आईआईटी बीचयू ने मैग्सायसाय विजेता विजिटिंग प्रोफेसर संदीप पांडेय को हटाया

अर्ध उजाता धूम

बारानासी। अगले अंदेशानाम के समझे में सिखाये रहे जानकार समाजवादी गृह और मैग्सायसाय विजेता विजिटिंग प्रोफेसर डा. संदीप पांडेय की आईआईटी बीचयू ने सेवा समाप्त कर दी है। पुर्खी में मेलो जननारी के अनुसरण आईआईटी के बोर्ड आफ्क गवर्नर ने उनकी दिलचस्पी का बारानासी की है।

कुछ महीने पहले ही आईआईटी के ही छात्रों ने कुलगंग प्रो. जीर्जी लिपटटींडी और आईआईटी के निदेशक प्रो. राजीव चंद्र पांडेय के अंदेशानाम से रो. पांडेय पर राठौड़ से शर्मा विश्वविद्यालय में शामिल होने का आरोप लगाया हुए इसकी दिलचस्पी का भी थी। इसी दिलचस्पी पर एक जननारी को हुई बोर्ड आफ्क गवर्नर को बेकर में संदीप पांडेय को हटाने का निर्देशन हुआ। डा. पांडेय को निदेशक की ओर से इसको मौखिक सुनाम भी दे दी गई।

आईआईटी बीचयू बोर्ड ऑफ गवर्नर ने संदीप पांडेय की गतिविधियों को शिकायत पर लिया फैसला

आरएसएस से जुड़े लोग कर रहे देश विरोध : संदीप

रुढ़ पर लोग आर्थिक के बाच्चे डा. पांडेय का चिन्तन है कि संस्कृति प्रशासन ने सुझा पर राधेयों के कारण में सीलिया लगाने और वक्तव्य होने का आरोप लगाया है। वे सारे आश्चर्य बेहद निकाले हैं। यदि ऐसा या तो लोग विरोध का सुझाव दिया तो भी कहा जाए तो बाहर में रोड़ का सुझाव दिया। डा. पांडेय का ये भी रहा है कि बोर्ड आफ्क गवर्नर के साधनों में कुछ प्रोफेसर राजीव लक्ष्यस्थित कंपनी से योगदान दे दी गई है। यही लोग से रोड़ का विरोध है। बार यह की बार डा. संदीप संस्कृति में एक सारे देश के साधन पर थे। 2013-14 में उनके बाद विजिटिंग प्रोफेसर आईआईटी में उपर से योगदान कर लेते थे। तब काफी समय भी अंदेशानाम का उनका उपर से योगदान कर लेते थे।
No set rules to pick the right person for the vice chancellor’s job

APPOINTMENT MATTERS The acts and statutes of almost all Central and state universities in the country are silent on the eligibility criteria for selection of VCs.

The questions raised by academicians and women activists over the candidature of Professor Bidyut Chakrabarty for the position of Delhi University’s (DU) vice chancellor (VC) because of a 2007 sexual harassment case; and questions raised over the appointment of the VC of All India Muslim University (AIMU) and Mumbai University (MU) highlight the need for an eligibility criteria for appointment of VCs. Though the process of appointment of VCs for Central and state universities has been examined by various academic committees in the past, the issue needs to be revisited once again, say experts.

What also needs to be scrutinized by the owners that be is the accountability of the search committee members, which shortlist the names of the aspirants for the positions. The main content of the acts that these regulations should be made mandatory and reformulated. Members of the search-cum-selection committee should also be made accountable for their decisions. Advocate Prashant Bhushan, who argued in the Supreme Court in the matter of AMU and MU, is of the view that the UGC regulation is heavily binding on all Central universities and it should be binding on state universities as well. “The situation is bad even in Banaras Hindu University it should be amended,” he says.

Eminent academician, researcher and chemical scientist Prof Gaggamohan Mehta says that the present system – the way in which it has been structured and the selection process of VCs has its fault lines. “Today, the search committees formed to select VCs have no accountability. You mess with this by appointing someone in one university and disapprove and then sit in the next search committee. Why is this happening?” he asks.

Call for a well-defined process and criteria for the selection of VCs in the country: Mehta says, “The UGC regulation says ‘a professor with ten years of experience’. Well, how do professors have restructured in the last few years through various programmes? And we have advancement schemes. So, though most professors and faculty in universities might have ten years of experience, we don’t know how they became professors in the first place.”

The main criteria of selecting a VC should be academic standing of the person in his domain and moral authority.

PEOPLE AND POSITIONS UNDER THE SCANNER

- Some academicians have objected to the candidature of Professor Bidyut Chakrabarty as Delhi University vice chancellor because of an eight-year-old sexual harassment case.
- Supreme Court has issued a notice to Aligarh Muslim University asking it to make a decision on the violation of UGC guidelines in the appointment of the present VC.
- The apex court is also scrutinizing the appointment of the VC of Mumbai University.
- A senior professor from IIT-Madras withdrew his nomination from the search committee formed to shortlist candidates for JNU VC after it rejected the lack of trust in the committee.
- In March, 2015, SC upheld the appointment of Noted Kandukuri University’s VC and held that UGC regulation of 2010 was not mandatory unless the state government adopted it.
The University of South Florida is offering Dr Abdul Kalam Fellowship for Indian students to help cover their tuition fees. The fellowship is available to an Indian graduate student who wants to pursue a PhD degree at the University of South Florida in the following subjects: applied anthropology, applied physics, business PhD programmes, cell biology, microbiology and molecular biology, chemistry, computer science and engineering, engineering, criminology, integrative biology, marine science and psychology.

