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Colleges receive notice after students object to paying full course fee

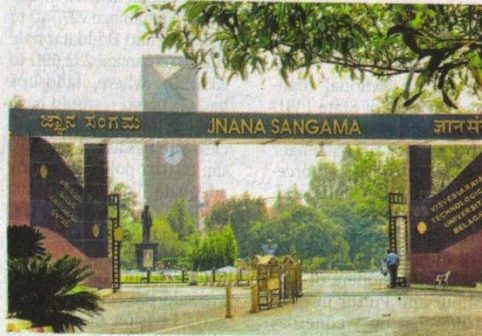
Engineering students approach AOC saying they are asked to pay entire course fee if quitting college

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The Admission Overseeing Committee (AOC) is flooded with complaints from engineering students who have been asked to pay the fees for the entire duration of the course if they wish to drop out midway. The committee has received complaints against at least 15 colleges in the State.

For students who have secured a government quota seat in a private college, the fee for four years is either ₹1.98 lakh or ₹2.2 lakh, depending on specialisation, and the institutional quota can set students back by ₹4.8 lakh or ₹6.8 lakh.

According to sources, it is not uncommon for engineering students to quit their course midway if they want to change their branch of specialisation. "Many opt out and pursue less-demanding courses as they would not have passed in many of



According to rules at Visvesvaraya Technological University, if a student fails in more than four subjects in the first year, he or she cannot move on to the second year ■ FILE PHOTO

the papers," a source said.

According to the rules at Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), if a student fails in more than four subjects in the first year, he or she cannot move on to the second year. VTU officials said that once they receive a report from the AOC, they issue show-cause notices to

these colleges seeking an explanation and order them to return to the students their certificates.

A second-year engineering student said they were forced to give in to any demand of the college as the management had possession of their marks cards and other important aca-

Complaint of excess fee collection

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The Admission Overseeing Committee (AOC) has received a complaint from four second-year students against a private medical college in Bengaluru that allegedly collected excess fees over and above the amount paid during the Common Entrance Test (CET) counselling.

They students claim that those who got

government quota seats were asked to pay an additional ₹48,000, while those admitted under the institutional quota had to shell out ₹1.48 lakh. This is in addition to the fees already paid by them.

"In the first year, too, they paid excess fees but the students said they were not aware of the facts. They have refused to pay the amount in the second year," a source in the AOC said.

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The AOC has issued notice to engineering colleges and stated that they cannot insist that students shell out fees for the entire course if they

drop out. The committee has also told college managements that they may fill vacant seats and offer them to diploma students through the lateral entry system.