



Internship Must for VTU Students Now

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said students who do well during the internship have better chances of finding placements.

Students are happy with the decision. "But who will communicate with the industries? If that is left to students, it would be a problem again," said Shwetha, an engineering student from UVCE, Bangalore. Yashwanth Kumar of Dayanandsagar College of Engineering said, "Even if we secure 80-plus percentage, companies concentrate on 90-plus candidates at the campus interviews. If we do internships, we can prove our abilities."

Bangalore: A six-month internship is now mandatory for students pursuing technical and engineering courses at the Visvesvaraya Technological University.

This decision was taken at a recent executive council meeting. In the third semester of MTech, students must intern in an industry related to their course.

The university offers MTech in 32 branches. Dr H Maheshappa, vice-chancellor, said, "Medical, para-medical and even some general degree courses insist on internships. We did not have the practice in our technical courses."

Students passing out of the university, he said, fail to get jobs because they lack hands-on experience. "Our goal is to send them out with such experience," he remarked. The university is instructing affiliated colleges to take the initiative in this regard.

Reacting to the decision, R Shivakumar, member of the VTU executive council, said, "Producing thousands of graduates without giving them hands-on experience will not complete the goal of the university."

Shivakumar, a former president of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry,

VTU Decides to Disaffiliate 32 Engineering Colleges

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Bangalore: Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belgaum, has decided not to admit students to 32 technical institutions offering MTech course from the academic year 2014-15 due to lack of infrastructure and faculties.

Speaking to reporters, Vice-chancellor Dr H Maheshappa said, "We have given enough time for them to improve and after almost four years, we have decided to disaffiliate them."

This decision was taken at a meeting of the Executive Council of the university recently. "We had placed this matter before the Executive Council, which passed a resolution to disaffiliate the colleges as they lack infrastructure," he added. "We have already put the colleges in black list and stopped admission. The university will not tolerate such institutes which do not provide quality education," Maheshappa said.

Before taking the decision, the university had sent an expert committee to examine the issues.

"We have tightened the measures and we will not allow anyone to run institutions without infrastruc-

ture," he said. "I am being pressurised by many people (not to do so), but there is no question of compromising with quality," he added. The university will apply the same rules to control the colleges offering undergraduate courses. "We have disaffiliated two colleges and issued show-cause notice to four others," he said.

The affiliation of Nadgir Institute of Technology and GSS institute of technology, Bangalore, has been withdrawn and show-cause notices have been issued to Sri Krishna School of Engineer-

ing and Management Bangalore, Sri Basaveshwara Institute of Technology Tip-tur, Sri Belimath Mahasamsthana Institute of Technology, Nelamangala and Basava Academy of Engineering, Bangalore, he said.

Diploma in Industrial Safety

The university (VTU), Belgaum, will offer engineering graduates a postgraduate diploma in industrial safety, in coordination with International Institute of Industrial Safety and Management

(IIISM), Bangalore. The one-year course will be offered at VTU's regional office in Bangalore and the fee is ₹70,000 per year.

Maheshappa, said, "It (the course) is not mandatory. We have signed a memorandum of understanding with the institute based on requests made by industries to take up this course".

The course aims to minimise risks, accidents and injuries at the workplace.

Maheshappa said the fee collected will be shared between the institute and the university.

No Approval for Reva Institute

Bangalore: Undergraduate students who have got admission at the Reva Institute of Technology and Management, Bangalore are in trouble as the institute has not received extension of approval from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

According to information available from VTU, the institute is facing a forgery case and an inquiry committee report constituted by AICTE and headed by retired IAS officer Bansal has

recommended against renewing the approval.

Documents and information from VTU indicate that Reva Institute had received permission to admit 120 students in the Computer Science and Engineering stream in 2012-13, but it allegedly issued a corrigendum increasing the intake to 180. Regarding this, the institute submitted a letter to the state government.

However, the corrigendum to increase the seats from 120 to 180 was not issued to

AICTE by the institute. Based on this, AICTE issued a show-cause notice to the institute and constituted an inquiry committee.

The report of the committee has been forwarded to VTU for further action. The committee has recommended against extending the affiliation to the institute for the academic year 2014-15, for which admissions are already over.

Hence, the VTU Executive Council decided to conduct another inquiry. ENS