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IIT partners with Pfizer to support healthcare innovation

To give unencumbered grant of up to Rs.50 lakh to each innovator, who will own the patent

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NEW DELHI: Drug firm Pfizer has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi to launch an initiative to support individuals and start-ups for creating healthcare innovations in the country.

The initiative — “Pfizer IIT Delhi innovation and IP Program” is open to Indian nationals, individuals and start-ups.

Under the programme, Pfizer will provide an unencumbered grant of up to Rs.50 lakh to each innovator, who will own the patents and will be free to commercialise them.

The programme has two components. For innovators seeking support to translate healthcare ideas into patents, the programme will provide an unencumbered grant of Rs.50 lakh, two years of residential incubation at IIT Delhi, mentoring support from IIT Delhi’s faculty, access to infrastructure and prototyping laboratories.

The IP search and filing services, guidance from Pfizer’s global experts, and access to venture capitalists and other industry linkages will also be provided to

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them. Commenting on the initiative, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) Secretary Amitabh Kant said: “The government is taking decisive steps to further enhance the innovation ecosystem in India and we welcome the participation of all stakeholders in this effort”.

Nurturing entrepreneurship and innovation is a priority for India. In a knowledge economy, the country’s success will be determined by the place it holds on the global innovation platform, he added.

The incubation accelerator initiative is co-created by Pfizer and the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT) at the Indian Institute of Technology.

“For innovators who already have a

ready proof of concept and are seeking to obtain a patent, the programme will provide access to IP attorneys and services and cover the patent fee”, Pfizer said.

“Our Innovation and IP Program with IIT Delhi will promote, celebrate and reward innovations and advancements in healthcare that are born and brought up in India for the benefit of our people,” Pfizer India Executive Director S Sridhar said.

The program will invite two rounds of proposals during the year 2015-2016. Call for proposals for the first round will open from November 27, 2015 until January 15, 2016.

Applicants can submit their proposals on the FITT website. An independent panel of subject matter experts established by FITT will review and short-list the potential incubatees.

The Technology Business Incubator Unit board at IIT Delhi will make the final selection of individuals and start-ups that shall receive the grants and be incubated at IIT Delhi.

Headquartered in Mumbai, Pfizer has been in India for over 60 years.

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दिल्ली महिला आयोग द्वारा मांगी गई जानकारी पर शिक्षण संस्थानों ने दिया जवाब

16 संस्थानों में यौन शोषण की 101 शिकायतें

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। राजधानी के 16 शिक्षण संस्थानों में यौन शोषण की 101 शिकायतें मिली हैं। दिल्ली महिला आयोग ने 23 शिक्षण संस्थानों से वर्ष 2013 से नवंबर तक कुल शिकायतों की जानकारी मांगी थी, जिसके अंतर्गत दिए गए जवाब में यह बात सामने आई।

खास बात यह है कि दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय में यौन शोषण की कुल शिकायतों का आंकड़ा ही उपलब्ध नहीं है। इंदिरा गांधी दिल्ली तकनीकी महिला विश्वविद्यालय में जांच के दौरान शिकायत झूठी मिली है। वहीं आईआईटी दिल्ली, इग्नू, जामिया

सबसे अधिक शिकायतें जेएनयू में दर्ज, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के पास आंकड़ा ही उपलब्ध नहीं

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मिल्लिया इस्लामिया और एम्स में शिकायतें लंबित पड़ी हैं।

डीसीडब्ल्यू की अध्यक्ष स्वाति मालीवाल के मुताबिक, विभिन्न विश्वविद्यालयों व शिक्षण संस्थानों से यौन शोषण मामले की इंटरनल कमेटी के पास कुल कितनी शिकायतें पहुंची और उसमें से

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| इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ मॉस कम्प्यू | 2 | सुलझी |
| अंबेडकर यूनिवर्सिटी | 3 | सुलझी |
| इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ फॉरेन ट्रेड | 1 | सुलझी |
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| जामिया हमदर्द | 4 | सुलझी |
| जामिया मिल्लिया इस्लामिया | 6 | एक केस लंबित |
| इंदिरा गांधी नेशनल ओपन यूनिवर्सिटी | 9 | तीन केस लंबित |
| दिल्ली टेक्नोलॉजिकल यूनिवर्सिटी | 1 | सुलझी |

कितनों का निपटारा किया गया है, इनमें सबसे अधिक शिकायतें इसकी जानकारी मांगी गई थी। जवाहर लाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय उसी के अंतर्गत जवाब मिला है। में दर्ज हैं।

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Delhi varsities record 101 cases of harassment

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NEW DELHI: More than a hundred cases of sexual harassment have been reported to internal complaints committees of universities and educational institutes in the national capital in the last two years. Of these, Jawaharlal Nehru University reported the maximum number of cases.

