आईआईटी के छात्र एप से पढ़ेंगे

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आईआईटी दिल्ली ने ई-कैपस की शुरुआत की है। इसके लिए ‘आईआईटीडी इंस्टीएप’ लॉन्च किया है। इसमें एक क्लिक पर सभी कोर्स पढ़े जा सकते हैं। एप में टाइम टेबल से लेकर हाफीरी की व्यवस्था है। यहीं नहीं, संस्थान का सामुदायिक रेडियो भी लाइव सुना जा सकता है।

यह आईआईटी दिल्ली का अधिकारिक मोबाइल एपलीकेशन है। शौच विभाग के डीन सुनीत तुली का कहना है कि हमने ई-वूनिवर्सिटी का कॉन्सेप्ट शुरू किया है। अगर छात्र किसी कारण कक्षा में नहीं आ सकता या बीमार है तो वो एप से कक्षा में पढ़ाए गए विषयों को पढ़ सकता है।

 वहाँ, कंप्यूटर सैन्स के छात्र हिमांशु कुमार ने बताया कि इससे हर लेक्चर के वीडियो अपलोड किए गए हैं। ऑनलाइन कक्षा भी शुरू की गई है। खास बात है कि परीक्षा की तैयारी के लिए ‘क्वेश्त बैंक’ भी बनाया गया है। इसमें नोट्स, पिछले पेपर के प्रश्न-पत्र और छात्रों द्वारा सुझाव गए सवाल हैं।
How IISc broke into the global top 100

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The global alumni of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) met in Bengaluru in June to discuss how the venerable century-old institution could improve its stature globally. The institute’s students are among the most sought-after by global firms largely due to its focus on research and emphasis on basic science and engineering.

It is also a cradle for India’s science and technology research, with students and professors solving critical problems for space, military research and environment studies. With all these, the institute was not considered among the top tier in global rankings and IISc officials found the reason for the low rankings. The IISc was not providing data required by global ranking agencies such as Times Higher Education or Quacquarelli Symonds.

“We have not been providing complete data to the ranking organisations. So we formed a committee a few months back and engaged a consultant to send the data to these organisations,” Anurag Kumar, the soft-spoken director of the IISc, told the alumni gathered at the J N Tata Auditorium on the campus.

The results are showing. On Thursday, the IISc broke into the list of top 100 universities, ranking 99, compiled by Times Higher Education, among the world’s most prestigious ranking systems for research-intensive universities. In July, the research institution, which was once headed by Nobel Laureate C V Raman, was ranked fifth among 404 universities in Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) nations.

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More e-commerce firms, startups queue up at IIT-B

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Mumbai: IIT-Bombay students may have good tidings this year with an overwhelming response from companies looking at hiring. Over 400 companies have already registered this year with the institute’s placement cell, about 25% increase from last year. While every sector has seen a growth in number of companies showing interest in graduates from the premier Powai institute, startups and e-commerce firms have witnessed the largest growth, with 25-30% more companies visiting the campus, in comparison to last year.

But social networking site Facebook, Samsung Korea, will not be visiting the campus this year. Consultancy biggie McKinsey is yet to give its nod to the institute, though the placement cell is still in talks with the firm. On the other hand, more startup firms and e-commerce giants will offer salaries as competitive as established firms, with packages over Rs 18-20 lakh. Taxi aggregator Uber will make its debut in the IIT placement scene this year with lucrative offers. Start-ups such as Grofers, OYO Rooms, PepperTap have also registered for the upcoming placement season.

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A placement committee member said, “The number of startups that have registered with us has seen the largest growth this year. They are also offering lucrative packages as many are getting investments from venture capitalists. We are conducting credibility checks and are in discussion with the firms to ensure students don’t get a raw deal. This year, we also have a few startups from the core sector, which is top on students’ preference list.”

If pre-placement offers are an indication of the upcoming placement season, IIT-B has seen a growth there too. Over 150 pre-placement offers have already been made at the campus, up from last year’s 110. This year too, there will be emphasis on giving important slots to the core firms.
Now, Placement Fireworks Seen at Non-IT Ts Too

Top engineering colleges reaping the benefits of upbeat hiring scenario

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Kolkata | New Delhi: Google has set the bar high at Delhi Technological University (DTU) with a top salary of $190,000 (₹1.25 crore) this placement season, up sharply from last year’s highest offer of $110,000 (₹73.61 lakh) by Epic Systems. DTU was formerly the Delhi College of Engineering.

