

# DTU reserves seats in 'single girl child category'

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The Delhi Technological University (DTU) has reserved 15 seats in the 'single girl child category' for admission in its engineering course. Like the AIEEE, the University, for the first time, conducted online counseling for allotment of seats and like the IITs, the University has started two new engineering programmes, Engineering Physics and Mathematics and Computing.

The DTU has for the first time reserved seats for the single girl child. A total of 15 seats have been reserved for Delhi candidates. For 15 seats, the University has received 121 applications. "We have taken this initiative for the first time as a part of our initiative to encourage education to the girl child. From next year onwards, we are going to make reservations for candidates from outside Delhi as well," said Professor PB Sharma, the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The DTU is ranked among one of the top ten engineering universities of the country. In a first, it conducted online counseling for admission in its engineering programme. The DTU gives admission to candidates based on the AIEEE ranking. The counseling, that

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till last year was held at the DTU Campus, was conducted online for the very first time.

"Students from across the country apply at DTU.

They have to travel from various places for counseling. Online counseling has helped save a lot of resources and time," Professor Sharma said. The online programme

has been designed by the National Informatics Centre which has been designing similar programmes for AIEEE.

Engineering Physics and Mathematics and Computing are the two new courses started by DTU from this year. Though the courses are yet to gain popularity, the University's management feels that multinational companies making way into the Indian markets will look for people skilled in these disciplines. So far, only IIT Bombay and IIT Guwahati are the two institutions offering the courses.

