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'Euphoria ko IIT mein chauthi baar bulane ke liye pranaam!'

Palash Sen performed at the event

Street play society of Maharaja Agrasen College performed a play on the lives of people in Kashmir

Not only was the last day of Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi's annual cultural fest, Rendezvous, was packed with fun, but even the other days were quite eventful, specially the second. The second day of the fest began with powerful performances from the street play societies of different colleges of DU and other institutes in Delhi. Throughout the day, various competitions, performances and discussions were organized. The day, however, concluded with Euphoria's performance.

A STREET PLAY ON KASHMIR
The street play society of Maharaja Agrasen College performed a street play on Kashmir. The students carefully represented the condition of the people living in the valley. Placards like, 'I am a Kashmiri, do you trust me' along with problems like food security and safety of the people living in the Valley were highlighted in the play.

The theatre society of the Ramjas college however performed a play on censorship. The play focused on the problems that a filmmaker faces while making a movie.

'THIS SHOW IS DEDICATED TO ALL OUR SOLDIERS'
The evening concluded with the performance of the band Euphoria. An energetic Palash Sen along with his band members started their show by singing *Rok Sako Toh Rok Lo*. After singing some of their

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songs, Palash asked the audience members, "*Aap log baithe rahenge? Ya dance karne ka bhi koi iraada hai?*" As the crowd started dancing along with him, he added, "*Sabse pehle us insan ko pranaam jisne is desh ko banaya, bolo Bharat Mata ki jai. Uske bad, unhe pranaam jisne is Delhi shehar ko banaya, uske bad usse pranaam jisne India ka sabse best institute, IIT, ko banaya. Aur uske baad aap sabko pranaam jisne Euphoria ko IIT mein chauthi baar bulaya.*"

As the crowd cheered for the band, Palash added, "This show is dedicated to the soldiers who fight for us at the border."
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Govt to set up national academic depository to store education records

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The Union cabinet on Thursday approved the setting up of the national academic depository (NAD) to digitize all education records from school onwards.

The move will enable companies to e-verify documents and also clamp down on education frauds.

Like company shares, education records will be converted to demat format by the National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL) and the Central Depository Services Ltd (CDSL), a government spokesperson said after the cabinet meeting in New Delhi.

NSDL Database Management Ltd (NDML) and CDSL Ventures Ltd (CVL) are two depositories registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

The NAD will be in place in the next three months and would be extended to the entire country by the next academic year beginning June 2017.

Once in place, educational institutes and employers will be allowed to access the students' data but with their permission for verification of education credentials at a time of escalating job-related fraud.

The move comes more than five years after the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) initiated the idea. It, however, remained a non-starter as the associated legislation failed to clear Parliament.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance will establish the NAD through an executive order.

The NAD will verify academic awards online within a day of the request initiated by any authorized user, the cabinet statement said.

"It will provide digital or printed copy of academic record with security features to the students or other authorized users (such as a bank, a private company or a higher educational institution where a student seeks admission)," a government spokesperson said.

Human resource development minister Prakash Javadekar said that the NAD will be a 24x7 online storehouse of academic awards, including degrees, diplomas, skill certificates, mark-sheets, etc. He said it will be a win-win for both the student community as well as other

Human resource development minister Prakash Javadekar. **HINDUSTAN TIMES**

users, including employers.

"The National Academic Depository shall maintain the authenticity, integrity and confidentiality of its database. It will eliminate fraudulent practices such as forging of certificates and mark sheets," the minister said.

A so-called "discrepancy analysis" by First Advantage, a global background screening company, found that the rate of discrepancies in 2015 were at a five-year high, with some 11.5% of job-seekers in India having fudged some of their data last year.

The discrepancy trend for the previous four calendar years—2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014—showed an average of 10% discrepancy in the first three years, rising to 10.5% in 2014.

Academic institutions would be responsible for the authenticity of data digitally uploaded by them into the system, the cabinet statement said. "The depositories will ensure the integrity of the data in the NAD. The NAD will register educational institutions/boards/eligibility assessment bodies, students and other users/verifying entities like banks, employer companies, government agencies and academic institutions," the cabinet statement added.

