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'Wrong IIT-JEE questions again this year'

PATNA, 4 MAY: Like last year, questions for the IIT-JEE examination were found to be wrong, maths wizard and founder of Super-30 Anand Kumar has claimed.

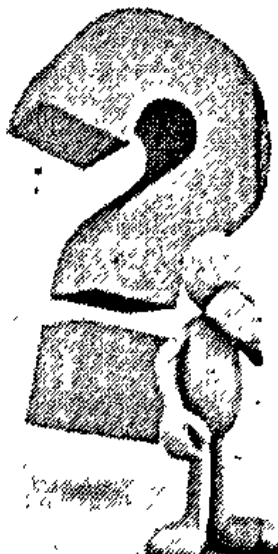
Mr Anand, whose efforts to help underprivileged students get through the tough competitive examination were recognised world-wide, said the problem had been detected soon after the examination, but it was confirmed after the JEE uploaded the answers to three questions yesterday.

Talking to PTI, Mr Kumar said it was strange that instead of accepting the mistake, the authorities had once again resorted to average marking, which, he believed, would affect meritorious students adversely.

In respect of one question each in chemistry (Q No. 23) and mathematics (Q No. 60) of Paper 2, the JEE authorities wrote that all students would get zero mark for it.

This means that the problems are wrong and even those stu-

dents who still made an attempt to solve them would get zero mark. Similarly, in question number 6 of physics, there should be one right choice, but two choices have been given," he explained.



He lamented this trend of setting wrong questions had been going on for the last three years due to 'callousness' on the part of the question-setters.

Last year, he pointed out, ques-

tions worth 18 marks had been detected wrong and later average marks were given.

Mr Kumar (in inset photo) said that two years ago it came to light that Hindi-medium students had been discriminated against due to low marking.

This does injustice to the meritorious students, as they suffer due to average marking. What is more, such things raise a question mark over the IITs credibility, and shakes students confidence, Anand lamented.

It is high time, he said, the authorities worked out a fool-proof mechanism to prevent repeat of such mistakes in future, as the IIT-JEE is a prestigious examination, he said.

"The teachers should test the answers by solving them before sending them for print, he felt. Mr Kumar had a few days ago submitted a detailed proposal to HRI minister Kapil Sibal regarding IIT-JEE reforms. **pti**

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IIT-B senate debates proposed admission process and criteria

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MUMBAI: A two-part admission procedure, only board marks to determine eligibility and reforms only from 2014: these were among the general points of agreement at an Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-B) senate meeting on Friday.

The senate was debating the report of a senate subcommittee on Joint Entrance Exams (JEE) submitted to the director last month, which had suggested these points. The JEE determines entry to the IITs.

The special meeting was convened to discuss the report after the ministry asked the IITs to come up with their own reforms proposals following opposition from the senates of IIT-Kanpur, IIT-Bombay and IIT-Delhi on the proposed reforms.

The ministry's reforms include using a candidate's board marks based on a normalised percentile score in drawing up the merit list. They also want to implement the reforms from and had suggested reforms be ushered in from 2013 itself.

The IIT-B subcommittee report recommended that candidates first appear for a national screening test in April, followed by a second stage test (akin to the JEE) in May to determine entry to the IITs. The report had also said that board marks only be used for the purposes of eligibility to write the test and not to determine admissions to the IITs.

"The senate will draw up a resolution with these key points based on the consensus at Friday's meeting," said an official who attended the meeting. "The main issue is not to implement the reforms from 2013 and to have a two-stage process without board marks for now." A document based on the discussion will be finalised by Monday and forwarded to the IIT council meeting scheduled for May 12. IIT-B director Devang Khakhar declined to comment on the issue.

The report had also recommended that the second stage test, or the JEE, be a subjective-type test "based on conceptual understanding, analytical thinking and problem solving abilities", with separate sections for Maths, Physics and Chemistry.

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AIIMS alumnus, engineer from IIT top Civil Services

Thirteen candidates from Delhi figure in the UPSC list of top 25

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AS MANY as 13 candidates from Delhi are among the top 25 who cleared the Civil Services Examination 2011 on Friday. AIIMS alumnus Dr Shena Aggarwal topped the examination, conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, in her third attempt while IIT electrical engineer Prince Dhawan ranked third in his first attempt.

