

Need to attract bright students towards teaching underscored

Mushrooming of colleges has affected quality of tech edn: AICTE chief

HUBBALLI: All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Chairman Anil D Sahasrabudhe opined that the quality of technical education is affected due to huge growth in the number of technical institutes in the country and less availability of good quality faculty.

"To have good teachers in technical institutes, by attracting young and bright students to the teaching profession, the AICTE has introduced 'Catch them young' programme, under which teaching job is guaranteed for bright students, and additional scholarship is given for their higher studies," Dr Sahasrabudhe said.

Speaking after receiving felicitation at BVB College of Engineering & Technology (BVCET) here on Saturday, he stated that all States except North-Eastern States and Jammu & Kashmir have more than 200 or 300 technical institutes each.

Industry-academia interaction is also not upto the mark



AICTE Chairman and BVCET alumnus Anil D Sahasrabudhe being felicitated at the BVCET in Hubballi on Saturday. Dr Ashok Shettar, Shankaranna Munavalli, and others are present.

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in many engineering colleges. To face the challenge of poor industry-academia interaction and faculty shortage, the AICTE has made a provision for technical institutes to have 80 per cent regular teaching staff, and 20 per cent staff borrowed from industry. With this,

both faculty and students can know the industry needs and developments, he noted.

As only a few colleges are imparting top quality technical education, they should mentor others to come to their level. This should be a chain reaction, so that all colleges could impart

high standard education, he said.

'Unnath Bharat Abhiyan'

The AICTE has also introduced 'Unnath Bharat Abhiyan', under which students would be encouraged to identify the problems in the society,

especially in rural areas, analyse them, and find out technological solutions. The country can develop only if all parts of it are developed, and not if development is restricted to only a few cities, he added.

Being an alumnus of the BVCET, Dr Sahasrabudhe recalled his days in Hubballi. He also expressed his wish to teach at the BVCET after his retirement. He also recalled his service in North-Eastern States and in Pune.

He was felicitated by BVCET, KLE Technological University (KLETU), and BVCET Alumni Association, Heads of other technical institutes in the twin cities also honoured him.

Dr Sahasrabudhe's classmates S S Shettar and Vinay Javali recollected their memories, KLETU Vice-Chancellor Ashok Shettar, BVCET Principal P G Tewari, KLE Society Director Shankaranna Munavalli, BVCET Alumni Association President M K Patil, and others were present.

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