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# A festival of rock n roll and racing



### IIT Delhi's annual fest, Rendezvous, gets a taste of F1, with a racing car sharing space with great musical performances

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This year, Rendezvous '11, the annual festival of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, has both the sound of music and the sight of racing for people in the city. The festival, which started yesterday, will see an F1 car on display inside the IIT Campus, along with a host of celebrity performances from artistes like Javed Ali, Rabbi Shergill, and Shubha Mudgal.

"We wanted to give the fest a different feel this year, so we tried to incorporate different genres. There are rock bands from other countries that will also be performing here," says one of the team members of Rendezvous.

"What the rock lovers should look forward to is the performance by Sylosis, a thrash metal band. This group has more than 9 lakh

hits on Youtube and that is why we chose them to perform here," said a member of team Rendezvous.

While in most colleges, one needs to buy tickets to gain entry to celebrity performances, IIT Delhi is an exception. IIT students across the country can gain access to the event by showing their identity card, whereas other college students have to collect an all day pass from the campus.

Some of the other musical performances will be by Paté de Fuá, Jump for joy and Akim El Sikameya at the International Music Festival. You can also see a performance by Bernardo Scolnik, from Israel, who uses body colour, fire, and lights sources in his act.

There will be various competitions and prize money worth ₹7 lakhs in the event, which is expected to see participation by students from over 350 colleges across the country.



Clockwise from top: Sylosis, a thrash metal band from UK; Shubha Mudgal and Rabbi Shergill will be performing at the festival

An F1 car will also be on display inside the IIT Campus throughout the festival



Rock band Parikrama performing at Rendezvous previously

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give out  
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protest against  
Infosys chief's  
remarks

# Restaurants show solidarity for IITs

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After Infosys founder Narayana Murthy said that the quality of students entering Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) has deteriorated over the years, city eateries have found a new way to show their support to the students. The Chi kitchen and bar in the SDA market is offering a flat 50% off for IITians. "This offer is to send IITians positive energy amid all the negativity. We believe IITians are the best we've got," says Sohrab Sitaram, founder.

Food delivery joint Kashmiri Kitchen in Malviya Nagar has also decided to show support. "We respect the dedication IITians show, and so we will be offering a 10% off on orders placed by an IITian", says Abhijeet Barkataky, co-owner. Jolly Rogers, Gurgaon, is also offering a 20% dis-

count to IITians. Students are thrilled. "It's not about the discount but the thought that we are valued and appreciated", says Ashish Singh, an ex-IITian.



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## Minimum scoring percentages for IIT entrance tests

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

**I**T aspirants will have to score a minimum required percentage in each subject in their entrance tests which will help them beat tension, the Joint Admission Board of the premier institutes said.

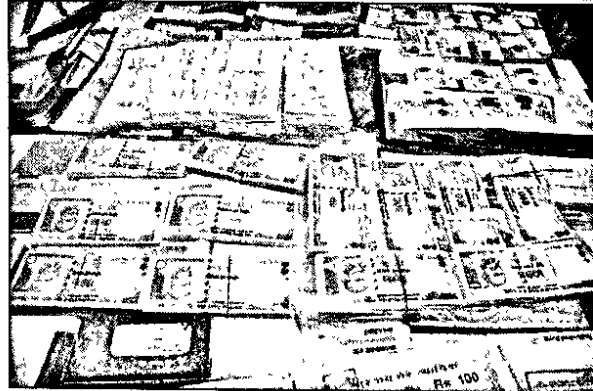
From 2012 candidates must score "at least 10 per cent in each subject and 35 per cent in aggregate in order to be in the common rank list", said Prof G B Reddy of IIT-Delhi.

Till last year, the averages were decided on performance from paper to paper and through cut-offs based on a complex process.

