

B'luru colleges keeping tabs on job offers as market turns grimmer

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Bengaluru: With the economic situation getting bleaker, students with job offers across city campuses are turning an anxious lot. While most institutions have not seen any companies revoking their offers, placement officers are going the extra mile to check the status with firms.

"We are in constant touch with corporate officials to understand more on the final joining of our students. Till now, we have not heard anything on revoking of the offers made by them. I sincerely request all our corporate officials to keep their promises by honouring all the of-

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fers given to our students during my interaction with them," said Savitha Rani M, head, training and placement, Ramaiah Institute of Technology.

Many companies have deferred joining dates from April-end and May to September. "I constantly get calls from students who are anxious about the job status. No company has revoked the offer. However, around 10 companies have postponed

IIMB'S ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

IIM Bangalore (IIMB) is making alternative arrangements for students whose summer internships were affected. "There are companies which have come forward to help us as some others faced problems in taking students for internship. For instance, some of these were overseas internships and with the travel ban, students could not join these companies. IIMB has postponed the beginning of the next academic year to the fourth week of June so students have enough time to complete the internship," the institution has said.

IIMB, however, did not reveal the number of students whose summer internships were affected. The institution will also help two students whose final place-

the joining date. It's understandable as they themselves are not open now and can't get the students on board," said Claudius Venkatraman, placement officer, Christ (deemed-to-be-university).

RV College of Engineering had one company in retail analytics cancelling the internship, but all 265 companies are honouring their final placement offers.



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ment offers were revoked by a US-based company. "With the lockdown in place, many companies are not conducting interviews because of logistical challenges. We will wait for it to be lifted, to get these students placed," said Prof Dinesh Kumar, chairperson, placements, IIMB.

Some colleges which could not complete the placement process are worried whether it will continue.

"In some cases, initial offers were made but no confirmation came. We have yet not heard back from such companies, which is worrisome for students," said Prakash M, secretary, Karnataka Private Post Graduate Colleges Association.

More varsities to try online option

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The proctoring exam is being held with the help of a testing agency. Online proctoring ensures the candidate does not indulge in malpractice while taking the exam from home. The exam is followed by a Skype interview by the faculty of the department. These online processes are expected to be completed by April 16.

Until now, Jain was conducting online tests only for international students.

Christ varsity's entrance test will go online on April 14 and 26. The personal interview will be held through video conferencing. "Some 11,000 students will take the test on April 14 and 16,000 students on April 26. Around 100 teachers are being trained to conduct interviews online where every student will be allotted 15 minutes each. We'll stick to the admission schedule," said Fr Abraham V, vice-chancellor, Christ deemed-to-be university.

"We're looking at allowing students to write exams from home. We must ensure a fool-proof assessment. Our entrance test is scheduled to be held in May," said Ajoy Kumar, COO, PES Institutions.