University of Lucknow in News on 18 February 2024

AMAR UJALA MY CITY PAGE 5

पोर्टल से मिलेगी विद्यार्थियों को नौकरी

आल इंडिया काउंसिल फॉर टेक्निकल एजुकेशन के चेयरमैन प्रो. टीजी सीतारमण ने दी जानकारी

भारतीय ज्ञान परंपरा यहां के समाज में निहित : आर्लेकर

समाज का जीतें भरोसा, मिलेगी मदद

रौक्षणिक संस्थानों के वित्तीय संकट और वित्तपोषण पर हुई चर्चा

NBT PAGE 3

'शिक्षा क्षेत्र में खत्म हो लालफीताशाही'

तीन दिवसीय अखिल भारतीय संस्थागत समागम के समापन पर लखनऊ घोषणापत्र जारी

JAGRAN CITY PAGE III

इंजीनियरिंग के कोर ब्रांच में भी हैं अवसर : प्रो. सीतारमण

HINDUSTAN TIMES PAGE 5

'India can't be tech global leader without core engineering courses'

HT Correspondent
letters@htlive.com

AICTE was working to strengthen civil, mechanical and electronics engineering courses, said Prof Sitharam HT

LUCKNOW: The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is working to strengthen the core engineering courses—civil, mechanical and electronics—by breaking the myth that only students from IT sector or computer engineering background are getting the big fat salary package as compared to core engineering.

AICTE chairman Prof TG Sitharam said this at Lucknow University here on the third and final day of an educational summit on Saturday. He said if India has to develop and progress, it is the core engineering sector that has to play a major role.

"To boost admissions in core engineering courses, including civil, mechanical and electronics, AICTE will now allow students pursuing these programmes flexibility to also pursue a minor degree in any emerging area," he said.

"India cannot become Vishva Guru (global leader) in technology without core engineering courses. Therefore, we have come up with some schemes to promote core engineering," Prof Sitharam added.

Placement portal for students of semi urban, village, tribal areas

To help engineering students of semi urban, village and tribal area with good placement opportunities, the AICTE has developed a placement portal that will emerge as a powerful tool to help bridge the gap between urban and rural areas in terms of access to employment opportunities.

He talked about the success of the internship portal with 2 crore students registered across all streams and highlighted initiatives like Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) by urging students to study in various locations of India to see real Bharat.

'Need to promote collaboration'

Prof Sitharam emphasised the need to promote collaboration between institutions to promote concepts like dual degrees and twin programmes. He talked about the government initiative i.e. I-STEM (Indian Science, Technology and Engineering Facilities Map), an online national portal aiding researchers in locating specific facilities for their R&D work. He urged institutions to be financially independent, stressing self-fund generation. He highlighted key achievements in higher education, including foreign collaborations with up to 1600 foreign experts sharing their insights and expertise in Indian higher educational institutes, India becoming the largest patent-filing country due to reduction of patent fee and the success of indigenous startups and reaching a market capital of 500 billion USD in startup. He said many Indian startups had become unicorns.

'INFLATED FIGURES COMPELLED NAAC TO SHIFT TO BINARY ACREDITITATION'

HT Correspondent
Letters@htlive.com

Anil Sahasrabudhe, chairman of National Educational Technology Forum HT

LUCKNOW: The recent decision by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) to eliminate the grading system for higher education institutions was due to several universities and colleges inflating figures to secure A++ grades, said Anil Sahasrabudhe, chairman of National Educational Technology Forum. To address this, it was decided to replace the grading system with Binary Accreditation—either accredited or not accredited.

According to Sahasrabudhe, this shift aims to encourage all institutions to participate in the accreditation process.

Speaking at the three-day 'National Summit of Institutional Leaders: Instructions for national development' at Lucknow University, Sahasrabudhe said: "The binary accreditation aligns with best practices in many leading countries. The accreditation authority will adopt the Maturity-Based Graded Accreditation (Level 1 to 5), motivating accredited institutions to strive for the highest level—5, denoting 'Institutions of Global Excellence for Multi-Disciplinary Research and Education.'"

