



I want to study actuarial science at the postgraduate level and having economics helps me in the preparations.

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Student, Hansraj College

TOP 25 COLLEGES

ENGINEERING

1	IIT	Mumbai
2	IIT	Delhi
3	IIT	Kanpur
4	IIT	Chennai
5	IIT	Kharagpur
6	IIT	Roorkee
7	Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS)	Pilani
8	Delhi Technological University	Delhi
9	IIT	Guwahati
10	NIT	Warangal
11	Indian School of Mines (ISM)	Dhanbad
12	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT)	Vellore
13	Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University	Varanasi
14	NIT	Tiruchirapalli
15	NIT	Surathkal
16	R.V. College of Engineering (RVCE)	Bangalore
17	PSG College of Technology	Coimbatore
18	IIIT	Hyderabad
19	Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology(SVNIT)	Surat
20	Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Jadavpur University	Kolkata
21	NIT	Calicut
21	College of Engineering	Pune
23	BIT, Mesra	Ranchi
24	Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT)	Jaipur
25	College of Engineering, Anna University	Guindy



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time and energy of applying to a master's programme.

IIM Indore has a five-year integrated programme in management. Similarly, IIT Madras has started a five-year integrated programme leading to a MA in economics, development studies and English studies.

However, Malhotra cautions: "You should go for an integrated programme only if you are very sure that you want to have a career in the particular subject. Otherwise, studying it for five years and then feeling disenchanted is of no use. It is an interesting concept and a lot of students after 12th are going for it."

Universities like Shiv Nadar University have started the trend of interdisciplinary courses. For example, Kritika who is pursuing electronics engineering at Shiv Nadar University says the best part about its BE programme is that she also gets to study subjects from humanities like English and economics. "It is very different from the usual BE programmes that my friends in other colleges are doing," says Kritika.

It has the concept of major and minor courses where students graduate in a particular subject, but are also required to study other subjects opted as minor. So, even humanities students get to study science. In addition to this, all the undergraduate programmes at SNU are of four years. Environment and sustainability and plagiarism ethics are essential components of the course structure.

"It is a very interesting concept, although it is nothing new. This is similar to the American practice of liberal education, where, if you study medicine, you can also study films or arts alongside. It gives you a well-rounded education," says Malhotra.

Should students bite the bait of foreign tie-ups of Indian colleges? Experts advise a strict no, and even if someone is falling for it, one should check the quality of foreign university with which the college

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ENGINEERING

26	Veeramata Jijabai Technological Institute (VJTI)	Mumbai
27	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT)	Nagpur
28	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Allahabad
29	People's Education Society Institute of Technology (PESIT)	Bangalore
30	Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology (NSIT)	Delhi
31	Dr B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology	Jalandhar
32	Bengal Engineering College	Kolkata
33	NIT	Kurukshetra
34	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU)	Hyderabad
35	Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT)	Kochi
36	IIIT	Allahabad
37	University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE)	Bangalore
38	Manipal Institute of Technology	Manipal
39	SRM University	Chennai
40	Sardar Patel College of Engineering	Mumbai
41	Thapar University	Patiala
42	BIT	Sindri
43	NIT	Rourkela
44	PEC University of Technology	Chandigarh
45	NIT	Hamirpur
46	SSN College of Engineering	Chennai
47	Chaitanya Bharati Institute of Technology	Hyderabad
48	Harcourt Butler Technological Institute	Kanpur
49	Moulana Azad National Institute of Technology	Bhopal
50	Institute of Technology, Nirma University	Ahmedabad
51	Sir M Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology	Bangalore
52	Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College	Ludhiana
53	Vishwakarma Institute of Technology	Pune
54	Jamia Millia Islamia	Delhi
55	Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology	Delhi
56	MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology	Bangalore
57	National Institute of Industrial Engineering	Mumbai
58	Maharashtra Institute of Technology Engineering College	Pune
59	Acharya Institute of Technology	Bangalore
60	College of Engineering	Thiruvananthapuram
61	Jaipur Engineering College & Research Centre (JECRC)	Jaipur
62	Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT)	Mumbai
63	University College of Engineering, Osmania University	Hyderabad
64	BMS College of Engineering	Bangalore
65	Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Info. & Communication Tech.	Gandhinagar
66	Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM)	Visakhapatnam
67	MKSSS's Cummins College of Engineering for Women	Pune
68	Sri Jayachamarajendra College Of Engineering	Mysore
68	Vasavi College of Engineering (VCE)	Hyderabad
70	NIT	Jamshedpur
71	SASTRA University	Thanjavur
72	NIT	Durgapur
73	Coimbatore Institute of Technology	Coimbatore
74	National Institute of Engineering	Mysore
74	Model Engineering College	Kochi

