**IIT Delhi likely to start a new campus in NCR**

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**NEW DELHI:** If all goes well, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D) may start a new campus in the National Capital Region in the coming few years.

According to Surendra Prasad, director, IIT-D, talks are on between the Haryana government and the IIT-D authorities for a piece of land in the NCR region.

“The whole plan is at the preliminary stage right now and nothing has been decided but yes, the Haryana government has expressed interest and has offered us some land. The logistics are yet to be worked out,” Prasad said. While IIT Bombay is planning to open a new campus in New York City, IIT-D has consciously limited its expansion plan to the country.

“Even we were asked to consider the possibility of setting up a campus in New York City but we wanted to try it out here first,” he added.

The envisaged campus is expected to be a research facility. “We don’t have enough space for research on this campus. While IIT-D has the second highest number of students, it has the smallest campus,” M Balakrishnan, deputy director (faculty), IIT-D.

The campus is spread over 300 acres and has a population of around 16,000. Along with the research facility, the new campus is also expected to have a faculty development centre for workshops for teachers and professors, special laboratories and areas for space intensive research.

IIT officials say the ideal student-to-teacher ratio is expected to be 10:1. Since the student strength is expected to reach 7,500 in the coming two years, a new campus will be instrumental in supporting the teachers’ research activities as well.

Allotment of rooms for research facilities is already becoming a problem as it is always better to have equipment at the ground level to manage vibrations. Since we don’t have a lot of space, a separate research facility is becoming necessary,” Balakrishnan said.

The institute is expecting the land allocation and the blueprints to be completed this year.

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**IIT Delhi to get a new campus**

THE Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, is ready to spread its wings with another campus in the National Capital Region. The Haryana government has agreed, in principle, to offer 100 acres of land to the institute for the second campus and the IIT Delhi authorities have already written to the HRD ministry about its plans.

“We have the smallest campus and the largest student population among all the IITs. In the past, we have felt the need to set up another campus and now with an offer from the Haryana government, that seems possible,” IIT Delhi director Surendra Prasad said. The institute’s current campus in Hauz Khas is situated on about 350 acres.

“Though we haven’t decided on a fixed timeframe to achieve this, we do want to finalise the location and blueprint of the second campus by the end of this year,” he added.

The new branch may not be used for teaching, but serve the purpose of increasing the institute’s research activities.

“We also are not ruling out the possibility of the second campus being a centre for distance education,” IIT Delhi deputy director Balakrishnan M said.

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IIT Delhi will soon have a second home - in Haryana

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THE Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi (IIT-D) is planning to set up a second campus. And it will be in Haryana.

The institute has been offered 100 acres of land by the Haryana government, said Surendra Prasad, Director of IIT-D.

The move will help the institute tide over shortage of space on campus. At present, IIT-D has the highest student strength among all IITs and operates from the smallest campus.

“We have 300 acres here, of which about 250 acres is functional. The rest is forest area,” Prasad said.

Earlier, New York City had made an offer to IIT-D to set up a campus there, but the institute’s administration said they wanted to expand in India first before looking at overseas options. The NYC offer has been taken up by IIT-Bombay.

There is also a proposal for an International Institute of Technology by the Mauritius government.

“That will have to be a joint effort of all the IITs. No individual IIT has that kind of resources,” Prasad said.

The Haryana project is at a preliminary stage at the moment.

Deputy Director Balkrishnan said land would be allotted in six months and the blueprint could also be ready. “We also need to find the funding to build research facilities there,” he said.

The funding for the expansion, he said, will have to be generated by IIT-D itself, as this will not be an initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The institute completes 50 years on August 16 and is holding its 42nd convocation on Saturday.

A total of 1,493 students will be awarded degrees. Five distinguished alumni will also be awarded at the function — Prof D P Agarwal, chairman of UPSC; Ashok Belani, Executive VP of Schlumberger Ltd; Patanjali Keswani, Chairman and MD of Lemon Tree and Red Fox hotels; Dr Anant Jhingran, VP and CTO of Information at IBM Corporation; and Prof Dinesh Manocha of University of Carolina.
IIT-D sets up fund to encourage research

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New Delhi: IIT Delhi is laying stress on research in a big way. It has received an additional funding of Rs 150 crore this year for sponsored research from the industry. The institute has also started an internal research promotion fund with a corpus of Rs 60 crore to empower students and faculty to take up research projects.

The number of PhDs to be given by the institute this year at the convocation on Saturday has also gone up to 173 compared to 138 last year. IIT-D will also send its research scholars to attend conferences abroad. Each of them will be sent abroad at least once during the course of their projects.

