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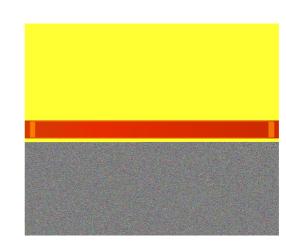
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"While universities have their own examination systems, IT Companies here will certainly be interested in e-assessment," said Siddharth, state IT secretary.

According to R Dhirendra, CEO of Eduquity Career Technologies, the assessment format in India has so far been traditional. "E-assessment is a tool to judge knowledge, ability and skill of a person," he said.

E-assessment, which uses computer terminal to deliver questions or tasks to students, fits into areas like e-learning, computer-based examination administration, data transfer & sharing. Jeff Ross, director of UK-based Assessment Tomorrow, an e-assessment solution provider, said e-assessment has been driven by the USA.

The West Bengal University of Technology (WBUT), which has already conducted e-assessment for JEMAT tests, could think of a possible alliance with Assessment Tomorrow, said Ashoke Ranjan Thakur, vice-chancellor of WBUT

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