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IIT Indore Ranks 13th in Top List of Engg Colleges

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Adding another feather to its cap, IIT Indore has been ranked the top engineering college in Madhya Pradesh by EDU RAND on Wednesday. A collaboration between Indian consulting company EDU and USA based think tank Rand Corporations, the team surveyed 800 engineering colleges in the country. The institutes were ranked based on factors such as faculty qualification, industry readiness of students, research productivity and demand for seats. Moreover, the institute has marched ahead of recently built counterparts IIT Ropar, IIT Patna, IIT Gandhinagar and IIT Mandi. Ranking 13th in the national list of best colleges topped by IIT Delhi, IIT Indore and IIT Mandi were formed in 2009 while their counterparts in Patna, Gandhinagar and Ropar were set up in 2008. "We are excited because we have made it to number 13 and are way ahead than other newly established IITs," said Dr Nirmala Menon, faculty media coordinator, IIT Indore. Earlier, IIT I had made it to the top 100 universities listed by the Union ministry. IIT Indore was ranked 16th in this list which featured other educational institutes from the state as well. The list also features MANIT, Bhopal and the engineering department of DAVV, Indore which are ranked at 35th and 34th respectively.

HRD Ministry notes the difficulties, IIT tuition fee hike may be reviewed

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NEW DELHI: The government is likely to review the tuition fee hike that came into force at the Indian Institutes of Technology this year, a development that comes amid concerns expressed by some IITs that the revised structure may actually lead to a fall in revenue from fees. The human resource development ministry, in a note circulated to the IITs on Wednesday, acknowledged the difficulties "faced by IITs in view of the large number of exemptions given from payment of fees and the doubtful income certificates being filed by students to get exemptions given by the government".

In the note, a copy of which was seen by ET, the ministry requested the IITs to crosscheck a few of the income certificates to determine their authenticity, with help from the Central Board of Direct Taxes if needed. It has not been decided, though, as to what this review will entail, said a person familiar with the development.

Ashok Misra, head of the Standing Committee of the IIT Council, said, "This year there would be no change in the fee. Probably next year, we may see the fee in a new avatar." At the last IIT Council meeting held on August 23, chaired by the newly-appointed minister of human resource development Prakash Javadekar, a few of the IITs had put forth the argument that the fee hike from Rs 90,000 to Rs 2 lakh per annum did not help in revenue generation due to various exemptions.

The recent decision to provide interest-free education loans to students for a period of five years, with the IITs paying the interest, has further burdened the institutes, the IITs had said at the meeting. IIT Roorkee director Pradipta Banerji said that the exemptions had brought down the proportion of students paying full fee from 78% to merely 12-20%, depending on the institute.

"The earlier fee arrangement of Rs 90,000 was just fine. The new fee arrangement has to be looked at closely due to many

exemptions as to who benefits," said IIT Guwahati director Gautam Biswas. Almost 33% students are completely exempt from paying fees since the hike came into force, compared to 22.5% earlier, officials said.

Another problem is that more than 60% students at IIT Roorkee and most other IITs are currently paying even less than Rs 90,000, owing to partial or complete fee waivers, said Banerji. The total revenue from students is likely to fall in the long term, according to a five-year analysis done by IIT Roorkee.

"In the short-term (one year) IITs may gain from the fee hike but in the long run, the revenues will fall. This is primarily because IITs are burdened with paying interest for those students who are taking loans and because more students are taking exemptions," Banerji said. The revenue from fee may fall 10% over the next few years, as per the IIT Roorkee analysis.

"There are far too many exemptions in the current fee structure. This is bringing down the net effect of the fee hike," said IIT Ropar director Sarit K Das.

IIT Bombay director Devang Khakhar also said that with the current exemptions, the revenue from fees is likely to fall. "The fee should be hiked. However, at the same time no student should be denied education because he/she cannot afford," Khakhar said.

IITs lower cut-off to accommodate more students

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/education/story/to-accommodate-more-students-iits-lowered-cut-off/1/758501.html>

IITs lowered the cut-off to 75 for general category and 38 for the reserved category.

In a bid to compose from the issue of huge numbers of seats being lying vacant across the IIT's, the country's premier institutes has ultimately decided to lower the cut-off marks for the coveted exam to accommodate as many as students they could including the day-scholars.

Over the years, there has been an incessant fall in the number of student getting into IITs due to its arduous entrance exam papers besides negative marking, thus leaving several seats lying vacant across the institutes which is a waste of institutional resources.

"The teaching-learning process at IITs is intense, and many students who come with low ranks in JEE turn out to be gems when they pass the BTech programme," said one IIT director.

