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IIT aspirants buoyed by high scores

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MUMBAI: High scores in Class 12 Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) exams have kept hopes of engineering aspirants alive.

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will secure admission in IIT," said Aayush Gupta, a student of DAV International School, Kharghar, who scored 88%. More than 10 students from the school had qualified for the JEE (Advanced) held on Sunday. "The second paper was tough. CBSE results have assured me that I will qualify in the top 20 percentile. But, I am not sure whether I will get a seat in computer science," said Aditva

Sathe, another student of DAV International School Kharghar, who scored 94.8%.

Chinmay Koparkar, a student of DAV public School, Nerul, scored 97.2% but he is not sure of getting a seat in IIT as he found the paper tough. "Though I will qualify for JEE, I am not sure if I will make it to IIT. I will be able to make it to the NITs. I plan to pursue mechanical engineering."

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Tough JEE (Advanced) papers may lower high scores experts

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MUMBAI: The highest score in the Joint Entrance Examination at least 10 units claim experts, after the premier Indian Institutes of Technology. The 100th rank which closed at 277 last year might go down. IITs called everyone who scored above 156 for the counselling down, if the performances of students are poorer this year.

JEE sources from IIT-Kharagpur, which conducted the JEE can be predicted only once the results are out. "The IITs will around 1.4 or 1.5 times the total numbers of seats available the students who scored above it were called in for the counselling generally scored less this year across the board, the cut-off were to release model answer keys on June 1, will now release

Vinay Kumar of the Rao IIT Academy said the highest score will not be more than 320 out of 360 this time top 100 ranks will close at 270 this year, estimated Kumar after receiving feedbacks from students who attended students are also expecting lower scores this year, as the paper was tough. The chemistry section in paper-1 was easier, but had negative marking throughout. They could have made it a little easier by having negative marking

"The whole idea of setting the question paper in the given format was to get students with good understanding Devang Khakhar. The IITs were trying to return to subjective testing format for two years.

Praveen Tyagi from IITians Pace said as the paper was tough, the impact will be relative. "If the paper was said. Aakash Chaudhry from another coaching institute, said the top 15-20 candidates will remain unaffected top 20 ranks might dip this year," he added.

For students, the most preferred choice remains the two courses — computer engineering and electrical engineering. Siddhant Garg, a student from Delhi Public School, Navi Mumbai, said, "My first choice will be electrical engineering at IIT-Delhi, but if I don't get any I will not mind studying computers at Kanpur." Kapil Vaidya also wanted IIT-Bombay. "It is too early to predict scores. Once we get the model answer key, we will get a clearer picture

Students with higher ranks choose computer, electrical and mechanical engineering, in that order. After releasing closing ranks in sought-after IITs, with IIT-B registering the highest rank. A higher closing rank for a stream

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IIT Bhubaneswar to introduce B.Tech in Metallurgy from 2014

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IIT Bhubaneswar (IITBBS) will introduce a new course in its UG curriculum. The institute will launch BTech (metallurgy) from the coming academic year, admission for which will be conducted on the basis of the JEE (advanced) which was held on Sunday.

There will be a total of 20 seats for BTech (metallurgy) this year reported a newspaper daily.

The institute has been offering BTech in Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Computer Science. Each of these branches has 40 seats. However, the new course will have 20 seats initially before the IIT expands it to 40 seats in the future, IIT sources said.

For the new metallurgy course, the institute already has required infrastructure and faculty members since it has been offering MTech in the same branch already. IITBBS, at present, has 98 faculty members.

The institute admits students into B. Tech, M. Tech and Ph.D. programs. The classes are held in Bhubaneswar city. The academic session begins in July each year.

JEE Advanced conducted on Sunday, May 25 by IIT Kharagpur was the gateway for admissions to IITs. The results are expected by the first week of June.

