मोदी ने देखा प्रजेंटेशन, कब बनेगे IIT-IIM?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी बुधवार को अपनी सरकार के सभी मंत्रियों के साथ इस साल दूसरी बार मिले। बैठक में मोदी ने सभी मंत्रियों को आक्रामक मोर्चे पर काम करने को कहा। उन्होंने मंत्रियों से कहा, 'सही को सही बोलिए। मजबूती से बोलिए। दबाओ तो लोग आपकी कमजोरी समझेंगे।' सूचना के अनुसार मोदी राजनीतिक हालात के हिसाब से मोदी ने अपने मंत्रियों को संकेत दिया कि विपक्ष के दबाव में नहीं अपना बजट सत्र में सरकार का आक्रामक रूप देखना को मिल सकता है। वहीं पीएम गुरुत्वाकर ने अपने 4 शैली के कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत की, जिसमें वह फसल बीमा योजना के बारे में लोगों को बताएगे।

हर महीने लेकर बैठक : मोदी इस तरह की बैठक अब हर महीने लेने चाहते हैं। इस तरह की दूसरी बैठक में मुख्य मुद्दे के शिक्षा, सोशल और हेल्थ सेक्टर में लिए गए फोटो और क्रियान्वयन की समीक्षा की गई। बिदेश मंत्रालय के अंदर से प्रजेंटेशन दिए गये। बैठक के लिए 23 बिंदु बनाए गए थे। दरअसल सरकार के समान सूत्र इकानोमी और कृषि के क्षेत्र में कम विकास चिन्ता की बात बनी हुई है।

कितने फसलने लगे? : बैठक में संबंधित मंत्रियों ने प्रजेंटेशन दिया कि मोदी सरकार में उनके मंत्रियों में अब तक कितनी फसल लगे हैं। इन फसलों को अमल में लाने के लिए काम किया जा रहा है, और कितनी सफलता मिली। इस बैठक में अगले कुछ सालों में देश को कहीं-कहीं आईआईटी और आईआईएम खोले जाएंगे और इस दिशा में कितनी पहल हुई है इस बारे में प्रजेंटेशन दिया गया। लगभग 10 पटेट को चली मंडिंग में सात प्रजेंटेशन हुए। इसमें सभी मंत्री शामिल हुए।

पीएम मोदी ने मंत्रियों से शिकायत के लाभ में कहा कि जब उन्हें ही उनके काम काज और उपलब्धि के बारे में पता नहीं होता है तो फिर वह कह अपेक्षा करते हैं कि पब्लिक को उनके काम काज के बारे में पता होगा। सूचना के अनुसार मोदी में मंत्रियों ने पीएम से कहा कि तकालीन युग के सरकार ने अपनी योजनाओं के प्रचार पर बहुत समर्थन किया। इससे मोदी ने कहा कि उच्च कोर्ट में लेकिन लोगों तक इसकी जानकारी पहुंच जायेगी इसके लिए सही अजीब-जाना बनाए। उन्होंने अंग्रेजी भाषा में कहा कि इस योजना में संबंधित राज्य सरकार और अन्य तत्कालीन के प्रचार पर बहुत समर्थन किया।

कितना भाव बनाए? : मोदी ने कहा कि इस योजना के बारे में भाव कितने है जब लोगों को अपने काम के बारे में पता नहीं करते हैं तो दूसरे को क्या बताएगी?
Veggie vendor now star at IITian factory

Failing To Crack JEE, He Becomes Memory Coach

Jaipur: Jaipur-resident Suresh Kumar Sharma, 21, a vegetable vendor, failed to crack IIT-JEE three years ago. But this has not stopped him from becoming the most sought-after memory trainer at IIT-JEE coaching institutes in Jaipur and Kota. Sharma helps enhance memory of teachers, many of whom are IITians, and best performing students.

Sharma, a first year engineering student, achieved the rare distinction of memorising 70,030 digits of the value of Pi before his newfound fame. This got him an entry in the Limca Book of Records recently. It took him 17.30 hours to recall all the values, which is equivalent to remembering 7,000 cell phone numbers.

