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NEW DELHI: The Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) on Monday quietly strengthened the security of their online counselling procedure for students who have cleared their entrance examination.

As first reported by *Hindustan Times* on July 3, IIT faculty members were concerned that the online counselling process could be misused by rival candidates, as it was not secure.

Students selected after taking the IIT entrance choose their disciplines and the IIT at which they will be based through the counselling process, which was conducted face-to-face by IIT authorities till last year.

This year it went online. Counselling during the first round of admissions in June required a student to only type his registration number and the first four characters of his name to select the course and institute.

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not change it.

In the online process, concerns arose that a student knowing the name and registration number of other students could fraudulently fill up poor choices for them to give himself better opportunities.

The IITs on Monday added a third requirement — date of birth — that students need to provide to access the database where they pick their disciplines and institutes.

Publicly however, the premier engineering schools claimed there was nothing wrong with their online counselling.

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PM visit: Clean chit to IIT-K cook

The district magistrate has given a clean chit to the IIT-K team responsible for preparation of food for the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during his visit to the city on July 3.

Meshram said: "None of the food items prepared for the PM's lunch was contaminated and the food items were approved after a thorough examination." He said the IIT-K cook had handed over all the items to be used for preparation of the PM's food to Special Protection Group (SPG) team inspecting the kitchen. IIT-K Director Sanjay Govind Dhande has already refuted the allegations of having used substandard raw material in preparation of the PM's food.