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## IIT, Swamy told to settle salary issue amicably

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi High Court on Tuesday asked the Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi and Janata Party president Subramanian Swamy to amicably settle the issue of recovery of Swamy's dues earned while serving as a teacher from 1972 to 1991.

Justice M L Mehta said, 'You (Swamy) and the petitioner (institute) would be appearing before the mediation and conciliation centre at the high court on 19 September at 3 pm to try to settle the issue.'

The high court was hearing a petition filed by the institute against a lower court order that agreed to hear Swamy's plea seeking recovery of his dues amounting to Rs 19 lakh, along with 18 per cent interest per annum from February 1991. Swamy served in the institution as assistant professor.

The high court would next hear the matter on 31 October. Justice Mehta



asked Swamy and the IIT to inform the court about the outcome of the conciliation proceedings between them.

In the lower court, Swamy filed a suit for the recovery of his salary and allowances under a revised grade from December 1972 to May 1991, along with interest. He also demanded his gratuity and pension.

He told the court that he came to know about his dues only in 2009 after filing a right to information application.

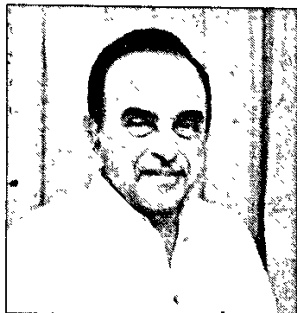
The institute said Swamy had sought the recovery of his dues along with interest and the total claim added up to Rs 70.20 lakh, which was beyond the pecuniary jurisdiction of the lower court.

## Swamy-IIT row sent to mediation centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE Delhi High Court on Tuesday referred a payment row between IIT-Delhi and Janata Party President Subramanian Swamy to the court's mediation and conciliation centre. Swamy claims IIT-Delhi owes him about Rs 70 lakh for the services rendered during his tenure at the institute as an assistant professor between 1972 and 1991.



SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY

"You (Swamy) and the petitioner (IIT-Delhi) would be appearing before the mediation and conciliation centre at the High Court on September 19 at 3 pm to try to settle the issue," Justice M.L. Mehta said. The court fixed the matter for further hearing on October 31, when Swamy and the IIT will have to apprise the court about the outcome of the mediation proceedings.

The court's direction came on the petition of IIT-Delhi against an order of a lower court agreeing to hear Swamy's plea seeking recovery of the alleged dues of Rs 19 lakh, along with interest of 18 per cent from February 1991.

The lower court, on February 26, agreed to hear Swamy's plea and dismissed IIT's application seeking dismissal of his civil suit on the ground that it was time-bound and beyond the jurisdiction of the court.

The institute had opposed Swamy's plea in the lower court saying that his total claim, including interest, would come to Rs 70.2 lakh, which is beyond the pecuniary jurisdiction of the lower court.

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## HC ASKS SWAMY, IIT TO SETTLE PAY ROW

New Delhi: The Delhi high court on Tuesday directed the IIT-Delhi and Janata Party president Subramanian Swamy to try and find an amicable solution to a payment row between them. Mr Swamy has claimed that the institute owes him around ₹70 lakh for the services rendered during his tenure there as an assistant professor between 1972 and 1991. Justice M.L. Mehta directed Mr Swamy and the institute to appear before the mediation and conciliation centre at the HC on September 19 to try to settle the issue.

## **Court asks Swamy, IIT Delhi to settle issue amicably**

*New Delhi, Sept. 4*

**T**he Delhi High Court on Tuesday asked IIT, Delhi, and Janata Party President Subramanian Swamy to explore the possibility of an amicable settlement of a payment row. Swamy claims the institute owes him about Rs 70 lakh for the services rendered during his tenure there as an assistant professor between 1972 and 1991. "You (Swamy) and the petitioner (IIT-Delhi) would be appearing before the mediation and conciliation centre at the High Court on September 19 at 3 p.m. to try to settle the issue," Justice M.L. Mehta said. The judge has fixed the matter for further hearing on October 31, when Swamy and the IIT will have to apprise the court about the outcome of the conciliation proceedings. The court's direction came on the petition of Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, (IIT-D), against an order of a lower court agreeing to hear Swamy's plea seeking recovery of the alleged dues of Rs 19 lakh along with interest of 18 per cent from February 1991. The lower court, on February 26, agreed to hear Swamy's plea and dismissed IIT's application seeking dismissal of his civil suit on the ground that it was time-barred and beyond the jurisdiction of the court. — **Our Bureau**

