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Prof Prem Vrat is ITM's new VC^κ

ITM University, Gurgaon announced the appointment of Prof Prem Vrat, professor of eminence, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, former vice chancellor, UP Technical University, Lucknow and founder-director, IIT Roorkee as vice chancellor.

"Prof Prem Vrat's appointment follows an extensive national search. We thank the chair of the governing body and the distinguished members of the committee for this choice," Prof BC Nakra,



the Pro Vice Chancellor, said.

Prof Vrat succeeds Late Prof RK Singh. An accomplished professional, Prof Vrat has high credentials.

Prof Vrat has always lived for the cause of poor and deprived. He has given immensely to the society by supporting students from the weaker sections both academically and financially. He has co-authored five books and co-edited six conference proceedings.

He is a recipient of the National Merit Scholarship and Lillian Gilbreth Award. He also received Lifetime Achievement Award from WIBP for his outstanding work in technical education and management.

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CAG raps NITs, says half of the courses not accredited

fe Bureau

New Delhi, Sept 6: The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India on Tuesday slammed the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) by saying that of the 88 undergraduate (UG) and 191 postgraduate (PG) courses, 45 UG and 137 PG courses were not accredited from the National Board of Accreditation (NBA).

"This indicated that the quality of education of these courses could not be ensured on the basis of the criteria fixed by the NBA," CAG said in its report.

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A performance audit of 10

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CAG report

NITs found that the admission of students in five streams of civil engineering, electronics and communication engineering, mechanical engineering, chemical engineering and IT engineering remained much below the intake capacity.

Almost 1.38-42.31% in UG courses and 3.13-87% in PG courses

remained vacant in some of the years whereas in other years they admitted students more than the intake in the range of 0.83-23.89% UG courses and 3.3-116.67% PG courses.

The CAG report found that new courses were introduced without ascertaining the need of dissemination of knowledge in the concerned fields. While NIT Durgapur and Silchar introduced two new UG courses during the year 2009-10 wherein 37 and 10 seats constituting 62 and 33% the intake capacity remained vacant, in the 12 new PG courses introduced during 2006-07 to 2008-09 by NIT Kurukshetra, Bhopal, Silchar and Surathkal 52-83% remained vacant.

"NITs could not utilise these grants in full leaving an unutilised balance of crores of rupees," the report added.

INDIAN UNIVERSITIES MISSING IN TOP 200 GLOBAL LIST

BS REPORTER
Ahmedabad, 6 September

The world's second-fastest growing economy does not have an educational institute in the top 200 global list this year. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay — the only Indian varsity that found itself in the Top 200 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings in 2010 at the number 187 spot — dropped 38 places to 225. Similarly, IIT Delhi fell to number 218 from 202 in 2010 and IIT Madras dropped to 281 from last year's 262.

The rankings by QS, a leading networking organisation in higher education, are based on employer reputation, academic reputation and research quality.

The remaining Indian universities featuring in the rankings, including IIT Kanpur, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Roorkee, IIT Guwahati, University of Delhi, University of Calcutta, University of Pune and University of Mumbai, did not find a place in the Top 300 World University

SLIDE SHOW

INDIAN UNIVERSITIES IN QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2011

Institute	2010	2011
IIT Bombay	187	225
IIT Delhi	202	218
IIT Madras	262	281

TOP 5 QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2011

University of Cambridge	1
Harvard University	2
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	3
Yale University	4
University of Oxford	5

Rankings.

However, some Indian varsities fared well in the QS Asian University Rankings 2011. While the likes of IIT Kanpur, IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur and IIT Roorkee climbed rankings, IIT Bombay dropped two places in the annual rankings. At 36th place, IIT Kanpur, which was ranked 37 last year, became the top Indian university. Two more Indian

universities (IIT Madras and IIT Kharagpur) also made it to the top 50 Asian Universities list, compared to last year. Replaced by IIT Kanpur at the number 36 spot, IIT Bombay fell two places to 38, while IIT Delhi took the 37th place, moving up from 39. However, other Indian universities like University of Calcutta, University of Delhi, University of Mumbai and University of Pune slipped in

ASIAN LIST

Country	No. of Institutes in Top 200 Rankings
Japan	57
China	40
South Korea	35
Taiwan	16
India	11
Thailand	09
Indonesia	08
Malaysia	07
Hong Kong	07

their rankings, while University of Hyderabad did not make it to the list.

