

society. I want to create awareness through my stories.”

With government spending on social sector schemes going up every year, social work courses are back on the options list. Although social work is available at the undergraduate level in some universities, students mostly opt for master’s programmes.

“It is a very good programme for people who intend to do social activism and developmental work. This gives you an opportunity to respond to the needs of poor, the marginalised and disadvantaged. Work opportunities could be in government or non-government organisations working at the micro and macro levels,” says Professor Keerti Jha of Patna Women’s College.

Science, which has typically been about physics, chemistry and biological subjects, has now seen the emergence of new streams such as food

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KRITIKA

Student, Shiv Nadar University



TOP 25 COLLEGES

HOTEL MANAGEMENT

1	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering & Nutrition, Pusa	Delhi
2	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Tech. & Applied Nutrition	Mumbai
3	Welcomgroup Graduate School of Hotel Administration	Manipal
4	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Tech. & Applied Nutrition	Hyderabad
5	Institute of Hotel Management	Bangalore
6	Institute of Hotel Management	Aurangabad
7	Institute of Hotel Management Catering Tech. & Applied Nutrition	Chennai
8	Institute of Hotel Management	Lucknow
9	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Tech. & Applied Nutrition	Kolkata
10	Rizvi College of Hotel Management and Catering Technology	Mumbai
11	Dr Ambedkar Institute of Hotel Management, Catering & Nutrition	Chandigarh
12	Department of Hotel Management, Christ University	Bangalore
13	Oberoi Centre of Learning and Development	Delhi
14	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Tech. & Applied Nutrition	Ahmedabad
15	Institute of Advanced Management	Kolkata
16	Institute of Hotel Management Catering Tech. & Applied Nutrition	Meerut
17	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Tech. & Applied Nutrition	Goa
18	Oriental Group of Hotel Management Institutions	Wayanad
19	Banarsidas Chandiwala Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Tech.	Delhi
20	JaganNath Institute of Management Sciences	Delhi
21	M.S. Ramaiah College of Hotel Management	Bangalore
21	International Institute of Hotel Management	Kolkata
23	Institute of Hotel Management Catering Tech. & Applied Nutrition	Gwalior
24	Kohinoor College of Hotel & Tourism Management Studies	Mumbai
25	Institute of Hotel Management	Jaipur

technology, nutrition and dietetics in the past couple of years. While, they are nowhere in the league of most popular options, students are testing waters in these streams as well.

“People tend to think of these subjects as home science, but these are different technologies altogether. There is a growing demand for experts in food preservation and technology, especially with the increased awareness on health and hygiene,” says Dr Anand K. Seth, professor, Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Punjab.

For Saurabh Bhardwaj, it was his interest in biotechnology that drew him towards food technology. “I had biotech in school. My teacher told me that it is related to biotech and has good potential. What excites me about food technology is the possibility of creating new products and food chemicals,” says Saurabh, who is pursuing BSc. in food technology from

Bhaskaracharya Institute of Applied Sciences, New Delhi. Saurabh plans to go into research after the course.

Since food and nutrition complement each other, Mysore University and Calcutta University offer a single course in food and nutrition. Mysore University also offers a diploma course in food technology.

In engineering, the preference continues to be for electronics, mechanical engineering and IT, but for students who want to take up something different, petroleum engineering could be a good option, say experts.

“A relatively new branch, it holds immense potential with India’s growing consumption of petroleum and petroleum products. However, it is an expensive course because the course requires a lot of experiments and equipment. A BTech in petroleum engineering can cost ₹6 lakh to ₹8 lakh,” says Dr Pratyush Chawla of

time and energy of applying to a master's programme.

IIM Indore has a five-year integrated programme in management. Similarly, IIT Madras has started a five-year integrated programme leading to a MA in economics, development studies and English studies.

However, Malhotra cautions: "You should go for an integrated programme only if you are very sure that you want to have a career in the particular subject. Otherwise, studying it for five years and then feeling disenchanted is of no use. It is an interesting concept and a lot of students after 12th are going for it."

Universities like Shiv Nadar University have started the trend of interdisciplinary courses. For example, Kritika who is pursuing electronics engineering at Shiv Nadar University says the best part about its BE programme is that she also gets to study subjects from humanities like English and economics. "It is very different from the usual BE programmes that my friends in other colleges are doing," says Kritika.

It has the concept of major and minor courses where students graduate in a particular subject, but are also required to study other subjects opted as minor. So, even humanities students get to study science. In addition to this, all the undergraduate programmes at SNU are of four years. Environment and sustainability and plagiarism ethics are essential components of the course structure.

"It is a very interesting concept, although it is nothing new. This is similar to the American practice of liberal education, where, if you study medicine, you can also study films or arts alongside. It gives you a well-rounded education," says Malhotra.

Should students bite the bait of foreign tie-ups of Indian colleges? Experts advise a strict no, and even if someone is falling for it, one should check the quality of foreign university with which the college

TOP COLLEGES

ENGINEERING

26	Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute (VJTI)	Mumbai
27	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT)	Nagpur
28	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Aliahabad
29	People's Education Society Institute of Technology (PESIT)	Bangalore
30	Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology (NSIT)	Delhi
31	Dr B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology	Jalandhar
32	Bengal Engineering College	Kolkata
33	NIT	Kurukshetra
34	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU)	Hyderabad
35	Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT)	Kochi
36	IIT	Allahabad
37	University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE)	Bangalore
38	Manipal Institute of Technology	Manipal
39	SRM University	Chennai
40	Sardar Patel College of Engineering	Mumbai
41	Thapar University	Patiala
42	BIT	Sindri
43	NIT	Rourkela
44	PEC University of Technology	Chandigarh
45	NIT	Hamirpur
46	SSN College of Engineering	Chennai
47	Chaitanya Bharati Institute of Technology	Hyderabad
48	Harcourt Butler Technological Institute	Kanpur
49	Moulana Azad National Institute of Technology	Bhopal
50	Institute of Technology,irma University	Ahmedabad
51	Sir M Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology	Bangalore
52	Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College	Ludhiana
53	Vishwakarma Institute of Technology	Pune
54	Jamia Millia Islamia	Delhi
55	Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology	Delhi
56	MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology	Bangalore
57	National Institute of Industrial Engineering	Mumbai
58	Maharashtra Institute of Technology Engineering College	Pune
59	Acharya Institute of Technology	Bangalore
60	College of Engineering	Thiruvananthapuram
61	Jaipur Engineering College & Research Centre (JECRC)	Jaipur
62	Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT)	Mumbai
63	University College of Engineering, Osmania University	Hyderabad
64	BMS College of Engineering	Bangalore
65	Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Info. & Communication Tech.	Gandhinagar
66	Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM)	Visakhapatnam
67	MKSSS's Cummins College of Engineering for Women	Pune
68	Sri Jayachamarajendra College Of Engineering	Mysore
68	Vasavi College of Engineering (VCE)	Hyderabad
70	NIT	Jamshedpur
71	SASTRA University	Thanjavur
72	NIT	Durgapur
73	Coimbatore Institute of Technology	Coimbatore
74	National Institute of Engineering	Mysore
74	Model Engineering College	Kochi