

IITs, IISc may soon have centralised counselling

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New Delhi: The IITs and IISc, Bangalore may start centralised counselling and admission for MTech and PhD programmes like they do for undergraduate courses. The IIT Council in its meeting on August 21 is going to discuss a proposal for counselling and admissions process for the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) in line with that of Joint Entrance Examination (advanced) in IITs and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore.

GATE is conducted by IITs and IISc in rotation. As of now, once their GATE scores are in, candidates need to go through another round of test/ interview by individual institutions. As a result, the prospective candidate has to run from one institute to another; or in case of two or more institutes having their tests/interviews on the same day, the candidate has to give up his choice of seats in some institutes. The GATE score is used for admissions to various post-graduate education programmes in Indian higher education institutes, with financial assistance provided by MHRD and other government agencies.

The proposal stated that due to this, apart from inconvenience and financial duress, prospective candidates are deprived of the seats in good institutes despite having good ranking in GATE. Therefore, a centralised counselling and admission is being proposed.