Globally, while Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and University of Oxford bettered their last year's rankings from five and six to three and five, respectively, Yale University dropped one place from third to fourth rank.

In the Asia list, Japan was the best-represented nation,

with five of the top 10 and 57 of the top 200 universities, ahead of China (40) and South Korea (35), Taiwan (16), India (11), Thailand (9), Indonesia (8), Malaysia (7) and Hong Kong (7). Despite its troubled economy, Japan's universities continued to perform better, with Tokyo and Kyoto each moving up one place to fourth and seventh, respectively. In Singapore, National University of Singapore remained in the top three.

Meanwhile, under the technical subject rankings by QS, IIT Delhi bagged the 30th place in the civil and structural engineering category. It also bagged the 40th, 41st and 43rd places in subjects like mechanical, aeronautical and manufacturing engineering; electrical and electronic engineering; and computer science subjects — the highest among Indian institutes.

The other top Indian technical institutes featuring in the QS World University Rankings include IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Guwahati, IIT Roorkee, and Indian Institute of Science.

JNU ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AMONG TOP 100 IN THE WORLD

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NEW DELHI: Indian students wishing to apply to some of the finest English departments, will not have to look too far away from home.

For, among the top 100 universities in the world leading in English education, is the English department of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

In a survey conducted by QS World University Rankings, the Centre for English Studies (CES) has been ranked as among the top 100 English departments in the world.

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While the likes of Harvard University, University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, University of California (Berkeley) and Yale University have made it to the top five, the faculty at JNU feel that this ranking speaks volumes of the institute's stature.

"Apart from some IIT departments, no Indian department across all disciplines has been ranked higher than this," said Saugata Bhaduri, chairperson, Centre for English Studies, JNU.

"It is truly a matter of immense pride that an Indian university department, namely the Centre for English Studies at JNU has achieved this tremendous recognition of being adjudged as one of the top 100 English departments in the world," Bhaduri added.

The English department has been ranked between the 51 to 100 range, with academics and employer rankings set at 26.2 and 19.9, on a scale of 100.

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Faculty unhappy with outsourcing of FMS entrance test

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

The teaching community of the Delhi University's Faculty of Management Studies (FMS) is certainly unhappy over the university's coercion to outsource the FMS entrance test to CAT.

Most teachers doubt that the selection process is bound to become "less sacrosanct" and "diluted" with this step. The admission committee members today in a meeting with the academic council members agreed to the outsourcing plan at least for this year.

Next year, the committee will try if some other way can be found out to conduct examinations.

Most members on the admission committee said the university was shirking its responsibility in the matter.

"The way this decision has come, it is just very unfortunate and undemocratic. The university is just reluctant to help us conduct our independent entrance exam this year. Without their help, we are not left with much option. All faculty members in the meeting today felt that in the interest of the students, we can agree for outsourcing the

entrance this year, but 'under protest'", said one of the senior faculty members on the admission committee.

"This entrance test is a 40-year-old feature of FMS. Our pattern and procedure is very discreet. In fact, students, who didn't appear for CAT, have the option to prepare for FMS separately as well. Students are going to be disappointed," added another faculty member.

Academic council member Sheo Dutt was also present as a vice-chancellor's nominee in the meeting. Dutt registered his dissent in the meeting saying that efforts should be made to preserve the admission

process at FMS.

Speaking about the FMS brand, another professor said, "FMS is an established brand. We have a multitude of courses and we are known for our uniqueness. CAT and the FMS entrance are not comparable. Both the entrances are completely different. For example, CAT has around 75 questions in two hours, while we have up to 175 questions in the same span. There are other factors like the weightage of marks and interview also involved.

Outsourcing the test is an easy way out, but not good for students," he said.

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Cincinnati varsity sponsors Maharashtra rural students with job guarantee

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THE American University of Cincinnati has launched its first global opportunity scholarship initiative worth Rs 67.50 lakh each to empower two rural students from India and also find them jobs in multinational firms.

It has selected two students out of 50 high school and junior colleges from rural Maharashtra after rigorous competition and awarded them \$200,000 scholarship each to pursue their four-year bachelor's degrees at University of Cincinnati beginning this September.

