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SUPER 30 FOUNDER SAYS ‘WILLING TO DISCUSS OPENING A CENTRE IN QATAR’

Anand Kumar takes part in webinar titled ‘Tricks and Tips for IIT, JEE & NEET Exam’, organised by the AMU Alumni Association Qatar for the benefit of students and parents in Qatar

HERE is a piece of super news for Qatar aspirants of the IIT, JEE and NEET examinations. Super 30 founder Anand Kumar has shown his willingness to discuss the possibility of opening a centre of his pioneering program in Doha.

“Let the pandemic situation ease. After that I can come to Doha and discuss the possibility of opening a centre in Doha,” Kumar said while responding to a question at a webinar on ‘Tricks and Tips for IIT JEE & NEET Exam’. He was the chief guest at the webinar organised by the AMU Alumni Association Qatar on Thursday, August 27, for the benefit of students and parents in Qatar.

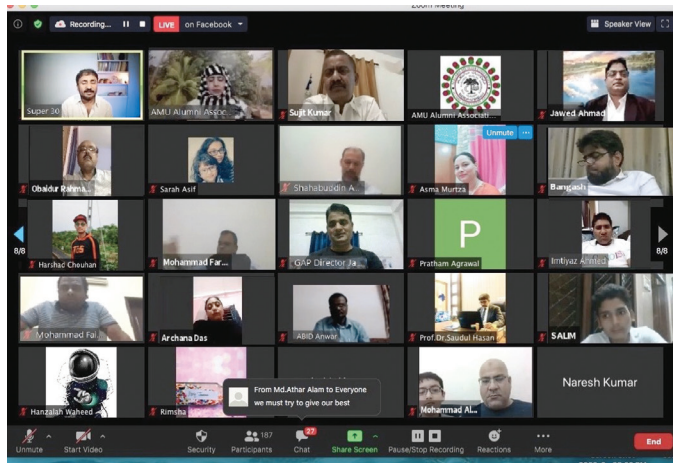
Acknowledging the high interest among students and parents for a Super 30-like coaching facility in Doha and the Gulf region, Kumar, however, noted that such a centre in Doha, if and when it comes up, would have to adopt a different model since his Super 30 program is essentially aimed at benefiting students from the underprivileged background.

Super 30, it may be noted, is a pioneering educational program started by Kumar in Patna, in the eastern state of Bihar in India, which selects 30 talented candidates from economically underprivileged sections of the Indian society each year and trains them for the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE), the engineering entrance examination conducted for admission to various engineering colleges in India. Kumar’s program was brilliantly portrayed in the 2019 biopic ‘Super 30’, a film starring Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan as Kumar.

Sharing his valuable tips with aspirants of the IIT, JEE & NEET examinations, Kumar, addressing the webinar, said the students must make it a point to cover the complete syllabus. “Suppose a student ignores algebra and focuses mainly on calculus considering it to be difficult, they must know that sometimes they may get very simple questions



Anand Kumar addresses the webinar.



Participants attend the webinar on ‘Tricks & Tips on IIT JEE & NEET’.

from these difficult topics. Hence, it’s very important to prepare the entire syllabus,” he noted.

“A thorough study is required to solve the problems with different tricks and formulae that help students to enhance their knowledge as well as sharpen their grasp of the basics.”

He strongly recommended the students to read the NCERT (National Council of

Educational Research and Training) books thoroughly, which are of great help, and told them to keep practicing and solving question banks from the past 20-25 years.

Kumar advised the students to solve the problems not just by one method but “they should rather ask themselves about the ‘How and Why’ of any mathematics question and concept used to solve a problem. If a class XII

student faces any difficulty in understanding a concept or theorem, then they should study the concepts of classes X1 and X. To make mathematics interesting for them, the students should build their concepts from the basics”.

As for the parents, the Super 30 trendsetter advised them to encourage their children to read biographies of scientists, mathematicians and successful people on their smartphones and PCs. This, he noted, would inspire children to move in a positive direction as a majority of them are seen indulging with electronic gadgets for games and other things, as a result of which, they are ending up whiling away their precious time.

It’s also commonplace to see students complaining about not getting sufficient time for self-study as they are fully engaged in school and coaching classes. Kumar’s take on this is crystal clear: Self-study is very important to understand the concepts. Students should take advantage of

this pandemic to create room for self-study and make use of the available online materials.

