

## 7. NEW & VIEWS

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### A. News

#### **National Conference on Impact of E – Resources in Education**

National Conference on Impact of E – Resources Centre, Raj Kumar Goel Institute of Technology, Gaziabad is organizing a National Conference on impact of E – Resources in Education (CIERE 2011) on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

The Sub Themes are as follows:

1. E – Resource in education
2. E – Resource in library services
3. Managing shift from print to electronics

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#### **National Seminar on Learner Centered Interactive Pedagogy**

A National Seminar on 'Learner Centered Interactive Pedagogy: Innovation and Experiments' is being organized by Budha College of Education, Ramba Karnal on March 12, 2011. The aim of the seminar is to explore effective & efficient learner centered interactive pedagogical methods to reorient education system.

The Sub Themes are as follows:

1. Interactive pedagogy in Teacher Education
2. Interactive pedagogy in School Education
3. Research and innovations in Interactive pedagogies

Papers related to above mentioned topics can be mailed at [seminar@budhacollege.com](mailto:seminar@budhacollege.com)

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## **National Seminar on Teaching Learning & Evaluation in Higher Education**

A National Seminar on Teaching Learning & Evaluation in Higher Education was organized by Department of Education, Swami Swaroopanand Institute of Education, Bhilai. Dr. Kanwal Singh, Vice Chancellor, MATS University Raipur was the chief guest of the inaugural function. Dr. Kanwal in his speech emphasized on research activity.

### **B. Views**

#### **Quality faculty is important to maintain high standards – Hon. Mrs. Pratibha Patil, President of India.**

Pratibha Devising Patil, President of India delivered Convocation Address at the 25<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Ranchi University, Ranchi, Jharkhand on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010, She said “ Nations with High Quality human resources would be counted amongst the front ranking nations of the world in the knowledge era. Educational institutions to be relevant, must take into Account the evolving national scenario and global developments, to structure a curriculum that caters the opportunities and challenges that are likely to be faced by the students. The process of globalization has created tremendous opportunities that could be availed with only quality education she added.

#### **Empowering Teachers for Institutional Development**

An Article by Sarat Kumar Sahoo Principal, Pilaii’s College of Education & Research, Kharagpur with Pratima Pradhan, Lecturer in Education, Teachers Training College, Kharagpur.

There are so many benefits of Teacher’s empowerment which can actually contribute to institutional development & improving quality of education. New roles of a teacher can be evolved and they can be encouraged to implement new ideas, take measures to improve quality of education with the help of empowerment.

#### **Hon. Rajesh Tope, Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Maharashtra**

##### **1. Maharashtra Govt. contemplates getting UG Technical Education under one Technical University.**

Higher and technical education minister Rajesh Tope said here on Monday, “Bringing undergraduate (UG) level technical education under the proposed technological university and leaving post-graduate level technical studies under the conventional state universities, remains a serious option that is under consideration by the state government. This is essential to ensure uniformity and quality at UG level technical education.”

“Technological universities have proved to be a success in states like Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and the same will be the case in Maharashtra,” he said, adding, “There is no opposition to the move from any quarters. “On the location of the technical university, Tope insisted that the state cabinet will soon take a final call on where to establish the university.

## 2. On Reforms in Higher Education

High-powered committee set up on August 25, 2010, under Former Atomic Energy Commission chairman Anil Kakodkar; Former IGNOU Vice-chancellor Ram Takwale and Former UGC chief, Arun Nigavekar, have submitted their draft reports, which are currently with the secretary to Higher and Technical Education. The Kakodkar - led panel, which will have an overarching role in the reforms process, have sought some time to fine tune the draft and present a final report, he said. "We hope the process will be completed soon." While the 11 - member Kakodkar committee, which has University of Pune vice-chancellor R. K. Shevgaonkar as its Member Secretary, was assigned to recommend steps for an overall qualitative improvement in the university education system; the Takwale committee was assigned to go into the issue of bifurcation of bigger state universities like Pune, Mumbai and Nagpur to make them more efficient. The Nigavekar committee was assigned a thorough review of the existing Acts governing higher education in the state and recommend apt amendments.