"This year the university

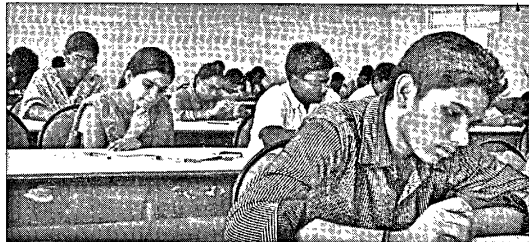
has begun its mission to empower smart and bright kids from rural areas of India through education free of cost," Jonathan Weller, director of international admissions at University of Cincinnati said.

He said the special scholarship was aimed to lifting up poor rural students out of poverty and to make them leaders in their own right. "I am sure this will inspire other students to excel in studies and build their own lives," he said.

Weller said a university panel had selected two meritorious students out of 10 shortlisted students. "It was a tough decision to select

only two due to fund constraints," Weller said, adding the university was tapping more donations to offer full scholarship to at least 10 such students each year.

Anjani Lahane from Mangaon village in Raigad district and Karishma Randhve from Shirval village Satara district, near Pune, the first recipient of the full scholarship were thrilled and sounded confident to make it big to the corporate ladder. They will fly to America on September 8. "It is my dream come true," said Lahane, 18, whose father is a farmer and mother a housewife. With 79 per cent score in science in Class XII, she



CHOSEN ONES: The two students will receive full scholarships, which will take care of all their expenses in the US, including full tuition, hostel accommodation, meals and airfare

will pursue Bachelor's degree in computer science. "I want to join a big multinational

company and also sponsor one girl to study in American," she said.

Randhve, 17, whose father is a casual labourer, mother housewife, with 64 per

cent score in science in class XII, said, "I can't believe I have made it to the land of opportunity." She used to give tuition to other students to pay for her studies. "I want to be a good leader in pharmaceutical company," Randhve, who will study biomedical engineering, said.

Weller said these two students will receive full scholarships, which will take care of all their expenses in the US, including full tuition, hostel accommodation, meals and airfare ticket. "We will also organise their internship programme in multinational companies where they will also earn anywhere between \$10 and \$60 per

hour," he said. Weller said the university had enough time to arrange scholarships for them for their master's degrees.

"We had approached 50 schools and junior colleges in rural Maharashtra and received 47 applications from boys and girls. We had forwarded shortlisted names of 10 boys and girls for the coveted scholarship," said Vandana Mane, co-founder of Lend-A-Hand India, a Pune-based NGO, engaged in skill training to young boys and girls in rural high schools in India.

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Relief for DU professor in radiation leak case

Look-out circular withdrawn, U.S. medical visit allowed

Staff Reporter

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday directed the Delhi Police to withdraw the look-out circular issued against Prof. V. S. Parmar, Head of the Chemistry Department at Delhi University and one of the accused in the Mayapuri radiation leak case, and allowed him to visit the US for treatment and meeting his family there.

Allowing a criminal revision petition filed by Prof. Parmar against an order by a trial court here rejecting his application for a direction to the city police to withdraw the look-out circular, Justice Suresh Kait said: "Keeping in view the health condition of the petitioner, the order dated July 28, 2011, passed by the learned Metropolitan Magistrate is set aside."

Prof. Parmar's family, his wife, son, daughter-in-law and daughter are US citizens.

However, Justice Kait im-

• **He is an accused in Mayapuri radiation leak case**

• **High Court imposes certain conditions on him**

posed certain conditions on the professor while directing the police to withdraw the look-out circular.

Justice Kait said Prof. Parmar would not withdraw his money lying with the university unless he joined trial in the case; he would not create a third party interest in the share of his ancestral property at Rani Bagh in North Delhi without permission of the trial court or till disposal of the case, whichever is earlier; and he would present himself before the trial court as and when called.

On the health condition of the professor, Justice Kait observed that "no doubt, the

petitioner is in a very bad medical condition. Even otherwise, the liberty of any person cannot be curtailed to move around the country or even to go abroad. He is not a person who has no roots in India and will not come back to India if he goes for medical treatment or to spend some time with his family at the last juncture of his life".

The Delhi Police have recently charge-sheeted six professors of Delhi University in the case, including Prof. Parmar. The other accused charge-sheeted are A.V. Prasad, Ramesh Chandra Rastogi, Ashok Kumar, Rita Kakkar and Roopal.

They have been charge-sheeted under Section 337 (causing hurt by an act which endangers human life), 338 (causing grievous hurt by an act which endangers human life), 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and Section 24 of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962.

