

Strategic Alliance between
NASSCOM and NIIT
focusing on Skill Development



NASSCOM and NIIT partner to enhance skill development and quality capacity of graduates

- **Vision to train over 1 lakh students over three years**

New Delhi, 04 January, 2013: The NASSCOM Sector Skills Council (SSC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), for three years, with the leading talent development organization NIIT to offer enhanced training programs to students through its training campuses all across the country. The strategic alliance will offer first-of-its-kind training programs that have been designed, developed and endorsed by the industry through two initiatives- **FSIT (Foundation Skills in IT) - for engineering graduates and Global Business Foundation Skills (GBFS) - for graduates of all streams.**

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The training program has been designed by IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council NASSCOM and the achievement levels are certified through the NAC and NAC-Tech assessments. The collaboration between **NASSCOM's IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council (SSC)** and **NIIT** aims to train over 1 lakh students over three years, starting with 30,000 students in the first year.

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Som Mittal, President, NASSCOM**, said "India has the world's largest pool of talent across geographically dispersed locations within the country and outside. Indian IT-BPM industry has been working round the clock to build a favourable environment in preparing this talent pool and making them industry-ready. While diverse efforts and initiatives have been taken by the industry and academia at various levels, there is a lot that can and needs to be done. This initiative of NASSCOM with NIIT is a step-forward in the same direction and is aimed to scale quality capacity of our graduates. We believe our initiative will go a long way in contributing towards achieving the scale that is required by the industry."

Commenting on the alliance, **Mr. Rajendra Singh Pawar, Chairman, NIIT** said "NIIT's training expertise together with NASSCOM's industry insights will empower college students across India."

The programs – FSIT and GBFS, are of a duration of 120 hours each and cover topics ranging from on technology to soft skills and professional skills and project management. Most of the topics covered are applicable to multiple industries and although all students are eligible to take part in the program, it is best suited for engineering students studying in third year and final year. The industry has invested substantially in the design and development of these programs and these will be continuously updated to keep it current and relevant.

About NASSCOM

NASSCOM® is the premier trade body and the chamber of commerce of the IT-BPO industries in India. NASSCOM is a global trade body with more than 1300 members, which include both Indian and multinational companies that have a presence in India. NASSCOM's member and associate member companies are broadly in the business of software development, software services, software products, consulting services, BPO services, e-commerce & web services, engineering services off-shoring and animation and gaming. NASSCOM's membership base constitutes over 95% of the industry revenues in India and employs over 2.32 million professionals.

About NIIT

NIIT Limited, a leading Global Talent Development Corporation and Asia's premier IT trainer, offers learning and knowledge solutions across 38 countries. NIIT was set up in 1981, to help the nascent IT industry overcome its human resource challenges and has today grown to be amongst world's leading talent development companies offering learning solutions to Individuals, Enterprises and Institutions. NIIT's training solutions in IT, Business Process Outsourcing, Banking, Finance and Insurance, Executive Management Education, Vocational Skills, School Learning Solutions and Communication & Professional Life Skills, have impacted over 35 million learners. NIIT's expertise in learning content development, training delivery and education process management make it the most preferred training partner, worldwide. The leading IT journal Dataquest has conferred upon NIIT the 'Top IT Training Company' award successively for the past 20 years, since the inception of this category.

NIIT has been ranked among the 'Top 25 Best Employers in India- 2011' by Aon Hewitt and 'Top 10 India's Best Companies to Work for' by Great Places to Work Institute. The company has also been voted the second most trusted education brand in India by Brand Equity- Nielsen Survey 2011.



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Nasscom, NIIT ink pact to train one lakh students in next 3 years

Our Bureau
New Delhi, Jan 4
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The joint initiative has introduced two courses – Foundation Skills in IT (FSIT) for engineering graduates and Global Business Foundation Skills (GBFS) for graduates of all streams and aims to train 30,000 students in the first year.

The courses have been designed and developed by the IT-ITeS SSC of Nasscom and the

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Joint initiative: NIIT Chairman Rajendra Singh Pawar with Nasscom President Som Mittal at a press conference in New Delhi on Friday. — PTI

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“NIIT’s training expertise together with Nasscom’s industry insights will empower college students across India,” Rajendra Singh Pawar, Chairman, NIIT, said. The company will soon announce on the fee structures of both the programmes.

