

B-school course to groom tech students

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Jamshedpur, Jan. 2: Students from various engineering colleges across the country will get an opportunity to attend a summer training programme conducted by Xavier Labour Relation Institute (XLRI) and Nettech, a Bhubaneswar-based networking company.

This is the first time XLRI has had a tie-up to train engineering students.

XLRI officials said Nettech recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the B-school to conduct a certificate programme in networking management.

The course will be launched in May. XLRI officials said they have planned to conduct three batches and each batch will have 100 engineering students.

Students will have to pay Rs 6,000 for the course. The B-School has already started the online registration process for candidates seeking admission into the course.

Besides Jharkhand, engi-

neering students from Orissa, West Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh can enroll for the training programme.

Chairman of Information Systems area, XLRI, professor Ashis K. Pani, who was appointed coordinator of the programme, told **The Telegraph** that there is an urgent need in the business community for individuals who are highly skilled in networking and network applications. Keeping this in view, the B-School entered into an agreement with Nettech, that has a similar tie-up with Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar (XIMB), he said.

"Students just out of college can polish up their skills which would increase their opportunities in the job market. Entering into this unique partnership with Nettech, adds another dimension to education by offering real-world technical and career training for students," Pani said.

Nettech, in association with XLRI, will offer an intensive 30-day course on Linux

services including file, print, messaging, directory and management services on Linux as well as installing, configuring and troubleshooting those services. Candidates will need to pass the online and a laboratory (LAB) examination, which will test real competency and operating skills of candidates in Linux environment.

Nettech manager Swapan Purkait said, "The programme is designed to increase the base of technical knowledge on Linux operating system. Linux is the fastest growing server operating system and Nettech is making a significant commitment in driving the system into enterprises."

Purkait said the demand for Linux-trained professionals would come from IT companies who are already working on Linux platforms and non-IT companies making the transition from Windows or Unix to Linux.

"There is a growing demand for Linux in the IT industry," he added.