Although no specific institutions were named, Sahasrabudhe noted that some had attempted to manipulate data to earn higher grades, prompting the introduction of the binary system.

Sahasrabudhe emphasised: "The level-grading system, utilising Maturity-Based Graded Accreditation (Level 1 to 5), will empower Indian institutions to enhance their quality and compete globally."

The focus will shift from input parameters to outcome-based metrics such as alumni impact, research, and patents. Institutions previously graded will maintain their status until the expiration of their five-year validity, after which they will transition to the new binary process.

LU SIGNS 8 MoUs FOR ACADEMIC COLLABS AT 3-DAY SUMMIT

HT Correspondent
letters@htlive.com

LUCKNOW: Three-day National Summit of Institutional Leaders at the Lucknow University concluded with several institutions signing memorandums of understanding (MoUs) on institutional collaborations to strengthen academic linkages. The event witnessed at least eight MoUs being signed with the LU.

A collaborative effort between the Lucknow University and Bhatkhande Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya aims at enhancing cultural and educational exchanges and fostering a dynamic environment for students and faculty. The agreement between the Faculty of Engineering and Technology of the LU and Conquer Technology, Hyderabad focuses on collaborative IOS app development.

The collaboration between the LU's Department of Chemistry and Life Activist Private Limited is designed to promote industry-academic programmes, facilitate the exchange of faculty, and provide opportunities for internships.

The collaboration between the Institute of Management Sciences, LU and Indian Industries Association encompasses various aspects, including infrastructure development, industrial visits, and membership benefits.

The tie up between Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, LU and Jedux Parenteral Private Limited focused on developmental opportunities, summer training, and winter internships. HTC

HINDUSTAN PAGE 7

युवाओं को सक्षम बनाएं, तो वह खुद कर लेंगे स्किल का विकास

एबीसी का फायदा, विद्यार्थी खाली हाथ नहीं लौटेगा

इनोवेटिव आइडिया व मॉडल से मिलेगा विकसित भारत का लक्ष्य

तीन दिवसीय एनएसआईएल-2024 का समापन, बिहार के राज्यपाल राजेंद्र विश्वनाथ आर्लेकर रहे मुख्य अतिथि

लखनऊ घोषणा पत्र तैयार, देश के विश्वविद्यालयों में लागू होंगे पंचसूत्र

शिक्षा का प्राथमिक ध्यान रोजगारपरक होना चाहिए

पीएम ऊषा से एलयू को 100 करोड़ मिले

लखनऊ। लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय को बड़ी उपलब्धि हासिल हुई है। पीएम-ऊषा योजना के जरिए विश्वविद्यालय को 100 करोड़ रुपये प्राप्त होंगे।

PIONEER PAGE 3

भारत सबसे बड़ा पेटेंट दाखिल करने वाला देश: प्रो. सीतारमण

समागम के आखिरी दिन हुए कई एमओयू, शैक्षिक और अनुसंधान को मिलेगा बढ़ावा

आईएमएस और भारतीय उद्योग संघ लखनऊ के बीच एमओयू

सामूहिक प्रतिबद्धता के साथ संपन्न हुआ संस्थागत नेतृत्व समागम

RASHTRIAYA SAHARA PAGE 5

पहले 5 फिर 200 संस्थानों में लागू होगा लखनऊ घोषणा पत्र

प्रबंधन विज्ञान संस्थान व भारतीय उद्योग संघ के बीच करार

VOICE OF LUCKNOW PAGE 7

लविवि ने भातखंडे व आईआईए के साथ किया करार

THE PIONEER PAGE 3

MoUs signed on last day of NSIL

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

On the third and final day of the National Summit of Institutional Leaders (NSIL-2024), a groundbreaking event took place at Malviya Hall where several prestigious institutions convened for a technical session on 'Institutional collaboration and academic linkages.' The summit focused on fostering collaboration and strengthening academic linkages, culminating in the signing of eight memorandums of understanding (MoUs) between various universities and organisations, marking a significant step towards advancing educational and research endeavours.