"There is a big jump in the number of PhDs this year. This number may go up to 500 in the next couple of years. Our research promotion fund will help the faculty members in initiating their projects. We also have a large number of post-graduate students who ensure that a lot of research happens at their level too," said IIT-D director Surendra Prasad.

The receiver of the Research Scholar Travel Award will get a grant of up to Rs 80,000 from the research promotion fund to travel abroad.

Uncovered drains near IIT Gate a serious risk to residents, passersby

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NEW DELHI: His friends were stunned for a minute when Ajay Singh Dahiya disappeared soon after getting off the bus at IIT gate. Unable to see the dug-up area near the bus stop, as it was dark, Dahiya (51) fell into it and suffered serious injuries.

The uncovered drains on Aurobindo Marg near IIT gate, are posing serious threats to area residents and passersby and may also lead to disastrous accidents.

Yet, authorities continue to turn a blind eye to the problem. "We have been complaining about it but the authorities don't bother to cover these drains. Last week, I fell into this greasy pit. I was badly injured. I was lucky that passersby spotted me and helped me come out," said Ajit Singh Dahiya, a resident of Begampur, Malviya Nagar.

Uncovered pits in front of the IIT gate bus stop, near Azad Apartments, have become life threatening for commuters boarding buses from the stop.

According to residents, incidents of two-wheelers falling into the pit have also been reported from the area. "Crossing this stretch at night is a difficult task. There's a constant danger of falling into the open pit as there's no light. The other day, a motorbike rider who took his eyes off the road got seriously injured after his two-wheeler ended up in an open pit," said Mahendra Sharma, a resident of nearby Sarvodya Enclave colony.

During monsoon, these open pits become even more dangerous as the road gets submerged. "Rain water gets accumulated and it becomes difficult to spot the open pit. Despite many complaints, no one has bothered to cover it," added Dahiya.

The road is under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department (PWD) and officials say that rag pickers and gangs of thieves looking for easy pickings steal cast-iron pit covers to sell them as scrap. "We'll get the problem fixed at the earliest. Pit covers are regularly stolen so they can be melted down for scrap. It's a huge problem for us," said a senior PWD official.
IIT-Kgp first batch left out of 60th anniv bash

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Kolkata: They are a batch which witnessed technological history being made 60 years ago. And they saw India's premier engineering institute emerge under the guidance of stalwarts like Prof JC Ghosh and Prof Keshav Murthy from their lecture theatres. Even as their alma mater is about to observe its 60th anniversary, they feel slighted and ignored.

About a dozen surviving members of IIT Kharagpur's first batch — who walked into its hallowed turf in 1961 — have not been invited for the diamond jubilee celebrations on August 21, which will be attended by the PM. Deeply hurt at the treatment meted out to them, the septuagenarians have written to IIT director Damodar Acharya, reminding him of his promise to involve them in the event and that "ignoring the first batch students will be an injustice" to the institution.

An email to the director has elicited no response. When the alumni called Acharya last month, he allegedly refused to speak to them. About 10 of them have been meeting at a restaurant in Ballygunge every Sunday morning for the last 50 years. None of their teachers are alive. Mihir Biswas, a member of the first batch of mechanical engineering, who has written to the director on behalf of his batchmates, pointed out that the group had been similarly ignored during IIT Kharagpur's golden jubilee in 2001. "We had virtually gate-crashed on that occasion," said Biswas.

Even alumni of other batches have been snubbed

It is not only the first batch that has been ignored. Even alumni of other batches have not been called. Rashtriya Lok Dal leader Ajit Singh, a mechanical engineer from the 1961 batch, told TOI that he has also not been invited. In fact, he had no knowledge about the celebrations. Singh said most of his IIT batchmates are in the US and he has not heard anything about the event. Magsaysay award winner Arvind Kejriwal, at the forefront of the agitation against the government's Lokpal Bill, is also unaware of the celebrations. Kejriwal did mechanical engineering and stayed in the same Nehru Hall and even the same room that was occupied by Singh. Sources in Kharagpur said the institute is only inviting "rich alumni" who have made hefty contributions. TNN
आईआईटी दिल्ली का कन्वॉकेशन आज से शिल्पी भारद्वाज ने कहा, दिल्ली का 42 वां कन्वॉकेशन शुरू हो रहा है। यह 14 अगस्त, 2011 को होगा। इसमें अंडर ग्रेज़ुएट, पोस्ट ग्रेज़ुएट और पीएचडी स्टूडेंट्स को डिग्री दी जाएगी। साथ ही साथ स्टूडेंट्स को मेडल और अवार्ड भी दिए जाएंगे। कन्वॉकेशन के पहले दिन फ्लाइटिंग कमिशन के सदस्य डॉ. के. कवितार चौक गेस्ट के तौर पर और दूसरे दिन हिंदुस्तान युनिलिवर के पूर्व सीईओ एम. एस. बंगा चौक गेस्ट के तौर पर मोक्सुड होंगे।

