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RV College of Engineering: The cutoff rank for the course was 158 in general merit

Comp science is the favourite this season

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Bengaluru: When the results of the first round of seat allotment in Common Entrance Test (CET) were announced on Friday night, the course most in demand was computer science engineering at RV College of Engineering. The cutoff rank for the course was 158 in general merit.

This was followed by information science (cutoff 268) and data science engineering (287) in the same college. The cutoff rank of cybersecurity was 368. PES computer sci-

ences too as a large number increased their computer science intake, resulting in a lowering of cutoff for other colleges and courses.

As per the data earlier released by the higher education department, the number of seats in IT and related programmes has gone up from 21,804 to 27,193, a jump of more than 5,000 seats.

'A short-sighted approach'

In the first round of allotment in ComedK, close to 50% of the students had opted for computer science programmes, indicating the trend for the year. "Computer science has been the ever-favourite as students manage to land jobs while they are in their final year. The fat salaries and office atmosphere are big draws. But this is a short-sighted approach as nobody is looking at the sociological angle of what happens to these engineers after 15-20 years. Many of the mid-level programmers might get outdated by then," said Ali Khwaja, founder-director of Banjara Academy. "The colleges are also taking leverage of the situation by offering computer science programmes under various combinations. With this, the chances of other core disciplines filling seats is becoming even more remote," he added.

The Karnataka Examinations Authority was expected to announce the schedule for option entry for the choices on Saturday.

CET SEAT ALLOTMENT

ce had a cut off of 787, followed by MS Ramaiah (827). At University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), the cutoff rank was 1,969 for computer science and 3,103 for information science.

While last year, electrical engineering at RVCE had a cutoff of 440, it fell to below 700 because of the introduction of the new IT-related courses. "We now have five computer science-related programmes. The number of seats for computer science engineering itself increased. With data science and cybersecurity courses also being introduced, those became the new favourites. Naturally, the cutoff for electronics lowered in our college this year," said KN Subramanya, principal, RVCE.

The trend was similar in other