Highlights are the new changes:

- The unexpected changes following the last IIT Council meeting serve as a respite for millions of engineer aspirants who wish to land in one of the IITs. In the last IIT Council meet, the council had decided to enroll more students by increasing it to 100, 000 students from the existing 70,000
- 36,566 candidates, of the 147,678, qualified in the JEE-Advanced this year
- Aspirants who sit for the JEE-Advance this year might land in one of the IITs if the students scored even a meager 75 marks of the 372 and 38 for the physically challenged candidates.

However, the lowering of cut-off has raised alarm fearing it could downgrade the academic quality of the premier institutes. 11 BTech students of IIT-Roorkee were expelled due to poor academic performances and 72 students for poor academic record in 2015. The students were however readmitted.

One former director of the premier institute opined that proper education at the initial stage and improving the education standard of schools are crucial for the students to score good marks in the IIT entrance examinations.

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Startup phobia spreads to pvt management institutes

PLACEMENT BLUES XLRI Jamshedpur, SP Jain, others tighten recruitment norms this season on the lines of IITs and IIMs

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NEW DELHI: The rising skepticism towards start-ups on engineering and management campuses has spread to private institutes, which have decided to scrutinise them during placements based on financial indicators, job roles, career growth, learning opportunity, alumni feedback and past relationships.

Startups have been in the news for renegeing on job offers at the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), which have reacted strongly. The all-IIT Placement Council, the panel responsible for campus hiring across the IITs, blacklisted 31 start-ups last month.

Still, the real worry for these start-ups may be the private institutes, which, taking a cue from the IITs and IIMs, have tightened the recruitment norms for campus placements this season.

There is much more placement action for start-ups at the private institutes. Only a handful of aspirants make it to the IITs and the IIMs, and the private institutes hold a far larger number of engineering and management graduates. All the 23 IITs together have 10,572 seats and the 19 IIMs 3,700.

There are 4,695 private engineering institutes with a combined capacity of 2,630,705, and, 3,231 private management institutes that can take in 414,055. The solace for the recruiters is that most of the private institutes do not plan to blacklist any startup this year.

“If a recruiter has had issues on our campus or other campuses, the recruiting company will not be favoured by students,” says Rajiv Misra, the head of placements at XLRI Jamshedpur. “We are not blacklisting any startup or any other company.”

Siddharth Deshmukh, who is the point person for companies at MICA, Ahmedabad, says the institute will look harder at a startup’s funding, stability, management team, and its growth in at least the previous two years. Some of it can be derived from the balance sheet, profit and loss statement, and press reports.

At S P Jain Institute of Management and Research, a few students were victim of deferred placements last year. “We will reach out to our alumni in start-ups and invite companies for internships and interactions with students,” says professor Abbasali Gabula, who heads external relations and administration at the institute.



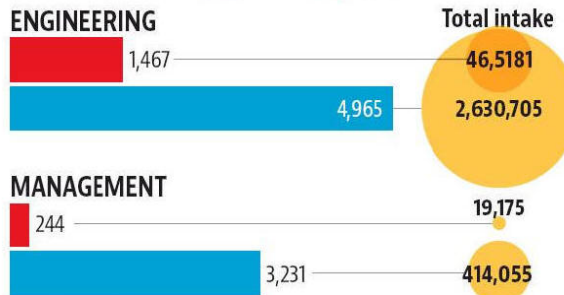
Students at XLRI Jamshedpur

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A private problem

The intake capacity of private engineering and management institutes is over 6 times higher than government institutes

Number of institutes ■ Public* ■ Private



*Central, state and deemed government universities included in public Source: AICTE, 2015-16

इंजीनियरिंग की 3,000 सीटें भरने के लिए SC से मंजूरी मांगेगी सरकार

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केंद्र सरकार इस एकेडमिक सेशन में एनआईटी और आईआईटी की 3,000 से ज्यादा सीटों को भरने की खातिर एक और दौर की काउंसिलिंग के लिए सुप्रीम कोर्ट से मंजूरी मांग सकती है। एचआरडी मिनिसट्री इस मामले में सुप्रीम कोर्ट जाने को लेकर एडिशनल सॉलिसिटर-जनरल से बातचीत कर रही है।

कई सांसदों और कैंडिडेट्स के अभिभावकों ने मिनिसट्री को चिट्ठी लिख इन खाली पड़ी सीटों की तरफ इशारा किया है। खास तौर पर नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नोलॉजी की ऐसी सीटों की तरफ ध्यान दिलाते हुए तत्काल एक और राउंड की काउंसिलिंग की इजाजत मांगी गई है, ताकि काबिल स्टूडेंट्स को इन संस्थानों में सीट मिल सके। कांग्रेस सांसद सुधिता देव तो इस मसले पर राष्ट्रपति को भी चिट्ठी लिख चुकी हैं। उनका कहना है कि अगर स्टूडेंट्स के हितों की रक्षा नहीं की

