

INFORMATICS

I. NEWS

A) I.I.I. NEWS :

University Industry Linkage

The Governor of Haryana, Called upon industrialists to liberally finance the universities in the state so that the right kind of human resource was produced for the industry.

Guru Nanak Dev University Offers its Facilities to industry

Guru Nanak Dev University has offered its research infrastructure to the industry for building a more useful link. It will offer expertise in the field of applied chemistry, textile, biotechnology, food science, pharmaceuticals, sugar technology and management and computer courses.

The University has established textile service centre, pollution testing Laboratory and proposes to start food analysis in the food science Dept.

Industrialist have suggested establishment of consultancy centre, introduction of capsule courses for industrial workers, courses in packaging technology.

Centre for Automotive Research and Training (CART)

The Anna University is reported to be starting an advanced centre on automotive research and training for supporting automobile makers and ancillary units near Chennai, drawing on its strength in various engineering disciplines. CART would focus on aspects like engine research, emission control noise reduction, ergonomics, vehicle safety, fuels and lubricants, and HRD support to industry.

The University had already done some pioneering work in engines and ethanol fuelled automobiles, earlier.

B) A.I.C.T.E. NEWS :

Mandatory Accreditation for Engineering Courses

The AICTE's National Accreditation Board (NAB) which had given option for engineering Colleges to meet the criteria set by the AICTE to get the accreditation status, has now made this mandatory.

"Henceforth there will be demand only for accredited courses and accredited students. The standard prescribed

by the NAB would be of world standard and therefore an AICTE accredited student would be on par with world's best engineering student" as stated by AICTE Chairman Dr. Rama Gowda.

AICTE Workshop to Improve Technical Education

Dr. Gowda said that the AICTE proposed to conduct an international workshop to elicit the views of academicians as well as people from industry on how to make Indian Engineering Education relevant to the market needs and also bring it on par with world standards.

AICTE Uses its 'Teeth'

Dr. Rama Gowda AICTE Chairman has stated that it was slowly giving a 'shake' to professional colleges that come under its purview. A committee of the AICTE had already imposed moratorium on commencing post graduate diploma business management courses. The moratorium would be in force for next three or five years. Dr. Rama Gowda said "Until we are convinced of the need for more number of quality students, we are not going to allow institutions to run the courses according to their whims and fancies."

AICTE has tightened its vigilance on educational institutions.

MoU with Foreign Institutes

The AICTE has signed MoU with institutions in U.S. Canada, England and France for the training of teachers and students. This will help educational institutions in India to have meaningful interaction with partner countries and conduct training programmes.

C) GENERAL NEWS :

Technical Varsity at Jalandhar

The Punjab Government has established a State Technical University to be located at Jalandhar in view of the recent spurt in the engineering colleges in the state.

The university would be affiliative initially. In the next phase it will offer Post-graduate, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral programmes in high technology areas.

All India Council for Vocational Training

Government of India proposes to set up a new council on the pattern of AICTE, to be named as All India Council for Vocational Training for bringing about qualitative improvement in the vocational training system.

Accreditation for More Institutions and Courses

Dr. G.J.V. Jagannatha Raju Chairman NBA said that ground work for launching on a massive scale, the process of accreditation to educational institutions has been completed. A directory containing the details of the institutions, courses for which the accreditation was given and the validity period of the accreditation would be brought out soon. So far about seventy colleges had sought accreditation to about 100 programmes.

Stamp on Roorkee University

The Hon. President Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, released a commemorative postage stamp at a function organised recently at Rashtrapati Bhavan to make the sesquicentennial