Providing ACs at IIT hostels a good move

It is good to know that facilities in all IIT hostels will be improved to offer students a conducive atmosphere (After the fee hike, IIT students to get fully airconditioned hostels, May 2). Union HRD minister Smriti Irani should have made the announcement while announcing the hike in fees. As students from IITs are giving a fillip to PM Narendra Modi’s initiative of encouraging young minds to opt for startups, it would only be prudent to provide them with good facilities and infrastructure to pursue their education.

All new hostels to be built at IITs will be centrally air-conditioned

IIT students can look forward to some cool accommodation, as all new hostels will be centrally airconditioned. The human resource ministry, which recently ordered a fee hike at Indian Institutes of Technology, planned to modernise hostels including airconditioned common areas and stateofheart kitchens, sources said. At the country’s top engineering schools, which also enjoy a good standing worldwide, students have to live in hostels. At present, around 80,000 students are enrolled in 18 IITs, a majority of them are in areas where summer in harsh. Five more colleges are in the pipeline. HRD minister Smriti Irani paid a surprise visit to two hostels at IIT Delhi on Friday. She inspected the kitchen, halls and talked to the students about their problems. After interacting with the officials and students, the minister decided on an overhaul of the hostels, sources said. At the centre of various student agitations recently, the ministry has announced a string of measures for universities and engineering colleges.
प्रदूषण की जांच में सेहत भी पैमाना

अरुणेश, नोएडा

औद्योगिक शहरों में बढ़ते प्रदूषण के
मानक की जांच के लिए चाहे के लोगों
की सेहत भी पैमाना होगा। इस व्यापक
केंद्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड ने नोएडा
सहित देश के 88 औद्योगिक शहरों के
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मध्य प्रदेश सहित 20 राज्यों के प्रदूषण
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किया गया है।

आईआईटी दिल्ली ने 43
औद्योगिक शहरों को प्रदूषण के
खतरनाक स्तर पर जबकि 32 को
अति संवेदनशील प्रदूषित शहरों की
सूची में शामिल किया था। इसमें प्रदेश
के गाजियाबाद, सिगराही, नोएडा,
आगरा, वाराणसी और मीराबाद
अति संवेदनशील जबकि मुरादाबाद,
अलीगढ़, फिरोजाबाद का अति
प्रदूषित बताया गया था।

नया पैमाना

- हवा, जल और भूमिगत
  जल के अध्ययन के
  लिए 50 ऑक निर्धारित
- स्वास्थ्य संबंधी अध्ययन
  के लिए 10 ऑक
  (संबंधित शहर के प्रमुख
  तीन अस्पतालों के
  आसपास के वातावरण
  का भी अध्ययन)
- स्केल और औद्योगिक
  गतिविधियों के लिए 20
  ऑक
- उद्योगों के अनुपालन की
  रिखति के लिए 20
  ऑक।

संशोधित इंडेक्स का प्रारूप आ गया है।
इसके आधार पर नये सिरे से अध्ययन
किया जाएगा।

- भुवन यादव, सहायक प्रधानमंत्री, केंद्रीय
  कार्यालय, प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, उप

इस पैमाने पर कई राज्य सरकारों और
औद्योगिक संगठनों ने आयात
दर्ज करते हुए संशोधन करने का
कहा था।

सैपल को लेकर भी दिशा निर्देश
- सैपल कहाँ और कैसे लिए जाएगी इसे
  लेकर भी दिशा- निर्देश दिया गया है।
इसके तहत चिह्नित स्थान का तीन
  सैपल लेना अतिपार्थिव होगा। सैपल
  एक या दो दिन के अंतराल पर लिया
  जाएगा।
आईआईटी में 500 सीटें बढ़ीं, प्रक्रिया में बदलाव

