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For engg students, computer science still the biggest draw

Data Science, AI Courses Also Popular

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Bengaluru: When the results of the first round of CET allotment of engineering seats were announced on Saturday, the trends remained the same as last year: computer science and related subjects of AI, ML, and data science were the top picks.

Computer science seats at RV College of Engineering (RVCE) were picked up like hot cakes, with the cutoff rank at 93 for general merit students. Last year, the cutoff after round one was 98.

Next in demand at RVCE was information science, and the last student to get a seat had a rank of 158.

Computer science was the favourite at all colleges, with the other top ones in the city also seeing a cutoff below 500 for it. They include MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology (476), PES University (450) and BMS College of Engineering (498).

New-age courses such as artificial intelligence (AI), data science and cybersecurity were also well-received by many students. AI was more in demand than electronics in some colleges. The cutoff rank for AI and machine learning at MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology was 599, while that of information science was 863.



Photo for representation
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Other not-so-hot courses

Electronics was the next favourite, followed by electrical engineering. "Computer science, information science and the new related programmes were filled in most colleges. However, other courses such as electronics and electrical engineering have taken a beating. Like civil and mechanical engineering, they have taken a back seat," said Ravi Shankar BV, principal of BMS College of Engineering.

"The job prospects for computer science engineers are high, not just in IT but across various sectors. Internships are also very well-paid now. After Covid, there is a demand for new businesses. AI and ML are a step higher than CS. There are a lot of applications in all sectors for these too. In our college, we noticed aerospace and biotechnology picking up. In aerospace, while the cutoff was 1,800 last year, it is 1,200 this time," said RVCE principal KN Subramanya.

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Ali Khwaja, founder of Banjara Academy, said, "We came across three students who decided to repeat CET for CS. This is a new trend in a state where gap years are not part of the culture. However, students have to check if they have the aptitude for the stream while choosing it."

Around 61,000 of the available 67,000 seats were allotted in the first round. Students who opt for choice 1 in the allotment can download the admission order between November 30 and December 2 (by 11am). The last date to report to college is December 3.

Cold response to courses in Kannada

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Mysuru: The government's proposal to offer engineering education in Kannada medium received a cold response from students in the first round of CET seat allotment.

BE in Kannada medium was launched in select engineering colleges from this academic year as part of National Education Policy, 2020.

In Mysuru, no one selected mechanical engineering seats available at Maharaja Institute of Technology, Mysuru (MIT-M) in the first round. However, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) authorities were confident students would show interest in Kannada-medium seats in the next rounds. At Sri Jagadguru Chandrashekaranaatha Swamiji Institute of Technology, Chikkaballapur, officials said 12 students selected seats in civil engineering with a cutoff rank of 1,69,393 under general merit category.

MIT-M administrative officer Aniruddha AM said as no student pursues PU education in Kannada medium, there is unlikely to be more demand for engineering education in that medium.

VTU VC Karisiddappa, however, said he is confident that in the next rounds, more students will join the Kannada-medium courses.