Multimedia in curriculum

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TWO students from Scindia School, Gwalior, were absorbed by a radio station immediately after their class XII exams. The students were selected for their 'sound-editing' skills that they acquired in school itself.

This programme is part of the school's pilot project that is six years old, and has now been formally launched in schools across the country. Class VI onwards, a perfect blend of multimedia applications, web technology, communication technology and also soft skills would be provided to students who are aspiring to be world class multimedia professionals.

This web and multi-media curriculum in India is an NIIT and Adobe initiative. The 'vocational curriculum' covers Adobe Creative Suite Master Collection, which includes Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash, Premiere, Encore, Soundbooth, AfterEffects, Fireworks, and Dreamweaver to mention a few.

Says Gautham More, the technology head with NIIT and co-ordinator, Scindia School, "The feedback has been great. Most students readily opted for this 'additional' programme. This programme is likely to be especially beneficial for students who want to start their own ventures right after school."

L Balasubramanian, president, School Learning Solutions, NIIT, says, "To begin with, we are targeting 3,000 schools across India. The cost of pursuing this additional curriculum will be Rs 60 per month per student."

As to the kind of skills that need to be imparted today, Sandeep Mehrotra, director-sales, Adobe India, says, "We are focussing on technology literacy, and trying to nurture creative thinkers along with effective communicators and critical thinkers."