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Dadlani at IIT-D: Aisa lag raha hai ghar wapas aa gaya hoon

Nostalgia accompanied the usual energy of a Vishal-Shekhar performance when the duo performed at IIT Delhi’s annual cultural fest, Rendezvous, on Monday. “This stage and IIT means a lot to me,” said Vishal. “In 1995, we won our second rock competition here, on this stage, so I am really honoured to be back here. Aisa lag raha hai ki ghar wapas aa gaya hoon. Ab ghar aaye hain toh you guys need to dance along with me.”

Vishal-Shekhar at IIT: Dilli walon, thoda bhangra karein?

Male composers Vishal-Shekhar brought the mantle down on IIT Delhi’s four-day-long annual cultural fest, Rendezvous, on Monday. They wrapped the show with their hit track Bhangra Da Hums, and throughout the performance, the duo danced to Punjabi folk beats along with the audience.

STUDENTS REACHED THE VENUE FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE SHOW
Many students reserved seats more than two hours before the show, and cheered for the composers before the performance started. Some reached the venue even four hours before the show. Ajaykumar Gang, from Indira Gandhi Technical University, Delhi, said, “I came here at around 5pm because I knew it was going to be jam packed. My friends and I have come just for this performance.”

Karthik, from Delhi Technological University, told us, “This bhangra of Vishal-Shekhar. All their songs are hits. Despite our campus being in Rohini, I’ve come here with my friends to attend the show.

VISHAL SAYS DILLI WALON KO NACHNE KI BARAT SHAIKHI HAI SHEKHIAR
Just as the show began, students started approaching the stage to take selfies with the duo. “Dilli kaun, jane dil kaun, thoda bhangra karein? Vishal ne bade bade ki Dilli walon ko bhangra kare ki Dilli dil ko bhangra hoon,” said Shekhar, before dancing along with the audience in Punjabi beats.

Vishal said, “This stage, and IIT, mean a lot to me. In 1995, we won our second rock competition here – on this stage – so I’m really honoured to be back here. Also may mark hai ki ghar wapas aa gaya hoon. Ab ghar aaye hain toh you guys need to dance along with me.”

This was followed by the composers performing hit numbers such as Da Bhang, Balma Nane and many more.
Rename HRD Ministry as Education Ministry: Sisodia

Staff Reporter

NEW DELHI: Speaking at the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) meeting, which was attended by Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar and State Education Ministers on Tuesday, Delhi Education Minister Manish Sisodia suggested that the Centre rename the HRD Ministry as Education Ministry.

“It is unfortunate that the country does not have an Education Ministry. The name HRD ministry should be changed to Education Ministry as HRD is just a part of it,” said Mr. Sisodia. He also said that it was only the government schools and not the private schools that provide an ultimate solution for school education in India.

On his experience so far as Education Minister, Mr. Sisodia said that quality and accountability in government schools should be ensured and stressed that the education budget must be increased at the national level. He also proposed an extension of the Right to Education (RTE) Act to children who do not fall in the 6 to 14 years age bracket.

‘Overburdened teachers’

“There is no dearth of talent in teachers of government schools, but they are bound by too many formalities. From nursery till class XII, teachers and principals are currently enslaved by curriculum, diary, syllabus and policy. Efforts at the national level are required to liberate teachers and principals from these shackles,” said the Minister.

He said teachers should not have to deal with duties like making voter cards, ration cards, election duty etc., since this adversely affects their teaching schedules.

Making a case for the scrapping of the ‘No Detention Policy’, Mr. Sisodia said that it was implemented without any preparation.

“Text books were not changed, teachers were not trained and neither were any changes made in the B.Ed programmes before this policy was implemented. Given such a situation the policy should be done away with for now,” he said.
IIT-KGP, IIEST, GNIDSR sign MoU on oral healthcare research


To conduct interdisciplinary research in contemporary fields of oral healthcare, IIT Kharagpur, IIEST Shibpur and Guru Nanak Institute of Dental Sciences and Research (GNIDSR) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

"Millions of people, especially from the economically underprivileged sections of our society, today suffer from oral and dental diseases, particularly from oral pre-cancer and cancer," said Sardar Taranjit Singh, Managing Director, JIS Group Educational Initiatives, which runs GNIDSR.

