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IIT-Madras, Expanding its Research Campus to Welcome More Japanese Enterprise

The IIT-Madras is on the move to expand its research park campus to accommodate more Japanese ventures.

The decision to broaden its horizon for research by expanding its campus by 0.8 million sq ft has been announced by IIT-Madras at the alumni meet of its Post Graduate Program for Executives for Visionary Leadership in Manufacturing (PGPEX-VLM).

Located on the IT corridor, the IIT Madras Research Park currently has 55 companies with their research and development departments.

Every week at least one Japanese firm sets shop in Tamil Nadu, said an eminent professor from Manufacturing Engineering Section. Keeping this in mind the institutes welcomes Japanese firms to set up their R&D units at the park. The research park already has eminent Japanese enterprises like Nissan and AMADA. Currently, the IIT-M has signed MoUs with 10 universities in Japan.

The executive MBA program PGPEX-VLM was launched in 2006 by India and Japan with the help of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Every batch has to visit Japan as part of the course.

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Mind Reading Robot wows students at IIT Hyderabad

Report by India Education bureau, Hyderabad: Man has always been fascinated by Robots. Robots are everywhere. By definition, Robots are just machines capable of carrying out a series of actions automatically. We already have robotic arms assisting surgeons carryout complex operations in the human body through a small incision. Even in industries we have robots that do works such as welding, painting, etc on a production line for example in a car manufacturing plant. Their forms may be different, but they are technically still Robots. But, when the Robot is in a humanoid form it generates a lot of excitement, said Diwakar Vaish, a 22 years old New Delhi based Robot Researcher and head of A-SET Training & Research Institute addressing students at Robotic Show at IIT Hyderabad (Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad). A humanoid robot is a robot with its body shape built to resemble that of the human body. A humanoid design might be for functional purposes, such as interacting with human tools and environments, for experimental purposes. Robotics is a rapidly growing field and has a bright future, he added. The Robotic Show was jointly organised by IIT Hyderabad and A-SET Training & Research Institute.

Diwakar Vaish, who set up his own training which is first of its kind in the field of humanoid robots addressing at the Robotics Show yesterday said that Robotics is a fast evolving field with lot of future applications. A Mind Reading Robot showcased wowed the gathering of students and adults alike. Mind reading robots can read your mind and act. Thinking about something generates signals in your mind and the same can be read through special sensors and a robot can carry out the action. The robot equipped with mind sensing device which can sense brain waves and know what the person wearing the device on his head wants to do, said Diwakar. It is the future of the Robotics and everything in this world can be controlled by this technology, he added.

Diwakar Vaish has been programming and designing different robots for the past four years. These robots range from simple Arduino bots up to development of full scale humanoid robots. He also demonstrated various other robots. A Dancing Robot which can dance on different English, Hindi or Punjabi songs. A Robot which can play football was also showcased. Diwakar had developed six robots which can play football with three on each team. Robots that can do Push Ups, Stand on its head, do Kung-Fu, etc. have also been developed by us, he said. A Writing Robot was also displayed.

A Versatile Robot was also showcased. Overcoming difficulties of Robots which use wheels for mobility which can get stuck on cannot be used in certain landscapes, The Versatile Robot can walk, crawl or even hop! That's not all, the Unmanned Ground Vehicle 'Versatile Robot' is one of its kind as it can change its own shape according to the situations. Such robots can be used in Anti-Terrorist operations, Bomb Diffusion, etc. said Diwakar.

Diwakar's ultimate dream is to develop a Super Scale Robot which is bigger than a human being, seven-and-a-half feet in height, using carbon fibre material which is light weight and sturdy. In a year's time, he aims to complete his dream of building this robot for institutions where students can learn about Robotics using the same. They are also making Vacuum Cleaning Robots which are compact, can charge themselves on their own and work on their own. Each such Robot may cost Rs.10000/-. We are in the advanced stage of mass production, he added.

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IIMB marks a milestone

Staff Reporter

The Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIMB), turned 40 on Monday.

The premier educational institution, according to its website, was the third IIM to be set up by the Indian government after the ones at Ahmedabad and Kolkata.

It was set up mainly to cater to the needs of the public sector — bodies like electricity boards, water supply boards, transport bodies, and HMT and BEML.

The institute was started at St. Joseph's College of Commerce, and some other rented buildings, and later shifted to its present campus on Bannerghatta Road. The new institute was inaugurated by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, on October 28, 1973.

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Harvard business award for IIM-K student

Staff Reporter

M. Joel Modestus, a first-year student of the Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM-K), has won the prestigious Harvard Business Review/McKinsey M-Prize for Management Innovation this year, according to an IIMK release here.

The selection process for the award had two rounds, comprising the presentation of an idea and its improvisations. The result of the first round was declared on July 31 and Mr. Modestus was among the 18 finalists from around the world. He was one of the nine winners from around the world and among the only two Indians when the result of the second round was announced on September 28.

The other winner from India is Lalgudi R. Natarajan who is a director at Titan Industries.

The award would be presented to the winners at an event to be held in New York next year, said the release.

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BHU VC moves HRD against 'biased' Punia

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New Delhi: Banaras Hindu University (BHU) vice-chancellor Lalji Singh has told the HRD ministry that the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) under P L Punia is prejudiced against him.

