

SUKNA SCAM

COURT REFUSES
RELIEF TO RATH

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NEW DELHI: Delhi High Court, on Monday, refused relief to Lt-Gen. P.K. Rath who challenged the court of inquiry initiated against him in the Sukna land scam. A Division Bench headed by Justice Geeta Mittal asked the officer to approach the Armed Forces Tribunal.

"Jurisdiction of this court is barred by the Armed Forces Tribunal Act. In view of this, the petition is dismissed with liberty to the petitioner to approach the tribunal," Justice Mittal said.

Rath moved the court after he and former Military Secretary Lt-Gen. Avadesh Prakash were indicted in the Rs 300-crore scam. The two were accused of favouring a realtor.

SOA University excels in placements

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KOLKATA/BHUBANESWAR: Despite the global recession and the resultant slowdown in India in 2009, all constituent colleges of SOA University, declared a deemed university under the UGC Act of 1956, has excelled in placements, scripting a record in its 10-year history.

The university's flagship constituent college, ITER, a prominent name in engineering education in Orissa, has bagged the highest number of placements: 478 students of the 2010 batch have been picked up by several high profile companies through campus interviews over a fortnight.

Infosys recruited 198 students, the highest number of recruitment from any campus so far. TCS followed with 171 recruits, followed by Wipro (71), Adani Group (16), Vedanta (13)

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and Zensar Technologies (9). Almost all the students of ITER's Computer Science and IT branch have been recruited. Many more companies are scheduled to visit the ITER campus in connection with the campus recruitment drive for students of the 2010 batch.

SOA University's management college, IBCS, is also not far behind ITER. With an intake of 480 MBA students, probably the highest in the eastern zone, it has the distinction of starting its placement process much ahead of any other B-school in Orissa. It has also been able to place 180 students so far in com-

panies like Eperium, a France-based multinational financial agency, Bharati Axa Life, Mahindra Finance, Reliance, Bharti Airtel, Seashore, Roof, Tata Indicom, Phoenix, Darshan and Printlink, to name a few.

IBCS has also lined up companies like Kotak Mahindra, Jindal, Asian Paints, Vedanta, HDFC Life and Future Group for campus interviews in the coming month.

Praising the efforts undertaken by the placement division of ITER and the deans of ITER and IBCS, the president of SOA University, Monoranjan Nayak, thanked all the corporate houses that visited the campuses and congratulated all the students and wished them all success. Nayak also noted that almost all of ITER and IBCS's students had been found employable by big corporate houses and thanked all members of the faculty for the achievement.