

VTU's first 'textbook' launched

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BANGALORE: After much deliberation, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has decided to battle the traditional pre-requisites of technical education to replace it with the latest that the technological industry has to offer.

On Saturday, VTU, in association with UGS Corp, launched a technical training manual, the 'Primer on Computer-Aided Engineering-Drawing' for I and II semester engineering students in the State.

The manual is not only

VTU's first textbook, but is also the first book in the country that encourages computer-aided engineering drawing as the mode of engineering graphics, against the traditional manual drafting components, linked to the manufacturing industry.

Addressing the gathering Dr K Balaveera Reddy, Vice Chancellor, VTU said that although there was much speculation about doing things differently, the executive committee members of VTU finally decided to compile this text book, as students were finding it in-

creasingly difficult to cope with the pressures of drawing each component.

"We will however continue to maintain the concept of manual drawing, where students have to first draw the graphics, get it approved by the lecturer and only then produce the same in the computer," he said, adding that 40 marks would be accorded for manual drafting, while 60 marks would be given for computer graphics.

Ms Sudha Murthy, Chairperson, Infosys Foundation and an executive committee member of VTU said that the concept of manual draw-

ing however difficult, did give an individual a sense of approximation.

"I remember having always messed up my drawings, which affected my grades to a large extent," she said, adding that usage of computers or adopting the latest technologies, was the ideal way to further any stream of education.

The manual is priced at Rs 120, and will be distributed to the students of VTU at Rs 50.

The 170-page manual is authored by an expert panel of eight members of the teaching profession.

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Chairman of Infosys Sudha Murthy, Sudharshan Maini of Maini Group, Dr K Balaveera Reddy and Dr V K Aatre at the launch of 'Primer on computer aided engineering drawing' organised by Visvesvaraya Technological University in Bangalore on Saturday.