruit freshers

This letter had been marked to other premier B-schools such as IIM-Bangalore, IIM-Lucknow and FMS Delhi

Flipkart said delay in joining dates of new campus recruits is due to ongoing organisational restructuring

hires into Flipkart at the right time and into meaningful roles which gives them opportunity to learn and grow," said Nitin Seth, chief people offi-

cer, Flipkart, wrote in a letter to the IIMs.

Neeraj Dwivedi, chairperson, placements, IIM Lucknow, said the decision was not welcome. He added the institute was trying to gather more information before taking a call.

"Flipkart has communicated to us about the deferred joining. However, we have not initiated communication with them yet. We are willing to join IIM-A in the call. However, students are not here on campus. So we are going slightly slow on this. Obviously, no one welcomes this," he said.

The placements representative of one of the older IIMs said some of the candidates who were supposed to join on Monday came to know about

deferred joining only the previous Friday.

#### Ola on right track

Ola Cabs, on the other hand, maintained it was on track as far as joining dates were concerned.

"We are on track in terms of joining dates for on-campus hires. All students hired, are joining according to the given dates and we look forward to welcoming them. We are looking to hire and onboard top talent through the off-campus route as well," the company said in an official statement.

"Candidates are exploring various alternatives before taking a decision and the institute will work accordingly," the representative said.

**TAKING A TOUGH STAND** Institutes plan to hit back after ecomm firm defers joining date for last batch of campus recruits by 6 months

# IITs may Ship Flipkart Out of Day One Slot

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**Mumbai:** Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) are likely to strip Flipkart of its Day One status in their campus placement programs. This is a fallout of the ecommerce giant's recent decision to defer the joining date for its most recent batch of campus recruits from June this year to December.

According to multiple sources across IITs, Flipkart is almost certain to be bumped down from the prestigious Day One slot at the top institutes. The All-IITs Placement Committee (AIPC), comprising placement cell heads across all IITs, will be meeting in the next few days to take a stand on the Flipkart issue.

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## In the Crosshairs



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All-IITs Placement Committee (AIPC) to meet soon to take decision on removing Flipkart from this slot

IITs say some smaller startups have also been deferring or even withdrawing offers of late



Flipkart though may not get blacklisted unlike Zomato last year

Institutes say they may have to rethink strategy about entire startup/ecommerce space

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"Flipkart's Day One slot at IITs will be affected for sure," said an AIPC member. "Our next AIPC meeting was scheduled for October, but we are planning to have a video conference in the next few days to decide on how to sort out the problem."

The Day One slot across IITs is normally reserved for the most reputed companies, including technology giants such as Google and Microsoft. Given the intense competition to get top-flight talent, companies vie for this slot to be able to hire the cream of the graduating students first. Flipkart has so far enjoyed a Day One slot across almost all IITs, barring a couple of campuses such as IIT-Bombay.

"It is a delicate situation. Many of our alumni are still at Flipkart and it would be unwise to have a kneejerk re-

action," said a placement head who declined to be named.

Flipkart though is unlikely to get blacklisted unlike Zomato. Last year, Zomato was insistent that it be included in the Day One slot at IIT-Delhi. It was turned down and its CEO Deepinder Goyal expressed his displeasure in an outburst on Twitter. IITs subsequently blacklisted Zomato and did not allow it to hire on campus.

The pressure on Flipkart is intensifying, with IIT-Bombay – where seven students have been hired by Flipkart – also planning to send out an email to the company, asking them to reduce the deferment period or else increase the compensation amount which is currently at ₹1.5 lakh.

They have also asked the company to provide surety that it plans to onboard all students once Flipkart's restructuring is done with.

When ET spoke to the institute in the evening, it said it was planning to send the letter to the company's campus team later that night.

ET had on Wednesday reported about a similar email sent out by IIM-Ahmedabad. Flipkart had responded saying while it would be taking on all the students it has hired, it wouldn't be able to increase the ₹1.5 lakh compensation for the six-month delay.

"We had been kept in the dark till just a few days ago. Now it means forced unemployment for six months for students who've been hired by Flipkart," said a peeved IIT-Bombay student.

IITs say that some smaller startups have also been deferring or even withdrawing offers of late. But this latest development from a recruiter of Flipkart's standing has been the biggest shock yet.

"We are looking to rethink our stra-

tegy about this entire space as a whole," said the placement chairperson of an older IIT. "We are seeing more interest in big MNCs and more stable companies."

Meanwhile, some B-schools – Flipkart has deferred offers made here too – say they will help students find alternative employment should they not want to wait till December to join Flipkart. "Flipkart's reputation has definitely taken a big hit," said an IIM placement head.

"The decision to defer joining for 6 months has been taken after due evaluation of all possibilities and keeping in mind the timelines to complete the organisational restructuring at Flipkart. We are committed and absolutely confident of having all our trainees on board in December 2016," Flipkart said in a clarification it posted on its website on Wednesday.