And for the second straight year, the top two positions have been bagged by women. The second rank was secured by Rukmani Riar, a Master of Arts (Social Entrepreneurship) from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai.

Shena Aggarwal (25) was born and brought up in Yamunanagar in Haryana. She completed her MBBS at AIIMS in 2009. Daughter of a dentist, she topped the CBSE Pre Medical Test (PMT) in 2004 and is already training for the Indian Revenue Service (IRS) in Nagpur. In the 2010 Civil Services Examination, she ranked 305.

Aggarwal told Newsline she would use her background in medicine to change the face of public health as an administrator. "I am elated. I don't think people expect to top the UPSC in their wildest dreams. The phone hasn't stopped ringing. To be honest, the news is yet to sink in," she said.

She attributes the jump to Rank 1 to diligent prepara-



SHENA AGGARWAL
RANK 1



RUKMANI RIAR
RANK 2



PRINCE DHAWAN
RANK 3

3RD ATTEMPT FOR 9 OF TOP 25

OF THE TOP 25 candidates, 13 appeared from Delhi; three from Jaipur, two each from Mumbai and Chandigarh; and one each from Hyderabad, Chennai, Dispur, Patna and Jammu.

AMONG THE 25 candidates, six have made to the merit list in their first attempt; seven in second attempt; nine in third attempt; and one each in fourth, fifth and sixth attempts.

tion in her chosen subjects — medicine and psychology. "When it comes to preparation for the UPSC, there can be no shortcut. Obviously, since I had taken the exam once before, I had a certain edge. There were no surprises this year," she said.

"Though I was happy in the IRS, I wanted to clear the IAS. I knew I could work in managing the country's healthcare problems properly, only in this area." Despite her busy IRS training schedule in

AS MANY AS 12 candidates have already been recommended to services other than IAS on the basis of Civil Services Examinations of previous years.

THE TOPPERS include alumni from some of the premier educational institutions of the country including AIIMS, IIM and IITs. An alumnus of London School of Economics also figures in the top 25.

Nagpur, she dedicated 5-6 hours a day in preparing for the 2011 examination.

For 22-year-old Prince Dhawan, congratulatory phone calls after announcement of examination results, are not new. A gold medalist from IIT, he was the topper in the dual degree B.Tech and M. Tech course in electrical engineering in 2011, and was also declared the all-round best student of his batch.

Dhawan said that while there was no secret to how he cracked the examination in

his first attempt, proper planning in studies contributed largely to his success.

"I started planning from the middle of 2009. I had short term plans, which were daily and weekly targets and long term plans where I would map out how much of the syllabus I would complete in 3-4 months or longer. I started studying for my second subject which was public administration much later, in May 2010. My first subject, electrical engineering, I was studying anyway. Other than that, I turned to newspapers for general knowledge," he said.

Dispelling the myth of "all work and no play," Dhawan was involved in extracurricular activities throughout his college life. "In college, I debated and taught juniors. In my final year, I became a teaching assistant at the IIT. I was also involved in a community service programme. I never gave up on any of these and, therefore, needed a plan of action for my studies," he said.

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एम्स और आईआईटी से निकले आईएस टॉपर

एम्स की डॉक्टर शेना अग्रवाल ने किया टॉप

Madhu Kumar



शेना अग्रवाल के ऑल इंडिया टॉपर बनने के बाद नागपुर में शेना के साथ जीत का जश्न मनाते उनके साथी

भूपेंद्र ॥ नई दिल्ली

सिविल सर्विसेज एग्जाम में 2.43 लाख कैंडिडेट्स ने अपना भाग्य आजमाया था और इनमें से फाइनल रिजल्ट में टॉप थ्री पॉजिशन हासिल करना किसी बड़े सपने के सच होने जैसा है। एम्स से एमबीबीएस करने वाली शेना अग्रवाल ने इस बार ओवरऑल टॉप किया है। वहीं, आईआईटी दिल्ली से एम.टेक कर चुके प्रिंस धवन पहली ही कोशिश में टॉप थ्री में शामिल हो गए हैं। उन्हें थर्ड पॉजिशन हासिल हुई है। इन टॉपर्स का कहना है कि सिविल सर्विसेज देश सेवा का एक बहुत बड़ा अवसर प्रदान करती है। आइए जानते हैं दिल्ली के इन टॉपर्स ने कैसे किया कमाल।

