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## South Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference Held

**Mysore, Aug 19:** The South Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference 2011 of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi was organized by the University of Mysore on August 19 & 20, 2011 at Mahatma Gandhi Auditorium, Infosys Leadership Institute (ILI), Infosys campus, Mysore. About 50 Vice Chancellors from the Central, State, Open, Agricultural and Deemed universities of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry States participated in the 2-day Conference. The theme of the conference is, *Diversity in Higher Education Institutions: Future Challenges*.

The conference was inaugurated on August 19, 2011 at 10.00 a.m by Prof. Ramamurthy Naidu, Member, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

Padma Bhushan Dr. B. M. Hegde, former Vice Chancellor, Manipal University delivered the keynote address. Prof. P. T. Chande, President, AIU presided. Shri. Madhusudan, MLC, Karnataka Government was the chief guest. Prof. V. G. Talawar, Vice Chancellor welcomed the delegates. Prof. A. S. Dasan, Director, CPDPS, was the master of ceremony. Prof. P. S. Naik, Registrar, University of Mysore read the Governor's message. Dr. A. D. N. Bajpai, Secretary General (Additional charge) of AIU and Vice Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, HP proposed vote of thanks.

Given the continuing challenges that the higher education in India is facing as a result of economic and social pressures, the two-day Conference discussed topics re-



*Prof. V. G. Talawar, Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore, welcoming the delegates at the South Zone Vice-Chancellors' Conference.*

lating to, Diversity of Higher Education Institutions and Quality Concerns; Features of National Council for Higher Education and Research Bill

2010; Information Resources and Knowledge Networks; Innovations in Affiliating Systems and Mobility of Students and Universities – Status and Expectations.

The Conference reviewed the progress of various higher education programmes implemented under the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan and provided constructive

recommendations and directions for the benefit of higher education planners to meet the needs and goals of 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan.

The AIU of the Conference remains the leading organization primarily dedicated to strengthening higher education in India.

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## Make State Universities World Class: Prof. R. M. Naidu

*Shruthi R*

**Mysore, Aug 19:** Prof. Rama Murthy Naidu, a distinguished member of the UGC underlined the need to provide better financial support to the State Universities while inaugurating the South Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference, organized by the University of Mysore in Infosys campus at Mysore on August 19 & 20.

“All the money granted by the Commission is flowing into Ganga, Brahmaputra and Jamuna and I am trying to bring some to Narmada, Krishna and Cauvery”, remarked Prof. Murthy, while dwelling on the allocation of funds to the southern state universities. He pointed out that funds primarily flow into northern state universities but it is

important for the southern universities to get their legitimate share from the UGC.

Moving on to several suggestions to bring about this change, Prof. Murthy threw some light on the fact that the support given to State universities has increased nine-fold from the 10<sup>th</sup> five year plan to the 11<sup>th</sup> five year plan. While only 20% of the money was granted to State universities earlier, this has been increased to 35% , while efforts are on to make it 50%.

He said that there are several steps to be taken to make State universities world class. This can only be achieved by implementing innovative teaching methods. To attain this state, selected faculty members are being sent to the best universities all over the world by the UGC to get exposure to the best world class amenities in universities.

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*Prof. Rama Murthy Naidu, Member, UGC delivering the inaugural speech*

## AIU Resolutions in the South Zone Conference

- To grant greater autonomy to Vice-Chancellors in management of universities.
- Limit the number of affiliating colleges to a maximum of 100.
- To consider all universities on par while allocating development grants on the basis of academic and administrative credentials.
- To ask state governments to provide funds on a par with central varsities.
- To develop mechanism to check plagiarism.
- To launch a 3-month training programme for NET/SLET candidates.
- To provide infrastructure grants, research funds to institutions not coming under 12B.
- To appoint feasibility panel to examine proposals for starting new varsities.



