

# Industry lessons for varsity pupils

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**Pune:** As many as 110 students of Vishwakarma University, Pune, are currently busy searching for solutions to five industrial problems.

Though this is part of their educational activities, the students would not need to write an exam for this. They will be evaluated based on the acquisition of industry-ready skills. If they fit the criteria, there is a chance that they would get placement.

This has been possible following a tie-up between SAP India and Vishwakarma University, Pune. SAP has developed an innovation laboratory in the recently inaugurated university.

Students of any stream can voluntarily participate in the programme. They would learn how to think on a problem, how to be a team member while working with people from various backgrounds and how to

market a solution.

Vishwakarma University vice-chancellor Siddharth Jabade said, "Doing away with the routine practice of teaching-learning process, the university has tried to put the students on live industry projects so that they can then face the present challenges."

Students from faculties such as management, art and design and science-technology have participated in the initial stage of the new project. Industry problems that come to SAP in search of solutions are put forth before the students.

Neeraj Athalye, vice-president (innovation and digital business) SAP India, said, "By collaborating with educational institutes, we are trying to develop the solutions with the help of student community. Initially, SAP will provide technological and other support. Once the project gets rolling, the students will take over it."