

Trend

DROPPING
OUT OF IITs
ON THE RISE

Govt proposes to shift such students to less stressful programs within the campus.

By Subrat Swain

Dropping out of IITs is denting the credibility and has become a major cause of concern. Government is taking steps to acknowledge the problem.

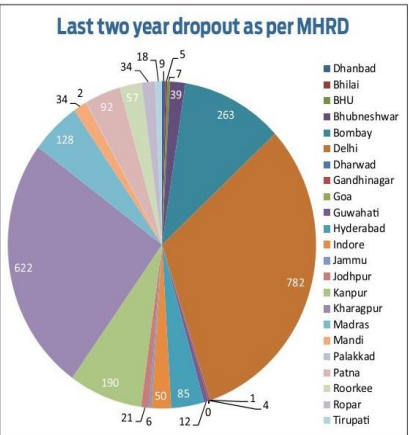
Recently, Council for IITs has come up with the decision for weaker undergraduate students in the B.tech programme allowed to exit with Bsc degree. The decision came up in order to decrease the number of dropouts from the IITs. The program designed to help IITs to move the batch of students to less stressful programme, so instead of expelling a student, IITs can introduce the program for students who choose the leave the B.tech after first year.

As per HRD ministry, around 2,461 undergraduate and postgraduate students dropped out from the 23 IITs across the country in the last two years. In the present year 2018-19, course in Engineering and Arts courses saw some biggest fall of enrolment by five lakhs from 42.5 lakh in 2014-15 to 37.7 lakh in 2018-19.

Around 87,000 students study in IITs and in the last two years, around 2461 students were dropped out from IITs as per HRD ministry. Many reason were found for dropout like wrong choice of course, poor academic performance, personal and medical reasons etc

Expert Opinions

“How are students who have been admitted to IITs academically weak? This policy is a result of a poorly hidden secret that many students admitted into IITs got in mainly because they spent 2-3 years in coaching classes learning how to crack the IIT-JEE exam via mugging patterns and frequently asked



questions and not because they are academically brilliant overall. Many industry employers are also bemoaning the drop in quality of IIT graduates due to this lacuna. The Ministry of HRD needs to come up with a more broad-based admissions process into IITs which assesses students personalities, ability



Akhil Shahani
Managing Director, The Shahani Group

to solve live problems, past academic performance and extra-curricular activities so they can truly select the cream of the crop instead of students who are good at only one thing...cracking a standardized exam.”



Siddarth Bharwani
VP – Brand & Marketing, Jetking Infotrain Ltd.

“The early exit option comes as a positive move in the direction of combating the increasing rate of dropouts from IITs.

It will help students, who are academically weak, attain a

degree as opposed to being expelled after spending a valuable amount of time for the course. The agenda has also provided for the continuation of scholarships for students who require an extra year for the completion of their degrees, which will also benefit many students. However, measures need to be initiated to help students cope with the curriculum, with an increased focus on learning and application of concepts. The norms for the admission process also need to be streamlined, so that only those students who are truly fit for the course are enrolled into IITs.”



Rachit Jain

Founder & CEO of Youth4Work

“The dawn of education has arrived, as people’s perspective over learning and its implications on career and growth. Along with it, the Indian educational system is evolving up to

positively accept and assimilate the importance of vocational skills and training into their age-old curriculum. The change in policy where govt. has moved towards awarding Degrees for Online/part-time courses, are just a nudge towards a brighter future that India wants to harness. Keeping the essence of this thought in mind, allowing early exit to B.Tech students is an immense opportunity to grow while figuring out their strengths and learning to capitalize on them. This promotes the acceptance of a space where these students engage in work, while continuing part-time study, thereby promoting the importance of gaining experience while studying.”

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technology, journalism and more. As for job opportunities, there are a number of job profiles for candidates with a B.Sc degree that are satisfying, pay well, and leave them with enough time to pursue other interests and hone their skills. These include, but are not limited to, the post of a research analyst, scientific assistant, lecturer, researcher, technical writer, or consultant’.



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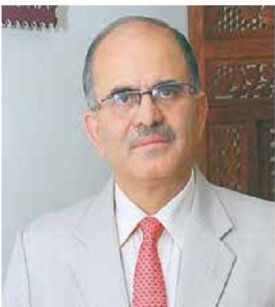
Co-Founder & CEO, Edyoda says, “Life Is Too Short”

Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life. This quote holds a virtue of truth in real life too. But sometimes students realize it a bit late. So, if you entered the

stream of engineering and then realized that this is not your cup of tea and thinking to step out of it, you need to hang on as haste is always often a waste!

You have to find what you want and what you are good at. Until you have discovered your true area of interest try and stick with the course you are in. Don’t drop out until you have found something you love to do. Do your research, try out stuff, join classes and see what gets you excited the the most. Don’t go for these so called “most demanding” or “most popular” things. If you don’t like it, you will be repeating the same mistake. The grass is often greener on the other side.

Identify your passion and the field of interest and start a career in that. It is better that you find out your passion, the things which you enjoy doing the most and then plan your career accordingly. If you think it’s still hazy go for career counselling. The experts will guide you in a best possible way. Don’t waste your time doing something you don’t love. 



Dr RL Raina

Vice-Chancellor, JK Lakshmipat University, Jaipur

“The decision was introduced to allay the negative consequences of dropouts, due to either poor performance or personal reasons, which leaves a large number of

academically talented candidates without an undergraduate degree. A B.Sc degree will allow them to pursue masters in non-science courses such as animation, management, computer