IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council NASSCOM signs MoU with JIS University & JIS Group to launch 'Employability Enhancement Programs'.

Kolkata, December 20, 2016: As part of its ongoing endeavors to enhance skills and employability in the IT sector in India, IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council NASSCOM (SSC NASSCOM) today announced that it has signed an MoU with **JIS University & JIS Group, Kolkata, West Bengal** to launch **'Employability Enhancement Programs'** (EEP).

The strategic alliance with JIS University & JIS Group aims to offer programs to undergraduate students either as an as an elective course to an existing course, or as an add-on program with the goal to enhance their employability skills. This initiative is expected to be rolled out to students at all JIS colleges. The academic programs developed by SSC NASSCOM included in this initiative are **'Foundation Skills in Information Technology'** (FSIT), as well as **Qualification Pack** (Job Role) based programs covering 'Product Design Engineer –Mechanical' (SSC/Q4201), 'Associate - Transactional F&A' (SSC/Q2301), 'Associate – Analytics' (SSC/Q2101), 'Analyst Application Security' (SSC/Q903) and ˌSecurity Analyst' (SSC/Q0901).

SSC NASSCOM will facilitate the Train-the-Trainer (TTT) program for university or college faculty members involved in this project, aimed at providing a holistic view of the essential pedagogy and principles fundamental to the course. Under this MoU, SSC NASSCOM will provide guidelines and recommendations related to program particulars, such as faculty selection, student selection, infrastructure for training, and evaluation. Post successful completion of the trainings SSC NASSCOM, as the awarding body shall also participate in the assessment & certification process. The QP certification will be conjunction with the Ministry of Skill development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and NSDC (National Skills Development Corporation).

On the occasion **Dr. Sandhya Chintala, Executive Director, SSC NASSCOM & Vice President, NASSCOM** said, *"Collaborating with academia will contribute to the mission of developing a skills ready workforce for the IT-BPM industry. According to the National Skills Mission, by 2022 about 350 million professionals would need to be skilled to become employable, to achieve this target, a structured approach involving all stakeholders is imperative. The skills gap needs to be addressed through comprehensive efforts at various levels, catering to different needs of the society and the industry at large."*

JIS Group Educational Initiatives is the largest premier education service provider in Eastern India, having 25 educational institutes with over 93 programs and 25000+ students enrolled in these diverse academic programs. JIS University and JIS Group Education Initiatives have taken front runner position in eastern India to implement FSIT & QP based programs of SSC NASSCOM.

About SSC NASSCOM

SSC NASSCOM is the skill development initiative of NASSCOM, and is the authorized standards setting and awarding body for skills in the IT-ITeS Industry. The SSC NASSCOM works with NASSCOM industry members, and top academic and skill development institutions to improve the quality and quantity of the employable workforce available to the industry. For more information please visit: www.sscnasscom.com

About NASSCOM

NASSCOM® is the premier trade body and the chamber of commerce of the IT-BPM industries in India. NASSCOM is a global trade body with more than 2100 members, which include both Indian and multinational companies that have a presence in India. NASSCOM's member and associate member companies are broadly in the business of software development, software services, software products, consulting services, BPO services, e-commerce & web services, engineering services and animation and gaming. NASSCOM's membership base constitutes over 95% of the industry revenues in India and employs over 3.5 million professionals.

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About JIS Group Education Initiative

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