

# Satyamites flood US prep schools with inquiries

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The Satyam debacle is proving to be a boon for the graduate record examination (GRE), graduate management admission test (GMAT), and SAT training institutes, which have seen a surge in inquiries in the last fortnight.

Prep schools for admission in US universities attribute the spurt in the number of applications primarily to the current uncertainty at Satyam. Aradhana K Mahana, managing director, Manya Group, said that while the general recession has played its bit in driving out of job people to upgrade their skills, Satyam has accelerated the pace further.

"Post-Satyam fiasco, the inquiries for GRE, GMAT (especially in Hyderabad and Bangalore) have increased by 25-30%. Satyam employees alone account for 8% of these," said Mahana.

Like Manya, Jamboree is also flooded with inquiries from Satyam employees. And the rush is more GMAT than GRE. "In the last 10 days, we have received over 100 applications from Satyam employees in Bangalore and Hyderabad. They are mostly looking at pursuing MBA (management) courses rather than master courses in the US," said Sandeep Gupta, academic head, Jamboree.

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