

Engg, not toppers' first choice

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LUCKNOW: Once considered as the most sought after career option, engineering seems to be losing its favoured spot even among toppers.

Sample this: Majority of the toppers from various engineering streams of Gautam Buddha Technical University (GBTU) favoured going for a higher degree rather than settling for an engineering job.

Reason: Job scarcity due recession and economy downslide in the last four years.

As many as 32 toppers and other pass outs were awarded degrees during the 10th convocation of the university held here at IET campus on Saturday.

Speaking about the current trend Anshu Singh, a gold medallist in electrical engineering for 2012, said: "I am preparing for MTech (postgraduate degree). There are very less of jobs and then there was no campus placement in my college. I would better teach or go for



Medal winners posing for the lens at the Gautam Buddha Technical University convocation, in Lucknow on Saturday. HT PHOTO

research." Singh, it maybe mentioned, has completed her B tech from BBD National Institute of Technology and Management and said that her sister also a BTech is already into teaching.

In fact of the 32 toppers who walked away with gold and silver medals this year, majority has already left hopes of finding a job.

"Engineering profession is saturated now. It is only in rural

areas that people are enamoured of B tech. I would suggest that engineering colleges should not be given recognition," Raj Kishore Pal, second topper (silver medallist) in instrumentation engineering. For obvious reasons, Pal is preparing for Indian Engineering Services (IES).

It maybe mentioned that engineering colleges in the state have seen a rapid growth over the last

few years. As against 84 colleges in 2005-06, the number today stands at nearly 333.

A total of 25,903 students took admission in various engineering colleges after qualifying SEE-2011 as against 1,15,379 seats in 2010.

Governor BL Joshi said that the changing scenario driven by globalisation in education demands establishing collaboration with internationally acclaimed institutions. Earlier in his convocation address, Justice GS Singhvi, highlighted the absence of public protest against the mushrooming of nuclear weapons.

"On the one hand, large amounts of money are being spent on weapons meant not only for wholly non-productive but also blatantly destructive purposes," he said.

During the convocation 41 students were awarded PhD degrees, 32 gold and silver medals. Degrees were conferred to 63,714 students, which will be distributed in respective colleges.

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