## IIT Ropar students top on recruiters' priority list

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The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar, may not be a preferred campus for IIT-JEE top rankers from Chandigarh but its students are higly sought after by companies during campus placement drives.

While a US-based company has offered an annual package of USD 105,000 to two students from the computer science department, Microsoft has offered a placement to seven other students from computer science and electrical departments with an annual increase of Rs 2 lakh against the package offered last year.

This year, the software giant has offered students an average annual package of Rs 18 lakh.

Computer science students Pankaj Verma and Shikhar Srivastav, who will pass out in April in computer science, were selected by Epic Systems Corp for an annual



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salary of Rs 57 lakh. They will be posted in USA.

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Students from IIT Ropar have fared better in terms of pay packages when compared to other new IITs in Patna, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar and Gandhinagar.

Reports suggest that students at IIT Ropar were offered an annual salary package ranging between Rs 11 lakh and Rs 18 lakh against the salary of Rs 9.5 lakh-Rs 9.9 lakh offered at Gandhinagar.

"We started inviting the companies much earlier with a proper follow-up. Last year 87 per cent of the students had got campus placements and this year we are expecting the placements to touch the 100 per cent mark with three new companies CISCO, TCS and Cognisance visiting the campus on placement drive," said Prabh Sharan Singh, an employee.