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High-tech management

Enjoying an extension of the IIT culture, students here get to experience the best of both worlds - technology and management.

Last week, students at the department of management studies (IIM) worked hard for the success of their flagship event, Conferences - the idea series. DoI. Held annually, the seminar attempts to integrate the corporate and the academic to throw light on issues of current relevance. This year's event was spread over two days, with two sessions each exploring finance and IT, respectively.

Says Ajay Sharma, a student, "Such events provide us a platform to test our management knowledge. We realize how essential it is to keep back up and follow back plans ready. Handling last-minute changes, managing logistics and people help." IIM runs various programmes. On offer are three MBA programmes - two full-time, one part-time and a PhD programme in management. The institute has various MOUs with institutions such as IIT, Labs, UCSD, University of Paris, Harvard Business School, Stanford Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Berkeley, University of Chicago, and London Business School.

University of Paris, Pembroke College, Paris; International Centre for Foundation Chair, Lehigh University, New York. "Given its specialty in management, the event is for two years, "IT holds with average placement this year being over 10 lakh per annum, DOIs in miles ahead of other I schools in India," says Suresh Jain, a second-year student. "This year we do what we want. IIM has provided abundant opportunities for students who can choose to do what they enjoy - from dramatics to language courses. This freedom is what I like," adds Jain.

The institute, which has 10 committees and five clubs, offers excellent opportunities as far as extra-curricular activities are concerned. There's a public library here too. Opportunities for intra-curricular activities are offered by the English Debate and Literary Club, Hindi Samiti and Quizzing Club.

The Film Society Committee organises regular movie screenings whereas the Lecture Series Committee invites eminent persons to speak on topics of students' interest.

Participants - the annual management fest of IIM - is very popular with India's top 20 I schools being regular participants.

FACTFILE

ESTABLISHED IN: 1981
MAIN COURSES: MBA full time, MCA full time
OTHER COURSES: MBA part time
COURSE FEE: Rs 42,000 approx
NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER BATCH: The final-year batch has 90 students
FACULTY: STUDENT RATIO: 1:3
FACILITIES OFFERED: DOIs have five fully air-conditioned Wi-Fi enabled lecture theatres with modern audio visual aids, an auditorium with a capacity to seat more than 500 people, a library, car parking, and a sports facility.

WISHLIST:

- A better understanding of the real world
- A chance to test one's theories and ideas
- A platform to showcase one's skills
- A chance to network with professionals
- A chance to learn from experienced peers

TIMEPASSE

- A chance to explore new horizons
- A chance to unwind after a hard day's work
- A chance to meet new people
- A chance to learn new skills
- A chance to try new things

COLLEGE KE RAAD

- "I have been an amazing journey at IIM, but the best is yet to come!"
- "The teachers are fantastic, and the classmates are wonderful!"
- "I am extremely thankful to my parents for supporting me in this journey."
- "I am looking forward to participating in various activities and making new friends."
- "I am excited to be a part of the IIM community and contribute to society."
Your Delhi NCR B-school options

When it comes to management education, the Delhia capital region is in the hot seat. Nine out of the top 10 management institutions in India are clustered in and around Delhi, according to the Hindustan Times-TNS Best Business Schools in India survey, which was released on August 31 (www.hindustantimes.com). The survey was conducted by the Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow, which tops the northern region list. The Delhi NCR list has 10 institutions: Delhi's Faculty of Management Studies (FMS), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Institute of Management Technology (IIMT) - Ghaziabad, Amity Business School - Noida, Indian Institute of Planning Management (IIPM), Amity School of Business - Noida, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) - Lucknow, Birla Institute of Technology and Management (BITM) - Noida, and Management Development Institute (MDI) - Gurgaon.

After bringing you a listing of India's top 50 B-schools, HT Education focuses on management schools that made it to the top in Delhi NCR (HindustanTimes-TNS Best B-schools in India Survey).

