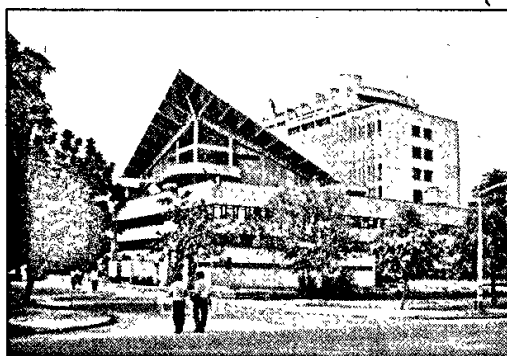


Newspaper Clips

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Indian Express ND 23/10/2011 P6



Ashok Kumar Sharma retired from IIT-Delhi's physics department two years ago. EXPRESS ARCHIVE

Former IIT prof jumps to his death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI | OCTOBER 22

A 62-YEAR-OLD retired IIT professor committed suicide by jumping from the main building at IIT campus, Hauz Khas, on Saturday morning.

Police said Ashok Kumar Sharma, a resident of Dwarka, retired two years ago as a senior scientific researcher at the institution's physics department.

Police received a call from the campus around 12.30 pm. "The incident occurred at 11.05 am. Sharma used to visit the campus often to meet his friends. Initially, we got a call stating that somebody had fallen off the building. But when we investigated further, we found that he had jumped off the building with the intention of committing suicide," a sen-

ior police officer said.

No suicide note was found at the spot, he added.

Police said he may have committed suicide because he suffered from chronic joint pain and other illnesses. "A preliminary inquiry suggested that he was disturbed due to health reasons. Also, he was upset over a court case with IIT. We are investigating the matter," Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Chhaya Sharma said.

Professor Sharma is survived by his wife and three children. Two of his sons are settled abroad, and his daughter is a student at IIT-Bhubaneswar. The body was taken to the AIIMS Trauma Centre for a post-mortem examination, and the results are awaited.

The police are also trying to contact the professor's family.

Times Of India ND 23/10/2011 P-4

Retired staffer ends life at IIT-D

Jumps To Death From 7th Floor

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A former senior scientific officer of the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, jumped to his death from the main campus building on Saturday.

Dr Ashok Kumar Sharma (62) jumped from the seventh floor of the IIT building at Hauz Khas around 12.30pm. He fell next to Dogra Hall of the main building where the students were celebrating

NO SUICIDE NOTE

the institute's annual four-day fest Rendezvous'11. Sharma had come to IIT-D for some personal work.

"We rushed him to AIIMS trauma centre, where doctors declared him brought dead," said a senior police officer. Sharma lived with his wife in Dwarka. "His daughter resides in USA and is in India at present. His wife and daughter went to Bhubaneswar a few days ago and he was living alone," said the officer. "No suicide note has been found so far," the police officer said.

Confirming the incident, registrar of IIT-D, Dr Rakesh Kumar said: "Sharma was a senior scientific officer in the scientific design unit of the university and retired from service last year."

Sharma was a part of a court case being fought by the scientific design staff for increasing the retirement age to 65. At present, the retirement age for the scientific staff is 62. The case was dismissed by the high court.

Police said of late he had been suffering from some personal anxiety. "We do not know the exact reason for the suicide. Preliminary inquiry suggests that he was disturbed due to health reasons and some court case with IIT," said DCP (south) Chhaya Sharma.

Security officer of IIT-D, captain B N Yadav said, "He retired on December 31 last year. He also used to take classes at IIT. After retirement he shifted to Dwarka. His family has been informed about the death. The reason for Sharma's suicide can only be ascertained after further investigation."

Hindustan Times ND 23/10/2011 P-5

Depressed, retired IIT-Delhi prof commits suicide

HT Correspondent

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NEW DELHI: A 62-year-old retired professor of IIT-Delhi committed suicide by jumping from the seventh floor of the campus's main building on Saturday.

The professor, identified as Ashok Kumar Sharma, had come to the campus in the morning to meet his former colleagues.

"Initial investigation have revealed that he was fighting a court case with the IIT management," said a senior police officer, adding that Sharma had also reportedly been depressed over his health.

"We are taking the statements of his colleagues and relatives to ascertain the exact reason of the suicide," the police

officer said.

Sharma was rushed to AIIMS where doctors declared him brought dead.

Sharma, a professor at the Centre for Energy Studies, had retired in December but used to visit the IIT campus regularly.

"We are also probing other angles, such as if the professor had any argument with his colleagues. We are in the process of recording the statements of the eyewitnesses," the officer added.

Sharma used to stay alone at his Dwarka residence as his wife lives in Orissa with their daughter.

"His son and another daughter are in the US. We have informed his family," the officer said.

He was fighting a court case with the IIT management.

We are also checking if he had any argument with his colleagues.

POLICE OFFICER

The Hindu ND 23/10/2011

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Retired IIT official jumps to death

Staff Reporter

NEW DELHI: A retired Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi official allegedly jumped to his death from the seventh floor of a building at the IIT campus in Hauz Khas here on Saturday. The police have not found any suicide note yet.

Ashok Sharma, 62, worked as senior scientific officer at IIT-Delhi and earlier lived inside the institute campus. After retirement, he had shifted to Dwarka about a month ago. However, he used to visit his colleagues on regular intervals. He jumped around 12.30 p.m.

One of his daughter is a professor in Orissa, while another daughter and a son are settled in the United States. He had been living alone in Dwarka as his wife was in Orissa. The police found that Mr. Sharma had recently moved court seeking extension of retirement age to 65.