## “Wisdom is Power” says the People’s Doctor Make Students Better Thinkers - Dr. B. M. Hegde



*Dr. B. M. Hegde delivering Keynote address*

**Mysore, Aug 19:** The keynote address to this programme was given by Academician, Physician and renowned as people’s doctor, Dr. B M Hegde. Speaking on the subject of higher education, Dr. Hegde kept the air lively by

quoting examples from various other fields such as medical science, physics, management and literature. “Education is not merely putting things into the student’s head” he said. He explained the importance of morality and ethics in the

education given in the present day universities.

“Knowledge and wisdom have nothing in common” he quoted, to say that the higher education today gives only knowledge to students and not enough wisdom. He suggested that universities

employ innovative teaching methods to make students better thinkers. “Try the open book system of examination” he suggested. Here referring books is allowed, but the questions are given in such a way that the students have to think on their own, as opposed to mugging up answers and reproducing them. He strongly felt that students should be “learners” but not “muggers”.

The present education system is turning students into idiots, he stated, “Every child, when born, is a genius. The schools turn him into an idiot” he lamented. He said that nearly 16 million children

in India suffer from NIDES (Nutritional Immune Deficiency Syndrome), which is the lack of nutrition to expecting mothers which results in poor memory and intelligence in the children. Therefore, he said, that pregnant women must be nourished to give birth to intelligent children.

Further, Dr. Hegde commented on the politics within educational institutions and universities and said that to make a university successful, one should “see that University is filled with Educationists and not *Sarkari* scientists and politicians”.

*- Shruthi R*

## Universities should Create Knowledge: Prof. P. Balaram

**Mysore, Aug, 20:** “A University need not create wealth like Infosys, but they must create more people like Narayan Murthy so that they

responsibility given to them and hamper quality higher education.

“By labeling a university as an innovative university you

## NET Exams must Test Communication Skills: Prof. Chande

**Mysore, Aug 19:** “The NET exams at present have no test to check for communication skills of a professor. What is the use of the professor being a great scholar if he cannot communicate well with students?” commented Prof. P. T. Chande, President, AIU and the Vice Chancellor of Kavikulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University, Ramtek speaking at the inaugural session of the South Zone Vice Chancellors’ Conference.

He observed that the terminologies in the present day education system are

holder. There is demand for the best quality of higher education, especially in state universities which are considered the backbone of the country, and the State universities require, to a great extent, adequate resources and money to adopt the best innovative practices and excellence in quality, he said.

### **Foreign university bill: Threat to education system**

The Foreign University Bill that was proposed recently is a direct threat to the modern education system, opined Prof.

aiming to earn money from Indian students. The intention of these elite universities is to offer better pay and world class facilities to grab all the good teachers from State universities and thus, deprive the state universities of the capability to deliver quality education, he said.

“The foreign universities may even grab professors from the universities of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, some of the oldest and best universities in India” said Prof. Chande. “They will first attract students with concessions, and then run institutions to gain profits”, he said.

He predicted that unless the universities have enough money to develop infrastructure, they will suffer on account of the foreign universities. He did, however, suggest solutions to prevent this. “Take out the strangle hold of the act from the Vice Chancellors” he said. Let the act be passed as a Directive Principle and not as a Law, while at the same time providing enough money to keep state universities on par with the central universities, he proposed. He also said that the 12B monster should be modified.



*Prof. P. Balaram, Director IISc speaking at the valedictory function*

can go out in the world and create wealth” said Prof. Balaram, speaking as the Chief Guest of the valedictory function of the South Zone Vice Chancellors’ Conference held in Infosys, Mysore on Saturday.

He addressed a gathering of Vice Chancellors of various universities and appealed to them to urge their institutions to work as a team to impart good quality higher education. He observed that universities are created without faculty, infrastructure and also without money, which is an unhealthy trend. “This has sucked the intellectual strength of the university” he said. He also grieved over the existence of many ‘dodgers’, those who dodge every academic

are only causing damage to its functioning” he said, “instead, encourage the university to be innovative and it is bound to give better results”.

