NEW DELHI: The IITs have allowed students to surrender their admission within a stipulated timeframe, ensuring that most seats get filled.

On November 25, 2011, HT had reported that around 750 seats in IITs remained vacant due to students dropping out after gaining admission, besides low demand for unpopular courses. On Friday, HT said as there was no option of getting a refund of the ₹40,000 registration fee, students do not have enough incentive to inform the institute prior to joining some other establishment.

Until now, the shortlisted students used to be called for counselling after they deposited the registration fee. Once the money was paid and the counselling process completed, the seats would be considered "filled".

This, however, will change from 2012. The JEE board on Friday introduced an "exit policy" for students - allowing them to surrender their seats at the time of the third round of counselling for course allotment.

“IT will help the IITs offer more vacant seats,” said JEE board chairman (IIT-Delhi) GD Reddy. Stating that this would still not mean 100% admission, he said the institutes had not mentioned the decision in its HT-JEE brochure.

Seats remain vacant when some of the students, who don’t procure courses of their choice in certain IITs, go for other institutes. They can now opt out, inform the IITs to get a refund, and allow other eligible candidates to be admitted.

The IIT-Delhi also confirmed an HT report stating that all the students on the merit list will not be called for counselling.
Bihar’s prodigal son cracks IIT at 12

By Giridhar Jha in Patna

EVEN THE most prodigious kids his age seldom aim beyond scoring the highest in their school exams, while most of them generally spend their time playing videogames, watching television and making the most of the rebellion that comes with adolescence.

But at 12 years, Satyam Kumar, a farmer’s son from Bihar, is a born achiever. After all, he cracked the immensely competitive and prestigious Indian Institute of Technology-Joint Entrance Examination (IIT-JEE) this year.

Nevertheless, dissatisfied with his performance – he has secured an all-India rank of 8,137 – Satyam plans to take the exam again next year.

“I will appear again. I wish to score a better rank,” he said.

But the diligent boy’s performance this year is hardly a mean feat considering nearly 5.97 lakh students appeared for the exam altogether.

Born on July 29, 1999, Satyam is believed to be the youngest to crack the exam ever. IIT sources said the record was previously held by Delhi boy Sahil Kaushik, who made it to the Mecca of engineering aspirants at the age of 14 in 2010.

Satyam gives the credit of his success to his parents, uncle and the teachers who “always motivated” him to focus on his goal.

So how did he go about his preparation for the IIT-JEE? Satyam, who is currently taking coaching classes at the hub of engineering training, Kota, says he used to study for five hours in addition to the time spent at the tutorial classes. He added that apart from the course books, NCERT books on different subjects, too, helped him a lot.

IIT, however, is only a stepping stone to a bigger dream Satyam harbours – he wants to become an IAS officer in the future. But not before he makes a mark in the field of information technology and develops a website like Facebook.

Satyam appeared in the IIT-JEE even before his class XII results were announced. But his talent in studies was there for all to see since his early childhood.

He was first brought to Patna for his studies at the age of six but was later taken to Kota by one of his uncles. He took admission in Modern School, where he passed Classes VIII, X and XII with flying colours.

“Initially, there were some problems in his admission when he went to Rajasthan because of his age. But his natural talent surprised everybody,” one of his relatives said. “He has always been able to solve even the most difficult of mathematics problems with great ease. Not only this, as a child, he actually memorised some of the epics,” he added.

Though the prodigy will take another shot at IIT next year, his village has already begun celebrating his feat.

After all, it doesn’t happen every day that your neighbourhood genius becomes a national hero of sorts.

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Home-schooled 12-year-old cracks IIT

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KOTA: Satyam Kumar, all of 12 and with little formal schooling, has cracked the tough Indian Institute of Technology-Joint Entrance Examination (IIT-JEE). He is the youngest to do so.

Kumar, the son of a farmer from Bhojpur in Bihar, qualified from the Mumbai zone with an all-India rank of 8,137. “I am happy but won’t join this year because of my poor rank. I will try again next year,” he said Saturday.

The boy genius is keen on computer science at IIT-Kanpur as he hopes to become the next Mark Zuckerberg and develop a software firm on the lines of Facebook.

Kumar never saw the inside of a classroom in his childhood but always showed exceptional intelligence. “He used to impress everyone. But in the absence of a proper school in our village, he mostly studied at home,” his father Sidhnath Singh said. “In 2008, we sent him to Kota with my brother Deepak Kumar Singh.”

Deepak Kumar, who was preparing for the IIT-JEE at Resonance Coaching Institute there, introduced his nephew to the CEO and managing director, RK Verma. Impressed, Verma took the boy under his wing and financed his education.

“Satyam cleared class 8 from the Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education with a score of 68%. We got him admitted to an English-medium school from where he passed his class 10 exam with good grades,” Verma said. Kumar is now awaiting his class 12 results.
66 in IIT, Faridabad school suddenly in great demand

PRITHA CHATTERJEE
FARIDABAD | MAY 19

Since Friday, many students have been checking on the possibility of a transfer to a school in Faridabad. Because 66 from the Modern Vidya Niketan, including All India Rank 1 Arpit Agarwal, made it to the IIT-JEE shortlist. Three years ago, the topper was also from this school.

"Suddenly, everybody wants to take a transfer here. People are willing to leave many A-list Delhi schools and come here. But our Class XII batch is packed," said Jai Prakash Gaur, vice-principal of the MVN at Sector 17.

Teachers say they are not surprised by the result. Some five years ago, the school took a conscious decision to train students for competitive exams.