ASIAN AGE ND 23/10/2011 P13

Retd prof jumps to death at IIT

New Delhi, Oct. 22: A retired Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) professor committed suicide by jumping from the seventh floor of the IIT building here on Saturday, the police said. No suicide note was found. Ashok Kumar Sharma, a resident of Dwarka, jumped from the multi-storey main IIT building at Hauz Khas at around 12.30 pm. He fell beside Dongra Hall where students were celebrating Rendezvous 2011 — a cultural fest.

"We came to know that one of our ex-professors had jumped. We saw him in a pool of blood," said Rajnish Kumar, a student.

"We rushed to the spot and rushed him to AIIMS Trauma Centre. The doctors declared him brought dead," said a police officer.

Sharma was living with

Retired professor Ashok K. Sharma fell beside Dongra Hall where students were celebrating Rendezvous 2011, a cultural fest

his wife at Dwarka while one of his daughters lives in Orissa. "His wife was away in Orissa and he was all alone," said the officer. Sharma had gone to IIT for some personal work. Preliminary investigation reveals that he had some health problems.

"Sharma was involved in a few litigations against the institution," added the officer.

— IANS

Retd IIT don jumps off building, dies

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

A 64-year-old retired professor of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) committed suicide by jumping from the seventh floor of a building on the institute's premises in south Delhi, this afternoon.

The victim, identified as Ashok Kumar Sharma, was a resident of Dwarka in southwest Delhi. He allegedly jumped to his death around 1 pm. While no suicide note has been recovered, the preliminary investigation has revealed that he was depressed due to health problems and some court cases.

"Sharma jumped off the main building of the institute and fell to his death a few feet away from a group of

students who had gathered outside an auditorium where a cultural programme was being held. He was rushed to AIIMS, but was declared "brought dead," said a police official.

Sharma's wife had gone to Bhuvaneshwar a few days ago to meet their married daughter and he had been living alone since then.

"This morning, Sharma came to the institute and met some of his former colleagues. Some court cases are going on between Sharma and the institute and he was disturbed regarding them. He was not keeping good health either. It is being presumed that these factors had depressed the professor," said the official. He added that Sharma's wife had been informed about the incident.

Ex-IIT professor commits suicide

statesman news service

NEW DELHI, 22 OCT: A 62-year-old retired Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, professor allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the 7th floor of the IIT building this afternoon.

According to police, the professor, identified as Ashok Kumar Sharma, was a resident of Dwarka. "This morning, he had come to campus to meet his colleagues but later at around 12.30 pm, he allegedly jumped off the 7th floor of the main building of the campus. He fell beside Dongra Hall, where students were celebrating Rendezvous 2011, a

cultural fest," said a police officer.

Police said the PCR call was made by an IIT student at around 12.35 pm. "We reached at the spot and rushed him to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Trauma Centre where doctors declared him brought dead," added the police officer.

"Sharma is survived by his wife and his daughters. His wife was away in Orissa at her daughter's house and he was all alone," added the officer.

He was fighting a court case with IIT management. He was also depressed over his health condition. No suicide note was recovered from his possession.

Mail Today ND 23/10/2011 P4

Retired IIT professor jumps to his death

A RETIRED IIT professor committed suicide by jumping from the seventh floor of the main building at IIT-Delhi campus on Saturday. Ashok Kumar Sharma (62) was in the campus to meet former colleagues.

Police said Sharma committed suicide around 12.30 pm. Initial investigations revealed the professor, fighting a court case against the IIT management, was depressed and not keeping well.

"He was caught in a legal fight with the IIT authorities over his retirement age," a police officer said.

Mail Today

Retired IIT professor commits suicide

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A retired professor of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi allegedly committed suicide by jumping off seventh floor of the main building in the institute complex on Saturday afternoon. Ashok Kumar Sharma (62) retired from IIT in December last year and has been living with his wife in Dwarka. He is survived by wife, two daughters and a son. A daughter and a son have settled in US and another daughter is a professor in a college in Odisha.

A police official said though Sharma retired from the services in December 2010 but had been living in an accommodation in the IIT complex for months and almost a month back, he shifted to an apartment in Dwarka, where he has been living with his wife. "But he kept visiting the campus of the institution to meet his old colleagues and it was a routine affair. On Saturday, he again reached the campus. Around 12.30 pm, he allegedly jumped off the seventh floor of the main building which used to be his

office during his tenure," he said.

Sharma received multiple fractures and severe heard injuries. "He was badly injured, his hands and legs were fractured. He succumbed to injuries on way to the AIIMS trauma centre. Though it seems a case of suicide but no suicide note has been recovered yet. A case has been registered at Vasant Vihar police station," a police official said.

Professor Sharma has been living alone as his wife had to go to Odisha to meet their daughter. "Though it seems a case of suicide

but foul play cannot be ruled out at this stage. We are investigating the matter from all angles," he said.

During the investigation, the fact has come to the light that Sharma had been fighting a court case in which he had demanded enhancement of retirement age of professor teaching in the institution.

"It has also been informed that Sharma was disturbed as he has not been keeping well for quite some time. He was also under stress due to the court case," police said.

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CAT 2011 begins without a hitch

Manash Pratim Gohain | TNN

New Delhi: The Common Admission Test (CAT) 2011 began across the country simultaneously on Saturday with 5,690 candidates appearing on the first day. Experts and students said the test was on expected lines but the difficulty level has increased a bit this year.

The computer-based CAT was introduced in 2009. It is being jointly conducted by the Indian Institute of Management and Prometric.

