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## **SQL Star to extend programme to more institutes**

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NEW DELHI: To enhance the employability of engineering students, global IT education company SQL Star on Monday said it is planning to extend its Education for Employment (EfE) initiative to more institutes in the country.

Currently, the programme which provides industry-oriented supplemental education to pre-graduate students in all engineering streams has been implemented in 12 Engineering Colleges in Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Chandigarh and Maharashtra.

Under this supplemental education programme, a blend of Instructor Led Training (ILT) and Web Enabled courses are imparted in partnership with the academic institutions.

"We are planning to extend the programme in more colleges across the country, however, the number is yet to be finalised," SQL Star Chairman and Managing Director N R Ganti told PTI.

The EfE programme gives students a competitive edge over others in campus selections for jobs in IT and makes them suitable for the booming IT/ITeS industry, he said.

Besides, to promote IT learning through web interface, the company has also launched a comprehensive e-learning portal -- [thelearningport.com](http://thelearningport.com).

The portal has been modelled to deliver a blend of offline and online education.

"This e-learning portal is a 360 degree learning solution aimed at reducing the gap between student readiness and employer expectations of an industry ready workforce," Ganti said.

The series of courses offered through the portal are a combination of domain knowledge and soft skills training.