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# XLRI's network solutions for future success

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**OVERWHELMED** BY last year's experience, XLRI has once again arranged the 25-day summer course on Network Management for budding engineers.

From the 1200 applications received online, 240 have been selected. Students from 36 engineering colleges from different parts of the country are presently brainstorming round the clock at the computer lab.

The participating colleges include IIT Kharagpur, ISM Dhanbad, BITS Pilani, VIT, Vellore, BIT Mesra, BIT Sindri, NIT Jamsheedpur, NIT Rourkela and many more.

The Linux networking certificate program, an annual summer event at XLRI started on May 14 with a joint session addressed by

Dr AK Pani, Professor, information systems area & programme coordinator and Shreekanth, head of IT, Tata Steel.

The program is designed to increase the base of technical knowledge on Linux and Linux-based solutions in the market, giving enterprise customers the confidence they need to deploy Linux strategically.

Explaining the rationale behind the thrust on networking courses, Swapan Purkait, manager Nettech said, "Unlike in the software segment, the advantage of networking products is that they continue to co-exist in the marketplace while competing with each other. Besides, this is one segment that has not been over hyped during the last few years and yet has quietly established its importance and indispensability."

According to Purkait, the de-

mand for Linux trained professionals would come from both, IT companies who are already working on Linux platforms, as well as non-IT companies making the transition from Windows or Unix to Linux.

Talking about the course, Shivangi, a BIT Mesra student said, "This groundbreaking partnership between IT businesses and B-schools is one of the first of its kind in the nation. We are receiving the much-required training in network management, which would be in demand in the coming years, I believe."

Anshul Pandey, a student from MNNIT, Allahabad said, "The course we are undergoing is sure to be in demand soon. Good network is key of all flourishing organizations, thus there would be a great demand of network managers."



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Budding engineers attending the Network Management Course at XLRI in Jamsheedpur on Saturday.