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Across the Indian start-up sector, growing networks of alumni from some of the best-known colleges in India and overseas are helping entrepreneurs find money and grow businesses. From IITs, BITS Pilani to IIMs...start-ups by alumni of renowned institutes have taken India by a storm in the past few years.

*We take a look at ten successful and famous start-ups by alumni of these famous institutes*

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# IIT-Madras takes initiatives to increase PHDs pass outs

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IIT-Madras has taken initiatives to increase the number of PhDs passing out from the IITs from the current 3,000 to 10,000 a year, as per the Kakodkar Committee's recommendations.

The faculty of IIT- Madras have been going on road shows across the country to market the institute's research programmes.

About three or four faculty members from each department have been visiting other institutes like the National Institutes of Technology, state-funded institutions and private self-financing colleges and universities as well.

The last date for the PhD application form ended on October 20. The institute enrolls research scholars twice a year.

IIT-Madras is at the top of the list of the institutions in the state which has the largest number of research papers that have been indexed by the database. VIT University is close at second place.

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## India, France join hands for greater cooperation in science and technology

New Delhi: India and France Wednesday signed a host of agreements for cooperation in the fields of science and technology and health and education and announced various programmes for increasing bilateral collaboration in research and design.

The Union Science and Technology Ministry today said its Technology Development Board had entered into an agreement with BPI, France, to organise funding for technology development projects on which the two countries could work together.

Similarly, CEFIPRA, which is the Indo-French Centre for Promotion of Advance Research, has embarked on an ambitious programme to bring together clusters from France and India and enhance industry-industry-academia linkages with the underlying theme of innovation.

"Two such clusters, one linking Bangalore and Paris on Embedded Systems for Aerospace Applications, and the second, linking automobile clusters in Chennai and Lyon have already been established," Science and

Technology Minister S Jaipal Reddy said at the India-France Technology Summit today.

The minister said that while Indians have proved to be successful in the areas of IT, chemical and biotechnology, France had wider experience in applied research and the ability to convert R&D findings into commercial technologies.

"All these sectors have tremendous potential for developing gainful bilateral partnerships through involvement of industry, enterprises and academia," the minister said.

"Last year, India's exports to France rose by 12 per cent and French exports to India rose by 8 per cent. It is not surprising that the trade relationship is predominantly underpinned by knowledge-based industries like automobiles, aerospace, pharmaceuticals, etc.," the minister said.

The MoUs signed and the programmes announced altogether numbered 18, including one between CEFIPRA and Saint Gobain Research India for 'Habitat in Hot and Humid Climate' research.

Reddy said that under the 12th Five Year Plan, India will be putting a thrust on increasing industry and private sector investment in research.

Several new policy paradigms, funding instruments and tax incentives were being put in place to encourage the Public- Private-Partnership model for R&D, he added.

"An alliance has been formed with CII to establish the Global Innovation and Technology Alliance (GITA), a Section 25 company, to promote and implement industrial technology programmes on an international level," he said.

He further added that the department of Biotechnology has established the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) to empower and enable affordable product development through PPP mode.

India has declared the current decade as the 'Decade of Innovation'. For ensuring inclusive growth, it is imperative that we find technical and scientific solutions to the complex problems which confront our society, Reddy said.

The French Ambassador to India, Francois Richier, who read out a speech by French President Francois Hollande on the occasion, said that French companies have heavily invested in India over the past few years and have brought with themselves their knowhow and technology.

"The time has come to inaugurate a new chapter in our scientific and technological relations. This requires the establishment of pathways between universities, research institutes, competitive clusters and companies - including SMEs and SMBs" he said.

Roger Genet, Director General of Research and Innovation in the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research, said that French industrial policy would be strengthened by several initiatives aimed at gathering researchers, engineers, designers and entrepreneurs to increase PPP towards tomorrow's products and inventions.

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## HRD Minister assures NSF on tech institution

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DIMAPUR, OCTOBER 24 (MExN): The Naga Students Federation (NSF) today called on the Minister for Human Resources Development M. M. Pallam Rajju at his official residence at New Delhi and appealed to him for setting up of Technical Institute of national standard in Nagaland. According to a press note from NSF President and Assistant General Secretary, the Federation also briefed him that Nagaland state is the only state in the whole of North East which does not have any technical institute. NSF further enlightened him of the pathetic condition of the Nagaland University (NU) infrastructure and requested him to immediately look into the matter.

Sensing the urgency to set up technical institute, Pallam assured the NSF delegation that he will definitely set in motion for establishing technical institution before his tenure comes to an end. He was also curious and shocked when the delegation told him that Nagaland University (NU) does not have proper infrastructures even though it was established 20 years back. He assured that he will definitely check up the matter raised by the Federation with his ministry and do the most needful promptly.

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# Engineering expo in city from Nov 29

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**LUDHIANA:** In a first-of-its-kind effort in Punjab for boost ing commerce and industry, the mega-engineering expo titled 'International engineering technology and sourcing show IETSS-EMAT: 2013" will commence in Ludhiana on November 29.

To be organised by the Chamber of Industrial and Commercial Undertakings (CICU), the purpose of the four-day event is to showcase the products manufactured in Punjab and acquire the latest technology from outside world.

CICU joint secretary Upkar Singh Ahuja said, "This will be a unique exhibition showcasing innovations in the field of engineering and advancement of technology used to carry on different phases of production right from placing the raw mate-

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rial into shop to finishing goods in the modern storage godown."