The others present at the valedictory function were Prof. V G Talwar, Vice Chancellor of University of Mysore. Prof. Syed Akeel Ahmed, Dean, faculty of science gave a report of the entire conference. Prof, P S Naik welcomed the gathering. Dr. A D N Bajpai, Prof. Chandra Kumar and Dr. Sampson David were present.

As the day also happened to be the birthday of N R Narayan Murthy, founder of Infosys, Prof. V G Talwar, in his speech, conveyed his greetings to the pioneer with a memento.

*Shruthi R*



*Prof. P. T. Chande, President, AIU addressing the inaugural session*

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up branches in India are only



# VC's Job is to provide leadership : Prof Savadatti

**Mysore, Aug 20:** The government should take a policy decision to discourage establishment of single faculty universities. They can establish single faculty institutions like Indian Institute of Science but they should do away with creating mono faculty universities, said Prof. M I Savadatti, eminent educationist and Vice Chairman, Higher Education Council, Government of Karnataka, while speaking on **University Status and Expectations** at the South Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference organized by the University of Mysore at Infosys, Mysore.

Elaborating on the irony of creating single faculty universities, Prof. Savadatti opined that it is not a viable proposition to have separate universities on Agriculture, Horticulture and veterinary sciences besides universities of Kannada, Sanskrit, Vedic studies, Hindi, Telugu and Tamil. The government should not change the structure of conventional university system and

felt that central universities should not be established on these lines.

work force comes from the universities instead of elite institutions, which contributed

nificance of governance, Vice Chancellors should become leaders and not mere execu-

force of the university, he lamented. India has talent despite constraints. Because of native intelligence, all students should be encouraged to have access to higher learning.

Emphasizing on the role of Association of Indian Universities in higher education, Prof. Savadatti called upon the office bearers to become a force to reckon with. AIU should become effective, stronger, assertive and a real force in society and higher education. It has to play a pivotal role in protecting the interests of the Vice Chancellors and influence the policy decisions of the government. AIU should also prevail upon the government to do away with the affiliation system of the colleges as it has become a burden on the academicians, said Prof. Savadatti.

Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University chaired the session and Prof. Hemanth Kumar was the rapporteur. Prof. Mallesh proposed Vote of Thanks.



*Prof. M. I. Savadatti, Prof. Mohammad Miyan and Prof. Hemanth Kumar at the session (left to right)*

Historically, the establishment of IITs and IIMs actually weakened the conventional universities in the country as the universities were regarded as inferior to elite institutions, he pointed out. Drawing attention to the productivity of the universities, Prof Savadatti said that 80% of the

only 20%. Economy continues to depend on universities for the supply of large work force, as the global economy is fast expanding.

Faculty, students and governance are the three parameters to measure the health of the university, said Prof. Savadatti. Referring to the sig-

nificance of governance, Vice Chancellors should become leaders and not mere executives. The job of the Vice Chancellor is to provide leadership and build scholars, who create knowledge, he said. He called upon the Vice Chancellors to think in terms of students' interests and provide good education that produce thinking students. The original knowledge created by universities is not in proportion with the total work

## Strengthen Institutions with Infrastructure: H A Ranganath

**Mysore, Aug 19:** Universities have to be evolved as platform for creativity and innovation said Prof. H A

and the concept has changed from one time education for a few to a lifelong education for all. "Widening access to

Featuring in global ranking is not the only indicator of the quality in the higher education because Indian socio-economic conditions are different from that of the west. We have to introspect that somewhere quantitative expansion has not taken care of quality issues, hence, competitively we are inferior to others, he added.

Holistic approach In higher education is fast disappearing and the emergence of the mono faculty institutions has become the trend which is bad, he added.

Prof. Arjula Ramachandra Reddy, Vice Chancellor, Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa, who chaired the session opined that quality has become a casualty in most of the state universities and he feared that this may lead to a downward trend in the field of higher education.

He suggested that the need of the hour was research backed teaching which is the only solution to prevent quality disaster in the field of higher education.