Out of the total 101 complaints received from 23 educational institutes and universities since 2013, only six remain unresolved, said a report released by the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) on Wednesday.

While most of the cases had been resolved, in some cases 'lenient punishments' had been awarded. "It was observed that

most of the cases across universities were resolved through settlements. Whenever there was a punishment, it appeared to have been lenient," a DCW official said.

The report said that JNU, which reported 51 cases of sexual harassment, had a 'quite diverse' committee whose chairperson is elected by members. A separate vacation committee had also been set up at JNU.

"The Gender Sensitisation Committee Against Sexual Harassment (GSCASH) specifically looks into complaints of sexual harassment. We have elected students as members. This makes students forthcoming with their complaints. Unless you have a support structure at institutes, students don't come out to complain," said Aishwarya

Adhikari, a student member of JNU's GSCASH.

While Delhi University had not submitted details of cases of sexual harassment, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) reported 10 cases. Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) reported nine cases with Jamia Millia Islamia reporting six and the Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi having reported four cases.

"We will summon the registrar of Delhi University for non-submission of data even after passage of almost four months. We are preparing our recommendations for the central and state governments on the issue of implementation of the Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act, 2013," said DCW chief Swati Maliwal.

WOMEN AT RISK

Cases registered from 2013 to 2015



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101 Total
6 unresolved



JNU

51 cases, all resolved

AIIMS

10 cases, one case pending

IGNOU

9 cases, 3 cases pending

Jamia Millia Islamia

6 cases, one case pending

IIT

4 cases, one case pending

*DU: DETAILS NOT SUBMITTED

Kakodkar denies Irani charge on IIT appointment

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NUCLEAR SCIENTIST Anil Kakodkar has denied HRD Minister Smriti Irani's charge that he attempted to "illegally" push his own candidate for the post of IIT director.

As first reported by *The Indian Express* on March 18, Kakodkar had quit as IIT Bombay chairperson this year after a disagreement over the choice of director for IIT Ropar. Irani, in an interview to NDTV on Tuesday, alleged that Kakodkar broke the law by interviewing a candidate who had not applied for the post and felt "slighted" when it was pointed out him. Claiming she

had evidence of this, Irani said, "eminence does not give you the right to break the law".

Refuting the accusation, Kakodkar, the former chairman of Atomic Energy Commission, told *The Indian Express*, "Firstly, I had no candidate of my own who was favoured. Secondly, as part of the search-and-selection process for an IIT director, the panel, apart from looking at all those who have applied for the post, also solicits proposals on its own. The idea is to get the best person for the job."

He added, "There was a discussion and another member, not me, proposed an additional name. We did not give him any preference over others who had applied. They were all put on the



Anil Kakodkar

same footing and interviewed by the panel. This is not abnormal or illegal as alleged by the minister. Her claim is false."

The IIT Act does not lay down the exact procedure for selection of a director but states that the appointment will be made by the Council with the approval of the competent authority — the

HRD minister in this case.

A recent advertisement brought out by the government for the post of IIT Delhi director states that the search-cum-selection panel will consider applications as well as "nominations received from eminent persons".

Friction between Kakodkar and Irani surfaced in February when she scrapped the panel of 13 candidates shortlisted for IITs in Ropar, Bhubaneswar and Patna following a disagreement over the choice of director for IIT Ropar. The minister then called for a fresh round of interview on March 22 and all 37 applicants were invited again.

Kakodkar, however, quit his post as chairperson of IIT Bombay on March 12, but later

agreed to finish his term on Irani's request. He however, distanced himself from the final selection of directors for the three IITs. At that time, both Irani and Kakodkar denied reports of any rift and attributed the resignation to personal reasons.

The scientist first spoke out against the selection process in an interview in May, saying that he quit because he could not be party to any "wrongdoing". Criticising the decision to conduct fresh interviews he had said, "The point is you can't be deciding that choice of IIT director or three IIT directors among 36 in a six or seven hour process. If you set aside everything and then you decide like that, then you are running a lottery."

Cloud on four new IITs

- Names not on list for 2016 entrance exam

http://www.telegraphindia.com/1151126/jsp/nation/story_55141.jsp#.VlaZfKlhWU

New Delhi, Nov. 25: The names of four proposed IITs do not figure in the information brochure for the Joint Entrance Examination-Advanced 2016, raising questions whether they would at all start functioning next year.

The list of participating IITs posted on the JEE-Advanced website does not name IIT Jammu, IIT Chhattisgarh, IIT Goa and IIT Karnataka. The first three were announced in last year's budget and IIT Karnataka in this year's.

The list includes 18 IITs and the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad. Of the five IITs announced last year, IIT Palakkad and IIT Tirupati have started functioning this year with 120 seats each.

