

Nasscom to launch NAC for BPO in Northeast and new NAC-Tech in IT



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Nasscoms had launched the Assessment and Certification Programme (NAC) for the BPO sector which is a great success. Nasscom is now in the process of launching a similar testing and accreditation offer, NAC Tech, for the IT services, according to Mr Kiran Karnik, Chairman of Nasscom. The NAC was launched as a pilot last year for the BPO sector to ensure transformation of a “trainable” workforce into an “employable” workforce. The pilot was first rolled out in Rajasthan where 2,500 people took the NAC test. By the year-end, NAC for BPO will be rolled out in various States, including Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Chandigarh, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and the North eastern States, he said. Mr Karnik said that the NAC-Tech is likely to be launched this academic year and the aim was to make NAC-Tech an industry standard to evaluate students aspiring to find jobs in the technology/engineering industries. NAC-Tech will also help the IT industry, academic institutions and individual colleges to understand the potential of their students and determine their caliber in terms of industry relevance and employability. NAC-Tech has the potential to become an alternative to the internal tests done by companies, he said. Mr Karnik said revenues from the Indian IT industry is likely to double to \$60 bn by 2010. The industry will provide direct job opportunities to around 11 mn from 3 mn, and indirect jobs would be four-five times more, he said

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