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HONORARY DOCTORATE

Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi announced that Seyed E Hasnain, professor, department of biological sciences at the institute, and former vice-chancellor, university of Hyderabad, was awarded an honorary doctorate at a ceremonial convocation function on July 4, in Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland. He is the third Indian to receive this honour after APJ Abdul Kalam, in 2009, and Amartya Sen in 2010.

Straight to IIM after school

IIM Indore has launched a five-year integrated postgraduate programme in management (IPGP), which will allow students to opt for the programme immediately after class XII. Vishakha Sharma reports

The Indian Institute of Management, Indore (IIM I), is starting its five-year integrated postgraduate programme in management (IPGP) this October. It will allow students to directly opt for the IPGP immediately after their class XII board exams.

Under IPGP, students will have a choice of opting out after completing three years of BBA or of continuing for two more years to complete the integrated MBA programme.

"IPGP in management is a creative programme meant to meet the aspirations of students who are eager to become management professionals," says N Ravi Chandran, director IIM I.

The eligibility criteria for this programme include an aggregate of 50% both at the secondary (class X or equivalent) and higher secondary (+2 or equivalent) level. Selection of candidates would be based on their academic performance, extracurricular achievements and performance in the aptitude test and personal interview.

FIRST BATCH

The first batch, which is scheduled to begin in October, will have 120 students. "We have adequate infrastructural facilities to start this batch this year. For the next year, we will have to create more infrastructures. We plan to do it rapidly to be able to intake roughly seven times the batch size (approximately 650 candidates) for aptitude test and personal interview," informs Venkata Ramanah, chairman for IPGP at IIM I.

The aptitude test and personal interview would be conducted in various centres including Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Indore, Kolkata and Mumbai.

As to the fee, Ramanah says, "For the programme, for the first three years, would be Rs 50,000 per annum and Rs 60,000 (per annum) for the next two years. This comprises only the tuition fee and does not include expenses for board and lodging. Participants would need to meet costs related to field visits, if any."

According to Ramanah, accommodation would be organized on campus on a twin-sharing basis for the first three years. Single-room accommodation would be made available for the fourth and fifth year of the programme.

The academic programme would consist of 15 terms. Each term would be for three months. Detailed programme design and academic curriculum will be made available to students by August.

"The faculty will include retired and serving teachers of reputed commerce and science colleges in India along with industry experts and eminent faculty members from national and state universities," says Ramanah.

LEARNING CURVE

- 40% focus on the following subjects
  - Mathematics, statistics, logic and computer-sciences
  - Introduction to literature and political science
  - Civilisation in history (national and international)
  - Exposure to biological sciences
  - Exposure to languages (one foreign language and one Indian language)
  - Soft skills: Leadership development, personality development, team work, and communication, both written and oral

- 50% focus on functional areas of management
  - Accounting
  - Finance
  - Organisational behaviour
  - Decision science

Remaining 10% will focus on international exposure and internship in social organisations in India

Note: Under IPGP, students will have a choice of opting out after completing three years of BBA.
UGC fellowship goof-up hits SC/ST candidates

NEW DELHI: In what comes as a pointer to the callousness of the UGC, the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) selection list shows at least 18 candidates whose names appear twice from same institutes and subject of research.

With a specified number of fellowships, the erroneous list denies scholarship to at least 15 of the SCs and 3 of the STs deserving candidates.

Several more on the list of 2,000 for the SCs and 667 for the STs are those who are already receiving the scholarship. Another mismanagement in the UGC list put out in first week of May on its website is the selection of the SC students in slots reserved for STs.

Awarded in the name of the late PM Rajiv Gandhi, the RGNF was initiated by the UPA government in 2005-06 to support higher studies for the socially disadvantaged sections.

Aspirants from JNU complained the list contains about 70 candidates who were selected in 2009-10 and are receiving the fellowship. Anil Kumar, who is pursuing MPhil from JNU is one such case. Kumar, who was selected for the RGNF last year under SC category, confirmed to HT, that his name appears on this list (slot 1706) even when he has not applied this year. Interestingly, Kumar's name is not there on the 2009-10 list, when he actually applied. The revelations came as a shock for those who are denied the scholarship, despite meeting the criteria.

"It might be a goof-up or whatever, we want clarification from the UGC on the authenticity of the results," Suman Bukke, an ST applicant from Sri Venkateshwara University at Tirupati said.

Meanwhile, UGC officials and ministry of social justice and empowerment said that they are not aware of the errors.
No more paper applications for Cambridge admissions

The online application system, COPA, replaces the Cambridge Overseas Application Form (COAF) for those studying outside the EU, and those who would like to be considered for an organ or a fellowship, the release said. This includes information such as passport number and whether an overseas interview is required.

