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India's Top Recruiters 2016

MBA grads are the prize catch for companies as they deal with quickening pace of technological disruption and innovation

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In the game of talent acquisition at business schools, consulting firm Deloitte has a formidable strategy. Much of it is focused building the campus brand to stay relevant in the ever-changing perceptions of the students.

"There is a lot of work we do in our engagement at campuses which is about influencing the minds of the youngsters in the market," said SV Nathan, chief talent officer at Deloitte. And the strategy seems to be working. Deloitte emerged at the top in ET's survey of top recruiters at India's leading business schools, having hired 222 grads from the class of 2015 from business schools the survey covered.

Now in its sixth year, the ET Top Recruiters survey was based on data collated from 26 leading Indian business schools. These are: Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Calcutta, Lucknow, IIM Indore, XLRI, MDI Gurgaon, IIFT, FMS-Delhi, SP Jain Institute of Management & Research, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, IMT Ghaziabad, IIM Trichy, IIM Rohtak, IIM Ranchi, IIM Udaipur, IMT Ghaziabad, Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, Shailesh J Mehta School of Management, IIT Bombay, Vinod Gupta School of Management, IIT Kharagpur, WeSchool, NITIE Mumbai, Great Lakes Institute of Management, Goa Institute of Management, Institute of Management Studies, Banaras Hindu University (earlier FMS-BHU), and TA Pai Management Institute.

B-school hiring at Deloitte has witnessed growth of 30-40% over the last five years. "We are key talent," said Deloitte's Nathan. "We hire plug-and-play people. By virtue of structuration, MBAs are more industry-aware than the groundswelling," Nathan said. About these hires are women. But Nathan said he needs to up the game in gender diversity.

THE TOP 5

Besides Deloitte, the list of top five recruiters across these schools included Cognizant, Bank, Infosys and Wipro.

Sriram Rajagopal, senior vice-president of human resources at Cognizant, said, "We have been hiring MBAs in significant numbers in India, North America, Europe and Asia, as a preferred recruiter for high-growth and challenging career opportunities that we are

known to provide. Over the last three years, we have hired more than 1,200 MBAs to help propel our growth."

With a holistic view of their respective area of specialisation and industry," said Santosh Kulkarni.

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At IIT Kharagpur, hiring in the consulting practice grew 10% over the last two years. "Our IITD students are innovating on the three things that matter to customers — selection, convenience and price — by paying rich dividends," said Raj Nagpal, director of human resources at Amazon India.

Some of the top recruiters at Ahmedabad

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per cent of the placements in communication and human resources fields come

from IIT Bombay, which re-entered the top recruit-

ers' list after four years, hired more in FY16 than the previous year. While for some business lines and functions, internship is an important route, the company absorbs B-school students in client-facing roles like sales, pre-sales, development or consulting roles. So to make a career in their functional roles, says DP Singh, vice-president and HR M-India's south Asia.

Over the last few years, the company has been ramping up its engagement with B-schools, even working with top B-schools' entrepreneurship cells to organise technology fests and conducting contests for students interested in becoming entrepreneurs. An example is a contest which was held at Bangalore's flagship event — Ex-Cell.

-COMMERCE

The lone e-commerce company in the list of recruiters in India in FY16, has seen a rise in MBA intake over the last two years, which explains Amazon's numbers. The sector is going slow on hiring. Amazon's performance over the last three years is stellar. In Q1 2016, it denotes that the tide is turning. Amazon's working backwards from customer retention to innovating on the three things that matter to customers — selection, convenience and price — by paying rich dividends," said Raj Nagpal, director of human resources at Amazon India.

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TOP 10 RECRUITERS

Company Number Hired

Deloitte	282
Cognizant	245
IOCL Bank	223
Infosys	215
Wipro	130
Accenture	108
KPMG	94
TCS	89
Amazon	83
IBM	74

Total Hired **1,543**

NOTE: LIST REFLECTS TOP 10 HIRES AT EACH OF THE 26 SCHOOLS. ET TRACKED 205 COMPANIES WHICH MAY HAVE HIRED MORE MBAs AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

TOP RECRUITERS AT TOP 3 IIMS: 2016 VS 2015

IIMS: 2016 VS 2015

2016 Top Recruiters	No. Hired	2015 Top Recruiters	No. Hired
Bain	48	Accenture	45
Amazon	45	BCG	36
BCG	39	Amazon	30
Accenture	32	KPMG	29
AT Kearney	29	Samsung	21
		McKinsey	21

CONSULTING COMPANIES ruled the roost by way of maximum hires at the top 3 IIMs (A, B, and C). Bain, not among the top 5 last year, hired as many as 48 fresh grads at these B-schools to secure top spot. Amazon followed a close second with 45 and BCG in third place with 39. Last year's top recruiter at these 3 IIMs, Accenture, came in only at 4th place this year with 32 hires, edging out AT Kearney with 29.

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NEW IIMs are doing better on the placements front than before. At IIM Trichy, the average CTC jumped by nearly 24%; IIM Kashipur saw top salary (international) go up almost 24% from ₹43.3 lakh to ₹53.75 lakh.

SUMMER PLACEMENTS are increasingly becoming more important as most of the recruiters move towards PPO and PPI policy. At MDI Gurugram, 106 students from the Class of 2016 accepted PPOs, as opposed to 60 in the year before. At Amazon, the internship programme drives 60% of the hiring in tech and non-tech.

IN KEEPING with a trend that's steadily been gaining momentum, more new recruits entered the fray at IIM