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#### Choosing wise options

Staff Reporter

Students and parents get an opportunity to check out new courses

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**Who's who: Vice-Chancellors of universities come together at the education fair of The Hindu Education Plus in the city on Thursday. From left to right: P. Venkat Rangan (Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham), G. Thiruvassagam, (Bharathiar University), Saroja Prabhakaran, (Avinashilingam University) for Women, Paul P. Appasamy, (Karunya University), and R. Radhakrishnan, (Anna University, Coimbatore).**

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COIMBATORE: An education fair could not have been better timed.

With the Plus Two results getting published on Friday, *The Hindu* Education Plus maiden education fair that began on May 8 turned out to be a crowd puller.

It took off with a course-guidance session by educational

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consultant Jayaprakash Gandhi in the presence of vice-chancellors of five universities.

R. Radhakrishnan, Anna University, Coimbatore, G. Thiruvassagam, Bharathiar University, Paul P. Appasamy, Karunya University, Saroja Prabhakaran, Avinashilingam University for Women, and P. Venkat Rangan, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, visited the 44 stalls and interacted with their representatives of their own stalls as well as those from affiliated colleges.

#### Opportunity

Students and parents had an opportunity to check out the new courses offered by the universities and colleges and also got to hear experts speak on what was new and career-oriented.

A panel discussion consisting of five subject experts delineated upon the options available in engineering courses.

Engineering and arts and science colleges have lined up some really attractive courses. Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam, will introduce aeronautical engineering and instrumentation and control engineering subjects in the coming academic year, along with the Credit Based Choice System (CBCS).

"We are using the fair to highlight the core subjects, our industry-institute interaction, foreign internships, and also our placement activities," A. Shanmugam, Principal, says.

In addition, institutions offering diploma or certificate courses too had something to offer in terms of career opportunities.

Animaster, the animation varsity, is highlighting their nine to 18 months' graduate programmes in web design and graphics.

"We have courses starting from three months to three years. The curriculum starts from basics," says S.R. Mukundhan, Centre Director, Coimbatore.

"Those who have completed Plus Two to working engineers can opt for the courses," he adds.

He assures 100 per cent placement service. For parents mulling over financial constraints, Bank of India representatives are there to guide them through the process of an education loan.

#### Eligibility

"All the information regarding eligibility and applications will be given here.

Once the results are out and when students decide on the course they are going to take, the process will be set in motion.

The amount will be released after a bonafide certificate is received from the college," says S.P. Pillai, Chief Manager of the Zonal Office. Once the results are published, students can put the fair to good use, opines an educationist. "Those who have got better marks than they expected can choose courses which they could have not chosen expecting a lower score. Those who have got lower marks can make conscious decisions about courses where they will get seats, rather than aspire for those where they will not get admission."

The fair is presented by Animaster, in association with Bannari Amman Institute of Technology.

Anna University, Coimbatore, Park Group of Institutions and Hindusthan Group of Educational Institutions are the co-sponsors, and Bank of India is the banking partner.

The fair is on Friday from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m at Suguna Kalyana Mandapam.

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