These MoUs are poised to create impactful partnerships, benefiting not only the participating institutions but also contributing to the overall growth of the academic landscape.

The MoU between Lucknow University and Bhatkhande Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya aims to enhance cultural and educational exchanges, fostering a dynamic environment for students and faculty. The pact between Faculty of Engineering and Technology (LU) and Conquer Technology (Hyderabad) focuses on establishing collaborative IOS app development, strengthening the technological and research capabilities of the faculty. The agreement between the LU's department of chemistry and Life Activist Private Limited promotes industry-academic programmes, facilitates faculty exchange, and provides internship opportunities to enhance academic and research output.

The MoU between IMS (LU) and Indian Industries Association encompasses infrastructure development, industrial visits, and membership benefits. This collaboration aims to create a symbiotic relationship between academia and industry. The pact between the Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (LU) and Jedux Parenteral Private Limited focuses on developmental opportunities, summer training, and winter internships. This collaboration aims to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry exposure for pharmaceutical sciences students. The agreement between Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University and Babasaheb Bhimrao University in Muzaffarpur (Bihar) facilitates institutional exchanges, research opportunities, and exchange programmes to enhance the overall learning experience.

The MoU between Atmiya University (Rajkot) and Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Shekhawati University (Sikar, Rajasthan) focuses on institutional exchanges and organising conferences. This partnership aims to create a platform for collaborative learning and academic growth.

AMAR VICHAR PAGE 7

नीति निर्माण और समाज की रीढ़ है शिक्षा : राज्यपाल

बिहार के राज्यपाल बोले- मंथन के अर्थ को घर-घर पहुंचाने का लक्ष्य, नई शिक्षा नीति पर दिया जोर

लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय में हुआ त्रिदिवसीय कार्यक्रम का समापन

आज से नई सुविधाओं से लैस होगा पोर्टल

आठ समझौतों में विश्वविद्यालय और संगठन हुए शामिल

राम मंदिर के विजन पर चर्चा

TOI PAGE 4

'Flexible courses must to attract more students, curb dropout rate'

Isha.Jain@timesgroup.com

(From left) IAS officer Sipu Giri, AICTE chairman Prof TG Sitharam, vice-chancellor of Central University of Punjab, Prof Raghavendra P Tiwari & IIT-BHU director Prof Pramod Kumar Jain, at the event

Ajay Kumar

Lucknow: Chairpersons of the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Prof TG Sitharam on Saturday stressed on the immediate need for flexible programmes in higher and technical education to curb the dropout rate of students in higher education institutions (HEIs).

"We have over 15 crore students enrolled in school education but only 4.3 crore are reaching universities and colleges across the country. We need draw a strategy to tap the remaining 11 crore students," Sitharam said. In Lucknow to attend the National Summit of Institutional Leaders (NSIL), the AICTE chief underlined the upward trend in engineering despite the supply outstripping the demand.

"Over the last three years, engineering admissions in India have increased consecutively by 10-12%. We still produce the best engineers in the world," said Sithram.

Admitting that the rush is for computer science/IT streams, he said, "It's all about perception. For holistic promotion of core streams – roots of engineering – among the youth, we have taken proactive steps and begin from schools to create awareness about the advantages of core streams which are very critical."

Addressing the issue of employability, he said that AICTE had come up with a placement portal to ensure jobs for rural and semi-urban colleges. "Already 3,000 companies have registered on this portal," he said.

On the progress of providing engineering curriculum books in Hindi and other Indian languages, Sitharam said: "We are ready with textbooks in 13 languages, including Hindi, for diploma and the first two years of engineering degree course. Books are uploaded on our website which has registered 7 lakh downloads from 70 countries in five months. A python programme has been downloaded in Odia language showcasing demand for books in regional language among Indian diaspora."

"Driving research and innovation in technical institutions in 12 emerging fields like semi-conductors, AICTE is coming up with a scheme in next two months to make centre of excellence (CoE). Under this, 50% of the funds will be borne by AICTE and remaining by the institute," he said.