Prof. H. S. Prakash was the rapporteur.

## Make Universities World Class

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Prof. Naidu, called for equity in higher education in rural, urban and hilly regions. Further, most importantly, Naidu opined, quality of education must be maintained. "The intellectual climate in the university must be conditioned, so that faculty members have the potential to prepare their own syllabi and conduct exams independently.

Naidu also suggested that more universities be established so that they are not over burdened with too many affiliated colleges and these colleges must be run by a Public Private Partnership. With these criteria fulfilled, Naidu concluded, that State universities in India can become world class universities too.

On account of the absence of the honourable minister Krishna Parinar, Shri. Madhusudan, a Member of Legislative Council, represented him in the South Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference. Claiming to be ignorant among the scholars in the gathering, Shri. Madhusudan made a humble appeal to the scholars to maintain the sanctity of the universities as citadels of

higher learning. Speaking in Hindi, he opined that education is a phenomenon of freeing one from ills like ignorance, superstition, and unhealthy practices and so on. He observed that Indians have always had an upper hand in the field of education. "When the other civilizations were moving about in tribes, we the Indians were building Universities for higher education" he said.

Furthermore, he encouraged the distinguished Vice



*Prof. H. A. Ranganath, Prof. A. Ramachandra Reddy and Prof. H. S. Prakash (left to right)*

Ranganath, Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council while speaking on quality concerns in higher education in the first session of the vice chancellor's conference held at Infosys campus here today.

However, he questioned, how to transform universities into such platforms as the present challenge is confronted by many of the institutions in the field of higher education.

There was a paradigm shift in higher education with education becoming global

higher education is not about producing less qualified students. It also has to reach out increasingly broad range of learners with different motivations and interests" he pointed out.

The country at present has around 563 universities and over 30,000 colleges. There is a demand to liberalise the criteria for accreditation by the stakeholders. However, diluting the criteria is not advisable. Instead these institutions could be strengthened with better infrastructure and resources, he opined.



*Mr. Madhusudan, MLC*

Chancellors to try and build the students' moral quotient along with their intelligence quotient. He also compelled them to inculcate in the students the desire to work for the welfare of the society, to work in villages and develop agriculture and so on.



# Mono- Faculty Universities lack Universal Character :

**Mysore, Aug20:** 'Essentially a universal character is envisaged for a University. Our administrators need to keep this in mind when new Universities are created. Original concept did not envisage Mono - Faculty Universities' Said Prof. P. Venkataramaiah, eminent academician and former Vice Chancellor, Kuvempu University, while speaking on 'Innovations in affiliating systems and mobility of students' at the South Zone VCs Conference, organized by the University of Mysore at Infosys campus on August 19 & 20.

One of the reasons for the decline in the quality of university education is the system of affiliation. Reforms that were suggested by many Education Commissions, especially to reduce the affiliation, since 1960 are not implemented partly due to bureaucracy but mainly due to lack of political will lamented Prof. Venkataramaiah.

## South Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference Held

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The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) established in



*Vice - Chancellors at the South Zone Conference Inaugural Session*

1925 is the apex Inter-University Organization in India to promote and protect the interests of students and teachers and also to facilitate and promote the growth and development of higher education in the country. Central, state, deemed, private, agricultural and open universities are the members of the AIU. Besides Indian universities, the universities of Nepal, Bhutan and Mauritius are the associate members of AIU. The Association annually organizes Conference of vice chancellors in different zones in India to give a platform for the educational leaders to shape higher



*Prof. P. Venkataramaiah, former Vice Chancellor, Kuvempu University making presentation*

Looking at the vast type of Institutions and their geographical locations, in the context of providing access and equity, it is not possible to avoid the present affiliation system. However, there is an urgent need to restrict the number of colleges affiliated to a university. There should be ideally 50 colleges but not more than 100 colleges per university under affiliation, he pointed out.

