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NIIT launches first in-campus programme to offer global professional life skills

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COIMBATORE: NIIT Limited launched South India's first NIIT Careers@Campus, an in-campus programme for higher education institutions, here on Monday.

Unveiled in association with the SNR Sons Charitable Trust, the programme will be offered to 4,500 students studying in the institutions of the Trust - Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College (SREC) and Sri Ramakrishna Institute of Technology (SRIT).

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed by C. Soundararaj, Managing Trustee of the Trust, and G. Raghavan, Chief Executive, Career Building Solutions, NIIT Limited, in the presence of world chess champion and NIIT Brand Ambassador Viswanathan Anand.

The MoU will entail 'providing global professional life skills to students in the classrooms using technology to enhance their employability.'

Addressing media persons after the exchange of the MoU, Mr. Raghavan said the employability enhancing programmes are designed to be delivered to undergraduate students in the campuses itself.

Elaborating the new format of NIIT, he added: "Expert faculty will deliver lectures and other content from the studios situated in various places in India. This will be telecast via satellite to the 51 classrooms in SREC and 26 in SRIT. These will be



VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS: C. Soundararaj (second from left), managing trustee of SNR Sons Charitable Trust and G. Raghavan (second from right), Chief Executive of Career Building Solutions, NIIT Limited, exchanging documents of an MoU at Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College in Coimbatore on Monday. World chess champion and brand ambassador of NIIT Viswanathan Anand (right), is in the picture. - PHOTO: M. PERIASAMY

made centres of excellence by converting them into synchronous learning technology classrooms."

Experts would deal with technology courses, hands-on practical laboratory content, and soft skills, to encompass the global professional life skills. Programmes would be staggered over six semesters out of the total eight and would initially be for 300 hours. The content and duration would, however, remain flexible, according to Mr. Raghavan.

Students would be as-

essed at the end of each semester. On course completion, students would receive a certificate.

While it was looking at more such partnerships in other parts of the State and country, NIIT would be selective in choice as it would be based on the quality of institutions.

Mr. Soundararaj said students of both the colleges would get an opportunity to be exposed to an enriched academic content and at the same time get equipped with the latest modern technolo-

gies in learning through VSAT. Mr. Viswanathan Anand said that the synchronous technology learning classrooms would aim to make education an enriching experience. Satellite-enabled teaching and learning would give the students the advantage of gaining knowledge from various places.

R. Vijayakumhar, Joint Managing Trustee, R. Joseph Xavier, principal of SRIT, R. Radhakrishnan, Principal of SREC, and A. Ebenezer Jeyakumar, Director (Academics), were present.