

Top B-school attracts 100 global firms, high salaries

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"DON'T ASK about salaries please." That was the official refrain at the Indian School of Business (ISB) here on Wednesday. It was the top B-school's placement day. Taking a cue from the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), the ISB has stopped declaring the bulky pay packets of its students. But officials said placements this year surpassed all previous records.

There has been a 100 per cent increase in international recruiters. Confirming this, Deputy Dean Ajit Rangnekar said: "Our placement record this year is a testimony to the fact that ISB students are the most sought after ones across the world." The average salary offered by Indian companies to ISB students this year was Rs 19 lakh. The average salary offered by international companies was 144,812 US dollars (approximately Rs 59 lakh).

Rs **19** lakh per year was the average salary offered by domestic companies in the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, this year.

Rs **59** lakh per year was the average salary offered by global firms.

A total of 41 new international companies visited the ISB campus for the first time this year. Their 111 job offers were spread across 23 cities in US, Europe, Middle East and the Asia-Pacific.

Also this year, 81 per cent students made remarkable career shifts. This is the highest percentage of career shifts at the ISB so far. The batch of 2008 had 10 doctors. The physicians

set a record by bagging top management roles from several leading companies in healthcare, pharma, private equity and real estate sectors. They even got a five-fold hike in their annual CTCs (cost-to-company).

The 106 women students in the batch of 450 bagged several senior roles across industries. The ISB programme saw them increasing their annual salaries three times over. At the time of joining the ISB, the average CTC of the women students was Rs 5,18,540. They now have Rs 16,44,328 average CTCs.