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The project titled "Liter of Light" has already provided 55W light to three households in the slums.

"The plastic coke and water bottles are filled with water and suspended from the roof of the house. Wit the simple concept of refraction of light from denser to rarer medium, the light is generated through the light from the sun," Revant Soni, a student working on the project said.

In the slums, shanties are so close to each other that hardly any sunlight reaches there forcing dwellers to keep the lights on even in daytime.

With these bottles, it helps cut down a lot on the electricity consumption.

The project has been put into implementation following the research undertaken for three months.

"The first three installations were done by the students but now we have explained the procedure of installation to the community members and they would be completing the project," added Soni.

Around 25 students, including volunteers of IIT-Delhi, have worked for the development of the project.

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# **Popular eateries under green lens** DPCC Compiling Data On Licences Obtained

#### JayashreeNandi TNN

New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal's closure order to 34 restaurants in Hauz Khas Village has cast the spotlight on a thousand others which may also be discharging untreated waste water and grease into city sewers.

The Delhi Pollution ControlCommittee has no count of how many restaurants have obtained its consent. "We are in process of compiling the data," said an official. But restaurant owners and trader associations say few restaurants have taken consent or installed effluent treatment plants.

Every restaurant needs a "consent to establish" and a "consent to operate" from DPCC. "The consent to operate involves some paperwork and effluent parameters are tested. Restaurants need to pay afee to DPCC for the analysis and often for monitoring of effluents for the next five years. DPCC issues a licence after that," says Prakul Kumar, secretary general, National Restaurant Association of India.

As per DPCC rules, any restaurant with fewer than 36 seats has to have a grease trap and one with more than 36 seats needs to instal an effluent treatment plant. "I arn not sure how many restaurants in Delhi have taken consent from DPCC but our association has been telling all members to comply," Kumar said. NRAI has approached MoEF and DPCC to raise the size criterion for ETPs from 36-seater restaurants to 100-seater ones.

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NOT THE SOLE OFFENDER: Several restaurants in the capital are flouting pollution norms, say trader associations

must and we know that. Many of our restaurants are on the first floor where installing an ETP is difficult. We are quite worried and want to make sure we comply with all requirements. The plan of constructing ETPs is also linked to the Khan Market redevelopment plan," said Sanjiv Mehra, president of Khan Market Traders

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Aseem Grover, a restaurant owner in Khan Market and member of KMTA, added that DPCC staff has briefed them and NDMC is trying to integrate these aspects in the Khan Market redevelopment plan. "Most of the restaurants here have grease traps and ETPs and our larger plan is to make the sewer lines bigger and increase their carrying capacity," he said.

"We mainly have fast food joints here, so they don't need ETPs. Most have grease traps," said Pramod Sharma of Sarojini Nagar Market Association.

Scientists and water experts said that discharging untreated waste water can have a serious impact on both sewers and lake or river water. "Grease has a clogging effect in sewers. Food waste willfurther block them. Some restaurants also discharge chemicals which can have a harmful effect. So there can be no question of discharging water without treating it," AK Gosain, professor of civil engineering. IIT Delhi, said. Discharge from restaurants also has a lot of organic matter which increases the biochemical oxygen demand in water. It also releases nitrogen which can be very bad for lakes, AK Mittal, associate professor. HT Delhi, said.

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# BYPL-IITD collaboration till 2016

Continuing with its industry-academia collaboration to foster cutting edge research in the realm of



power distribution, BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) has renewed its agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)

Delhi. The duration of the agreement is for a period of three years.

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## REACHING OUT IIT-Kanpur opens office in New York

#### **Press Trust of India**

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The list released on September 10 was dominated by US universities, with MIT grabbing the top slot and Harvard being at No. 2, pushing Britain's Cambridge University to No. 3. The 11 Indian institutions that featured in the list included IIT-Delhi at 222, IIT-Bombay at 233, IIT-Kanpur at 295, IIT-Madras at 313 and IIT-Kharagpur at 346.

