CBSE shocker: Deadline, cost for JEE review

Pay ₹1,000 For Challenge To Each Answer

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New Delhi: The CBSE’s decision to give just 24 hours to students to challenge the answer keys of JEE (main) and demand Rs 1000 for each question challenged has raised serious questions about the procedure.

A senior professor of IIT-Delhi said, “Charging money for challenging multiple questions reflects the typical mindset of CBSE that is involved in conducting board examinations.”

“How does one expect a student to challenge within 24 hours. Ideal thing would be to give more time to all stakeholders like parents and students. After all, charging Rs 1000 for each question is an expensive proposition,” the professor said. He also asked as to why CBSE should not correct the answer key for all students instead of only those who challenged it. “Answer key is applicable to every one. The procedure is a problem,” he said.

The CBSE has declared that answer keys to students who appeared in pen and paper based JEE (main) as well those who took computer based examination will be available till 5 pm on Tuesday. Answer keys were uploaded only on Monday afternoon. Students have also been asked to challenge these by 5 pm on Tuesday. They can pay through debit/credit card or e-challan. The board has also made it clear that challenges submitted by post or in person will not be accepted. In case, challenge is accepted by the CBSE the correction will be done and fee refunded.

CBSE chairperson Vineet Joshi defended the decision. He said, “Fourteen lakh students appeared for JEE (main). It is not easy to redress the challenge to answer keys. There is a question of logistics so we felt some money should be charged.” He justifies giving 24 hours for challenging answer keys. “We are under tremendous pressure. We have to give the result to IIT by May 3,” he said.
New Delhi: The CBSE’s decision to give only one day to students to challenge the answer keys of JEE (main) and also demand Rs 1,000 for each question challenged has raised questions about the procedure.

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“How does one expect a student to challenge within 24 hours? Ideal thing would be to give more time. After all, charging thousand rupees for each question is an expensive proposition,” a senior professor of IIT Delhi said.
IITians' biz model eases shopping woes

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While all start-ups dream of becoming a 'Google or Facebook one day, the life of an entrepreneur, especially in India, is a "dog's life," says Sujendu Kuila, one of the co-founders of Reviews42, a consumer product research platform.

Mr Kuila IIT and IIM alumni started Reviews42 along with another IIM alumni Neeraj Jain in 2011. While both of them agreed that e-commerce is going to flourish in India, they felt there was a need for a company which could provide consumers with information like product discovery, reviews of different products and prices offered by various on-line and off-line ventures.

"Review is very important for purchasing," says Mr Kuila. As far as naming the company as Reviews42 was concerned, they used the word "review" as it was going to be in review space. "42" was inspired from comic science fiction "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" created by Douglas Adams, which is popular among fans of the genre(s) and members of the scientific community. As per the book "the answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe and everything is 42."

However, as they began setting up the company, they found out that there is a challenge in every step. "There is a challenge in every step you take, from getting electricity, to internet connection. Then you have to pitch with the venture capitalists to invest in the company. You have to pitch with the employees to join a company at a stage where we are no one and you have to keep motivating them. We are constantly selling our product," says Mr Kuila.

When quizzed about hitting a break-even point Mr Kuila was not positive about it. "We are not focused on break even. This is because if you want to be a big company you have to plough money back into the business. If Flipkart wants to break-even, they can do it tomorrow but they are looking at growth," says Mr Kuila.

Talking about future plans, Reviews42, which is based out of Noida, is looking to open office in Bangalore, Hyderabad and Mumbai this year. "We want to be in 32 cities in next five years," says Mr Kuila.

Reviews42, which is a VC funded company received its initial funding from Nirvana Venture Advisors and Blume Ventures, in addition to a couple of Angel Investors. The company is not looking at raising loans from banks.

Reviews42 aims at solving the information deficit for both online buyers as well as offline buyers. When people are shopping in a retail store, they are at an information disadvantage vis-a-vis prices, features, and reviews of different brands at other stores, says the company website.

