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आईआईटी दिल्ली का दीक्षांत समारोह 6 को नई दिल्ली। भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईटी) दिल्ली का दीक्षांत समारोह रविवार छह नवम्बर को आयोजित किया जाएगा। दीक्षांत समारोह में करीब 1170 उपाधियां प्रदान की जाएंगी। दीक्षांत समारोह में भारत रत्न व प्रख्यात वैज्ञानिक प्रो सीएनआर राव मुख्य अतिथि होंगे। दीक्षांत समारोह ओपन एयर थियेटर में सुबह नौ बजे से आयोजित किया जाएगा। समारोह की अध्यक्षता बोर्ड ऑफ गवर्नर के चेयरमैन कुमार मंगलम बिडुला करेंगे।

Single entry test for IITs likely

<http://paper.hindustantimes.com/epaper/viewer.aspx>

KANPUR: Good news for those who intend to get admission to Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). Now, they would not have to appear at two tests. So far, the candidates have to clear Joint Entrance Examination (mains) and then Joint Entrance Examination (Advance) to get admission to IITs. The secretary at Union Ministry for Human Resource and Development (MHRD) VS Oberoi who was here to participate at the foundation day of IITK on Thursday said that the government is in consideration to end two examination system and introduce single examination from the next year. It has been discussing the issue of single test system with the directors of all the IITs in country. Oberoi said that the decision was taken considering the plight of the admission seekers. The government has decided to introduce this system on the pattern of national eligibility cum entrance test. The change is expected to be enforced from the next year. He further said that a special portal of the IIT pass students was being prepared to assist the foreign companies in verifying the credentials of these students whom they have employed. So far, the companies had to depute officers for the verification who came to the institute to verify the credentials of the students.

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India opens IITs to Nepal students

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE

KATHMANDU: Reaching out to the younger generation of Nepal, India on Thursday announced that from next year, Nepalese students would be able to compete for seats in IITs.

Announcing the new opportunity for the students of Nepal, President Pranab Mukherjee said academic and student exchange programmes had been part of the "long tradition" in bilateral ties and India would continue to help Nepal with developing its human resources. "I am very happy to announce that from 2017 onwards Nepalese students will have the opportunity to pursue graduate and post-graduate courses in Indian Institutes of Technology on a regular basis. For this, our Institutes of Technology will open their entrance examinations to Nepalese students," said President Mukherjee during his speech at an event jointly organised by the think tanks of India and Nepal.

More opportunities

President Mukherjee said the youths of South Asia should not remain hostage to "baggage of history," and



GIFTS GALORE: President Pranab Mukherjee addressing a banquet organised in his honour in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Wednesday. — PHOTO: PTI

urged that they should have more opportunities in education, health, technology and employment generation. "[IIT] aspirants would have the option to write these examinations in Kathmandu," he said, drawing applause from the crowd that had several former prime ministers and Foreign Minister of Nepal Prakash Sharan Ma-

hat. Arguing for more focus in educational and academic ties between the two neighbours, President Mukherjee said, "Our commitment is reflected in the grant of around 3,000 scholarships to Nepalese students every year, providing opportunities to study in Nepal and in India. We offer more than 250 scholarships annu-

ally for Government and non-Government employees of Nepal for training in technical institutes in India."

President Mukherjee also met with a broad spectrum of political and civil society figures in the evening and reminded Nepal that India remained committed to its "neighbourhood first" foreign policy.

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साइंस एंड टेक्नोलॉजी रिसर्च पार्क बनेगा

कानपुर। आईआईटी कानपुर में साइंस एंड टेक्नोलॉजी रिसर्च पार्क बनाया जाएगा। इस पार्क की मदद से अन्य शैक्षिक संस्थानों, शोध संस्थानों और कंपनियों को रिसर्च के लिए प्लेटफॉर्म उपलब्ध कराया जाएगा। इसके लिए केंद्र सरकार से 70 करोड़ रुपये का बजट आवंटित हो चुका है। इस पार्क के निर्माण में तीन से पांच साल का समय लग सकता है।

IIT-Madras to conduct hackathon

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/IIT-Madras-to-conduct-hackathon/articleshow/55230134.cms>

CHENNAI: Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IITM) will conduct a hackathon in collaboration with 108 Emergency Services to develop innovative solutions which would increase work efficiency at call centres. The hackathon final will be held at IIT Madras on December 15.

The aim of the hackathon is to come up with solutions that leverage the capabilities of a smartphone and integrate them with the backend infrastructure at call centres to make the flow of information fast and seamless thereby significantly increasing the efficiency.

