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## XLRI offers network course

MORE THAN 220 students from various engineering colleges of different states across the country are participating in a 30-day training programme in network management in a Linux environment at the Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI).

XLRI Director, Father N Casimir Raj, and the Tata Steel CIO Varun Jha inaugurated the certificate programme on Monday. Organised jointly with Nettech, the programme would also be held at St Xavier's Calcutta under the XLRI banner in June. "Both programmes are designed to increase the base of technical knowledge on Linux and Linux-based solutions in the market today, giving enterprise customers the confidence they need to deploy Linux strategically," said Nettech manager Swapan Purkait.

Explaining the rationale behind the thrust on networking courses, Varun Jha said, "Unlike the software segment, the advantage of networking products is they continue to co-exist in the marketplace while competing with each other. The demand for Linux-trained professionals would come from both IT as well as non-IT companies." The partnership between IT businesses and B-schools is one of the first of its kind in the nation.

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