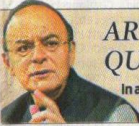




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Starting this year, English is must for VTU engg students

RASHMI BELUR @ Bengaluru

IT is now mandatory for students joining undergraduate engineering courses in the state for the academic year 2018-19 to study English language as a subject.

Considering the lack of communication skills in engineering students even after graduation, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has decided to make English language mandatory for first and second semesters from the current academic year. This was decided at the joint board meeting of the university. It will be a practical sub-

ject where students will have their classes in computer labs.

According to VTU officials, a software-based module has been designed to help students learn the language. "It is not basic English. The classes have been designed to improve the communication skills of students since many lose placement opportunities due to the lack of it," VTU vice chancellor Dr Karisiddappa said. The

classes will be held for two hours every week.

Karisiddappa added that this is introduced as per a circular issued by the Union Ministry for Human Resource Development asking all universities to introduce courses in humanities. It will be a credit-based subject where two credits will be given to students - one in each semester. The modules have been designed by senior faculty members of the uni-



versity and placement officers. The affiliated colleges have been asked to hire English teachers.

This decision has been welcomed by students as well as faculty members.

A student said, "This will help students like me who are from rural background. I can take the theory exams and score high marks, but when it comes to communication it is difficult to compete with other students."

Prof Ravishankar, placement officer of BMS College of Engineering, said, "This will definitely boost confidence among students as well as improve

Kannada is a hit

Kannada language which was made mandatory at the third semester engineering courses following recommendation by Kannada Development Authority has turned out to be a huge success. Even non-Kannadiga students are happy with the credit course which is helping communicate while they are living in the state.

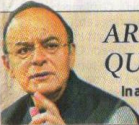
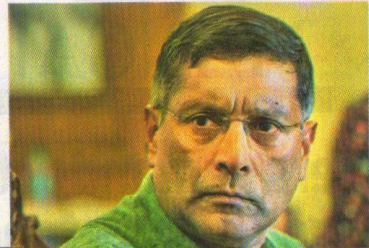
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Orientation programme for students

Mangaluru: An Orientation Programme for aspirants of Professional Colleges (CET) for Students and Parents is organized by Dreamers, Challengers, in association with Caliper Engineering Lab, RDL Technologies, DTI Labz and Dream Soft Innovations - Startup companies located at Sahyadri Campus, Mangaluru on June 23, Saturday. The topic, 'The right perspective to option entry', will be covered by Dr. Umesh M Bhushi, Director- Strategic Planning and Dr. Srinivasa Rao Kunte, Principal Sahyadri College will explain about methods of making CET option entry, SNQ (Super Numeracy Quota) seats, information about different branches of engineering, criteria that can be used to select branches & colleges, and any other queries. Interested students/parents can register for the programme by calling 0824-2277222/ 9449845959 in the office hours on or before June 22.

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Sahyadri holds meet on CET, NEET admissions

MANGALURU, DHNS: An interaction programme with parents and students regarding engineering and medical sciences admissions through CET and NEET was held at Sahyadri College of Engineering and Management, Adyar.

More than 100 parents and students participated. Principal Dr R Srinivasa Rao Kunte and Dr U M Bhushi, director

of Strategic Planning, interacted with the parents and students. The programme aimed at helping students and their parents to understand the CET and NEET counselling process, option entries and other queries about the admissions. This programme was held with an idea to provide a single platform for the students and their parents to interact and get an-

swers for all their queries.

Principal Dr Kunte spoke about common questions like branch selections, placement and career options available for each branch of Engineering and Medicine, the course fees and other expenses, need for and availability of special training for placements, differences between the various branches like Computer Sci-

ence, Information Science, Electronics and Communications, Mechanical Engineering and Civil engineering, the provisions for and procedure of change of branch, change of college after first year, difference of fee structure between CET, Comed-K and management seats and the basis on which one has to select the college were answered.