

# Time to gain the professional edge

**W**e spoke to Pushpinder Bhatia, Managing Director, Pac Asia Services Pvt Ltd, about the advanced education opportunities available in the United States for Indian students. Here is an excerpt from the conversation.

- **How are the Indian visa consultants like you coping with the slump in admission to US universities?**

I would not really say there is a 'slump' in admissions to US universities but more of a

**coaching for US entry level tests like GRE/GMAT etc.?**

Coaching is quite important, professional trainer will guide and train students to deal with problems / questions more effectively and competently. Since these scores are important part of the application process its always advisable to get professional training so a sot get a higher score. Since many top' institutes in US give emphasis on GRE/ GMAT scores for their respective courses its not advisable to



correction in the market. With an objective of gaining good qualification, the Indian students are still applying to the US universities and colleges.

- **What are the common concerns of students when they approach you for guidance?**

The US admission and getting accepted in a desired university/institute is the first big concern for students. Hence, it's always advisable to apply to multiple institutes. It is usually a long waiting period for them to know the final result on their applications and its bit of a cumbersome process, too. The second big concern is always the Visa. The US Visa application process and online appointment date are always followed with a personal interview. Since there are no defined parameters, and the decision is based on the assessment made by the Visa Officer .

- **Do you think certain courses are still in high demand despite the gloomy scenario?**

Yes, there are still few courses high in demand. While MBA still tops the chart in the demand list, other areas like Engineering, Biotechnology and Health care management are also quite in demand. As suggested in one of my earlier

ignore professional training. We have seen students with good academic background not been accepted in good university in desired course due to less scoring in GMAT/ GRE.