How to select courses

By Parveen Malhotra

- ◆ Choose a course which supports your future plans.
- ◆ Do not opt for a new course just because it sounds innovative and different. Check the curriculum and match your interest with it. Looking at the first-year textbooks of the course can give insights into the curriculum.
- ◆ Look at who is offering the course. If it is one of the small and lesser-known colleges with a fancy name, do not go for it.
- ◆ Do not opt for narrow specialisa-

tions, especially ones that are yet to catch up.

- ◆ If you want to pursue applied sciences at the postgraduate level, it is advisable to graduate in pure sciences first as there are a lot of options open.
- ◆ Do look at the costs. If the college is charging heavily for a simple course, get the details. Some colleges initially offer free laptops and foreign projects to attract students, and later add these charges to the fees.
- ◆ Check particulars of the college—how long has it been in existence, what kind of alumni does it have and what is the cut-off for various courses.
- ◆ Science students should specifically check about the infrastruc-

ture—quality of labs, faculty and libraries.

- ◆ Talk to senior students of the college and get their views on faculty, course and the kind of companies recruiting from the college.
- ◆ If you are doing a simple arts course such as history or sociology, it is advisable to do a vocational course such as cosmetology or nutrition alongside, as it adds to your qualification.
- ◆ Take a good validated aptitude test, which will tell your interest areas.
- ◆ If you are keen on going into research, integrated MSc. programmes offered by some government institutions are a good option.

has tied up. Many a time, it is done just to attract students. Besides, one should check the ranking of that university in its home country.

Scholarships are crucial drawing factor for meritorious students, but, there are very few of them available at the undergraduate level. Most of the scholarships are given at postgraduate and research level. But, if the institution is offering scholarships, then one should apply for it. One of the examples is Narottam Sekhsaria Foundation, which offers merit scholarships at the undergraduate level in medicine and engineering.

With the admission season set to begin now, experts advise students to be very careful while selecting the courses. Says Malhotra: "On the face of it, everything might look bright and rosy. But, realities can be different. So, do your homework, check about the courses from your friends. Do not opt for something just because the media is blowing it up. Look at what your interests are and what you would like to do in the long term."

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ENGINEERING

76	Amrita Institute of Technology & Science	Coimbatore
76	Chandigarh College of Engineering & Technology (CCET)	Chandigarh
78	Madras Institute of Technology	Chennai
79	IIIT	Gwalior
80	NIT	Raipur
81	Shri Vile Parle Kelvani Mandal's Dwarkadas J. Sanghvi College of Engineering	Mumbai
81	IIIT	Pune
81	Sathyabama Engineering College	Chennai
84	College of Engineering, Andhra University	Visakhapatnam
85	Thiagarajar College of Engineering(TCE)	Madurai
86	Mepco Schlenk Engineering College	Sivakasi
87	KL University	Guntur
88	Sri Sai Ram Engineering College	Chennai
89	Kongu Engineering College	Erode
90	B.S. Abdur Rahman University	Chennai
91	MVJ College of Engineering	Bangalore
92	Sona College of Technology	Salem
93	G. L. Bajaj Institute of Technology & Management	Noida
94	Galgotias College of Engineering and Technology	Noida
95	Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Technology (MGIT)	Hyderabad
96	Park College of Engineering and Technology	Coimbatore
97	Shri Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management	Nagpur
98	Padmasri Dr. B.V. Raju Institute of Technology (BVRIT)	Narsapur
99	Muffakhham Jah College of Engineering & Technology	Hyderabad
100	SCMS School of Engineering & Technology (SSET)	Ernakulam