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## PATNA DIGEST

### Directive to CDPOs on ration scheme

Patna DM Jyestendra Kumar Sinha on Monday ordered Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) to honestly implement the Take Home ration scheme which includes giving dry ration to expecting mothers and children belonging to the BPL category. The dry ration includes food-grains and pulses. The DM also asked the CDPOs to begin the process of filling up the vacant posts of Anganbadi Sevikas. He was told that 73 posts of the Sevikas were lying vacant in Patna.

**State Cong welcomes cabinet expansion:** The Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee (BPCC) has termed the latest cabinet expansion in Centre as the one which has a judicious mix of youth and experience. BPCC chief spokesperson Kripanath Patilak in a Press statement issued here on Monday said this judicious mix will make way for bringing the young leaders in the mainstream of the party. He also expressed happiness over the party's decision to make Dr Shakeel Ahmed Union minister of state for home. Patilak also welcomed the decision regarding induction of RJD MP from Bettiah Raghunath Jha in the council of ministers.

**Dental check-up:** On the occasion of Mother's Day, Inner Wheel Club of Patliputra organized a dental check-up for mother and child at Jagriti, a school adopted by the club. There were almost 600 children. A team of doctors and para-medical staff examined the mothers and their children. They were given dental medicines, tooth brush, tooth paste and booklets. Club president Pushpa Singh and secretary Sunita Khemka and other office-bearers of the club were present on the occasion.

**Officers suspended:** The transport commissioner has suspended a motor vehicle inspector and another official of the department for neglecting their duty with regard to department's drive to collect revenue.

**Play Home:** Bai Bharatiya New Patna Montessori School inaugurated its "Play Home" on Monday. Children between the age of 30 months to 36 months will be registered with the home. Addressing mediapersons, school secretary Suraj Sinha and the school's education-in-charge Jitendra Ahmad said the home has been opened for working couples' children who will be in safe custody for a period of 150 minutes.

**Cancer Awareness Day:** Cancer Awareness Day was observed at Patna's Police Hospital on Monday. The staff were apprised of cancer and its symptoms by various experts. The doctors taught the staff about early detection and treatment. The programme was organised by Dr P. Ghosh, proposed the vote of thanks. Several policemen were present on the occasion.

**Plea on sewerage system:** Citizens of Lohianagar, Kankerbagh, held a meeting under the banner of "Nagrik Samanya Samadhan Samiti" and decided to stage a dharna on April 11 to demand the cleaning of the old sewerage lines under the supervision of citizens and the construction of the new system under the guidance of engineers selected by the residents. Former minister Mithlesh Prasad Singh said case should be filed against National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) officials and they should be arrested for irregularities in the construction. He requested that NBCC officials admitted to the CM that sub-standard material was used in the construction of the new sewerage line.

**Health awareness:** NSS students of J D Women's College launched a health awareness drive in the slum areas of Bikanurgara locality on Monday. They went door-to-door and spoke to the locals about the need to keep their homes and the adjoining areas clean. They also apprised the residents of tuberculosis. NSS programme officer Ritesh Bhagat and several teachers were present on the occasion. A medical team, led by Dr Nirmala Savena, examined 125 persons.

**Camp on diabetes:** Voluntary organization, Sukh Sansar, organized an awareness camp on diabetes. Around 75 persons attended this camp. Dr K Singh told the participants that diabetes is a silent killer because it affects every part of the body.

## EVENTS

**Indian Academy for Pediatrics:** Healthy baby competition department of pediatrics, NMCH, 10 am

**Sarnati, Bihar:** Interactive session on Modalities for preparation of district agriculture plan, Hotel Patliputra, Asoka, 11 am

**Shilpayan:** Release of book, 'Karwa Sachch Badalayi Bihar Kee Zamin Sachchaye', Vidhan Parishad anness building, 3 pm

**Disha:** Workshop on different aspects of de-addiction, Rehabilitation Centre, Buddha Colony, 7.30 pm



**SWEET TRIBUTE:** Jubilant students of Ramanujan School of Mathematics offer sweets to their tutor Anand Kumar after he was chosen for the Dhirubhai Ambani award

