

# 25% of IIT aspirants this year from southern states

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MUMBAI: One in four IIT aspirants who registered for the JEE (Advanced) this year was from the southern states followed by the IIT-Delhi zone. Students from most western states, comprising the third highest pool of candidates, registered under the IIT-Bombay zone. Data from IITs shows that the highest number of candidates who qualified in JEE (Main) to take the next level exam were from down south. Academicians claim many of these are Teluguspeaking students.

## CANDIDATES REGISTERED FOR JEE (A)

ZONE	STUDENTS			
	2019**	2018	2017	2016
IIT-Hyderabad	43,000	38,231*	40,364*	33,536*
IIT-Delhi	32,000	31,884	27,627	22,460
IIT-Bombay	30,000	28,813	30,777	33,618
IIT-Kanpur	20,000	20,428	23,606	18,164

(Source: IITs, \*\*'19 figs approximate, \*IIT-M was co-ordinating IIT for south zone till '18)

### SCHEDULE FOR JEE (ADVANCED)

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| > Exam was held on May 27                     | > Students can challenge answer key till June 5 |
| > Answer key will be made available on June 4 | > Results will declared on June 14              |

Of 1.75 lakh candidates registered for JEE (Advanced), about 43,000 were from IIT-Hyderabad zone. Over 32,000 registered from Delhi NCR region, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir, which comes under IIT-Delhi zone, followed by 30,000 from IIT-Bombay zone which has candidates from Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Goa. JEE (Advanced) was held on May 27 and results expected on June 14. Till 2016, the western region (IIT-Bombay zone) had the maximum students taking the test for admission to IITs. An IIT-Bombay professor attributed the drop in numbers to the large chunk of students taking the exam from Jaipur, including those registering from the coaching hub at Kota. A professor associated with the JEE (Advanced) in the past, said many from other regions migrate to coaching hubs in Hyderabad and Kota attributing to the rise in numbers. U B Desai, director of IIT-Hyderabad, said the largest pool of qualifying students in JEE (Main) from southern states is Telugu-speaking ones. "I feel most students here are academically committed and sacrifice a lot including recreation time for two to three years to get into the IITs. The coaching hub in Hyderabad is not the only reason for increase in numbers," said Desai. From global centres in Bangladesh, Nepal, Singapore and Dubai, around 225 candidates registered this year, and 140 appeared finally. Many of the 12,000 candidates registered under the 'economically weaker sections' finding it difficult to procure certificates, said an official from IIT-Roorkee, this year's organising IIT. The date to submit documents is June 5, said an official, failing which such students will not get the benefit of quota.

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