"We felt that the system created a lot of tension in the minds of students about the percentage they need to score. Therefore, to put an end to this, we have declared the minimum percentage they need to score," he said. This will help them get relieve of the tension and maximise their scores to secure a good rank in the entrance," he added. Admission to undergraduate courses in the 15 IITs is done through a Common entrance test known as Joint Entrance Examination (for short IIT-JEE) conducted by the board. The decision to fix the minimum percentage was taken at the joint admission board meeting here on Tuesday. The board is the nodal agency for conducting the exams across the country.

# Ex-IIT professor, three others dupe people of ₹60cr

Umesh Kumar



**SEIZED:** Cheques and unverified amount of money were recovered

Dwaipayan Ghosh | TNN

**Ghaziabad:** It looks like a plot straight out of a crime novel — a retired teacher forms an unholy nexus with three educated youngsters and two others. Together, they use their IT skills and smooth talking to spin a web of deceit, and trap thousands of unsuspecting people, including film personalities, who unwittingly make the frauds richer by Rs 60 crore. They give themselves a life of comfort and luxury. But like in all crime stories, here too luck runs out for the crooks and they land in the police net.

Three of them, who had launched several fake finance firms, travel and film production companies and floated fake websites, were arrested. They operated in nine cities and were allegedly led by a retired IIT professor. Cheques and an unverified amount of money was recovered.

According to SSP (Ghaziabad) Raghuvir Lal, the accused were active in Ghaziabad, Noida, Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai, Jaipur, Bangalore and Ahmedabad. "We have arrested Manish Rajput, a resident of Vaishali; Mahendra Singh, a resident of Jaagruti Vihar; and Arjun Singh, a resident of Vivek Vihar in east Delhi. But Deepak Kumar Rajput (45), a retired IIT teacher and alumni

and also the mastermind; Narender Paul, a resident of Indrapuram; and one Shakti are still absconding along with four Noida girls, who posed as tele-callers," said Lal.

They adopted a three-pronged strategy to dupe people. "They asked the victims to pay Rs 1,000 to register with their tele-marketing website. After that, the victims had to pay another Rs 10,000 to obtain the login and marketing kit. Good work was appreciated and rewards in the form of gold coins, medallions and even cars were freely distributed to the deserving agents. But when several others joined up in about two months, the accused shut shop and moved elsewhere," said Lal.

The conmen then opened up travel websites offering foreign trips at rock-bottom prices. Initially, clients would be given discounts on smaller trips to Southeast Asia, inspiring them to pay willingly for trips to the US and Europe. Once they had enough money, the accused would shut the website down.

"They also duped two Chennai-based directors to the tune of Rs 1.75 crore after promising to give them a break in a Hindi movie. A *mahurat* was also held, which was attended by a Bollywood actor," Lal said.

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# Railways launch real-time tracking system

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** Railways have started the first phase of Real Train Information System (RTIS), which would enable the public to accurately track the progress and the position of a train in real-time.

The facility, which would enable access of real-time coordinates of a train at a click of a button or through SMS, would eventually replace the current tracking system on 139 which is functioning on manual data collection.

Users of the service will have to send an SMS with “ <train number>” in the message to 09415139139 to receive the information. The information can also be accessed online at: <http://www.simran.in>”.

The tracking system is based on Satellite Imaging for Rail Navigation (SIMRAN), which was developed jointly by Research, Design and Standards Organization (RDSO), the Lucknow-based R&D arm of the railways and IIT Kanpur.

Inaugurated by Union Minister of Railways Dinesh Trivedi on Thursday, the system would cover 12 trains in the first phase –two Howrah bound Rajdhani, Sealdah - N Delhi Rajdhani, New Delhi - Sealdah Rajdhani, Mumbai Central - N Delhi Rajdhani, New Delhi - Mumbai Central Rajdhani, Mumbai Central - Nizamuddin A K Rajdhani Nizamuddin - Mumbai Central A K Rajdhani, Lucknow - N Delhi Shatabdi, New Delhi - Lucknow Shatabdi.

The RTIS system deployed in a train would provide train locations, train running position (running on time or late) and train location with respect to next stopping station in terms of kilometre.

