

HP India to tie up with institutes to retain talent

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BANGALORE: Hewlett Packard India is betting on educational initiatives and tie-ups as a way to retain talent in the company.

The IT major is looking for tie-ups for short- and long-term courses in technical and business areas for its employees with institutions like IIM, XLRI, Symbiosis and T A Pai Management Institute, according to HP India HR director Zarir Batliwala.

Apart from the various short-term programmes, the company's Application Services Division has

signed an MoU with BITS Pilani for a two-year MS programme in software engineering. Mr Batliwala said that it would be a collaborative course between the academic institution and HP with customised courseware. Some 54 employees have applied for the programme. The company is sponsoring the programme.

HP India has also started a dual degree programme in IT enabled services with State University of New York at Buffalo and Amrita University in India. This programme is for employees of tech contact centre and BPO units.

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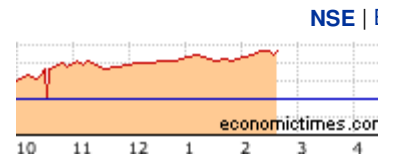
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