KANPUR: Good news for those who intend to get admission to Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). Now, they would not have to appear at two tests. So far, the candidates have to clear Joint Entrance Examination (mains) and then Joint Entrance Examination (Advance) to get admission to IITs. The secretary at Union Ministry for Human Resource and Development (MHRD) VS Oberoi who was here to participate at the foundation day of IITK on Thursday said that the government is in consideration to end two examination system and introduce single examination from the next year. It has been discussing the issue of single test system with the directors of all the IITs in country. Oberoi said that the decision was taken considering the plight of the admission seekers. The government has decided to introduce this system on the pattern of national eligibility cum entrance test. The change is expected to be enforced from the next year. He further said that a special portal of the IIT pass students was being prepared to assist the foreign companies in verifying the credentials of these students whom they have employed. So far, the companies had to depute officers for the verification who came to the institute to verify the credentials of the students.
India opens IITs to Nepal students

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KATHMANDU: Reaching out to the younger generation of Nepal, India on Thursday announced that from next year, Nepalese students would be able to compete for seats in IITs.

Announcing the new opportunity for the students of Nepal, President Pranab Mukherjee said academic and student exchange programmes had been part of the "long tradition" in bilateral ties and India would continue to help Nepal with developing its human resources. "I am very happy to announce that from 2017 onwards Nepalese students will have the opportunity to pursue graduate and postgraduate courses in Indian Institutes of Technology on a regular basis. For this, our Institutes of Technology will open their entrance examinations to Nepalese students," said President Mukherjee during his speech at an event jointly organised by the think tanks of India and Nepal.

More opportunities

President Mukherjee said the youths of South Asia should not remain hostage to "baggage of history," and urged that they should have more opportunities in education, health, technology and employment generation. "[IIT] aspirants would have the option to write these examinations in Kathmandu," he said, drawing applause from the crowd that had several former prime ministers and Foreign Minister of Nepal Prakash Sharan Mahat. Arguing for more focus in educational and academic ties between the two neighbours, President Mukherjee said, "Our commitment is reflected in the grant of around 3,000 scholarships to Nepalese students every year, providing opportunities to study in Nepal and in India. We offer more than 250 scholarships annually for Government and non-Government employees of Nepal for training in technical institutes in India.

President Mukherjee also met with a broad spectrum of political and civil society figures in the evening and reminded Nepal that India remained committed to its "neighbourhood first" foreign policy.
IIT-Madras to conduct hackathon

CHENNAI: Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IITM) will conduct a hackathon in collaboration with 108 Emergency Services to develop innovative solutions which would increase work efficiency at call centres. The hackathon final will be held at IIT Madras on December 15.

The aim of the hackathon is to come up with solutions that leverage the capabilities of a smartphone and integrate them with the backend infrastructure at call centres to make the flow of information fast and seamless thereby significantly increasing the efficiency.

As emergency service personnel have the responsibility of minimising the response time, technology innovations can play an integral part in achieving it. The solutions should finally help in reducing the amount of time taken for emergency services to arrive at a location.

Selected teams will be invited to present their solution at the final event at IIT-Madras and will be judged by an expert panel from the industry and academia on December 15, 2016.

The deadline for the registration is November 7, 2016.

IIT Patna signs MoU with Tektronix for Research in Emerging Technologies

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New Delhi November 4 (ENA) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with electronics test and measuring equipment manufacturing company Tektronix. The MoU is expected to facilitate cooperation between the two in the field of emerging technologies. As part of the MoU Tektronix will share the latest trends in technology with IIT Patna that can then be used by the faculty of the IIT Patna to revise their subjects, curriculum and research activities.

The MoU was signed by the Director of IIT Patna Pushpak Bhattacharyya and Chief Technical Officer – India and ASEAN, Tektronix, Naresh Kumar.

As part of the MoU students and faculty of IIT Patna will get access to the products of Tektronix that will be used to provide hands-on-training to students and faculty on the use equipment like power electronics, embedded systems, RF measurements, semiconductor characterisation.

The MoU is aimed at strengthening and improving industry-university collaboration so that industry driven research and innovation activities are carried out by students. This will also go a long way in improving the innovative capabilities of the students of IIT Patna as this collaboration will not only provide them the opportunity to get practical knowledge but also to remain up-to-date with the latest trends in the field of technology.
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Job Outlook in India Hits 3.5-Year High: TeamLease

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Mumbai: Employment outlook in India has hit a three year half year high for the 26-March 2016 survey published on its second half year report this week. The report, the Employment Outlook Survey conducted in partnership with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), is the largest survey of its kind in the country. The employment outlook is the result of a combination of factors including the overall business environment, rapid growth of manufacturing, and the government's continued focus on Make in India and Startup India initiatives.

The employment outlook has improved, job growth has slowed down to a slow pace and markets seem to be leveling off at four years.

The employment outlook is the difference between the number of respondents who are inclined to hire and the number of respondents who are inclined to hire over the next six months. The employment outlook is higher in the sector, with the number of respondents inclined to hire over the next six months increasing from 2.4 percentage points in the previous two years to 4.5 percentage points in the current year. It is also higher in the manufacturing sector, with the number of respondents inclined to hire over the next six months increasing from 1.7 percentage points in the previous two years to 3.8 percentage points in the current year.

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