# केंद्रीय मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी ने किया 'भारतवाणी' पोर्टल और मोबाइल एप का लोकार्पण बच्चों की पढ़ाई पर ऑनलाइन नजर

राज्य ब्यूरो, लखनऊ : केंद्र व राज्य सरकारें मिलकर अब देशभर के बच्चों की पढ़ाई पर ऑनलाइन नजर रखेंगी। इसके लिए दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा 'चाइल्ड-टीचर ट्रेकिंग सिस्टम' जून में लांच किया जाएगा। यह जानकारी बुधवार को यहां बाबा साहब भीमराव अंबेडकर विश्वविद्यालय परिसर में भारतवाणी पोर्टल व मोबाइल एप का लोकार्पण करने के बाद केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी ने दी।

स्मृति ने कहा कि शिक्षा क्षेत्र की गुणवत्ता बढ़ाने का विशेष कार्यक्रम बनाया गया है। इसमें विषय ही नहीं, हर स्तर पर छात्र-छात्राओं के अध्ययन व शिक्षकों के प्रयासों पर ऑनलाइन नजर रहेगी। इसके जरिये जिला और स्कूल स्तर तक की गतिविधियों पर निगाह रखी जा सकेगी और इसमें सभी राज्य सरकारों का सहयोग लिया जाएगा। उन्होंने बताया कि केंद्रीय विद्यालयों में शिक्षकों की कमी अब नहीं है। केंद्र सरकार द्वारा छह नए आइआइटी खोलने के फैसले का स्वागत करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि आइएसएम धनबाद को आइआइटी में बदलने का फैसला कर सरकार ने वहां के विद्यार्थियों की वर्षों पुरानी मांग पूरी की है।

**एक एप, 250 भाषाएं** : इससे पूर्व स्मृति ईरानी ने 'भारतवाणी' वेब पोर्टल व मोबाइल एप का लोकार्पण किया। उन्होंने बताया कि इस एप में अभी 22 भारतीय भाषाओं के शब्दकोष जोड़े



लखनऊ में बुधवार को बाबा साहब भीमराव अंबेडकर विश्वविद्यालय (बीबीएयू) में आयोजित कार्यक्रम में भारतवाणी मोबाइल एप लांच करती केंद्रीय मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी। साथ में बीबीएयू वीसी प्रो. आरसी सोबती।

गए हैं। एक साल के भीतर इसमें 250 भाषाओं के शब्दकोष शामिल हो जाएंगे। देश में 40 करोड़ से अधिक लोग हिंदी में काम करते हैं, लेकिन इंटरनेट पर एक फीसद से कम जानकारी हिंदी में मिलती है। प्रौद्योगिकी की मदद से भाषाओं को बचाने में भी सफलता मिलेगी। देश के इतिहास में पहली बार तकनीक का इस्तेमाल करते हुए भारत की असीम विरासत को दुनिया के सामने लाया गया है। भारत में 1535

मातृभाषाएं हैं और पूरी दुनिया मानती है कि बच्चों को मातृभाषा में पढ़ाया जाना चाहिए। यह पोर्टल इस दिशा में भी मददगार साबित होगा। संस्कृत से जुड़ने पर ताने : मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री ने कहा कि भारतीय भाषाओं पर चिंतन, संवाद व विवाद सामान्य बात हो गई है। यदि भारतीय भाषाओं की बात करे तो भाषाविद् को संप्रदायिक प्राणी होने का दंश सहना पड़ता है। 1980 में नासा के वैज्ञानिक ने संस्कृत को

आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ भाषा करार दिया था। यदि यही बात भारतीय वैज्ञानिक ने कही होती तो उसे भगवा कह दिया जाता। अमेरिका की कॉर्नेल यूनिवर्सिटी के गणित विभाग के शिक्षकों ने भी माना कि दुनिया की सबसे पुरानी ज्यामिती की किताब संस्कृत में है। इसके विपरीत आइआइटी में संस्कृत की शुरुआत के नाम पर मुझे ताने सुनने पड़े और दंडित तक करने की बात कही गई। एप का विकास करने वाले भारतीय भाषा संस्थान, मैसूर के निदेशक डॉ. अवधेश कुमार मिश्र ने बताया कि यह पोर्टल व एप देश की सबसे बड़ी बहुभाषी डिक्शनरी है। इसके माध्यम से भारतीय भाषाओं का सबसे बड़ा डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म तैयार हुआ है।

**राजनीति पर नो कमेंट** : अमेठी में राहुल गांधी को चुनौती दे चुकी स्मृति ईरानी ने राजनीतिक विषयों पर कोई प्रतिक्रिया व्यक्त करने से इन्कार कर दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि गुरुवार, 26 मई को केंद्र सरकार के दो साल पूरे हो रहे हैं। यह दो वर्ष उपलब्धियों भरे रहे हैं। उत्तर प्रदेश में उन्हें मुख्यमंत्री के रूप में पेश किए जाने और असम में जीत के बात की स्थितियों पर उन्होंने कहा कि वह जल्द ही सारे सवालियों के जवाब देंगी, किंतु आज 'नो कमेंट'। स्मृति केंद्र सरकार के गठन की दूसरी सालगिरह मनाते गुरुवार को अमेठी जा रही हैं।

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