On the crucial issue of how to improve the quality of higher education and ensure academic excellence to accomplish the goal of UGC to build

of higher education, he observed that students admitted to a particular college should have the freedom to attend classes in any of the affiliated colleges providing mobility to them. Colleges have to plan for a consortium among them for augmenting teaching-learning process in the under graduate courses. The alliance or clustering of universities should be tried on experimental basis. It should be tried in the State

The present Conference of South Zone was conducted under the guidance of Prof. P. T. Chande, President, AIU and the Vice Chancellor of Kavikulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University, Ramtek. The conference was convened by Dr. A. D. N. Bajpai, Secretary General (Additional charge) of AIU and Vice Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, HP. Mr. Sampson David, Dr. Veena Bhalla and Dr. S. Rama Devi Pani of the AIU



*Prof. P.S. Naik, Mr. Sampson David, Dr. Bajpai, Prof. P. Balaram, Prof. V. G. Talawar, Prof. Syed Akheel Ahmed, Prof. Chandrakumar (left to right)*

primarily to share the expertise among the universities to provide free mobility to the students without much hassles. Spirit of cooperation is the main philosophy that operates in this system and consortium of colleges and universities can be thought of for free mobility of students, he said.

Prof. Venkataramaiah felt that establishing multiple campuses by the single university provides greater mobility to students from one region to another in addition to carrying their credits earned. University of Paris is an alliance of 13 universities and it is different from a university with multiple campuses. Similar situation exists in U S A, Argentina, Canada, Mexico, Philippines, Taiwan and many other countries with slight variation in the system of governance, opined the educationist. Prof. Sheela

were the coordinators of the Conference.

The AIU specially chose the University of Mysore for this year's South Zone Conference because of dynamism, vision, superior infrastructure and academic excellence under the leadership of the present Vice Chancellor, Prof. V. G. Talawar.

The organizing team, under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. V. G. Talawar, consisting of Prof. P.S. Naik, Registrar, Sri. B. Ramu, Registrar (Evaluation) and Prof. B. H. Suresh, Finance Officer of the University of Mysore coordinated the conference.

Ramachandran, Vice-Chancellor, Avinashlingan University chaired the session. Prof. M. Chandrakumar was the rapporteur.

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# Report of the Sessions

Syed Akheel Ahmed, Former Vice-Chancellor, Yenapoya University, UOM

The emergence of the notion “knowledge-based economy” has placed ‘knowledge’ as an equalizer and calls for expansion of the development process through higher education. This, to a larger extent is in the state-of-inertia and needs to be transformed to a state-of-acceleration by designing and developing mechanisms for equitable access to quality tertiary education.

Expanding access, particularly to general higher education; creating space for non-profit private providers in higher education; deciding the optimum size of a university (in terms of number of

Staff Colleges (ASCs) and teacher development programs, expansion of research programs; promotion of autonomy and accountability of institutions of higher learning; and promoting inclusive policies and programs in the domain of higher education have become need of the hour.

The concerns are further augmented due to the diversity in higher education institutions such as State Universities, Central Universities, Private Universities, Deemed-to-be Universities, Innovative Universities, IITs and IIMs, Institutes of National importance, in terms of quality of

higher education’ was chaired by Prof. A. Ramachandra Reddy. Prof. H.A. Ranganath, Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in his address said the starting of new universities without adequate infrastructure and funding is of great concern as it mars the quality of education imparted to the students. The concept of ‘school’ should be universalized to boost interdisciplinary approach. He was also critical of NAAC as it employs certain parameters with the purpose of evaluating basic infrastructure for quality education but not for ranking the universities.

dress he mentioned, “Academics, policy-makers, and administrators of institutions of higher learning, need to be aware of the constant challenges posed by new knowledge societies. Higher education cannot be a static entity. The dynamic scenario witnessed in India and across the globe in the backdrop of globalization, migration, and social mobility stirs us to be more and more innovative and inclusive”. The inaugural address was delivered by Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Member, University Grants Commission who stressed on the need for coordination between University Grants Commission and Association of Indian Universities for synergizing their efforts to reach their common goal - enhancing the quality in higher education. He deliberated on the various issues ranging from the funds available to state universities and constraints in transforming the human resources to quality human capital by touching upon many issues like access, quality and gross enrollment ratio. He stressed on the need of quality of teachers and enumerated the characteristic of a good teacher. Besides, he said, there is dearth of faculty in most of the state universities and hence the quality of education suffers.

