Prof Krishnan takes over as IIM director

INDORE: Professor Rishikesha T Krishnan joined IIM-Indore as its new director on Wednesday. He succeeds N Ravichandran.

The outgoing director Ravichandran introduced Professor Krishnan to the faculty. Praising him, he said that he has the potentials to take the institute to a greater height. Later, he interacted with administrative heads and faculty of the institute.

After a formal handing over ceremony, Professor Krishnan in his address to the IIM-Indore faculty said that he was very happy to join IIM-Indore at this important juncture in the history of the Institute. He said that IIM-Indore has an excellent infrastructure, innovative academic programmes like five years Integrated Programme in Management (IPM) and largest number of PGP students. He observed that there are several things on which IIM-Indore is well poised to surge ahead in the future and with the support from all the stakeholders like students, staff, faculty and board members, the institute would become a place of our dreams.

Before joining IIM Indore, Krishnan was professor of corporate strategy at Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. He was also a visiting fellow at the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad during 2011-12. Earlier, in August 2010, he completed a 3-year term as Jamuna Raghavan chair professor of entrepreneurship at IIMB.
आईआईटी खड़गपुर ने बनाया रिकार्ड

कोलकाता, (भाषा): सारे आईआईटी के बीच अपने एक हजार से ज्यादा छात्रों को कॉम्प्यूटर प्लेसमेंट के पहले चरण में नौकरी की पेशकश के साथ आईआईटी खड़गपुर ने रिकार्ड बना दिया है। अधिकारियों ने आज बताया कि दिसंबर में खत्म प्लेसमेंट के पहले चरण में खड़गपुर परिसर के करीब 1010 छात्रों की नौकरी की पेशकश स्वीकार की। आईआईटी मुंबई में 900 छात्रों की नौकरी की पेशकश हुई जबकि आईआईटी दिल्ली में 750 और आईआईटी कानपुर में करीब 700 छात्रों को इसका मौका मिला। आईआईटी अधिकारियों ने बताया कि आईआईटी सिस्टम में पहले चरण में अधिकतम छात्रों को नौकरी के साथ खड़गपुर ने नया रिकार्ड तय किया है। गूगल, माइक्रोसॉफ्ट, आरेकल, शेल, डायच बैंक, आईटीसी क्रेडिट सिंस, एबार तथा फिल्मकार्ट और हाउसिंग डाट कॉम जैसी नयी कंपनियों ने नौकरी की पेशकश की। अमरीका स्थित एक कंपनी की तरफ से सबसे महंगे पैकेज की पेशकश में आईआईटी के एक छात्र को सालाना 1.25 लाख डालर (करीब 77 लाख रुपये) के लिए अनुबंधित किया गया। सबसे अधिक 37 लाख रुपये का रहा।
1,010 IIT-Kgp students lap up cushy jobs

Kolkata: IIT-Kharagpur has set a record among all IITs with more than a thousand of its students securing cushy jobs in the first phase of campus placements, officials said on Wednesday. As many as 1,010 students of the Kharagpur campus accepted job offers in the first round of placements.

At IIT-Mumbai, there were 900 offers while IIT-Delhi got about 750 offers and IIT-Kanpur had around 700 offers. IIT officials said, Kharagpur has achieved a new record with the maximum number of students getting jobs in one phase.

Besides Google, Microsoft, Oracle, Shell, Deutsche Bank, ITC, Schlumberger, Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse, Abbott and EXL, start-ups like Flipkart and Housing.com were the ones who made multiple offers. AGENCIES
KANPUR: The body of a BTech student of mechanical science at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-K), Goparappu Sai Kumar Reddy, was found near the railway tracks at Naramau chungi on Wednesday morning. He was 20 years old.

Though no suicide note was recovered, preliminary investigation suggested Reddy might have committed suicide.

Police have recovered a mobile phone from victim’s pocket that helped in establishing his identity. The news triggered sensation among IIT students and authorities.

