



## NIIT to offer management education to Guj colleges

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Ahmedabad: Information technology (IT) trainer NIIT Ltd plans to introduce advanced e-learning and learning management techniques to colleges in Gujarat. The certificate course, specifically designed for working professionals, will be modelled on NIIT's current offering to Indian Institute of Management (IIM) students.

Rajendra Pawar, Chairman, NIIT, said, We are talking to colleges in Gujarat to introduce synchronous learning technology. The concept of the course will be on the lines of what NIIT Imperia offers to the IIMs. NIIT Imperia was launched in September 2006 through tie ups with IIM Ahmedabad, Calcutta and Indore.

In July, NIIT launched its first cloud campus in Hyderabad. The cloud campus network enables students to access educational services using a netbook or a mobile device that connects them to NIIT's cloud campus network.

NIIT, which plans to grow on the cloud platform, will double its cloud computing based centres to 100 in the next one year from the current 50 centres. NIIT has invested Rs 50 crore to set up infrastructure for the concept.

We plan to focus on interactive content and cloud will help bring a profound change in this direction. Cloud computing is a cost-effective model, which has made it possible to take high quality education to the far reaches of the country, said Ashwin Agrawal, Regional Manager, NIIT Ltd.

At present, NIIT offers 25% of IT learning in its own community through cloud and plans to take it to 75% in the next 18 months. We have been working on this innovation since a few years. Once we are confident of its success in the community, we plan to take it outside to other institutes, said Pawar, who took a feedback on the concept from students of Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar during his visit on Thursday.

The cloud computing market in India is expected to touch Rs 2,434 crore in 2014 on the back of a compounded annual growth rate of 53% over five years.

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