

Introduction and Implementation of B.Voc. Degree Programmes

The vision of the institute emphasizes on employability skills. The institute which started as an aided single faculty college in the Arts stream, organized activities focusing on entry into services. Buldana is a socially and economically backward district with agriculture as the main occupation (mostly dependant on rains). A number of the rural young were keen to start earning early to augment their family incomes rather than complete their UG education. Many were employed as unskilled workers in automobile hubs at Pune and Aurangabad.

Thus, when skill-based degree programmes were introduced by the University Grants Commission, we readily applied. Our college was the first one to begin skill based degree programmes under our affiliating university.

Although the college had no existing infrastructure or expertise in the automobile sector, the observation that youth of the region work in the auto sector, prompted the institute to apply. The college started with two degree programmes, B.Voc. (Vehicle Testing) and B.Voc. (Farm Equipment and Machinery).

Implementation:

A full-fledged cut-section workshop, an assembling and dismantling workshop, a vehicle testing laboratory and tools ensured proper implementation of the practical component of the Vocational Courses.

MoUs with authorized automobile workshops provided hands-on training to students. Students also benefit immensely from training courses (2 to 6 weeks) at the Central Government Institute, Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute (CFMTTI), Budhni, M.P. CFMTTI also organizes need-based courses for our students apart from their training calendar.

Most of our students have been placed at authorized workshops and a few have started their own ventures. The college is in dialogue with the Automobile Skills Development Council for spreading awareness regarding the new vocational programmes among prospective employers so as to ensure fruitful placements.

Encouraged by the response to the Vehicle Testing Course, B.Voc.(Engine Testing) was started in 2018-19. Also, looking at the fast growing retail sector, B.Voc.(Retail Management) was also started in 2018-19.

Though the vocational degree programmes are new and different from the traditional courses in teaching and assessment structure, we hope they will be helpful in bridging the skill gap requirements of the employers.

Placement:

Programme IIIrd Year	Pass out Year	% Placed
B.Voc. (VT)	2017-18	100%
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