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KN Subramanya, principal at RVCE, stressed the importance of digital transformation in all fields of engineering.

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PRINCIPAL SECY TO STUDENTS: DON'T PURSUE DREAM WHICH IS NOT YOURS

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Bengaluru: The JN Tata auditorium of the Indian Institute of Science, the venue of TOI's Mission Admission, a seminar and expo for higher education, brimmed with students and their parents on Saturday.

Over 2,000 people attended the day-long event that strived to counsel and guide students in choosing the career path that best suits them.

Srikanth MS, principal secretary, department of higher education, delivered the keynote address. He spoke about how his choice of opting arts despite scoring high in class 10 shocked his teachers. "Don't pursue a dream which is not yours. There is no single

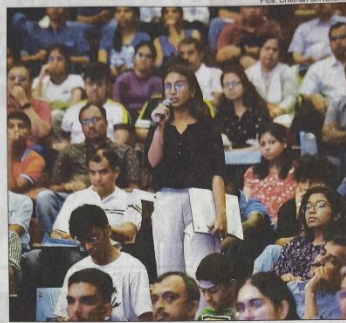


Photo: Chathan Bhishankumar

QUESTION HOUR: Over 2,000 students and parents attended the Mission Admission event for guidance and counselling

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career track which is the optimal or the best. A lot of you have written CET and ComedK, but all of you may not get it and that's not the end of the world," he said.

The IAS officer said talent alone will not help. "When I completed my PUC, I was doing arts. As I had come from science background and I had thought arts was easy then. I did extremely well but I scored terribly in political science. That was a day I felt let down, but I didn't let that impact me in my further endeavours. Don't give up with failures that come on the way," he advised the gathering.

"I just attended the session on CET by Uttam Kumar Badiger. As a parent, I was personally impressed. He gave accurate and correct information. Of course, all information is available online, but gaining it from someone who's highly experienced makes it exceptionally different and reliable."

Ravi Narayan | PARENT

"It was reassuring to know that just because there is no demand for things now, does not mean that it will lose relevance in future. I gained more clarity about the career options I had chosen for myself."

Sneha Ramya Shekhar | DEEKSHA SCHOOL, YELAHANKA

"All these days, I have been getting different opinions from people, but it was only helpful to hear the opinions of professionals. I believe their experiences help you to shape your decisions. They're trustworthy and reliable."

Darshini V | A STUDENT AT OXFORD PU COLLEGE

Working hard, perseverance, getting the skill sets right and taking up leadership roles are important, he said. Srikanth also had a word

for the parents—not to put excess pressure on their children but to help and guide them.

—Vismayi Kadakol

AI not just for engg streams, say experts



Aditya Mishra, Robin Vincent, Rajat Gera, Arpit Yadav, Anirudh Sridhar

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Bengaluru: Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not just for engineering students, but even for those in non-engineering stream, stressed experts.

Aditya Mishra, MD and CEO, CIEL HR, said, "All the recruiting/HR/supply chain/finance interviews are AI aligned. Sometimes, it is an AI tool that is interacting. Mostly, the question is on how to use AI tools to make the work faster," he said.

Robin Rohit Vincent, associate professor, computer science and engineering, school of CSE and IS, Presidency University, said: "You need to know only how to use a tool." He took the example of law firms hiring people with know-how of ChatGPT as it helps in finding loopholes in the case.

Rajat Gera, dean, management, commerce and director management CMR university, explained how universities are now align-

ing their programmes with AI. "Our university is making curriculum AI aligned, so that students know what the tools are and how to use them. For instance, a BBA student should know how to use AI to track trends, patterns and make conclusions. So even while we teach the core discipline, we also introduce Python, R and others and work on a multi-dimensional approach."

Arpit Yadav, senior AI scientist at Centre for Continuing Education- IFIM institution, agreed that AI is meant for everyone—science, commerce and arts students.

Anirudh Sridhar, dean of thought leadership, Alliance University, spoke about how IA influences liberal arts and humanities. "Humanities is a force that uses AI and is a critic of AI. We see that humanities students with data science subjects are best suited for today's employment."

—Muskaan Mirani

'AI won't lead to job shortage'



Sadagopan, Amit, Subramanya, Seshachalam and Jagannath

Bengaluru: Educationists, researchers and professors shared their views on the impact of AI on engineering and job market. Professor S Sadagopan, founding director of IIT Bangalore, said, "This is the evolution of technology that shouldn't be feared upon and there will be plenty of jobs."

Amit Bhatt, VC, Dayananda Sagar University, said skills of people will never remain irrelevant. KN Subramanya, principal at RV Col-

lege of Engineering, stressed the importance of digital transformation in all fields of engineering. Seshachalam D, professor and dean of academics at BMS College of Engineering, highlighted the destructive role of technology. Jagannath Korody, director at Manipal Institute of Technology, Bangalore Campus, said AI algorithms should be taught in all institutions.

—Akansha Kedia
Full report: toi.in

CET, ComedK sessions a big hit

Bengaluru: The sessions on Common Entrance Test, Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental College of Karnataka (ComedK)-UGCET and National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test drew a huge crowd. The representatives from Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) that conducts CET and NEET counselling, and ComedK were bombarded with questions as students and parents got their doubts clarified on the process.

"We have not released the CET results yet because of the second round of PUC exams, whose results will be counted for the ranks. Prob-



ably in the first week of June, we'll announce the results, which will be on our website," said Uttam Kumar Badiger, senior assistant, KEA.

"We allot the seats according to the results and reservations. We'll consider 50% of the marks of PUC and the remaining 50% of CET and then announce the ranks. There will be two rounds of

counselling," he said. He also briefed about the processes for NEET counselling.

ComedK executive secretary Dr S Kumar's assurance on fee return in case students get a CET seat and wants to withdraw was received with a thunderous clap.

"The student must provide proof that he/she has got a seat through Karnataka CET," he added.

"ComedKares is an initiative aimed at imparting skill training to students in community centric projects. Students can take part in the course as they complete their degree," he added.

—Vismayi Kadakol