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.