

PRESS RELEASE

GOVERNOR APPEALS STATE UNIVERSITIES TO PUT IN EXTRA EFFORT TO IMPROVE GLOBAL RANKINGS.

Thiru Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the 'Capacity Building Workshop on Institutional Ranking for Vice Chancellors and Registrars of State Universities in Tamil Nadu' organized by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education in partnership with the Indian Centre for Academic Rankings & Excellence in the presence of Thiru K.P Anbalagan, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu & Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education here on Tuesday (07.11.2017).

Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Tamil Nadu who is Chancellor of the State Universities in his address said that India has a rich and illustrious history of higher education and Ancient India was one of the few countries which had institutions of global eminence. He said that it has now one of the world's largest higher education system and there are many higher educational institutions in Tamil Nadu which have the potential to become one of the best in the world and encouraged academicians, Vice-Chancellors and Registrars towards this goal.

The Governor who is the Chancellor of Universities said that the Tamil Nadu's aspiration to re-establish universities of global eminence rests on the commitment to create transformational institutions that will inspire the faculty and students with a spirit of enquiry and capacity and instill in them the flame of imagination that can be kept constantly lit and nurtured by the positive energy now and forever. He appealed to the Universities to put in extra effort to improve their ranking by undergoing Self-Evaluation & Evaluation of Affiliated Colleges and undertaking detailed Audit & Gap-Analysis, Creating Processes and by designing a road-map for improvement in the Global Rankings. The Governor congratulated the 24 universities of Tamil Nadu, which includes 11 State universities which secured positions in the top 100 ranks in the NIRF-2017 (National Institutional Ranking Framework) Rankings.

Thiru Purohit, Governor and Chancellor of the Universities urged the Vice Chancellors and Registrars to continuously monitor the working of all the Departments and institutions under their control and to adopt transparency in the appointment of

teaching and non-teaching staff; transparency in managing and spending funds by rigidly following proper accounting procedure. He emphasized that spending should be judicious and suggested that there should be total digitization and admission of the students should be done purely on merit. The Governor appealed to cultivate the culture of individual simplicity and character building among the staff and students and for laying special emphasis for development of sports. He said that the interest of students should be uppermost in the mind and to fulfill the dream of Late Dr. Abdul Kalam to make India 'Vishwa Guru', all round and persistent efforts are required. He asked them to take bold decision; injustice should not be tolerated and all their action should be without fear and favour. I feel happy that Vice Chancellors are taking efforts to sign MOUs with foreign universities and it is a welcome initiative. The Governor informed that he is learning Tamil and in his next address at the capacity Building workshop for the Vice Chancellors and Registrars he will talk in Tamil.

Thiru K.P Anbalagan, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu & Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education said that this year 11 new colleges were started and in 6 years so far 72 New Colleges have been started by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu. The Minister added that Tamil Nadu's Gross Enrolment Ratio is double than that of the National Goss Enrolment Ratio and Tamil Nadu's mission is to provide Higher Education access to all. He said that by continuous efforts of Vice Chancellors and Registrars, we can do more in Quality improvement.

Thiru Sunil Paliwal IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education & Vice Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education stated that with the higher commitment of the Vice-Chancellors and Registrars and academicians, we can take Higher Education to greater heights and Tamil Nadu govt. ensures access and equity in Higher Education.

Thiru MA Siddique IAS, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, Vice Chancellors & Registrars of the State Universities, Academicians, officers and Members of ICARE and other dignitaries participated in the workshop.

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for Principal Secretary to Governor