Workshop on earthquake resistant practices at IIT

KANPUR: The Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K) is holding a six-day workshop on 'Earthquake Resistant Practices for Undergraduate Students of Architecture' from June 30 to July 5.

The objective of the workshop is to train the architects of tomorrow in earthquake resistant architectural design through a hands-on programme.

About 61 students of 20 colleges from 17 cities, including Agra, Mathura, Lucknow, Greater Noida, Gurgaon, Pune, Mumbai, Bhopal, Raipur, Patna, New Panvel, Cuttack, Guwahati, Chennai, Ambala, Nagpur and Solapur, are participating in the workshop.

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In a first, IIT-K to start online courses

KANPUR: In a couple of months, students across the country would be able to benefit from the expertise of eminent academicians of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K).

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the institute is planning to introduce online courses in different disciplines to assist engineering students across the country.

Dean of academics (DoA) at the IIT-K Dr Dheeraj Sanghi said, “In the first phase, an online course in computers would be started on an experimental basis. In case the effort receives good response, lectures in other disciplines would also begin.”

Sanghi said modalities of the course and its syllabus were being developed. “The modalities are expected to be completed by August 1 and interested students would be able to take up the course from September,” he added.

According to Sanghi, senior professors at the department of computer science and engineering were engaged in preparing the course and expert lectures related to it. It is not yet decided whether the course would be degree one or offer diplomas and certificates.

Sanghi said, “The IIT-K would take technical support of Google in putting the lectures online while Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) would be engaged for conducting online examinations. The students pursuing the course would have the facility to interact with senior teachers through e-mail.”

The fee structure is yet to be decided by the institute authorities. Senior professor at the computer science department, who did not wish to be named, said, “There has been a huge demand for online engineering courses. It would prove to be a boon for them.”

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Undergraduate students trained on quake-resistant buildings

Kanpur: A workshop on Earthquake Resistant Practices for undergraduate students of architecture ended at IIT-Kanpur on Saturday. It had commenced on June 30 as part of National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) initiative.

On the first day of the workshop, a quiz with multiple choice answers was given to the participants. Another quiz of similar difficulty level was given to the participants towards the end of the workshop on Saturday to evaluate the progress made by them. The winners of the quiz were awarded.

Meghna Mallick, Pillo Modi College of Architecture, Cuttack and Adreja Deka, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal were adjudged as the winners.

The second position was bagged by Radhika Kulkarni, Apeejay School of Architecture, Greater Noida and Siddarth PT, School of Architecture and Planning, Chennai. The week-long workshop was attended by 61 participants of 20 colleges from 17 cities.

The aim of the workshop was to sensitize the students of architecture in earthquake resistant design practices through technical lectures and design studios. They were given guidance in earthquake resistant design.