शेना अग्रवाल : पिछले साल 305

रैंक और अब नंबर 1 : सबसे टफ

एग्जाम में से एक सिविल सर्विसेज एग्जाम में टॉपर बनना कोई आसान काम नहीं है, लेकिन हरियाणा में यमुना नगर की रहने वाली शेना अग्रवाल ने यह मुकाम हासिल किया है। शेना को पहले प्रयास में सफलता नहीं मिली थी जबकि पिछले साल दूसरे प्रयास में उन्हें 305 रैंक हासिल हुई। इस समय वह नागपुर में आईआरएस की ट्रेनिंग ले रही हैं, लेकिन मन में यह जरूर था कि इस एग्जाम के टॉपर्स में शामिल हो। यही सोचकर शेना ने सिविल सर्विसेज एग्जाम 2011 में एक बार फिर से अर्पणाई किया और जब शुक्रवार को रिजल्ट आया तो नंबर वन का ताज उनके सिर पर था। शेना ने फोन पर एनबीटी से बातचीत में कहा कि यह

डीयू-जामिया के स्टूडेंट्स भी विनर

प्रस ॥ नई दिल्ली : सिविल सर्विसेज एग्जाम 2011 में डीयू, जामिया व जेएनयू के स्टूडेंट्स ने भी सफलता हासिल की है। डीयू से एमए (साइकॉलॉजी) की पढ़ाई करने वाले पल्लव गोपाल झा को 93वाँ रैंक हासिल हुई है। जामिया मिल्लिया इस्लामिया के सेंटर फॉर कोचिंग एंट करियर प्लानिंग के 7 कैंडिडेट ने यह एग्जाम पास किया है। जामिया के इस सेंटर में केवल यूनिवर्सिटी के ही नहीं बल्कि बाहर के स्टूडेंट्स को भी इस एग्जाम के लिए कोचिंग दी जाती है।

तो नहीं सोचा था कि पहली पॉजिशन हासिल होगी लेकिन इतना जरूर था कि इस बार टॉपर्स की लिस्ट में नाम जरूर होगा। एग्जाम के लिए उन्होंने मेडिकल साइंस व साइकॉलॉजी सब्जेक्ट चुने थे। एमबीबीएस करने के बाद आईएस बनने की क्यों सोची, इस सवाल के जवाब में शेना का कहना है कि एम्स में इलाज के लिए आने वाले गरीब लोगों की संख्या बहुत ज्यादा है। गरीब लोगों की सेवा करना सबसे बड़ा काम है। डॉक्टर बनकर तो लोगों की सेवा की है, साथ ही अब गरीबों की भलाई के लिए योजना बनाने में भी भागीदारी होगी। उन्होंने 2009 में एम्स से एमबीबीएस की डिग्री हासिल की थी। खास बात यह है

कि सीबीएसई के मेडिकल एग्जाम में भी उन्होंने पहली पॉजिशन हासिल की थी। प्रिंस धवन : पहली बार में टॉप 3 पर : इतने टफ एग्जाम में अगर कोई



शरूख पहली ही कोशिश में थर्ड पॉजिशन हासिल कर ले तो इसे चमत्कार ही कह सकते हैं। यह चमत्कार आईआईटी दिल्ली से

एम.टेक की पढ़ाई कर चुके प्रिंस धवन ने किया है। प्रिंस की उम्र केवल 22 साल है। 12वीं करने के बाद उन्होंने आईआईटी दिल्ली में पांच साल के कोर्स में एडमिशन लिया था और पिछले साल ही आईआईटी से एम.टेक (इलेक्ट्रिकल इंजीनियरिंग) की पढ़ाई पूरी की थी। प्रिंस अपने परिवार के साथ इस समय चंडीगढ़ में रह रहे हैं। एनबीटी से बातचीत में उन्होंने कहा कि कड़ी मेहनत करके ही उन्होंने यह सफलता हासिल की है। इसका क्रेडिट वह अपने पैरेंट्स व टीचर्स को दे रहे हैं। प्रिंस का कहना है कि आईएस बनने का सपना उन्होंने इसलिए देखा ताकि वह समाज के लिए कुछ कर सकें। भारत बहुत तेजी से प्रोग्रेस कर रहा है और युवाओं की भूमिका बहुत अहम है। प्रिंस का कहना है कि खुद पर विश्वास होना बहुत जरूरी है। पॉजिटिव सोच होगी, तभी इस तरह की सफलता हासिल की जा सकती है। प्रिंस के पिता इनकम टैक्स कमिश्नर हैं।