Reacting to the experiences of the candidates on the first

day of the test, Deekshant Sehrawat, director of MBA Guru, said, "Now that the number of questions has become manageable with more time per question, the difficulty level has been made a little higher than the previous years. The format is slightly different and it is gradually going the GMAT way."

For the candidates, the first day was smooth sailing with no reports of any technical glitches across the centres in Delhi and NCR. However, a few students did complain of the regis-

tration process being slow at the All India Institute of Local Self Government, Janakpuri and Delhi Business School on Mathura Road.

Candidates who appeared at the Prometric test laboratories, Gurgaon

were a satisfied lot. "It was

a good experience. Also, the information shared with the candidates before the exams helped us a lot. The difficulty level though has been a notch higher this time," said Meenakshi Arora (name changed).

Prometric has confirmed

that both the sessions have concluded without any major issue. "The first day of the test got off to a good start. Candidates are reminded to arrive at least one-and-a-half hour before their scheduled test time with their admit cards and valid photo identification. Candidates are also advised to check their emails and the CAT website regularly in case of any important update," said Soumitra Roy, managing director, Prometric India.

CAT 2011 is being organized across 68 test centres of 36 cities.

TESTING TIMES

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India-born scholars shine in White House honours list

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: In White House events that underscored both United States' capacity for scholastic absorption from across the world and India's contribution to American advancement, several luminaries of Indian origin have been honored by president Obama this month amid a continuing debate about US intellectual leadership in the so-called knowledge century.

Foreign-born scholars were conspicuous in the White House on Friday when president Obama conferred the national medals for science, technology, and innovation, with India-born scientists prominent among them.

As Obama himself noted, three quarters of the dozen honorees were born outside of the US (three of them from India), and "they searched for the best universities and the most advanced labs — and they found them here, because America is the best place in the world to do the work that they do".

The three India-born scholars honored were New York University's Srinivasa SR Vardhan, Purdue University's Rakesh Agarwal, and



Official White House Photo by Pete Souza

INDIA SHINING: President Obama congratulates Google Science Fair winners, (from left) Naomi Shah, Shree Bose and Lauren Hodge in the Oval Office on October 3, 2011

North Carolina State University's B Jayant Baliga; the last two originally from IIT.

Their honors follow another White House event earlier this month when the US president welcomed three winners of the Google Science Fair to the Oval Office, all of whom happened to be young women, and two of them — Shree Bose and Naomi Shah — of Indian-origin.

Earlier this week, Obama honored Indian-American activist Vijaya Lakshmi Emani posthumously medal for her work on domestic abuse in the Indian-American community. The Andhra-born Emani, a trailblazer for women's rights, died in

a road accident in 2009.

At Friday's event, Obama himself recalled his meeting with Shree, wryly joking about "her first experiment in second grade trying to turn spinach blue. In fourth grade, she built a remote-controlled garbage can".

But for the Google science fair, at the age of 17, he noted that she discovered a promising new way for improving the treatment for ovarian cancer.

"And she also told me very matter-of-factly that she'll be going to medical school and getting a doctorate, and I suspect she will do so. She did not lack confidence," he remarked amid laughter.

Getting to know Aakash

Shilpey Dewan was among the 500 students who were handed the \$35 Aakash tablets when it was launched on October 5. "I am trying to do everything on it," she says

CHINKI SINHA

SHE tapped on the screen with her fingers. Then, she dug her nails, lightly. Nothing happened. None of the icons on the touchscreen came alive. And then she tapped harder. The e-book reader opened up. "There you go. The touchscreen isn't that good but it is a nice product," says Shilpey Dewan.

For almost a fortnight now, Dewan, a 21-year-old student at TERI University, has been spending time decoding Aakash, the \$35 tablet launched by the MHRD on October 5 and hailed as the "world's cheapest", as part of her assignment to conduct field testing for the tablet.

Dewan has been involved with the project ever since her teacher

Pradeep Varma brought the tablet to class one day, when it was still in the development stages, and asked the class to design a logo for the tablet. The tablet, they were told, was meant to be a tool to bridge the digital divide in the country and help students in semi-urban centres and rural areas get access to education material developed in the premier institutes of the country. Besides the logo, Varma asked his students, whom he divided into groups, to suggest distribution alternatives to the government. Dewan's group recommended distributing the tablets via post so that the government could use the widespread network of the department.

The name they had in mind for the product was 'Eklavya', the mythologi-

cal model student in the epic Mahabharata. They designed a logo around the name but they didn't win the competition. "Aakash is a good name, too," she says.

Dewan was one of the first 500 students who were handed the tablets on October 5 when it was launched in the national capital. "We were a little apprehensive about it at first, that something so cheap would work," she said. "We didn't think we will get to see it so soon."

While tablets are common these days, Dewan has what she calls a "dream" in her hands, a device that has been given to a chosen few and that seeks to revolutionise education in the country. In fact, the few students who have got the tablet to test at her university have formed a society of



Shilpey Dewan was one of the first 500 students to get an Aakash tablet

sorts where they meet to discuss the product and troubleshoot, like when a friend's tablet wasn't switching off.

"I solved the problem. I had read the manual and it said if there is a problem, insert a pin in the little hole at the back and it will turn off. I felt like a genius," she said.

Mostly, she uses her device to read ebooks and download presenta-

tations. She carried a USB device which she could plug into Aakash. At home, she watches movies on it and has downloaded her music on to the device.

