

MBA, MCA Courses Draw Lesser Crowd

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Coimbatore: The number of aspirants for postgraduate professional courses such as MBA, MCA, ME/MTech, M Arch and M Plan has marginally declined this year compared to 2010.

On Wednesday when the deadline ended for submitting applications for the Tamil Nadu Common Entrance Test (TANCET), a pre-requisite for admission to the above courses under the Government quota, a little over 99,000 applications were received.

According to P Mannar Jawahar, Vice Chancellor, Anna University, the nodal agency for conducting the TANCET, 87,615 were received directly and around 12,000 aspirants had applied online. "This is around 3,000 to 4,000 applications lesser compared to the scene in 2010 when we had received 1.03 lakh applications for TANCET," he told *Express*.

"The reason for this decrease in number of applications may be due to more BE graduates getting employment this year. Last year during the TANCET the job

market was just recovering from the impact of the global economic meltdown and therefore, engineering graduates who did not find the right job opportunity, opted for post-graduation. This year, the situation has improved on the employment front," he explained.

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The entrance examination for the MBA course will be held on May 28 between 10 a.m. and 12 noon and for MCA course on the same day between 2.30 pm. and 4.30 pm. For the ME, M Tech, M Arch and M Plan courses, the entrance examination will be held on May 29 between 10 am and 12 noon.