

THE TRIBUNE PRINCIPALS' MEET

FOR GEN NEXT, VARSITIES MUST GO HI-TECH

Principals of 70 schools of Kangra region take part, seek modification in teachings and courses

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Universities and institutes of higher education need to evolve according to the changing technologies to meet the expectations of the new generation. Yoginder Verma, former Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Central University, Himachal Pradesh, and professor of management, said this while addressing a conference on "A paradigm shift for aspirations of the new generation" during the Principals' Meet, organised by The Tribune and Chandigarh University at Hotel Grand Raj in Kangra on Friday.

While addressing the principals of nearly 70 schools of Kangra region, Yoginder Verma said teachings and courses in India had to be modified according to the change in technologies and scenario in the country. "We cannot avoid change. It is already happening. Many big brands and companies that are dominating the markets are no more relevant today. If in India, we do not evolve with change happening across the world, our young generation will be left behind", he said.

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In many cases, courses and curriculum in government universities are old, that was perhaps viable two to three decades ago. However, in today's scenario it has become obsolete. Many courses, which are being taught at present at the universities are going to become irrelevant in the near future, he said.

Giving an example, Yoginder Verma said, "At present, unskilled and semi-skilled youth from India are migrating to other countries and providing labour. It is also a major source of employment in states like Punjab. Developing countries are developing technologies where minimum labour will be required and artificial intelligence and robotics will take over. Since the population of developed world is aging fast and India has the youngest population, the manpower here can be trained in healthcare and care of old, which can prove to be a future source of employment", he said.

RS Bawa, Vice-Chancellor of the Chandigarh University, said in his institution he had made all policies student centric. It is the first university in the country where the students have been made part of every major decision, including additions in syllabus, interaction with the industry and even taking penal action against the erring students.

Bawa stressed on the importance of schools in creating base of students. He said universities could just polish or shape the students but, it was in the schools that their base was created. In today's scenario, we cannot force students into accepting something. They can just be convinced to do so, he said.

He said in Chandigarh University, imparting soft skills as communication, spoken English and psychological counselling of students had been made mandatory.

Principals of the school who won the Tribune contest in various aspects were given awards during the function.



HEADS OF SCHOOLS FROM ACROSS KANGRA REGION ATTEND THE PRINCIPALS' MEET ON FRIDAY. PHOTOS: KAMALJEET



PRINCIPALS AND RS BAWA, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF CHANDIGARH UNIVERSITY, ARE ALL EARS AT THE CONFERENCE.



CUHP PRO-VC YOGINDER VERMA LIGHTS THE CEREMONIAL LAMP.



ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS SPEAKS AT THE PRINCIPALS' MEET.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

ACADEMICS

- Aadharshila Sr Sec School, Dehan, Palampur
- Him Academy Public School, Vikas Nagar, Hamirpur
- Bhartiya Vidyapeeth Public Sr Sec School, Baijnath
- Himalyan Public Sr Sec School, Nagrota Bagwan
- Government Sr Sec School, Badhera Rajputana, Una

EDUCATION

- Dr Chhavi Kashyap, Principal, Rainbow International School, Nagrota Bagwan
- Mr. Bikram Singh, Principal, DAV Public School, Alampur

SPORTS

- Aadharshila Sr Sec School, Dehn, Palampur
- Him Academy Public School, Vikas Nagar, Hamirpur
- MCM DAV Sr Sec Public School, Baghni, Nurpur
- GAV Public School, Kangra
- BD DAV Sr Sec Public School, Dharamsala

ECO-FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

- Kendriya Vidyalaya, Palampur
- Scholars International Sr Sec School, Ghurkari, Kangra
- Rose Public School, Suliali
- Paras Public School, Bharwana
- Army Public School, Yol Cantt.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

- Kendriya Vidyalaya, Palampur
- Him Academy Public School, Vikas Nagar, Hamirpur
- Bhartiya Public School, Samote, Chamba
- DAV Sr Sec Public School, Bharoli, Nadaun
- Him Academy Public School, Hira Nagar, Hamirpur

WHAT THE REPRESENTATIVES SAID...



LALIT KUMAR GUPTA

Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Palampur
Education forms the mind. It is the real power that can be manifested and used to change the world. It helps us in making good life choices.



ANIL K AMBASTHA

Principal, Army Public School, Yol Cantonment
It was wonderful to attend the function. It was an eye opener for us. Education must have three elements — practicality, relevance and focus on personality development.



VIKRAM SINGH

Principal, DAV Senior Secondary School, Alampur
Education is a window to the world and a powerful weapon to eradicate the evils of society. I believe that education means introducing moral values and positive thinking.



RS RANA

Principal, DAV Senior Secondary School, Nadaun at Bharoli
Education is the most adorable ornament of a person. It is a power weapon, which can be used to conquer any obstacle in life and move ahead.



CL LAKHANPAL

Vice-Chairman, Him Academy Public school, Hamirpur
We were fortunate enough to receive the award instituted by The Tribune group of newspapers. The conference on changing paradigms in education was an eye-opener.



SUNIL KANT CHADHA

Principal, GAV Public School Kangra
Education system should be meaningful. It should be flexible and responsive. The student should convincingly be inspired and made to feel valued and confident.



MEENAKSHI KASHYAP

Principal, Rainbow World School, Bhawarna
Innovations in education go hand in hand with the education system. Raising the quality & scale of innovations in education will positively affect whole society.



NAVNEET DOGRA

Principal, Bhartiya Vidyapeeth, Public Sr Sec School, Baijnath
The school education is basic mould in which the students are cast. A lot of innovations need to be made in school education and this conference was an eye-opener.