"But no breakthrough has yet been achieved towards treatment and management of these malignant diseases resulting in the loss of millions of lives," Singh said.

He said taking into consideration this situation, GNIDSR has taken the initiative to conduct advanced multi-disciplinary research in the areas of oral cancer and pre-cancers, stem cells, tissue engineering, biomaterials, implants and sensors by entering into this MoU jointly with IIT-KGP and IIEST (Shibpur).

S K Bhattacharya, Deputy Director IIT-KGP said it was necessary to take cancer gnomonic and image analysis to the next level and "in the future we are planning to conduct advanced research in stem cells".

Ajoy Roy, Director, IIEST Shibpur, said dental caries and periodontal diseases are the most common oral pathoses for tooth loss making an individual orally and facially crippled.

Biomaterial, bio-sensors and tissue engineering research will be of immense help to manage dental caries and to fabricate cost effective artificial prosthesis and implants, he said.

IIT-Bombay student, volunteers clean up skywalk


MUMBAI: What started as an academic project for Saloni Mehta, a Masters student from the Industrial Design Centre (IDC) at IIT-Bombay, materialized into a real-life one last weekend. Mehta, along with her friends and about 50 volunteers
associated with the institute, gave a facelift to an unused skywalk outside the IIT-B main gate connecting to the other side. The team spent over 15 hours on Saturday and Sunday cleaning the skywalk and painting it.

At the beginning of the year, when she was assigned the project to find why people are not using skywalks, she realised the one outside their very own campus remained unused due to the stench, filth and poor lighting. "I was studying the human behavior on why skywalks are not used and I thought at least the dirt and stench should not be the reason for not using it. People prefer waiting for the traffic to clear and then cross the road, risking their lives," said Mehta, adding that the junction witnesses traffic throughout the day. With this in mind, she sent off a mail to everyone on the campus and about 50 people came out to support her initiative, school students, professors, IITians, alumni included. From a class IX student to an engineer who graduated from the institute in 1969, all were present for the skywalk facelift drive.

Panel set up to plan IIT-M LIGO prototype


CHENNAI: A committee has been set up to plan and execute the prototype of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) detector, which is expected to come up on the research campus of IIT Madras at Thayyur, near Chennai, in about five years.

A Scientific Management Board (SMB) will decide on the prototype and the scientific studies therein. The Project Management Board will plan the LIGO India facility, which is likely to come up in Hingoli, Maharashtra.

In April this year, India and the US signed an MoU to set up the LIGO project, an advanced version of the instruments in the US that detected gravitational waves predicted by Albert Einstein. LIGO India was given in-principle approval by the Union Cabinet earlier this year.

Anil Prabhakar of IIT-M, who is involved in the project, told TOI that board members include the directors of TIFR, Mumbai, IUCAA, Pune, and IPR, Gandhinagar. The SMB will plan the 40m-prototype in Chennai, which will help train people and develop next generation technology.

"There will be separate funding for research and project management. The committees will meet towards the end of November," he said. Students from IISER, Thiruvananthapuram and Pune, are likely to join the project.

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सरकारी भरोसे के बाद भी नहीं मिली सहायता राशि, बढ़ी परेशानी

12वीं बोर्ड की परीक्षा में दूसरा स्थान प्राप्त करने वाला खुद के खर्च से कर रहा आईआईटी
IIM-Lucknow achieves 100% summer placements

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Lucknow, Oct 25: The India Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow, one of the leading B-schools of the country, accomplished 100% summer placements for its 32nd batch of 458 students in four days.

