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MHT CET results out, no toppers' list this year

Preference for engineering seats continues, while sources say cut-offs for medical colleges won't change much



Parents and students are seen going through the last year's cut-off details at COEP on Monday

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The results of MHT CET were declared on Monday. This year, for the first time, the Directorate of Medical Education and Research (DMER) — the competent authority for conducting CETs — has not come out with a region-wise toppers' list. This year, over all, 15 per cent of candidates opting for the medical stream have qualified for admissions in medical colleges.

Out of a total 2,82,096 students who appeared for the exam, 2,49,052 opted for engineering subjects — Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. So, underlining the last few years' trend, this year also, the rush for engineering is clear, as compared to medical education. In the PCB group, top marks scored this year are 198/200. In PCM, 183 students got more than 190 marks and 588 students scored in the

range of 180 to 190.

Twelve government and aided engineering colleges in the state have 2,501 seats on offer, while 82,640 seats are available in non-grant colleges. The total availability of engineering in the state is 85,141. Sources said there is a possibility of an addition of 15 to 20 per cent seats this year.

Meanwhile, the admission procedure for six autonomous engineering colleges in the state has already started. College of Engineering Pune is the nodal agency for these admissions. The last date for submitting forms is June 21 and the actual admission procedure by counselling will start on June 29. There are 2,565 seats in these six colleges which include COEP and VIT of Pune.

Educational experts feel that the cut-off percentage for medical college admissions won't change much as compared to last year. Secretary of District Entrance Examination Performance Enhancement and Research (DEEPER) Harish Butle said, "Our prediction is that a student gaining around 173 marks can get admission from the open category for medicine. If we consider the state merit list of CET, then students who ranked up to 1000 plus or mi-

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