2010-2011 के कन्वॉकेशन में खुला ग्रेज़ुएट और अंडर ग्रेज़ुएट कोर्सेज के अंतर्गत 173 स्टूडेंट्स को पीएचडी डिग्री भी दी जाएगी। साथ ही फैकल्टी और स्टूडेंट्स के बीच जनसाधारण की खिलाड़ी किए जाएंगे। आईआईटी के डायरेक्टर प्रेमला सुरेंद्र प्रसाद ने बताया कि साल 2010-2011 में आईआईटी दिल्ली में काफी नई रिसर्च की गई है। यह रिसर्च इंटरनेशनल लेवल पर होने वाली रिसर्च से किसी भी मात्र में कम नहीं है। साथ ही यहाँ हो रही रिसर्च के लिए कई राष्ट्रीय एवं अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संगठनों से 150 करोड़ रुपये का अनुदान भी मिला है। यहाँ पर सिर्फ स्टूडेंट्स ही नहीं, टीचर्स भी तैयार किए जाते हैं। यह टीचर्स जो प्राइवेट इंस्टिट्यूट्स में पढ़ते हैं, वे आईआईटी दिल्ली से गर्मियों में सिर्फ पैसों के लिए सकते हैं ताकि प्राइवेट इंस्टिट्यूट्स के स्टूडेंट्स को भी स्टैंडर्ड एक्स्टेंशन मिल सके।
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जमीन के लिए हरियाणा सरकार ने दी सहमति, एमटेक, पीएचडी व इंडस्ट्री रिसर्च प्रोग्राम के अध्ययन की मिलेगी अच्छी सुबिधा।

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रिसर्च को बढ़ावा देने के उद्देश्य से अब एक अलग रिसर्च कैंपस शुरू करने की तैयारी की जा रही है। इस योजना पर प्रारंभिक स्तर पर काम भी शुरू हो गया है।

अब जो 100 एकड़ का कैंपस बनेगा वह पूरी तरह से रिसर्च केंद्रित होगा। यहाँ एमटेक, पीएचडी व इंडस्ट्री रिसर्च प्रोग्राम (आईआईटी तथा इंडस्ट्री) की कोशिश की जा रही है, ताकि रिसर्च के क्षेत्र में और जैसे कदम आगे बढ़कर आईआईटी दिल्ली अपनी पहचान बना सके।

उनसे जब यह पूछा गया कि वर्तमान कैंपस व्या रिसर्च के लिए उपयुक्त नहीं है तो उनका जवाब था कि रिसर्च के लिए अतिरिक्त संसाधनों की आवश्यकता पड़ती है जो मौजूदा कैंपस में विकसित कर पाना संभव नहीं है। जानकारी के अनुसार नए कैंपस के लिए गुडगंव सहित लाख से चार जगह पर विचार जारी है।
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हरियाणा में खुलेगा दिल्ली आईआईटी एक्सटेंशन सेंटर। आईआईटी दिल्ली प्रशासन ने हरियाणा में एक नया एक्सटेंशन कैप्स खोलने का निर्णय लिया है। इस कैप्स को आईआईटी के एक्सटेंशन सेंटर के कुछ दिनों उपलब्ध रखने की योजना बनाई गई है। आईआईटी दिल्ली के निदेशक प्रो. सुरेंद्र प्रसाद ने बताया कि आईआईटी दिल्ली अपने कैप्स को विस्तार देने की योजना बनाई गई है। इसके तहत ही एक्सटेंशन सेंटर खोलने का निर्णय लिया गया है। हरियाणा सरकार ने इस बारे में इलजाम जताया है। हालांकि इस क्षेत्र के लिए अभी जमीन का आवंटन नहीं हुआ है। आईआईटी की न्यूयर्क में प्रतिष्ठित विश्वविद्यालयों द्वारा कैप्स खोलने के लिए हुए संयोजन में शामिल नहीं होने की योजना है। इसलिए हम फिर से विचार करना चाहते हैं।