NIIT’s shares closed at Rs 30.75 on the BSE on Friday, up 1.15 per cent from the previous close.
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Hindu Business Line, New Delhi, January 5, 2013

NIIT, Nasscom to train 1 lakh students

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New Delhi

IT-BPO industry body Nasscom and NIIT have teamed up to train over one lakh graduates across streams to enhance their employability skills.

As per a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between the two organisations, two training programmes christened as “Foundation Skills in IT (FSIT)” and “Global Business Foundation Skills (GBFS)”

would be launched. While FSIT will develop foundation skills of engineering graduates in IT, GBFS would cover all streams and meet requirements of business / knowledge process outsourcing (BPO/KPO) and legal process outsourcing (LPO) industries.

Though pricing has not been decided, Nasscom president Som Mittal estimated that the courses would be priced at between Rs 6,000 and Rs 10,000. He said, “Nasscom has designed the courses and we have left pricing to NIIT and

their partnerships with various engineering colleges.” C Murugan, chief business officer at NIIT said that pricing details were being worked out.

The courses have been designed by Nasscom’s IT-ITeS sector skill council (SSC) and will be delivered by NIIT through its partnerships with various engineering colleges across India. Murugan said NIIT was targeting 200 engineering colleges and train 30,000 students in the first year.

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Financial Chronicle, New Delhi, January 7, 2013

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Deccan Herald, New Delhi, January 5, 2013

एनआइआईटी एक लाख छात्रों को देगी प्रशिक्षण

नई दिल्ली, प्रेड्र : आइटी कंपनी एनआइआईटी अगले तीन साल में एक लाख छात्रों को प्रशिक्षण देगी। इसके लिए उसने आइटी उद्योग के संगठन नैस्कॉम के साथ गठजोड़ किया है। इस प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम के तहत इंजीनियरिंग स्नातकों को फाउंडेशन स्किल्स इन आइटी (एफएसआईटी) और अन्य सभी स्नातकों के लिए ग्लोबल बिजनेस फाउंडेशन स्किल्स (जीबीएफएस) पाठ्यक्रम का संचालन किया जाएगा। एनआइआईटी ने एक बयान में कहा कि कंपनी ने नैस्कॉम सेक्टर स्किल्स काउंसिल (एसएससी) के साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं। इसके तहत तीन साल तक छात्रों के लिए प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम संचालित किए जाएंगे। यह कार्यक्रम नैस्कॉम की आइटी-आइटीईएस एसएससी द्वारा तैयार किया जा रहा है।

Dainik Jagran, New Delhi
January 5, 2013

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एसएससी द्वारा तैयार किया जा रहा है। इस प्रशिक्षण के लिए विभिन्न स्तरों पर सर्टिफिकेट एनएसी-टेक मूल्यांकन के जरिये दिए जाएंगे। इस पाठ्यक्रम के तहत पहले साल 30,000 छात्रों को प्रशिक्षण दिया जाएगा। इंजीनियरिंग स्नातकों को नौकरी देते समय कई आइटी कंपनियां एनएसी-टेक (नैस्कॉम असेसमेंट फॉर कंपीटेंस इन टेक्नोलॉजी) टेस्ट लेती हैं।

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Dainik Jagran, New Delhi, January 5, 2013



NIIT in pact with Nasscom to train 1 lakh students over 3 yrs

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<http://www.financialexpress.com/news/niit-in-pact-with-nasscom-to-train-1-lakh-students-over-3-yrs/1054569>



NASSCOM partners with NIIT to enhance IT-ITeS skills of graduates

Anumeha Chaturvedi, ET Bureau Jan 4, 2013, 06:28PM IST

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<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/news-by-industry/services/education/nasscom-partners-with-niit-to-enhance-it-ites-skills-of-graduates/articleshow/17887546.cms>



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<http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/niit-in-pactnasscom-to-train-1-lakh-students-over-3-yrs/201573/on>



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Mini Joseph Tejaswi, TNN Jan 4, 2013, 07:33PM IST

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Media Coverage

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