"They want my feedback so I am trying to do everything on it," she said. "The tablet has a 2 GB memory but I think it is expandable to 32 GB."

On the day of the launch, Dewan

was one of the three students from Delhi who got the device from Union Minister for Human Resource Development Kapil Sibal. When she went to her house in Faridabad, her cousins wanted to play with it. But then the attention became a problem. "Everyone wants to see it, touch it, play games on it," she said. "I am obsessed with it and very possessive about it," says Dewan.

She has already arrived at certain conclusions. "It will take a little time to get used to. It uses Android so it is easier. They will solve the touchscreen problem but it is a resistive screen so it is not going to be like Apple's iPad. But you have to see the cost difference. It does help in reading but it is not a complete substitute for a PC," she says.

She carries the 350-gram lightweight Aakash wherever she goes and doesn't miss lugging around her much heavier laptop. In the morning, when her lecture starts, she switches it on and downloads presentations onto the tablet through the memory card. "The campus is WiFi enabled so it is good," she says. "I keep telling everyone I have Aakash," she says.

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'Racial profiling' in Hyd univ sparks row

Nikhila Henry & Mahesh Buddi
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Hyderabad: A University of Hyderabad "initiative" to end drinking and drug use on its campus took an ugly turn on Friday with students protesting the vice-chancellor's suggestion to faculty members that they begin the drive with students from the northeast.

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Describing it as a case of "racial profiling", students held protests, forcing the official to apologize for the "inadvertent" move.

Vice-chancellor Ramakrishna Ramaswamy's concern stemmed from the fact that inebriated students indulged in two incidents of vio-

SINGLED OUT

► On Oct 17, Hyderabad univ V-C writes to faculty members from northeast, calling a meeting on drinking and drug abuse on campus

► Tells them reform measures must 'start' with NE students

► Students say northeast singled out in two incidents of drunken violence though others were involved too

lence in the past 20 days. Students from the northeast said they were singled out in both cases though others were also involved. On October 17, the VC sent a letter to faculty members from the northeast, saying he wanted to meet them on "consumption of alcohol and drugs on campus".

US approves transfer of 435 Indian students

Washington, Oct. 22: US authorities have "examined individually" cases of over 1,000 Indian students who had enrolled at California-based "sham" Tri-Valley University, approving transfer of 435 of them to other institutions.

Officials of department of homeland security, department of state, US immigration and customs enforcement and US citizenship and immigration services met representatives of Indian embassy here on Friday and discussed several issues relating to Indian students at the Tri-Valley University (TVU), which was raided and shut down by authorities earlier this year on charges of a mas-

TRI-VALLEY CASE

sive immigration fraud.

The US officials informed that out of more than 1000 students, who were being considered for transfer to other universities, 435 transfers were approved, 145 were denied and about an equal number were issued Notices of Intention to Deny (NOIDs), the Indian embassy said in a statement.

The remaining transfer cases are still under examination. US officials further said cases of students have been "examined individually after evaluating all information provided by them."

They have advised that

students who have received NOIDs should reply to the notices within the stipulated time with the required documents.

Indian officials urged United States officials to view the cases of the students with "understanding" since they have undergone hardship due to the closure of the university.

"The embassy of India is continuing its efforts with US authorities for addressing the plight of TVU students," the statement said.

The issue of protecting students from sham universities figured on the agenda of the first ever India-US higher education summit held here last week.

— PTI

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US to transfer 435 Indian students of Tri-Valley University

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 22

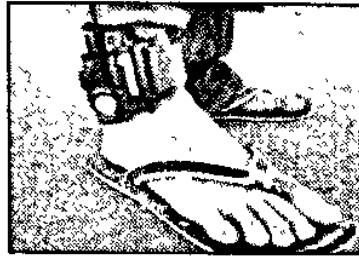
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EDUCATION FRAUD

- TVU was raided and shut down in January 2011 by US authorities on charges of a massive immigration fraud
- Hundreds of Indian students had faced deportation and their academic career was in limbo
- Many Indian students were forced to wear radio collars around their ankles so that US authorities could keep track of their movements
- The institute had claimed that one of its Indian-origin staff was responsible for the immigration fraud and it was not directly involved in it.

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Talk of treaty ban on mercury worries scientists

Associated Press

London, Oct. 22

Scientists are warning officials negotiating a global treaty on mercury that banning the deadly chemical completely would be dangerous for public health because of the chemical's use in vaccines.

The ban option is one of several proposals on the table for a meeting later this month in Nairobi, but a final treaty isn't expected until 2013.

According to the World

Health Organization, mercury is one of the top 10 chemicals of public health concern and is highly toxic. Most of the worry is centred on mercury emissions from burning coal, gold mining and people eating mercury-tainted fish.

Mercury in small amounts is also found in many products including light bulbs, batteries and thermometers. WHO advises such products to be phased out, suggesting for example, that health systems switch to digital ther-

момeters instead.

The problem is that a proposed ban might include thiomersal, also known as thimerosal, a mercury compound used to prevent contamination and extend the shelf life of vaccines, many scientists say. It is used in about 300 million shots worldwide, against diseases including flu, tetanus, hepatitis B, diptheria and meningitis.

"Not being able to use mercury is not a viable option,"

said David Wood, a WHO vaccines expert.

Wood said there isn't a viable alternative to thiomersal at the moment. If banned, pharmaceuticals would likely have to switch to preservative-free vaccines, which would complicate the supply chain and vaccination campaigns in poor countries, since the injections would have a much shorter shelf life. Costs would also spike since manufacturers would need to reconfigure their factories.

