

## **Introduction**

It has been a long felt necessity to align higher education with the emerging needs of the economy so as to ensure that the graduates of the Higher Education system have adequate knowledge and skills for employment and entrepreneurship. The higher education system has to incorporate the requirements of various industries in its curriculum, in an innovative and flexible manner while developing a holistic and well-groomed graduate.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched a scheme on Skill Development based higher education as part of college/university education, leading to Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.) Degree with multiple exits such as Diploma/Advanced Diploma under the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF). The B.Voc. programme is focused on universities and colleges providing undergraduate studies, which would also incorporate specific job roles along with broad based general education. This would enable the graduates completing B.Voc. to make a meaningful participation in accelerating India's economy by gaining appropriate employment, becoming entrepreneurs and creating appropriate knowledge.

The proposed vocational programme will be a judicious mix of skills, professional education and also appropriate content of general education. It is designed with the objective of equipping the students to cope with the emerging trends and challenges in the Industry.

## **Objectives**

- To provide a judicious mix of skills relating to a profession and appropriate content of General Education.
- To ensure that the students have adequate knowledge and skills, so that they are ready to work at each exit point of the programme.
- To provide flexibility to the students by means of pre-defined entry and multiple exit points.
- To integrate NSQF within the undergraduate level of higher education in order to enhance employability of the graduates and meet industry requirements. Such graduates apart from meeting the needs of local and national industry are also expected to be equipped to become part of the global workforce.
- To provide vertical mobility to students coming out of 10+2 with vocational subjects.

## **Placements:**

After completion of B.Vocational in Software Development our students were able to land jobs as software developers. One of our alumni started his own startup in Graphic Design. Some of the students have also applied to master programs.

