

SQL launches learning portal

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Hyderabad: City-based IT solutions and services company SQL Star International Ltd has expanded its presence to the Internet to cater to the needs of a wide section of public. Apart from the students, the newly launched learning portal — thelearningport.com — would also meet the training needs of corporates and government organisations.

SQL Star chairman and managing director N R Ganti told reporters here on Friday that the portal would combine the best of physical and virtual classrooms with self-paced interactive learning modules. "There is a severe shortage of skilled manpower in the IT industry despite a large turnout of graduates every year. Our courses are aimed at

bridging the gap between student readiness and employer expectations of an industry-ready workforce," he said.

Ganti pointed out a survey that showed that companies based in UK were already evaluating their options with regard to India and were choosing China, Eastern Europe and Morocco instead of India as costs of delivery had shot up here.

Raj Ganti, CEO of SQL Star, said that the portal would blend offline and online education and facilitate collaboration among peers and between students and the industry. "We will help students identify their skill sets and enroll them in suitable courses. We will monitor their progress and attend to their needs both offline and online," Raj Ganti added.