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सिविल सर्विस एग्जाम में छा गई दिल्ली

प्रमुख संवाददाता ॥ नई दिल्ली

यूपीएससी के सिविल सर्विस एग्जाम में इस साल पहली और तीसरी पोजिशन पर ऐसे कैंडिडेट काबिज रहे, जिन्होंने दिल्ली में पढ़ाई की और इसी शहर को एग्जाम सेंटर चुना था। इतना ही नहीं, सफलता हासिल करने वाले टॉप 25 कैंडिडेट्स में से 13 ऐसे हैं, जिन्होंने दिल्ली से परीक्षा दी थी।

यूपीएससी (संघ लोक सेवा आयोग) के सिविल सर्विस एग्जाम 2011 का नतीजा शुक्रवार को घोषित कर दिया गया। पहले दोनों रैंक पर लड़कियां काबिज रहीं। एम्स से एमबीबीएस की पढ़ाई

करने वाली शोना अग्रवाल ने परीक्षा में पहला स्थान हासिल किया है। इनका 2010 में इंडियन रेवेन्यू सर्विस में भी

चयन हुआ था और इस समय वह नागपुर में ट्रेनिंग ले रही हैं। टाटा इंस्टिट्यूट ऑफ सोशल साइंसेज, मुंबई से सोशल स्टडीज में पीजी की पढ़ाई करने वाली रुक्मिणी रायर ने दूसरा स्थान हासिल किया है। आईआईटी दिल्ली से एमटेक की डिग्री हासिल करने वाले प्रिंस धवन ने तीसरा स्थान हासिल किया है।

यह लगातार दूसरा साल है, जब इस परीक्षा में पहले दोनों स्थानों पर लड़कियों ने बाजी मारी। टॉप 25 में 19 लड़के, जबकि 6 लड़कियां हैं। इस परीक्षा के लिए 4,72, 290 ने आवेदन किया था। अंतिम रूप से 910 का चयन किया गया है। 715 लड़के और

195 लड़कियां हैं। सफल होने वालों में लंदन स्कूल ऑफ इकनॉमिक्स के भी स्टूडेंट हैं।



1. शोना अग्रवाल
एम्स से एमबीबीएस

2. रुक्मिणी रायर
टाटा इंस्टिट्यूट ऑफ सोशल
साइंसेज, मुंबई से सोशल
स्टडीज में पीजी

3. प्रिंस धवन
आईआईटी दिल्ली से एमटेक

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This winner never had a second plan because success is what mattered

Vijetha S.N

NEW DELHI: As soon as you enter the room, you know. It is quite obvious. Half the room is taken up by piles of books and a desk, and the other is half divided between a bed and mountain piles of *The Hindu*. The room belongs to a winner, someone who does not think of losing or a Plan B. The room in question belongs to 22-year-old Prince Dhawan, who aced this year's Civil Services by finishing third among 243,003 candidates who appeared for the exam this past October-November.

"I never had a second plan because if you do then, that makes you comfortable with failure," he says matter-of-factly. Prince has never let failure happen to him, ever. "I was a topper all my life, I topped the Central Board of Secondary Education, I got a gold medal in IIT for being an all-rounder," he says.

Prince from Chandigarh has made Delhi his home for years now, IIT-Delhi being the place where he first thought he might actually make a good IAS officer. "When I was in third year, I first started thinking about it," he says.

The electrical engineer was finally able to act on his goals after graduation. "I got a house, I made a plan and I stuck to it religiously."

Two of his best friends were his study companions. Combined studies more often than not result in a party of sorts but not for this serious trio. "We had, you know, certain rules," he says cryptical-



WINNER ALL THE WAY: Prince Dhawan, who stood third in Civil Services exam, at his residence in New Delhi on Friday. PHOTO: R. V. MOORTHY

ly.

Suddenly visible is a poster occupying centre-stage on the blank wall in front of the bed. "Code of Conduct in study hall," it proclaims, before listing the holy commandments that these young men have lived by for the past one year.