According to the brochure, JEE-Advanced will be held on May 22 next year. The top two lakh candidates of JEE-Main, to be conducted by the CBSE in April, will take JEE-Advanced, the gateway for admission into the IITs and the ISM.

The results of JEE-Advanced will be declared on June 12, after which seats would be offered according to candidates' all-India rank.

If the four proposed IITs start operations next year, 480 additional seats would be created. At present, the 18 IITs and the ISM offer about 10,000 B.Tech seats. JEE-Advanced sources said it was not clear if the four institutions would start functioning next year.

Sources said the HRD ministry had not yet finalised the sites for the proposed IITs' permanent or temporary campuses.

The ministry has tentatively selected a site in Dharwad for IIT Karnataka and one in Jagti for IIT Jammu. But it has not yet decided on the sites for IIT Chhattisgarh and IIT Goa.

The site suggested by the Chhattisgarh government was found to be disputed. The site at Pernem taluka offered by Goa was found to be non-contiguous, so its government has been asked to suggest new sites.

Sources said the Goa government was finding it difficult to provide about 500 acres of contiguous land as demanded by the HRD ministry. A panel has been set up to identify possible sites for the tech school.

Unlike the IITs, the six IIMs announced in last year's budget in Bihar, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh have started functioning this year.

The Centre had announced an IIM for Jammu and Kashmir in this year's budget. But the advertisement for this year's Common Admission Test, held in November-December, does not mention this institution.

IIT-B's Techfest to host directors' conclave

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/IIT-BsTechfest-to-host-directors-conclave/articleshow/49926189.cms>

MUMBAI: Indian Institute of Technology's annual Techfest this year is going to organize an IIT Directors' Conclave for the first time. The event would be seeing directors of different IITs coming together to address various questions and hold discussions on education and IIT related matters.

"We have received confirmation from directors of 5 IITs till now including IIT-Bombay and IIT-Kanpur, and expecting to have all remaining IITs directors also at the event," said a release by the organising team.

Among the lecture series happening this year, the speakers include Dr. K Radhakrishnan, former chairman of ISRO, Arundhati Bhattacharya, chairperson of State Bank of India, Prof. Mohammad Yunus, Noble Peace laureate and founder of Grameen Bank and Prof. Serge Haroche, Nobel laureate in Physics.

IIT बॉम्बे में इंजीनियरिंग फर्मों को मिलेगा डे वन स्लॉट

सरकार ने IIT संस्थानों से ऐसा करने के लिए कहा था, ताकि मेक इन इंडिया इनीशिएटिव को बढ़ावा मिल सके

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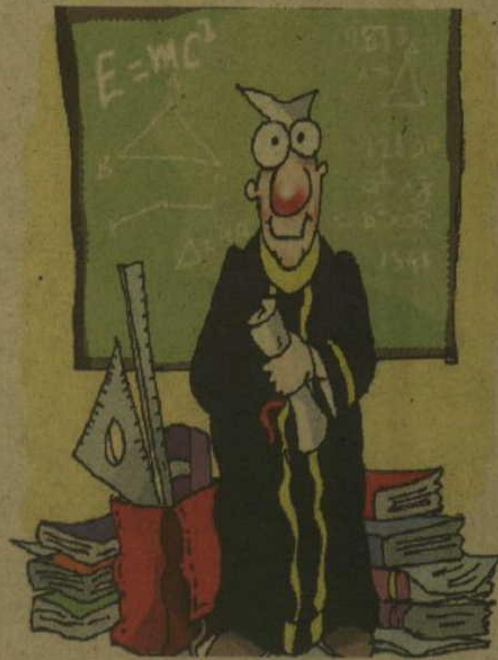
सरकार की ओर से लगातार अनौपचारिक रूप से की जा रही रिक्वेस्ट्स के आगे झुकते हुए IIT बॉम्बे ने फैसला किया है कि वह प्लेसमेंट सीजन के पहले दिन 30 में से कम से कम 11 स्लॉट्स को इंजीनियरिंग कंपनियों को देगा। हालांकि, ये कंपनियां डे 1 स्लॉट के लिए दूसरी कंपनियों की ओर से दिए जा रहे एवरेज 30 लाख के सैलरी पैकेज के मुकाबले आधी सैलरी ही ऑफर कर रही हैं।

IIT बॉम्बे के सूत्रों ने बताया कि टाटा स्टील, जनरल इलेक्ट्रिक, सोनी और कुछ अन्य इंजीनियरिंग कंपनियों को अब डे 1 स्लॉट्स दे दिए गए हैं। मिनिस्ट्री ऑफ ह्यूमन रिसोर्सेज डिवेलपमेंट के IIT संस्थानों से ऐसा करने के लिए कहा था, ताकि सरकार के मेक इन इंडिया इनीशिएटिव को बढ़ावा मिले।