नई दिल्ली | दोहरा उपवार
आईआईटी में इस बार सीट पाने के अधिक माफी होगी। 18 की जगह 22 आईआईटी जेई-एडवांस के जरिए दाखिला देंगे। ऐसे में करीब 500 सीटें बढ़ गई हैं। सभी संस्थाओं की मिलाकर कुल करीब 10 हजार सीटें हो गई हैं।
आईआईटी दिल्ली के प्रोफेसर सुनीता तुलिया के अनुसार, राष्ट्रीय राज्यानि जोती के आईआईटी के लिए सबसे अधिक आवेदन आते हैं। इसके बाद मुंबई और दक्षिणी राज्यों से आवेदन आते हैं।
प्रोफेसर कहते हैं कि भीड़ सीटों में इजाफा होने से दिल्ली से मध्य रेपटर बाहर छोड़ने का बड़ा राहत मिलेगी।
काउंसलिंग की प्रक्रिया में भी बढ़ा बदलाव: एडवांस की परीक्षा के बाद काउंसलिंग में भी बढ़ा बदलाव किया गया है। अब एक बार प्राथमिकता बटाने के बाद दोबारा उससे बदलाव संभव नहीं होगा। यानी छात्रों का आवेदन करने के लिए समय समय बातचीत होगा कि वे

दस हजार सीटें होंगी
इस बार आईआईटी गोवा, जम्मू और कश्मीर के संस्थाओं से आंतरिक होंगे। 18 संस्थाओं में 7500 से अधिक सीटें होंगी। इनके शामिल होने से संस्थाओं की संख्या 22 हो जाएगी।
10 हजार के समांग सीटें होंगी।
बता दें कि एडवांस के लिए आवेदन शुरू होने से पहले 04 मई तक www.jeeadvc.ac.in पर पंजीकरण होगा। 22 मई को परीक्षा होगी।

सीट पाने का फॉर्मूला बदला
काउंसलिंग का सीट जारी करने का फॉर्मूला बदला है। अब अगर छात्र की एडवांस और आईआईटी में दाखिला हो जाता है तो बाद में आईआईटी संस्थान को मैरीट में भी नाम आता है तो फालने वाली एडवांस की सीट खुद रहे हो जाएगी। लेकिन छात्र को आईआईटी में तुरंत रिपोर्ट करना होगा। जैसे ही छात्र रिपोर्ट करेंगे फालने वाली सीट कमीटी रख कर देगी।
ऐसे में छात्र को फालने की तरह पुरानी सीट रहा करने की लंबी प्रक्रिया से गुजरना नहीं पड़ागा।

एडवांस और आईआईटी संस्थानों में से विभिन्न संस्थानों के लिए अधिक प्राथमिकता माना जाएगा।

नवाबसाहिब नगर एवं हैदराबाद प्रणाली के प्रमुख 
राजीव भट्टाचार्य
Kudos to IIT Bombay for setting up E-learning platform


It is not surprising that online platforms are becoming increasingly popular among students and teachers (E-learning tools strike gold with students and professors, May 2). The learning management system (LMS) tools make study material readily available to students. These tools also help teachers share lecture notes, quizzes and assignments with students. They also provide a platform to students to discuss and clear their doubts. IITBombay needs to be given credit for making it a success. Kudos to IITBombay.

HRD ministry removes Hamirpur NIT director over faculty plaints


HAMIRPUR: The Union human resource development ministry on Monday sacked Prof Rajnish Kumar as the director of Hamirpur National Institute of Technology (NIT) with an immediate effect following his sharp differences with the teaching faculty. The Union human resource development minister Smriti Irani has deputed NIT Delhi director Prof Ajay Kumar Sharma to head the NIT in Hamirpur. Prof Sharma will take charge on Tuesday. He told HT over phone that he had received the appointment communication and he would be leaving for Hamirpur on Monday night. It’s worth mentioning here that the working of the NIT, Hamirpur was under cloud since Prof Rajnish Srivastva took over as he had
sharp differences with the teaching faculty. The faculty under the banner of NITTHA had leveled allegations against him and had also met the HRD minister during her two visits to Hamirpur, demanding his immediate removal. Moreover, the state unit of the Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) had also threatened to launch a stir if Prof Srivastva was not removed and new a director appointed in his place. Though the news of the appointment of new director was in the air for the last couple of days it could not be confirmed due to holidays. There was jubilation among the teaching faculty at the institute soon after the news of Srivastva’s removal broke out.