The recruitment drive saw participation from 151 domestic and international recruiters. The top four segments based on roles offered were sales & marketing, consulting, finance and business development, including some extremely sought after and niche profiles in the finance domain. The rest of the offers came from domains such as operations/supply chain, general management, systems/IT, market research, analytics and HR.

The top segments based on roles offered were sales & marketing (20%), consulting (25%), finance (20%), e-Commerce (15%), systems/IT (5%) and general management (5%).

The rest of the offers came from domains such as market research, analytics, business development, social media marketing and HR among others.

Some of the top recruiters across different sectors were Accenture, Aditya Birla Group, Amazon, AT Kearney, BCG, Deutsche Bank, Edelweiss, Hindustan Unilever, ITC, RPG, TASS and Uber.

First-time recruiters for IIM Lucknow were ABinBev, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Duff and Phelps, MasterCard Advisors and Morgan Stanley among others.

International profiles were offered by ABinBev, Deutsche Bank and Hindustan Unilever. In the FMCG, consumer goods, telecom, and digital media sector, out of the 1,000 offers, were made with some of the top firms being ABinBev, Airtel, Asian Paints, Colgate Palmolive, Dabur, Hindustan Unilever, HT Media, ITC, L’Oreal, Mondelz, Marico, Nestle, P&G, Pepsi, Samsung and Star TV.

Kalaf’s Vision for India-2020 revisited: IIM Rohtak organizes Management Conclave

Praising India’s journey on Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam’s vision, noted corporate leaders discussed the various avenues to take India forward at the annual Management Conclave on the theme “India Vision 2020: Observations and Anticipations” organized by IIM Rohtak.

Captain Abhinav Singh, Finance Minister, Government of Haryana was the keynote speaker of the inaugural session of the conclave. In his existing address, Captain Singh opined that India’s economic policies must take into account the social requirements of a diversified nation.

Talking about the increasing digitalization in every day life, Dev K. Ranchhodani, Director and Head-India, Hitachi Consul said that India, given its huge youth population, is at a very important point when it comes to adaptability to technology and must really embrace the same. Anil Dua, Senior Director and Sales Head, Philips India Ltd., Pradeep Sahni, Director, Infrastructure services delivery, IIM and Gaurav Malhotra, CEO, Mediscorp Healthcare also shared their thoughts provoking views on the changing art of management.

The Conclave was sponsored by Aparna Cafe, The Pioneer and Careerans. Director IIM Rohtak, Dr. Anil Rakhit also graced the conclave with his presence.

No major changes in CAT, but be ready for surprises

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GETTING READY FOR CAT

Gautam Kohli

No major changes have been announced in this year’s Common Admission Test (CAT) for admission to management programmes across Indian B-schools, but candidates should be prepared for surprises.

As CAT is being held in December after two decades instead of the usual November, candidates get an extra two to three weeks to get ready for it. CAT 2016 will broadly follow the same pattern as last year’s test, which included questions without options (also referred to as “type in the answer questions”). Difficulty levels of the individual sections, however, will vary. Unlike last year, the test structure, the sections to be attempted and the time limit will not change. Sections such as verbal ability and reading comprehension; data interpretation and logical reasoning and quantitative ability will have to be solved in an hour each.

According to Arun Sharma, CAT preparation expert and alumni of IIM Bangalore, any major changes at this stage are tough to predict. “But given that the pattern is the same, the difficulty levels will vary. A section can have very tough questions or very easy ones. Your preparation should be managed in such a fashion that it turns to your advantage.”

Sharma asks candidates to practice mock tests and work on as many ways as possible to improve scores. “Get as close to 110 or more. This will help you on the test day. Do section-wise analysis and try to get close to 60 in each section. Analyse your weaknesses and work on them, learn to maximise the advantages of your strengths,” says Sharma.

With negative marking of minus one for any wrong answer, a score of above 60 requires around 20-25 attempts in a section. “To get to more than 80, you need to attempt over 28 questions,” he says. “Try looking at different paper patterns and difficulty levels over the past two decades in each of the sections.”