

IIT-Hyd top draw: 294 seats filled in phase 1

Most Opt For Comp Science, Electrical Engg

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Hyderabad: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad was the hot pick among newer IITs this year with admissions opening at all India rank (AIR) 445 in computer science— up from AIR 522 last year.

In the first phase of seat allotment, released by the Joint Seat Allocation Authority on Wednesday, as many as 294 seats were allotted at IIT-Hyderabad with majority top rankers opting for computer science and electrical engineering. According to the figures, 49 seats were allotted in computer science, 35 in chemical engineering, 40 in civil engineering, 47 in electrical engineering and 48 in mechanical engineering among others respectively.

"Our new infrastructure with hostels and academic buildings along with in-depth research and development activities seem to have attracted majority qualified candidates. The fractal programme run by the institute can also be attri-

FIRST PHASE OF SEAT ALLOTMENT

Course	seats	
Chemical	35	▶ To fill 14% seats in every course with girls, 50 seats were allotted
Civil	40	
Electrical	47	▶ The institute has 1,900 students and 160 faculty members
Computer science	49	
Engineering Physics	20	▶ IITs have allotted more seats than last yr's capacity to meet the programme-wise 14% criteria
Engineering science	25	
Mathematics and computing	10	
Mechanical	48	
Materials science and metallurgical	20	

buted to the increased interest among students towards IIT Hyderabad," said Prof UB Desai, IIT-Hyderabad director.

The fractal programme run by IIT-Hyderabad provides more academic flexibility to students. The core of fractal academics is that breadth courses are of one credit, while depth courses are typically of 1.5 to 2.5 credits. "In essence, we are atomizing the academic program, providing a more holistic education and in the long run giving students the choice to design their curriculum," read the IIT-Hyderabad course booklet.

Among the many fractal programme offered by the institute are introduction to film making, photojournalism, mo-

bile applications, innovation, entrepreneurship and medical device industry etc.

Aiming to fill 14 percent of seats in every course with girls, 50 seats were allotted to female candidates with an opening rank of 1,247 in computer science and closing rank of 1,368 in computer science.

The institute has 1,900 students and 160 faculty members with the ratio working out to be 12:1. The IITs have allotted more seats than the last year's total capacity in order to meet the programme-wise 14 per cent criteria.

In all, around 1.3 lakh candidates filled their choices through Joint Seat Allocation Authority and their total number of choices was around 2 crore.