"Less talk, more study, no teasing remarks on each other's study habits and daily schedules, no use of laptop in study hall without headphones, no use of laptop dur-

ing dinner" are only some of the commandments. The last one reads: "Maintain silence and peace of mind."

"The only thing marring my happiness is that these friends have not made it this year. We were together since school, then we went to IIT, and then we started this also together," he discloses.

So what really clicked for Prince? "The personality test was the toughest. It is not something that can be learnt from a textbook, it is based on

who you are and how you present yourself."

So how did Prince, who so carefully planned his study schedule, manage?

"Well, reading newspapers like *The Hindu* everyday. I did not read it, I studied it thoroughly. I made notes and hated to miss even one page. The exams these days want people to come with their own opinions, the news reports informed me and let me form my own opinions," he says.

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STATE OF MIND

*IIT-B students fare low on happiness quotient***Vanita Srivastava**

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NEW DELHI: A survey conducted on happiness by the IIT-Bombay shows that on an average, students are unhappy with themselves, an article in the latest students newsletter Insight revealed.

The tool for testing was the Oxford Happiness Questionnaire developed by psychologists Michael Argyle and Peter Hills at Oxford University — a compact

scale for the measurement of psychological well being.

The average individual usually receives a score of 4.3. People with scores below that are adjudged as unhappier than average and those with scores above it are described as being happier.

The test conducted on more than 200 respondents found that the average score was 3.43, significantly lower than the average score observed in other cases, says the article titled — Don't

Worry Be Happy.

The 72 second-year undergraduate students who took the survey scored an average of 3.21, which is significantly lower than any other demographic surveyed.

Women scored marginally better than men with an average score of 3.44 versus 3.34. The inferences are many ranging from academic pressure to inability to cope with extra-curricular activities.

"Once in IITB, they're

often faced with tough choices both on the academic and extra-curricular front.

The importance of these choices only increases as the years go by and students often find less-than-perfect ways to cope with

the mounting stress," the article says.

When asked to answer the question — There is a gap between what I would like to do and what I've done — 80% respondents agreed.

But when asked if they felt optimistic about their future, most students in the 4th and 5th year of the UG courses responded in the affirmative.



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IIT students to organise educational yatra*Patna, May 4*

IITians for youth (IFY), an organisation of students from IIT Kharagpur, will organise an educational yatra for the students of Bihar which aims to provide quality learning and create awareness among rural and underprivileged students. The organisation, in association with Bihar Police, will be organising this Yatra from May 5 to May 25. During the campaign the students will be given guidance and will be shown the proper approach towards studies. The team will visit Gaya, Aurangabad, Rohtas, and Kaimur and some Maoist-affected areas. Altogether 12 members of the IFY are from Bihar. — **PTI**

Engineering a good novel

Heena Khan

Want to get between the covers? Ahem, the book covers? Creative language, strong imagination and an observing nature are essential skills for aspiring fiction writers. But, of late, it appears that the ability to bell the CAT or crack IIT-JEE is fast becoming another necessary qualification.

Glance at the fiction bestsellers list today and chances are, that a graduate from an IIT or an IIM is ruling the charts. Chetan Bhagat set the trend. Soon, a host of biz-kids with white collar jobs started jotting down their experiences. Karan Bajaj, Sangeeta Mall, Ajay Mohan Jain, Prashant John, Nilesh Srivastava, Paritosh Uttam, Swati Kaushal, Sidin Vadukut, Anirban Mukherjee ... it's a long list.

So what is so special about these campuses that are making them turn out not just top engineers and management whiz kids, but also a crop of authors? "An IIM/IIT graduate typically works in a cross-cultural environment. He has exposure to interesting minds, travels to multiple geographies and it is his rich experiences that become a fertile ground to pull out stories," says banker-turned-writer, Ravi Subramanian, an IIM-Bangalore alumni.

WINNING STREAK

Subramanian, the award-winning author of four bestselling books — *If God Was a Banker* (2007), *I Bought the Monk's Ferrari* (2007), *Devil in Pinstripes* (2009) and *The Incredible Banker* (2011) — says, "Today, anyone with a little time and some interesting anecdote to share can write."

But the one thing that differentiates IIT or IIM graduates from the crowd, he says, is their degree of aspiration. "They are desperate for success. Writing for them is a means to achieving an intellectually glamorous status." Although Subramanian claims that writing is not another management project, he does write in an organised methodical fashion. That probably helps, too.

