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## AICTE recognises best practices of 3 state engg colleges

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**Bengaluru:** The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has recognised the best practices followed by three engineering colleges in the state: Ballari Institute of Technology and Management (BITM), Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT) and JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru.

Some of the best practices hailed by the council include industry advisory board, communication skills training, practice school concept, credits for online courses MOOCS, making campuses greener, smart and encouraging girls in manufacturing fields.

The Ballari college has been recognised for its initiative to set up an industry advisory board, which has nine members from colleges and industry. The board is tasked with analysing the requirements of the industry and help shape the curriculum. "The board was set up to address the gap between engineering education and employability," said Prithviraj Bhupal, deputy director, BITM.

The other best practices of BITM include the proctoring system where each teacher will mentor 20 students and analyse their progress;

outcome-based education, alumni portal, communication skills training to students and participation in external competitions.

The JSS Science and Technology University has developed a model curriculum with 175 credit points for undergraduate programmes and 88 for postgraduate. It has also made a provision for students to register for a two-credit online course of their choice under MOOCS or any other recognised online web-based courses.

The curriculum also has provision for two-credit courses in foreign languages.

The JSS University encourages girls to join manufacturing sector and has adopted the best practises to make the environment free of smoke and plastic. It is also into making the campus a smart space by providing solar panels, solar lighting system and an agricultural residue management system with vermi-composting and a mini-biogas production for smallscale cooking purposes in its hostels.

The Manipal Institute of Technology has adopted the practice school concept, where the students take up internship projects in companies or reputed academic institutes such as IITs.

## Colleges not accepting fees despite HC order

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**Bengaluru:** Examination and semester fees from 57 students studying in 16 engineering institutions are not being accepted despite a high court order.

The colleges are insisting that students get the relevant notification from Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU).

These students had challenged the VTU's "vertical progression" scheme, which was announced in September in the high court. The court ordered the colleges to allow students to pay examination and next semester fees and let them appear for the examination.

### VTU STANDOFF

The exams are scheduled to begin from December 3. A VTU notification on September 7 brought into effect the "vertical progression" scheme, according to which students shouldn't have more than four fail grades or backlogs at any given point of time to get admitted to any higher odd semester. Earlier rules said students seeking admission to fifth semester should have passed all subjects of first and second semesters, and shouldn't have failed in over four subjects of the third and fourth semesters. "Vertical progression has added to our woes. VTU is not at all concerned," the students complained. Most who have approached the high court are from the fifth semester.

VTU registrar Jagannath Reddy said the HC order will be implemented soon.