कई शहरों से जुड़े परीक्षा रैकेट के तार

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| राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक लिपिक कैंडर परीक्षा मामले की तपासीश के दौरान सीबीआई को पता चला है कि अमरोहा के रहने वाले संजीव नामक बिचौलिये ने 6.50 लाख रुपये लेकर आईआइटी दिल्ली के दो छात्रों और इंफोसिस कंपनी के एक सिस्टम इंजीनियर को छोटा रूप से परीक्षा में बैठाया था। सीबीआई का कहना है कि परीक्षा रैकेट के तार दिल्ली, मुंबई, हैदराबाद और उत्तर प्रदेश से जुड़े हुए हैं। इसलिए इसमें ओर भी लोगों की शामिल होने की संभावना है।
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| सीबीआई ने राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक लिपिकी कैंडर परीक्षा रैकेट में उत्तर प्रदेश के झांसी से दो और आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार किया है। इस मामले में अब तक नीं लोगों की गिरफ्तारी की जा चुकी है। जोय अधिकारियों का कहना है कि इस रैकेट में अभी और भी लोग शामिल हैं। सुनियों का कहना है कि गुरुवार को जिन दो लोगों को झांसी से गिरफ्तार किया गया है इसी के रूप में आईआइटी के दोनों छात्र परीक्षा देते थे। इससे यह पता चलता है कि आरोपियों का उस दिन न सिस्टम में रहने लोगों के नाम और सामने आए हैं। इस दौरान सीबीआई की एक टीम ने जहां दिल्ली, नोएडा और फरीदाबाद में छह वर्षों पर झांसी नामक एक कर्मचारी की करवाचारी भी है। सीबीआई सूत्रों का कहना है कि आरोपियों से इस मामले में संघ पुलिस की जुर्म रही है तथा जल्द ही अन्य खुलासों ही सकते हैं।
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| तीनों आरोपियों ने पुकारतां में बताया कि अमरोहा के रहने वाले संजीव नामक बिचौलिये ने उससे संपर्क किया था और कहा कि उससे अच्छाई के स्थान पर आईआइटी के दोनों छात्र परीक्षा देते थे। उन्हें दो दिन लाख रुपये मिलेंगे। जब जानकारी मिलने पर सीबीआई ने संजीव को गिरफ्तार कर उसके पास से छह लाख 50 हज़ार रुपये बरामद कर लिए। संजीव ने बताया कि उससे सुप्रीम सिंह गुरुर और हमनंद सुशांने गुर्जर जो कि उत्तर प्रदेश जालौन के रहने वाले हैं उन्हें इस काम के लिए कहा था। इससे बाद सीबीआई ने गुरुर बंधुओं सहित एक और व्यक्ति को फिला। सभी आरोपियों को गाजियाबाद सीबीआई अदालत में पेश किया गया। दो आरोपियों को चार दिन के रिमांड पर लेकर पुलिस की जा रही है, जबकि अन्य को जेल भेज दिया गया है।

पुलिस करने पर पता चला कि इसमें दो छात्र दिल्ली आईआइटी के हैं और एक हैदराबाद में स्थित इंफोसिस कंपनी का सिस्टम इंजीनियर है जिसका
First step towards manned mission

GSLV Mark-III
Launch Successful

Sriharikota: This rocket didn’t put a satellite in orbit. In fact, its payload plunged into the Bay of Bengal 20 minutes after the vehicle lifted off from Sriharikota. And that made it a success, for it was the first step to India’s manned space mission.

The Indian Space Research Organization (Isro) achieved a success of a different kind on Thursday when its GSLV Mark-III on a suborbital experimental flight carried an unmanned crew module which was ejected at a height of 126 km. Re-entering the atmosphere, its parachutes ensured a soft-landing on the sea. Recovered by the Indian Coast Guard, the Crew Module Atmospheric Re-entry Experiment (CARE) will undergo tests to ascertain its efficiency in bringing back future astronauts from India.

“Everything went as per plan,” said Isro chief K Radhakrishnan. “After a decade of developing the GSLV Mk-II, we have tasted the first success of an experimental flight. The performances of the solid and liquid stages were as expected. The unmanned crew module worked extremely well.”

