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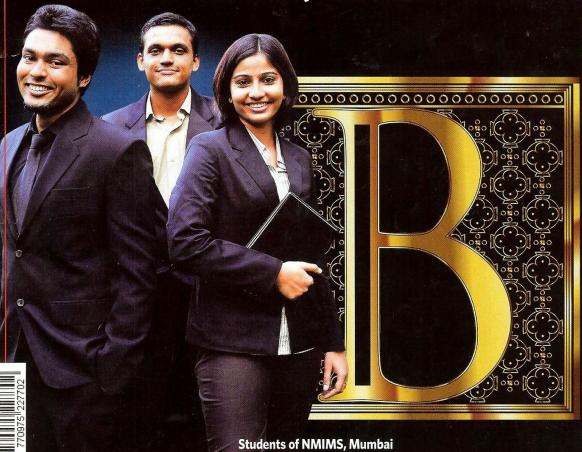
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product and even on opening a bank account for their company," said Prasad.

Incubation cells and business plan contests encourage students to come up with their own enterprises. Ashutosh Vikram, a secondyear student at NITIE, was working in an IT company before joining for the MBA, and his ultimate goal was to get a good managerial job. "I was not even thinking about entrepreneurship then," he said. Now, during his Diwali break, Ashutosh was busy meeting suppliers in Lucknow for the online venture he started in college a couple of months ago. "Every day is a learning experience for me. We learn certain things in the classroom but when it comes to application we need to tweak what we have learnt to real situations," he said.

If there is anything that the global downturn taught academicians in India, it was the crucial need to take a long hard look at education. Go beyond profit making, bring in the human angle, put society before





## ast Zone Schools

Institute For Technology And Management, Bangalore

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	Jamshedpur	Xavier Labour Relations Institute
	Bhubaneswar	Xavier Institute of Management
	Kharagpur	Vinod Gupta School of Management, IIT Kharagpur
	Kolkata	IBS Kolkata *
	Tezpur	Tezpur University (Department Of Business Administration)
	Silchar	Jawaharlal Nehru School Of Management Studies - Assam (Central) University
	Bhubaneswar	Srusti Academy Of Management
	Agartala	Faculty Of Management Studies (ICFAI University)
	Bhubaneswar	Regional College of Management Autonomous (RCMA)

profits and growth. SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR), Mumbai, has overhauled its attitude towards education and come up with a leadership development programme which ensures that climbing the corporate ladder is not the only aim of a student. The programme has students adopting children from the slums. They spend weekends mentoring these children, guiding them on their studies and

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Sakshi Sinha, 23, NITIE, Mumbai

B-school has been a holistic experience for me. There is a lot of stress on values, and the teaching is influenced by Gandhian philosophy. In addition, I have learnt how to market products across social strata.

career. They also inculcate ethics in students through a 'Gita Shibir' wherein students are given life tools and management tools from the Gita. "It is such a different experience," said Ankita Biyani, who mentors a child. "I had never been to a slum before and I saw a completely different side of life and living."

"What we realised through our interactions with the industry was that along with skills, we need to build the right attitude among students—how what you do impacts others," said Prof. Abbasali Gabuli of SPJIMR.

The emotional quotient of a student might not have much to do with the job she intends to take, but employers always consider it. "Social bent and concern for society and environment are important aspects. It does