**NIT Srinagar to get smart classrooms**


NEW DELHI: In what is being considered a move aimed at pacifying the protesting students, the human resource development (HRD) ministry has approved a project to create new laboratories and smart classrooms in the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar along with a number of other NITs across the country. According to sources, NIT Srinagar was initially not part of the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) project but it was included later after HRD minister Smriti Irani held a meeting with the officials concerned. A total of ₹ 200 crore have been earmarked for the programme. Under the project, the institutes will have to send their proposals to the ministry and will have to invest resources so as to improve the teaching material, modernise the libraries, increase access to knowledge resources and update I earing resources among others. “The ministry has been engaging constructively with the NIT Srinagar students and other NITs too. A number of them have raised concer ns over poor teaching methods and tools used by the faculty at NITs across the country. The ministry wants to revamp the institutes and improve the quality of education there too,” said a senior HRD official. As part of TEQIP the ministry is also looking at revising curriculum to ensure the institutes become dynamic and demand driven. “We have been using archaic tools to teach in engineering institutes. These education institutes need to become more responsive to rapid economic and technological developments that are taking place. The project will help achieve such aims,” said a senior HRD official.

**IIT Ropar placements: 10% jump in average salaries**


Chandigarh: After being ranked 9th best engineering institution across India last month by the Union ministry of human resource development (MHRD), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar has got another reason to rejoice with a better placement season for BTech students than last year. So far, 71 students have been placed with an average package of over Rs 12 lakh per annum, an increase of 10% over the last season.

Amazon, Google, Microsoft, PayPal, Arista Networks, Texas Instruments, Larsen & Toubro, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Motors, Coal India Limited, Anglo Eastern Ship Management, Steelwedge, Axtria, and Click Labs were some of the major recruiters this year.

Head of training and placement cell at IIT Ropar Ravi Mohan Prasad said, "The placements of BTech students passing out in 2016 are very encouraging. The response from industry has been overwhelming and we are glad to see 80% of our students placed already. More than 90% of the computer science engineering students and close to 58% of the mechanical engineering have been offered positions in core-technical companies."

The first-time recruiters this year include Saavn, Yodlee, TinyOwl, Grofers, Practo, CouponDunia, Steelwedge, Axtria, Click Labs, RockON, BRDS, Anglo Eastern Ship Management, Indus Valley Partners, Coal India Limited, and SyberPlace.

IIT Ropar director S K Das said, "We have been ranked among the top 10 engineering Institutes in the country and being
a new IIT, this is a big achievement for us. This is a benchmark we have set for ourselves and we hope to continue our effort in field of engineering research and aim to be among the top five research and teaching institutes in the coming few years."

The institute was ranked 9th among various research and teaching institutes in the country in the India Rankings 2016 by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), MHRD at a function in New Delhi last month.

**Seven IIMs hiked fee in last 2 years, Smriti Irani says**


NEW DELHI: Seven out of total 19 Indian Institutes of Management increased their tuition fees in the last two years with IIM-Lucknow hiking it by nearly 30 per cent, the government said on Monday.

HRD minister Smriti Irani shared data in Lok Sabha providing details on the fee hike. According to it, IIM-Ahmedabad and IIM-Shillong increased their fees by 5 per cent and IIM Lucknow by 29.6 per cent.

IIM-Calcutta hiked its fees by 17.3 per cent, IIM-Kozhikode 23.1, IIM-Ranchi 19 and IIM-Trichy 20.

"The fees in IIMs is not linked to the fees in other institutions in the country. IIMs are autonomous institutions and are governed by their respective memorandum of associations and rules of the society which include the fixing of fees and other charges as per provisions contained therein," Irani said.

"The hike in tuition fee has not adversely affected poor- and lower-class students since institutes extend financial assistance, including up to full tuition fee waiver and maintenance allowance, to needy students," the minister said.