संस्थानों में खाली सीटें

विभिन्न एनआईटी में 1,518 सीटें खाली हैं। आईआईआईटी में 407, आईआईटी में 73 और सरकारी फंडेड टेक्निकल इंस्टीट्यूट्स में 1,174 और इंडियन स्कूल ऑफ माइंस में 23 सीटें खाली हैं

जाती है, तो वह अदालत का भी दरवाजा खटखटा सकती है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट के 2014 के ऑर्डर के मुताबिक, एडमिशन की प्रक्रिया को हर साल 15 अगस्त तक बंद करने की बात है, ताकि एकेडमिक सेशन समय पर शुरू हो सके। लिहाजा, सरकार एक और राउंड की काउंसिलिंग के लिए सुप्रीम कोर्ट का रुख करेगी।

आईआईटी का अकेडमिक सेशन 24 जुलाई को शुरू हुआ है, जबकि एनआईटी का 1 अगस्त को। इसी से जुड़े एक घटनाक्रम के तहत काउंसिलिंग सिस्टम दुरुस्त करने के लिए एचआरडी मिनिसट्री कमेटी बन रही, ताकि हर साल कोई भी सीट खाली नहीं रहने पाए। सूत्रों ने ईटी को बताया कि आईआईटी गुवाहाटी, एनआईटी पटना और आईआईटी बॉम्बे के डायरेक्टर इस कमेटी का हिस्सा होंगे। ज्वाइंट सीट एलोकेशन अथॉरिटी की तरफ से पेश आर्कडों के मुताबिक, छह राउंड की काउंसिलिंग के बाद विभिन्न संस्थानों में 3,195 सीटें खाली पड़ी हैं। एचआरडी मिनिसट्री ने 92 संस्थानों के ज्वाइंट सीट एलोकेशन के लिए यह अथॉरिटी बनाई है, जिनमें आईआईटी के 22, 31 एनआईटी और 18 अन्य सरकारी फंडिंग वाले टेक्निकल इंस्टीट्यूट्स शामिल हैं। विभिन्न एनआईटी में 1,518 सीटें खाली हैं। आईआईआईटी में 407, आईआईटी में 73 सीटें खाली हैं।

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एनआईटी दिल्ली के प्रथम दीक्षांत समारोह में बीटेक, एमटेक के 243 विद्यार्थियों को मिली डिग्री

देश में बदलाव की जिम्मेदारी युवाओं पर: राष्ट्रपति

स्वर्ण व रजत पदक से भी सम्मानित हुए विद्यार्थी

नई दिल्ली । ब्यूरो

भारत में 50 फीसदी से अधिक आबादी 25 साल व उससे कम उम्र की है। यानी भारत की आधी से ज्यादा आबादी युवा है। यही कारण है कि देश के विकास की बागडोर युवाओं के हाथ में है और ऐसे में न सिर्फ देश के विकास बल्कि यहां मौजूद सामाजिक समस्याओं के निदान के लिए भी युवाओं की जिम्मेदारी अहम है। यह कहना है भारत के राष्ट्रपति प्रणव मुखर्जी का। उन्होंने अपने यह विचार बुधवार को राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान दिल्ली (एनआईटी दिल्ली) के प्रथम दीक्षांत समारोह में व्यक्त किए।

दिल्ली के विज्ञान भवन में आयोजित इस कार्यक्रम में मुख्य अतिथि के तौर पर आमंत्रित राष्ट्रपति प्रणव मुखर्जी ने कहा



विज्ञान भवन में आयोजित राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान दिल्ली का प्रथम दीक्षांत समारोह बुधवार को आयोजित किया गया। इसमें राष्ट्रपति प्रणव मुखर्जी ने छात्र-छात्राओं को सम्मानित किया। साथ में है मानव संसाधन विकास राज्यमंत्री (उच्च शिक्षा) डॉ. महेंद्रनाथ पांडेय और राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान के निदेशक प्रो. अजय कुमार

कि वर्ष 2010 में शुरू हुए इस संस्थान ने जिस तेजी से प्रगति की है उसके लिए यहां के विद्यार्थी, कर्मचारी, शिक्षक सभी बधाई के पात्र हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि आज देश का भविष्य भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईटी) व राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (एनआईटी) पर निर्भर है। ऐसा नहीं है कि एनआईटी, आईआईटी में पढ़ने वाले विद्यार्थियों का कैंपस प्लेसमेंट नहीं होता है। मेरा कहना सिर्फ इतना है उसे प्लेसमेंट पाने के बाद विद्यार्थियों को चाहिए की वो रोजगार के साथ-साथ अपनी सामाजिक जिम्मेदारी भी समझे और जो ज्ञान उन्होंने प्राप्त किया है उसे समाज की बेहतरी में लगाए। इस अवसर पर मानव संसाधन विकास राज्य मंत्री डॉ. महेंद्र नाथ पांडे ने कहा डिजिटल इंडिया, स्मिल इंडिया, स्टार्टअप इंडिया मिशन में आज डिग्री पाने वाले विद्यार्थियों की भूमिका अहम रहने वाली है।

