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(A) NEWS

National Seminar on Teacher Education

A one day National Seminar on 'Teacher Education - present Scenario' was organized by Shiva College of Education, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh, in June 2010. In this session, one of the important points discussed was, young teacher educators are required for ensuring improvement in the quality of teacher education.

Major Sub themes were:

1. Orientation in teacher education programmes.
2. Use of micro and macro teaching techniques in teacher education
3. Crucial role of teacher educators and regulatory bodies like NCTE in teachers Education.

National Seminar on "Value Creation for competitive advantage"

National Seminar on Value Creation for competitive advantage was organized by Advance Institute of Management, Gaziabad. Dr. Pawan Bakhshi, Vice President of Bharti Airtel, Delhi, was chief guest. Major Sub themes were:

1. Value creation
2. Management of change and knowledge economy instead of money economy was also discussed.

One of the interesting conclusions drawn, was as follows:-

Total quality management is a management philosophy that empowers an entire organization, from most junior employee to the CEO. Thus, the organization must maintain company - wide strategies that fix responsibility to individual employees for the quality of their work and the work of their teams.

Indo - European Conference on "Quality Assurance in Higher Education"

Indo - European Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education was organized by University of Delhi, as on July 2010. The conference aimed at providing an opportunity to listen to top European and the Indian Experts on the established European practices and Indian initiatives on quality assurance on higher education. Major changes to Indian higher education system were also discussed. The challenges and opportunities for both Indian and European context was also a topic for discussion.

International Conference on "Indian Education: The Positive Turmoil"

Educational Technology Management Academy (ETMA), Delhi, is organizing an International Conference on "Indian Education: The Positive Turmoil" during February 7-9, 2011. The conference will have discussions on the following topic:

- Adult Education
- Elementary Education

- Secondary Education
- Higher and Professional Education
- ICT Policy and Mission in Education
- Corporate Initiatives in Education

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International conference on “Teacher Education in Global Perspective:”

To enable the teachers to meet the aspirations of global society and requirements to compete in the international market, a joint International Conference on the theme “Teacher Education in Global Perspective” was arranged by Baba Ke College of Education Mudki, as on August 2010. Dr. Pin Borren, Chief Executive, Waiariki Institute of Technology, Rotorua, New Zealand, was the chief guest. An overview of the education system of New Zealand and views about Indian Education System were exchanged in the conference.

Teacher Education: Emerging Issues and Challenges

R.K. S. D. College of Education, Kaithal, organized a Seminar on ‘Teacher Education: Emerging Issues and Challenges’ as on June 2010. Prof. D. S. Yadav, Former Chairman and Dean, Faculty of Education, Kurukshetra University, was the chief guest.

Major Sub themes were:

1. Professional Ethics for Teachers
2. Multiple role of teachers for enhancing the Quality of Teaching
3. Teacher Innovativeness: The only way Towards Excellence

Seminar on “Innovative Teaching Techniques”

A UGC sponsored, two days state level seminar, on ‘Innovative Teaching Techniques’

was organized by Department of Home Science in Mauli Vidyapeeth, Beed, in July 2010.

Major Sub themes were:

1. Technology in Teaching,
2. Need of Quality in Education System,
3. Online Teaching

Government of Maharashtra Higher & Technical Educational Department, Govt. of Maharashtra

It appears that the Govt has decided to overall the Engineering Education System by bifurcating the large Universities like Mumbai, Pune, & Nagpur, which are having more than 500 colleges affiliated to each of these Universities. One committee is to recommend the optimum number of colleges to be affiliated to one University; another Committee, to consider modifications in the existing rules & regulations.

Shri Rajesh Tope, Minister for Higher Technical Education, Govt of Maharashtra, has recently declared, that the proposed State Technical University will start functioning from the beginning of the next academic year i.e. 2010 - 11

Engineering Education Foundation, Pune

- Engineering Education Foundation is working for Quality & Excellence in the Engineering Education System. As a part of its Quality mission the foundation has announced EEF Awards for Best Engineering College & another for Best Polytechnic of Maharashtra.

The Best Institutions Awards were given on 10th May 2010 which was the 15th Foundation Day to SSBT's College of Engineering College, Jalgaon & Govt Polytechnic, Auragabad.

- One more step to create Quality

Consciousness, the Foundation has now announced -The Best Engineering Teacher Awards for Engineering Colleges & Polytechnics of Maharashtra. For details refer the Web site www.ritindia.edu & www.eefedu.in.

- The Foundation has recently launched its web site & you are welcome to Visit us at www.eefedu.in

B) VIEWS

Engineering Education Must be of Highest Quality

Views expressed by Shri M. K. Stalin, Minister for Higher Education, TN.

While appealing to the technocrats to have the qualities of hard work, self-confidence and perseverance in all conditions of life, Deputy Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has appealed to the institutions of engineering and technology to

offer technical education with highest degree of quality so as to enable engineering students of Tamil Nadu to match the skills of students of any developed country.

From Traditional Universities to Virtual Universities

With concepts of traditional universities changing to virtual universities, the Indian higher education has been facing challenges like quality, evaluation, lack of co-ordination between the stakeholders, structuring and revising syllabi and linkages between universities and academics, observed Prof. Pankaj Chande, Vice Chancellor, Kavi Kulguru Kalidas sanskrit University, Nagpur, in his presidential address at the inaugural session of EDUCON 2010 at Colombo. Prof Chande maintained that EDUCON, the Sakal Media Group's effort would go in the history of higher education in India while education is advancing in leaps and bounds.

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