

**How does NIFTEM help its students in connecting with the farmers and villages?**

We have a programme which is part of the course curriculum of B. Tech. & M. Tech and is called Village Adoption Programme. Under this programme, we conduct workshops in villages, which are 1 week long. From this, we select 50-100 people. If the participants are interested, we extend it into an entrepreneurship programme and guide them through for 6 months. We provide them help regarding sourcing of raw materials, machinery, maintaining quality & food safety standards.

This programme is made possible by our B. Tech. and M. Tech. students, who work in groups of 10-15, headed by a faculty member. They choose one village and work for its over-all development. The main focus is to provide exposure to the participants and bring them face to face with ground reality. They stay in the village for 10 days in each semester. They also engage in and try to find solutions for various social issues. They act as a bridge between the villagers and administration.