

# When Rajasthan's Educational Journey was Pondered Threadbare



Rajasthan, the State fast emerging as an education hub of the country, recently hosted the 2nd Higher Education & Human Resource Conclave Jaipur.

Organised to promote an environment of innovations, employability and entrepreneurship across the country, the conclave witnessed many significant discussions such as on: "Ensuring Employability and Entrepreneurship through Technical Education", and "Higher Education Leadership Programme (HELP): Our Initiatives for Educational Quality".

Inaugurated by Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar along with Rajasthan's Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Sanskrit Education and Science & Technology Kiran Maheshwari, Uttarakhand Higher Education Minister Dhan Singh Rawat, Manipur Higher Education Minister T Radheshyam Singh, and AICTE Chairman Anil Sahastrabuddhe, it was a grand congregation of various other distinguished stakeholders of the world of education from every nook and corner of the country.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said, "In its endeavour to provide interest-free loans to 10 lakh students, the Government would increase the annual budget to Rs 2,200 crore in next three years."

Talking about the Government's plan about digitisation of education, he said, over 15 lakh classrooms from standard nine to post-graduate levels would be digitalised under "Operation Digital Board".

Meanwhile, Rajasthan Minister Kiran Maheshwari listed the State's various innovations and reforms in higher education in the last four and a half years. She shared: "81 new colleges were set up in the state and 75 others were provided funds to add to their infrastructure."

Also present was Manipur Minister T Radheshyam Singh who urged educationists participating in the conclave "to connect, engage and participate" in his State for upgrading its education system. "People believe the Northeast is limited to Assam and Guwahati, but it is much more beyond that," he said.

Uttarakhand Higher Education Minister Rawat stated: "Uttarakhand would organise 'Gyankhumb' – an important, two-day conclave on education, in Haridwar from November 3 to 5. The event will be inaugurated by the President Ram Nath Kovind."

AICTE Chairman Sahastrabuddhe attended the conclave as a special guest.

Here is a bird's view of the educational extravaganza held in Jaipur:



## PRAKASH JAVADEKAR

*Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India*

“Today I can sense a new vibrancy in the education landscape of Rajasthan. A number of path breaking measures have now been implemented across the length and breadth of the Rajasthan State - a number of which are IT-led innovations that have transformed the whole educational content delivery across Rajasthan State's schools. In addition to this, reach of education to far flung areas of the State has also been enhanced to a large extent.

The State Government's continued focus on building more smart classrooms, ICT enabled classrooms and smart labs is very well evident on the ground - a testimony of which, we just saw in the form of our video-conferencing activity with 44 smart class rooms. I also applaud the work of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) being done across the State line with the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to provide not only “Sabko Shiksha (education to all)”, but also “Achchi Shiksha (quality education)” and we are working in this direction only.

Also important is the progress achieved so far, under the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) of Government of India aimed to improve quality of technical educational system in the country.

Today, training of teachers as per the new changing dimensions in education and keeping them abreast with the latest methodologies and teaching paradigms is also much needed to groom our students as future leaders and this, therefore remains our priority. Also there is a need for making teaching interesting and more engaging for our students.



## KIRAN MAHESHWARI

*Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Sanskrit Education and Science & Technology,  
Government of Rajasthan*

“Today, thanks to an increased focus on harnessing a holistic educational ecosystem, characterised by a culture of promoting industry academia connect, employing best practices and innovations, and furthering participation of all education stakeholders to enhance synergies across the domain.

Without RUSA’ assistance, we could not have improved the quality of our infrastructure in Higher Education. In RUSA’s first phase, 352 crore has been allotted to Rajasthan of which 2 crore have been given to 100 colleges each for improving their infrastructure. In all, 18 parameters have been taken into account for this exercise. And this way, we have managed to turn around the image of many government colleges across the State.

Through this two-day event that would see the presence of top policymakers, officials from leading educational institutions and corporate from across the country. We aim to create an effective knowledge-sharing platform for thought leaders, edu-experts and industry stalwarts belonging to the education space who would deliberate on the nuances relating to existing and emerging issues in the higher education paradigm of the State, best industry practices, and ways to enhance the overall efficiency of the higher educational ecosystem of the State.

In addition, the forum would also act as an enabling and facilitative platform towards creating enhanced employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for the students of the State’s higher education institutes by bringing together various human resource managers and organizations supporting various start-ups under one roof.

