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*"In a gentle way, you can shake the world."*

- Mahatma Gandhi

Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, delivering the inaugural address at the National Round Table on Govt.-Industry Partnership for Theme-based Innovation Institutes, in New Delhi on September 24, 2012.

## HRM Inaugurates Conference on Theme-Based Innovation Institutes

Aiming to establish Institutes, which are different from those providing regular degrees, a National Roundtable Conference on Government-Industry Partnership was organized on September 24 and 25, 2012. Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, inaugurated the two-day conference, which would discuss setting up of theme-based Innovation Institutes. It was the Ministry of HRD that organized the Conference along with the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

The event has, once again, emphasized the importance of the working partnership between the Union Government and the industry, in order to give a new direction to education for tomorrow.

During the two days, a stimulating discussion on the theme was undertaken over 8 sessions. It was decided that the Ministries as well as the Industry would work together to set up these Theme-based innovation Institutes, which would be responsible for research and development in specialized areas. These

Institutes would be fully autonomous and these would also enter into a twining and collaborative programme with other universities/institutes/research organizations. The Innovation Institutes will have trained people working on research and innovation that would earn them a Ph. D degree in different areas. The respective Ministries under the Union Government are required to play the role of facilitators while the respective industry partner will set up the institute and run it.

In addition to the MHRD, the Ministries, which participated in the 2-day Conference include - Communication & Information Technology, Information and Broadcasting, Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises, Textiles, Petroleum & Natural Gas, New Renewable Energy, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Road Transport & Highways, Urban Development, Water Resources, Mines, Coal, Environment & Forests, Tourism, Finance, Health & Family Welfare, Chemicals & Fertilizers, Agriculture and Food Processing Industries.

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The XII Five Year Plan is underway and it incorporates a number of new initiatives to take our system of Higher Education in India to new heights. In the past three months, a lot has happened by way of new developments and this issue of The Newsletter on Higher Education brings you a glimpse of all that and more.

The first and foremost is the Conference held in September to discuss setting up of theme-based Innovation Institutes in the country. Organized jointly by the MHRD, the AICTE, and the Confederation of Indian Industry, the Innovation Institutes are definitely going to spell a new phase in Higher Education sector.

Another event of significance is the release of the first Provisional Report of the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE). Released by the Hon'ble HRM, the report comes at a time when the Survey for the first year is about to close and the Survey for the year 2011-12 is to be announced shortly. The data estimates collected till now reveal that the GER of the country is 18.8% for the age group 18-23 years which is, again, an encouraging sign.

The National Teachers' Awards ceremony was organized on the occasion of Teachers' Day, September 5th, 2012, in which the Hon'ble President Shri Pranab Mukherjee addressed the teachers and presented awards to 310 teachers from all over the country. One cannot agree more with what the President said - In order to build "the India of our dreams," we need to "improve the quality of education in the country."

While it is the Ministry's constant pursuit to improve the quality of education in the country, efforts such as this Newsletter help us in bringing us closer to the public opinion, which is critical in this mission. As always, looking forward to your contribution to this ongoing struggle.



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## 200 Community Colleges in India by 2013

The Government of India has accepted the recommendations of the Committee of State Education Ministers, which was constituted to devise the concept and framework of Community Colleges in the country. As per the report submitted by the Committee and accepted by the Government, 200 such colleges would be set up on pilot basis from existing colleges/polytechnics and the same will become operational from 2013.

In the initial stages of this operation, the Government has decided to identify host institutions for these Community Colleges. The host institutions would preferably be located near industrial clusters. It has also been decided that development of curriculum, training of trainers/teachers, supply of adjunct faculty and 'hands on' practical training and evaluation would be done in association with the Industry, including business and service sector. These Community Colleges would have short duration to degree-level courses divided into credit-based modules to facilitate horizontal and vertical mobility.

