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Chasing the American dream

RIGHT CHOICE Students interacted with officials of 15 US accredited varsities and got information about courses as well as admission criterion at the education fair

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For Indian students who desire to join an American university, there is a glimmer of hope. On Monday, the US India Educational Foundation (USIEF) and KIC Univ Assist jointly organised an educational fair with the US consulate general for the first time in the city in a bid to guide students select the right college and the right course.

At the fair, organised at the American Center, representatives from 15 accredited US Universities took part to disseminate detailed information about their institutions and undergraduate programmes.

Many students thronged the place, which gave them ample chance to seek information regarding different courses as well as universities.

"US university fairs will give a big platform for constructive interaction between students and institutions. The fair has been organised to break the barriers of communication between students and institutions so that the bright and deserving students can easily pursue courses at American universities they prefer," said Ganesh Kohli, director of KIC Univ Assist.

He added, "I have been organising the educational fair since 2010. But I am happy to conduct the fair in the city for the first time. The fair will surely be able to show the way to aspiring students as they would have a variety of universities to pick from." He also encouraged students to choose up skills in new fields, explore different avenues and be a pro-



ductive member of the country.

American universities are giving a wide choice to students. The students are required to sit for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) where they need to score total of 1886 marks. In the three sections of verbal, maths and English writing (on an average), they need to score 557, 726 and 614 respectively.

"Students will be selected and scholarships can be available based on the SAT

score and academic performance, among others," Kohli added. "I pray that the students have a good future and hope they become outstanding professionals under the umbrella of these universities," said Shevami Narayan, regional officer, USIEF.

"The purpose of the fair was to make students aware about different universities providing different courses," she added. "Since a long time, I was really worried about my career but after meeting

these university officials, I finally selected the right course and university in which I would enrol," said Atrayee Roy an 11th standard commerce student from Sushila Birla School.

A Gokhale Memorial student was keen to seek admission to the University of Arizona, saying, "I want to be a manager and would like to work in the corporate sector. To fulfil my dreams, I want to pursue economics and an MBA in the US."