He said his training module helps teachers and students memorise hundreds of chemical reactions, periodic tables, physical and mathematical formulas, paragraphs and points learning.

“I do not train them in rote learning. I push them to follow the old Vedic system of learning by connecting everything with an image.”

Sharma, who is from Jaipur’s Mansarampura village, has been an average student who managed to get 60% marks in Class X. In class XII, he scored 71%, the highest ever score in his school and village.

He studied at a Hindi-medium government school before going to Kota for IIT-JEE coaching at an institute which had the lowest fee.

A student’s suicide at his hostel changed his life. “That suicide was third in 15 days and shocked entire Kota. I was heartbroken to see an aggrieved family come for the body,” he said.

“He took the extreme step as he failed to score well in exams. That moment I thought of quitting my coaching and leaving Kota, but by then my family had borrowed lots of money for me,” he said.

He appeared for the exam but was nowhere close to an IIT score. “I realised that this is not my cup of tea. During those depressing days the only option I had was to start selling vegetables again or do something that could provide a remedy to thousands of students who struggle to memorise like I did,” he said.

“A ray of hope came from my grandfather, a scholar in Sanskrit, who used to share how people in Vedic period used to enhance their memory,” Suresh Kumar Sharma said.

Sharma did independent research on Vedas and modern memory enhancing tools to devise his system to increase memorising power.
Test to check if students fit for IIT-JEE likely to be tried in Oct

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NEW DELHI: The government is preparing to hold an aptitude test that will ascertain if students aspiring for prestigious IITs have it in them to crack the tough IIT JEE examination on a pilot basis this October.

The HRD ministry sources said has convened a meeting of IITs, CBSE, AICTE, the National Testing Service (NTS) and other stakeholders later this month to discuss the modalities of the test that will make way for full fledged aptitude test from next academic year. An official said the ministry has also formed a committee called committee for the prototype test that will be responsible for conducting the pilot test.

A two-day brainstorming session will be held at the end of the month to discuss if the test could be held on a pilot basis this year and how will the test compliment the two phased IIT entrance test from next year,” an official said.

Apart from IIT directors, the ministry has also called the members of US-based ETS, the largest educational testing and assessment organisation that conducts various tests like GRE and TOEFL in US and abroad. The ministry formed the National Testing service on the line of ETS to conduct the test that will be similar to SAT which would include questions on numerical and diagrammatic reasoning.
Harvard joins hands with IIT-Delhi, Tatas to help startups


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NEW DELHI: Harvard University’s South Asia Institute has joined hands with the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, and Tata Trusts in a first initiative of its kind to mentor 25 social entrepreneurship startups in science and technology. The project, led by the institute director Tarun Khanna, aims to create jobs by helping these startups with mentoring, workshops and providing grants to select ventures.

The institute, a research and idea generation centre at Harvard University, requested and received a grant from Tata Trusts to experiment with ways to translate knowledge that was generated in the university setting into livelihood creation.

"India needs 100 million net new jobs in the next decade to absorb the demographic dividend," said Khanna. "I don't know of any system in the world that has generated that many jobs in a short period of time without a significant dose of new enterprise creation and entrepreneurship," said Khanna, who chaired the Government of India Niti Aayog Commission on Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

Emphasising the relevance of this collaboration, R Venkataramanan, executive trustee at Tata Trusts said: "Under this collaboration with Harvard University's South Asia Institute, we will develop entrepreneurship opportunities that will help provide sustainable prosperity to the local communities."
This approach combined with Tata Trusts' philanthropic vision will help narrow down the existing gap between the demand and supply of skilled labour.

The grant from Tata Trusts is for 18 months. "The challenge and plan is to demonstrate using research and knowledge assets to work with these social enterprises to point them in the right direction and create a system of peer support. This will be done through workshops, on an ongoing basis," said Khanna.

One of the glaring issues is that it is a very lonely job being an entrepreneur, said Khanna. The idea then, he said, is to use knowledge assets to bring people together, get a peer group in place without overstating the importance of the facilitator.