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बढ़ते कदम

आईआईटी कानपुर का न्यूयार्क कार्यालय खुला

कानपुर 🎆 एजेंसियां आईआईटी कानपुर ने विदेशों में योग्य शिक्षकों की खोज, संस्थान के पूर्व छात्रों से कोष जटाने और अनुसंधान को महत्व देने के लिए अमेरिका के न्युयार्क में अपना कार्यालय खोला है।

संस्थान के एक पूर्व छात्र संजय खोसला ने इसके लिए 62 विलियम स्टीट में पांच साल के पट्टे पर जगह दी है और आईआईटी कानपुर ने खोसला को ही ओवरसीज ब्रांड एंबैसडर बनाया है। आईआईटी के निदेशक प्रोफेसर इंद्रनील मन्ना ने सोमवार को बताया कि न्यूयार्क में कार्यालय खोलने का मकसद विदेशी संकाय को आईआईटी कानपुर से जोडना है और इसमें सफलता भी मिलती नजर आ रही है। अनेक विदेशी संस्थानों में पढा रहे शिक्षक आईआईटी कानपुर से जुडना चाहते हैं और अब तक करीब एक दर्जन

पर आसीन हैं, वे गुरू दक्षिणा के रूप में आईआईटी कानपुर की मदद करने के लिए कोष भी जुटा रहे हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त अंतर्राष्टीय स्तर के तकनीकी शिक्षण संस्थानों और विश्वविद्यालयों से अनुसंधान एवं अन्य विषयों पर वार्ता भी हो रही है ।

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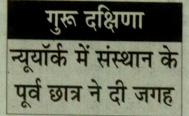
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# Let's Cheer this Latest UGC Move



Nish Acharya

Last week marked an important turning point for higher education in India. At the Chief Learning Officers Summit in Mumbai, we heard clearly from corporate India's leading human resources managers about the need to boost the scale and quality of talent it is producing. Additionally the University

Additionally, the University Grants Commission of India announced that foreign universities would be allowed to set up in India. This opens up huge opportunities for the world's greatest and most influential universities to bring a broad set of programs to the Indian market. There will be some restrictions, such as the ridiculous notion that only universities ranked (by a random third party) in the top 500 globally can enter, and that they must be non-profit in stature.

The reality is that this policy will only be a positive for India. India's leaders have already identified higher education has an area where the nation must scale and improve.

#### The Next Five Years

American universities can play a critical role in this growth. First, America's colleges and universities have a variety of programsfor undergraduates, graduates, professionals, part-time students, executives, researchers, online students and distance learners. Secondly, the vast majority of American colleges are

formy of American concepts are non-profit. They were set up by private trusts or by religious groups or as land grant universities, launched with US government funds.

ment funds. Furthermore, in the United States, the attainability of a college degree has grown over the last century. Rather than being something for society's elites, a college education has become something that the middle class and working class can attain. Colleges and universities exist for all types of students, and financial aid that is backed by the US government is available and guaranteed for any student. Already, a broad set of Amoriem universities home

American universities have launched programs in India. Several leading American universities, including the Ivy League, University of California system and others, have undergraduate exchange programs with various IITs and IIMs. The American Association of Universities (AAU) represents the 50 largest research universities in America and they are all keen to conduct more research with their Indian colleagues, and build the capacity of Indian



Indian universities can shorten the learning curve by collaborating with US counterparts

universities to conduct research. This is critical as Indian universities currently lag behind their global colleagues in research capacity and discovery. American universities see great opportunities in professional and executive education categories.

education categories. India would be wise to remove the requirement that the institution must be arbitrarily ranked in the top 500 global universities, however. Research ratings and test scores, for example, are only partially-relevant measures for India if it is truly seeking to have 200 million additional college graduates in the next 10 years, as India@75 strives for. For India to reach that, it needs a diversity of approaches. It should look at the American community college system, which has made a public ly-subsidised college education available to a great portion of society One of the best models I ever worked with in India was the Indo-US Collaboration for Engineering Education, which focused on connecting 2nd-tier engineering colleges in the US and India. They have reached thousands of India faculty through this program with more relevance than if an elite institution had tried the same.

The next few years are going to be very exciting. Universities from around the world will be coming to India – looking to make a difference and develop a foothold. India should embrace this opportunity and provide its citizens with the opportunity to choose from the global array of learning opportunities. India's best will continue to compete, as they have in every other segment of society and industry.