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आईआईटी के पूर्व प्रोफेसर ने दी जान

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दुखद

आईआईटी के सेंटर ऑफ एनर्जी डिपार्टमेंट से सेवानिवृत्त भौतिक विज्ञान के एक प्रोफेसर ने शनिवार को कैंपस में सातवीं मंजिल से कूदकर खुदकुशी कर ली। वह दिसंबर 2010 में सेवानिवृत्त हो चुके थे। मौके से पुलिस को कोई सुसाइड नोट बरामद नहीं हुआ है।

प्राथमिक जांच में पुलिस ने डिप्रेशन के चलते खुदकुशी किए जाने की आशंका जताई है। बताया जा रहा है कि सेवानिवृत्ति की आयु 62 से 65 वर्ष करने को लेकर चल रहे कोर्ट केस में वह हार गए थे। हालांकि इस बात की पुष्टि नहीं हो पाई है कि वह केस हारने की वजह से परेशान थे।

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आईआईटी के सुरक्षा अधिकारी कैप्टन वी.एन. यादव ने बताया कि शनिवार को वह कैंपस में किसी काम से आए थे। दोपहर करीब साढ़े बारह बजे उन्होंने सातवीं मंजिल से छलांग लगा दी।

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- सेवानिवृत्ति की आयु 62 से 65 वर्ष करने को लेकर चल रहे कोर्ट केस में हार गए थे वह
- डिप्रेशन के चलते खुदकुशी किए जाने की जताई जा रही है आशंका

बुजुर्गों में डिप्रेशन बढ़ने का कारण सामाजिक व्यवस्था के ढांचे में बदलाव आना है। अकेलापन, रिटायरमेंट के बाद घर की चारदीवारी में अकेला रहना उनमें एकाकीपन का भाव ला देता है। वह खुद से निराश रहने लगते हैं। इस उम्र में होने वाली शारीरिक बीमारियां भी उनकी परेशानियां बढ़ाती हैं। जिस कारण से वह ऐसे कदम उठाते हैं।

समीर पारिख, मनोचिकित्सक

उन्हें गंभीर हालत में अस्पताल पहुंचाया गया, जहां डॉक्टरों ने उन्हें मृत घोषित कर दिया। पुलिस का कहना है कि मौके से कोई सुसाइड नोट नहीं मिला है। उनके परिवार के सदस्यों से बातचीत के बाद ही खुदकुशी के स्पष्ट कारणों का पता चल पाएगा। परिवार के सदस्यों को घटना की जानकारी दे दी गई है।

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आईआईटी के रिटायर्ड प्रोफेसर ने जान दी

वरिष्ठ संवाददाता ॥ आईआईटी

साउथ दिल्ली के आईआईटी कैंपस में 7वीं मंजिल से कूदकर रिटायर्ड प्रोफेसर अशोक कुमार शर्मा (62) ने जान दे दी। पुलिस को मौके से कोई स्यूसाइड नोट नहीं मिला है।

पुलिस ने मृतक के परिजनों को सूचित कर दिया

पुलिस को मौके से नहीं मिला कोई स्यूसाइड नोट

है। पोस्टमॉर्टम के लिए शव को एम्स भेज दिया गया है। पुलिस का कहना है कि प्राथमिक जांच में मामला आत्महत्या का लग रहा है।

पुलिस ने बताया कि अशोक पिछले साल 30 दिसंबर को आईआईटी से रिटायर हुए थे। वह कैंपस में ही रहते थे, लेकिन करीब दो महीने पहले ही उन्होंने द्वारका शिफ्ट कर लिया था। परिवार में उनकी पत्नी के अलावा दो बेटी और एक बेटा हैं। पुलिस ने बताया कि रिटायर होने के बावजूद वह यहां आते

रहते हैं। वह आईआईटी में फिजिक्स डिपार्टमेंट सेंटर फॉर एनर्जी स्टडीज में सीनियर साइंटिफिक ऑफिसर (ग्रेड-1) थे। आईआईटी के सीनियर प्रोफेसर का कहना है कि वह बेहद मिलनसार थे। पुलिस का कहना है कि यह घटना

शनिवार दोपहर करीब 12:25 बजे की है। चूंकि आईआईटी में इन

दिनों फेस्टिवल चल रहा है। इस वजह से दोपहर के वक्त सारे स्टूडेंट नीचे थे। शर्मा सातवीं मंजिल से हेल्प डेस्क के पास गिरे थे। उस वक्त स्टूडेंट्स ने सोचा ऊपर से कोई होर्डिंग आदि गिर गया है।

डीसीपी छाया शर्मा का कहना है कि अभी तक की जांच में पता लगा है कि उन्हें स्वास्थ्य संबंधी परेशानी थी और आईआईटी के साथ उनका किसी मामले को लेकर कोई मुकदमा भी चल रहा था। मगर अभी यह साफ नहीं है कि उन्होंने आत्महत्या क्यों की?