Bithoor’s station officer Jitendra Kumar said the slum dwellers spotted the body lying near the railway tracks in an isolated place.

There was a deep wound on the back of the head of the victim. “Police recovered the mobile phone through which we made calls on the recent dialled numbers,” Kumar added.

The victim was then identified as IIT-K student Goparappu Sai Kumar Reddy, a resident of Sujat Nagar lane-8, Angol town, Prakasan, Andhra Pradesh. He was putting up at hall number-3 on the IIT campus, he added.

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IIT student’s body found

Police and IIT authorities had informed the victim’s father, Goparappu Sai Niwas Reddy, who along with his family was likely to Kanpur on Thursday morning, the SO added.

A senior official pleading anonymity said the victim had been found wearing half sleeves shirt and a lower, raising suspicion as to how he came out like that in such cold conditions.

“We had quizzed the IIT authorities and the guards deployed at the IIT gate and hostel, but they had very little to share,” the SO added.

“The only injury on his head has made the case very complicated as it seems next to impossible in a suicide case,” he added.

Kalyanpur’s circle officer Jitendra Srivastava said to have dispatched the body to IIT where it was kept at the mortuary to be handed it over to the aggrieved family.
IIT-Kanpur graduate hangs self from ceiling fan

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An IIT-Kanpur graduate on Wednesday committed suicide at his home in Salimpur Ahra area in the state capital, a police officer said.

The 28-year-old Ayush Kirti hanged himself to death from a ceiling fan apparently due to depression as he was not able to get a job for some years, Gandhi Maidan police station in-charge Rajindu said.

The body has been sent for post-mortem and a case has been registered, he said.

Read more at: http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/iit-kanpur-graduate-hangs-self-from-ceiling-fan-depression/1/333911.html

IIT-B drive makes doodle record

MUMBAI: ISMOKE (I support the movement to kill cancer) which collected 21,383 doodles has made to the Limca Book of Records. ISMOKE is this year's social awareness campaign of Techfest, IIT-B's annual technical festival.

The campaign aims to spread the message among the youth to quit smoking. ISMOKE had the vision: What just one needs is the right medium and the right audience to spread it with no bounds.

The drive was conducted in 64 colleges in 32 Indian cities, during which 21,383 doodles were collected between August 26 and September 26 last year for which ISMOKE has created a record. It has now reached 20 countries and will end during the Techfest from January 3-5.

The important segment of the campaign was 'Doodle', in which one was photographed with some message in their hand and the picture was made viral by social networking. As a part of the campaign a lecture was delivered by a doctor in each college informing the youth about the harmful effects of smoking. An android application has also built giving information of all the hospitals of cancer in India, medication reminder along with a salient feature of "ask a query", where queries will be answered by Indian Cancer Society.
IIT techfest in Limca record for doodles

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MUMBAI, JAN. 1

Techfest, the technological extravaganza of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-B) has made it to the Limca Book of Records for garnering 21,383 doodles in the Ismoke anti-smoking campaign that was carried out across 64 colleges in 32 cities in the country. According to the organisers, the campaign targeted at making people aware about the perils of smoking and was held in collaboration with the Indian Cancer Society.

Elaborating on the campaign, Aman Mantry, media co-ordinator of the event said, “Ismoke — I Support the movement to kill cancer” in association with ICS was launched with a vivid vision to spread the message among the youth to quit smoking. The youth is the crowd that is most attracted to smoking and the only reason for this is the ‘glamour’ quotient that is incorrectly associated with it. Sometimes people realise the outcomes but it is generally very late. It’s not only the smoking that kills, passive smoking is also a reason. Smoking is like a chain reaction and it will get bigger and more harmful if it is persistent.

The ISMOKE campaign was inaugurated by actress Amrita Rao on July 29 at IIT Bombay during the freshmen orientation.