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Global Technology Competitions Open Doors for Non-IIT Students

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Students of second-rung engineering colleges have not had it easy so far, coping as they do with poor infrastructure and little scope to showcase their skills. But global technology competitions are now helping them overcome this handicap.

The global competitions targeted at students—many hosted by technology giants such as Microsoft—have opened doors to these students from these colleges, who have exploited the platforms to the fullest. Srinidhi Prahlad from NIE Mysore is a case in point. Prahlad, a third-year engineering student of the institute, developed Streamify, an online tool developed for users to host webinars, conferences

and business calls, in two days at a hackathon.

Mysore-based Reinventio, Prahlad's company launched Streamify at the Great Indian Developer Summit at IISc Bangalore and showcased at the IBM campus in May. Streamify requires the user to use Pymetra, a gesture recognition product the company developed and launched earlier this year. The user can make presentations by drawing or pulling slides out of thin air. "Passion is a big ingredient that I see in these students. We are venture capitalists in a way as we provide them (the students) with technology and offer mentorship," said Karthik Padmanabhan, country head of ecosystem development at IBM.

Similarly, Microsoft Imagine Cup, an annual global student technology competition, saw four

engineers of Faridabad-based Manav Rachna College of Engineering clinch the first place at the national finals held in Noida in April. Their product RespirON

makes life easier for asthma patients by indicating the number of doses left in an inhaler with the help of an embedded app. The four students, who call themselves Team Dexters, will now

participate in the international finals to be held in Seattle this July. The students hope to commercialise their product in the Indian market by May 2015. "The first three places were won by students of Manav Rachna College of Engi-

neering," said Saurabh Kanwar, a student who also participated in the Microsoft Imagine Cup.

His team, which also had four members, grabbed the third spot with a software and hardware integrated device embedded in a helmet that alerts relatives in the event of an accident.

Another event where students from the second-tier colleges are making their mark is the national finals of the "International Robocon", which is hosted every year by the Maharashtra Institute of Technology in Pune.

Around 30 students and four professors of Ahmedabad's Institute of Technology Nirma University have been participating in the event and won the national championship six times so far. They represented India across the globe in Thailand, Japan and Malaysia.

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This year, a team developed two robots, one controlled manually and the other automatic, and bagged the first place.

Such platforms also appear to have stoked the interests of investors and experts in the country.

Team Dexters have contacted pharma company Cipla for a potential collaboration.

Kanwar and his team is also scouting for potential partnerships with insurance companies, emergency services and helmet manufacturers. The team is in talks with Pune's industrial research association ARAL.

"The colleges do their part by funding the logistics and other expenses of the participants. This has taken them on the verge of setting up their own incubators.

"They don't have facilities like IITs these platforms provide them," Anant Chakradeo, dean of MIT Institute of Design, Manipal.

"The student will get confidence to start something and an insight into running a business. It's not about the product alone." TC Ramesh, the head of tech-

nology at aerospace engineering services company QuEST Global, said such students are helped by their passion to succeed. "Sometimes the best from a tier 2 and tier 3 college can be better than an average student from an IIT. These students don't have many opportunities presented to them, and possess the hunger and talent, and we look to tap those."

QuEST Ingenium, a national contest for engineers to display their engineering and design aptitude, is now in its fourth year. Students of Adhityamaan College of Engineering in Hosur were among the 180 qualifiers out of 2,000 participants across the country.

Mukesh Krishna, a student of Adhityamaan College, and his team designed a cost-effective micro aerial vehicle that can fly at a slower speed and capture clear pictures.

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Indian scholar appointed dean of B-school at HKUST

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An Indian management scholar has been appointed as the dean of the business school of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Professor Jitendra Vir Singh Singh, has been appointed as the Dean of the School of Business and Management at HKUST with effect from September 1, based on an open and competitive worldwide search.

Singh, an IIM-A alumnus, who left India in 1978, is currently the Saul P Steinberg Professor of Management at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania in the US, where he has played a number of significant roles in boosting the school's global presence since joining the faculty in 1987.

