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IITBBS students hit pay dirt in campus recruitment

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Bhubaneswar: Three IIT Bhubaneswar students got salary package offer of Rs 43.3 lakh per annum each during the ongoing recruitment drive. So far, this salary package is the highest one for the IITBBS. Last time, the highest offer was Rs 39.02 lakh per annum.

These three students are Methuku Preetham and Ankit Pradhan, both from computer science and engineering and Abdul Azgar Taj from electronics and communication engineering.

Ankit of Cuttack told **TOI** that he has already worked in Microsoft for two months as intern before the company selected him for the job. "I want to work on cyber security. Work in the Microsoft will shape my knowledge," he added.

Preetham, who belongs to Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh, said Microsoft has se-



Ankit Pradhan and Methuku Preetham

lected him after conducting five rounds of interview and two months internship in the company. "I love software development. I will try to do something great in this area and develop a product for the use of the people worldwide," he added.

IITBBS director R V Raja Kumar said average annual salary has been increased to Rs 15 lakh from last year's Rs 11.5 lakh. Besides, two other students got 31.5 lakh per annum salary package. Similarly, nine other students got around Rs 30 lakh per annum salary package, he added.

So far, 75% placements

for undergraduate students are over with average salary of Rs 15 lakh per annum across the branches. Last year, 55% students had been placed by December 31 when the first phase completed. The second phase of placements has commenced from January 7 and will continue till the end of May 2020, said an official source.

"The trend of hiring this year is more towards machine learning and artificial intelligence. Analytics forms the next area of interest of many recruiters. Coding profiles are more significantly evolved this year," said a senior professor of the institute.

Diverse sectors participated in the campus recruitment this year. Start-ups too have generated ample employment opportunities. Software, banking, start-ups, analytics, construction and PSUs generated employment opportunities in bulk, he added.