Ravinder Singh, the author of *I Too Had a Love Story*, whose more recent work, *Can Love Happen Twice*, has been ruling at the top of



Chetan Bhagat

the Landmark bestsellers list and sold more than 1.5 lakh copies since its release in December, has a somewhat different story to tell. Unlike the others, he did not become an author after passing out from B-school. Rather, his first book helped him secure a place at the top B-school — Indian School of Business, Hyderabad.

"I am an author by chance. I have never been an avid reader. I lost my girlfriend in an accident in 2007 and to come out of the trauma, I began to pen my story. I wanted to share my grief with the whole world," he says.

"For me, engineering was a platform which led to Infosys, and Infosys was where my story took place. In fact, Nandan Nilekani was the first person to review my book," says Singh.

MARKETING ANGLE

He admits though that his ISB training helped him, especially in marketing his books. "The theories of negotiations, networking and brand value have all been put to use," he confides. Of course, it's not that the IIT/IIM writing brigade did not have a creative spark to begin with. Many of them admit to having written poetry and such, but their creative instincts just got buried in the rat race of competitive exams to join the top institutes. Take S.V. Divvaakar, alumni of IIT-Chennai and author of *The Winners Price*.

"I used to write poetry at school. Over the years, I got caught in my career. I am now 51 and have had the fortune to step back, re-plot my life and revisit writing in a serious fash-

ion," he says. And how! Divvaakar is not just churning out books, he has penned songs like *Dilli Hamari Hai*, which became an anthem during the Commonwealth Games of 2010. He has also written a song for Karan Johar's upcoming adaptation of Chetan Bhagat's *Two States*.

He does admit that his IIT training is proving handy. "The analytical and rigorous research ability learned at IIT helps in writing as well. I have so far written equivalent of 100 books in the form of analytical reports. So I am qualified to produce texts on which people are ready to put their money," he says. "Writing is one part, but making sure the book hits the stand and is marketed to capture the pulse of the generation is a humungous task," he says. Vivek Kumar Agrawal, an IIM-Ahmedabad alumni, and author of *To Catch a Smile, To Catch a Butterfly* and *Love, Me and Bullshit*, too, gives credit to the management campus for his creative output.

An aspiring theatre actor, he has written, acted and directed many plays both on and off campus. "I could never see a secure career in acting. Before IIM happened, I would write poetry for personal consumption. However, it was only after entering IIM that I realised that writing can be taken seriously," he says.

"IIM was a huge confidence booster and helped me assess my self-worth," he says. He would write for various dormitory functions at IIM-A and contribute to the general notice board. "I wrote some impromptu poetry for girls and my batch mates responded well to my writing."

WELL-TIMED

The timing is probably also right now for aspiring writers from the IITs and IIMs. With platforms such as digital coming up, writing is no longer the preserve of the arty intellectuals.

New imprints such as Metro reads from Penguin are also giving first-time authors a good platform. As Vaishali Mathur, Commissioning Editor at Penguin, says, "These are the best times for first-time authors and fresh writing, as both are getting accepted by readers and publishers. There is a boom in new writing in India."

एआई ईईई में भी ऑनलाइन आंसरशीट!

सीबीएसई भी आईआईटी-जेईई की राह पर, शिकायत भी कर सकेंगे

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केंद्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड (सीबीएसई) भी आईआईटी-जेईई की राह पर चलता नजर आ रहा है। आईआईटी-जेईई 2012 में अपीयर होने वाले स्टूडेंट्स इस बार अपनी आंसरशीट की कॉपी वेबसाइट पर देख सकेंगे। इसी तर्ज पर सीबीएसई भी विचार कर रहा है कि उसकी इंजीनियरिंग व मेडिकल एग्जाम में शामिल होने वाले स्टूडेंट्स को भी ऑनलाइन आंसरशीट दिखाने की सुविधा दी जाए।