पारंपरिक तौर पर कंसल्टिंग, फाइनेंस, टेक्नोलॉजी और ई-कॉमर्स कंपनियां को डे 1 के स्लॉट मिलता आया है। पिछले साल कुछ कंपनियों ने 1 करोड़ रुपये तक की सैलरी ऑफर की थी। हैरानी की बात यह है कि IIT बॉम्बे ही एकमात्र संस्थान है, जिसने सरकार की यह मांग मानी है। IIT खड़गपुर और IIT दिल्ली के सूत्रों ने बताया कि वे किसी कंपनी को प्रेफरेंशियल ट्रीटमेंट नहीं दे रहे हैं। IIT मद्रास प्लेसमेंट शेड्यूल में कोर कंपनियों को कई दिन ऊपर ला रहा है, लेकिन वह किसी भी इंजीनियरिंग कंपनी को डे 1 स्लॉट नहीं दे रहा।

IIT प्लेसमेंट 1 दिसंबर से शुरू हो जाएंगे। इस सीजन में IIT बॉम्बे में कुल 110 कोर इंजीनियरिंग कंपनियां आएंगी। यह पिछले साल के मुकाबले 40 फीसदी ज्यादा है। इंस्टीट्यूट को कोर इंजीनियरिंग सेक्टर से करीब 190 जॉब एनाउंसमेंट फॉर्मस मिले हैं, यह संख्या पिछले साल केवल 110 थी। एचआरडी मिनिस्ट्री के एक सीनियर अफसर ने पुष्टि की है कि मेक इन इंडिया कैम्पेन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए IIT संस्थानों से सहयोग मांगा गया है। नाम न जाहिर करने की शर्त पर एक अधिकारी ने बताया, 'यह अभी देश की जरूरत है।'

बायोकाॅन लिमिटेड की चेयरमैन और मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर और IIM- बैंगलोर की चेयरपर्सन किरण मजूमदार शाॅ ने कहा, 'मुझे IIT बॉम्बे के टैलेंट से फायदा हुआ है। बायो-मैनुफैक्चरिंग डिवेलप करने के दौरान हमारे पास IIT बॉम्बे के इंजीनियर्स की बड़ी टीम थी।'



“पहले कंसल्टिंग कंपनियां ज्यादातर प्लेसमेंट के शुरुआती दिनों के स्लॉट्स ले जाती थीं, लेकिन अब इस पर गौर किया जा रहा है। हम कोर इंजीनियरिंग फर्मों को आगे बढ़ा रहे हैं

प्लेसमेंट फैकल्टी, IIT बॉम्बे

उन्होंने कहा कि किसी को भी मेक इन इंडिया कैम्पेन का सपोर्ट करने के लिए मजबूर नहीं किया जा सकता, लेकिन सभी IIT संस्थानों को इसका फायदा होगा। शाॅ अभी भी अपनी कंपनी के लिए IIT से टैलेंट हायर करती हैं। IIT बॉम्बे के एक प्लेसमेंट फैकल्टी ने कहा, 'पहले कंसल्टिंग फर्म ज्यादातर प्लेसमेंट के शुरुआती दिनों के स्लॉट्स ले जाती थीं, लेकिन अब इस पर गौर किया जा रहा है। हम कोर इंजीनियरिंग फर्मों को आगे बढ़ा रहे हैं।'

IIM bill sees hope in winter session

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NEW DELHI: The government plans to introduce IIM bill in the winter session of Parliament which begins from Thursday.

The way for bill's introduction was cleared after HRD ministry in a meeting with all IIM directors last month agreed to address all their concerns over the contentious clauses in the bill, sources said.

HT had first reported how the original version of the bill undermined the autonomy of the premier management institutions and gave more power to the HRD ministry on all key issues governing the institutes.

According to the proposed bill, IIMs would need to take government's approval for fixing

By virtue of these clauses, essentially decision-making powers on virtually all issues would rest with the central government and the IIM boards would become recommendatory, not executive bodies.

AM NAIK, IIM-A board chairperson, in a letter to HRD ministry

fee structure, faculty remunerations and department formation among others.

The bill had triggered a huge outcry after the HRD ministry sought public feedback on with IIM-Ahmedabad, IIM-Bangalore and IIM-Lucknow writing to the ministry in protest.

"The combination of clause 3 (k) and 36 (1) lead to the central government assuming sweeping powers currently held by the IIM's boards. By virtue of these clauses, essentially deci-

sion-making powers on virtually all issues would rest with the central government and the IIM boards would become recommendatory, not executive bodies" a letter addressed to HRD minister Smriti Irani by IIM-A board chairperson AM Naik had said.

Following the outcry, HRD ministry held several rounds of discussion with all stakeholders. On October 9, the ministry held a meeting with all the IIM directors to address their concerns over contentious clauses.