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# Higher education reforms ready for roll-out

BY PRASHANT K. NANDA & ASIT RANJAN MISHRA

A marquee education scheme that aims to reform India's higher education system, enhance enrolment and substantially change the funding pattern to higher education institutions in states is poised to be introduced after the finance ministry signed off on its funding.

The initial approval of ₹25,000 crore for the programme comes after the human resource development (HRD) ministry agreed to rework some of the objectives in line with the recommendations made by the finance ministry. The HRD ministry will now approach the cabinet for approval.\* to implement the project in the current fiscal year.

"They asked us to make some changes," said Ashok Thakur, higher education secretary. "But they have approved the initial financial requirement."

The ministry proposes to spend ₹99,000 crore as part of the scheme over the 12th Plan

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# Higher education reforms ready for roll-out

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(2012-17) and 13th Plan (2017-22) periods.

The new programme called Rashtriya Ucchatar Shiksha Abhiyan, aims to limit the number of colleges affiliated to a university, set up more universities, route funding through state governments to institutions, make universities more accountable, and get states to commit to spend more on higher education institutions.

The scheme was initially proposed in 2012 by then HRD minister Kapil Sibal. In July, it received a thumbs up from a parliamentary consultative committee.

A finance ministry official speaking on condition of anonymity said the expenditure finance committee has in principle approved the programme with a few riders.

"We have basically told them to focus on the quality of the institutions rather than just creating new infrastructure. Emphasis should be on student needs such as laboratories and training faculties rather than just building offices and classrooms," he said.

Thakur said that the finance ministry has sought a rethink on creating new universities, enhancing the focus on quality of education imparted, institutions that will receive funding under the new scheme, and better outcomes. "More than physical infrastructure, the focus should be on quality of teaching and learning," he said. "We will move the cabinet soon."

The HRD ministry believes that enrolment in India's higher education institutions is too low and needs to be increased from the current 19-30% in the next seven years so as to create a bigger pool of qualified professionals to fulfil the needs of a growing economy.

For this target to be achieved, the ministry was thinking of setting up dozens of new universities and increase the capacity of existing institutions.

It also sought to change the way such institutions are funded.

According to Thakur, the University Grants Commission currently funds less than 40% of the total number of higher education institutions in the country and the bulk of this allocation goes to those run by the central government.

"If you look at the figures, almost 95% of the higher education institutions are under the purview of the states and the rest are under the central government, but it's the central government institutions that get bulk of the funding. Through this new scheme, we are trying to change that. More funds to states will lead to better infrastructure, teaching and research (in the institutions run by them)," Thakur said.

As part of the scheme, the funding to institutions in the states will be performancelinked with up to 90% of it coming from the central government.

Each state government will be required to set up a higher education council that will channel funds from the central government to colleges and universities unlike the current system where the money directly goes to a college.

"States will monitor the fund flow and will commit that their higher education spending will not shrink year after year. States have to spend at least 4% of the state GDP (gross domestic product) on higher education," said Thakur.

The scheme emphasizes reforms in the state higher education system by facilitating the creation of a structure for planning and monitoring institutions at the state level. It will help promote autonomy in state universities and improve governance in the institutions, said another ministry official who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

The scheme will also limit the number of colleges affiliated to a university to 200, to improve governance. Some of the universities currently have a large number of colleges under them; for instance, Osmania University in Andhra Pradesh has more than 900 colleges affiliated to it.

Parthasarathi .K, education minister of Andhra Pradesh, said he sees a lot of merit in the scheme and that it will benefit educational institutes at the state level.

Narayanan Ramaswamy, partner (education practice) at audit and consulting firm KPMG said the decision to focus on "existing institutions" was "good for the sector".

"There will be some leakages in the state level, but that does not mean we should stop funding institutions to improve them. What it (the central government) needs (to do) is attach a strict accountability clause along with funding," he added.

Ramaswamy said it was important that the central and state governments make the higher education space attractive for private institutions.