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### **Amicably settle row over dues: HC to Swamy and IIT-Delhi**

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# स्वामी और आईआईटी दिल्ली आपसी सहमति से सुलझाएं बकाया पारिश्रमिक विवाद : हाईकोर्ट

नई दिल्ली, (भाषा) : दिल्ली उच्च न्यायालय ने भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान दिल्ली और जनता पार्टी के अध्यक्ष सुब्रमण्यम स्वामी से कहा कि वे बकाया पारिश्रमिक के भुगतान विवाद का समाधान आपसी सहमति से करने की संभावनाओं को तलाशें।

सुब्रमण्यम स्वामी का दावा है कि वर्ष 1972 से 1991 तक सहायक प्रोफेसर के तौर पर दी गई सेवाओं के बदले उनका आईआईटी पर 70 लाख रुपये का बकाया है। न्यायमूर्ति एमएल मेहता ने कहा, आप (स्वामी) और याचिकाकर्ता

(आईआईटी दिल्ली) 19 सितंबर को दिन में तीन बजे उच्च न्यायालय के मध्यस्थता केन्द्र में पेश होकर इस मुद्दे को सुलझाने का प्रयास करें। न्यायाधीश ने इस मामले की अगली सुनवाई



के लिए 31 अक्टूबर की तारीख तय की है जब स्वामी और आईआईटी मध्यस्थता संबंधी कार्यवाही के नतीजे से न्यायालय को अवगत करायेंगे। न्यायालय ने यह निर्देश आईआईटी, दिल्ली की याचिका पर दिया है। इस याचिका में आईआईटी ने स्थानीय अदालत के आदेश को चुनौती दी। निचली अदालत ने स्वामी की उस याचिका सुनने पर सहमति जताई थी जिसमें फरवरी 1991 से 19 लाख रुपये के कथित बकाये को 18 प्रतिशत के ब्याज के साथ देने की मांग की गई थी।

निचली अदालत ने 26 फरवरी को स्वामी की याचिका सुनने पर सहमति व्यक्त करते हुए उनका दीवानी वाद निरस्त करने के लिए आईआईटी की अर्जी खारिज कर दी थी।

TEACHER'S DAY SPECIAL

# POWERED TO CHANGE LIVES

Through an innovative education initiative, Super 30's Anand Kumar has worked miracles with his students, says Gauri Kohli



**Guru cool:** The best thing 'guru' Anand Kumar did was to teach his students to dream of doing the impossible and then empowering them to make it all come true

While training for the engineering exams, the candidates get free food, lodging and coaching. Though offers have come in from the private sectors and government for financial support, Kumar prefers to take care of his students' needs.

**Unique teaching methods**  
"I use a multimedia projector to teach students with the help of two characters, Rikki and Bholu. Rikki is from a rich family and wears a tie, a jacket and nice shoes. Bholu is from a poor family and wears simple clothes and worn-out chappals. Both are serious about clearing the IIT-JEE. While Rikki eats pizzas and burgers, Bholu eats bhutia. Rikki rides a motorbike. Bholu rides a broken cycle. When I give them a question to solve, Rikki solves it using traditional methods but Bholu uses multiple solutions. Through this method, students learn better and build their confidence," says Kumar.

Students are taught about the importance of education and perseverance. "No one should be barred from pursuing education just because they don't have money. Education empowers you and I am happy I can empower my students," he says.

**Creating Super 30**  
In 1994, Kumar got a chance to study at the prestigious

Cambridge University but unfortunately, financial hardship ended that dream. "I decided to do something for the underprivileged students, who invariably lose out without getting the right opportunities," he says.

Interested in math, he then started a club called the Ramanujan School of Mathematics. "My teachers encouraged me and under their guidance, I started a free training programme for math lovers." Paying a nominal fee, a small group of students were trained for various competitive examinations. Those who couldn't afford it were coached for free. Soon, Kumar formed Super 30.

**Wide recognition**  
The man who has got his papers and problems on math published in various national and international journals, and newspapers, is now famous. Discovery Channel made a documentary on the coaching centre and called it a "revolutionary experiment to bring about social change." Time magazine selected Super 30 in the list of Best of Asia 2010. Newsweek magazine included Super 30 on the list of four most innovative schools in the world. In 2011, Kumar was selected by Europe's Focus magazine as "one of the global personalities who have the ability to shape exceptionally talented people."