Javadekar said the NAD will start operation with the digital education records of 2016 academic year and, subsequently, digitize records for the past 25 years. The ministry is looking to tag the academic records with the Aadhaar number to facilitate verification, e-KYC and retrieval.

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HRD ministry in overdrive to sort out IIT issue

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PANAJI/CANACONA: A day after villagers from Loliem, Canacona, had at a special gram sabha overwhelmingly opposed the proposed Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) project set to come up in the village, officials from the Union human resource development (HRD) ministry have stepped in to find a solution.

The HRD ministry has offered to construct a large water tank for the village. One of the major apprehensions of the villagers was how the IIT would meet its water requirements as the village is already facing short supply due to lack of infrastructure.

Official sources informed that to resolve the issue HRD officials plan to construct an additional water tank during the development of the IIT infrastructure – while one tank will be utilized by the IIT campus, the other will meet the village's requirement. The entire funding for the construction of the tank will come from the central government, they said.

A public meeting of the villagers is being planned, which will be attended by HRD officials who will answer all queries of the villagers about the IIT project and apprise them of what the project will constitute.

A special meet was held at Loliem on Thursday to discuss about the 'misunderstanding' among the people regarding the proposed project. The government team included Neela Mohanan (education secretary), V Kamat (director of technical education), Shivprasad (IIT officer), Jyoti Prakash (water management expert) and Rodney Pereira (IIT faculty member).

Villagers Chetan Acharya, Purushottam Loliekar, Pankaj Bandekar, Prashant Naik and Cajie Barretto told the officials that discussions could be held only after problems relating to water and electricity in the village are sorted out.

Villagers wanted to know details of the project, besides the number of people that will be housed on the campus.

Sources said state education officials were presented with a list of reasons for opposition to the project, which the HRD team will try to counter during its planned visit.

When the HRD site selection team had visited Loliem in May this year to inspect the land for the IIT, the Loliem sarpanch had approved of the project. But the opposition to the project mounted later from the villagers.

Speaking to the media recently, the sarpanch, Bhushan Prabhugaonkar, said the panchayat is in favour of the project, but the HRD ministry had not taken the Loliem self-governing body into confidence by the authorities.

Sources said that though the proposed IIT project has been in the news for quite some time now, the authorities concerned had not kept the panchayat informed of its proposal. This put the sarpanch in an awkward situation as he had to face the Loliem residents without any correspondence from the HRD ministry.

The HRD ministry's requirement is approximately 11.2 lakh sq m for the IIT.

HRD ministry seeks report on rising thefts at IIT-ISM

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IIT-ISM HAS HIRED 120 SECURITY PERSONNEL FROM A PRIVATE AGENCY FOR GUARDING DIFFERENT LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CAMPUS

DHANBAD: The Union human resource development (HRD) ministry has sought a report on recurring incidents of thefts at the IITISM residential area and hostels, after a professor lodged a complaint with the ministry and the prime minister's office (PMO) over the same. Students say at least seven laptops have been stolen from the hostels in the last few months. Department of Environment Science and Engineering assistant professor Dr Anshumali lodged the complaint after his two wheeler was stolen from the IIT-ISM campus on October 21, while he was out of town. When he approached the institute, the registrar said the responsibility of safety of personal belongings is responsibility of the respective owners and that security cannot be provided to everyone. Replying to Dr Anshumali's complaint, Union HRD minister Prakash Javadekar has asked him to send all the details of the incidents. IIT ISM spends a huge sum on security on an annual basis — it has two security officers who are on the institution's payroll — and has hired around 120 security personnel from a private agency for guarding different locations within the campus. A residential area, where the institute's director, registrar, professors and security officers live, is a cordoned off. Dr Anshumali expressed shock over the fact that the theft took place from this cordoned off area. He also claimed that the IITISM administration wants to hush up the matter. The students said at least seven laptops have been stolen in the last few months.