## Dr Th Radheyshyam Singh

*Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of Manipur*

Education in an ever-evolving paradigm, and I must say I am still educating myself in the education department of my State. Addressing challenges on a routine basis, finding their solutions and implementing innovative ideas to improve the educational landscape of Manipur remains my key priority. My state, Manipur is a small state with a great diversity and I am here in this conclave to follow the very slogan of this event which is to connect, engage and participate. I would like to invite all the edu-stakeholders here, including the Industry and private players to come and visit Manipur and explore many win-wins in the educational space that my State offers.



## Dr Dhan Singh Rawat

*Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Government of Uttarakhand*



“Uttarakhand received 150 crore under RUSA and we are very thankful to Shri Prakash javedekar for this. Under his guidance, the whole landscape of the education has now been given a radical transformation. Further, under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble HRD Minister Prakash javedekar, we are organising vigyan Kumbh in Uttarakhand on 3-5 November. All the VCs, directors of NITs, IITs and more than 20000 edu-leaders are being invited for this mega event and for the same, I am hopeful that we would be able pick useful takeaways from today's summit here.”

## DR SUBODH AGARWAL

*Additional Chief Secretary, Higher & Technical Education, Government of Rajasthan*

The Government of Rajasthan is taking various initiatives for the benefit of students in the State. Nowadays, the Government is focusing more on equipping students with the vocational and entrepreneurial skills. These skills will make our students job-ready for corporate sector and the industries of their respective streams. In order to make the skill-based learning more effective, the Government has encouraged strengthening the vocational education at college level. In their efforts, the respective departments of Government are trying to attract more students to skill-based courses at polytechnics through aggressive marketing and appropriate counselling. On similar lines, curriculum revision has been done for universities to make their regular courses more flexible



## Ashutosh A T Pednekar

*Secretary Higher Education & Commissioner College Education, Government of Rajasthan*



To create synergy among students, corporate, government researchers and various other educational stakeholders, a number of initiatives are being implemented. Various best practices, at par with global standards, are also being followed upon at institutions across the length and breadth of the State. These new measures would certainly help students on the path of excellence. The Rajasthan Government's Dishari educational mobile app contains a rich collection of educational videos, ranks and leader board, online live tests news, and updates is being downloaded by more than 1,000 people daily. This is a testimony of our efforts in this direction. Further, bottlenecks concerning faculty, infrastructure and human resources are also now being proactively taken care of.

## Dr Anil Sahasrabudhe

Chairman, All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE)

Quality and excellence are the two important guiding forces in today's educational space. Without them, no institute can survive. AICTE has taken many important efforts to spread best practices among colleges and universities. Further, I believe, we need to add those subjects in our curriculum that are relevant today such as IoT, robotics, data mining and analytics etc. Along with promoting knowledge, training of faculties is also one aspect that is very crucial and we are taking various efforts for this cause. We are also launching, country's first ATAL Academy in Jaipur that will further enhance the educational landscape of the State.



## Special Address: Dr Arvind Agarwal

President, Arya Group of Colleges, Jaipur



“Engineers are the backbones of the nation and the backbone of the engineering education is the self-financing engineering colleges. We are amidst the tsunami of private universities and IIT openings and we are struggling to survive ourselves. I am very sure 80 percent of the engineering education is being helped by the self-financing education sector. It will deliver to the nation and the nation would be obliged to continue with the self-financing engineering colleges.

## Panel Discussion: Ensuring Employability and Entrepreneurship through Technical Education

“Decline in admissions and closure of engineering colleges and technical institutions have been mentioned as major issues in recent times. The major reason, as discussed, has been employability. I think, we have three pillars – education, employment and employability as three keys. If the system will be alright with these three, things will be fine to promote the fourth key – entrepreneurship for which we are striving through Start-ups and Make in India. But there has been some mismatch among these three.”



Dr Saraj Kumar, Special Secretary, Technical Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh; Sarga Raam, Chairman, Swami Keshwanand Institute of Technology, Jaipur; Dr P K Jain, Director, Geetanjali Institute of Technology & Science; Dr Vinay Kumar Chandna, Principal, JECRC Foundation; Dr Arun Arya, Director, Arya College of Engineering & IT; Dr Puja Agarwal, Vice President, Arya Group of Colleges, Jaipur; Dr Praveen Agarwal, Vice Principal, Anand International Engineering College; Abhishake Nandan, Consultant, Kalam - Centre for Innovation and Incubation of Startup (K-CI); Dr Pankaj Kumar Singh, Director, NIIMS University participating in the discussions.