The campaign was conducted in 64 colleges in 32 cities all over the country, during which 21,383 doodles were collected between August 26 and September 29, 2013, a number for which ISMOKE, Techfest created a Limca record. The campaign was a hit over the globe too as it reached 20 countries and recorded an enthusiastic response.

“The important segment of the campaign was ‘Doodle’, wherein one was photographed with some message in their hand and the picture would be promoted on social networking sites,” said Mantry.

Engineering student from Gurgaon gets one step closer to Mars

ANCHAL DHAR
GURGAON, JANUARY 1

In 2012, Dutch entrepreneur Bas Lansdorp announced one of the biggest events in history—a one-way trip to Mars in 2025. Miles away, the idea struck the fancy of a mechanical engineering student in Gurgaon, Amulya Nidhi Rastogi (20) followed the project closely, and when the opportunity arose in April 2013, he sent in his application, enclosing a motivation letter and a video.

Amulya’s was among the 2,000 applications that Netherlands-based founders of Mars One received. And he became one of the youngest of the 1,058 applicants to be selected for the next round of interviews.

“I belong to the 0.5 percent of the applicants who made it to the next round. We were asked questions that focused on psychological and behavioral patterns of human beings. I think they wanted to test the seriousness about the project,” Amulya says.

Asked if the concept of a one-way trip to another planet sounded eerie, Amulya is quick to reply that for him, it is the “exploration of the unknown.” “Human settled and acclimatized to earth conditions. They are intelligent creatures, so they must take up new challenges,” he says.

Born to Subashini and Roop Kishan Rastogi in a middle-class house hold, Amulya was not sure how his parents would react to his decision.

“He told us only after he had submitted his application. He would usually consult his younger brother Sahil, but now it’s he who was the one to take the decision,” his father said. He is now wholeheartedly backing his son’s dream. Amulya’s mother too was reticent initially. But, seeing her son’s passion, she began to support him.

“He is doing something odd and different and is part of a historic project. He has been reading books about Mars and has also made many presentations in college about space science,” Subashini said.

The project is estimated to cost over $6 billion dollars and the final list of candidates is scheduled to be out by 2015. “After the selection, a communication satellite will be launched in space by 2018 that will closely monitor Mars. The 240 astronauts will be trained for seven years in the US and they play a pivotal role in building the settlement programme. They will depart from earth in 2015,” he says.

Amulya has also started a million mantra club for the space explorers. India will be the fourth country after US, Germany and Russia to start this club. “The first meeting will be held in January in Bangalore,” he says.

And just how does he plan to beat the competition? “There are some tough competitors, but I have been doing my side and I am willing to dedicate my life to the study of space and galaxies,” he says.
Law ministry refuses to restore AICTE’s powers

NEW DELHI: Attempts to get All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) the powers to approve technical institutions and programmes suffered a fresh blow, as the HRD ministry’s proposal to that effect was rejected by the Law Ministry.

In the wake of a Supreme Court verdict stripping AICTE of its powers last year, the HRD ministry had sought the Law Ministry if the technical education body can continue to approve new institutions and programmes subject to ratification by the University Grants Commission of such applications.

“The Law Ministry, however, has rejected the proposal, saying it was not possible under the existing laws,” a source in the HRD Ministry said, adding that the ministry has further advised the HRD ministry to strengthen the UGC and enable it to regulate technical institutions and programmes more effectively.

A section of the AICTE officials feels that the HRD ministry can direct the UGC to allow the body to perform its regulatory role under section 25 of the UGC Act.

“The Law Ministry did not find the suggestion maintainable and rejected it,” Ministry sources said.

This has set the stage for creation of a new regulatory system for technical institutions.

The UGC is getting ready to assume the AICTE’s role as it is in the process of preparing a new set of regulations for technical institutions affiliated to universities.

