‘आईआईटी और जेएनयू की लापरवाही से लाखों का घाटा’

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सरकारी लेखा परीक्षक कैग ने आईआईटी और जेएनयू को आड़े हाथों लेते हुए कहा कि उनके परिसर में वर्षा जल संचयन की सुविधा होने के बावजूद उन्होंने पानी के बिल पर 10 प्रतिशत की छूट का लाभ नहीं उठाया। इससे आईआईटी को 64.29 लाख और जेएनयू को 80 लाख रूपये का घाटा हुआ है।

बता दें कि दिल्ली जल बोर्ड की एक अधिसूचना के अनुसार जिन सरकारी संस्थाओं में वर्षा जल संचयन की सुविधा है उन्हें पानी के बिल पर 10 प्रतिशत की छूट मिलती है। बोर्ड की यह अधिसूचना जनवरी 2010 से प्रभावी है। इसी नियम का हवाला देते हुए संसद में शुक्रवार को कैग की रिपोर्ट पेश की गई। उसमें कहा गया कि आईआईटी दिल्ली परिसर में वर्षा 2,000 से वर्षा जल संचयन के 28 संभरण गड्ढे बनाये गए हैं, लेकिन संस्थान की लेखापरीक्षा के दौरान यह बात सामने आई है कि संस्थान ने जनवरी 2010 से लेकर जुलाई 2012 तक पानी के बिल में उपलब्ध 10 प्रतिशत छूट का लाभ नहीं उठाया। इससे आईआईटी को 64.29 लाख रूपये का नुकसान हुआ।

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The audit observed it did not “claim rebate of 10% on monthly water bills during January 2010 to July 2012, resulting in overpayment of Rs 64.29 lakh”.

JNU had eight rainwater-harvesting systems since 2005 and was eligible for availing 10% discount on its monthly water bills during January 2010 to September 2011. AGENCIES
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Start-up that made waves at IITs
Map-based housing portal boasts of third-largest traffic within 2 years of inception

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As you walk into the offices of Housing.com at Powai in central Mumbai, you will see the collective thought of 12 IIT-Bombay engineers engraved on the wall — “We wanted something better, so we built it ourselves.”

The dozen founders of the map-based housing portal — all IIT-Bombay engineers in their mid-20s — now have many others wedded to the same motto. The less-than-two-year-old company was the biggest recruiter among startups, snapping up 45 students from IIT campuses this placement season.

The packages it offers is nothing to write home about — ₹13-18 lakh a year, depending on job profiles. But co-founder Advitiya Sharma says Housing.com was in demand on IIT campuses as “we give them an opportunity to leave their fingerprint on the work they do. We give them a huge opportunity for technology innovation.”

The idea for the housing portal came up in February 2012, when Advitiya Sharma and 11 friends set out to look for a rental accommodation, after passing from IIT-Bombay. Little did they know this collective effort would give birth to a business venture that would change the way Indians hunt for homes.

“We spent 30 frustrating days on Mumbai’s roads looking for an accommodation. But the not-so-good accommodations and weird conditions for renting out a flat to bachelors made that experience a nightmare. That is when we decided to do something about it,” says Sharma.

All of them gave up their lucrative consulting and software jobs to set up a 3D map-based portal they hoped would redraw the landscape for real estate websites. The company has expanded to 10 cities — Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune, Gurgaon, Chennai, Delhi, Noida and Ghaziabad, Hyderabad and Faridabad — and has 700 staff members. It boasts of 90,000 daily unique visitors (Sharma claims it is the third-largest in terms of traffic, after MagicBricks and 99Acres.com). Housing.com plans to double its reach in six months.

“The real problem plaguing the real estate business is lack of authentic information in making a buying and selling decision. At Housing.com, we address that,” says Sharma.
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This September, the start-up, originally known as Housing.co.in, bought the Housing.com domain name and a national number, 03-333-333-333, for $1 million. The company says data verification is core to its business and, thus, it trains staff to deal with partner brokers and landlords. The staff not only collect information about a flat/plot and its surroundings, but also take high resolution pictures for the website. The data is verified by an in-house team before being uploaded. So one can search for a house with "child friendliness index" or "housing lifestyle ratings" or "price heat map" feature, which would enable users to check prices of localities across a city on a map. One can also check if the house they are looking for is located near, say, a highway.

