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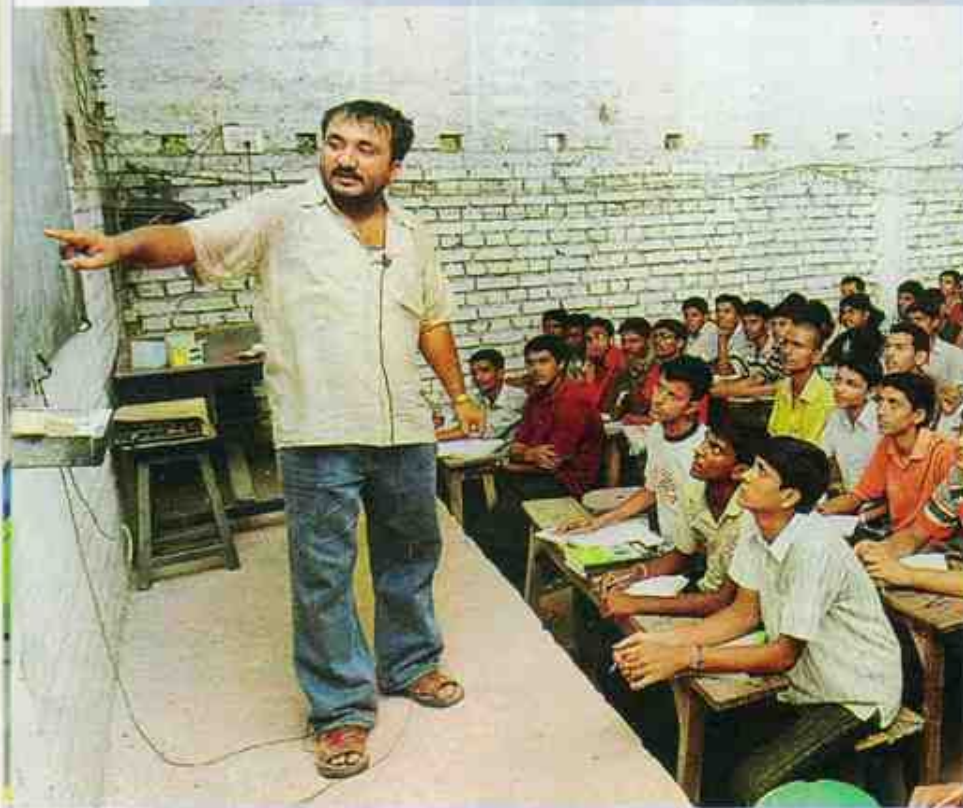
STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

KRISHNA MURARI KISHAN

Mantra for change "I want my students to squeeze, wrench and scrape everything from me. I want them to grasp the knowledge to crack the IIT."

Success technique Sample tests that are conducted every day to make students "immune to all kinds of question shocks."

Success rate In 2008 and 2009, everyone from the Super 30 cracked the IIT-JEE.

One hundred and eighty two of his students have got through the IIT exams in the past seven years, a stupendous achievement when only 2 per cent of those who apply finally qualify. Using a mix of inspirational stories and exam busting techniques, Anand Kumar's Ramanujan School of Mathematics in Patna has become an island of excellence in a sea of teaching shops. From 5,000-6,000 students who appear for the test, Kumar selects 30 for a free-of-cost "Super 30 Programme" which also provides children free accommodation for eight months to help them crack the prestigious joint entrance examination. And to think there was a time when he would deliver home-made papads to households in Patna. And that he had to give up a seat at the University of Cambridge when his father, a postal department employee, died in 1994.   *by Amitabh Srivastava*

"A good teacher knows what to teach and how to teach. Anand is the best in both spheres."
D.P. Verma, former head of mathematics, Patna Science College