

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL,  
Education Directorate,  
Higher Education Department,  
Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake,  
Kolkata-700091

Memo No. ED-207/2025.

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To  
Vice-Chancellors/ Registrars/ Heads of Institution (HOIs) of all Universities/  
Principals/ TICs/OICs of  
all Government / Government Aided/ Private Colleges

**Subject: Consideration of Cambridge University Press under BGBS MoU**

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to convey that in pursuance of the MoU signed during the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS), the Higher Education Department and ICOE have held several rounds of discussions with Cambridge University Press, which, through its English Language Skill Programmes, offers a wide range of courses on English Language and its associated skill-sets. These courses are being made available at a special discount of approximately 50% off market rates, especially for students in West Bengal.

It is proposed that these courses be placed before the respective Boards of Studies (BoS) for deliberation and voluntary adoption into academic offerings.

A joint virtual Session has been already organised by ICOE and the CUP team to provide further clarity and answer queries.

It is also to be noted that similar course offerings from other providers may be presented for consideration in due course.

  
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**Subject: Consideration of Future Skills Prime Courses for Higher Educational Institutions**

Madam/ Sir,

Pursuant to the MoU signed between the Government of West Bengal and NASSCOM on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023, I am directed to convey that the Higher Educational Institutions (HETs) under the Higher Education Department are to be put onboard for necessary upskilling/ re-skilling on various emerging technologies and professional skills through Future Skills Prime. The International Centre of Excellence on Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and Futuristic Technologies (ICOE) have held several rounds of discussions with NASSCOM, and some of the important details are given below for perusal. The HEIs may consider following the process voluntarily for adoption of the courses.

**Implementation of Recommended Courses:** HEIs are required to implement the courses recommended and approved by Competent Authority, the list of which is available on Future Skills Prime Add-on Courses, relevant to the discipline under consideration.

**Embedding in Curriculum:** The Boards of Studies/ Academic Councils of concerned affiliating Universities may consider embedding the courses with credit equivalence.

**Student Onboarding:** Interested HEIs should prepare and share an institute-wise database of students in a designated template for onboarding students on Future Skills Prime.

**Drive Course Registrations & Completions:** HEIs must actively drive course registrations and completions of recommended courses, as mentioned in this communication, across all institutions.

**Monitoring and Reporting:** Institutions are required to monitor and report key metrics, including sign-ups, course enrolments, course completions, assessments and certification on Future Skills Prime by nominated students, as outlined in this communication.

**Appointing Nodal Officers:** Institutions should appoint nodal officers responsible for overseeing the implementation of this directive and intimate the details of the Nodal Officers ( Name, Designation, Mobile No. , Email ID and Institution Name) to Higher Education Department & NASSCOM.

**Participation in Learner-Engagement Opportunities:** HEIs are encouraged to actively engage students in a variety of Future Skills Prime-led initiatives, including:

**Experiential learning programs** to provide hands-on exposure to industry relevant scenarios.

- a. **Industry-led internships** to enhance practical skills and industry readiness.
- b. **Hackathons and Bootcamps** to develop problem-solving abilities and innovation.
- c. **Industry Expert Sessions** to offer insights and guidance from sector leaders.
- d. **Placement- driven Services** such as job fairs, resume-building workshops and interview-preparation sessions.
- e. **Curated Pathways**, like Generative AI and employability-lined courses, as made available from time to time.

It is also to be noted that similar course offerings from other providers may be presented for consideration in due course.

  
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**Subject: Proposal for Consideration of English Skills for Youth Programme for Higher Educational Institutions under BGBS MoU**

Madam/ Sir,

Pursuant to the MoU signed between the Government of West Bengal and the British Council, and between the Government of West Bengal and Microsoft India during the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS), the International Centre of Excellence on Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and Futuristic Technologies (ICOE) have held several rounds of discussions with British Council. The key points are summarized below:

▪ **About the English Skills Youth (ESY) Programme**

The ESY project is a joint initiative of the British Council and Microsoft India, aimed at addressing the skills gap among the youth, by equipping them with essential English language and communication skills necessary for success in the modern workplace

▪ **Certification and Cost**

The programme is offered free of cost to all participating students in West Bengal, with the license cost being fully covered under Microsoft's CSR initiative. Students will receive joint certification from Microsoft and British Council upon successful completion of these courses.

In view of the above, it is hereby proposed that the English Skills for Youth programme be placed before the respective Boards of Studies (BoS) for consideration as part of the institutions' academic or co-curricular offerings, which may be opted for voluntarily by interested students.

It is also to be noted that similar course offerings from other providers may be presented for consideration in due course.

To participate in the programme, please fill up the online form from the link:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/gbNmfPwKyq>

  
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**Subject: Proposal for Consideration of Red Hat Courses under BGBS MoU**

Madam/ Sir,

Pursuant to the MoU signed between the Government of West Bengal and Red Hat during the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS), the undersigned is directed to inform you that the International Centre of Excellence on Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and Futuristic Technologies (ICOE) have held several rounds of discussions with Red Hat.

These courses may significantly enhance the employability of students by equipping them with skillsets relevant to industry in emergent technologies. Red Hat is one of the world's leading provider of enterprise open source solutions, including Linux, Cloud Container, Kubernetes, etc., and has 105+ offices across the world. Red Hat training and certification courses are aimed at providing skilling, re-skilling and upskilling opportunities in new and emerging technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cloud Computing, Kubernetes, Linux and so on.

A few of the Red Hat courses are NSQF-aligned, making students eligible to earn academic credits. Alternatively, you are requested to consider these courses to be included voluntarily by the respective Boards of Studies (BoS) and/ or the Academic Councils of various concerned affiliating Universities, so that they may be offered to the students of your respective institutions as a skill-based elective/ Minor subject within a Major or Programme Course relevant to the state academic Credit Framework.

It is also to be noted that similar course offerings from other providers may be presented for consideration in due course.

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