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## **Leadership**

**programme:** The department of business administration of Sahyadri College of Engineering & Management, Mangaluru, will organise a one-day leadership development programme for undergraduate students called— 'Discover the Leader in You' from 9 am to 4:30 pm on September 6 in the Sahyadri Campus. The in-house faculty will be facilitating the sessions as resource persons. For registrations call prof Sushma V: 96320 53663 or email-sushma.mba@sahyadri.edu.in

## VTU reviewing its carry-over system after call for change

Its top decision-making body to meet next week to consider relaxing the rule

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Following demands from engineering students across the State, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) is considering scrapping its carry-over system.

The carry-over system mandates that engineering students who enter the third year have to pass all the examinations of the first year, while those entering the fourth year have to clear all their second-year papers. The university's regulation does not allow relaxation of vertical progression.

This system has been in force since 1998, when the university was started. However, sources in the VTU said after many students submitted a representation to Higher Education Minister G.T. Deve Gowda, the university was asked to examine the matter. The Academic Senate and Executive Council, which is the highest decision-making body of the VTU, will meet next week to



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70,000 students are not able to move on to their third and fourth years because of this

system. "The purpose of this system is to benefit the students, so that they do not have too many papers to clear in their third and final years. Even in critical situations, no leniency has been provided," the official said.

A student, who was unable to enter the final year as he had not cleared all the papers in his second year, said: "I just have one paper left in my second year, and I am confident of clearing this paper with my final-year papers. If the university does not amend its rules, I will waste an entire academic year."

K. Rajinikanth, former principal of M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology, said autonomous colleges do not have the year-back system. "It is okay to scrap the system if the course prerequisites are met. Without having a background knowledge from the earlier semesters, students may not be able to make sense of the course in a higher semester," he said.