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आइआइटी बिल्डिंग से कूदकर सेवानिवृत्त प्रोफेसर ने जान दी

नई दिल्ली, जासं : वसंत विहार स्थित आइआइटी परिसर की मुख्य इमारत की सातवीं मंजिल से छलांग लगाकर एक सेवानिवृत्त प्रोफेसर ने खुदकुशी कर ली। वे आइआइटी में सीनियर साइंटिफिक अफसर रह चुके थे। मौके से कोई सुसाइड नोट बरामद नहीं हुआ है। वसंत विहार थाना पुलिस ने उड़ीसा व यूएस में रहने वाले उनके परिजनों को घटना की सूचना दे दी है। मरने वाले प्रोफेसर का नाम अशोक कुमार शर्मा (62) है। सेवानिवृत्त होने के बाद भी वे कई महीने आइआइटी परिसर में ही रहे थे। उन्होंने सेवानिवृत्ति की आयु बढ़ाने के लिए आइआइटी के खिलाफ मुकदमा दायर कर रखा था, जिसकी सुनवाई अभी चल रही थी। इधर पिछले एक महीने से वे पत्नी के साथ द्वारका स्थित अपने घर में शिफ्ट कर गए थे। उनकी एक

◆ सेवानिवृत्ति की आयु बढ़ाने के लिए आइआइटी पर कर रखा था मुकदमा

बेटी उड़ीसा में एक कॉलेज में प्रोफेसर है, जबकि एक बेटी व एक बेटा यूएस में हैं। कुछ दिनों पहले पत्नी उड़ीसा गई थी। बताया जाता है कि आइआइटी परिसर से जाने के बावजूद वे अक्सर परिचितों से मिलने आइआइटी जाते रहते थे। शनिवार की सुबह भी वे आइआइटी गए थे। दोपहर करीब साढ़े 12 बजे उन्होंने मुख्य बिल्डिंग की सातवीं मंजिल (पूर्व में अपने कार्यालय) से छलांग लगा दी। काफी ऊंचाई से गिरने से उनके हाथ-पैर टूट गए। सिर व शरीर के अन्य हिस्सों में भी गंभीर चोट आई। उपचार के लिए उन्हें तुरंत एम्स ट्रामा सेंटर ले जाया गया, लेकिन रास्ते में ही उन्होंने दम तोड़ दिया।

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आईआईटी के पूर्व प्रोफेसर ने की आत्महत्या

नई दिल्ली

भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईटी), दिल्ली के एक अवकाश प्राप्त प्रोफेसर ने शनिवार को सातवीं मंजिल से छलांग लगा कर आत्महत्या कर ली।

पुलिस के अनुसार प्रोफेसर अशोक शर्मा (62) ने कैम्पस स्थित एक इमारत की सातवीं मंजिल से छलांग लगा कर आत्महत्या कर ली। उन्होंने अपनी सेवानिवृत्ति आयु 60 से 65 वर्ष करने के लिए अदालत में एक अर्जी दाखिल कर रखी थी।

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रिटायर्ड प्रोफेसर ने 7वीं मंजिल से कूदकर जान दी

आईआईटी कैम्पस की घटना

संवाददाता

वसंत विहार। आईआईटी कैम्पस में शनिवार दोपहर एक रिटायर्ड प्रोफेसर ने मुख्य इमारत की सातवीं मंजिल से कूदकर जान दे दी। अशोक कुमार शर्मा (63) कुछ महीनों पहले ही रिटायर्ड हुए थे

■ कैम्पस की मुख्य बिल्डिंग के डोगरा हॉल में लगाई छलांग

और किसी निजी कार्य हेतु कैम्पस में आए थे। पुलिस को मौके से कोई स्युसाइड नोट बरामद नहीं हुआ है। इस कारण आत्महत्या के पीछे के कारणों का फिलहाल पता नहीं चल सका है। पुलिस ने शव को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए एम्स भेज परिजनों को इसकी सूचना दे दी है। परिजनों से बातचीत के बाद ही मामले की तस्वीर साफ हो पाएगी।

अशोक कुमार शर्मा के परिवार में पत्नी और एक बेटी है। बेटी उड़ीसा के भुवनेश्वर में रहती है। शर्मा द्वारका इलाके में अपनी पत्नी के साथ रहते थे। कई दिन पहले उनकी पत्नी बेटी से मिलने गई थी। पुलिस के अनुसार अशोक कुमार आईआईटी कैम्पस में शनिवार दोपहर करीब 12 बजे किसी से मिलने आए थे। वह कुछ महीने पहले ही रिटायर्ड हुए थे। बताया जाता है कि अशोक कुमार पहले कैम्पस परिसर में रहते थे, लेकिन कुछ समय पहले वो द्वारका इलाके में शिफ्ट हो गए थे। प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों के मुताबिक अशोक ने दोपहर करीब साढ़े 11 बजे कैम्पस में बनी मुख्य इमारत के डोगरा हॉल में सातवीं मंजिल से छलांग लगा दी। इस दौरान आईआईटी के कुछ छात्र कल्चरल फेस्ट मना रहे थे। आनन-फानन में इसकी सूचना पुलिस को दी गई और उन्हें एम्स ट्रामा सेंटर में भर्ती करवाया गया। अस्पताल के डॉक्टरों ने उन्हें मृत घोषित कर दिया। पुलिस को शुरूआती जांच में पता चला है कि शर्मा आजकल किसी बीमारी से ग्रस्त थे। इसके साथ ही उनका कोई केस कोर्ट में भी चल रहा था।

एआईईईई परीक्षा 2012 के प्रारूप में बदलाव

नई दिल्ली, (मैट्रो): केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड द्वारा आयोजित किये जाने वाले ऑल इंडिया इंजीनियरिंग एंट्रेंस एग्जॉम (एआईईईईई) 2012 के प्रारूप में बोर्ड ने व्यापक बदलाव किये हैं।