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**Teaching profiles and institutes at a glance**

**PGT and TGT**  
To become a trained graduate teacher (TGT), one requires a bachelor's degree in any discipline and a BEd. A postgraduate teacher (PGT) should have a master's degree (normally in a subject taught at the school level or the board) plus a BEd. A TGT teaches Class 6 to Class 10 and a PGT, Class 11 and Class 12

**Pay-wise\***  
TGT  
Delhi government schools - ₹33,000 a month  
Kendriya Vidyalayas and

Navodaya Vidyalayas - ₹34,000-₹35,000  
PGT  
Delhi government schools - ₹35,000 a month  
Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas - ₹37,000 a month  
The salary is generally a bit lower - ₹2,000-₹3,000 less - outside Delhi due to the difference in the costs of living in non-metro areas, says Sanjeev Bhardwaj, an assistant professor of education. In the case of private schools, it's hard to generalise because the range is wide, from a few thousand rupees to close to a lakh, he adds

**BEd Institutes**  
■ University of Delhi  
www.du.ac.in  
■ Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi  
www.jmi.ac.in  
■ Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi  
www.bhu.ac.in  
■ University of Hyderabad  
www.uohyd.ac.in  
■ Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi  
www.ggu.ac.in  
■ National Council of Educational Research and Training's Regional Institute of Education, multiple locations  
www.ncert.nic.in

\*The information is indicative

## TO SIR, WITH LOVE

I was born in Sitamarhi district, Bihar. My dream was to crack the IIT-JEE but I looked tough initially because I didn't have enough money to join a good coaching institute. Then I heard about Super 30 and its success stories. It was great interacting with people who had similar goals. I salute Anand sir. There should be hundreds of teachers like him so that meritorious people get a chance to improve themselves



Suresh Ram, IIT Delhi



I am from a small village, Majha, in Punjab's Sangrur district. My family came from a very poor background. I finished my studies from Navodaya Vidyalaya with English medium and CBSE board. In Class 10, I was one of the top students of my class and was very good at mathematics and science. It was after Class 11 that I came to know about the IIT-JEE. I could not afford to take private coaching and read about Super 30. I filled the form, wrote the exam and qualified. I went to Patna to study and my life changed after that. The focus there was on the basics and practice. Anand sir has been the best math teacher I have ever met. His mere presence got me going. He kept our morale up. He told us about the success stories of people and how we could learn from them

Jatinder Singh, IIT Roorkee

I am from Aurangabad, Bihar. Super 30 has been the best thing that happened to me. I found a guardian and a great teacher in Anand sir. He will continue to be my mentor and guide in the future too. We not only learnt about cracking the JEE, but also about conquering different problems in life. I liked his way of telling more than one method to solve a single problem. His way of teaching was systematic and clear. He helped me overcome challenges and boosted my confidence



Anup Kumar, IIT Bombay



Being a girl and coming from a poor financial background, my journey to an IIT was not easy. Super 30 gave me a chance to follow my dream and today, many girls like me want to follow suit. I will always be grateful to him for the great contribution he made to my life

Megha Gupta, IIT Guwahati

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**CAMPAIGN**

The Give-a-Coin initiative of IIT Bombay strives to provide education, nutrition, shelter and medical care to deprived children

Aarti Dhar

Buoyed by the huge success of this year's edition of Techfest, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay is already gearing up to host the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of this annual science and technology festival — Asia's largest — early next year. Started in 1998 with the motto of promoting technology, scientific thinking and innovation, Techfest is now patronised by UNESCO.

Over the years, Techfest has diversified into an organisation that, apart from showcasing technical advancement, also strives for the betterment of society with unique initiatives — be it a campaign focussed at promotion of futuristic and eco-friendly technologies or technical innovations aimed at eradicating problems faced by common citizens.

Responding to the reality that a large percentage of children in India are deprived even of basic necessities of life, let alone higher education, the upcoming festival will focus on improving the lives of the children by



**GIVE A COIN:** Teaching students to give. PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

# Touching lives

generating resources for their well-being.

It has been seen that many a time, philanthropists willing to help such children do not have enough time to reach out to them. To bridge this gap, Techfest, in association with Pratham Council for Vulnerable Children, has introduced the Give-a-Coin initiative. In this process, donors provide funds for the education, shelter, nutrition and medical care of the children, while the organisation handles their allocation, constantly giving a blow-by-blow account of the expenditure to the donors and can also arrange the personal meetings of the donor and the child.

