

1.25 lakh to get tech training

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May 10: About 1.25 lakh students in 120 colleges affiliated to Madras University in three districts of the state are likely to get trained by software major HCL Technologies on their IT employability skills and if lucky, they may even get their first placement call from the company's BPO division.

In the first phase, about 300 students from 43 Madras University-affiliated colleges in Tiruvallur, Chennai and Kanchipuram districts have already been hired by the company

and about 1,000 more have been issued letters of intent to give them on-the-job training for three months to improve their soft skills under a programme called Lakshyam.

Also, HCL will soon be partnering with Madras University to unveil a four-year B.Com Honours course which will be piloted in 10 select colleges in the city with the last year fully dedicated to industry internship.

This initiative, explained Subrat Chakravarty, HR Head, HCL, was taken up by



Madras university VC G. Thiruvasagam responds to a doubt raised by a student during an interactive session organized by the IT firm.

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HCL to address the growing gap of employable workforce among graduates and to expand the company's

sourcing pool.

Madras University vice-chancellor G. Thiruvasagam said the initiative was decid-

ed with a view to giving a boost to students from rural areas to get placement in IT firms.