"I am honoured to have been chosen to

lead the School of Business and Management at HKUST and it is exciting for me to be back in Asia at a time when momentous changes are under way.

"I look forward to working with the university and business school leadership to build on the strong foundations that are already in place, and strive toward ever higher goals, while contributing both to the region and to global society," Singh said.

Professor Tony F Chan, President of HKUST, said he was very pleased that the University has found such an acclaimed scholar. "With Prof Singh's wide-ranging experience and achievements in the academic, business strategy and policy arenas, I am certain he will bring HKUST Business School to new heights. We are excited about this appointment!"

IP University to start online counselling

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NEW DELHI: Indraprastha (IP) University is going to start online counselling for admission to various programmes from 28 May onwards. The first programme on the list is online counselling for admission to MCA (CET Code - 105), which will begin from May 28.

‘The window for submission of counselling participation fee for all CET qualified candidates for this programme will be open from 28 May to 3 June’, the IP University official said. The counselling participation fee of Rs. 1,000 can be paid through three different modes, that is, cash through bank challan, net banking and through debit card’ added IP University official. The same online counselling process is applicable for admission to BCA (CET Code - 104), MBA (CET Code - 101), BJMC (CET Code - 126), B.Ed (CET Code - 122) and B. Tech (CET Code - 131) programme.

Pvt engineering colleges flout norms

Have hired 'unqualified' staff to teach students

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While private engineering colleges are up in arms against the stringent conditions and norms being implemented by the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to ensure quality education, students are suffering as a large number of technical institutions have employed "unqualified" staff.

Last year, the State Regulatory Commission for private educational institutions had inspected the institutions and asked them to remove the shortcomings pointed out in the inspection report. But before the commission could seek the compliance report, the High Court quashed the Regulatory Commission Act and the commission also stood abolished.

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entrusted the functions of the AICTE to the University Grants Commission (UGC) last year. But now, the powers have been restored to the AICTE and it is enforcing the norms.

The UGC had decided that no new technical institutions would be opened, no new courses would be started and also the number of seats would not be increased and the AICTE has also not annulled the decision.

A large number of private engineering colleges, including the colleges run by private universities, have employed unqualified staff and the Regulatory Commission had detected in a

large number of cases BTech qualified teachers were teaching the BTech students, affecting the quality of technical education.

Sources in the commission said the prime concern of the government was to ensure quality of technical education so that the pass outs could get gainful employment. The private colleges had pleaded that they were not getting MTech teachers, but it was no excuse for employing unqualified staff and play with career of the students, said the sources.

Student leader Rahul Prashar said it was the responsibility of the gov-

ernment and other statutory bodies to fix the norms and implement these in letter and spirit, but no action was being taken against the technical institutions that did not have qualified faculty and students were being taught by unqualified persons putting their future at risk.

“In many institutions, BTech students are being taught by BTech qualified teachers which is a farce and mockery of the system. Names of the unqualified teachers are available on the websites of the universities. A similar situation prevails in BBA, BCA, MCA and MSc courses,” he added.

However, educationists have hailed the decision of the government and the commission to enforce the norms. They said the quality of education was the main concern and there should be compromise on it.

“Technical institutions must have qualified staff, admission norms should not be relaxed and proper infrastructure should be in place for imparting quality technical education,” said Dr NK Sharda, former Pro Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University.

HT Chandigarh

GNDU ranked 14th best in country

AMRITSAR: Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU) is ranked 14th best in the country and 6th best in the north zone in the latest survey by news magazine "The Week" and Hansa Research. University vice-chancellor AS Brar has credited the success to members of the faculty, employees and students and said: University Grants Commission (UGC) has named us university with potential for excellence (UPE). We are alone in Punjab to achieve this status." The university has waived the tuition fee of students of the Guru Nanak Studies department and School of Punjabi Studies and raised no fee. **HTC**