



Students brace for over 7 engg entrance tests in state

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Bengaluru: Manas Gururaj finished his class 12 board examinations last week. But the teenager is not entitled to any break yet. He has five more examinations — all entrance tests to various engineering programmes — lined up for May, before he could let himself have a vacation.

Students aspiring to pursue engineering courses in Karnataka write over seven entrance tests, besides the Common Entrance Test and the test by Consortium of Engineering Colleges in Karnataka (Comed-K).

However, the system is set for an overhaul as the All India Council of Technical Education has begun the work for a common engineering entrance exam, to be introduced from the academic year 2019.

Among the various independent engineering entrance

IT'S TIME FOR ONE TEST



Some of the independent entrance exams for engineering courses are conducted by

- PES Institute of Technology
- Manipal Institute of Technology
- Dayanand Sagar University
- School of Engineering, CMR University

tests, there were 16,000 applicants for PESSAT, which decides admissions to 594 seats in PES Institute of Technology. PESSAT will be conducted in various cities between May 2 and 20.

"The number of applications has gone up by 10 per cent this year. While 50% of the applicants are from Bengaluru, the rest are from

cities like Ranchi, Delhi and Vijayawada," said Ajoy Kumar, CEO, PES University.

While ensuring that the dates of the entrance exams do not clash, universities also ensure that students are given the choice of changing the dates as per their convenience.

66 A common entrance test for engineering courses will give us an opportunity to compete with other institutions. It will help us see if we are able to attract students with good ranks to our institution

Ajoy Kumar | CEO,
PES UNIVERSITY

► **Common test in 2019, PES**



AICTE will bring single CET for engg courses in '19

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Manipal Institute of Technology, run by the Manipal University, has closed applications for the 2017-18 academic year. Those who have applied for the 16 undergraduate BTech programmes in the institution will be appearing for the entrance exam between April 24 and May 13. The institution has received a whopping 52,000 applications for 3,800 seats available across the Mangaluru, Jaipur and Sikkim centres of the institution.

"At least 28-30% of the applicants are from Karnataka, while up to 25% are from Andhra, Odisha and Tamil Nadu. Applicants from Delhi and other north Indian states constitute a 30%," said Srikanth Rao, director, admissions, Manipal University, Mangaluru.

Dayanand Sagar University, too, is conducting its own entrance exam for the four branches of engineering courses. The test will be conducted in five slots and applications for the 200 seats in the institution are likely to cross the 2,000 mark in May.

School of Engineering, CMR University, has 180-200 seats in the four branches of engineering the varsity has currently. The entrance tests will be conducted online, on May 13, 27 and June 10.

The All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) decided in March to introduce a national-level common engineering entrance exam from the academic year 2019. "Having a unified nation-

al entrance exam for admissions to technical institutions may not only be a boon for students but also for some private universities conducting their own entrance tests," an academician explained.

Private and deemed universities that are currently conducting their own entrance tests too had welcomed the AICTE move. "If the unified national entrance exam becomes a reality, it will be extremely convenient for students. Manipal will definitely comply with the norms," said Srikanth Rao, Manipal University, Mangaluru.

Registrar of Reva Institute of Technology and Management M Dhananjaya said that a common test would benefit both students as well as institutions equally.

"As of now, 50% of our seats are reserved for students who clear the university entrance exam. A single entrance will make the admission process simpler for such universities," he said.

However, DH Rao, dean of school of engineering and technology at CMR University, believes that there is no necessity for a pan-India single entrance exam as it may not be able to handle the sheer magnitude of students opting for the test across the country.

"India is a very huge country and it doesn't make much sense to have a single entrance for engineering courses. It's better to continue with the existing system of having state entrance exams, especially for engineering students," Rao added.

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ಇಂದು ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆ

ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಶ್ರಮಿಕ ವರ್ಗದವರಿಗೂ ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ದೇಶಾದ್ಯಂತ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ದಿನ ಆಚರಣೆ. ಯುಎಂ.ಹೆಲ್ವೆ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂದೇ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ದಿನ. ಸ್ವೆಜಿಲೆಂಡ್ನ ಮೊದಲ ಸೋಮವಾರ ಆಚರಣೆ. ಒಂದೊಂದು ಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ದಿನ

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ನವದೆಹಲಿ: ಕಳೆದ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ 11 ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಮುಚ್ಚಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿವೆ. ಇದೇ ವೇಳೆ ದೇಶಾದ್ಯಂತ ಸುಮಾರು 122 ಖಾಸಗಿ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು 'ಕ್ರಮೇಣ ಮುಚ್ಚುವ' ನಿರ್ಧಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿವೆ. ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾಲೇಜು 'ಕ್ರಮೇಣ ಮುಚ್ಚುವ' ನಿರ್ಧಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂಥ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಆ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ಹೊಸವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವಂತಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ ಈ ಹಿಂದೆ ದಾಖಲಾದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳ್ಳುವವರೆಗೆ ಅವರ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಮುಂದುವರಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ನೀಡಬೇಕು. ಅಖಿಲ ಭಾರತ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಮಂಡಳಿ (ಎಐಸಿಟಿಇ) ಅಂಕಿ ಅಂಶಗಳ ಪ್ರಕಾರ, 2016-17ನೇ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ 23 ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಮುಚ್ಚಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿವೆ. ಗುಜರಾತ್‌ನ 15, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ 11, ತೆಲಂಗಾಣದ 7, ಉತ್ತರಪ್ರದೇಶದ 12, ಪಂಜಾಬ್‌ನ 6, ರಾಜಸ್ಥಾನದ 11, ಹರ್ಯಾಣದ 13, ದೆಹಲಿಯ 1 ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಇದೇ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಚ್ಚುವ ನಿರ್ಧಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಗೊಂಡಿವೆ. ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಐಐಟಿ, ಎನ್‌ಐಟಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಕೇಂದ್ರೀಯ ಅನುದಾನಿತ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಬಯಸುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ಕುಸಿದಿದೆ.