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PU colleges in Kudla see dip in admissions this year

Earlier Seats Filled Up Soon After Results Were Announced

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Mangaluru: Some prominent PU colleges in the city, which earlier had high cut-offs and chose their students with a great deal of screening, have for the first time this year, been finding it difficult to fill up all their seats.

According to reliable sources, a college known for promoting sports, and which has more than 8,000 seats in first-year PU, is yet to reach the half mark, while another college, known for bagging ranks in PU education, has no takers for three batches. Another old-time college, which always preferred high scoring students, is carrying out admissions without looking at scores this year.

Earlier, seats in all these colleges would get filled up soon after announcement of results. In fact, some seats were even pre-booked. These institutions are now seeing a



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steep dip in admission, though education experts from the district say the reasons for this phenomenon are varied. "The college, known for promoting sports, may have seen a slump in admissions due to an untoward incident that took place last year. In general, poor admissions could be due to nuclear families, with the number of students appearing for SSLC also getting fewer by the day," said a senior PU professor, who wished to remain anonymous.

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Another professor feels that most of the students who come for admission are from other districts and may have stopped coming to Dakshina Kannada colleges as good colleges may have opened in their home towns.

"Though DK boasts of good colleges, in the past two years, not many colleges have secured ranks ever since the chemistry paper

leak in 2016. This might be another reason why outstation students are not keen on studying here," the professor said. Others say that reasons for a decrease in admissions is the increase in the number of PU colleges.

"Students choose their colleges now, while earlier, parents did the job. We have seen some outside district students returning home after completing first-year PU as they couldn't cope with studies as well as handle strict college/hostel rules," adds another professor.

Ananth Prabhu G, adviser, Vikas Group of Institutions, blames last-minute government notifications. "While the academic year is planned and holidays declared, and many outstation students would have planned vacations, the CBSE results are yet to be announced, so not many admissions are completed," said Ananth Prabhu G.