"We are different because we envisaged this need. We saw students joining coaching institutions and ignoring school. We realised students would be interested in school only if they felt they were gaining something from us," said principal Santosh Sharma.

From 2006-07, students of the school have been making the cut not only at the IIT-JEE but also All India Engineering Entrance Exam (AIEEE) and All India Pre Medical test (AIPMT). This year, 19 from the 40 in the "medical section" who took the AIPMT cleared the exam.

IIT selections that hovered at 40-45 so far peaked this year. "Over the years, we see more students opting for the non-medical stream, so selection for engineering entrance exams have gone up," Gaur said.

But organisers of the IIT-JEE are skeptical about the claims of the school and say "more analysis is required, before the school can be given all the credit."

JEE 2012 chairperson Dr G B Reddy said: "This is an age where students go to coaching institutes and schools are mere stamps. But if they are producing results unlike other schools, two toppers in three years for instance, we need to analyse what exactly are they doing."

School authorities insist the only magic lies in "relentless" focus on competitive exams from the formative years. Every year, a batch of 25 students from classes IV and V are selected after screening tests to attend competitive coaching for the National Science Talent Search Examination and Olympiad — from 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday. In the middle school, one such class is held for students from classes VI to VIII, and one for classes IX-X.

Students are first divided into sections for pure CBSE level, IIT/AIPMT level and AIEEE level. An entrance test is held for Class XI and 177 students are selected.

Of these, 107 are admitted on the basis of CBSE Class X results while 70 are scholarship students. These 70 are divided in two sections, together known as the super-ability sections that cover IIT.
Tribal student makes it to IIT

Smriti Kak Ramachandran

NEW DELHI: Watching his father toiling as a labourer, Jaipракash Singh decided that he must aspire for something much higher.

Jaipракash, who belongs to a tribal community in Chhattisgarh’s Balrampur district, is on his way to achieving his dream; with the 750th rank in the reserved category of IIT-JEE examinations, he is all set to enter the premier institution.

“I wanted to do something in life. When I joined school in Raipur I was told of the Super 30, and the coaching that they offer to students like me. I was told that if I put in my best, I can actually make it to the IIT,” he told The Hindu on phone from Chhattisgarh.

Jaipракash is among several students from Chhattisgarh’s Naxal-affected areas who have benefited from the State government’s ‘Prayas’ scheme that offers students accommodation in the residential hostel at Raipur. These students, chosen on the basis of merit, are offered special coaching and prepared for competitive exams.

The first person in his family to sit for a competitive examination, Jaipракash says it took more than 12 hours of study every day to make it this far.

“We used to have four-hour sessions twice a day at Super 30. That apart, I tried to study for another four to five hours every day. I am relieved that the hard work paid off, and today I am the only one from my family to make it to IIT,” he said.

Like Jaipракash, Surya-prakash Netam, from naxal-affected Farasgaon in Bastar, has also made it to the exclusive institution. Ranked 405, he too was part of the ‘Prayas’ initiative.

“I am looking forward to my new life at IIT… I am also looking at returning to my village as a big officer who can do something for my people,” said Jaipракash.
Sheila felicitates vegetable vendor’s son who cleared IIT-JEE

NEW DELHI: Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit on Saturday congratulated a 21-year-old city boy, Rohit Gupta, son of a vegetable vendor, who cleared the prestigious IIT-JEE examination despite having a difficult economic condition in the family.

Describing Rohit as a role model for youngsters, Ms. Dikshit said he had proved that one can excel in life through hard work and dedication, notwithstanding economic background. “I congratulate him for his success. He is a role model for the youngsters.”

Rohit, a resident of Mandawali area of East Delhi, secured 1,826th position in the general category of IIT-JEE, results of which were announced on Friday. – PTI

WASHERMAN’S SON MAKES HIS WAY TO IIT

AGE CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH, MAY 19

Seventeen-year-old Sunil Kumar, who lives in a slum of Chandigarh where there is no electricity, has cracked IIT-JEE exam. He has secured 2,791 ranks in all-India entrance test, which would definitely make a way for his IIT dream becoming a reality.

Sunil’s father Mithai Lal is a migrant from Uttar Pradesh and earns his living by washing and ironing clothes. He has suddenly become popular in the locality and his customers are coming to congratulate him for his son’s achievement. “I am a poor man and earn living through ironing clothes. I had never imagined such a thing even in my dream. I believe Sunil is going to make it big,” says the proud father.
अर्पित लिखेंगे अपनी
कामयाबी की दास्तां

फरीदाबादः शाहनवाज आलाम

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March 2012 as the deadline for receiving one lakh Aakash tablets. However, it told Parliament that till now, only 6,400 of the low-cost access devices have been received.

IT-Rajasthan has so far conditionally accepted 660 LCADS and rejected the rest. The number of defective LCADS has exceeded the stipulated 5% devices, the ministry said, adding that the devices were returned on the basis of testing at a specialised laboratory.

When testing of tablets revealed a score of “Darus’, IT-Rajasthan prescribed higher specifications, including a 200 MHz clock speed processor, 32,000 mAh battery and a capacitive touch screen.

The controversy over the tablets’ quality made the ministry transfer the responsibility of testing the low-cost devices transferred from IT-Rajasthan to IT-Bombay. The ministry accused IT-Rajasthan of creating unnecessary hurdles, which the institute denied.

With the new IT taking up responsibility for it, the ministry is expecting the delivery of the one lakh tablets by the end of May.