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# Spectacular show marks annual IIT festival

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IIT Delhi's spectacular annual cultural festival, Rendezvous, concluded with a pulsating performance by Coke Studio@MTV. Over 10,000 music lovers witnessed incredible performances by an ensemble of versatile and multi-talented artists such as Papon, Shilpa Rao and the band. Advaita.

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# कोर्स एक, डिग्री चार संस्थानों की

● रश्मि शर्मा

नई दिल्ली। अगले साल से आप एक कोर्स करेंगे, लेकिन आपको पहचान चार संस्थानों की मिलेगी। जी हां, जुलाई तक मेटा यूनिवर्सिटी के तहत आईआईटी, डीयू, जामिया और जेएनयू एक कोर्स शुरू करने की योजना बना रहे हैं। योजना को अमली जामा पहनाने के लिए चारों संस्थानों के बीच बातचीत जारी है।

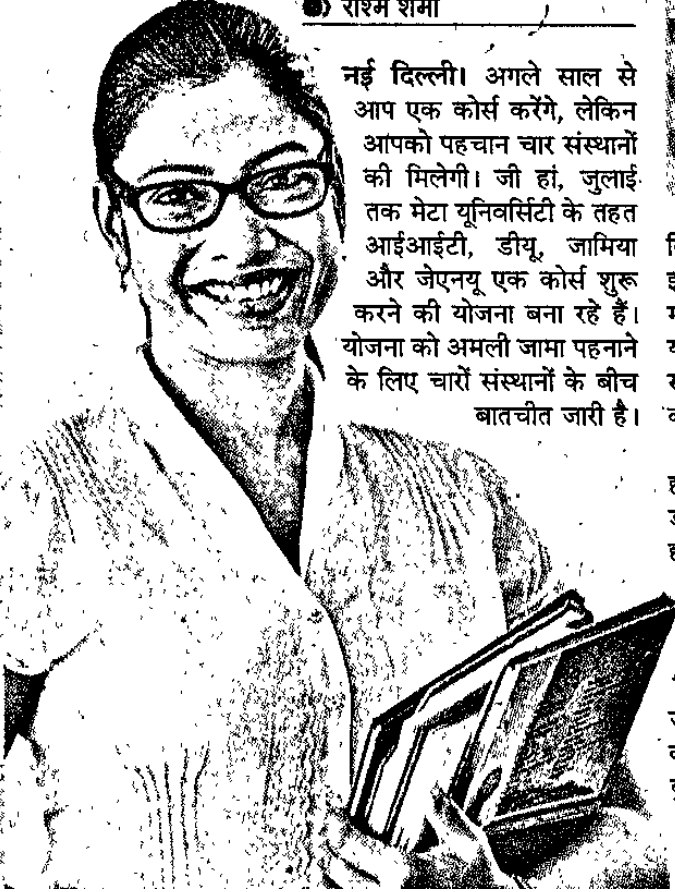
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दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के क्लस्टर इनोवेशन सेंटर के प्रमुख प्रोफेसर मदन मोहन चतुर्वेदी ने बताया कि मेटा यूनिवर्सिटी के तहत डीयू ने जामिया के साथ मास्टर इन मैथमेटिक्स एजुकेशन कोर्स शुरू किया है।

उन्होंने बताया कि पाठ्यक्रम पूरा होने पर जो डिग्री दी जाएगी, उस पर डीयू और जामिया दोनों के ही नाम होंगे। इस तरह से यह एक संयुक्त डिग्री होगी। प्रोफेसर चतुर्वेदी ने बताया कि जुलाई 2013 से ऐसा कोर्स शुरू करने की योजना है, जिसमें डीयू, जामिया, आईआईटी और जेएनयू के नाम होंगे। इसके तहत छात्रों को चारों विवि में कोर्स का कुछ न कुछ हिस्सा पढ़ना होगा। इसको शुरू करने को लेकर चारों संस्थानों के बीच बातचीत चल रही है। चारों

संस्थानों ने रिसर्च के लिए तीन क्षेत्रों की पहचान की है। इसमें पब्लिक हेल्थ, मौसम परिवर्तन और एजुकेशन शामिल हैं। गौरतलब है कि मेटा यूनिवर्सिटी के तहत आईआईटी, जेएनयू, जामिया, डीयू को मिलकर कोर्स चलाने हैं। इसमें चारों को बराबर का मौका मिलना है। वहीं, जामिया और डीयू के सहयोग से शुरू हुए कोर्स को पीएचडी स्तर का बनाने की संभावनाओं के बारे में देखा जा रहा है।

संभव है कि इसमें जेएनयू को भी शामिल कर इसे पीएचडी स्तर का बना दिया जाए। वहीं, सोमवार को शुरू हुई मास्टर इन मैथमेटिक्स एजुकेशन की आवेदन प्रक्रिया के तहत सिर्फ डीयू में ही 20 आवेदन किए गए। इनमें से पांच छात्रों ने तो फॉर्म जमा भी करा दिए हैं।



# 11 complaints against ragging in a year

Kim Arora | TNN

The call came late one night. It was from a student of an engineering college in Jhansi. There is a "freshers' party" later in the night, the caller said. He did not need to explain that the party was not meant to be a get-together where students share friendly handshakes and bonhomie. Thanks to a phone call from a helpline official, the warden and the principal were able to contain any kind of harassment.

It once was a tradition, but today, ragging can take several forms with each institution having its own ritual. Freshers can be made to do anything—doing their seniors' assignments for a whole year to running naked across fields at night. Only recently, 10 students were expelled from Allahabad University for allegedly making freshers perform sexual acts and filming them.

In July this year, the government's anti-ragging campaign underwent a few changes. The UGC appointed the Aman Satya Kachroo Trust to monitor the programme for a year. It also began a website — [antiragging.in](http://antiragging.in) — in collaboration with



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Dr Raj Kachroo, father of the late Aman Kachroo who lost his life in a gruesome ragging incident in a Himachal Pradesh medical college. Among other things, students can generate anti-ragging affidavits on the website and submit them to their respective colleges. This is basically an undertaking that they won't indulge in ragging.

The number of affidavits currently stands at approximately one lakh. "We hope to have one million students by next year," says Kachroo, adding, "Later, when we have a larger database, we will launch a more localized campaign." The website also has a database of the com-

plaints lodged with the helpline. The records can be accessed by entering the complaint number, following which, one can track the progress. The complaint is considered 'closed' only after the complainant acknowledges that it is. For future reference, all calls are recorded.

Since June 2009, the 24x7 helpline launched by the HRD ministry has handled more than 1,650 complaints from across the country. A group of about 20 individuals at a time cooped up in a room in Delhi's Udyog Vihar take complaints ranging from verbal bullying to physical thrashing, before follow-

ing them up with college authorities and even the local police. Many calls are from victims injured seriously enough to be hospitalized. In such cases, a fair amount of time is spent by the helpline in dialing landline numbers of various police stations, just trying to get the relevant officer to speak. "We search the internet for phone numbers of colleges and police stations. We have been told now that we will have a college database integrated into our software soon," says the call center team manager Nishat Israil. Officials from the UGC were unavailable for comment.

A perusal of the helpline data shows that complaints have steadily increased till 2011, when they peaked at 579. For 2012, the number presently stands relatively low at 298.

Distress calls peak between July and September, when academic sessions begin in various colleges. UP is the top offender with 355 complaints since 2009. Delhi, surprisingly, recorded only one complaint. This year, from the 66 complaints received from UP, 24 were from Benares Hindu University (BHU), according to one of the helpline managers.