

Asian Recruiters Go Big on Tech Talent, Beat US Firms at IITs

Top institutes see spurt in global offers, a big chunk of them coming from Taiwan, Japan, South Korea & S'pore

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Mumbai | New Delhi: Asia appears to have pulled ahead of US in the battle for talent at the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) placements, with the bulk of international offers coming from Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Singapore. This — and the fact that Microsoft has made more US offers than last year — has led to a spurt in overall overseas placement offers, despite big-ticket recruiter Oracle not hiring for US roles this year.

International offers had plummeted at the IITs in 2016-17. Based on data collated by ET during the first few days of final placements that started December 1,

On A Hiring Spree

Global offers have gone up significantly at several IITs including Madras, Roorkee, Kharagpur, Bombay & Kanpur

Overseas offers had gone down in FY17

A large chunk of these offers has come in from Asian cos, particularly Japan

Mercari, Murata, NEC Corporation and Taiwan Semiconductor are among those hiring in good nos



overseas offers have more than trebled at IIT Madras and IIT Kharagpur.

IIT Madras has seen a rise in international offers to 22 from six in the first three days of placements. At IIT Kharagpur, numbers have jumped to more than 30 from nine. IIT Roorkee got 13 international offers in the first three days, compared with seven last year.

The institute has already surpassed last year's total tally of 12.

Students at IIT Kanpur have got around 20 overseas offers already, which is at least 50% more than the same time last year, said a placement team member. At IIT

Bombay, international offers (for Days One to Three), including pre-placement offers, have gone up to 60 from 50.

According to placement sources at these IITs, the surge in international offers has been fuelled largely by Asian companies aggressively hiring tech talent.

At IIT Roorkee, for instance, the three US offers are all from Microsoft for jobs at Redmond.

In comparison, Japanese peer-to-peer marketplace app operator Mercari has made nine offers for jobs in that country, while first-timer Webstaff has made one, taking the tally to 10.