Training for PGCET: Sahyadri College of Engineering and Management is organizing a two-day PGCET training from June 15 to support MBA aspirants pursue MBA in top colleges of Karnataka under government quota. Experts from industry and academia will conduct the training. Mock tests will be conducted to enable students to score high marks. Register online: https:// sahyadri.edu.in/mba/ pgcet.php before May 30. Call: V Sushma on 96320 53663.



## Pvt engg colleges want fee hike, to meet CM

BENGALURU: Karnataka Unaided Private Engineering Colleges' Association (KUPECA) will be approaching Chief Minister Siddaramaiah regarding their demand to increase fee for government quota seats in private engineering colleges by at least 10% in the 2017-18 academic year.

On Monday, the association held a meeting with the Higher Education Minister Basavaraj Rayareddy to discuss their demand.

However, according to sources, the minister rejected the demand saying that they could not increase the fee because of the upcoming Assembly elections in the state in 2018. Rayareddy said that increasing fee would affect the ruling party adversely in the elections, hence the existing

fee should continue.

Representatives of the colleges say that expenses such as maintenance and salaries of professors have gone up and course fee should increase, as a result.

"Discussions with the higher education minister have not been fruitful, so we want to approach the chief minister. We have asked for a meeting with him," said M K Panduranga Setty, secretary, KUPECA.

In 2016-17, the course fee in government engineering colleges for architecture, civil, computer science, electronics, electrical, information science and mechanical was Rs 18,500.

Fee for government quota seats in private colleges was fixed between Rs 49,500 and Rs 55,000.

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