डॉ. पांडे ने कहा यह शताब्दी ज्ञान की शताब्दी है और इसमें आप सभी की भूमिका निर्णायक है। देश के विकास में आपकी भूमिका सबसे अहम है। इस कार्यक्रम में एनआईटी दिल्ली के पूर्व अध्यक्ष बोर्ड ऑफ गवर्नेंस रवि संयाम, निदेशक प्रो. अजय कुमार शर्मा व डॉन एकेडमिक डॉ. अमित महाजन शामिल हुए।

एनआईटी दिल्ली के निदेशक प्रो. अजय कुमार शर्मा ने इस मौके पर संस्थान की रिपोर्ट पेश की। एनआईटी के इस प्रथम दीक्षांत समारोह में कुल 243 विद्यार्थियों को उपाधि प्रदान की गई। इसमें 211 बीटेक और 32 एमटेक के विद्यार्थी थे। जहां तक पदकों की बात है तो इस दीक्षांत समारोह में 05 विद्यार्थियों को राष्ट्रपति स्वर्ण पदक, 12 विद्यार्थियों को निदेशक स्वर्ण पदक और 12 विद्यार्थियों को संस्थान की ओर से रजत पदक से सम्मानित किया गया।

IIT-M gets \$1m from alumni to fund research

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New Delhi: Silicon Valley-based alumni of IIT Madras, Anand Rajaraman and Venky Harinarayanan, have donated \$1 million to create a corpus that will fund visiting chairs in computer science and engineering to lead research on data-driven approaches to solve important problems.

The idea is to help attract outstanding young faculty, students, research scholars and postdocs to the CSE department at IIT Madras.

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Global pay for flagship course up 39% at IIM-A

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The compensation package offered by foreign companies during the final placements of the 2016 batch of the flagship postgraduate programme (PGP) at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, (IIM-A) is up 39 per cent compared to last year. Referred to as the maximum earning potential (MEP), the highest international package offered this year stood at \$153,568 against \$110,284 a year ago.

The highest domestic package, however, fell 10 per cent, according to the audited placement report released by IIM-A on Wednesday. The final placements at IIM-A, held in February this year, saw 383 PGP students along with 46 PGP-ABM (postgraduate programme in agribusiness management) and 67 PGPX (postgraduate programme for management executives) students seeking placements.

MEP is the sum total guaranteed cash component, maximum possible-linked variable pay and all other components of salary that are a part of the offer. This can include long-term compensation such as provident fund and other perks as well. Since IIM-A began getting its placement reports audited by a third party like CRISIL and now Brickwork Ratings under the Indian Placement Reporting Standards (IPRS), which looks

at standardising placement data, including salary and non-salary information.

According to the latest IPRS report, domestic MEP at IIM-A fell from ₹53 lakh during final placements last year to ₹48 lakh in 2016. Average domestic and international MEP, however, saw reversal of trends where the former rose eight per cent over the previous year while the latter fell 7.7 per cent. During the 2016 final placements held in February at IIM-A, the average domestic MEP stood at ₹22 lakh against ₹20 lakh last year, while international average MEP was \$73,580 compared to \$79,738 in the previous year.

Around 110 firms had participated in the final placements for the 2016 batch at IIM-A. In terms of sector-wise recruitments, consulting continued to lead the pack, followed by banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI),

online services and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG), among others.

The consulting sector, led by recruiters such as Accenture Strategy, Alvarez & Marsal, A T Kearney, Bain & Co, McKinsey & Co and The Boston Consulting Group recruited 108 students this year against 97 last year. Recruiters in the BFSI, FMCG and e-commerce sectors included the likes of Axis Bank, Bharti AXA, YES Bank, Hindustan Unilever, Procter & Gamble, Amazon, and Flipkart, among others.

After making offers, Flipkart had later deferred the joining dates of candidates to as late as December. This triggered a scathing response by IIM-A, which however later softened its stance.

Before the final placements, 108 pre-placement offers were also accepted by PGP students at IIM-A.

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Pay package offers for postgraduate programme students at IIM-Ahmedabad

Domestic (₹ lakh)

	2016	2015	% change
Average MEP	22.14	20.47	8.15
Maximum MEP	48	53	-9.43

International (\$)

	2016	2015	% change
Average MEP	73,580	79,738	-7.72
Maximum MEP	153,568	110,284	39.24

MEP is maximum earning potential or the package offered

Source: Audited IPRS report of IIM-A