



Telangana State Council of Higher Education

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Telangana, is a progressive state where the progressive decisions in higher education begin from this state. Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan, Vice-Chancellor, NIEPA, was delivering a keynote address at the meeting of All India State Higher Education Councils at Hyderabad.

Professor Sudhanshu Bhushan is NIEPA Vice-Chancellor, Higher and Professional Education Department Head. He attended the meeting of state higher education boards to be held in Hyderabad for two days and delivered the keynote speech as the chief guest. It is the central government's responsibility to improve the quality standards in the higher education sector.

It was addressed on this occasion that central and state governments should work together in the spirit of federalism. He opined that there is a scope for many reforms in the higher education sector through the National Education Policy-2020. This requires coordination between higher education councils, state universities and the UGC. The state governments are also advised to strengthen the higher education boards. He stated that the NITI Aayog and the National Education Policy, encourage a competitive federalism in the education sector. Speaking on multi-entry, exit, flexible curriculum in higher education institutions, he suggested that there should be necessary planning towards solving the problems backed with experience and pertinent researches. He said that the CBCS system is confusing and more information is needed to change the 3-year degree to 4-year degree course.

Earlier, speaking at the meeting, Professor R. Limbadri, Chairman, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, explained the progress made by Telangana state in the field of education. The number of students in higher education has increased due to the progressive decisions taken by the state government. He said that there should be a thorough discussion on dropouts including economic, social and family related issues. Apart from providing quality education, it is suggested that the courses should be made available in a student-centric manner. He clarified that credit and bucket systems have already been made available in Telangana state. On this occasion, he expressed gratitude to NIEPA for organizing a meeting of all higher education councils of all states in Hyderabad.

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Professor Pradeep Kumar Misra, Director, Center for Policy Research in Higher Education, NIEPA, expressed that even today there is no proper platform for higher education councils in India to discuss on various issues related to education. He stated that that the reforms and educational development programs undertaken in one state are not aware in another. Thus, there is a need to prepare a book taking every state's opinions and ideas on all educational challenges, such as CBCS, national education policy, etc., and stressed the need to work together. We have started the change from Telangana state and let us work enthusiastically and strengthen, he added.

Speaking at the meeting Smt. Vakati Karuna, IAS, Secretary of Education, Govt. of Telangana, said that transformation in the education sector is inevitable and there is a need to have a industry-centric curriculum. She suggested that advanced technologies including data science and cutting edge technologies should be part of the curriculum to attract students. She hoped that the Higher Education Councils would work as a center for policy making. She made it clear that the education department would provide any kind of support.

Prof. V. Venkata Ramana, Vice-chairman, Telangana State Higher Educational Council stated that Hyderabad has made great progress in the fields of IT, Biotechnology, Pharma, Life Sciences, Aero Space, Animation, Gaming, etc. He explained that many reforms have already been undertaken in the field of higher education. He explained that the Council is coordinating with higher educational institutions and the government for quality education. As Hyderabad has emerged as a technology hub world renowned foreign universities are showing interest in working with Telangana state universities.

Representative from different State Councils of Higher Education expressed their apprehensions on Credit Based Choice System, National Education Policy 2020, and opined there is a need for a wider discussion. It has been clarified that these policies are tailored to local needs. The representatives of the respective states explained the working procedure of their Higher Education Councils. They also expressed that implementing the same policy in all the states across the country is not correct. After the meeting, the representatives visited T HUB. In this programme Osmania University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dandeboina Ravinder Yadav, Secretary of Higher Education Council Dr. N. Srinivasa Rao, Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and representatives of higher education councils of the respective states participated in this program

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