

# Student-friendly meet bridges industry-academia gap

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**Mysore:** Students must gain all-round knowledge, including theoretical, practical and communication skills, to land jobs in industries. Apart from having technical knowledge, one should also develop their personality, said Krish Ganeshan, vice-president, Global Talent Acquisition, TCS Ltd, on Tuesday.

Speaking at industry-institute meet at SDMIMD here, he called upon

engineering students to hone essential skills to succeed in life.

Explaining how students should think and focus on emerging fields, he quoted a recent study which said that people in India have more number of cellphones than toothbrush. "On the one hand, it shows how people are interested in unnecessary things than what is essential. On the other, it shows that com-



munication sector has bright future in India," he explained.

Advising final-year students to take decisions that will help them in the long run, Arun P Nair, director (HR) of Saffron Engineering Ltd, asked them to enlist five skills conducive to their ability so

that they, together, help them scale heights. "As a global industrial market, there are good opportunities in India. Major global players are looking

at youth to offer jobs. Currently, 65% of India's population is below 35 years, and this will definitely catch the attention of MNCs," he pointed.

While the industrialists suggested students to hone professional skills and problem-solving ability besides graduating with flying colours, one of the students said that not many teachers are experts in their subjects. "How can one expect students to thrive when teachers themselves lack adequate knowledge and adopt poor teaching

methods? This will definitely affect students' career," he said.

Responding to this grouse, Confederation of Indian Industry (Mysore division) managing director S V Venkatesh laid the onus of selecting teaching good teachers on students. He also felt that teachers working in colleges offering professional courses should have at least 10 years of experience in teaching.