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## **New B-School Buzz: Sustainability Management**

IIM-L plans two-year programme; others incorporate topic in regular courses

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IIM Lucknow is all set to roll out a two-year programme on sustainable management in response to the demand for managers well versed in sustainability.

"India Inc is looking for more managers who can tackle environmental problems, social and human rights issues, developmental economics and corporate social responsibility," says Sushil Kumar, chairman centre for business sustainability. Managers are now required to en-

ter a business environment wherein

companies display a greater commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR). Under the new Companies Act, 2013, profitable companies with a sizeable business have to spend, every year, at least 2% of three-year average profit on CSR projects.

The cut-off for IIM-L's programme will be the same as the regular management programme in terms of CAT scores, says Kumar. The first batch of 45 students will graduate in 2016 (2014-2016). For the course structure, IIM-L has consulted global universities like Kelly School Of Business, IMD Business School, Switzerland and Copenhagen Business School, where sustainable management is a two-year programme. It has also exchanged notes with University of Toronto, which plans to start a similar programme in 2014.

Till date, sustainable management and related aspects have been part of the regular business management programme or covered under theone-year executive MBA. But the



course has now seen an increase in demand, given the greater awareness about sustainability and environmental issues. Also, job opportunities in CSR and sustainability are now greater, says PD Jose, associate professor, corporate strategy and policy area for IIM-B.

The increased awareness is reflected in the BSE's recent launch of two indices called, 'Greenex' and 'Carbonex', evaluating several green operational parameters including carbon performance, says Dishan Kamdar, senior associate dean – academic programmes at Indian School of Business. The institute, which started with a course in green technology in 2008, is offering three courses this year, including total quality management and lean production, sustainable business operations: value creation and environmental considerations.

Environment and development ranks among the first two courses taught in IIM Calcutta. The oldest IIM has now started an elective called Sustainability Marketing for the executive MBA batch and faculty for the course has been roped in from German B-school ESMIT. Courses on corporate environmental sustainability and corporate citizenship are gaining in popularity among students. IIM Kozhikode, on its part, teaches

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However, not everyone is convinced about the need for an exclusive two-year MBA programme on sustainability. "One needs to be very cautious in launching such programmes. For one, it is not very clear whether a large cohort of students will find suitable career opportunities immediately," ays IIM-B's Jose. Further, it should be a part of ev-

ery module, says professor Anup Sinha, the coordinator of the Centre for Development and Environment Policy, who teaches an elective course on Sustainable Development at IIM-C. 'It is like the issue of 'gender' – it is not a separate discipline, but is essentially about something fundamental – the relationship of human beings to nature, 'he says.

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## Scientists find 'blueprint' for first universal flu vaccine

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London: A team led by a scientist of Indian origin has made a "blueprint" for a universal flu vaccine.

The influenza virus that causes flu is known to be one of the world's most rapidly changing organisms. Flu vaccines become redundant after every season and aren't effective against every strain causing cough, cold and other complications. So, scientists have to create new vaccines with new strains of the virus each year.

Now, a team led by professor Ajit Lalvani from the National Heart and Lung Institute at Imperial College London has used a 2009 pandemic virus strain to study why some people seem to resist severe illness, thereby stumbling upon a recipe to create the world's first universal flu vaccine. Lavani asked volunteers to donate blood samples just as the swine flu pandemic was getting under way and report any symptoms they experienced over the next two flu seasons.

The scientists found those who avoided severe illness hadmore CD8 Tcells, atype of virus-killing immune cell, in their blood at the start of the pandemic.

They believe a vaccine that stimulates the body to produce more of these cells could be effective at preventing flu viruses, including new strains that cross into humans from birds and pigs, from causing serious disease.

"The immune system produces these CD8 T cells in response to usual seasonal flu," Lalvani said. "Unlike antibodies, they target the core of the virus, which doesn't change, even in new pandemic strains. The 2009 pandemic provided a unique natural experiment to test whether T cells could recognise, and protect us against, new strains that we haven't encountered before and to which we lack antibodies. Our findings suggest that by making the body produce more of this specific type of CD8 T cell, you can protect people against symptomatic illness. This provides the blueprint for developing a universal flu vaccine."