In a detailed letter to education secretary Ashok Thakur, Singh said, "The approach of the Commission in the case has been prejudiced, partial and with preconceived notions, arbitrary, unfair and unjust. Emphasis has been to enforce my physical attendance, rather to investigate the matter on the merit." Maintaining that he respects constitutional bodies, Singh said his only argument is that "as a witness I have nothing to add to the documents submitted by the university to the commission and, therefore, I am willing to appear only after something out of such submission is crystallized to which I alone in the capacity of VC can help the Commission."

Taking a dig at Punia, Singh said the NCSC, a constitutional body, "appears to have over grown the rule of law by the strength of its chairman." He wrote, "This is unfortunate because the constitutional principle of fairness is inherent in the rule of law and its concern is not only with con-

tent of law but also with its enforcement and application."

BHU VC said the NCSC has been issuing summons calling for his personal appearance without undertaking the exercise of examining the relevant documents and university officials with respect to issues that it might have framed. "The registrar of the university is the official custodian of all the documents, and the documents produced from

the person having lawful custody is the best evidence to the claims made," he said. Singh said the Commission never cross-examined and tried to extract something more than what was contained in such documents.

As for the complainant Indu Chaudhury, Singh said she had got out-of-turn allotment of accommodation bypassing several seniors. He said Chaudhury overstayed in the guesthouse and was evicted only after a long period of persuasion to vacate the premises. Singh also said the BHU has a long tradition of giving equal opportunity to all. He said reservation rules have been implemented in full. The VC also informed the ministry that the backlog in vacancy would soon be over as the varsity has initiated the recruitment process.



FACING FLAK: P L Punia

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NCSC restrained from summoning central varsity V-Cs directly

In spite of the stay, the NCSC issued orders for the vice chancellor's arrest. The violation of the stay promptly taken note of by the high court and it issued a contempt of court notice to the commission.

Despite the high court's stay order, the commission had reissued the arrest warrant against BHU VC, and wrote a letter to the state police chief last week to implement the arrest order and ensure physical presence of the VC before the Commission.

"The university challenged the arrest order and a special division bench of justice Arun Tandon and justice Anjani Mishra has restrained the DGP from taking any action in the case of the BHU VC," said RP Singh, chairman of the press, publication and publicity cell of the university, on Monday. "The BHU responded to every summon of the commission by submitting relevant papers and sending officers concerned to

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present the case and clarify if any question is put for the sake of clarity. But on no occasion the commission cross-examined the BHU officials and tried to extract something more than what was contained in the documents," RP Singh said.

"Perhaps the documents were adequate. It is clear that the commission found no deficiency in the papers and, therefore, the BHU VC, on account of his busy schedule, could not spare time to appear before the chairman of the SC commission to mark his physical presence," he added.

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Notices to UGC, HP govt & pvt varsities on violation of norms

The Himachal Pradesh High Court today issued notices to UGC, the state government and 16 private universities of the state, seeking a reply by November 13 over alleged violation of educational norms by these institutes.

Taking suo motu cognisance of a newspaper report, a division bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and Kul dip Singh said, "From the news item, it transpires that the UGC is abdicating its authority bordering on non-performance and disregarding violations committed by private universities."

The court held that this was "polluting the environment" of quality education, and pointed out that the primary duty of maintaining standard of higher education lies with UGC.

"We accordingly deem it appropriate to issue notice in public interest to UGC to file response to the factual matters stated in the subject news item," the bench said and asked two senior advocates to appear as amicus curiae to assist the court.

Chicago varsity to set up study centre in Delhi

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NEW DELHI: The University of Chicago announced on Monday that it will open a centre in India to serve as a base for programmes in business, medicine and culture for American and Indian students.

The 17,000-square-foot centre, which will be located in the commercial district of Connaught Place, will provide space for seminars and conferences, as well as faculty offices and study areas. The centre is scheduled to open by March next year. The centre will join the league of centres in Beijing and Paris.

Robert J Zimmer, the university's president, said the centre in Delhi reflects the university's long-term commitment to build relationships in India and South Asia, to foster research and education, and to exchange ideas. "The centre in Beijing was opened in 2010 and in past three years, it has attracted 7,000 students. We expect the same level of activity in India as well," Zimmer said. The broad areas of study will include business, economics, law and policy, followed by science, medicine and public health among others.

“No plans to open Chicago University campus in India”

The renowned University of Chicago has no plans of setting up a full-fledged campus here despite the government's eagerness to woo the best varsities by enacting enabling legislation.

President of the celebrated American university Robert J Zimmer, however, praised the intellectual capacity here and said students from his university were eager to visit India on study trips notwithstanding the alleged harassment faced by a Chicago University student here last year.

“We would best like to be known as a university which operates from Chicago. We have no plans of setting up campuses anywhere else,” Mr. Zimmer, who was here in connection with the inauguration of an academic centre in Delhi, told reporters.

The above statement comes amidst indications that the government might give a push to the Foreign Education Provider's Bill in the Winter Session of Parliament to attract universities from across the world.

The Bill has been pending in Lok Sabha since May 2010.

Meanwhile, Mr. Zimmer replied in the negative when asked if the alleged harassment of the student from his university would have any impact on visits by academicians to India.

Students were eager to undertake study trips to India, he said. - PTI

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