

Engg colleges to set up 'industry hubs'

Centre will train students with hands-on experience, internships, soft skill training and also placements

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All engineering colleges affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has been asked to allocate an exclusive space for setting up of 'industry hubs' in their campuses. These hubs or centres will serve as inter-link for students and industry related works or projects that the students can take up, across all streams.

VTU has set September 23 as a deadline for colleges to confirm their plan of action. The varsity said Ray Technologies and Business Solutions, who are the providers of various Information Technology Solutions have submitted a proposal to establish 'Industry Hub' at the colleges.

Registrar of the university said, "They offer to provide hands on experience to students by bringing industry experts to the campus, internship opportunities, project work assistance, soft skill trainings, placements, etc. to engineering students of all streams."

With this regard, the university has asked all its affiliated colleges to provide a separate space to start hub.



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Officials said that these activities will help bridge the gap between academics and Industry.

The university has also directed the colleges to start these types of hubs in their colleges so that it provides space for students to learn and help in the employability of the engineering students.

A private engineering college professor said, "There are several hubs like these in the colleges and students are

involving themselves in various activities. The problem arises when there is no proper guidance for a specific field. We are seeing most of them taking up IT projects or working on their thesis."

However, few colleges say that the budget plays a major role in the establishing a set up like 'Industry Hub' which can be done only after there is a handful of students come forward and enroll for such programs.