The portal earns revenue only through its broker vertical, but a proposed builder vertical and land vertical will multiply the revenue, says Sharma refusing, to divulge revenue details. “We charge a subscription fee of ₹7,500 for six months and ₹15,000 for one year to brokers. We would be revising that upwards soon.” The portal has around 6,000 broker-members.

This June, the portal raised $2.5 million Nexus Venture Partners after it secured two rounds of angel funding from a group of investors led by Zishaan Hayath, co-founder of the phone commerce company Chaupaati Bazaar, and former Network18 CEO Haresh Chawla. Kishore Biyani’s Future Group acquired Chaupaati Bazaar a couple of years ago.

With more innovative products to be rolled out soon, Sharma is betting big on the online space. “We are the kind of people who want to do what makes us proud and I know we will rock the industry.”
IIT-KGP bucks slump, sees lucrative placement offers

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KOLKATA: IIT Kharagpur (IIT-KGP) students have managed to buck the economic slowdown. Besides seeing a large number of companies flock for the placement process, the institute saw a record number of students being placed in just nine days.

The highest domestic salary offered so far is ₹3.60 lakh per annum and the highest international offer till now has been US$1,25,000 annually. The average salary so far has been ₹2.65 lakh per annum. “This year, despite the economic slowdown, we have had better placements so far. In the last nine days, we have placed over 650 students. The salaries offered, too, were good,” said Sudhir Kumar Barad, professor-in-charge, training and placement, IIT-KGP.

While last year; 250 companies had registered to participate in the placement process, this year it has gone up to 350 so far. We are happy that more companies have shown interest in our students,” Barad added.

IIT-KGP has the biggest batch size among all the IITs. The institute is currently in the process of placing over 2,000 students across BTech, MTech, PhD and dual degree programs. The first phase of placement had started on December 1 and would go up to December 22. When 250 companies are scheduled to visit the campus.

“We at IIT Kharagpur strongly believe in building relationships and opportunities and the companies have responded to our campus enthusiastically by hiring the highest number of candidates on Day One with around 170 offers made by 20 companies out of which 11 were overseas,” Barad said.

Companies, which came for the first time to IIT-KGP included Oracle (US), SAP Labs while Abbott and Shell (Bangalore) visited the campus after a long gap.

The overseas recruiters included Microsoft, Oracle, Google, Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse, DB Centre, Opera Solutions, Shell, Schlumberger and SAP. The high-profile companies this year had not only offered high pay packages but were in for bulk hiring too. Most sought after departments included computer science, electrical communication engineering, mathematics and computing, mechanical engineering and MS in economics. With the biggest batch size among all IITs, we at IIT Kharagpur not only look at companies as recruiters but also as long term partners and mentors to graduating students for future academic collaborators and also the biggest support towards achieving one of the objectives of Vision 2030 of IIT Kharagpur- Industry-Academic linkages,” Barad added.

Not only IIT-KGP but other IITs, too, have fared well during the ongoing placement season. As many as 225 companies are scheduled to visit IIT Kharagpur compared to 170 last year. On the first day of the placement in IIT Mumbai, 180 offers were made out of which 75% were for international postings. On December 1, the first day of placement of IIT Mumbai, 23 companies made 93 offers. The highest offer made at IIT Mumbai so far this year has increased from ₹150,000 last year to ₹2,00,000. The domestic offer this year increased to ₹3.60 lakh per annum against ₹2.65 lakh last year.
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CAG slams ordnance factories for slippages

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NEW DELHI

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) on Friday pulled Ordnance Factories for delay and slippages in providing boots, trousers, parachutes and jackets to the armed forces, thereby adversely affecting their operational preparedness.

In its report on the performance of Ordnance Factories tabled in Parliament, the CAG also pointed out that the armed forces were forced to buy these essential equipment worth over ₹1,147 crore from other sources due to delay in delivery schedule.

The CAG also observed that there was “lack of transparency” in the process of issuing tenders where in some cases one agent was representing two firms in one tender violating the CVC guidelines and Defence Procurement Manual rules.

It pointed out that the slippages were mainly due to the delayed finalisation of firm targets, acceptance of targets beyond the capacity for some product-mix, slippages in procurement of stores and low utilisation of capacity.

