Anna University conducts T.N.E.A - Tamil Nadu Engineering Admissions to enable a Single window admission process for admission into Engineering and Technology courses in University Departments of Anna Universities, Government and Government Aided Engineering Colleges and for the seats surrendered by the Self-Financing Engineering Colleges.

Around1,37,800 seats are said to be available in Engineering Colleges all over Tamil Nadu. This Year and additional 1200 Seats have been added In Government and Government Aided Colleges which sums upto a total of 3360 Seats. The total number of seats in self financing engineering colleges is said to be 1,34,481 seats.

TNEA is open to any Indian National however, admission policies vary from college to college and Non - TN students have to keep these in mind during the Engineering admission process.

Last year nearly 42,000 government quota seats offered through single window counseling were left vacant. This year about 28,000 more seats will be added to the existing engineering seat matrix and the parents will not be required to book a seat in any top college any more.

The state government has established 3 new government aided institutions that will commence its admissions process from the academic year 2012-2013. This year, more than a hundred engineering institutes are waiting for the AICTE approval and several engineering institutes have been allowed to increase their student intake by starting new programs. The parents can now take a sigh of relief.

Sources from Anna University revealed that till now the university has not received any complaint about seats being bought or sold. Moreover, there is no need for the parents and students to worry as this year more seats will be available through single window counseling system in comparison to last year. Last year, seats were vacant in most of the top institutions. Out of the 2,305 sanctioned seats only 2,151 seats were filled. Out of the free seats available in government engineering colleges only 126 remained vacant.

Out of 2, 26, 034 engineering seats, nearly 64,880 seats were left unfilled. Officials from SASTRA university planning and development department also advised parents not to utilize the monetary mediums for acquiring seats and have faith in their ward's capabilities. "No point wasting money behind seats when so many seats are left vacant" – said one the officials.

TNFA Institutes

Anna University's Top Five Engineering colleges in Tamil Nadu. Marks are out of 100. The number that follows the branch name in brackets is the total number of colleges assessed for the course.

Civil Engineering (24)

Sri Venkateswara college of Engineering & Technology: 95.3

R.M.K. Engineering College: 95.2

Sri Venkateswara college of Engg: 94.0

Velammal: 93.5

Misrimal Navajee:92.1

Computer Science(87)

Misrimal Navajee:98.0

St.Josephs: 97.9

Sri Sivasubramaniya: 96.7

R.M.K. Engineering College: 95.7

R.M.D Engineering College: 95.4

Electrical & Electronics (81)

R.M.D Engineering College: 99.5

SKP: 97.5

Sri Sivasubramaniya: 97.3

PB: 95.9

Electronics & Communications (87)

St.Josephs: 97.6

Sri Sivasubramaniya: 97.0

Jeppiaar: 95.5

Sri Venkateswara college of Engineering & Technology: 95.3

Easwari: 94.4

Mechanical (61)

SKP: 97.5

St.Joseph's: 96.2

Mailam: 95.7

R.M.K. Engineering College: 94.9

Adhiparasakthi: 94.3

Information Technology (83)

Sri Sivasubramaniya: 97.0

St.Joseph's: 96.2

R.M.K. Engineering College: 95.5

R.M.D Engineering College: 94.4

Sri Venkateswara college of Engineering: 93.8