



Tamil Nadu State Council

Report on
New Paradigm in Higher Education - 2014
Research & Development – Education & Employability – Teaching & Learning
31st October 2014 (Friday) at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Chennai

FICCI – TNSC organized a Conference on New Paradigm in Higher Education 2014 to promote the Education Sector in India. The conference focused on Research & Development, Higher Education & Employability as well as Teaching & Learning. There were more than 200 participants from various Universities, Colleges, Industries and Government Officials.



The event was organized in association with SRM University, VIT University, Jaya Group of Institutions and Ethnus.



Thiru Hemant Kumar Sinha IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu who was the Chief Guest delivering his inaugural address announced setting up of a Faculty Development Centre at a cost of Rs.100 Crore at the Government College of Technology in Coimbatore by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu. He said all colleges and universities across the State will be invited to send their faculty for training in various fields. He also said the GoTN is also in the process of setting up digital libraries in the state to help students to access digital books from

across the world. The libraries will initially be set up in two locations in Chennai at a cost of Rs. 1.68 crore. He appreciated FICCI for organizing the important Conference at the right time when the Higher Education system was losing its shine because these three important aspect which was covered in the Conference.

Prof. K. Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Guest of Honor emphasized the need for project-based learning for university and college students and colleges focus on entrepreneurship. He also emphasized the need to create the doing-while-learning pathway towards innovation and need to stoke desire to drill down to basics in areas / subjects of interest.



Dr. G. Viswanathan, Founder & Chancellor, VIT University was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Function along with **Prof. Kanagaraj**, Chairman, Jaya Group of Institution.



Mr P Murari IAS (Retd.), Adviser to FICCI President & Former Secretary to President of India, **Mr M Rafeeqe Ahmed**, Chairman, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council, **Prof Dr. D Viswanathan**, Convener, FICCI Education Panel & Former Vice Chancellor, Anna University, **Mr Ruban Hobday**, Head, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council also spoke on the occasion.

Press/Media Coverage:

The event was covered by local media, TV (DD news), The New Indian Express and The Hindu



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Training centre to boost faculty standard

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CHENNAI: In order to improve the quality of teaching in educational institutions across the State, the department of higher education is starting a faculty training centre.

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mar Sinha, principal secretary to the department of higher education, said on the sidelines of FICCI's conference on 'New paradigm in Higher Education - 2014' here on Friday.

The government is also in the process of setting up digital libraries in the State to help students access digital books from across the world. "The libraries will initially be set up in two locations in Chennai at a cost of Rs. 1.68 crore," Mr. Sinha said.

In addition, the government is also in talks with a number of countries including the U.S., Latvia, Slovenia, Australia and Singapore for faculty and student exchange, he said.

At the function, Bhaskar

Ramamurthi, director of the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras emphasised the need for project-based learning for college students and said colleges need to focus on entrepreneurship.

The day-long conference was part of FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council's endeavour to promote the education sector in the State. The conference focussed on research and development, education and employability as well as teaching and learning, a release said.