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Concern over misuse of antibiotics

South-East Asia Region Health Ministers meet in Jaipur

Special Correspondent

JAIPUR: Meetings of the Health Ministers of South-East Asian Region (SEAR) and the 64th session of the regional committee of the World Health Organization (WHO) opened here on Tuesday with a call to the world to wake up to the challenges posed by overuse and misuse of antibiotics and the increasing threat to human health from non-communicable diseases.

"In my view, the meeting needs to be a wake-up call right up to the level of Heads of State. They need to be confronted with the facts right now, and how things will look very soon if the right actions are not taken immediately," said WHO Director-General Margaret Chan in her opening remarks at the joint inaugural session.

She said the health sector was already "wide awake" to the magnitude of the problem and now it was for the political leadership to listen to the wake-up call.

Health Ministers from 11 countries of SEAR, Union Minister for Health Gulab Nabi Azad, WHO regional di-

rector Samlee Plianbangchang and Union Health Secretary B. N. Katoch were present besides the representatives of UN agencies, donor partners and non-government agencies from the health sector. The members agreed on a Jaipur Declaration to combat anti-microbial resistance.

The Jaipur Declaration on Anti-microbial Resistance called for urgent measures to control further development of anti-microbial resistance. They acknowledged that the most important driver of anti-microbial resistance is the irrational use of these agents and national governments must take urgent action to preserve the efficacy of existing anti-microbial agents.

"We have taken antibiotics and other anti-microbials for granted. And we have failed to handle these precious yet fragile medicines with appropriate care. The message is clear. The world is on the brink of losing its miracle cures," Dr. Chan said.

Mr. Azad said the emergence and spread of anti-microbial resistance was negating the achievements

made in protecting human life and health from communicable diseases.

It is also a matter of great concern that, despite technological advancements in the field of health there has been negligible development in the area of new anti-microbial agents, he said. "Lack of attention to this problem has the potential to become a critical impediment in the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)," he warned.

Drawing attention to the growing threat from non-communicable disease, Dr. Plianbangchang predicted a steep rise in cardiovascular diseases, cancers, diabetes, chronic lung diseases and mental disorders in the next decade.

The long-term medical treatments required for chronic diseases would skyrocket health care costs and cause an additional economic burden to people as well as nations, he warned.

The Jaipur Declaration underscores concern at the spread of anti-microbial resistance which is negating achievements made in protecting human life and health.

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Thousands get IGNOU degrees via video-conference

Staff Reporter

NEW DELHI: The 24th Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University here on Monday saw more than one lakh students from the university's regional centres receive their degrees and diplomas through video-conferencing.

There were 23,780 Bachelor's degrees, 12,482 Master's degrees and 29,269 diplomas. About 46,360 certificates and three Ph.D.s were distributed during the ceremony, with students from Delhi receiving 28 gold medals and nine cash awards

Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama was awarded an

honorary degree of Doctor of Letters in recognition of his contribution to world peace and development. He also inaugurated a new centre for Tibetan studies.

"When you talk about Tibetan studies, all the important subject matter is taken from Indian tradition. Historically, due to Buddhism spreading in Tibet, we share the guru-disciple relationship. It is all your treasure which we studied, practised and followed the whole life. Now is the time to return to the original source. The establishment of the centre can show the usefulness of study of inner science," he said.

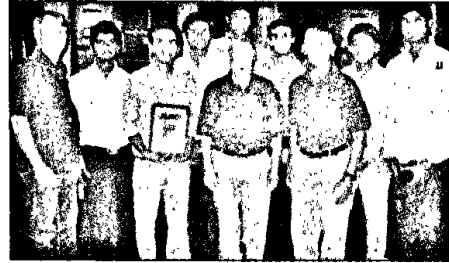
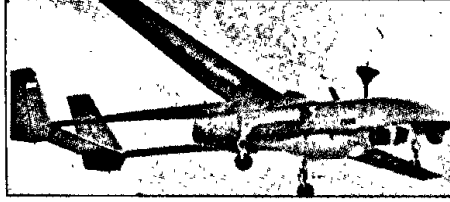
डीटीयू के छात्रों ने बनाया मानव रहित जासूसी विमान

