

Bench-warmers' numbers dip at IT companies

CHENNAI: The number of employees warming the benches at IT companies is reducing. The employee utilization rate of some of the top tech players is at their highest in almost eight quarters. Bench, in an IT company, comprises the individuals not allocated to any project but who are paid salary by the company at normal rates.

India's largest software firm, [Tata Consultancy Services](#) (TCS) reported an all-time high utilization rate (excluding trainees) of 86% for the quarter ended September 2014 which is a 100 basis points (bps) or 1% percentage point increase from the June quarter and 300 basis points rise as compared to September 2013.