Railways has decided to implement RTIS to track all trains, passenger as well as freight trains in a phased manner. The project, which will cost 1100 crore is scheduled to be completed by December 2012.

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# CBSE TOPPER SCHOOLS TO BE SCIENCE HUBS

**NEW DELHI:** Schools which have been winning the national level Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) science exhibition since 2004 will now get the tag of Science Hub Schools.

HRD minister Kapil Sibal announced this at the 8th CBSE Science Exhibition held at Modern School, Barakhamba Road, on Friday.

Sibal said schools will be supported by CBSE and the pilot research projects by students will be carried out here.

Emphasising on the importance of science, technology and innovation, Sibal said those schools, which had scored the first three positions in the exhibitions held so far, will be supported by CBSE.

CBSE chairperson Vineet Joshi was also present at the event, which saw participation from as many as 180 schools. The exhibition will also be open on Saturday. A panel of judges will declare the results later on Saturday.

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# CAT 2011 starts today

**Manash Pratim Gohain** | TNN

**New Delhi:** Common Admission Test (CAT) 2011 will start on Saturday. As many as 2.05 lakh aspirants have registered for the computer-based test to be conducted jointly by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and Prometric across 36 cities. The tests will be held till November 18—the actual testing days will be 20. There will be five testing centres in Delhi, two in Gurgaon, and one each in Noida, Greater Noida and Faridabad.

This year, apart from the IIM, more than 130 B-schools across the country, including Delhi School of Economics, Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management, Dwarka, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, and Mudra Institute of Communications (MICA), are subscribing to CAT score. The

new entrants include six IITs, Faculty of Management Studies, DU, and Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar.

Meanwhile, Prometric has set up two state-of-the-art testing laboratories in Gurgaon and Hyderabad for

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competitive exams like CAT, Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) and Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Managing director of Prometric India, Soumitra Roy, said, "These laboratories are equipped for multiple testing sessions. These

are the first laboratories set up by Prometric in India for conducting various competitive tests. The test centre in Gurgaon can accommodate 226 aspirants in a single session."

All test takers are advised to arrive at their centres at least one and a half hours before time. There will be a 15-minute tutorial before the exam to familiarize the candidates with the procedure of the test. A timer will appear on the top right corner of the screen.

There will be two sections—quantitative ability and data interpretation followed by verbal ability and logical reasoning.

The candidates will get one hour and 10 minutes for each section. Both the sections will have 30 questions each and will be timed separately.

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# CAT 2011 to get even more tough to crack

**CHALLENGE** Exam divided into 2 sections with time limit of 70 minutes each; students hope for fewer technical glitches this year

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**NEW DELHI:** One of India's most sought-after entrance exams — the Common Admission Test (CAT) — will be flagged off on Saturday, with 2.05 lakh students appearing this year. However, CAT is expected to be tougher and more challenging this time.

"There is no doubt that this year's CAT will be difficult, but the larger challenge that the students face is to complete the exam within the given time limit of 70 minutes per section," said Janaki Raman Moorthy, Convener of CAT 2011.

Till last year, CAT comprised three sections — Quantitative, Verbal and Logical Reasoning

## YOUR GUIDE TO CAT

### CAT TIMINGS

- The exam will be held from October 22 to November 18
- First session starts at 10am and candidates will have to report at the centre by 8:30am
- Second session starts at 3:15pm. Candidates have to report at the centre by 1:45pm.

and Data Interpretation with 20 questions in each. This year, the paper has been divided into only two sections — the first being Quantitative and Data Interpretation and the second, Verbal

### REMEMBER TO CARRY

- CAT 2011 Admit Card
- A valid photo identification such as driver's licence, passport, PAN Card, Voter ID
- SC/ST candidates will also need to carry a valid document as proof of their SC/ST eligibility
- Photocopies of the original or expired identifications will not be accepted
- No personal items will be permitted inside the test centre

Ability and Logical Reasoning, with 30 questions each.