The exhibition will have participation of over 300 exhibitors from Indian and foreign companies, including the leading technology manufacturers from Japan, China, Germany, Yemen and many more.

As per schedule of the programme, the expo will have six hangers for the participating companies comprising overseas and national representatives or channel partners.

One of the CICU office bear-

ers said, "Special focus will be given to micro and small sectors. It will open a new era for micro and small sector of Punjab, who have not seen the light of modern world. National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) will provide subsidy to micro and small units."

The focus sectors of this show will be machine tools, hand tools, sheet metal components, auto parts, tractor parts, bicycle parts, sewing machine parts, fasteners, agro engineering products, power tools, engineering measurement devices, pneumatics and hydraulics products, CNC machines, transformers and industrial electrical, light and heavy batteries, forgings, security and surveillance, solar energy products, food processing machinery, textile and knitting machinery and products for low cost auto machines.

Industries minister Madan Mohan Mittal will inaugurate

the expo at Greater Ludhiana Development Authority (GLADA) ground, opposite to Vardhman Mills on Chandigarh Road.

Foreign delegation from Sri Lanka, Pakistan and other African and Arabic countries will grace this event.

Upkar Singh said, "This event will attract more than 40,000 visitors from various industries across the Indian and foreign countries, especially from African, Asian, Arabic continents. Purchase heads from prominent auto component manufacturers throughout India and international representatives from purchase offices will participate in the show."

On its last day on December 2, the expo will feature 'Arab-Africa' conclave comprising 10-15 diplomats from African and Arabian countries. Deputy CM Sukhbir Badal is expected to participate in the event.

## BARC expertise for waste disposal

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*Construction of Nisargruna biogas plants likely to begin by January*



A Nisargruna biogas plant.

Madurai is all set to adopt Nisargruna, a solid waste management technology devised by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), to convert biodegradable waste collected from households in rural areas into methane and organic manure.

The District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) has begun the process of identifying sites for establishing Nisargruna biogas plants. The DRDA and BARC officials inspected sites at Othakadai, Samayanallur, A. Kokkulam and Thanaklankulam village panchayats.

According to Collector L. Subramanian, who is the chairman of District Solid and Liquid Waste Management Committee, Nisargruna biomethanation technology will yield about 50 kg of organic manure and two cylinders of methane gas for every tonne of biodegradable waste.

J. Daniel Chellappa, senior scientist from Technical Coordination Wing of BARC, conducted a brainstorming session with Block Development Officers, Agriculture Department officials, women self-help group members and panchayat presidents. The modalities of door-to-door garbage collection, segregation of bio-degradable and non-degradable waste at source and operation of Nisargruna plants were discussed in detail at the session held on October 10.

Additional Collector (Development) G.K. Arun Sundar Dayalan said the DRDA had chosen Nisargruna technology for ensuring litter-free panchayats as it was more effective than the traditional biogas plants functioning at a few villages. "The technology developed by BARC considerably reduces the time taken for creation of organic manure and also increases the amount of methane gas produced as a by-product. It will cost about Rs.20 lakh to establish a one-tonne plant on a 400-sq.ft site," he said.

He said the proposal to establish Nisargruna plants in Madurai would be sent to the State government for approval. "It will take around four months to construct a plant and we can expect the works to begin by January," he added.

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## HC allows writ appeals by UGC

Kerala High Court today allowed a batch of writ appeals filed by University Grants Commission (UGC) against a single judge verdict on change of criteria for National Eligibility Tests.

During the pendency of appeals, Supreme Court had upheld the UGC stand following which a division bench comprising Chief Justice Manjula Chellur and Justice K Vinod Chandran also upheld the claims of UGC.

Earlier, a single judge had set aside the change of criteria of NET examination of UGC.

Justice Chellur and Justice Chandran said the judgement shall be declaratory and applicable to all students, who appeared for NET exams during June 2012.

In March 2012, the UGC had called for applications for NET exam and in its notification it had prescribed the minimum marks for general category as 40 per cent in papers 1 and 2, and 50 per cent in paper 3.

OBC and SC/ST candidates were given a relaxation of five per cent and 10 per cent respectively.

After the test in June 2012, the UGC had added a clause prescribing 65 per cent aggregate marks in all three subjects for general candidates, 60 per cent for OBC and 55 per cent for SC/ST as final qualifying criteria.

Nearly 12,000 students approached High Court challenging change of criteria.

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## IIM Trichy to set up new campus for Rs 450 crore

**Construction of this new campus will begin during March-April 2014**

The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has entered into an agreement with IIM Tiruchirappalli (IIM Trichy) for undertaking the Project Management Consultancy for the construction of its permanent campus.

The construction of this new campus estimated to be around Rs 450 crore and it will begin during March-April 2014 and is expected to be completed by March 2016.

Today's MoU includes planning, designing and construction of the campus.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today in Delhi in the presence of V K Gupta, DG, CPWD and Dr. Prafulla Agnihotri, Director, IIM, Trichy.

The permanent campus will come up in 68 hectares site which has been allotted by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The campus which will accommodate 1,500 students and 300 faculty and staff members would be fully self-sufficient for its residents and shall comprise of academic facilities, world class hostels for the students, residences for the faculty and staff, recreational facilities and a well-equipped Management Development Centre for the students and faculty.

The master planning and designing of the campus has been entrusted to a firm of leading architects. IIM Trichy aims to have a green campus and would be self-sufficient in terms of its water requirements in 5-7 years of its operations.

IIM Tiruchirappalli (IIM Trichy) is the eleventh IIM which began its activities in 2011.