सीबीएसई इंजीनियरिंग कोर्सेज के लिये ऑल इंडिया इंजीनियरिंग एंट्रेंस एग्जामिनेशन (एआई ईईई) और मेडिकल-डेंटल के लिये ऑल इंडिया प्री-मेडिकल/ प्री- डेंटल एंट्रेंस एग्जामिनेशन (एआईपीएमटी) कराता है। सीबीएसई चेयरमैन विनीत जोशी ने बताया कि अगर स्टूडेंट्स एआई ईईई और एआईपीएमटी की ओएमआर शीट वाली आंसरशीट देखना चाहेंगे तो उन्हें इसकी कॉपी मिलेगी। हालांकि, यह सुविधा ऑनलाइन होगी या ऑफलाइन, इस बारे में अगले एक हफ्ते में फैसला किया जाएगा। चेयरमैन के मुताबिक आंसरशीट वेबसाइट पर भी जारी हो सकती है। साथ ही पोस्ट के



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- ▶ सीबीएसई कर रहा है इस प्रपोजल पर गौर, अगले हफ्ते तक होगा फैसला

मई से शुरू होंगे। ऐसे में फैसला लेने के लिए अभी बोर्ड के पास काफी वक्त है। अगर ऑनलाइन आंसरशीट दिखाने का फैसला होता है तो इसके लिए कोई फीस नहीं ली जाएगी। स्टूडेंट्स अपना रोल नंबर टाइप करने के बाद आंसरशीट देख सकेंगे। एआई ईईई में 10 लाख से ज्यादा कैंडिडेट अपीयर होते हैं। बोर्ड को देखना है कि स्टूडेंट्स को इसमें परेशानी न हों।

ऑनलाइन कंप्लेंट पर भी विचार : आईआईटी-जेईई 2012 में अपीयर होने वाले स्टूडेंट्स अपनी आंसरशीट की कॉपी देखने के बाद ऑनलाइन शिकायत भी कर सकते हैं। क्या एआई ईईई में भी यह फैसिलिटी मिल सकती है, इस बारे में

जरिये भी स्टूडेंट्स को आंसरशीट की फोटोकॉपी भेजी जा सकती है।

नहीं होगी फीस : सीबीएसई चेयरमैन जोशी के मुताबिक, एआई ईईई में शामिल होने वाले स्टूडेंट्स आंसरशीट के साथ क्वेश्चन पेपर भी देख सकेंगे। उन्हें आंसर-की भी मुहैया कराई जाएगी। एआई ईईई का ऑफलाइन एग्जाम हो चुका है। ऑनलाइन एग्जाम 7

सीबीएसई चेयरमैन का कहना है कि यह एक अच्छा स्टेप होगा। लेकिन सीबीएसई को इस पर विचार करना होगा। हो सकता है कि आने वाले वक्त में स्टूडेंट्स को यह सुविधा भी दी जाए। कुछ वक्त पहले बोर्ड ने फैसला लिया था कि सेशन 2012-13 के एग्जाम देने वाले स्टूडेंट्स को आंसरशीट की फोटोकॉपी देने का ऑप्शन भी दिया जाएगा।

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Reservation gets a thumbs down

DEBATE AT STEPHEN'S All faculty against reserving 40% seats for men but supreme council's decision may prevail

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NEW DELHI: For girls aspiring to get admission in Delhi University's St Stephen's College next year may find it a tough job. The college's supreme council has decided to reserve 40% of the seats for men.

Though college staff members have trashed the decision, it may make a comeback for next years' admission process.

"In our meeting with principal Thampu he said the quota will not be implemented from this academic year. We may have to put up a fight next year again," said a senior faculty member, who didn't wish to be identified.

But while the council's decision has been denounced by all faculty members, some do believe that the ratio of men to women in the college is not ideal in humanities courses.

"There are courses such as philosophy and English where the percentage of male students is merely 20%, which is not ideal and will result in ghettoisation of classrooms. Reservation,



■ **Valson Thampu, principal of St Stephen's College.**

however, is not a way to make deserving male candidates take interest in the course. We need to sit together and deliberate upon creative ways to deal with this imbalance," said a senior teacher, on condition of anonymity.

The proposal to reserve seats from men not only elicited negative responses from teachers but also from students, past and present.

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women students, the institution has instead taken a step backwards. If students are capable enough to make it into this college, their gender should not really be a deterrent," said Prakrit Mehra, a student who graduated from the college in 2010 and is now pursuing his masters at Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Current students, meanwhile, could not believe that such a discussion had actually taken place.

"This is preposterous! We have always felt that the college is a gender neutral environment but if this quota comes into force it will damage the character and reputation of the college," said a MA student, who did not wish to be named.