

PDPU on a placement high

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Students of School of Petroleum Management (SPM) at Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU) who are gearing up to step into the professional world couldn't be a

happier lot. While the college has recorded a whopping Rs 13.5 lakh per annum as its highest salary for the batch of 2014-16, the same as last year, the average salary offered to students has increased to Rs 7 lakh per annum this year from Rs 5.6 lakh per annum for the batch of 2013-15.

Officials at the varsity stated the final placement season on campus started on November 12, 2015 and in 22 days of the placement process, 26 companies conducted interviews on campus. Around 69 students from five

specialised courses — Energy and Infrastructure, Marketing, Finance, Operation and Human Resource — that registered for placements, 59 students have secured jobs. The remaining ten students are expected to take up offers from 15 other companies scheduled to visit the campus for interview by the end of this month, said officials. Some of the companies that visited PDPU during placement season include GAIL Limited, Reliance Industries, Mahanagar Gas, Total Oil India Pvt Ltd, Accenture, Infosys, Wipro and Protiviti.

Kunal Sugandhi, the student who bagged the job with the highest salary said, "I have always wanted



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SPM, Dr C Gopalkrishnan said, "The average salary has gone up this year. I would like to take it higher and we are working in the direction. This can be achieved as students here are not only bright but are taught various skills and get exposure to varied teaching methods and foreign expertise," he stated.



Sabarkantha Rape Case

Victim's friend may undergo DNA test

Needle of suspicion in rape of 14-yr-old, who underwent abortion last year, points at friend with whom she exchanged letters on V-Day last year

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There is a twist in the Sabarkantha rape case where a 14-year-old had undergone medical termination of her 27-week-old foetus after the court gave her a go-ahead. Earlier, an FIR was filed against a doctor as the girl alleged she was raped by him in his clinic. However, a DNA test established that the doctor was not the father.

The needle of suspicion now points to the victim's friend with whom she reportedly exchanged letters on Valentine's Day last year. "Our investigation revealed the girl was in a relationship with a boy who studied with her. A letter has also been seized by the police,"

said SD Patel, investigation officer.

"We have taken statements of couple of teachers of the school and the letter was written on Valentine's Day last year. We will take further statements of some other teachers and also question the boy. We will later file an application before the court, seeking permission to conduct DNA test," he added.

Sabarkantha police had arrested Dr Jatin Mehta practising at Ranasan village of Talod block of Sabarkantha district following a complaint lodged by the victim's father on June 29 last year. As per the allegations, three months before the complaint, Dr Mehta had allegedly raped the minor girl when she had gone with her mother to consult him. She then became pregnant.

The girl's father then approached



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the high court seeking permission to abort the foetus, since it was more than 20-weeks old. However the court refused to entertain a plea as the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act (MTP

Act) does not permit abortion of foetus that is more than 20 weeks.

At the time, an NGO came to the rescue of the girl by filing a plea in the SC, seeking permission for abortion. In a first-of-its-kind judgment, the apex court allowed abortion by a team of expert doctors of the Civil hospital. After medical examination, the 27-week foetus was aborted by the doctor and the girl safely went back home.

The police then collected blood samples of the girl, Dr Mehta and the foetus and sent them to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) to determine paternity. However, the DNA test established that the accused doctor was not the father. Based on the report, the doctor was later released on bail by the Sabarkantha court.