# Cracker Of A TUTOR

**Super 30 founder and math wizard Anand Kumar wins Ambani award for picking underprivileged children and turning them into IITians**

Pranava K Chaudhary | TNN

The prestigious Dhirubhai Ambani Foundation has identified math wizard Anand Kumar of Super 30 fame as one of the 24 "real heroes" across the country. The award aims to honour unsung heroes — ordinary people who have made extraordinary contributions in improving the lives of others. The award winners were chosen from fields as diverse as education, environment, healthcare, rural development, sports, social welfare, women & child welfare and wildlife conservation. The award will be



Anand Kumar with Nasa scientist Anita Prasad

## SUCCESS IS ELEMENTARY

presented to Anand at a function on April 14 in Mumbai. Apart from the citation, he will also receive a cheque for Rs 5 lakh. A graduate from BN College, Patna, Anand runs the Super 30 batch at the Ramanujan School of Mathematics in the state capital. Jointly founded by Anand and additional director general of police (ADG) Abhyananand in 2003, the school gives free coaching and guidance to promising students from weaker sections of society. Each year, 30 students are selected from extremely backward classes and provided free coaching, food and lodging facilities.

The school, named after a famous Indian mathematician, is even more intense than the IITs themselves. Each year, the duo source Bihar's least privileged communities for 30 bright students to coach for the gruelling examination. Hence the name Super 30. "Intelligence is not birth-specific," says

## HIGH FIVE

**Of the 150 students who have studied at Super 30 in the past five years, 122 have qualified for IITs**

Abhyananand. If Super 30 has emerged as an architect for poor budding talents, there is a reason for it. Fascinated by mathematics from early days, Anand encountered extreme poverty in his childhood. During his graduation, he contributed several problems and write-ups on mathematics to national and international journals, magazines and newspapers. In 1994, he got an opportunity for higher education at both Cam-

bridge University and Sheffield University, but his poor financial background came in the way. He felt the pang of poverty so much that he decided to do something for poor students. This led to the birth of Ramanujan School of Mathematics. Of the 150 students who have studied at Super 30 in the past five years, 122 have qualified for the IITs. When one considers the fact that some 230,000 students from all over India compete for barely 5,000 seats in the country's seven IITs each year, one realises the significance of the Super 30 achievement.

The successful students include children of brick kiln workers, rickshaw pullers, landless farmers and roadside vendors. They have all witnessed the change with sheer disbelief. Some of their wards are set to become top corporate officials and technocrats.

Reflecting on the award, Anand said it is an honour. The cash prize, he said, will go into funding a dream. "I will spend this money to set up an institution for teaching mathematics to economically backward student of class VIII and IX."

Anand said, "We will try to make these young children compete in the Math Olympiad. Though Indians are inherently strong in Mathematics, we have not made it to the top at the Olympiad as China has." Interestingly, Meghasay Award winner Sandeep Pandey also wants to set up similar institute in Hyderabad. Pandey will be coming to Patna on Tuesday to study how Anand's institute functions. "He is coming here to study the mechanism of managing the institute," Anand revealed.

Taking the inspiration from Super 30 superiors, some old students of the school — Amit Kumar, Praveen Kumar, Niraj Prasad Singh and Manoj Kumar Verma — are also supporting the programme. Anand has already made a mark as one of the world's leading mathematicians. His paper "The fundamental inequality" was lauded by top mathematicians who participated in an international meeting organised by Mathematical Association of America in San Diego recently. Over 5,000 mathematicians participated in the four-day meet that concluded on January 9.

Anand was invited to deliver a talk at premier B-school Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad last year. Earlier, two others from the state — railway minister Lalu Prasad and chief minister Nitish Kumar — had been invited to speak to students. "Bihar is full of talents and we invited a few of them so that our students can benefit," an IIM-A official said. That Anand has a rare gift is undisputed.

# One shattered dream ignites many minds

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Ten years ago Anand Kumar would take his bicycle and deliver Anand Pappad made at home by his mother to shops and homes. Anand's father, a P&T employee in Patna, had died and retirement benefits took a while to reach the family, leaving him with no option but to fall back on his mother's past-making skills.