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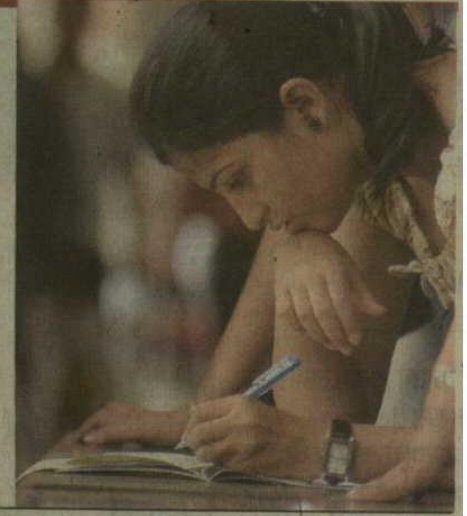
एनआईटी समेत देशभर के इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेजों में दाखिले के लिए होने वाली जेईई-मेन की परीक्षा से छह नए राज्य जुड़ गए हैं। गुजरात, मध्यप्रदेश, हरियाणा, उड़ीसा, नागालैंड और उत्तराखंड के सरकारी कॉलेज इस परीक्षा से सीटें देंगे। दिल्ली का जामिया मिल्लिया इस्लामिया भी नए सत्र में बीटेक में दाखिला इस परीक्षा से देगा। ऐसे में इस बार राजधानी में पांच हजार से अधिक इंजीनियरिंग की सीटों पर दाखिला होगा।

सीबीएसई बोर्ड परीक्षा आयोजित करेगा। बोर्ड के अनुसार, इन राज्यों के सरकारी व निजी शिक्षण संस्थान जेईई-मेन के दायरे में आएंगे। वहीं जामिया के कुलपित प्रो. तलत अहमद ने बताया कि उन्होंने विश्वविद्यालय की सभी इंजीनियरिंग की सीटें जेईई-मेन से देने का फैसला किया है।

इसके अलावा दिल्ली में डीटीयू, आईजीडीटीयू, आईआईआईटी और एनएसआईटी जैसे दिल्ली सरकार के विश्वविद्यालय भी जेईई से दाखिला देंगे। जामिया के जुड़ने से दिल्ली में

एनआईटी में 12वीं के अंक जुड़ेंगे

देश के राष्ट्रीय स्तर के इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज यानी एनआईटी में दाखिला जेईई-मेन और 12वीं के अंकों के आधार पर होगा। बोर्ड कमेटी ने बैठक में फैसला लिया है कि 12वीं के अंकों की महत्ता जारी रहेगी। जेईई-मेन के परिणाम में 12वीं के अंकों को जोड़ा जाएगा। बता दें कि हाल में मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय की कमेटी ने कहा था कि एनआईटी में सिर्फ जेईई परीक्षा के स्कोर से सीटें दी जानी चाहिए। अब इस सिफारिश को समाप्त कर दिया गया है। गौरतलब है कि 12वीं के अंकों की महत्ता 40 फीसदी और जेईई-मेन के अंकों की महत्ता 60 फीसदी है। इसी आधार पर सीटें मिलती हैं। जो शीर्ष डेढ़ लाख छात्र जेईई-मेन की कटऑफ में आते हैं वे आईआईटी में दाखिले के लिए जेईई-एडवांस की परीक्षा में देने के लिए योग्य माने जाते हैं।



इंजीनियरिंग की सीटें 5000 से अधिक हो जाएंगी। अब तक तमाम शैक्षणिक संस्थानों में चार से कम सीटें हैं। बहरहाल, आवेदन की प्रक्रिया शुरू हो गई है। <http://jeemain.nic.in/> पर 31 दिसंबर तक पंजीकरण होगा।

आवेदन शुल्क का भुगतान भी ऑनलाइन होगा। ऑनलाइन परीक्षा तीन अप्रैल 2016 को आयोजित की जाएगी। ऑफलाइन परीक्षा 9 और 10 अप्रैल को

होगी। परीक्षा की अवधि तीन घंटे तय है।

जेईई-मेन में दो परीक्षा होगी। पेपर-01 की परीक्षा बीटेक या बीई कोर्स के लिए होगी। पेपर-02 की परीक्षा बैचलर ऑफ आर्किटेक्चर व प्लानिंग कोर्स के लिए होगी। अगर छात्र बीटेक व बीई की सीट चाहता है तो उसे केवल पेपर-01 की परीक्षा देनी होगी।

अगर छात्र चाहें तो दोनों कोर्स के लिए दोनों परीक्षा भी दे सकते हैं। सामान्य

वर्ग के एक पेपर का शुल्क 1000 रुपये है। यह शुल्क लड़कों के लिए है। लड़कियों के लिए 500 रुपये शुल्क तय किया गया है। यदि दोनों परीक्षा देनी है तो लड़कों को 1800 रुपये और लड़कियों को 900 रुपये का भुगतान करना होगा। बहरहाल, बोर्ड के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने बताया कि पंजीकरण का समय कम किया गया है। बोर्ड इसी अवधि में आवेदन स्वीकार करेगा।