In a scintillating speech, Prof. B.M. Hegde, former Vice Chancellor, Manipal University dismantled all the barriers of traditional keynote address and said, “just mugging up and getting ranks or scoring high percentage is no good”. Further, he correlated those quality human resources with a womb of the mother and said “60 million children suffer from nutrition immuno deficiency syndrome” and to address this problem is of paramount importance. He continued his crusade against the unholy nexus between the Professors and their business interests citing the examples of Harvard, Yale and Stanford Universities. The take home message was that India is carrying out repetitive research and the need of the hour is to carry out refutative research and stressed the need of enhancing entrepreneurial ventures.

The theme for Session 1 was ‘Quality concern in

higher education’ was chaired by Prof. A. Ramachandra Reddy. Prof. H.A. Ranganath, Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in his address said the starting of new universities without adequate infrastructure and funding is of great concern as it mars the quality of education imparted to the students. The concept of ‘school’ should be universalized to boost interdisciplinary approach. He was also critical of NAAC as it employs certain parameters with the purpose of evaluating basic infrastructure for quality education but not for ranking the universities.

Prof.B.P.Sanjay, VC, Central University of Tamil Nadu.

Dr.A.Kalyani said Open and distance education has come to stay as the most



Delegates at the session of South Zone Vice-Chancellors' Conference

While, Prof. B.P. Sanjay said that in his university; start up grant will be offered to the faculty to set up laboratory in the departments to enable them to contribute to the development of the academic programs. Prof. A.M. Pathan, Chairman of session 2 concluded; State universities suffer from insufficient funding and are unable to raise tuition fee and are not allowed filling up vacant posts by the state government. State universities are in a financial mess. Dr. Muzaffar Azadi coordinated the programme.

credible mode of education and also has necessary resources to conduct paramedical courses. Dr.K.Meena opined Cluster concept in research will help establish network among universities and institutions of higher learning in interdisciplinary areas. Dr. S. M. Ramasamy said, students and teachers of his university visit villages and interacts with rural people and participates in rural programs to make education more meaningful.



Prof. Ramasamy, Prof. K. Meena, Prof. A. M. Pathan, Prof B. P. Sanjay and Prof. Kalyani at the Session (left to right)

The second session was dedicated to the panel discussion on the theme “Best Practices: Priorities and Challenges in Higher Education” which was held on the afternoon of August 19, 2011. The session was chaired by Prof. A.M. Pathan, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka.

The Panelists were; Dr.A.Kalyani , VC, Tamil Nadu Open University; Dr.K.Meena , VC, Bharathidasan University; Dr. S. M.Ramasamy, VC, Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University and

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Prof. Syed Akeel Ahmed, Prof. Chandrakumar, Prof. V. G. Talawar in the valedictory

affiliated colleges); setting up of inter-university centers; reforming admissions, curriculum and assessment procedures with focus on common entrance test, restructuring academic programs, universalizing the semester system, continuous internal evaluation and assessment, introduction of credit system; mandatory accreditation system and creation of multiple accreditation agencies of unquestioned professionalism; to name a few,

students, physical infrastructure available, political interference, funds available, and the in-built mechanism through which the freedom they enjoy has lead to a lot of confusion and contradictions that has resulted the overriding theme for the South Zone Vice Chancellors conference “Diversity in Higher Education Institutions: Future Challenges” which is being held since yesterday in an ambience par excellence – befittingly called



Delegates and office bearers of AIU at the session

continue to be major development concerns in our country. Furthermore, restructuring National Eligibility Test (NET)/State Eligibility Test (SET), revamping Academic

Narayan Murthy Centre for Excellence.

