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NIIT, a global leader in skills and talent development, once again revolutionizes the IT training and education landscape by introducing pioneering programs in Digital Transformation. The company will now offer futuristic programs like MEAN Stack, Big Data & Data Sciences Stack, Design Thinking, Cloud Stack, Internet of Things (IOT) Stack, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Robotics and Virtual Reality, Cyber-Security, under the DigiNxt Series brand umbrella. Through this significant move NIIT aims to totally re-align the Skills and Career Group to the changing future-skill-sets requirement of the industry to help create job-ready talent pool for the fast evolving global economy.

India, with a strong technology ecosystem of MNC R&D centers, service providers, IT global in-house centers and startups, is well placed to play a key role in the digital era. Indian talent can potentially power the digital transformation for enterprises around the world, and become a moon-shot economy. According to a survey, India is home to a digitally ready talent pool of 500,000 engineers suitable to execute digital transformation projects. This is expected to increase to

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Information technology has changed the way people work and the next ten years will be about transforming the businesses across all industry sectors. According to industry experts, digitally transformed organizations are 26% more profitable than their industry competitors. Global Spending on digital transformation technologies is expected to cross \$2.1 Billion by 2019. By 2018, 35% of IT resources will be spent to support the creation of new digital revenue streams, and by 2020 almost 50% of IT budgets will be tied to digital transformation initiatives. All of these indicate that Digital transformation is going to drive the next phase of growth in the IT Industry. The process has already begun and is rapidly accelerating, with both IT companies as well as IT departments of large corporations scrambling to address the acute shortage of skills.

Mr. Rahul Patwardhan, CEO, NIIT Ltd said, "We pioneered the category of IT Training in India way back in 1981. Having trained over 35 million people in IT over the last 34 years, we expanded our expertise to other sectors as well and have been instrumental in creating trained workforce as per evolving industry needs. With our keen understanding of the changing skills requirement of the industry we are now focusing on the Digital Transformation needs. This move indicates our commitment to create a talent pool armed with futuristic skill-sets aligned to the industry, working closely with our key clients in the technology sector around the world as well as with the software industry association."

In October 2015, NIIT launched a revolutionary initiative - **StackRoute™** to create multi-skilled and multi-disciplinary full-stack programmers. **StackRoute™** has received overwhelming response from startups and major IT companies alike. Armed with first-hand knowledge of the talent requirements of technology backed organizations and an established proof of success in servicing the stringent internal reskilling requirements of these firms, NIIT will now offer retail training programs in Digital Transformation Technologies under the DigiNxt portfolio, to young aspirants wishing to enter the digital services industry, as well as to young IT professionals wishing to reskill themselves for the new digital world.

Mr. Prakash Menon, President, Global Skills & Careers Group, NIIT Ltd said, "While working on StackRoute™ we understood the significant talent requirement of the IT companies who are looking for professionals who can help them drive digital transformation strategies. Therefore, we have introduced pioneering programs in Digital Transformation tailor made and endorsed by the industry, to address the massive skill-gaps faced by the IT sector."

According to MIT Centre for Digital Business, 77% of organizations consider missing digital skills as the key hurdle to their transformation strategy. Therefore, Indian & Global IT Companies are investing heavily in building digital transformation skills to enable their clients to transform digitally. As organizations are building talent pool, the most-sought after skill sets include: Product Engineering, Business Analytics, Cloud Technology and Architecture, Mobile Apps, Internet of Things and Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence.

To cater to this need, NIIT is introducing career programs in Java Enterprise Engineering with DevOps, Big Data & Data Sciences, Web Technologies, Databases Systems, Cloud Computing, Mobile, Infrastructure Management Services (IMS), Cyber-Security, Enterprise Application, Telecom & Embedded Systems, Project Management, Internet of Things (IOT), Visual Design, Game Development, Design Thinking, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, and Virtual Reality. Graduates and graduating students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics will be eligible to

