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## IIT Madras kick-starts placement drive with 158 offers on Day 1

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The **Indian Institute of Technology**, Madras (IIT Madras) started its placement session on Monday, December 1, 2014, along with the other older IITs. An incredible number of job offers were extended by several firms from diverse sectors on the Day 1 of its placement drive.

While only 95 job offers were made by IIT Madras on its Day 1 of the placement drive last year, a significant rise was seen this year with the total number of placements reaching 158 on the first day of its placement session. The placements were made by various organizations in different sectors at both national as well as international level.

Out of the total offers, 17 were made during the graveyard session, 64 during the forenoon session and 77 were extended during the afternoon session.

The top domestic offer was for Rs 30 lakh, while the highest international offer was for US\$ 1,29,500.

Goldman Sachs extended the majority of offers in the forenoon session, Epic in the graveyard session and EXL in the afternoon session.

The graveyard session was held from 1 am to 6 am. The key players were Service Now Software Development India Private Limited, Microsoft, Epic, Oracle India Pvt Ltd, Google, Visa Inc. and Cisco Systems.

The forenoon session was held from 7 am to 2 pm. The key recruiters were Boston Consulting Group (BCG), McKinsey & Company, IBM Research India, Microsoft, Xerox Research Centre India, Shell India Markets Pvt Ltd, Goldman Sachs, Samsung R & D Institute India Bangalore, Works Applications Japan, Visa Inc., Auctus Advisors, ITC Limited and Hindustan Unilever Ltd.

The afternoon session was held from 3 pm to 10 pm. The key recruiters were EXL, Texas Instruments India Pvt Ltd, Xerox Research Centre India, Indus Insights and Analytical Services Pvt. Ltd., Credit Suisse, Amazon Development Centre (India) Pvt. Ltd, Nomura Services India Private Limited, LinkedIn, American Express, Wipro Consumer Care & Lighting, Housing.com (Locon Solutions Pvt. Ltd.) and Honeywell Technology Solutions Lab.

Altogether, 250 firms with 330 job profiles have registered for the placement session this year. Around 70 students have acquired Pre-placement Offers (PPOs) after their summer internships.

The coming days of placements at IIT Madras is expected to bring in an increased number of job offers with higher salary packages, going by the positive trend of the PPOs and improving hiring sentiment.

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