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In 56 Colleges, Students Have Failed To Clear All Subjects

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Chennai: Not a single engineering college of more than 500 students in Tamil Nadu has secured a pass rate of 90% in the first semester of the 2013-14 academic year. Separately, not one student in 56 colleges has passed all subjects in the first semester.

The recently released first semester results of students in engineering colleges across the state show that the highest pass percentage was 87.45%, secured by RMD Engineering College. The list of top 10 colleges with the highest pass rate has some surprises. At least four colleges from districts other than Chennai are among the top five.

K Ramakrishnan College of

BREAKING INTO TOP RANKS

Many district colleges are among the top 10 with the highest pass rate

Name of College	Pass %
1 RMD Engineering College, Tiruvallur	87.45
2 K Ramakrishnan College of Engineering, Trichy	86.07
3 Sri Sai Ram Engineering College, Chennai	83.76
4 Saranathan College of Engineering, Trichy	83.21
5 Ramco Institute of Technology, Rajapalayam	82.82
6 RMK College of Engg and Technology, Tiruvallur	82.16
7 Velammal Institute of Technology, Tiruvallur	82.08
8 Panimalar Engineering College, Chennai	81.4
9 RMK Engineering College, Tiruvallur	80.85
10 Kongunadu College of Engg and Technology, Trichy	80.3

Engineering in Trichy, which was below the 25th rank last year, has the second highest pass percentage this year at 86.07% followed by Sri Sai Ram Engineering College near Chennai with 83.76%. Saranathan College of Engineering in Trichy, which was below the top 25 last year, is in fourth place with 83.21% followed by Ramco Institute of Technology in Raja-

palayam with a pass rate of 82.82%.

Three institutions belonging to the RMK Group figure in the top 10. K Manivannan, professor of planning and development in the RMK Group of Institutions, said they had developed a unique methodology. "We take our internal tests seriously, and evaluate them by giving dummy numbers and ex-

changing answer scripts within the group of colleges. We constantly challenge the students to push boundaries."

D Srinivasan, principal of K Ramakrishnan College of Engineering, said colleges in the districts had managed to break into the top ranks and stand alongside colleges in and around Chennai by identifying the weak links and working on them. "We get a lot of rural students. They lag in communication skills. So, we continuously strive to improve this area, and soon they are able to catch up with the others and perform well," Srinivasan said.

Regulars in the top five list, including Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College of Engineering and Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, both in Chennai, have dropped to 17th and 18th ranks respectively.

Though marks secured by students alone do not determine the quality of an educational institution, an academic ranking gives a reasonable indication of which colleges lead the pack.

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