It's a learning experience for IIT Delhi as well. "There is an explosion in learning, including social entrepreneurship. We can take some of these experiences to our workshops. Many of these people were students about a year ago. These are young startups and not all are IITians. They are people from Delhi, Kanpur, Utkal University, small colleges in Punjab," said IIT professor Professor Ambuj Sagar, who along with Professor PVM Rao is part of this project.

The project aims to mentor and guide people after the duration of the grant, "One of the tasks that we have is to think of ways to continue with this programme, with our partners, the Trusts, IIT-D and other institutions, including the government machinery. The more people talk about it, the better," said Khanna. Shashank Shah, project director at the South Asia Institute said: "There will be hand-holding for all the grantees from now till September across tracks in terms of Harvard, partner institutions such as IIT-D and others."

The project also plans to run a small competition among selected entrepreneurs and give them small grants. An amount of Rs 50 lakh has been set aside for grant across three tracks.

**IIT-B ‘Make in India’ hackathon winners announced**


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NEW DELHI: Six teams from different engineering institutes won a week long 'Make in India' hackathon held at IIT-Bombay. The hackathon, which saw participation from coders, engineers and designers, was aimed at finding solutions to urban design problems of water, energy and transportation.

"India cannot be a great manufacturing nation till we don't invent and innovate and design in India and our belief is that we had lost our close relationship between academia and industry. Our IITs and engineering institutes will play an important role to take it forward," said Amitabh Kant, secretary, Department of Industrial Promotion and Policy, Govt of India, while announcing the names of the winners.

In the energy category, IIT-Kanpur held the top spot. Vellore Institute of Technology, Chennai and Karpagam College of Engineering, Coimbatore shared the honours for the second spot.

Vivekanand College of Engineering, Mumbai won the top spot in the water category, while National Law University, Assam and Jodhpur Institute of Engineering and Technology shared the second position.
In the transportation segment, Krishna Institute of Engineering and Technology, Ghaziabad came first followed by Centre for Environmental Planning & Technology, Ahmedabad.

These ideas were evaluated by venture capitalists and government representatives.

**IIM’s Director’s appointment: HC seeks Centre’s reply**


The court notice was issued on a plea which alleged that the advertisement dated January 12, 2016, issued in respect of the appointment of directors of various IIMs, for the first time demands first class at graduation and post-graduation level to qualify as a candidate for the said post.

Delhi High Court today sought the Centre’s response on a petition seeking setting aside of advertisements issued for appointing directors at various IIMs across the country and asked whether there was a change in the appointment policy.

A bench of Chief Justice G Rohini and Justice Jayant Nath issued notice to Ministry of Human Resource & Development asking them to “get instruction on or before February 24 whether there is any change in policy on the appointments of Directors at Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs).”

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Pritam Singh, who claims to be an academic administrator and Subrat Kumar, a researcher and trainer in the higher education sector, stated in their plea that the government wants to “oust certain candidates and at the same time ensure eligibility for a few”.

“The central government in order to enforce its own agenda/or in order to oust certain candidates from being considered for the post of Director in particular IIM and at the same time to ensure the eligibility of its chosen candidates in certain IIMs,” senior advocate Parag Tripathi and advocate Rajesh Ranjan submitted.

**New Institute Chair Set up at IIT-M**

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CHENNAI: The ‘Institute Chair’ at the Department of Management Studies at IIT Madras was launched recently by Professor Sridhar Tayur, an IIT Madras alumnus.

Tayur is the Ford Distinguished Research Chair and Professor of Operations Management at Carnegie Mellon University’s Tepper School of Business. The Chair is endowed with an amount of `50 lakh, and is set-up in the name of ‘RAGS Family Foundation’ that has also made other philanthropic gifts in higher education, entrepreneurship, independent films, microfinance, children’s health, development and safety. Professor R Nagarajan, Dean of International & Alumni Relations at IIT Madras, welcomed the setting up of the Chair and
said, “This is another sign of the continuing support that IIT Madras enjoys from our alumni. They contribute time, talent and treasure, and we value them all equally”.

The board of governors has also created ‘Institute Chair Professorships’ to be occupied by Professors who have distinguished themselves.