सीबीएसई इस बार 29 अप्रैल को एआईईईईई एग्जाम आयोजित कराने जा रहा है। यह परीक्षा इस बार देश के करीब 65 शहरों में करायी जायेगी। पिछले साल एआईईईईई की ऑनलाइन परीक्षा की सफलता को देते हुए सीबीएसई इस बार केवल सीबीटी मोड में देश के 22 शहरों में यह परीक्षा आयोजित करायेगा जो 7 से 12 मई के बीच होगी। सीबीएसई के डायरेक्टर (स्पेशल एग्जॉम) प्रीतम सिंह ने बताया कि राजस्थान के कोटा शहर से एआईईईईई के लिए एग्जाम देने वाले छात्रों की अधिक संख्या को देखते हुए इस बार कोटा को ऑनलाइन

एग्जाम का सेन्टर बनाया गया है। सिंह ने बताया कि ऑनलाइन एग्जॉम की लोकप्रियता को देखते हुए 2012 एआईईईईई के लिए छात्रों को 150 से 300 रुपये तक की छूट दी जायेगी। जो भी छात्र ऑनलाइन एग्जाम के लिए तय किये गये उक्त शहरों में एग्जाम देना चाहता है उसे पहले ऑनलाइन

एग्जाम के बारे में जानकारी लेनी होगी। इसके लिए सीबीएसई की साइट पर एक मॉक साटवेयर भी डाला जायेगा जिससे छात्रों को एग्जाम की तैयारी करने में मदद मिलेगी। प्रीतम सिंह के अनुसार इस बार ज्यादा से ज्यादा छात्रों को एआईईईईई से जोड़ने तथा फार्मों की उपलब्धता के लिए केवल ऑनलाइन अप्लाई करने का ही विकल्प दिया है। इसके लिए सीबीएसई, एआईईईईई नामक साइट से छात्र बिना रुकावट के सातों दिन अप्लाई कर सकेंगे। एग्जाम के लिए छात्र क्रेडिट तथा डेबिट कार्ड के द्वारा अपनी फीस जमा करा सकते हैं। प्रीतम सिंह ने बताया कि छात्रों को ऑनलाइन फार्म भरने में मदद करने के लिए जल्द ही सुविधा केन्द्र बनाये जाएंगे। ये केन्द्र उन शहरों में बनाये जाएंगे जहां पिछली बार एआईईईईई एंट्रेंस के फार्म बेचे गये थे।

लिंगदोह कमेटी की सिफारिशें छात्रों को नामंजूर

नई दिल्ली, (मैट्रो): जेएनयू में छात्रसंघ चुनाव कराने के लिए गत दिनों छात्र संगठनों की आमसभा (जेबीएम) आयोजित की जा चुकी है। जेएनयू में छात्रसंघ चुनावों पर सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने रोक लगा रखी है, क्योंकि कोर्ट ने लिंगदोह कमेटी की सिफारिशों के अनुसार ही चुनाव कराने की स्वीकृति दी है। जेएनयू में ज्यादातर छात्र संगठन लिंगदोह सिफारिशों के साथ चुनाव कराने के पक्ष में नहीं हैं। लिंगदोह कमेटी की सिफारिशों में चुनाव लड़ने के लिए छात्र की आयु 28 तक सीमित करने की बात कही गई है जबकि छात्रों का कहना है कि एमफिल पीएचडी करते हुए छात्र इस आयु को पूरा कर जाते हैं इसीलिए इसे बढ़ाकर 30 वर्ष करना चाहिए। इसके अलावा छात्रों को प्रिंटिड मैटेरियल द्वारा प्रचार करने की अनुमति हो क्योंकि चुनाव प्रचार में प्रत्याशी हर जगह स्वयं नहीं जा सकता इसीलिए उसे इस मैटेरियल द्वारा प्रचार करने में आसानी होती है।

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केवल ऑनलाइन ही अप्लाई कर पायेंगे छात्र

नई दिल्ली, लोस। केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड द्वारा आयोजित किये जाने वाले ऑल इंडिया इंजिनियरिंग एंट्रेंस एग्जॉम (एआईईईई) 2012 के प्रारूप में बोर्ड ने व्यापक बदलाव किये हैं। सीबीएसई इस बार 29 अप्रैल को एआईईईई एग्जाम आयोजित कराने जा रहा है।

यह परीक्षा इस बार देश के करीब 65 शहरों में करायी जायेगी। पिछले साल एआईईईई की ऑनलाइन परीक्षा की सफलता को देखते हुए सीबीएसई इस बार केवल सीबीटी मोड में देश के 22 शहरों में यह परीक्षा आयोजित करायेगा। जो 7 से 12 मई के बीच होंगी।

सीबीएसई के डायरेक्टर (स्पेशल एग्जॉम) प्रीतम सिंह ने बताया कि राजस्थान के कोटा शहर से एआईईईई के लिए एग्जाम देने वाले

**ऑनलाइन अप्लाई
करने वाले छात्रों को
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रूपये तक की छूट**

छात्रों की अधिक संख्या को देखते हुए इस बार कोटा को ऑनलाइन एग्जाम का सेन्टर बनाया गया है।

सिंह ने बताया कि ऑनलाइन एग्जॉम की लोकप्रियता को देखते हुए 2012 एआईईईई के लिए छात्रों को 150 से 300 रूपये तक की छूट दी जायेगी। जो भी छात्र ऑनलाइन एग्जाम के लिए तय किये गये उक्त शहरों में एग्जाम देना चाहता है उसे पहले ऑनलाइन एग्जाम के बारे में जानकारी लेनी होगी। इसके लिए सीबीएसई की साइट पर एक मॉक साफ्टवेयर भी डाला जायेगा जिससे