जेईई एडवांस ♦ कार्यक्रम किया गया जारी, 22 को होगी परीक्षा

आईआईटी में 35% से कम पर प्रवेश नहीं

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आईआईटी के नए सत्र के लिए परीक्षा 22 मई को आयोजित की जाएगी। इस साल यह परीक्षा आयोजित कर रहे आईआईटी गुवाहाटी ने परीक्षा का विस्तृत कार्यक्रम जारी कर दिया है। इसके अनुसार अगर आप आईआईटी प्रवेश परीक्षा जेईई एडवांस में 35 फीसदी से कम स्कोर करते हैं तो आपके नाम पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा भले ही सीटें खाली रह जाएं।

इस साल देश के ज्यादा युवाओं को आईआईटी प्रवेश परीक्षा में बैठने का मौका मिलेगा। बीते साल जेईई मेन्स परीक्षा में टॉप 1.5 लाख अभ्यर्थियों को ही आईआईटी प्रवेश परीक्षा के लिए आवेदन करने की इजाजत थी, लेकिन इस साल यह संख्या बढ़ा कर 2 लाख कर दी गई है।

इसके अलावा इस साल जेईई एडवांस के नियमों में कोई खास बदलाव नहीं किया गया है।

पढ़ें आईआईटी...@ पेज 06

न्यूनतम अंक और एग्ग्रेट की शर्त

- सामान्य वर्ग के लिए हर विषय में अलग-अलग 10 और कुल न्यूनतम एग्ग्रेट 35 फीसद जरूरी

- ओबीसी के लिए हर विषय में अलग-अलग 09 और कुल न्यूनतम एग्ग्रेट 31.1 फीसद

- एससी-एसटी व विकलांग के लिए हर विषय में अलग-अलग 05, कुल न्यूनतम एग्ग्रेट 17.5 फीसद

आईआईटी दिल्ली को आइडिया दीजिए, जीतिए 50 लाख

आईआईटी दिल्ली ने इनोवेटर्स को 50 लाख रुपए कमाने का मौका दे रही है। इसके तहत हेल्थकेयर इनोवेशन प्रोग्राम लॉन्च किया है जिसके तहत स्टार्टअप आइडिया देने वाले को ये राशि दी जाएगी। प्रोग्राम को आईआईटी और फाइजर ने मिलकर शुरू किया है। इसके तहत दो तरीके से फंड मिलेगा।

आईआईटी...

जेईई एडवांस में क्वालिफाई होने के लिए विषयवार और टोटल एग्ग्रेट में न्यूनतम अंक हासिल करने की अनिवार्य शर्त होती है। इसलिए अगर बेहतर नंबर लाने के बावजूद कोई अभ्यर्थी एक भी विषय में न्यूनतम अंकों की शर्त पूरी नहीं करता तो उसके नाम पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।

JNU needs more funds to retain edge, says VC

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New Delhi: JNU VC Sudhir Kumar Sopory believes the university needs increased funding for improving facilities and infrastructure or else the progress made under his tenure cannot be sustained.

At an interaction with **TOI** on Wednesday, Sopory spoke about the initiatives taken during his tenure to improve JNU's global ranking as well



STRAIGHT TALK: S K Sopory

as other measures like making the campus accessible to differently-abled people and of giving more time to such students to complete their theses. Sopory also said that India is a "very tolerant country" and that he didn't support 'Award Wapsi'.

Sopory was one of the founding wardens of JNU and he said his term has been a satisfying one, barring two incidents—when a student attacked and wounded his classmate and later committed suicide, and when three students died in a fatal motorcycle accident within the campus.

"These five years have been a very different experience for me. Earlier I used to do my own research and I

knew only a specific domain. Being here for five years, I have interacted with all the faculty and students of every centre. That has enriched me," the VC said.

"We were declared as a university for potential of excellence for both social sciences and sciences. Earlier it was only for sciences. A major achievement has been to bring people together and come up with new knowledge in the university. JNU is supposed to be for knowledge generation and policy framework, and I feel a bit satisfied that on this front the profile of the university has improved," he said.

Sopory feels that induction of over 200 new faculties during his term will give a new momentum to the university in research and teaching. JNU has made it to the top rankings, but in Asia and BRICS. "Where we lack right now is the number of foreign students and faculty, and the number of citations," he said.

But there have been a few things that were left incomplete in Sopory's tenure, including that of additional hostels. He says clearances will come soon but these will have to be completed by his successor.