As emergency service personnel have the responsibility of minimising the response time, technology innovations can play an integral part in achieving it. The solutions should finally help in reducing the amount of time taken for emergency services to arrive at a location.

Selected teams will be invited to present their solution at the final event at IIT-Madras and will be judged by an expert panel from the industry and academia on December 15, 2016.

The deadline for the registration is November 7, 2016.

IIT Patna signs MoU with Tektronix for Research in Emerging Technologies

<http://www.enaindia.in/news/newsdetails/category/technical/iit-patna-signs-mou-with-tektronix-for-research-in-emerging-technologies>

IIT Patna signs MoU with Tektronix for Research in Emerging Technologies

New Delhi November 4 (ENA) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with electronics test and measuring equipment manufacturing company Tektronix. The MoU is expected to facilitate cooperation between the two in the field of emerging technologies. As part of the MoU Tektronix will share the latest trends in technology with IIT Patna that can then be used by the faculty of the IIT Patna to revise their subjects, curriculum and research activities.

The MoU was signed by the Director of IIT Patna Pushpak Bhattacharyya and Chief Technical Officer – India and ASEAN, Tektronix, Naresh Kumar.

As part of the MoU students and faculty of IIT Patna will get access to the products of Tektronix that will be used to provide hands-on-training to students and faculty on the use equipment like power electronics, embedded systems, RF measurements, semiconductor characterisation.

The MoU is aimed at strengthening and improving industry-university collaboration so that industry driven research and innovation activities are carried out by students. This will also go a long way in improving the innovative capabilities of the students of IIT Patna as this collaboration will not only provide them the opportunity to get practical knowledge but also to remain up-to-date with the latest trends in the field of technology.

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Job Outlook in India Hits 3.5-Year High: TeamLease

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Mumbai: Employment outlook in India has hit a three-and-a-half-year high for October 2016-March 2017, as per the latest half-yearly TeamLease Employment Outlook Report, driven by positive economic sentiment owing to a combination of factors including substantial private and foreign investment, rapid growth of knowledge services and the government's continued focus on Make in India and Startup India programmes.

But even as employment outlook has improved, job growth has slowed in several sectors and markets seem to be levelling off af-

ter nearly five consecutive periods of significant acceleration from the first half of 2014.

The report, published by the staffing firm and shared exclusively with ET, has seen both employment and business outlook increase incrementally from the already positive sentiment of the previous half year. The net employment outlook has gone up by 2 percentage points to 95, and business outlook by the same margin to 97.

The most notable increase in employment outlook has been in sectors such as healthcare and pharmaceuticals (4 points up to 94) and telecom (4 points up to 87) followed by new-age sectors such as IT, e-commerce and Internet startups, which are both up 1 point each to 89 and 87, respectively.

The net employment outlook is the difference between the number of respondents who are inclined to hire and the number of respondents who are disinclined to hire over the next six months. The outlook is expressed as a percentage of the total number of respondents. For this half year, 95% responded positively (hiring would increase), 1% responded negatively (hiring would decrease) and 3% responded saying there would not be any change in the volume of hiring, from the previous half year. The net employment outlook, therefore, would be 95.

Kunal Sen, senior vice president of TeamLease, however, said that while employment outlook has reached a

high, job growth has slowed down in sectors such as FMCG and durables, IT, e-commerce and Internet startups, retail and manufacturing, engineering and infrastructure.

"Employment outlook is a projection of the number of companies looking to hire while job growth refers to the jobs to be created. While more companies than before are inclined to hire, in certain sectors the number of jobs generated overall will come down," Sen said.

It is an example, he said, where almost all companies will be hiring, but in lesser numbers because of more automation coming in. Similarly, startups will continue to add numbers, "but the same volume

won't be seen till the ecosystem stabilises," he said.

Exceptions include sectors such as telecom and financial services, which are expected to see higher job growth compared to the previous quarter.

Though job growth has slackened, net sentiment is positive across the country, with the incremental sentiment in tier-2 and tier-3 towns better for this half year, compared to the previous six-month period. This indicates how many businesses are planning to expand into these areas.

More small businesses are optimistic about hiring during this period. Many of these are startups that have survived the challenges of funding woes.

In contrast to the previous half year, however, businesses are looking to scale down entry level hiring, which has fallen 5 percentage points to 65. A significant increase in senior-level hiring sentiment (up 4 percentage points to 36) is a highlight for this half year.

The TeamLease Employment Outlook Report provides an overview of hiring sentiment and trends across 16 key sectors and eight major cities in India. Eight new sectors have been assessed in this edition of the report including BPO, KPO, educational services, media and entertainment, travel and hospitality, agrochemicals, construction and real estate, and power and energy.