Reviews42 intends to empower these shoppers by making all the desired information easily available on the user's mobile phone as well. It encourages its users to share their candid product experiences with the community to help everyone avoid costly buying mistakes. Reviews42 has also started giving its users information about electronic products.

REVIEWING:
Founders of Reviews42.com, Sujendu Kuila (left) and Neeraj Jain.
CSIR-IMTECH CHOSEN TOP R&D INSTITUTION

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CHANDIGARH: Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh, has bagged the prestigious National Intellectual Property Award 2014 in the category of ‘Top R&D Institution’ in the field of healthcare.

According to a press release, IMTECH has been in the forefront in developing innovative technologies in biotherapeutics, especially life-saver drugs such as streptokinase and its advanced versions.

Dr Girish Sahni, director, CSIR-IMTECH, received the award from Justice S Ravindra Bhat, judge, Delhi High Court, at a function in New Delhi on Saturday. Amitabh Kant, secretary, department of industrial policy and promotion was also present on the occasion along with other dignitaries. The award carries ₹1 lakh cash, a trophy and a citation.

The National Intellectual Property Awards are conferred to recognise and reward outstanding creators/innovators of IP who have contributed in harnessing the country’s intellectual capital and creating an eco-system that boosts creativity and innovation.

THESE AWARDS ARE CONFERRED ON THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED IN HARMLESS INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL.
THOUGH India has become one of the strongest in the world in terms of scientific manpower, its universities and institutions should be able to challenge the frontiers of knowledge while creating an environment supportive of innovation, Scientific Advisor to the Defence Minister and DRDO chief Avinash Chaudry recently said.

"We have come a long way since Independence, from mere buyers of technology to those who have made science and technology an important contributor for national development and societal transformation. It is important for India to put its act together to become a continuous innovator and creator of science and technology intensive products," Chaudry said.

Despite strong scientific and technical manpower base, India was still far behind in creation of intangible assets and ownership of patents, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) said.

"Our institutions must be able to challenge the frontiers of knowledge. Our universities have to create an environment supportive of innovation," the DRDO chief said.

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Over 8,000 IIM-B alumnis from across the world expected to attend the meet

**OUR BUREAU**

Bangalore, April 28

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore's (IIM-B) alumni meet – Anusmran – will be held on May 4 at the IIM-B campus in Bangalore. This year's meet, spread across 15 cities around the world, is likely to see the participation of over 8,000 IIM-B alumni.

The Bangalore Chapter will host three panel discussions on 'Entrepreneurship and Disruptive Thinking' on the IIM-B campus as part of the event.

The other IIM-B chapters where panel discussions and entrepreneurship is the theme are: Chennai Chapter (May 3); USA East Coast Chapter (May 17); where Ashish Pandey (PGP’02), CEO, Altisource Residential Corporation, will address the alumni; Kolkata Chapter (May 10), where C S Ghosh, Chairman & MD, Bandhan Group, will speak.

Rakesh Godhwani, Head -Alumni and Development IIM-B, said "Anusmran is a perfect example of how we can leverage the gold mine of knowledge that the alumni of IIM possess. Learning from each other is undoubtedly our way forward."

Harish Mittal, President of IIMBAA, Bangalore Chapter, Founder and Managing Director at Camellia Clothing Ltd, said "Bangalore is the new haven for entrepreneurs and we have seen tremendous energy among IIMB alumni in the city to learn from another another's entrepreneurial experience."

For the Bangalore Chapter event panelists on the 'Start Up Track' include Saumil Majumdar (PGP'95), Co-Founder & Managing Director of Edusports; Manu Indravany (PGP'94), Founder of 612 Ivy League; Sanjay Anandaram, (PGP'91), Entrepreneur, Investor, Advisor and Mentor, Ojas Venture and Founding Partner of JumpStart; R Ganesh (IIMC), Chairman and Co-Founder Portex Medical; Meena Ganesh (IIMC), CEO & Managing Director, Portex Medical; and P C Musthafa (IIMB PGSEM'07) Co-Founder, ID Fresh Food.