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आईआईएम ने कोर्स की फीस और सीटें बढ़ाई

नई दिल्ली | कार्यालय संवाददाता

भारतीय प्रबंधन संस्थान (आईआईएम) में दाखिला लेना और यहां पढ़ना पहले से आसान हो जाएगा। दरअसल, इस साल से कई आईआईएम ने अपने यहां जहां एक तरफ फीस में बढ़ोतरी करने का फैसला किया है वहीं कुछ ने अपने यहां सीटों की संख्या में इजाफे की भी घोषणा की है।

सूत्रों से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार कुछ आईआईएम में कुल 150 से 200 सीटें बढ़ सकती हैं। आईआईएम द्वारा फीस बढ़ोतरी की घोषणा के बाद आईआईएम अहमदाबाद से पढ़ाई करने के लिए छात्र को अब 16.6 लाख रुपये अदा करने होंगे। पिछले सत्र तक एक वर्ष की आईआईएम अहमदाबाद की फीस 7.4 लाख रुपये थी। उल्लेखनीय है कि बढ़ी हुई फीस इसी सत्र से लगू होगी।

खास बात यह है कि आईआईएम अहमदाबाद ने इससे पहले वर्ष 2008 में फीस में करीब छह गुना की बढ़ोतरी की थी। उस दौरान फीस को दो लाख रुपये से बढ़ाकर 11.5 लाख रुपये किया गया था। अहमदाबाद के बाद आईआईएम रायपुर ने भी अपनी फीस में साठ हजार रुपये की बढ़ोतरी की है।

पिछले वर्ष यहां फीस नौ लाख रुपये थी। वहीं आईआईएम बेंगलुरू फीस बढ़ोतरी को लेकर फीस को कुछ दिनों में लेगा।

बड़ौंगी सीटें: आईआईएम कार्यालय ने सीटों की संख्या में बढ़ोतरी का एलान किया है। पिछले वर्ष यहां पर 40 सीटें थी जिनको बढ़ाकर 90 कर दिया गया है।
8 लाख नई जॉब, 
20 परसेंट इनक्रीमेंट

एजेंसियां, नई दिल्ली

नौकरी ढूँढने वालों के लिए नया साल खुशियों से भरा हो सकता है। 
एक्सपर्ट्स की मानों तो इस साल 8 
लाख 50 हजार से ज्यादा नई नौकरियां 
मिलने की उम्मीद है। सिर्फ हतना ही 
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तक वेतन में वृद्धि भी दे सकती है। 
हूमन रिसेंस कंसलटेंट्स के आंकड़ों 
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नियुक्तियों के लिहाज से बढ़ता वेतन 
रहेगा। बीते साल मध्यम और वरिष्ठ 
पदों के लिए भर्तियां कम हो रही थीं। 
हूमन रिसेंस कंसलटेंट्स के अनुसार, 
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भर्तियां बढ़ने और विभिन्न प्रकार के 
कारोबार में नियुक्ति की गतिविधियों में 
तेज़ी आएगी।

कई सेक्टरों को फायदा : 
एफएमसीजी के अलावा हेल्थकेयर, 
आईडी, रिटेल और हॉस्पिटलिटी सेक्टर 
में और ज्यादा नौकरियां पैदा होने 
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लिये, मायकॉलिस्ट्रो कॉम के कारण सब 
में कहा गया है कि गड्डवड़ चल रहे 
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2014 में पैदा होने वाली नई जॉब्स की 
संख्या इस साल पैदा हुई अनुमानित 
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से 2014 वेतन बढ़े 

ज्यादा नौकरियों पर किये गए सबसे से 
निकलकर आए हैं। 
सैलरी में मिलेगा ज्यादा : अब 
अगर सैलरी की बढ़ी जाए तो इसमें 
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सभी सेक्टरों में एक्सेंज हाइक सिमिल 
डिजिटल में ही रहेगी जबकि टॉप 
परफॉर्मेंस को 15 से 20 सेंट तक की 
हाइक मिल सकती है।