At BITS Pilani, National Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani, which started placements in early August, there has been a 48.42% jump in the average salary of the current batch to ₹12.97 lakh so far compared with ₹8.67 lakh last year.

Top engineering colleges that aren’t part of the premier Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) system are reaping the benefits of an upbeat hiring scenario. BITS-Pilani, DTU, National Institute of Technology (NIT), Trichy; Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad; and VIT University in Vellore are seeing a jump of up to 48% in average salaries this year over the last year.

“Placements have been much better this year due to the increase in the number of ‘dream companies’ offering the increase in average salary,” said G Balasubramanian, chief placement officer, BITS-Pilani.

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BITS Pilani also has campuses in Goa and Dubai, and has risen as more companies, including first-timers, are visiting campuses. There’s been an increase in the number of jobs offered on an average per company and several have raised pay packages from last year’s levels. Oracle, Amazon and Cisco are the three biggest recruiters at BITS Pilani, having made almost 90 offers among them.

Top foreign companies on campus include global payments technology company Visa International offering a salary of $110,000; cloud-based service Guzzl ($65,000); and Tokyo-headquartered enterprise resource planning system maker Workday Application ($6 million yen). “Visa is focused on attracting talent from the best universities in India, including the non-IITs,” said Michael P Ross, global head of human resources. “With an overall target of 1,000 employees at our Bangalore Technology Development Centre, we hope (fresh) graduates will contribute approximately 50% of that target.”

Information technology and e-commerce companies remain top recruiters. AK Bakhawatwala, professor and head of the department of training and placement at NIT Trichy, said that IT product companies flush with startup funding have been aggressive in acquiring talent. Amazon is offering up to ₹29.98 lakh for certain roles this year, compared with ₹25 lakh paid out last time. At VIT University, in the first time, five companies have hired more than 1,000 students each. These include Cognizant (1,914), Tata Consultancy Services (1,884), Accenture (1,472), Infosys (1,461) and Wipro (1,241).

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IIT-Kharagpur to prepare cycle plan for New Town


KOLKATA: Keeping up with the smart city initiatives, Hidco has engaged IIT-Kharagpur to prepare a comprehensive plan to introduce the public cycle scheme in New Town. As an awareness programme, the New Town Kolkata Development Authority will organize a cycling event on November 22.

"IIT-Kharagpur experts are preparing the entire plan — how the cycle track will be, how the dedicated cycling zone could be set up, how cycle stand sheds would be like, what could be the alignment, where the cycles could be stationed at and other related matters. The experts will submit the plan in six months," said Hidco chairman cum managing director Debashis Sen.

According to plans, there will be a dedicated cycling zone on the route stretching from Nazrul Tirtha to the New Town fair ground in Action Area 1, off the main arterial road. There could be two or three automated cycle stands where bicycles will be kept for hiring.

It was during Mamata Banerjee's visit to London that government officials came across such public cycling schemes. The idea is to keep bicycles locked in an automated system. Anyone will be able to unlock one by using a mobile wallet. The rent will be as nominal as possible. After reaching a particular stand, the cyclist will be able to lock the cycle on the stand again.

On the November 22 event, around 500 cyclists are expected to take part in the event that will be flagged off by minister Firhad Hakim. The event will start and finish at gate number 4 of Eco Park.

IIT-Madras student injured after lab accident


CHENNAI: An electrical engineering student of Indian Institute of Technology, Madras was injured in a laboratory accident while conducting an experiment on Thursday afternoon.

Shelly Agarwal, a third year student was working in the microelectronics laboratory. While some students said a beaker of concentrated nitric acid exploded during the experiment, the institute said it was yet to ascertain what led to the accident.

Agarwal was rushed to Apollo Hospital and has been operated upon. Students also tried to arrange for blood for the student who reportedly required more than 10 units. Agarwal is currently in the ICU and is said to be stable.

One of the students in the same group as Agarwal said they were waiting for her to recover completely. "Many times, the students are working with a set of ideas and others can't know if there was any error during the experiment except those who are carrying it out. So, we are waiting for her to explain rather than speculate what happened in the lab," said Rahul, a student.

A statement from IIT-M said, "The patient is stable and under post-operative treatment. IIT-M follows all safety protocols in its laboratories on campus and the students follow these protocols. The institute is investigating the nature and reason of this accident," it said.