Another crucial tip from Kumar: Students should try to crack this exam in the first attempt, instead of thinking about dropping the academic year, as, despite best preparations, they can never be sure of the questions matching their readiness. “So, be confident and put your 100% to get the desired result. But yes, once the results come out, then they can think about dropping one year as per their current performance.”

Kumar, meanwhile, welcomed the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 of India. “I agree that the medium of instruction in the home/local language will help the students to understand the basics and will make their foundation stronger.”

He also said the examination date of the IIT/JEE and NEET exams should not be changed now as the government has already made all preparations to conduct

the exams by following all precautionary measures for COVID-19, and has already made proper arrangements at the exam centre. “Since these examinations were already postponed a few times, it’s imperative to save the academic session for the aspirants,” he pointed out.

As he approached the conclusion of his address, Kumar urged community leaders and educated people to come forward and support the goal of education for all. “It’s alright for the IIT graduates to go abroad for higher studies or for a career and better financial prospects but they should help and support the nation and society afterwards.”

The IITs are the premier engineering institutions in India and are ranked among the best in the world. The Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) is an engineering entrance examination conducted for admission to various engineering colleges in India. It is constituted by two different examinations – JEE Main and the

JEE Advanced. The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (Undergraduate) (or NEET (UG)), formerly the All India Pre-Medical Test (AIPMT), is an entrance examination in India for students who wish to study undergraduate medical courses (MBBS) and dental courses (BDS) in government or private medical and dental colleges in India.

While the NEET is scheduled to be held on September 13, the JEE Main has been planned from September 1-6. Around 9.53 lakh candidates have registered for JEE-Mains while 15.97 lakh students have registered for NEET.

These exams have already been postponed twice in the wake of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The JEE-Main 2020 was originally supposed to be held from April 7-11, but was postponed to July 18-23. The NEET-UG was originally scheduled for May 3 and was deferred to July 26. They were postponed again and are now scheduled in September.

Anand Kumar is our hero, says Rahman-30 founder

ANAND Kumar is a real hero, said Obaidur Rahman, the founder of Rahman-30, the Patna initiative he launched after getting inspired by Anand Kumar’s Super 30.

Rahman was responding to a participant at the webinar, who asked him what the title of a biopic on him could be (like the ‘Super 30’ biopic on Anand Kumar)?

“For us, our hero is Mr. Anand Kumar and he’s the one who is our inspiration,” replied Rahman, whose Rahman-30 selects 30 students from minority communities from all across India every year through a screening test. These aspirants are then provided free coaching by Anand Kumar.

Rahman, a Guest of Honour at the webinar, said he has been very much inspired by Anand Kumar’s Super-30 and founded the Rahman-30 in association with Super-30 to coach students from the weaker sections for IIT/JEE and NEET examination. Offering his tips to the



A movie poster of Super 30.

students, he advised them to utilise the remaining time for mock tests and online practice. He also told them to appear in the examination without any nervousness.

“Solve the questions with accuracy and attempt the sure-shot questions first, and then go try the difficult ones. You need to minimise your wrong answers as the negative marking might impact the score adversely,” he said.

‘Parents, students eagerly looking for a Super 30-like coaching centre in Qatar’

THE opening of a coaching centre in Qatar backed by Super 30 holds a strong possibility and the parents and students are already looking forward to it, said Jawed Ahmad, president of the AMU Alumni Association Qatar (AMUAAQ), an associate organisation of the ICBF working under the aegis of the Embassy of India in Qatar.

“The Indian expatriate population in Qatar is vast, so setting up a coaching institute for JEE/NEET etc. holds a very promising potential for students who are aspiring to clear these exams,” he said, while hailing the “overwhelming response” to the webinar held by AMUAAQ, where Super 30 founder Anand Kumar was the star attraction.

Approximately 850 people (both on Zoom and Facebook) attended the webinar, he told Qatar Tribune.

It may be noted that the National Testing Agency of India has decided to change the examination centre in Qatar for JEE (Mains) Exam 2020 to Birla Public School, the Indian Embassy in Qatar had tweeted recently.

The Joint Entrance Examination (JEE)-Mains, a crucial test to gain admissions in some of the prestigious engineering colleges in India, is slated for



Anand Kumar being felicitated at an event in Doha. Also seen is former ambassador of India P Kumaran. (FILE PHOTO)

September 2 and 3 in Qatar.

It was previously decided to be held at the Family Computer Centre

in Al Rayyan but has been shifted to Birla Public School after the centre declined to conduct the exam in its fa-

cility citing “technical reasons” associated with the prevailing COVID-19 situation in Qatar.