Panelists on 'Join the Entrepreneur' include Subhash Dhara (PGP'92), CEO, Enterprise Nube Services; Atul Shinghal (PGP'93), CEO Probe Equity Research; Sudhakar Varanasi (IIT KGP and PhD IIT), Chief Mentor, Emergent Institute; Anju Maudgal Kadam (IIMB MPWE 2010), Founder and Director Web TVin; and Professor Ramya Ranganathan (IITM & IIMA and PhD London School Of Business), IIMB faculty.

Panelists on 'Social Change Agents' include A Vaidyanathan (PGP’83), Founder & Managing Director, Cleantech Consultants and HMX Systems; Mainak Chakraborty (PGP’10), Co-CEO, Green Power Systems; Poornam Bir Kasturi (NID Ahmedabad’86), Industrial Designer, Facilitator, Entrepreneur and Mentor at Founder Industree Crafts and Playsparks and Pioneer of the Daily Dump Project; Shridhar Venkat (NMIMS), Executive Director, Akshaya Patra Foundation; Ramesh Swamy (REC Bhopal), CEO, Swamy Group of Companies; and Suresh Bhagavatula (PhD Netherlands), Assistant Professor, NSRGEL at IIMB.
भारत के रमेश अग्रवाल को 'ग्रीन नोबेल' दो लाख डॉलर की राशि मिलेगी। सेन प्रेसिडेंट स्थित गोल्डमैन एनवायरमेंट फाउंडेशन की तरफ से कहा गया है कि रमेश अग्रवाल का ऑफिस सिफारिश एक छोटा-सा इंटरनेट केंद्र था, जिसकी मदद से उन्होंने गांव वालों को जागरूक किया और विकास परियोजनाओं के बारे में जानकारी हासिल की। वह छत्तीसगढ़ में कोयला खनन की बड़ी परियोजना को बंद करने में कामयाब रहे। अग्रवाल के इस काम की वजह से कई लोग उनके दुश्मन भी बने और जब कोयला खनन परियोजना रद्द हो गया, तो उन पर हमला भी किया। उन पर गोली चलाई गई और उनकी हड्डियाँ भी टूटीं।
Most US High School Grads Now Prefer to Stay off College Limits

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The proportion of new US high school graduates who go on to college, a figure that rose regularly for decades, now appears to be declining. In October, just 65.9% of people who had graduated from high school the previous spring had enrolled in college, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said this week. That was down from 66.2% the previous year and was the lowest figure in a decade. The high point came in 2009, when 70.1% of new graduates had gone on to college.

"Falling college enrollment indicates that upward mobility may become more difficult for working-class and disadvantaged high school graduates," said Heidi Shierholz, an economist with the Economic Policy Institute in Washington. "It's another part of the long-term scarring process of the Great Recession that has been partly hidden."

She said that might reflect poorer employment prospects for parents and students who would have worked their way through college a few years ago, and adds that many parents in the past had obtained money for college by refinancing mortgages, an alternative no longer available to many families.

At the same time, there were some encouraging signs in the report, which is released annually. The bureau reported that 51% of the high school graduates who did not go on to college had jobs by October, and that 74% were in the labor force, meaning they either were employed or were looking for work.

Those figures may not sound high, but they are up from the past couple of years and may be an indication that the labor market has improved at least a little.

On the other hand, only 48% of new high school dropouts were part of the labor force in October, a figure that was the lowest for the past 20 years, the period for which the figures are available. But there was an increase in the proportion of new high school dropouts who had jobs, to 31% from 24% in 2012, which could be another indication of an improving economy.

The figures are volatile from year to year, partly because they come from the bureau's household survey, in which 60,000 households are asked each month about the employment status of all members of the household who are 16 years of age or older. Each October, additional questions are asked of the respondents to produce this report, which was not published until this week as the bureau sought to make sure it had made appropriate adjustments for revised population estimates.

