Software school convocation held

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Kolkata: The Software Finishing School, a joint venture between leading city-based private technology institute Globsyn Skills Development Ltd (GSDL) and the National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC) held its convocation ceremony on Saturday.

While 3,000 students from 105 engineering colleges across five states participated in the month-long programme, Bikram Dasgupta, chairman and chief executive of Globsyn Group, said that the group pioneered the concept of software finishing schools in India.

"In the last 17 years we have mentored a large number of engineering graduates to emerge as work-ready professionals. The school has not only seen a quantum leap in enrolments but also emerged as one of the largest industry readiness training platforms," he said.

The school is for engineering students of third year and aims at giving hands-on training in three components, namely technology, application and management.

"Many students learn software like Java but when it comes to applying the software at their workplaces, they shy away and hence at the summer school, we teach students to apply technology. Manag-ement is central to any modern institution and hence we also train students in its precepts," added Dasgupta.

According to Dasgupta, the popularity of the school is increasing every passing year and enrolments are regular from engineering institutes like IIT, Kharagpur, Jadvpur University, Banaras Hindu University and the number of participants from the state's industrial belts of Durgapur, Asansol and Burdwan has also increased.

"Riding on the popularity we are thinking of running summer schools in Durgapur or Asansol. We are also thinking of initiating a separate school for B Com students to groom them for jobs in the financial sector," said Rahul Dasgupta, director of GSDL.

State transport minister Madan Mitra was the chief guest at the convocation.