

Seminar & Panel on Education

Topic: Shaping up GoO Policies to Deliver Practical Quality Education-School, Professional

Venue: Hotel Crown, Bhubaneswar

Date: 17th December 2011

Time: 11.30 PM

A seminar on Education was held as a part of Invest Bhubaneswar Symposium 2011 event. The focus area was on shaping up GoO Policies to Deliver Practical Quality Education-School, Professional. The theme of the seminar was “Trends in World class Education”. Dr. Dhanada K. Mishra, Director, HDF Group was the moderator of the seminar.

Speakers in the seminar were:

1. Mr.Omkar Nath Mohanty, RSB Group
2. Mr.Sukant Mohapatra, Founder of NIST, Berhampur
3. Mr.Chitta Baral, George Telegraph Group
4. Mr. Biswajit Nayak, Director Talent Management, Oresoft, Silicon Valley, USA
5. Mr. Arvind Sood, Advisor, Infinity Group
6. Mr. Harpreet Singh, CEO, Educomp Raffle Millenium, New Delhi
7. Ms. Sudeshna Chatterjee, Director of South Asia Development, Bournville, Kolkata
8. Mr. Kalyan Kar, Founder and Managing Director, Inskill Ventures.

Objective:

The objective of the seminar was to discuss on the trends adopted by different universities to impart education.

Description:

Mr. Omkar Nath Mohanty was the first to share his viewpoints. His topic was “Role of Industry in Higher Education”.He discussed on the Tata Steel IIT Kharagpur collaboration, presented the case study of Orissa and cited the example of Konark the historical monument. He suggested to encourage teaching as profession. Mr. Mohanty expressed his views on giving focus to India and US collaboration in Engineering Education, revising the accreditation procedures which, he suggested, should be in confidence of the colleges.

Mr.Sukant Mohapatra spoke on “Academic Excellence and Research in Higher Education in Odisha-Scope of Opportunities”. He described the Challenges for Academic Excellence & Research in Higher Education, Shortage of faculty & Staffs,Models used in developing countries in Asia. He discussed on the model that China is using which resulted in having more PHDs & Scientists than USA in last 10 years. He also talked on Singapore having the best universities which attract researchers and scholars,Korea dominance in prestigious universities potential scope and investment opportunities. Talking on the scope of higher education in Orissa he said those who are looking for research it has lot of scope.

He told that there is need for universities with strong research focus and to attract student bodies from outside countries so as to internationalize education.

He showed some key areas that are to be focused those are collaboration with different universities across the globe , adopting innovations in research, revising course curriculum, investment infrastructure particularly in broadband connection to encourage research facilities. He also discussed about the 3 Tiers

they are Research Universities, Academic Universities, Vocational Colleges. He also stressed on admission of students should be done according to academic achievements and said the focus of higher education should be in quality.

Mr. Chitta Baral discussed on the topic “World Class Universities in Odisha-Prospects”. He compared the other cities with Bhubaneswar and showed the position of Bhubaneswar by citing the example of Ratnagiri with Nalanda and Bodh Gaya. He expressed his observations on the universities available throughout the country. He said there are universities who have approached Odisha Govt. and opened up there branch in Odisha. He confidently expressed the Bhubaneswar is the next knowledge hub after Delhi.

Mr. Biswajit Nayak talked on the topic “The Flipped classroom”. He discussed regarding the traditional teaching techniques and the way how a faculty should teach is to be modified. He discussed on making a change in the style of imparting education so that the knowledge can be grasped by the fellow students. He focussed on democratization of Education.

Mr. Arvind Sood spoke on Skill Development in India-Opportunities and Challenges”. He stressed on the importance of vocational education. He expressed his concern over the mentality that Indian people have regarding acquiring a graduate degree or any higher education and the fear of unemployment. He said the main reasons of dropout is the thought of not getting jobs. He stressed on the introduction of vocational education in schools so as to promote and prepare students for getting jobs.

Mr. Harpreet Singh spoke on “Skill-A Classroom in 2020 Classroom of a college in era of Digital revolution”. He discussed on challenges with our current Education System and the problems behind it, trends in Higher Education, on having a global knowledge based society, promoting knowledge and innovation based jobs.

He also cited the skills required in 21 st century as per the following:

Trends what should be done by colleges, teachers and Learner

Government role of three types

Policy reforms

Curriculum reforms

Financial reforms

Ms. Sudeshna Chatterjee spoke on “Next Generation Skill Development Opportunities” She expressed her views by speaking on the need of skill development and vocational education.

Mr. Kalyan Kar discussed on skill gaps in India and also cited the reasons for it. He also discussed on the skill development challenges thar are faced in the present scenario. He also spoke on the skill development opportunities and said India will be the 3rd largest economy by 2020.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.