

7.3 institutional distinctiveness

ICEEM Institute has a vision of attaining a position in top 100 colleges in the country by 2025. Working towards this vision, the institute focuses on the development of the students and faculties on various fronts. The location of ICEEM in the industrial hub of Waluj M.I.D.C is a distinct and unique feature, which separates us from other colleges of the region. The industrial area of Waluj MIDC is aptly regarded as automobile hub as it is home to more than top 100 automobile companies and its ancillaries. These include Bajaj Auto, Endurance Systems, Varroc Engineering, Marathwada Auto Cluster, etc. Because of its proximity to various leading industries, we have signed up Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with several companies. We do have prominent members from industries in our College Governing Body. Frequent meetings, seminars, workshops, etc are arranged with these industrialists so as to update and groom students as well as faculty members of ICEEM. Not only this, many industries provide internships to our students. They also provide access to their research and development facilities for students so that they remain at par with the industry standards. Frequent industrial visits are being undertaken for the students of ICEEM so as to upgrade their knowledge and keep them abreast with changing industry standards. Moreover, few industries also share their production facilities with students for completing their final year projects.

Under this Skill enhancement, the students are not just restricted to attaining good marks but also, successfully using their knowledge and skills for the betterment of the society. Students from different departments have or are in a process to register *patents* for their respective projects. No doubt, the contribution from these industries has helped our ICEEM students to achieve new heights in their career.

Job fairs are also being regularly conducted for the students of final year polytechnic colleges, in our ICEEM campus. Most of the reputed companies have their stalls in these fairs. ICEEM provides a well establish platform to bridge the gap between industry and academia.

Finally, our ICEEM students get chance to prove their worth while appearing for interviews (Both On-campus and Off-campus). This uniqueness for ICEEM has proved advantageous in terms of increased interaction with the industries.