Overall, Sopory's tenure was relatively free of student agitations and teachers' strikes. "Except for just four trips abroad, I have been in the campus and in touch with students and faculty on a regular basis. My office has always been open for them. They understood my problems and I their compulsions. JNU is a mature campus," Sopory said.

His term ends in January next year.

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Panel calls UGC 'post office', slams it for defending varsity

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New Delhi: The Central Information Commission (CIC) has pulled up the UGC for withholding information on a case of cheating against a deemed University, chided it for being a "post office" and "vehemently defending" the institution facing allegations of invalid medical degrees.

Issuing a showcause notice asking why the maximum penalty of Rs 25,000 was not imposed on their officials for withholding information sought by an RTI applicant, information commissioner Sridhar Acharyulu noted that the CPIO of the UGC was defending the University as if he was its "hired counsel". Acharyulu said it appears that the UGC office has simply acted as "post office" to transfer letters to the university.

Acharyulu said it is strange that CPIO of the regulatory authority was arguing on behalf of the deemed to be University instead of explaining measures taken by UGC against varsity as per guidelines and recommendations of Tandon Committee.

There is life beyond IIMs

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/there-is-life-beyond-iims/1/525986.html>

Although Indian Institutes of Management continue to rule, private schools are catching up with more of them storming into the top 20.

Management education holds the pride of place for millions of students who aspire to lead and build businesses. That's what motivated 30-year-old Akanksha Sethi to do a master's in business administration after a seven-year journalism stint. "I was always an academic person and wanted to study further. As I was turning 30, my parents wanted me to get married, but I wanted to build a career and spending two years on an MBA didn't make sense. So I opted for a one-year programme at the Indian School of Business (ISB, Hyderabad)."

MBA curriculums have largely been structured around enhancing cognitive abilities. Entry to almost every big business school is governed by the daunting CAT exam-where one's maths and science skills are put under intense scrutiny. Sethi is perhaps a sign of how things might be changing slowly in the world of business schools that have traditionally focused on a certain profile-students from an engineering or finance background. With a degree in forest management and a career in journalism, she brought to the table a different skill set-and that's what business schools and hiring managers are making an attempt to do: diversify to include more women and men of varying backgrounds and experience.

Sethi was one of the three women aged 30-plus in a batch of 700. "There were companies that didn't shortlist me during campus placement-typically such companies hire only engineers-but then there were old firms such as the Aditya Birla Group that did, and I went up to the last round with them," she says. Sethi now works with strategy consultant Parthenon in Mumbai.

IIM-Calcutta students with Dean Uttam Kumar. Photo: Subir Halder

You can opt to complete an MBA for a few thousand rupees on the internet or for several lakhs of rupees depending on the institution you get into, but remember that an institution's credibility depends on factors such as faculty, curriculum and placement record. Companies compete to hire from the best business schools simply because in their experience students from the top schools come somewhat prepared to take on real-life challenges.

ML Singla, Dean of Faculty of Management Studies, with students. Photo: Rajwant Rawat

This year's India Today Group-MDRA survey of 269 of India's best business schools reveals that this might well be the best time to be a student of business management, specially if one happens to be enrolled in a leading business school. While change is the only constant in life, in business school rankings certain institutions continue to hold steady year after year. The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A) is India's best B-school yet again, a position it has maintained since 2003. There are some that have been consistently moving up the ranks. For instance, Mumbai's S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research has climbed one spot from last year to fourth position in 2015; it was ranked No. 7 in 2013. Similarly, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, made it to the fifth spot, up from sixth in 2014 and eighth in 2013.

Some reputed institutions are missing from the list because they either did not participate in the survey (IIM-Bangalore and IIM-Lucknow) or did not submit their objective data on time. The common thread running across top rankers was top-of-the-line campus placements.

MDI-Gurgaon students with director CP Shrimali on campus. Photo: Vivan Mehra

Besides traditional recruiters such as banking and financial services and consulting, the survey finds that not only are finance, private equity and venture capital firms making a beeline again to B-school campuses, even internet and e-commerce and technology companies jumping on the bandwagon. Companies such as Flipkart, Amazon, OlaCabs, Quikr, Snapdeal and Uber were among the major recruiters in the last round of top B-school campus placements, offering packages up to 25 per cent higher than that offered by traditional recruiters. Also, within each sector there were more roles to offer. For instance, in internet and e-commerce, besides established roles such as product manager, category manager and account manager, there were openings in digital marketing, data analytics, operations and supply chain.

XLRI Director AK Ibrahim with students. Photo: Somnath Sen

Those passing out thus got fatter packages. The average salary offered to an IIM-A student rose from Rs 18 lakh annually last year to Rs 20 lakh, with some internet and e-commerce firms even offering up to Rs 28-29 lakh. "While traditional sectors such as consulting, finance, FMCG (fast-moving consumer goods) have continued to hire, the buoyancy came from e-commerce," explains Ajit Rangnekar, dean of ISB-Hyderabad which ranks second on our list of one-year MBA schools.