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Hyderabad

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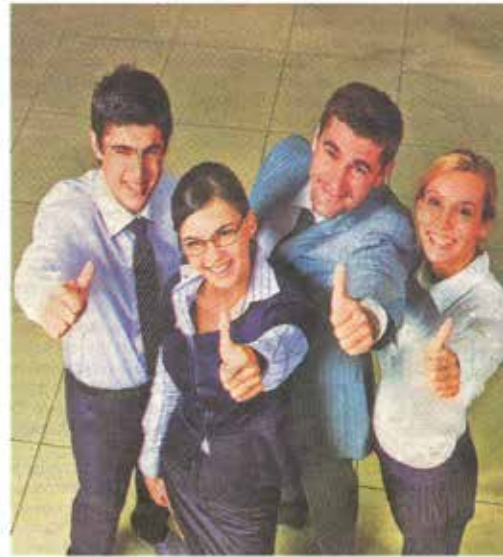
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"But the demand for Digital Transformation Skills is much bigger than the supply. By 2020, we have a target to train one million people in DT space," said Patwardhan. The company is also investing big energy on R&D space for innovation, intellectual property and product creation in IT training space and has set up a 50-member top-level StackRoute Lab in Bengaluru.

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Prakash Menon, president (global skills & careers group), NIIT Ltd, said, "DigiNxt is tailor-made and we are getting huge response from the corporates." The company has tied up with industry majors like ICICI Bank, IFBI, Genpact and inked a joint venture with NSDC for NIIT YuvaJyoti Ltd.

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Menon said that since there have been a lot of changes happening in the IT sector and digital transformation is a reality, which led to a new set of skills that are in demand.

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In their own centres across the country, NIIT is looking to offer the high-end programmes that includes 'DigiNxt' apart from GNIIT. In their business partner centres, Patwardhan said that there would be a mix of these programmes as well as plain vanilla courses that are in demand. "The current workforce need to be retrained. Demand is much higher and we need to scale up fast enough to meet the demand, he further said.

With respect to their corporate business, NIIT has grown at an around 15% every year. Patwardhan said that they were much on track for first three quarters and that opportunity is larger than what they can service. In October 2015, NIIT launched an initiative - StackRoute™ to create multi-skilled and multi-disciplinary full-stack programmers.

For a certain period, NIIT faced some stress in the retail business. Patwardhan said that retail had been a troubled business because IT was de-growing. However, he said that this business has seen a turnaround and they have been able to bring it back to profitability. This year, he said that they will start scaling it up. , this year it will start scaling up.

NIIT also has NIIT.tv, a digital learning initiative and already has 5000 plus programmes on this platform. Patwardhan said that online learning space is seeing more students than offline and they are planning to put more commercial programmes online. In quarter two, NIIT will launch its commercial multimodal portal which is currently being built. This will be a new interface of NIIT to the marketplace. Here, the platform will automatically configure itself and offer an individual a programme based on whether you are a school student, college student or working professional. They will also be given the option to do the course either online, at the physical centre or using the hybrid model.

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Why are these new courses needed in India?

- Industry reports say that India has a talent pool of five lakh engineers, who are digitally trained to take over projects of digital transformation technology. By 2020, the number of such engineers is expected to rise over a million
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Details on the courses:

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Rahul Patwardhan, chief executive, NIIT Ltd, told TOI, “DigiNxt Series is going to transform NIIT's DNA. It is our most important strategy to fuel our targeted 20% EBIDTA growth in the coming years. Of India's over 4 million IT workforce, at least 3.5 million need reskilling in future technologies as companies are leaving no stone unturned to maintain an edge over their global competition. NIIT DigiNxt will also fill the vacuum in the fresher entry path.”

NIIT, the IT training pioneer that has trained over 35 million people since 1981, is making its courses shorter, slimmer and smarter (a three-month-long, industryready, project-based course will cost Rs 80,000). To begin with, NIIT will offer retail training programmes under the DigiNxt portfolio in its 150 centres to train up to 25,000 professionals a year. The IT education giant has 300 centres across India.

Today, an entry-level and experienced professional with digital skills attracts 50% to 60% higher salaries than those with traditional IT skills. Industry experts also believe, digitally transformed organizations are 26% more profitable than their industry competitors.



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