**HERE'S HOW THEY RANKED**

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Of these 10, exactly half are among the top 10 in the all-India ranking: (1) Delhi, (2) Lucknow, (3) IIFT, (4) IMM, (5) AMB, (6) IIMB, (7) IIT, (8) IMT, (9) BIM, and (10) MDI. All Delhi ranks on the list, except for MDI (which is in second place), are clustered at the bottom of the list, making Delhi one of the most sought-after places for management education. The survey was conducted by the Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow, which tops the northern region list. The Delhi NCR list has 10 institutions: Delhi's Faculty of Management Studies (FMS), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Institute of Management Technology (IIMT) - Ghaziabad, Amity Business School - Noida, Indian Institute of Planning Management (IIPM), Amity School of Business - Noida, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) - Lucknow, Birla Institute of Technology and Management (BITM) - Noida, and Management Development Institute (MDI) - Gurgaon.

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Seats go empty, HC slams IIM-Shillong’s ‘whimsical’ approach

Utkarsh Anand
New Delhi, September 20

Delhi High Court on Tuesday condemned IIM Shillong’s “unsavoury and unpalatable” decision to leave 22 seats vacant in its post-graduate programme in management, 2011-13, and slapped a Rs 1-lakh fine on the institute.

Justice Kailash Gambhir censured IIM Shillong for not filling all 120 seats available, and hence wasting the public money meant to hand out the “IIM experience to more hopefuls”.

“Such a premier institute is expected to act fairly and transparently and justify the funds allocated for them by the government. The approach of IIM Shillong... is whimsical and capricious to say the least,” the court said.

It gave the country’s newest IIM four weeks to deposit the fine in the Prime Minister’s National Relief Fund.

“In the time of cut-throat competition, every seat can make or mar the life of a student. The amount of time and effort that goes to prepare and finally qualify in... CAT goes down the drain due to the high-handedness of the institutes in wasting seats, despite having world class infrastructure and top notch faculty... This court severely condemns the unsavoury and unpalatable practice of IIM, Shillong,” Justice Gambhir said.

The Delhi High Court was deciding the petition of Rajat Goel, who had a 94.16 percentile in the Common Admission Test (CAT), and was placed fourth in the general category list, but couldn’t get admission. An RTI query later revealed that 22 seats in the reserved category had gone unfilled, Goel said.

The court did not uphold Goel’s claim to admission, but penalised the IIM for wasting seats.
Times of India Chennai 20.09.11 P-5

TN engg colleges ruined tech education: IIT-K head

Chennai: Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur chairman M Anandakrishnan has hit out at engineering colleges in Tamil Nadu, saying most of them did not encourage students to go beyond the syllabus and they ruined technical education.

“If I had the authority, I would close down 50% of the engineering colleges in the state. They have ruined technical education. The colleges have become the playground of corrupt politicians,” said professor Ananthakrishnan, who has served as vice-chancellor of Anna University.

He said he gets angry when he sees advertisements in newspapers saying that they will “coach” a student to pass or get high marks in engineering subjects.

Ananthakrishnan was speaking at a function at Anna University on Monday to release a book by former dean of postgraduate studies at Anna University P C Chandrasekar ran. He lauded professor Chandrasekar ran for showing the younger generation that they can not only learn new things but also share the knowledge they have gained.

“We must see if it is possible to have a new generation of students who will not just be satisfied with covering the syllabus, but whose curiosity will be piqued by subjects such as astronomy,” he said. TNN
Deemed univ scam gets bigger
CBI Wants To Investigate Role Of Former UGC Chief Thorat

New Delhi: The deemed university scam of UPA-I has re-surfaces again putting the HRD ministry in a quandary and forcing it to tell CBI that it should investigate the entire case relating to the deemed status of institutions run by Maharishi Markandeshwar Educational Trust (MMET) in Haryana.

CBI sources said, “We would now investigate the role of HRD officials, including a former education secretary.” The agency has already called senior ministry officials to understand the process of grant of deemed university status.

Last month, CBI, while investigating the case of deemed university status under de novo (emerging areas of learning) to MM Engineering College run by MMET, told HRD ministry that there was a need to investigate the role of former UGC chairperson Sukhdeo Thorat.

A senior CBI official said, “HRD ministry after sitting on CBI’s request for long has now asked it to investigate the events starting from the application of MMET for deemed university status just a month after rejection of its earlier application right up to the notification of 10 institutions under MMET as deemed varsities.” According to CBI sources, HRD minister Kapil Sibal was not convinced with CBI’s “averment” on the involvement of Thorat. Sibal is believed to have told CBI that “reputations are hard earned” and so, there was a need to “tread carefully”.