Spreading its wings over 11 cities and promulgating the humble

idea of 'Financial Child Adoption' across students of top 40 colleges in India, Give-a-Coin, as the name suggests, will appeal to the masses to drop in a coin. "We believe that by giving a coin, college students would get aware of the cause and may be willing to take it up in the near future," the organisers explain. The first phase of this 45-day campaign has already started in five zones covering colleges of Jaipur, Surat, Hyderabad, Bhopal and Mumbai.

Besides social issues, Techfest is also striving to spread a green message by promoting innovations in green technology. Born with a vision to make every campus in India sustainable and eco-friendly, Techfest Green Campus Challenge is a first of its kind initiative.

According to the organisers, it is the continuation of their efforts to promote and establish sustainability that was undertaken in 2010-11 but at that time was limited to IIT Bombay only. With prize money worth Rs. 2.5 lakh, the challenge involves the Green Clubs of all colleges. It involves 99 tasks in all of various difficulty levels that have been divided into 11 genres that include energy, climate and air, sustainability, social outreach, bio-diversity and land management, food waste, social media, water, design and creatives.



**INNOVATORS:** Team from Puducherry won first place at last Techfest. PHOTO: T. SINGARAVELOU

# A common admission test for PG courses from 2013

**MOVE** All varsities will wind up Part 3 by May 15 to create a window for the exam

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**KOLKATA:** In an unprecedented move, the state higher education council on Tuesday decided to hold a common entrance exam for admission to postgraduate courses across all colleges and universities in Bengal.

In a meeting with controller of examination of all the 14 state universities and other high officials on Tuesday, it was proposed that from 2013 the universities would conduct all their undergraduate part 3 exams between March 15 and May 15, so the common admission test for admission to postgraduate courses could be held in June.

It has been proposed that the Higher Education Council will conduct the common admission test and all state universities and government-aided colleges will use the score obtained for admission in their Masters programmes. "Today

**We want to hold the entrance exam within three weeks of completion of the undergraduate exam**

**PHALGUNI MUKHERJEE**  
Joint secy. higher edu council

we got the academic calendar of all universities. The feedback from all the state is that holding undergraduate Part 3 exam between March and May isn't impossible," Phalguni Mukherjee, joint secretary of the state higher education council, told *Hindustan Times*.

"We want to hold the entrance exam within three weeks of completion of the undergraduate exam. The level of preparation for undergraduate exams would be enough for students appearing for the admission test," Mukherjee said.

Considering the fact that the marking pattern of different universities would be different, it has been proposed that all universities would give their marks in percentile format. The same would ensure that the universities are able to consider the marks obtained in Part 3 in the common entrance exam, and also conduct interviews.

"We will now work on these proposals and would convene a meeting with the vice chancellors of all the state universities. By January, the picture would become clearer. And if everything goes according to plan, we hope to hold the common entrance test for admission to Masters courses from 2013," Mukherjee said.

Once the academic calendar for Part 3 exam is in place, the higher education council would work towards deciding the academic calendar for Part 1 & 2 for undergraduate courses offered by all state universities.

## Board not to conduct Class 9 test this year

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**KOLKATA:** The West Board of Secondary Education (WBBSE) has professed its inability to conduct the class 9 annual exams during the current academic year and has pledged to conduct the test from the next academic year.

The expression of inability follows the school education department claiming that the proposed annual exams will be held from the current academic year. Once the board starts conducting the test as proposed, the marks obtained in the class 9 annual exams would also be reflected in the Madhyamik mark sheet.

Kalyanmoy Ganguly, administrator of WBBSE, which stages the Madhyamik, said, "Our decision not to con-

duct the test this year is based on the feedback obtained from the students and schools around Bengal. Students of several schools have informed that they are not yet ready for taking the class 9 annual exams, which is to have a uniform question paper. They feel they need more time for preparation," Ganguly said.

WBBSE has also offered a bizarre explanation to why the schools did not want the centralised exam to begin this year: "Several school authorities told us that they don't have strong rooms for storing question papers. We are issuing circulars to all schools to prepare strong rooms by next year and if it isn't possible, they should at least purchase trunks to lock-up the question papers," Ganguly told *HT*.