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'Career counselling inspires confidence, eases course anxiety'

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"Career counselling is not just providing information, but inspiring confidence and reducing anxiety about the selection of courses," said Shivakumaraiah, joint secretary, Sree Siddaganga Education Society, Tumakuru.

Speaking during the 24th edition of *The Hindu EducationPlus Career Counselling 2026*, which was held at Siddaganga Institute of Technology (SIT), Tumakuru on Sunday, he said, "As per a survey, 93% of graduates are aware of just seven career options. However, more than 250 career options are available. Career counselling is therefore important."

He also said that although engineering is the most popular career op-



Dignitaries at the 24th edition of *The Hindu EducationPlus Career Counselling 2026* at the Siddaganga Institute of Technology in Tumakuru. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

tion, new-age career options are also available.

Shalini M., principal professor, Department of General Medicine, Siddaganga Medical College & Research Institute, Tumakuru, said, "The medical profession is a noble profession. Scoring high marks in NEET alone is not important to secure an MBBS seat; what matters is studying diligently and consistently."

Nagashettappa Biradar, principal of R.V. Institute of Technology and Management, Bengaluru, said, "Instead of focusing on a brand name, students should choose an engineering college that provides the best skills."

Mandhara Bilagi P., doctoral scholar in International Relations and policy researcher at Christ (Deemed-to-be-University), Bengaluru, said that



there are several opportunities for research in humanities courses.

Anupama, a chartered accountant, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Bengaluru branch, said, "Chartered accountancy is not just about numbers, but it's about trust, responsibility and making smart decisions in the world of finance and business."

Jayasheel P.J., former Assistant Nodal Officer of the CET Nodal Centre, Tumakuru, explained the Common Entrance Test (CET) process for profes-

sional courses such as engineering, B.Sc. Agriculture, veterinary science, pharmacy, B.Sc. Nursing, and others.

Ameen E-Mudassar, career counsellor and CEO of CIGMA, said, "Students must learn multiple skills, upgrade themselves, and try to acquire online knowledge."

Vismaya, a student who attended the event, said, "I am a II PU student and am interested in Computer Science Engineering. So, this career counselling was really helpful." Rekha, a parent, added, "My daughter is studying in II PU, and she is planning to join engineering next year. This career counselling helped us a lot."

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