CBI’s investigation note with the TOI shows that after MMET found that its proposal for grant of deemed status to 10 of its institutions was found deficient by UGC, it put up another proposal for grant of de novo university status to the 10 institutions without specifying any criteria of promise of excellence.

CBI said it wants to investigate as to how the 10 institutions were recommended by Thorat when the fresh request was made. CBI also said that none of the institutions complied with the deficiencies pointed out by UGC.

The investigating agency said that UGC joint secretary Renu Batra too had expressed her reservations about these institutions. As for the ministry’s role, CBI said in the note that after analysis it was found that only the engineering college of MMET qualified under the category of being in existence for 10 years.

The then education secretary recommended deemed university status only to MM Engineering College but the then HRD minister Arjun Singh approved grant of the status to all the 10 institutions.
MIHIKA BASU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

A 2006 report by the National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) at the Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur had concluded that there was consensus in the scientific world that Sikkim and its adjoining areas are likely to witness major earthquakes and that this, combined with the poor construction practices prevalent in the area, spells tremendous risk for the population.

The report was the result of a "reconnaissance study", conducted immediately after an earthquake in Sikkim on February 14, 2006. The objective of the study was to document perishable information and collect on-site data on the behaviour of buildings and structures in Sikkim under the impact of the earthquake.

"Everyday, more and more unsafe buildings are being added to the already existing huge stock of such buildings. Clearly, the time to act is now and the February 2006 earthquake should be treated as a wake-up call, as a not-to-be-missed opportunity to equip the state in seismically safe practices at a holistic level," the report said.

The team said the 2006 quake measuring 5.7 on the Richter Scale caused damage to heritage structures as well as modern buildings.

"The damage seen in and around Gangtok was clearly disproportionate to the size of the earthquake, which was moderate... This clearly establishes the high level of seismic vulnerability of the region. Such disproportionate damage is a direct consequence of poor design and construction practices in an inadequate professional environment that is challenged by the lack of trained human resources in the state," it said.

"Therefore, there is a possibility of widespread damages in Sikkim during another mega-event in the seismic gap regions near Sikkim."
DU does not recognise LLB as a professional course

EYE-OPENER Replying to an RTI application, the varsity also said that it does not permit law students to apply for revaluation

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NEW DELHI: Students who are aspiring to study at the coveted Faculty of Law at Delhi University (DU) may stand at a disadvantage. The university does not consider the LLB course as a professional one, besides, the students do not have the option of having their papers re-examined in case of a discrepancy.

In an RTI application filed by law student, Ajay Goel, which enquired about the system of rechecking and revaluation of papers, it was found that the university does not permit students pursuing law, to apply for revaluation. However, the response to the RTI application from the university claimed that “rechecking is allowed but revaluation is not. The applicant is requesting for clarification/explanation, which is a matter of interpretation”.

However, the authorities did not have a definite answer on the issue. “DU does not recognise it as a professional course because it is not in our schedule. So it is a post graduate course and not a professional course. A professional course in law is offered as a five-year course in other colleges. It is true that a student pursuing the course from Faculty of Law cannot apply for rechecking but can apply for revaluation, which means that the marks will be re-totalled. But this is the domain of the dean of exams and only he can comment on this,” said Gurdip Bahri, Dean, Faculty of Law, Delhi University.

The dean of exams too, remained evasive in his response on the matter, claiming that he had little knowledge on the RTI application. “I cannot comment on this as of now because I don’t know the position of the Faculty of Law. If the dean of the Faculty of Law has taken a stand and permits rechecking then we should not have a problem. But we don’t know their position on this matter yet,” said RC Sharma, dean of exams, DU.

The Bar Council claimed that students graduating from professional colleges and DU would not be at an equal footing at the beginning of the career.

“LLB is a professional course everywhere but there are two types of law degrees that are offered in India. One is a five-year course and the other is a three-year course, which a student can pursue only after he/she has done a basic graduation,” said DK Sharma, secretary of the Bar Council of Delhi High Court, Bar Association.