GSLV Mark-III, weighing 630.5 tonnes — the heaviest rocket to be made by Isro — lifted off from the second launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre at 9.30 am. Designed not to take the payload to a higher orbit, the rocket had a dummy cryogenic engine. The rocket went through the stage separations as planned and, 20 minutes later, ejected the crew module at an altitude of 126 km at a velocity of 5.3 km per sec. The module re-entered the atmosphere at 80 km and plunged into the Bay of Bengal, about 180 km from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

For once, there was something more exciting than the launch — the recovery of the payload. CARE was fitted with a system that eludes a chemical that turns the sea water at the point of impact a fluorescent green. This was for the overflying Dornier aircraft to spot it even if its beacon and GPS tracker failed. But the signals were loud and clear as the Indian Coast Guard vessel Samudra Pahadi made a deft approach.

India’s 1st space traveller heaves a sigh of relief

Mumbai: As India successfully tested the heaviest launch vehicle GSLV Mk-III, there was a sense of relief for 56-year-old Rakesh Sharma, the first Indian to travel in space. Having been a part of the Indo-Soviet manned space flight programme in April 1984, Sharma had always expressed disappointment that the government was not giving the “go” for the mission. “It is a great start and a significant step towards implementing a human space flight programme. In my view, this success, in the very first attempt itself, proves that Isro has reached a stage which could mark the beginning of the journey of the Indian manned programme,” he told TOI, a few minutes after the splashdown of the crew module in the Bay of Bengal. But Sharma warned that it should not become a “stop-start-stop” programme. “Now, the programme has to be implemented. A manned space flight programme is a natural follow up,” he said.

Sharma said an Indian manned spaceflight programme will employ cutting-edge technology and the mission will stretch beyond low Earth orbit to Moon and Mars. “It has to be a part of a global collaborative effort as no single nation has the resource to undertake such a project on its own,”

Srinivas Laxman
Oxford pips Cambridge as UK’s top univ for research

Oxford University has nudged past its traditional rival Cambridge by being named Britain’s best research university.

The 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), to be released on Friday, is used as a basis for government funding allocation and has had an Oxbridge stronghold over the years. Oxford University’s vice-chancellor Andrew Hamilton said he was delighted by the preview of the results.

“Research is an intensely competitive activity and we are looking at and responding to worldwide competition in the world of research, the recruitment of leading academics and outstanding students, so there will be no resting on laurels,” he said.

This year, some of London’s leading universities are posing a challenge to Oxbridge domination with University College London and London School of Economics edging up the scales. Imperial College in London also scored high with 90% of its research activities classed as world-leading. PTI
IIT-Kanpur prof appointed new DST secretary

Hindustan Times (Gurgaon)

NEW DELHI: The Cabinet appointments committee has approved the appointment of prof Ashutosh Sharma, department of chemical engineering, IIT Kanpur, as secretary of the department of science and technology. The post had been lying vacant for several months after the retirement of T Ramasami. However, the post of CSIR director general, that has been technically lying vacant for almost a year has been put on hold because of allegations of conflict of interest against a member of the search-cumselection committee.

Smriti Irani to oversee HRD ministry's answers

Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani will personally oversee answers to questions from Parliament to her ministry.

http://www.deccanherald.com/content/448531/smriti-irani-oversee-hrd-ministrys.html

Also, replies sent to Parliament in the name of her two junior ministers Upendra Kushwaha and Ram Shankar Katheria will now be sent in Irani’s name. The two ministers of state(MoSs) will however be shown replies concerning the departments under their responsibilities before they are dispatched to Parliament with Irani’s approval.

The HRD minister allocated work to Kushwaha and Katheria in November soon after they joined the ministry.

According to an office order issued on November 18, Katheria was put in charge of the department of higher education’s schemes meant for students belonging to the minority community and north eastern region as well as schemes meant for students belonging to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes.

Smriti Irani bows out of All is Well


Contrary to the reports that the producers of All is Well have replaced Smriti Irani, the fact is that the parting was mutual and amicable. Irani had started shooting for the film in November, 2013 but due to some unforeseen circumstances the shoot could not be concluded within the originally planned time frame. Thereafter, she was inducted as the Union Cabinet as Minister for Human Resource Development in May, 2014 and has since then tried her utmost to complete the project, but due to certain problems, she had to bow out of the film.

“It is really sad, but I had to take this decision as I have a larger role to fulfil. I understand that the team has to make changes due to my exit. I tried to rework my schedule and shoot every weekend which my co-stars graciously agreed to as well, but for logistical reasons that did not materialise. Given the circumstances, Bhushan Kumar has graciously allowed me to bow out of the project,” said Irani.