छात्रों को एग्जाम की तैयारी करने में मदद मिलेगी।

प्रीतम सिंह के अनुसार इस बार ज्यादा से ज्यादा छात्रों को एआईईईई से जोड़ने तथा फार्मों की उपलब्धता के लिए केवल ऑनलाइन अप्लाई करने का ही विकल्प दिया है। इसके लिए सीबीएसई, एआईईईई नामक साइट से छात्र बिना रूकावट के सातों दिन अप्लाई कर सकेंगे। एग्जाम के लिए छात्र क्रेडिट तथा डेबिट कार्ड के द्वारा अपनी फीस जमा करा सकते हैं।

प्रीतम सिंह ने बताया कि छात्रों को ऑनलाइन फार्म भरने में मदद करने के लिए जल्द ही सुविधा केन्द्र बनाये जायेंगे। ये केन्द्र उन शहरों में बनाये जायेंगे जहां पिछली बार एआईईईई एंट्रेंस के फार्म बेचे गये थे।

अलवर में भी होगी आईआईटी परीक्षा

**आईआईटी-जेईई 2012,
कोटा को मौका नहीं,
सीकर व अलवर नए
केन्द्र मिले**

अलवर, कोटा

देश के प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों में प्रवेश के लिए होने वाली संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा (आईआईटी-जेईई) के लिए राजस्थान को दो नए परीक्षा केंद्र सीकर व अलवर दिए गए हैं। राज्य में अब परीक्षा केंद्रों की संख्या बढ़कर सात हो गई है। बढ़े केंद्रों में कोटा का नाम नहीं है उसके स्थान पर इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज हब बनते अलवर को मौका मिला है।

इन केंद्रों दो जोन में बांटा गया है। अब तक राजस्थान के सभी केंद्र आईआईटी मुंबई जोन में हुआ करते थे लेकिन इस वर्ष अजमेर, बीकानेर, जयपुर व जोधपुर आईआईटी मुंबई जोन तथा अलवर, सीकर व उदयपुर आईआईटी दिल्ली जोन में शामिल हैं।

ऑनलाइन में छूट

आईआईटी-जेईई 2012 के लिए ऑनलाइन आवेदनकर्ताओं को आवेदन में 200 रुपए कम देने होंगे। सामान्य व ओबीसी के लिए ऑनलाइन आवेदन शुल्क 1600 व ऑफलाइन आवेदन शुल्क 1800 होगा। एससी, एसटी व विकलांग वर्ग के लिए शुल्क 800 व 1000 रुपए होगा।

महिला वर्ग में ऑनलाइन आवेदन निशुल्क व ऑफलाइन में 200 रुपए देय होगा। यह 200 रुपए साधन शुल्क के रूप में लिया जाएगा। महिलाओं को गुलाबी, एससी, एसटी, विकलांग को हल्का नीला तथा सामान्य व ओबीसी को सलेटी रंग का फार्म मिलेगा।

31 अक्टूबर से आवेदन

आवेदन प्रक्रिया 31 अक्टूबर से शुरू होगी। ऑनलाइन फार्म 31 अक्टूबर से 10 नवम्बर तक भरे जा सकेंगे। ऑफलाइन फार्मों का वितरण 11 नवम्बर से शुरू होगा और 5 दिसम्बर तक होगा। 15 दिसम्बर तक आवेदन जमा किए जा सकेंगे। परीक्षा 8 अप्रैल को होगी और परिणाम 18 मई को आएगा। विद्यार्थी उत्तरकुंजी आईआईटी-जेईई की वेबसाइट पर 7 मई से देख सकेंगे।

दो स्तरों में छंटनी होगी

परिणाम जारी करने से पहले विद्यार्थियों की दो स्तरों में छंटनी होगी। नए परिवर्तन के अनुसार पहली सब्जेक्ट लिस्ट में वे विद्यार्थियों शामिल होंगे, जिन्होंने फीजिक्स, केमेस्ट्री व मैथ्स में 10-10 प्रतिशत अंक प्राप्त किए हैं। दूसरे स्तर में तीनों विषयों के प्राप्तांकों का प्रतिशत देखा जाएगा, जो 35 प्रतिशत होने पर ही कॉमन मेरिट लिस्ट में विद्यार्थी का नाम शामिल किया जाएगा। ओबीसी नॉन क्रिमी लेयर वाले विद्यार्थियों को 9 प्रतिशत व 31.5 प्रतिशत अंक लाने होंगे।

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वहीं एससी व एसटी विद्यार्थियों को न्यूनतम 5 व 17.5 प्रतिशत अंक प्राप्त करने होंगे।

अलवर, सीकर पर नजर : कुछ बरस पहले तक कोटा इंजीनियरिंग प्रवेशार्थियों का प्रदेश में कोचिंग मुकाम कोटा ही हुआ करता था, लेकिन एक दशक के भीतर, एज्युकेशन हब बनते अलवर से उसे कड़ी टक्कर मिली। अलवर में करीब 12 निजी इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज हैं और तीन निजी विश्वविद्यालय खुल चुके हैं। पॉलीटेक्निक सहित निजी शिक्षण संस्थानों के मामले में भी अलवर आगे है। इन कॉलेजों में दाखिले के बावजूद प्रतिष्ठित आईआईटी जेईई के लिए प्रयासरत रहते हैं। बड़ी बात यह है कि जिले की आबादी 36 लाख पार हो गई है और हर साल अलवर से करीब पांच हजार बच्चे आईआईटी जेईई में बैठते हैं। (कार्यालय सचिववाता)