



# BEACON

An ISR Initiative by SIES GST

“Gaining knowledge is the first step of wisdom. Sharing it is the first step of humanity.”

India’s endeavor to emerge as a global economic power relies highly on the quality and quantity of skilled work force. However, the non-uniform economic growth in the last two decades has the issues of under employment, low education levels, high rate of dropouts and lack of vocational training at its core. We see a vast section of destitute youth and children striving hard to earn a living on traffic signals, canteens, vehicle repair shops, malls and other such places.

Creating a sensitive, motivational and professional environment of vocational training for such sections of the society will enable them to acquire skills which will help them get respectable jobs and also empower them to make a dignified living. An educational institute, more so than others, has the ability to make its contribution towards realizing such a dream of a self sustained and skilled India. We, at the SIES Graduate School of Technology, stand by this vision of social empowerment and equality.

“Those who have the ability to act, have the responsibility to act.”

Abiding by this principle, we commit ourselves to the task of an inclusive social upliftment and adopt ‘Project Beacon’ as our institute social responsibility.

‘Project Beacon’, incorporates for the targeted youth a set of training programs that are recognized by, and relevant to the requirements of industries and service providers. To begin with, seven vocational trades of Carpentry, Welding, Metal Turning, Sewing & Tailoring, Plumbing, Electrician and Computer Operator have been taken up. Each of these courses will be preceded by a foundation course to get the candidates acquainted with minimum functional Banking Skills, Computer Skills, Spoken English, and Mathematics. At the end of the training, the students will be placed with service providers, contractors or in industries for internship after which they will be facilitated to take certification examinations from concerned agencies and supported to find placement.

Project Beacon is a small step to give meaning and purpose to someone’s life. As it is rightly said “It costs a candle nothing to light another candle”, we pledge to be the candle of inspiration and go on to light the Beacon of Knowledge.