The Welcome address was given by Prof. V.G. Talawar, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Mysore University. In his ad-



## Shodh Ganga programme to digitize Ph.D Theses: Dr. Arora



Dr. Jagadish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET, Ahmedabad addressing one of the sessions. Dr. P Prakash, VC, Dr. B R Ambedkar Open University chaired the session.

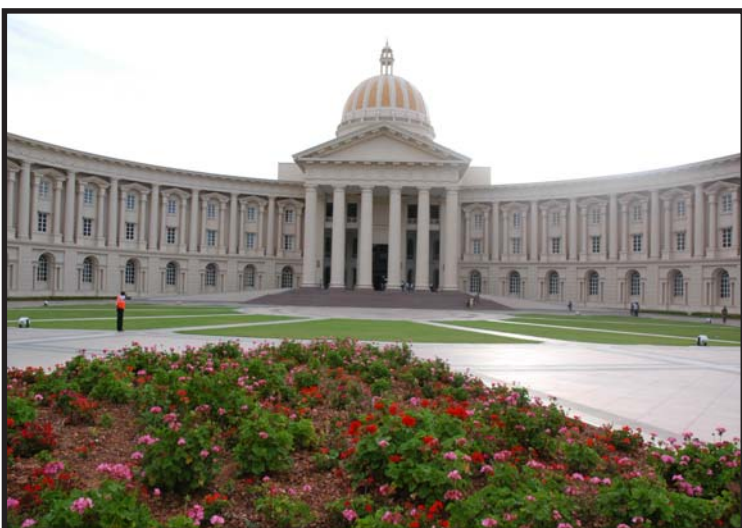
The UGC-INFONET and the Digital Library Consortium provides internet connectivity and access to electronic resources to over 200 universities. Since 2009 the universities may subscribe to e-resources under this programme by becoming *associate members* said Dr. Jagadish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre while speaking on Information Resources and Knowledge Networks on August 20 at South Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference organized by the University of Mysore.

Referring to documentation of research in higher education, Dr. Arora said that research output of an institution can be measured in terms of Number of research

articles, Citations received by them, Patents, Research grants, Consultancies, Research Reports, Honours and awards, Number of research students, Placement of students, etc. The number of publications and citations received by them can be used most effectively to measure research output of an institution, which, in turn, reflects impact of resources available to an institution, he pointed out.

Dwelling on the quantity of research articles in the universities, Dr. Arora said that there has been increase in the number of articles published from 22.9% in 1984 to 76.59% in 2009. Further on documentation of resources, he said that as per the UGC regulation of 2009,

universities are required to get e-version of the theses from the doctoral candidates under the 'Shodh Ganga' programme of the INFLIBNET. MG University, Kotayam is the first university to sign up for Shodh Ganga project and future endeavour includes full implementation of this project to provide access to PhD theses, he said. According to Arora, INFLIBNET proposes to expand college model of the consortium (N-LIST-National Mission on Education through ICT) to all 6,000 colleges besides efforts are on to include electronic books for universities as well and to help universities pro-actively in setting-up Digital Repositories for E-prints. Dr. P. Prakash, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad chaired the session. Prof. A. S. Dasan, Director, CPDPS, UOM was the rapporteur.



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The analysis of academic contribution of teachers in the university reveals that the 'Pioneers' constitute 0.8-1.4%, Accomplished 'Stars' among teachers constitute 0.6-0.8%, 'Sherpas' meaning those teachers who work hard by taking classes constitute 21-30% whereas 'Coasters' meaning who take both teaching and research very casually and indulge in merriment all the time constitute 32-33% and shockingly 'Dodgers' meaning those teachers who dodge every official work allotted to them constitute the highest percentage 35-44% speaks volumes of the nature of the functioning of the teachers in the universities.

(Extract from the IISc Director Dr.P.Balaram's presentation)



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