Sitharam emphasised on the need to promote collaboration between institutions, discussing concepts like dual degrees and twin programs.

On internalisation of education, he shared insights on the Global Initiative of Academic Network (GIAN), a flagship initiative launched in 2015 to provide an opportunity to students and faculty to interact with best academics and industry experts from all over the world.

'Ram temple proof of tech growth'

Ram temple in Ayodhya is not only a cultural centre but also a testament to the technological advancement made by the country, AICTE chairperson Prof TG Sitharam said. "Completed in a record time, the temple with its unique methodology will stand for 1,000 years. Phenomenal changes are happening in Amrit Kaal. We now need to make the place sustainable and equitable," said Sitharam.

Curriculum must shun conservative mould: Academics

Times News Network

Lucknow: Academicians called for a paradigm shift in the curriculum, aligning it with the NEP-2020 that rests on an interdisciplinary education system.

Exchanging ideas on 'Curriculum development in the spirit of the National Education Policy' during the at LU on Saturday, academics accentuated the need to improve the standards of education. "The market is dynamically changing. But our curriculum still hinges on old conservative examination-based methods of teaching and evaluation. This has led to a paucity of new thought and absence of vigour that the Indian education system needs to harness the potential of the new world," noted Ramanand, director of Center of Policy Research and Governance.

A panel of academicians during the session on Saturday

Professor of sociology at RML National Law University, Sanjay Singh asserted that the problems of Indian society cannot be gauged with western yardsticks. "The major impetus has to be on upgrading our educators," said N Panchanatham, VC of Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University.

'Make donations to instts and their use transparent'

Mohita.Tewari
@timesgroup.com

Advisor to CM, K V Raju

Lucknow: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath's economic advisor K V Raju said there was no dearth of funding for higher education in the country. "People want to help with funds but hesitate to donate money to academic institutes due to trust issues and there is hardly any college or university that makes information about financial usage available on its website, a practice that should be followed," he said.

Raju was speaking during the session on financing and funding of higher education institutes at NSIL 2024, at Lucknow University.

"A former student or anyone who donates money to any institute wants to know what happened to his money, how it was utilised and most of the donors end up complaining about not getting information about the donation from the institute," said Raju. He said whether it's one, thousands, or lakhs of rupees, the academic institutes must disclose. Best example of crowdfunding was the Ayodhya Ram Temple, which was constructed recently with a fund of Rs 4,500 crore raised from general public in mere 45 days, he said.

"Institutes should prepare a document vision plan for the next 10 years explaining what they will achieve or deliver with the funds," he added.

Addressing principals of colleges and vice-chancellors from across the country, he said institutes would have to accept the reality of online courses.

'UP needs to hike budget for higher edu to improve GER'

Mohita.Tewari
@timesgroup.com

Lucknow: National president of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) **Raj Sharan Shahi** said that National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has set a target to increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education to 50% by 2035, but the allocation of funds for higher education in the state budget is insufficient for attaining this goal.

Addressing the session on financing and funding of higher education institutes at the National Summit of Institutional Leaders 2024 at Lucknow University's Malviya hall, Shahi said, "In our budgetary provisions, we are focusing more on primary education and less on higher education. Having analysed UP's budget from 2010-11 till 2020-21, a very startling fact has come to notice in the financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19 — the state government has spent only 4.5% of its education budget on higher education, while 80% of the education budget was spent on primary education, 14.45% was spent on secondary education. Hence, in such a situation, how will we achieve 50% GER by 2035".

He said, "Talking about developed countries, GER of America is 72% and they spend 1.5% of their gross domestic product (GDP) on higher education. Similarly, in all developed nations where the GER percentage is high, they spend over 1% of the country's GDP on higher education." Shahi explained, "If we talk about GDP expenditure on higher education in the Indian context back in 1964-66, the Kothari Commission advocated that 6% of GDP should be spent on higher education. Thereafter, the Tapas Majumdar committee (1998) said that at least 1% of GDP should be spent on higher education."

