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India primed for victory



Apprenticeship fair held

MANGALURU: Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT), Chennai and Directorate of Technical Education, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Sahyadri College of Engineering and Management organised an apprenticeship fair for engineering graduates /diploma /general graduates at Sahyadri Campus.

M Suresh Kumar, assistant director, BOAT, said it was encouraging to learn that last year, 9,900 apprentices were selected and trained. Karnataka pays higher stipend in comparison to other states. He encouraged the participants to visit the BOAT website as all communication related to apprenticeship are open and transparent. He said a Government of India Cer-

tificate will be issued to the selects after completing one year of apprenticeship training.

B Jayaraj, deputy director, Planning, DTE, urged the participants to take up competitive exams and pursue post graduation while working.

Bhandary Foundation chairman Manjunath Bhandary appreciated the Government of India for providing opportunities to students through apprenticeship training which imparts learning the core concepts before being employed. He urged the participants to develop interest, commitment, involvement and discipline in whatever job has been assigned.

About 700 students of Karnataka participated in the fair.
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COMEDK to extend counselling to fill vacant engineering seats

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FOR the first time, the Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka (COMEDK) has decided to conduct an extended second round of counselling for admissions to undergraduate engineering seats.

The decision has been taken following the Admission Overseeing Committee headed by

Justice Anand Byrareddy approaching the high court seeking a direction to COMEDK to fill the vacant seats.

As per COMEDK's notification, the seats available in the extended second round will be published on July 29 and the candidates can enter their options on July 30. The seat allotment will be done late evening on July 30 and the last date to report to colleges is July 31.

Candidates who have partici-

pated in the second round and have not been allotted a seat or have not accepted any seat allotted by any other agency are eligible to participate in this round, the notification states.

COMEDK informed the High Court on Friday that it would hold another round of counselling to fill vacant seats in engineering courses by July 30 for the current academic year.

After a memo was filed by COMEDK addressed to the Ad-

mission Overseeing Committee, a division bench of Justices H G Ramesh and K S Mudagal disposed of the petition.

As many as 7,658 candidates

Of the 14,578 eligible students during the first round of seat allotment, seats were allotted to 10,689 candidates. Of these, only 900 candidates have collected their allotment

COMEDK statement

had opted to hold on to their seats and had indicated that they preferred to upgrade in the second round and these candidates had also paid the fee.

For the second round of counselling, as many as 10,802 candidates were eligible and 7,665 candidates were allotted seats as per their rearranged options. Of these 3,884 candidates have accepted the allotment and 1,339 have rejected and withdrawn from counselling.