

## Students in India struggle to gain university admission

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### Questions

1. It is difficult to get into the university in India because there are so many students. T / F
2. To get on an Economics course you must have perfect grades. T / F
3. The student Supria can't get the course she wants. T / F
4. The Education Minister for India thinks colleges high cut off grades are a good idea. T / F
5. Colleges don't have enough rooms and staff for all the students. T / F
6. Millions of India's students are employable in the global workplace. T / F

### Transcripts

Its mission: admission at Delhi University. This summer many Indian students in the capital are desperate to get into any college despite scoring high marks. And the reason is this . . . colleges this year have set an unusually high percentile of cut off marks which is the first criteria for admissions.

This prestigious college shocked applicants, parents and even politicians when it came out with its list. A perfect 100% is what a student needs to get in their economics course. For many, like Supria, hope is running out. Scoring a staggering 92 percentage in her 12 exams she still cant get a course of her choice.

"It really feels very bad. In spite of getting such a high percentage one has to compromise a lot. One has to hope for such a subject which one is not prepared for."

These students are looking at the second cut off list for admissions. Its supposed to be relatively less than the first one and they are hoping that they make the cut this time around. But if your an economics student that want to get onto an undergraduate course the minimum percentage still remains at 94.5.

India's education minister has called these cut off lists as irrational but the most sought after colleges say they have no choice.

Colleges are under pressure. What if we exceed the number? We do not have that type of infrastructure to accommodate all the students nor the requisite number of faculty.

And its this compromise which students are now making that may hurt India's growth prospects. Although millions of graduates come out of India every year only a few of them are employable in a global workplace.

We must focus much more, as Gandhi had said, on Occasionalisation so that, you know, not everybody needs to go and acquire a collage degree.

For many here the race to get high marks ended at school. College was meant to be the start of an exciting new adventure. But with a near perfect score not good enough that race has just got longer.

### Answers

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