Producer Bhushan Kumar said that he was happy that the other actors – Rishi Kapoor, Abhishek and Asin were very supportive and accommodated their dates to complete the film. The team has yet to decide the future course of action. Deliberations are on whether to add a twist to the story or to reshoot Irani’s part with another actor or carry on from where the actress had left. Till now the makers maintain that her part will not be deleted. The shoot for the film resumes from January next year and it will be released on July 3, 2015. - See more at: http://indianexpress.com/article/entertainment/screen/smriti-irani-bows-out-of-all-is-well/#sthash.RpoetWzE.dpuf
UGC to varsities: Observe Christmas day as 'Good Governance Day'

http://post.jagran.com/ugc-to-varsities-observe-christmas-day-as-good-governance-day-1418922053

However, in communication sent to all vice chancellors, UGC has made it clear the competition on oratory be organised before the universities and colleges go for Christmas vacation. "...a competition on oratory be organised in such a manner that it does not disturb the Christmas holidays and all activities regarding this must be completed before the Christmas break of colleges and universities under your jurisdiction," it said.

The communication, though, does not mention about a seminar in connection with the observance of the 'Good Governance Day', a communication on which has been sent by the Ministry to all central universities.

The Union HRD Ministry courted controversy over a circular by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) asking all its schools to observe December 25 -- Christmas day -- as 'Good Governance Day' that led to an uproar in Parliament.

While HRD Minister Smriti Irani maintained that schools would remain closed on that day, Congress threatened to move privilege motion against Parliamentary Affairs Minister Venkaiah Naidu and Irani, alleging that they had misled the Parliament over circulars issued to schools for events on December 25.

IIT-G talks sustainable design in tech conference


Guwahati: Over 400 delegates from academia and industry attended the 5th International and 26th All India Manufacturing, Technology, Design and Research (AIMTDR) conference here recently.

The conference was organized by the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G).

Speaking at the inaugural function, held in IIT-G's Bhupen Hazarika auditorium, Amitabha Ghosh, former director of IIT Kharagpur, stressed on the need for interdisciplinary research and modification of manufacturing curricula in academic institutions.

IIT-G director Gautam Biswas and A K Chattopadhyay of IIT-Kharagpur also addressed the gathering.

A total of 22 invited lectures was presented at the conference.

Some of the notable speakers from academia included Kornel Ehmann, Shiv G Kapoor and Marc Madou from USA, Hocheng from Taiwan and V Radhakrishnan, former professor of IIT Madras and IIST, Trivandrum.

Organizers said a total of 316 papers was presented at the conference by young and senior engineers and scientists.

On the last day of the conference, M Rahman of National University of Singapore delivered the Professor Amitabha Bhattacharya Memorial Lecture. He advocated sustainable manufacturing which does not harm the environment. He emphasized the role of revolutionary and evolutionary innovation to achieve sustainable manufacturing.
IIT-G Staff Demonstrate Demanding Dean's Dismissal

http://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/IIT-G-Staff-Demonstrate-Demanding-Deans-Dismissal/2014/12/18/article2577627.ece

GUWAHATI: The Dean Academic Affairs Prof Alok Kumar Ghosal of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Guwahati, arrested in connection with the alleged rape of a subordinate staff, has been placed under suspension.

Spokesman of IIT-G, Labanu Konwar told reporters today that the Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor in the Chemical Engineering Department, Alok Kumar Ghosal has been placed under suspension yesterday.

"After careful examination of facts and witnesses, we had called him on December 15, the night before his arrest, and started interrogation with evidence," he said.

The office staff of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Guwahati today held a dharna in the premier engineering institution demanding dismissal from service of its Dean Academic Affairs Prof Alok Kumar Ghosal arrested for alleged rape of a subordinate staff.

The staff members with placards shouted slogans demanding service of Prof Ghosal be terminated immediately and safety of women be ensured in the campus.

Pressing for maintenance of healthy work condition, they demanded Ghosal be "hanged" and that he should not be allowed to enter the IIT-G campus in future.

They also submitted a memorandum of their demands to the Director of the Institute Prof Gautam Ghosh.

Ghosal was arrested under section 376(2)(b) on December 16 and forwarded to judicial custody that day as he confessed to everything before production in court and police custody was not required, according to Guwahati City Senior Superintendent of Police A P Tiwari.

A case was registered by an office assistant against Prof Ghosal in the Panbazar Women Police station here under 376(2)(b) IPC, Tiwari said.