

# Shifting gears with 'job-ready' programmes

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Responding to the changing demands of a slowing market, NIFT has rolled out a slew of fast-track, industry-friendly programmes that, the trainer claims would make graduates job ready in 99-200 days.

The six new programmes launched under the fast-track banner for final year students

are in Java, .Net developers, Web 2.0., Creative Publishing, Systems & Networking, Business Intelligence and Data Warehousing. Designed as Postgraduate Diploma level programmes, these short courses are geared to make students immediately deployable in the market. Experts also content that when a market begins to slow down, the best option for entry level professionals is to up-skill themselves.

"Instead of entering the market when there are fewer tech jobs, this is ideally the time for graduates to opt for postgraduation, or for a BCA to enroll in an MCA programme," remarked a career counsellor. "However if there are shorter courses avail-