

Community college mooted in NE University



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A northeast [India](#) based technical university has mooted for a [community](#) college to impart skill development courses to youths of the region with an aim to improve professional skills and employability. The University of Science and [Technology Meghalaya](#) (USTM) has taken the initiative to launch the program under 'Skill Youth- Skill [India](#)' mission.

“Under the programme, short term certificate & diploma courses will be conducted to train youths in various [job](#) oriented skill development initiatives in various schools of USTM. The scheme will become operational from June [2016](#),” said USTM chancellor Mahbubul Hoque. Speaking to reporters at Guwahati Press Club Hoque also added that initially the courses of three to six months would be conducted targeting [over](#) 1000 youths in [2016](#)-17 financial years.

The programme is aimed to supplement the various vocational courses conducted by Central and State governments and will be linked with the Prime Minister’s skill development initiative under the Union skill development & entrepreneurship [ministry](#).

“50% students will be given [training](#) free of cost. The rest will be charged only rupees 1000 per [student](#) for each course. The youths with minimum formal education up to [10+2](#) standard will be eligible for admission. During the academic sessions of USTM, the [community](#) college will offer two to three days of evening classes,” stated Hoque.

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