Students of Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar. Photo: Biswaranjan Rout

In the case of IIM-A, one-fifth of the students from the last batch opted for jobs in the e-commerce space, following in the footsteps of predecessors such as Amit Lakhotia, now vice president, business, at Paytm. When Lakhotia graduated from IIM-A in 2007, he had plenty of offers to choose from but what mattered to him was implementing ideas and creating an ecosystem where people have greater opportunities. All his ventures or stints since passing out of IIM-A have been entrepreneurial in nature. "Fundamentally I am one of those who like to build, create-for that, you need the space and liberty. It's difficult to create in a bigger organisation," he says.

Besides IIM-A, 23 per cent of those graduating from the S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research also took up opportunities in the internet/new-age sector compared to 15 per cent a year earlier. The number of students entering the e-commerce space also doubled at XLRI-Xavier School of Management, Jamshedpur, this year.

The interest of e-commerce and internet companies in B-school campus placements is new-found; as late as two years ago, they were mostly focusing on hiring technical talent. With these new players now on board, it is imperative that business schools think ahead and build leaders capable of troubleshooting for new-age companies.

Pramath Raj Sinha, one of the founders of ISB, laments that India has not done a whole lot of innovation in the business school space and that management education has not kept pace with the times. "People are hiring but there is a mismatch between needs and the talent available," he says. For B-school curricula, problem-solving from a multi-disciplinary perspective and looking at macro trends is going to be the key since most issues dogging businesses-be they old or new-in this day and age are intertwined with what's happening in the economy and at the policymaking level. "The fact is that we teach esoteric things such as derivatives and banking. You need more and more people working with each other, collaborating to get stuff done," he adds.

Sinha has started a Vedica Scholars Programme-an 18-month, full-time, residential, postgraduate certificate offered jointly by the Vedica Foundation and the Sri Aurobindo Centre for Arts and Communication-that intends to bring more women into management programmes; the curriculum includes themes such as communication, analytical thinking, political economy, sustainability, environment, psychology and self-awareness.

From a recruitment perspective too there has been a change. The system has evolved from the traditional interview and group discussion process to including games simulating case studies which help shortlist candidates.

When shopping for additions to his workforce, Arif Parker, executive vice president, sales, of Naukri.com, looks for people with communication and leadership skills, analytical thinking, integrity, adaptability and problem-solving skills. "Today's jobseekers are far more informed and focused. They are entrepreneurial in nature and want to see faster growth," he says. The strength of its alumni network is another determining reason for Parker to pick students from a certain business school. Rajkamal Vempati of Axis Bank also looks for similar skills: people who demonstrate leadership skills and those who can work in large teams. "Apart from cognitive ability, emotional ability and the ability to lead will be important going forward," says Vempati.

It's evident that industry and management schools will have to work together to change the rules of the game. Business schools are recognising the change. The established players are constantly seeking more partnerships with industry. At IIMs, there is an ongoing conversation on the importance of increasing the diversity of student profiles—a majority of those who attend business schools are in their early-to-mid-twenties with little or no work experience.

As B-school students increasingly opt for new-age sectors with their hefty pay packages, traditional sectors will have to find ways to attract and retain talent. Axis Bank now runs a programme which gives new hires an opportunity to work with and learn from the in-house top talent through a system of rotation across different business functions. The bank also has a tie-up with ISB to hire women leaders in mid-level leadership roles.

With demand from newer sectors over and above the strong pitch of traditional recruiters, the pace of hiring for the 2013-2015 batch was a record high in some schools. At IIM-Calcutta for instance, placements were completed in two and a half days as against the usual one week. At MDI, all students were placed in three days flat, and what's more, nearly 60 companies were left with no one to hire.

"While e-commerce has been an important growth driver and will probably stay so next year too, I feel we will see the next growth driver coming in the form of those sectors where there is an interface between technology and finance," says Ranjan Banerjee, dean of S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research, referring to the emergence of mobile wallets, payment banks and small finance banks which will inevitably look towards top B-schools in the not-too-distant future to supply them with an assembly line of new talent.

In the internet-spawned era of new business, it is evident that the role of analytics will grow—and that's what business schools are gearing up for. Top B-schools are also introducing changes in the electives offered. In 2013-2014, the XLRI elective paper on basic econometrics was redesigned as applied econometrics for managers and the e-business elective paper was restructured as an elective on electronics, business and marketing; and in marketing, the elective paper on rural marketing was redesigned as marketing in emerging economies. Teachers across B-schools are looking beyond the lecture format and adding game-based case studies and simulated exercises to their repertoire.

Clearly, business schools are changing, but they will have to be much more agile to meet the needs of a fast growing and changing economy like India.