Shahi highlighted that after Independence, public expenditure on higher education was high but post 90s a fall in public expenditure on higher education has been witnessed. Also, when India got Independence, public donation in higher education was 15% which has now gone down to 7%. This needs to be looked upon and govt should frame a policy on how to increase public participation, he added.

Meanwhile, LU vice-chancellor Prof Alok Kumar Rai highlighted that from 2019 till 2024 the university has increased 70% of its revenue by taking steps like focussing on increasing enrolment of foreign students and restructuring courses.

'Panchsutra' to push devpt of higher edu

'Declaration Aims For Holistic Growth Of Youth'

Mohita.Tewari@timesgroup.com

Manoj Chhabra

LU lit up for NSIL 2024

Lucknow: The three-day National Summit of Institutional Leaders 2024 culminated on Saturday with the announcement of the Lucknow declaration 'Panchsutra' for development and growth of higher education.

Chief guest, chancellor and governor of Bihar, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar released the declaration advocating the concept of samaj (society), sahyog (support), sudhar (improvement), satata (continuity) and sanskar (culture).

"Such a summit would be a milestone in the growth and development of higher education institutes and such exponential development would contribute towards the holistic development of youth and the entire nation so that our country can lead the entire world as Vishwaguru," said Arlekar. In the declaration, the concept of 'samaj' suggested care of society and motherland and inclusive education aimed at social justice and aligning social and community needs. Under 'sahyog', the concept was of creating synergy through collaboration among institutions for research, knowledge and resource sharing and others.

The concept of 'sudhaar' included addressing inhibitors that impede progress, nurturing competence to ensure employability and develop entrepreneurship and actions like reducing bureaucratisation in academic affairs. The governance of regulatory bodies should adopt a bottom-up process of consultation and participation regulations should be light but tight, in accordance with NEP-2020. The 'satatata' concept focuses on environmentally sustainable, culturally sensitive and invigorating psychological and physical well-being. The concept of 'sanskar' advocated education for character building and holistic development.

General secretary of Vidya Bharati Uccha Shiksha Sansthan, Prof Narendra Kumar Taneja and LU vice-chancellor Prof Alok Kumar Rai were also present on the occasion.

LU summit: 8 MoUs to boost ties among academic instts

Times News Network

Ajay Kumar

Prof Pramod Kumar Jain, director, IIT BHU, during the lead session

Lucknow: The National Summit of Institutional Leaders (NSIL) witnessed signing of eight memorandums of understanding (MoUs) between academic institutions and organisations marking a significant step towards advancing educational and research endeavours.

Ahead of the lead session that focused on fostering collaboration and strengthening academic linkages, LU entered a partnership with Bhatkhande Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya to enhance cultural and educational exchanges.

Another MoU was signed between LU's faculty of engineering and technology and Conquer Technology, a Hyderabad based IT-tech company. The agreement focuses on establishment of a MATLAB, a programming platform, and development of collaborative IOS app. Another MoU was inked between LU's chemistry department and Life Activist Private Limited with an aim to promote industry-academic programmes.

An agreement was made between LU's management sciences institute with the Indian Industries Association (IIA). This encompasses aspects, including infrastructure development, industrial visits, and membership benefits. LU's pharmaceutical sciences institute entered into an agreement with Jedux Parenteral Private Limited with a focus on developmental opportunities, summer training, and winter internships to bridge the gap between academic learning and the industry.

Another MoU was signed between Lucknow's Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University and Bihar's Babasaheb Bhimrao University.

This will facilitate institutional exchanges.

An agreement was inked between Atmiya University, Rajkot and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shekhawati University, Sikar, Rajasthan to share credit and non-credit moot programmes for academic growth of students.

"These MoUs not only reflect the commitment of the participating institutions to academic excellence but also open avenues for students, faculty, and researchers to engage in cross-disciplinary collaborations," said LU vice-chancellor Prof Alok Kumar Rai.