## Panel Discussion: Higher Education Leadership Programme (HELP): Our Initiatives for Educational Quality



Dr Mukesh Kumar Yadav, Associate Professor, MSJ College, Bharatpur; Dr Tribhu Nath Dube, Associate Professor, Government Arts Girls College, Kota participating in the discussions.

## Best Practices in Higher Education: The Way Ahead



Dr G K Prabhu, President, Manipal University Jaipur, Dr M K Madaan, President, Mody University, Prof. Sainath M, Dean, RGUKT, Basar, Telangana, Prof. P C Deka, President, Sir Padampat Singhania University, Prof. Sarang Devot, Vice Chancellor, Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Prof. Arun Patil, President, Amity University, Rajasthan, Prof. H N Verma, President, Jaipur National University, Dr Sunil Kumar Sharma, Pro President, NIMS University, Dr K K S Bhatia, Vice Chancellor, Poornima University Jaipur, Dr Raj Singh, Vice Chancellor, Ansal University, Gurgaon, Dr U S Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology

## Industry Presentation on 'Promoting Academic Integrity with Technology' by Shantanu Mishra, Marketing Manager South Asia, Turnitin



Shantanu Mishra, Everybody is serious about plagiarism. We have to take a step back and try to learn how Western countries have evolved in this space. There was a thesis scandal of the Harvard Business School and the law thesis plagiarism along with many other cases that have taken place. Plagiarism is also rampant in domestic news or local news. A study from the Harvard Business School clearly indicates that if there is an act of plagiarism at a very significant level and that particular issue gets 9-10 press coverage, it impacts the intake of that particular institution by 10 percent. There are too many models or frameworks that we can talk about to counter plagiarism. That's why the National Council for Economic Integrity has come up with 10 principals. But as an organisation we believe in simplifying things while working towards finding solutions to the issue of plagiarism.



## Industry - Academia Collaboration to Bridge the Gap



Keynote Address: Lalit K Panwar, Vice Chancellor, Rajasthan ILD Skill University, Moderator: Jitender Panihar, Mentor & Strategis at Multiple Startups, Anjali Khanna, VP-HR, The Jaipuria Group of Education, Ajay Bakshi, Managing Director(Human Resources), Metamorphosis Unlimited, Ajay Sharma, Founder & CEO, Get Me Experts. Com & FlexiOrg.com

## Industry Presentation by Manoj Gupta, A U Bank



Industry Presentation by Manoj Gupta, Regional Head, AU Small Finance Bank

## Industry Presentation



Industry Presentation by Indiannica Learning

## Employability: Dimensions, Issues and Challenges



Samriti Malhotra, Global HRD, Denave, Annapurna Swarup, Director- Human Resources, Inspirage, Mohit Mathur, Head Human Resources, Sterlite Power  
Rajesh Choudhary, Head Human Resources, Fortis Healthcare Ltd, Arvind Singh Pemawat, Head Training & Placement, Geetanjali Institute of Technology,  
Manash Shyam Roy, Director – Human Resource, G+D Currency Technology

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Thank you for Making 2<sup>nd</sup> Higher Education & Human Resource Conclave Jaipur A Grand Success: 2<sup>nd</sup> Higher Education & Human Resources Conclave Jaipur witnessed the congregation of eminent bureaucrats, policymakers, edu-leaders, edu-tech thought leaders, human resource managers and key stakeholders on September 24 -25. We thank all the media organisations for covering it at such a grand level and making it one of the most successful conclaves of education sector.



**TODAY** देश-दुनियाँ की खबरें  
**जयपुर में जुटे देशभर के शिक्षाविद और कॉर्पोरेट जगत की हस्तियाँ**

जयपुर में 24 से 25 सितंबर तक आयोजित हुए 2<sup>nd</sup> Higher Education & Human Resource Conclave Jaipur में देशभर के शिक्षाविदों और कॉर्पोरेट जगत की हस्तियों का एक बड़ा समारोह हुआ। इस अवसर पर विभिन्न क्षेत्रों के अग्रणी व्यक्तियों का एक साथ आना एक ऐतिहासिक क्षण था।

उच्च शिक्षा व मानव संसाधन कॉन्क्लेव : शिक्षकों व प्रशासकों का किया सम्मान  
**शैक्षिक सुधार के लिए 10 कम्पनियों से एमओयू, कई लोकार्पण-शिलान्यास**



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**आगामी तीन साल में 10 लाख छात्रों को मिलेगा बिना ब्याज ऋण : जावड़ेकर**  
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