

153 Lottery for Delhi University seats proposed

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Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) may adopt a lottery system for admissions for the new academic session but it needs to be approved first by DU.

According to principal PC Jain, the college plans to conduct a lottery for admissions after cut-off marks are declared.

"If applicants meeting the cut-off are more than the number of seats, we want to conduct a fair lottery to ensure that the college isn't forced to admit more students than its sanctioned strength," Jain said.

According to sources, if DU approves the proposal, it will be applicable to all colleges and not just one. "This change will have to be made in all colleges and not in isolation. The university will have to go over this carefully," said a senior DU official.

SRCC has sent this proposal to the university along with the additional eligibility criteria that would be printed in the annual information bulletin. Till now, all students who met the cut-off had to be admitted, irrespective of the number of seats available.

The university, however, says that no such proposal has been received so far. Vice-chancellor Dinesh Singh also denied knowledge of any such proposal.

This is not the only change proposed by SRCC this year. The college wants to offer an equal opportunity to students from all streams seeking admission in economics this year. Earlier, students from humanities, commerce and science streams had different cut-offs. This year, the cut-offs for all streams will be the same.

Several colleges have been complaining about admissions in popular courses over the past few years. According to calculations by principals and teachers responsible for admissions, a reduction of 0.25% in cut-offs means that close to 100 extra students become eligible for admission.

Colleges have been looking for ways to solve admission problems for a long time. Admission committees over the years have spoken for introducing an admission test for admission in all DU courses. Some are even expecting it to be implemented from the coming year.

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It is outrageous atrocious authoritarian controversial initiative of SRCC to auction after securing huge shadowy underhand back stage cash or kind conspiratorial considerations its seats in various streams of education by conducting manipulative draw of lottery lots.

Such betting lottery system will spell chaotic apprehensive deprivations dejection & depressive psychosis for the deserving merited ones.

In contrast least deserving ones will have floodgates thrown open for them for deluging all most all academic educational profiles for a song