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आईआईटी छात्र एक साल के लिए सस्पेंड

कानपुर। बैचलर ऑफ साइंस (बीएस) फाइनल ईयर की छात्रा के यौन उत्पीड़न के आरोपों से घिरे छात्र को एक साल के लिए आईआईटी, कानपुर से सस्पेंड कर दिया गया। शैक्षिक सत्र 2016-17 में आरोपी छात्र की मर्सी अपील स्वीकार नहीं की जाएगी। इस बीच छात्रा की पढ़ाई पूरी होगी और वह डिग्री हासिल करके निकल जाएगी।बीएस फाइनल ईयर की छात्रा ने सहपाठी पर यौन उत्पीड़न का आरोप लगाया था। इसका संज्ञान महिला उत्पीड़न सेल ने लिया और आरोपी को परीक्षा से रोक दिया।

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DON'T INDULGE IN RELIGIOUS PREACHING: IIT-B TELLS STUDENTS

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MUMBAI: The Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-B) has warned its students against engaging in religious preaching on campus after authorities found some senior students proselytising and distributing pamphlets outside the institute gate and hostels.

In an email to the students of the institute, Soumyo Mukherjee, dean, students affairs, said that these activities were against the rules and regulations of the hostel. He added that those who participate in these activities will be punished.

Another email by editors of Insight, IIT-B's in-house magazine, suggests there have been many recent instances of different religious and cultural groups from outside the institute visiting campus, with the help of senior students and staff and indulging students, especially freshmen, in proselytising activities.

"We came across multiple instances of pamphlet distribution around hostels and outside the main gate, inviting students to these group activities. These cultural groups claim to be conducting sessions to benefit students, but in truth have been found proselytising religious beliefs on campus," read the mail.

According to sources, groups cutting across religious lines are active on campus. While students belonging to Tableeghi Jamat, the movement to promote Islam, court other students in the hostels. Some Christian groups allegedly distribute pamphlets and a few Hindu students are said to be running a daily 'shakha' (meeting of the local unit) at IIT-B.

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Govt to curb pollution via sensors

Radio-Frequency-Identification-Devices and weigh-in-motion machines to be installed at thirteen entry points

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Almost a year after the Supreme Court imposed the 'Green Tax' on trucks entering the national capital, the Delhi government has finally set the ball rolling on its grand plan to curb pollution and congestion, through motion censors.

As per the plan, divided into phases, the Delhi government has decided to install Radio-Frequency-Identification-Devices (RFIDs) and weigh-in-motion machines at 13 entry points in Delhi which witness the most vehicular footfall.

The city government hopes to regulate the traffic flow and hence ensure quick entry and exit of heavy vehicles through this move.

"The RFIDs and weigh-in-Motion machines will be used to regulate commercial vehicles and to check air pollution from heavy vehicles. Further we have asked RITES (a

File photo of heavy vehicular traffic on Delhi highway.

central government enterprise under the Railways) to prepare the bidding documents for the process so that the work for the installation of RFIDs and weigh-in-Motion equipments could begin at the earliest," said Delhi Urban Development Minister Satyendra Jain.

Officials in the Delhi government said that while checking pollution and regulating heavy traffic is the first phase, the government is also working towards the implementation of the second phase, ie improving the public transport.

"It was decided in the meeting to ensure a foolproof system for the implementation of the Supreme Court guidelines without any pilferage and lack of clarity. The SC has already made it clear that the ECC collected ought to be exclusively used for augmenting public transport and improving roads in Delhi and that policy is being prepared," said a Delhi government official.

A study by IIT-Kanpur on air pollution had suggested vehicular pollution to be the second highest contributor to PM 2.5 at 20 per cent, with the highest being road dust at 38 per cent, followed by domestic fuel burning and industrial point sources. More than 52,000 trucks enter Delhi on a daily basis from the 127 entry/exit points, however, 13 points attract more than 90 per cent of the traffic. Taking cognizance of the deteriorating environmental conditions and rising levels of pollution, the SC had levied the green tax on October 12, 2015, to be collected for four months from November 1, 2015.

The SC had originally fixed the green tax on light commercial vehicles with two axles loaded with goods at Rs 700 and those loaded commercial vehicles with three and four axles Rs 1300 to enter Delhi. However, the apex court had doubled the ECC at Rs 1,400 and Rs 2,600 to further deter non-Delhi bound vehicles from entering the national capital.

The SC had asked the Municipal Corporation to collect tax owing to a similar set up already in place. The South Delhi Municipal Corporation is the nodal authority for collecting tax from goods vehicles entering the city and had earlier this year signed a contract.