संजय टुटेजा/एसएनबी

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली टेक्निकल यूनिवर्सिटी (डीटीयू) के छात्रों ने मानव रहित जासूसी विमान (यूएवी) बनाने का हैरतअंगेज कारनामा कर दिखाया है। छात्रों की 11 सदस्यीय टीम ने न केवल यह टोही विमान बनाने में सफलता हासिल की है बल्कि अब यह विमान परीक्षण उड़ान के लिए भी तैयार है। इस विमान से दुश्मन के क्षेत्र में बमबारी के साथ-साथ जासूसी भी की जा सकती है। इस परियोजना पर 350 हजार यूएस डालर का खर्च आया है। एफ-16 विमान बनाने वाली कंपनी लॉकहिड मार्टिन ने न केवल इन छात्रों को प्रशिक्षण दिया बल्कि परियोजना के खर्च को भी प्रायोजित किया है।

डीटीयू के छात्रों ने मानव रहित विमान बनाने की इस परियोजना को दो वर्ष में पूरा किया है। वर्ष 2009 में इस यूनिवर्सिटी में मैकेनिकल इंजीनियरिंग के छात्र गौरव गुप्ता को मानव रहित जासूसी विमान बनाने की धुन सवार हुई। गौरव ने अपने ही कॉलेज के कम्प्यूटर इंजीनियरिंग, ऑटो मोबाइल इंजीनियरिंग, फिजिक्स इंजीनियरिंग तथा इलेक्ट्रिकल इंजीनियरिंग के छात्रों के साथ मिलकर परियोजना पर काम शुरू किया। एफ-16 लड़ाकू विमान बनाने वाली कंपनी लॉकहिड मार्टिन के सहयोग से गौरव व उसके साथियों ने मानव रहित जासूसी विमान बनाकर तैयार

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मानव रहित विमान बनाने वाले डीटीयू के छात्र लॉकहिड मार्टिन के इंजीनियरों के साथ (नीचे)। मानव रहित विमान का मॉडल (ऊपर)

कर लिया है। अब इस विमान को परीक्षण उड़ान के लिए तैयार किया जा रहा है।

विमान की विशेषता यह है कि यह दुश्मन के क्षेत्र में घुसकर न केवल वहां की जानकारियां एकत्र कर सकता है बल्कि बमबारी भी कर सकता है। दुश्मन के क्षेत्र में जासूसी करने के लिए इस मानव रहित विमान में कैमरों के अलावा सेंसर भी लगाए गए हैं। इस विमान का वजन लगभग 36 किलोग्राम है तथा यह दो हजार फुट की ऊंचाई तक 17 किलो वजन साथ में लेकर उड़ सकता है। मानव रहित जासूसी विमान बनाने वाली छात्रों की टीम के लीडर गौरव गुप्ता का कहना है कि इस विमान को बनाने की प्रेरणा उन्हें अमेरिका में लॉकहिड मार्टिन कंपनी द्वारा लगाई गई एक प्रदर्शनी में मिली। सितम्बर 2009 में अमेरिका में लगी प्रदर्शनी में वह भाग लेने गए थे। उन्होंने जब कंपनी के समक्ष इस परियोजना पर काम करने की इच्छा व्यक्त की तो कंपनी भी इस परियोजना को प्रायोजित करने पर सहमत हो गई।

गौरव के अनुसार इंडस्ट्री एकेडमी कोलंबोर्शन के तहत डीटीयू व लॉकहिड मार्टिन ने इस परियोजना को संयुक्त रूप से शुरू किया। परियोजना में यू तो अनेक छात्र भागीदार रहे हैं लेकिन चार वर्ष का कोर्स पूरा होने के बाद भागीदार रहे अन्य छात्र डिग्री लेकर चले गए। वर्तमान में गौरव के अलावा 10 अन्य छात्र इस परियोजना पर काम कर रहे हैं।

डीटीयू के वाइस चांसलर पीबी शर्मा तथा लॉकहिड मार्टिन के सीनियर सिस्टम इंजीनियर जॉन शीहान के साथ छात्रों की टीम ने मंगलवार को उप-राज्यपाल तेजेंद्र खन्ना से मिलकर उन्हें परियोजना की जानकारी देकर उसका प्रदर्शन किया। गौरव के अनुसार यह प्रोटोटाइप विमान अब लगभग परीक्षण उड़ान के करीब है। नवम्बर में संभवतः परीक्षण उड़ान होगी।