Most of those households have no one who recently left school, and as a result there can be large errors. The bureau said the estimated 65.9% figure for high school graduates who went on to college could be off by as much as 2.4 percentage points in either direction. The margins of error for the enrollment estimates of 68.4% for young women, and 63.5% for young men, were even larger.

Still, there seems to be little doubt that the long-term trend of more and more high school graduates going to college has halted, if not reversed. As recently as 1976, the enrollment figure was less than 50%. It rose to 69% by 2005 and since then has fluctuated.
फज्री आईआईटी छात्र ले उड़ा सीएम से पुरस्कार, केस दर्ज

कई संस्थाओं में से लिये लायकों के पुरस्कार

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मेवत के एक 12वीं फेल किस्सों ने ऐसा खेल खेला कि पदश्रेष्ठ सर्वकारी लेकर शिक्षिका कंपनियों व गैर सरकारी संस्थाएं उनकी कृदन्तता पर नज़र करने लगी।

वहां तक कि गणतंत्र दिवस समारोह में मुख्यमंत्री भूपेंद्र सिंह हुड़ड़ा ने उसे पुरस्कार भी कर दिया। मामले का भेद खुला और दौरान ने किशोर के खिलाफ मामला दर्ज करवा दिया।

मेवत किस्सों के किरदाराधन प्रशिक्षण के गांव राक निवासी बाबूराम अली पुत्र से मोहमद ने वर्ष 2010-11 में हायलाइट प्रशिक्षण में फिरोजपुर खिसका से दसवीं पास की। उसके बाद 2011-12 में उसके आरोपी मामला खुला हुआ।

अन्य साथ वह 12वीं में फेल हो गया। एक बार नकाम रहने के बाद उसने दोबारा से पलबल हिज्झ एक नामी रिक में दाखिला लिया था। भीमा उसकी 12वीं कक्षा का परिभाषित आया रोड है। उस बीच वाहिद अली ने आईआईटी पाठ्य अन्वेषन में रेंक में हासिल करने के फर्ज़ी दसवीं तैयार कराया था।

इस प्रकार रह रही नवीन पांचल के जब मेवत की किस्मने जब मेवत के प्रतिभासैली विद्यार्थियों को पुरस्कृत करने के लिए आवेदन मान गई। उसने फिर योजना के आधार पर आवेदन कर दिया।

सर्टिफिकेट को ही मान लिया समूह

आरोपी छात्र ने जब मिला प्रशासन के समय विद्यार्थियों को पुरस्कृत करने के क्रम में आवेदन किया। उन्होंने प्रशासन से विवाद किसी जांच पड़ताल के लिए उसके द्वारा उपलब्ध करवाए तैयार होने को बताया।

इससे 12वीं फेल कर दिया प्रशासन की तारीखों के कारण आवाज़ प्रशन स्थलों पर पुरस्कृत भी हो जा।

ईसे खुलना बेद

मेवत रेड क्रास सोसाइटी को छात्र के दसवीं पर शक्ति हुआ। इसके जांच के दौरान विद्यार्थी अन्वेषन के प्रशासन के ही उसके द्वारा उपलब्ध करवाए तैयार होने के बाद वाहिद अली ने आईआईटी की परिस्थिति में 35वीं फेल कर नहीं किया।

उसके नवीन पांचल राज्य सरकार के अधिकारियों के कारण आवाज़ प्रशन स्थलों पर पुरस्कृत भी हो जा।

अभी और भी मिलने वे इनाम

अब वाहिद अली की अन्वेषन की एक संस्था 2 लाख रुपए और प्रशासन पत्र पर पुरस्कृत करने की तैयारी कर रही थी, लेकिन समय रहने पर देखा जा रहा था जब आरोपी वाहिद ने उसके खिलाफ मुकदमा दर्ज करवा दिया। फिर आठवीं वाहिद की तलाश में चाहेरा कर रही है।

26 जून को जयपुर दिवस पर सीएम से पुरस्कार (बाएं) एक इंडस्ट्री के प्रतिभागियों से लेकर परवाह लेने वाली राज्य प्रमुख।