The CAG noted that while the Defence Ministry admitted these reasons for delay but it did not suggest remedial action to address the issue.
उत्तराखंड के ब्रांड को खत्म करने की बजाए इसका लाभ उठाएं: समिति

नई दिल्ली, 13 दिसंबर (भाषा)। भारतीय सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान के ब्रांड बनने का जिक्र करते हुए संसद की एक समिति ने कहा है कि इसका नाम बदलने या इसे खत्म करने की बजाए इसका लाभ उठाया जाना चाहिए एवं इसमें निजी सार्वजनिक भागीदारी को प्रोत्साहित करना चाहिए। भारतीय सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान विधेयक, 2013 से जुड़ी मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय की स्थायी समिति की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, किसी ब्रांड को स्थापित करने में काफी लंबा समय लगता है।

समिति का कहना है कि इस विषय पर सभी पक्षों के साथ व्यापक विचार विमर्श करने के लिए उच्चतर शिक्षा विभाग की ओर से कोई गंभीर प्रयास नहीं किया गया। केंद्र, राज्य और औद्योगिक भागीदारों के बीच सहयोग की परिकल्पना करने वाले इस प्रयास में राज्य सरकार और औद्योगिक भागीदार सबसे निर्णायक पक्ष है।

रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, राज्यों के शिक्षा मंत्रियों के समेलन में ऐसे महत्वपूर्ण विधान के संबंध में उच्चतर शिक्षा विभाग के संयुक्त सचिव द्वारा साधारण प्रस्तुति देना पर्याप्त नहीं माना जा सकता है। इस बारे में सही पद्धति यह होगी कि सभी पक्षों से सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी के बारे में प्रत्यक्ष और अप्रत्यक्ष सभी पहलुओं के बारे में स्पष्ट एवं केंद्रित प्रतिक्रिया ली जाए।

समिति ने कहा कि इस तथ्य की भी अनदेखी नहीं की जा सकती है कि 50 से 100 एकड़ जमीन निःशुल्क उपलब्ध कराने के लिए अलावा पूंजीगत लागत का 35 फीसद अंशदान देकर राज्य इसका महत्वपूर्ण पक्ष है।

समिति यह समझते हैं कि आईआईआईटी में सार्वजनिक-निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदार के केवल पाँच साल तक जारी रखने का क्या औचित्य है। समिति ने आईआईआईटी में शिक्षकों और छात्रों की शिकायतों के लिए कोई तंत्र नहीं होने के विषय को भी उठाया है।
Private players slated to take over institutes after five years

NEW DELHI DHNS: A parliamentary panel has objected to the government's plan to allow private players "full control" of the Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) at the end of five years of their establishment in the public-private partnership (PPP) framework.

In its report on a Bill seeking to set up 20 IIITs, the panel recommended that the Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry should encourage industry-academia collaboration for academic and research purposes only, instead of setting them up in the PPP mode.

Central and state governments concerned would contribute towards setting up of the institutions in the ratio of 50 and 38 per cent, while an industry partner will contribute just 15 per cent in the expenditure.

Land for the proposed institutes will be provided by respective state governments and after completion of five years, these institutions would become "fully private" as industry partners will become major stakeholders in their management and administration.

"The proportion of the role being given to the industry partner in proposed legislation was disproportionately large compared to the contribution it would be making towards the cost of establishing the institutions," parliamentary standing committee noted in its report tabled in Parliament on Friday.

An individual entity having a stake on the ownership might give rise to conflict between the welfare objectives of the government and the profit motive of the industry "a few years down the line".

"The committee strongly feels that instead of having IIITs under the PPP mode, what need to be encouraged are industry academia collaborations," it added.

Finding no justification in the government plan to set up IIITs in PPP mode, the panel noted that Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs) were functioning "remarkably well".

"They are known worldwide for their excellence despite no industry having a stake in their ownership. In fact, industries now compete to associate themselves with these institutes for the quality of graduates they produce every year," it observed.

The committee's recommendation has come at a time when the Centre has already approved the proposal of II states including Karnataka, Kerala, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh for setting up of these institutes. Academic season for 2013-14 has begun at IIITs at Kota, Chittoor, Guwahati and Vadodara for undergraduate programmes as well as at Tiruchapalli for postgraduate programmes.

The panel picked many holes in the proposed legislation of the ministry and suggested it to make necessary modifications.

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No new IIT's under public-private partnership says Parliamentary panel

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**Inter-IIT Sports Meet at IIT Guwahati**

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The 49th Inter-IIT Sports Meet -- the annual sports competition among all the IITs in the country -- will be held at IIT Guwahati from December 16-21.

