

Guides to monitor engineering students

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After learning that several engineering students were skipping work during their internship, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has decided to monitor their attendance. It has has asked faculty members to visit students at the workplace during the duration of the internship.

A circular issued by the university to all college principals on Saturday states, "The Department/ college shall nominate staff members to facilitate, guide and supervise students under internship. The internal guide has to visit the place of internship at least once during the student's internship."

Students will have to report the progress of their internship to their guide at regular intervals and seek his/her advice. After completing their internship, students shall submit a report with completion and attendance certificates to the head of the department, with the approval of both internal and external guides.

"It will also help faculty members to stay up to date with how the industry and companies function," said H.N. Jagannath Reddy, registrar.

Move welcomed

College principals have welcomed the move. "There was no accountability and the guidelines are needed as it is a 50mark component. Many students had complained that their peers were buying internship letters, while others were getting letters of experience from reputed companies as they had references in the company," a principal of a citybased engineering college said.









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Guides to visit workplaces of **VTU** interns

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has mandated internal guides of students to make visits to the workplaces assigned to students to monitor them during the

internship period.

The VTU had recently issued a circular making it mandatory for students to take up internships to be eligible to obtain their under-graduation certificates. Out of the 50 marks assigned for internship, students must get a minimum of 50%. Prof Jagannath Reddy, Registrar, VTU said, "We have framed guidelines for compulsory internship programme for BE and BTech courses. To keep track of the students' activities at the industry during the internship, we have directed internal guides who are also the faculties of the university, to visit the industry where the student is doing internship and co-ordinate with the industry authorities."