“Students who pursue the five-year programme, study law from scratch. On the other hand if a student opts for the course offered by DU, they lose one year because they start practising one year later than a regular law student,” Sharma added.
AUTOMATIC CONTENT GENERATION

Now, an app that writes articles in a jiffy

Our Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept. 20
Imagine this. You have a 400-page annual report that you have to read and write a small report for investors but you have several other important things on hand to do. How about feeding that information to a cloud-based IT application and getting a concise summary of a few hundreds of words in a jiffy?

The auto text summarisation solution would scan documents, analyse content, find clusters of information and figure out meaning from these clusters before preparing an article, Mr Srinirup Koppolu, who joined Chairman of the start-up, SETU Software Systems, after quitting Microsoft India Development Centre as Managing Director, said. “The automatic content generation solution has applications in education, healthcare and media industries,” Mr Srinirup, who also invested in this firm, said. There can be two variants of articles – an extractive one that contains verbatim quotes. The engine learns tricks as use increases and fine-tunes output. The start-up, which was incubated and spun off at International Institute for Information Technology (IIIT-Hyderabad) works in the area of information access technologies. The firm, which reported a turnover of Rs 1 crore annually with 20 people working for it, has lined up 10 patent claims in this area.

Mr Srinirup Koppolu, Chairman of SETU Software Systems Private Ltd, announcing the launch of a new product in Hyderabad on Tuesday. Behind at left is Dr Prasad Pingali, CEO and Co-Founder and at right is Prof Vasudeva Varma, Chief Scientist and co-Founder. - P.V. Sivakumar

It also developed a Semantic (semantics is understanding meaning of words) that powers Enterprise Search solution. It can scan documents, which include PowerPoint, doc, HTML and XL sheets, and pop up relevant answers,” Mr Prasad Pingali, co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, said. “It understands queries even if the content doesn’t contain them. For example, companies can pose a query on employees who worked for MNCs. Even if their profiles do not contain the word, the engine understands the query and gives answers,” he said.

It also developed a local language search solution that helps people pick up answers in 70 languages, including several Indian languages.

SOCIAL MEDIA SEARCH
It built a Social Media Monitoring Platform that could mine opinions of consumers and summarise feedback on products and services of corporations. Companies such as Samsung, Rediff and Manipal Universal Learning have already started some of these solutions.
Boyfriend booked in IIM girl suicide case

ArunDev | TNN

Bangalore: Police on Tuesday booked the boyfriend of a 22-year-old IIM-Bangalore student for abetting her suicide a day earlier. Malini Murmu had committed suicide after Abhishek Dhan had dumped her on Facebook.

Police said Dhan, who is from Delhi, was booked on the complaint of Malini’s father, Biswas Murmu. He faces seven years in prison if found guilty.

Dhan allegedly visited Malini and the couple had an argument that led to their breakup on Sunday. He returned to Delhi after that and posted the news on his Facebook wall. “Feeling super cool today. Dumped my new ex-girlfriend. Happy Independence Day,” Dhan wrote on his Facebook wall. He has since deleted his account.

Police said Malini, a first-year MBA student, was depressed after knowing about the split and did not attend her classes. Her classmates went looking for her. They knocked at her hostel room door but Malini did not respond. They found her hanging from the ceiling after a security guard broke open the door. She had left a suicide note on her laptop, saying her boyfriend had left her and she was killing herself for it. She wrote ‘he ditched me’ on a board in her room.

Deputy Commissioner of police (south-east) P S Harsha said Malini’s father, who came to Bangalore to receive her body, told cops that he suspected Dhan had abetted her suicide. Police said that they were looking for Dhan.
World wide web of management

Students at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade are taught about finance, marketing and trade - all from an international perspective

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE DELHI

A catalyst for new ideas and an institution that gives you a global perspective, is how Varun Sharma describes the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT). A second-year student of the MBA programme in international business (IB) Sharma takes pride in being part of an institute which gives one a "corporate feel."

Ways of the world: IIFT students look beyond India

A chance to grab lessons in finance, marketing and trade with an international perspective is another aspect that attracted Sharma to the 48-year-old IIFT. About his programme, Sharma says, "We are exposed to the global perspectives by studying subjects such as international finance, international strategy and international brand management."

IIFT's industry interface happens through seminars, conferences, corporate interactions and guest lectures. "Corporate interactions are held regularly, equipping one with the relevant skills and enhance the acumen required to think like visionaries."