London Olympic bronze medallist M C Mary Kom will be the Guest of Honour at the inaugural ceremony, an IIT Guwahati press release said.

About 2300 participants and sports officials from all 16 IITs would take part in a week-long event.

Hosts IIT Guwahati would have a contingent of 145 students, including 110 boys and 35 girls, the release said.

The Inter-IIT Sports Meet will have athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, lawn tennis, swimming, table tennis, volleyball, football, squash, hockey, water polo, weightlifting and body-building.

A General Championship is awarded separately in men's and women's categories to the IIT, which scores the maximum cumulative points across all the sports, the release said.

Last year the Championship was won by IIT Bombay in men's category, and IIT Roorkee in women's category.

For the 49th Sports Meet, IIT Guwahati's sports facilities have been completely revamped with several state-of-the-art facilities and stadia being developed.

IIT-G has designed the first ever Mascot for the Sports Meet. The Mascot 'Bhaiti', inspired from the slender yet strong bamboo, is young, energetic and jovial and is ever ready to play any game and enjoys playing them, the release said.

Bhaiti wears a dhoti, sola (shirt), and gomocha (small scarf) in keeping with the tradition of what Assamese men wear during the Bihu celebrations.

IIT Guwahati had hosted the Inter-IIT Sports Meet in 2006.
Karnataka’s position in educational development index sees a fall

Tanu Kulkarni

BANGALORE: The State Karnataka stands fifth in the Composite Educational Development Index (EDI) contained in the recent District Information System for Education (DISE) 2012-2013 provisional report. Last year, the State had secured three ranks higher than this.

This year, the EDI is 0.661. EDI is calculated using a set of 24 indicators under four sub-groups such as access, infrastructure, teachers and outcome indicators. The data is based on information collected from 1.43 million schools spread over 662 districts across 35 States and Union territories, as on September 30, 2012.

According to DISE 2012-2013, Lakshadweep has retained the top spot from last with an index of 0.712, followed by Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Sikkim.

Karnataka’s Educational Development Index ranking had fallen both at the primary level as well as the upper primary level last year. The State has secured the fifth rank in the primary level, two spots lower than the previous year’s ranking of three. In the upper primary level, the State is ranked at six, four spots lower than the previous year’s ranking.

The State has fared well in infrastructure index which is determined by the percentage of schools with toilets for boys, without toilets for girls, ramps and kitchen shed. It has maintained its second ranking in the primary level as well as the top spot in the upper primary level.

It has also maintained its outcome indicators which include ratio of girls’ enrolment with boys’ enrolment, gross enrolment ratio, among others, at the primary level. But there is a steep drop in the upper primary level as the ranking has slipped by 11 places.

In the access index, which is measured by availability of schools per 1,000 children, density of schools per 10 sq km, among others, the State’s ranking has fallen by one place at the primary level, but there is a decline in score and ranking at the upper primary level by eight places.

Responding to the finding of the report, Rajkumar Khatri, Principal Secretary of Primary and Secondary Education, said that some of the indicators were newly introduced, deleted or modified which may have resulted as an advantage for the union territories and Puducherry and Sikkim.

Indicators that have been removed this year are percentage of habitations not served and percentage of schools with less than three teachers. Newly introduced indicators are percentage of schools with kitchen shed and average working hours for teachers.

The State has fared poorly compared to last year in primary as well as upper primary level in the teacher index.
INDORE TO HOST TECHNOTHLON

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INDORE: Increasing competition and inclination of students towards getting in the most reputed engineering colleges of India is leading to another event in the city by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati.

As part of its annual techno-management festival, ‘Techniche’, IIT-G, will organise an event for school students - ‘Technotlon’. Around 200 cities across India will host this competition. The students from Classes 8 to 11 can participate in this event.

This event will be conducted in two phase prelims. On July 13, the first of phase of prelims will be organised in Indore. For this, students can register themselves in a team of two with a fee of Rs 100 per team till December 30. The focus of this first phase is on intelligence quotient, logical reasoning and mental ability. IIT-G says no initial preparation is required for this paper.

The top 50 teams from across the country will be invited to IIT-G from September 4 to 7, 2014, for the main rounds of the event. The students of Classes 9 and 10 will be contesting with the junior squad and the students of Classes 11 and 12 from the haut squad. The top 250 teams will be awarded with gold and silver certificates. Events such as Robotics and aero modelling will be organised for the students. The top winners will be awarded.