After graduating, he was offered admission to Cambridge and Sheffield universities but had to decline due to paucity of funds. Friends and family members tapped every possible source but nothing worked. He was referred to then chief minister Laloo Prasad Yadav. But repeated attempts to fix an appointment with him failed. That's when he made up his mind to leave the deservingly their own fortune.

"I tried very hard to raise the money, but since I came from a poor family I failed. So I wanted to realise the dream to help poor students to crack the toughest engineering exam in the country," he recounted.

Anand is now the most-wanted tutor in Patna. Hundreds of bicycles can be seen stacked outside a corrugated shed near Patna bypass. The unassuming structure is Anand's famed coaching cen-

tre. His voice is carried to students over a microphone clipped to his shirt as he stands in front of a blackboard and teaches as many as 500 students in a single batch.

The private coaching school has attained a cult status among academics and students for consistently churning out students who crack arguably one of the world's most competitive exams.

Each year, some 5,000 students turn up from all over



Anand Kumar taking a class

Bihar for a place in the school. Initially, 200 are selected for training and then 30 are shortlisted for the final grand. "The selection depends on talent, family background and education," said Anand.

The school charges a paltry Rs 6,000 annually from its students for the seven-month training, compared to other private coaching institutes who train students for IIT exams for nothing less than Rs 60,000 a year.

The hand-picked 30 students who finally sit for the exam are given free coaching and food.

<p><b>Super 30 has changed my life. The foundation is doing a great service by recognizing so many unsung heroes.</b> Vikrant Kumar   JIR BOMBAY (2006), CHEMICAL ENGG FATHER: SATYA NARAIN PRASAD, STAMP VENDOR, BEGUSARAI</p>	<p><b>It's matter of pride that efforts of Super 30 have finally been recognized at the national level by the foundation.</b> Prashant Kumar   JIR DELHI (2006), CHEMICAL ENGG FATHER: KRISHNANANDAN CHAUBE, POOR FARMER, AURANGABAD</p>	<p><b>Now I have become a hero in my village. But for Super 30, I would have been assisting my father in selling vegetables.</b> Sankosh Kumar   JIR BHARAGUCHI (2005), INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY, FATHER: VEGETABLE SELLER, BIHTA</p>	<p><b>Kumarji and Abhyananandji have changed my life. After completing my course, I will assist Super 30.</b> SIDDHANT RAJAN   ISM DHANBAD (2007), NURSE, FATHER: RAJENDRA PRASAD, LAWYER, WAS MURDERED BY CRIMINALS IN 2005</p>
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# Breathing down on drunken driving

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The Danapur railway division authorities seem to be on the right track by introducing steps to curb "drunken driving". According to a senior division official, a breath in-haler test equipment has been installed at Danapur station to find out whether a driver (loco pilot) on duty is under the influence of alcohol. The Danapur division, which comes under

East Central Railway (ECR) has also introduced some sophisticated electronic equipment and gadgets to tighten safety measures, the official said. "Since the devices are computerized, there is no scope for violation of safety rules," Danapur DRM B D Garg said. Garg said Danapur is the crew-change point of the division. For all originating and passing trains, crew members, drivers and assistant drivers are either

## HI-TECH INHALER

The DRM said the test had proved quite successful. Keeping in mind the fact that about 20 to 30 per cent of the drivers are illiterate, the "old pros" need to be more vigilant while on duty

changed at Danapur or at other major stations in the division. Thus, the computerized breath in-haler test equipment has been installed at Danapur station, he added.

Liquor has been prohibited during work, he said. In fact, the driver and assistant driver of a train are made to sign an undertaking that they have read and understood the safety rules before resuming their duty. They are also asked to give in writing that they will not allow any passenger to sit inside the engine, sources said.

The breath in-haler test has been made compulsory for every driver and assistant driver while reporting for duty and also while signing off. Apart from this, a team of safety inspectors has been formed in the division to ensure compliance of safety measures, particularly among the crew members, sources said. An ECR official said manual breath in-haler test equipment has been installed at each important crew centre in all five divisions of the ECR, but the computerized system is unique to Danapur.