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Engineering seats: ComedK revises norms for 2nd extended round

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BENGALURU: Following the orders of the Admission Overseeing Committee, ComedK has announced a revised procedure on their website for the second extended round.

On Saturday, the Committee chaired by former judge of High Court of Karnataka Justice Anand Byrareddy had ordered that the Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Den-

CET 2nd extended round results out

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has announced the results of the allotment of the second extended round of the Common Entrance Test (CET) counselling. In this round, candidates do not have the option to exercise any choices.

Students are to note that they should compulsorily report to the colleges allotted in this round or should confirm the seat allotted in the earlier rounds. Candidates should pay the fee and report to the colleges with the admission order before the last date.

tal Colleges of Karnataka (ComedK) allow candidates who have accepted seats in the second round to take part in the new round.

Justice Byrareddy passed the order after several students and parents approached him saying that as they had not

known there would be an extended round, it would be unfair if they could not participate.

On Sunday, ComedK withdrew its earlier notification which allowed only those who had not been allotted seats to take part in the round. It said

that it would follow the Committee's order and all those who took part in the second round were eligible to participate in the extended round.

Candidates who had accepted the allotted seat in the second round will be allowed to reorder, delete or add new options. They can only change higher order options, above that allotted to them. If they have already paid the fee in the college allotted in the second round, it will be adjusted towards the newly allotted college.

In the case of candidates who have not been allotted any seats in the second round, they can enter any number of options. Allotment in this round will purely be based on general merit. The schedule for option entry and further process will

be uploaded on the website on Monday evening. The Committee has allowed ComedK time until August 5 to complete the procedures.

General merit

However, some parents are dissatisfied that even reserved seats will now be filled on basis of general merit.

"For my daughter, we applied through the Hyderabad-Karnataka quota. The provision exists for better representation from these regions. Now, all of a sudden, how can they say that there will be no reservation categories?" one parent asked.

Justice Byrareddy said that he would be holding a meeting with officials from ComedK on Monday to discuss this matter.
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VTU to restructure choice-based credit system

Plans to increase weightage given to internal assessment

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Observing the dip in pass percentage of students under the choice-based credit system (CBCS), Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has decided to restructure it for the "benefit" of their engineering students.

Among some of the measures that will be taken for the revamp is to increase weightage for internal assessment. Currently, 20% weightage is allotted to internal assessment while the remaining is for external examination.



A file photo of Visvesvaraya Technological University.

Vice-Chancellor of the university, Karisiddappa, said the purpose of reforming the system was to ensure that students learn "continuously" and not only during the examination. "We want students to learn through

classroom seminars, presentations, projects, and quizzes. We also want to tweak the teaching methodology and ensure that e-learning is given importance in classrooms."

He said the board of stud-

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Vice-Chancellor, Visvesvaraya Technological University

ies would next month deliberate on how much weightage should be given to internal assessment.

"We are exploring three models: One is to give 70% weightage to external exam and remaining for internal assessment, or 60% for externals and remaining for internals and remaining for internals. Another model is giving equal weightage to both," Prof. Karisiddappa said.

The CBCS was introduced

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Vice-President, AIDSO


for the 2015-16 academic year. Each year, around 85,000 students study in 217 engineering colleges affiliated to VTU. The purpose of CBCS is to allow students to pick electives that they are interested in and which may not be offered in their stream or by their department.

However, a city-based college principal said the word "choice-based" was not translated in spirit and there was a need for colleges to intro-

duce more well-designed electives for students.

The All India Democratic Students' Organisation vice-president, Ravinandan B.B., said: "Once they enhance the weightage given to internal assessment, colleges will arbitrarily inflate marks to ensure that the pass percentage increases."

An engineering student said after CBCS was introduced, students were mandated to attempt questions from all units. "Earlier, it was not a must for students to attempt questions from all chapters. Now, the exam is designed in such a manner that students have to be familiar with the entire syllabus. Often, lecturers do not have enough time to complete the syllabus, which makes it difficult for us to score well."




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VTU to introduce cyber security course next year



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THE Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, will be the first in the state to include Cyber Security in the syllabus. The curriculum is being redesigned and will be introduced from the 2018-19 academic year.

The Boards of Studies of all branches will be soon asked to start the curriculum revision process at the under-graduate level. "We need to design our curriculum as per the needs of the market. One new thing

we are introducing is cyber security and intellectual property rights," explained VTU vice-chancellor Prof Karisiddappa.

A few months ago, the Karnataka State Council for Higher Education had recommended introducing a chapter or a six-month certificate course on cyber security at universities.

But, so far none of the universities have taken it up and VTU could be the first to do so.

Considering the dip in pass percentage under Choice-Based Credit

System, VTU will revise it for the benefit of students. One of the important revisions will be increase in weightage for internal assessment. Presently 20 per cent weightage has been given to internal assessment. The boards of studies will decide on the quantum of increase.

The university is exploring a few models including giving 70 per cent weightage for external exam and the rest for internal assessment, or 60 per cent for externals and the rest for internals. Another model is giving equal weightage to both.