

## KLS GIT chooses Linguaskill for improved employability and placement success



**"It was a worthwhile experience moving from BEC to Linguaskill. Linguaskill has made our students exhibit better communication skills with more confidence at the time of placement. The AI-based software evaluates English language proficiency as per the CEFR levels, without any human intervention, which has made administering the exams even easier. Also, students can take the exam at their convenience."**

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### The journey from BEC to Linguaskill

Karnatak Law Society's Gogte Institute of Technology (KLS GIT) is a Cambridge English Preparation Centre, and was recognised in the Cambridge English 'South Asia Best 25 Preparation Centre Awards for Higher Education' in 2017. KLS GIT aims to train its students to become quality engineers with a high standard of professionalism and ethics. Therefore, it strives to provide education and training with a blend of communication, soft and techno-managerial skills. The Institute has always prioritised English language studies for its students, and recognises the importance of English in the global scenario.

To increase students' English language proficiency, it has made Communicative English a mandatory course for first-year Engineering students, and the Cambridge Business English Certificate (BEC, Level B1) a compulsory course for those on the MBA programme. From 2016 to 2019, Engineering students took BEC at Preliminary level (Level B1) as a part of mandatory language proficiency certification, within the syllabus.

In 2020, KLS GIT switched from BEC to Linguaskill Business, an online test powered by artificial intelligence. Linguaskill tests students' English level in all four language skills – reading, listening, writing and speaking – in modules. The test is very easy to administer and accurate results are provided within 48

hours. Moreover, results are aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), the international standard for describing language ability.

### Improved employability and placement success

Ms Sheetal Bandekar, Assistant Professor and Coordinator Cambridge English Exams, KLS GIT, says: 'The introduction of Cambridge certificates at KLS GIT has always helped improve the employability skills of our students. In the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic we brought in Linguaskill at KLS GIT. In the academic year 2019–2020, KLS GIT witnessed over 580 campus placement offers to students from all engineering branches of both the undergraduate and postgraduate streams; and placement numbers are still soaring.'

### A global future for KLS GIT students

Looking ahead, KLS GIT will continue to promote the importance of English language proficiency to its students. As well as Linguaskill, it also plans to offer training and exams in a variety of Cambridge English certificates, giving students more options to choose from.

#### At a glance

**Institution:** Gogte Institute of Technology (KLS GIT)

**Location:** Belagavi, Karnataka State, India

**How the test is used:** Placement

#### About

Karnatak Law Society's Gogte Institute of Technology (KLS GIT) in Belagavi, Karnataka State, India offers seven undergraduate and nine postgraduate programmes including an MBA and MCA. Home to over 4,500 students and approximately 270 highly qualified and motivated staff, KLS GIT is a permanent affiliate and an autonomous institution under Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi. It is accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, with most of its programmes also accredited by the National Board of Accreditation.

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#### About Linguaskill

Linguaskill is a quick and convenient online test to help higher education institutions and employers check the English levels of individuals and groups of candidates. Supported by artificial intelligence technology, it provides fast, accurate results and clear individual and group reports. Results are aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), the international standard for describing language ability.

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