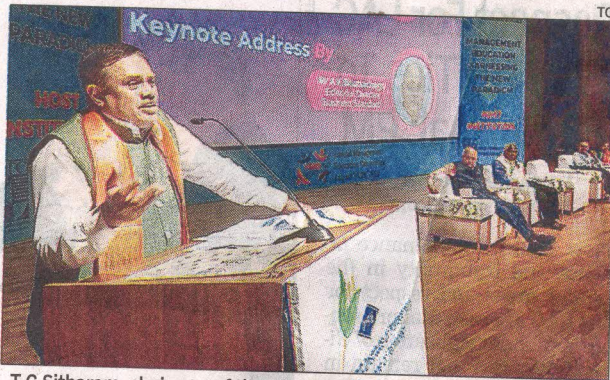


AICTE to come up with multi-entry, exit programmes



T G Sitharam, chairman of the All-India Council for Technical Education, addressed a conclave in Coimbatore on Thursday

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Coimbatore: Regular college education, vocational training, and life-long learning are the central pillars of employability and sustainable enterprise development, said chairman of the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) T G Sitharam.

Speaking at the 34th Management Education Convention titled 'Management Education: Harnessing The New Paradigm' organised by the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS) at the PSG ITCHE Convention Centre here on Thursday, he said that the University Grants Commission (UGC) and AICTE are making efforts to come up with guidelines on multi-entry and exit programmes, whether it is PG diploma course or MBA under the new National Education Policy.

"We would like to popularize teaching in the mother tongue and availability of materials in the mother tongue, which goes a long way in creating an innovative society," he said.

With artificial intelligence (AI) tools penetrating fast in various fields and getting popular in campuses, he stressed the need to have AI-based curricula on campuses.

"We need to include an AI-based curriculum on the campus. We have to change the way we give projects and assign-

ments to students. Otherwise, they will submit ChatGPT-prepared assignments. The tool can even write books," he said.

He said a registry of every student, from kindergarten to PhD, is at the anvil.

He said the 'one nation and one data programme' will reduce most administrative jobs.

"We at AICTE have created a transformation framework for both technical and management education. It involves four core focus areas such as research and innovation, startup and entrepreneurial activities, academics, and students' centric approach," he said.

NEP brings vocational education, distance education and regular degree education on par. Only outcome matters irrespective of the way the course was studied, he said.

Skilling has to become a part of education and learning at the universities.

"We are going to introduce skilling courses starting from Class VI. NEP has given the opportunity. Otherwise, we would not have been thinking about this," he said.

"We have started at AICTE management education in regional languages. We have signed up with IGNOU. We are trying to write textbooks in 13 languages," he said.

J Philip, founder president of AIMS, Nandagopal, president of Aims, and V Sridhya, director of PSG Institute of Management, were present.