In the case of those applying for a Choral Award and/or Organ Scholarship, the COPA allows information about vocal range and musical experience to be collected. The COPA will bring a number of benefits, including a more streamlined process for applicants and no worries about forms getting filled up or lost in the post. It will also lead to greater accuracy in data entry as the need for manual entry of information on paper forms into the University’s systems is eliminated.

The only paper forms that now remain are the additional application forms for the graduate course in medicine and the form relating to the Cambridge Special Access Scheme, through which applicants whose education has been disrupted or who face particular personal or social hurdles can provide additional information supporting their academic record.

The release said.

The project is a part of the university’s commitment to a user-friendly application process.

BETTER FORM: The new system replaces the Cambridge overseas application form and Choral and Organ award application forms captured by the University and Colleges Applications Service (UCAS) application for applicants studying outside the EU, and those who would like to be considered for an organ or a fellowship.

Research is certainly a big area of growth and we know that. We promote our faculty to produce more research papers and, if they get published in good journals, we pay them handsomely. MDI is a school that believes both in consolidation and expansion. Its officiating director Prof VG Gupta shares how the institute is not only focusing more on PhD programmes but is expanding into east and south India as well.

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Pranab for more educated youth

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UNION Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee today said the country's increasing working age population would be suitably utilised if the youth were provided good education. Stating that 672 million of India's population is in the age group between 15-59 years (working population), the Union minister said, "If our youth are imbued with education and relevant skills, the country would immensely benefit."

The Right to Education (RTE) would contribute to the realisation of the advantages of this demographic dividend, Mukherjee told the first convocation of the Central University of Orissa (CUO) here.

Praising the CUO's achievements in a short span of two years, he said, "in comparison to other central universities which were launched at the time of the CUO's launch, the CUO is far ahead both in academic activities and infrastructure facilities.

"The CUO will go a long way in strengthening the academic activities in the state, particularly in the (Koraput-Bolangir-Kalahandi) KBK region where facilities for higher education is not very encouraging," he said.
गेम से होगी छात्रों को कमाई

किए गए कुछ अन्य गेम इस प्रक्रिया में हैं। परिचिती में जरूरत आवश्यक है।

उन्होंने आगे कहा, ‘डिजिटल गेम के विपरीत इस तरह के गेमों के खेल बालकों की ज्ञानहोशी होती है और उनकी सौं�र्य का व्यापक बनाने में मदद मिलती है। यहीं वजह है कि शातिरज का खेल अब भी बहुत लोकप्रिय है।'

यह संस्थान फिलहाल 10 गेम बनाया। इस पहले भी संस्थान खिलौने बनाने वाली कंपनी ‘फनस्कूल इंडिया’ को 9 खिलौने बनाए तो सफल रहा था। संस्थान के बायक कि इन गेमों की विद्वानों अंतरराष्ट्रीय बालकों में भी कोई गई है। फनस्कूल टॉयर बनाने वाली प्रमुख भारतीय कंपनी ‘एमआरटी’ और अमेरिकी कंपनी ‘हास्यों इंक’ का संयुक्त उदाहरण है, जो खिलौने एवं बॉय्र गेमों का कारोबार करती है। हास्यों बच्चों एवं परिवार के कई सदस्यों को खाली समय के मनोरंजन उत्पाद एवं सेवाएं मुहैया करने वाली प्रमुख बैंकों को भी है। इसके ज्यादातर उत्पाद पूरी पश्चिम में तैयार होते हैं।

बांग्ला बांदवार प्रणती

आईआईटी, बंबई हिंदी बनाने वाले कंपनियों और छात्रों के साथ आमदनी बांदवार प्रणती बनाए गए जिसके तहत बड़ी कंपनियों के तौर पर 50,000 रुपये का भुगतान किया जाएगी।

भुगतान प्रणती एक वर्ष के अवधि में शुरू की जानी और यह 12 महीनों के दौरान गेम को खेल बालकों में नहीं हो पाती है, तो उन्हें अधिकार संस्थान का वापस कर दिए जाएंगे। प्रोफेसर ने बताया ‘सामान्य तौर पर हम छात्रों (गेम तैयार करने वाले) की राहत लेंगे या एकमुख तकदीर स्थिति कर रहे के विकल्प देंगे हैं। छात्र अगर तौर पर एकमुख तकदीर का विकल्प चुनते हैं। बिना वाले हरेक गेम के लिए हमें लगभग 30,000 रुपये मिलते हैं, जिसे गेम तैयार कर वाले छात्र आपस में बंट लेते हैं।’