However, the larger issue that is a point of concern is the technical glitches. "After first 15 minutes, my screen had blanked out.

The officials at the test centre refused to cooperate and told me that the time we lost due the technical fault would not be compensated. It took them about half-an-hour to restore the test. Let's hope, it is better organised this year," said Abhinav Goel, who appeared for CAT in 2009.

However, last year, CAT exam was smoother with fewer technical glitches and power outages in most centres. With the test being conducted across 36 cities and 223 computers labs in India, both the IIMs and the testing agency — Prometric — claim to be equipped to handle any technical difficulty this year. "In every centre, 10% of the machines have been kept aside as buffer," added Moorthy.

# India high on education: HDI report

■ Between 1999-2000 and 2007-08, the education index has improved 28.5%

## fe Bureau

New Delhi, Oct 21: India has scored high in sending more children to school in the last ten years, but has lagged in providing them adequate health care, says the second Human Development Report of the country, prepared for the Planning Commission.

The report comes ten years after the first one was released in 2001-02. The aim of the report is to breakdown in to a state wise performance report card, the global Human Development Index that is issued every year by the UN Development Programme.

Between 1999-2000 and 2007-08, "it is the improvement of 28.5% in the Education Index that has driven India's HDI (rank) upwards", the report released by deputy chairman of the

Commission, Montek Singh Ahluwalia notes. The report has been prepared by Institute of Applied Manpower Research for the Planning Commission.

While there are no surprises in the report, with the better off states scoring higher on education, health and consumption for their population, the inter-state differences have narrowed. This is especially so for education.

According to the India HDR, unemployment rate has come down to 6.6% in 2009-10 from 7.3% in 1999-2000, "implying that high growth translates into employment growth fast enough to productively employ youth entering the labour force".

But its conclusion on hunger and therefore malnutrition are stark. The report notes that just asking



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one ministry to deal with the job will not do, instead requiring multi-sectoral interventions. "Inclusive growth (which is the goal of the 12th Plan) will remain unachievable without hunger and malnutrition declining sig-

nificantly". The low achievement is partly because the share of public expenditure in health care is just one per cent. This has pushed private expenditure as percentage of total health expenditure to 72 % com-

pared to 53% in China.

"It's clear now that only economic growth would not help the country in attaining better human index. The government must step up investment in health and education and sanitation for improving the quality of lives of large number of poor people," Planning Commission deputy chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia said after releasing the report. Rural development minister Jairam Ramesh was also present on the occasion.

The report places Kerala on top of the index for achieving highest literacy rate, quality health services and consumption expenditure of people. Delhi, Himachal Pradesh and Goa were placed at second, third and fourth position.

Report says India's HDI

has registered impressive gains in the last decade as the index increased by 21% to 0.467 in 2007-08, from 0.387 in 1999-2000.

Among states, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Assam continue to lag behind remaining below the national average of 0.467.

Two-thirds of the households in the country reside in pucca (cemented) houses and three-fourth of families have access to electricity for domestic use," the report noted. The report also noted that the quantum of improvement in HDI in some of the poor states was higher than the national average, the report said, citing the cases of Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Assam.



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### नयी व्यवस्था

अगर आईआईटी के नए पैटर्न से कोचिंग संस्थानों पर लगाम लगती है तो सबसे ज्यादा खुशी सामान्य वर्ग के अभिभावकों और प्रतिभावान छात्रों को होगी। लेकिन शायद यह संभव नहीं है क्योंकि कोचिंग संस्थाएं भी अपने पैटर्न में बदलाव करते हुए स्कूली स्तर से कोचिंग की व्यवस्था शुरू कर देंगी और छात्रों से फीस के नाम पर पहले से भी ज्यादा पैसे लेंगी। इससे इन संस्थाओं पर लगाम नहीं लग पाएगी। उलटे यह और बेलगाम हो जाएंगी। सरकार को चाहिए कि आईआईटी के पैटर्न के साथ-साथ विद्यालय स्तर की शिक्षा में बदलाव करे।

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