

Computer science top pick among CET takers

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Bengaluru: This year's choices for engineering in the Common Entrance Test (CET) seat allotment haven't thrown up any surprises. Computer science in RV College of Engineering saw the highest cutoff (rank 98) in general merit when the first-round allotment list was released.

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It was followed by information science and electronics as the most sought-after subjects. The cutoff rank was 244 for information science and 416 for electronics at RVCE, which continues to be the top choice for engineering aspirants.

"Computer science remains the favourite because of the immediate job prospects. The

INDIAN STUDENTS BLINDLY CHOOSE COURSES, COLLEGES

Indian students have the drawback of a blind-leading-the-blind attitude. They blindly choose courses and colleges based on wrong information circulated on social media. For instance, they do not realise how big electronics and communication is and how the gap between hardware and software has diminished over the years. News reports on placement scenarios continue to be on IT-focused firms. We run after the buzzwords, instead of foreseeing what is in store. If the 20th century was about computers, this one is about biology

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maximum recruitments on campus are done by IT and IT-related companies. Even colleges are selected based on companies that visit the campus

and not education. However, there are many who later realise it's not the subject they are passionate about," said Ali Khwaja of Banjara Academy.



WHAT THEY WANT: A file photo of students writing CET. After CS, information science and electronics are the preferred subjects

formation science 894. At MS Ramalah Institute of Technology, it's 604 and 941, respectively. At PES University, the cutoff rank is 587 for computer science and 1580 for electronics.

University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, proposed to be upgraded to IIT level, had a cutoff rank of 1835 for computer science, 4203 for electronics and 3188 for information science. New-age courses in top colleges saw high cutoff ranks. For instance, it's 727 for artificial intelligence course at BMS College, 4536 at Dayanand Sagar University and 4814 at Bangalore Institute of Technology.

In the first-round allotment list for medical and dental courses that was released earlier, the cutoff rank at Bangalore Medical College and Research Centre for general merit was 3857. In Mysore Medical College, it was 7011.

The trend remained the same in other top colleges too. At BMS College of engineering, the cutoff rank for computer science is 588 and for in-