These visits are organised by the corporate relations committee of the Institute. Live projects, a social awareness programme, symposia, cultural events, community service activities, sports and different club activities also form an integral part of the curricula," says Sharma.

What's interesting is that the curriculum is revised and revamped by management studies, international business, international marketing, international finance, international strategy and international brand management.

Programmes in international business and industrial marketing are examples of IIFT's diverse portfolio of courses that sharpen the skills of aspiring business executives and mid-career professionals. Learning at the beautiful in the lush Qutub Institutional Area with hangouts such as the Top of the World is an unforgettable experience. Be it planning how to crack the exams or preparing for a number of the programmes can be pursued online as well," says Pranali Dasgupta, associate professor of marketing at IIFT.

An ideal space for industry research scholars and students alike, it has a unique collection of publications of FAO, IMF, OECD, UNCTAD, UNCTC, World Bank, and other international agencies. Another aspect that sets IIFT apart from others is the range of courses. "Courses range from six-month duration to three years and a number of the programmes can be pursued online as well," says Pranali Dasgupta, associate professor of marketing at IIFT.

Co-curricular activities at IIFT include events conducted by clubs such as Cashcow (finance club), Brandwagon (marketing club), Plus (trading club), Socrates (consulting club) and Systemix (business technology and telecom club). Their functioning is coordinated by the apex student body of IIFT, the International Management Forum, popularly known as the IMF.

The institute also has its own quiz club, Quissential. The CSR club Koshish was established to nurture socially-conscious business leaders.

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आईआईटी ब्रांड : नाम बड़े दर्शन खोटे?

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आईआईटी परिवार ने भारतीय मार्ग से नाम बड़े दर्शन खोटे में अपने नाम का उत्साहित हिंदा वर्तमान के आईआईटी में प्रदर्शन कर रहे हैं आईआईटी की जोड़ने की चाहत है।
‘युवाओं को उच्च गुणवत्ता की शिक्षा दिला रहे हैं भारत व चीन’

सिंगापुर, भारत और चीन के लाखों की संख्या में युवाओं इंजीनियरिंग और बिजनेस मैनेजमेंट के क्षेत्रों में उच्च गुणवत्ता की शिक्षा मुहैया कर रहे हैं। एक ताजा रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि युवाओं को बेहतर शिक्षा दिलाने से एशिया की इन दो प्रमुख अर्थव्यवस्थाओं को आगे बढ़ने में मदद मिलेगी। हांगकांग की पालिटिकल एंड इकनॉमिक रिसर्च कंसल्टेंसी लि. (पीईआरसी) द्वारा जारी रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि भारत की तारीख तक एशिया की अर्थव्यवस्था की सफलता और आगे की प्रगति में उच्च गुणवत्ता की शिक्षा का प्रमुख योगदान है। ‘एशियांस प्रॉटेक्टर इन यूएस यूनिवर्सिटीज’ में यह भी स्वाभाविक उठा गया है कि इस प्रतिभा से सबसे ज्यादा लाभ किस देश को होगा। इसमें कहा गया है कि भारत और चीन अपने लाखों युवाओं को इंजीनियरिंग तथा बिजनेस मैनेजमेंट के क्षेत्रों की उच्च गुणवत्ता की शिक्षा मुहैया कर रहे हैं, जिससे इन देशों में इतनी प्रतिभा होगी जो राष्ट्र को आगे ले जाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाएगी। अमेरिकी विश्वविद्यालयों में शिक्षा ले रहे एशियाई विद्यार्थियों का उल्लेख करते हुए कहा गया है कि 2009-10 में भारत अंतरराष्ट्रीय छात्रों के मामले में तीसरे स्थान पर था। 15,192 भारतीय छात्र पूर्ण स्नातक, 68,290 स्नातक तथा 758 गैर डिग्री पादर्शकों की शिक्षा हासिल कर रहे थे।
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प्रतिष्ठित स्कीडन-भारत नोबेल मेमोरियल विद्वान 2011 में आईआईटी मुंबई के छात्र अभिराम भटनागर, प्रणव शेरटी और अभियेक पदमानाभान ने जीता। इस विद्वान प्रतियोगिता में देश विदेश की 57 टीमों ने भाग लिया था।