To apply to this scholarship, applicants must have completed a graduate degree programme. Applicants must also have academic credentials and a passion for the STEM fields of study.

The university will waive off tuition fee for four years, contribute a stipend of $18,000 over the nine months of the fall and spring semesters ($2,000 per month).

The Provost’s Office will pay a nine month stipend for the first year with the department/college contributing a teaching/research assistantship for up to an additional three years.

The deadline is February 5, 2016. For details, visit www.usf.edu/world/resources/kalam-fellowship.aspx. For online forms, visit www.usf.edu/world/resources/kalam_fellowship_form201617.pdf.
‘My calculator never left my side when I was studying engineering’

Professor Simon A Hayes at his workstation.

In its all-new column, Work Shadow, HT Education shadows people pursuing interesting careers and looks at their life and work. In our first column, we look at a day in the life of Dr Simon A Hayes, a lecturer in aerospace engineering at the University of Sheffield, UK. He tells about his work, interactions with students and various facilities available at the university.

I travel to work every morning with my wife, who also works in the centre of Sheffield. The journey too is a lottery of traffic, some days it takes 15 minutes and other days it takes 50 minutes. I wish I could predict it! I park my car in a local car park and have a five-minute walk to work. The weather in Sheffield changes often. Driving in rain or snow can be a chore.

Most days I have either lectures or labs and the first thing I do is check my online calendar to remind myself of the schedule. Then I answer my emails, before checking lecture notes or lab scripts. All of my notes and scripts are online for the students to read, but sometimes a reminder email is needed so that they bring the right equipment to the labs. I always find it amazing how many engineering students don’t carry some form of calculator with them at all times. I know mine never left my side when I was studying.

The Diamond, our brand new teaching building is developing by the minute as new equipment is being installed. As a result, much of my time when I am not teaching is taken up with the preparation of the new facilities and lab activities.

The Diamond building has specialist teaching facilities for engineering, including 19 laboratories, a chemical engineering pilot plant, a clean room, an aerospace simulation lab and a virtual reality suite and 1,000 study spaces available 24/7 for staff and students across the university. I am planning a short activity for students who are applying to come to Sheffield to study aerospace engineering and general engineering. I will show them how we select materials for aircraft wing spars. Then they will compare wood and aluminium as viable materials for this application and the results might not be quite what they would guess!

Another facility that currently takes a lot of my time is the jet propulsion and flight simulation laboratory. Recently we were showing some students around and we used the jet engine simulator bench to show them the effects of altitude and external temperature on the performance of a jet engine. I am also in the process of writing laboratory experiences involving this simulator and the working of jet engine that is being installed. Initially these will run for the second year aerospace engineering students next semester and so I am continuously writing and editing the scripts to ensure that they are ready in time.

I also have to find time to meet my PhD students to ensure that their projects continue to progress. Soon I will be discussing damage detection in aerospace composites with one of my students, who has developed a new type of electrical damage sensor for woven composites. We believe this to be ground-breaking and are hoping to publish a paper soon, so we have to discuss what other results we need.
Duke varsity in pact with IIT-Gandhinagar

Ahmedabad, January 5:


As a step forward in realising the joint declaration of intent signed between the US and India in January 2015, Duke University will forge a partnership with IIT-Gandhinagar (IITGn) to deepen higher education collaboration.

A contingent from Duke University will visit IIT Gandhinagar (IITGN) campus for a week on partnership and capacity building events.

From January 5-8, a 15-member delegation from Duke and RTI International will work with IITGN faculty and staff to develop new research projects, improve IITGN capacity in critical areas, and discuss potential industry partnerships.

Faculty and students of IIT-Gn and Duke University would meet this week to discuss and initiate collaborative research and private sector partnership.

With funding support from the US Agency for International Development (USAID), Duke University was selected by IITGN to receive initial support as agreed under the high-level agreement between the two countries.

Common ground

The two schools immediately found common ground for collaborative research, student exchanges, and joint engagement of private sector partners, an official statement informed here.

Larry Carin, Duke’s Vice Provost for Research, and delegation lead, said, “India is a special place for Duke, as seen in the number of students and alumni we have from India, the research collaborations our faculty have there, and our institutional partnerships across India. We are privileged to work with USAID and RTI International – our long standing partner in North Carolina – on this initiative with IITGN.”

The events during the week have been made open to other IITs through simulcast on the IIT-wide video network.

Commenting on the engagement with Duke, Sudhir Jain, Director, IIT-Gn added, “IITGN has carefully approached strategic global partnerships, seeking out like-minded institutions who share our focus on trans-disciplinary learning, student focused pedagogy, and cutting edge research that improves our shared community. Duke is exactly that type of partner.”

USAID has provided financial support. Kathryn D. Stevens, Acting Mission Director, USAID, India, said, “USAID and the IITs have a long history of partnership. After support to establish IIT-Kanpur in 1960s, the US and India are collaborating to build IIT-Gandhinagar into a centre of excellence for S&T. The power of youth, technology and innovation is defining the US-India relationship and igniting a partnership that will advance.”