## College cut-offs set to soar this year

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NEW DELHI: Delhi University cut-offs are set to soar with a remarkable Class XII result for the Delhi region students. The number of students who have scored more than 95 per cent is 818 up from 288 in 2010 while 6,471 students have scored above 90 per cent

compared to 3,928 last year.

University officials are expecting a significant rise in the cut-offs of almost all courses. While the first list might contain "inflated and unrealistic" cut-offs, the second list is expected to normalise cut-offs somewhat.

However, rising cut-offs is not a new phenomenon for

Delhi University. "I cannot remember a time when cutoffs dipped even by a fraction in the first lists. Hence it is no surprise that the cut-offs are increasing this year as well. If the CBSE is allotting such marks, the cut-offs are bound to soar," a university source said.

This year DU will have five

cut-off lists instead of the usual four. Teachers say that there is room for students even for sought after courses in some colleges. "But not everyone can expect to study in St. Stephen's College, SRCC, and the like. Students will need to be patient and wait for cut-off lists to be declared," teachers point out.