

Bucking up on IT skills

tanzila ahmed tracks down an avenue that offers free pursuit in chosen fields

GLOBSYN Finishing School started its summer schedule and this year courses will be conducted across six locations in West Bengal and Assam. Its summer school now trains nearly 3,000 students from 97 engineering colleges across 14 states. GlobSyn Skills director Rahul Dasgupta elaborates. Excerpts:



How do you think GlobSyn Skills contributes towards stabilising the future of youth?

Our products and services are woven around enabling youth with industry-linked skills across a variety of domains ranging from automobiles to construction, hospitality, IT/ITeS, security, retail and other fields as well. Not only do youngsters find gainful employment but are free to pursue careers in their chosen lines.

What exactly is the summer school all about?

It is conducted under the aegis of GlobSyn Finishing School, and is a short, intensive boot camp for engineering students to ramp up their IT skills in a number of areas from the very latest in the domain of technology.

How is this school going to benefit engineering students to frame their career?

GlobSyn Summer School makes graduating engineers "employable" for the IT Industry. Given the pressure of numbers, the quality of education in engineering colleges has been witnessing a decline. The linkages with the industry are weak as well. Not only does the summer school ensure that students improve their IT skills but they are also exposed to the nuances of working in the corporate world and developing attributes like analytical skills. These attributes go a long way in shaping careers and keeps them ahead of the curb in terms of their ability to provide leverage in the placement opportunities provided to them.

How has GlobSyn Skills been contributing to growth in the IT Industry?

Growth in the IT industry is based on the quality of human resources available. Over the years, we have been playing an extremely important role by ensuring that every year a large number of engineering graduates are not only trained in the latest technology but are also exposed to the needs and requirements of working in the IT industry. Thus, companies recruiting such students would not only have to invest less in retraining these candidates but would also be able to deploy them on billable projects earlier, thereby saving money on a real-time basis.

How does the school help in creating tech-savvy professionals and at the same time help business enablers face the competitive industry?

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This centre of undergraduate studies has entered into an understanding with the University of London's International programmes to act as a study centre, preparing students to successfully complete its academically acclaimed undergraduate programmes. GlobSyn will be offering a BSc in economics and management and a BSc in economics and finance programmes as a part of an inaugural offering.

The Knowledge Finishing School System is GlobSyn's proprietary learner-centric pedagogic framework that ensures learners are taken through an optimum learning trajectory that is both "performance centric" and "application" based. On one hand students are taken through the latest technology, while on the other they are taken through the nuances of working in a competitive industry where a number of behavioural skills come into play. That is the most important difference that GlobSyn has brought in through this programme.

How has the response been for the summer school since it started?

We have grown from almost 200-plus students in 2004 to over 3,000-plus students this year.