The States and Union Territories, who will be implementing this scheme ultimately, have been informed of the schedule of activities to be implemented with respect of setting up of the Community Colleges. Some of these activities include identification of College, partner industry, courses to be offered and qualified teachers/instructors, etc.

In order to sensitize the State Governments/UTs, a national seminar was held in New Delhi on August 13, 2012. Besides, the first regional seminar was held on August 27, 2012 in Lucknow, where apart from the officers of the State Government, principals of 32 host institutions and representatives of industries were also present. More regional seminars for other parts of the country are planned to be held in due time.

The participation of the industry is of paramount importance to the success of this scheme. In this regard, a meeting was held with the officials of FICCI, select industry representatives and Planning Commission on August 3, 2012.

In addition to all this, the Government also proposes to

hold a 2-day International Conference, to discuss the issues related to the management, governance and functioning of the Community Colleges.

## India's GER is 18.8%, Says AISHE Provisional Report

There were two highlights of the ceremony of release of the very first Provisional Report of the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), held on September 28, 2012. One was that Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, proudly presented the report to the public and second was that the country's Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) has grown to 18.8%, which is an encouraging sign for the Government as well as the public.

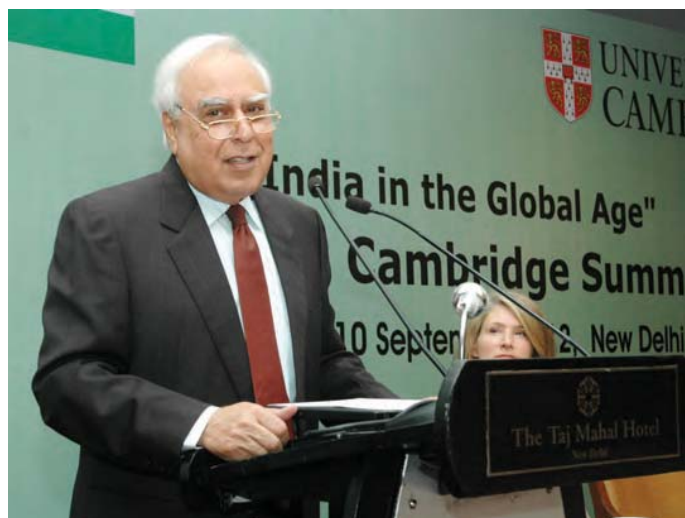
The Report contains countrywide estimates of GER on the basis of data collected till July 31, 2012, from the Higher Education (HE) Institutions of the country including Universities, Colleges, and Stand-Alone Institutions. The Survey manages statistics directly online from respondent Institutions and it also has a designated Task Force to carry out the Survey work. This Task Force has representations from stake-holders including the Ministry, the UGC, the AICTE, various Regulatory Bodies, as well as Departments of Higher Education of the State. Shri Sunil Kumar, Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh, is its Chairman.

The Provisional Report contains statistical information on various aspects of all the Institutions of Higher Education in India. It is heartening to know that the overall Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of the country stands at 18.8% (based on estimated figures collected till July 31, 2012). The estimated statistics are expected to be revised, considering that data is still being uploaded on the AISHE portal (<http://aishe.gov.in> or <http://aishe.nic.in>). Few more detailed reports will be released as the first year of the survey comes to a close. The Ministry has also taken a decision to continue the Survey on annual basis which will replace the existing manual system of data collection in higher education. The Survey for the year 2011-12 will be launched on November 11, 2012, the Education Day.

## Chancellors Appointed to 17 Central Universities

S. No.	Name of University	Name of Chancellor
1	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak	Shri S. M. Jharwal
2	Central University of Bihar	Ms. Meira Kumar
3	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)	Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon
4	Central University of Gujarat	Dr. Y. K. Alagh
5	Central University of Haryana	Shri Vijay Kelkar
6	Central University of Himachal Pradesh	Shri Arun Maira
7	Central University of Kashmir	Dr. Srikumar Bannerjee
8	Central University of Jharkhand	Justice (Retd.) V. N. Khare
9	Central University of Karnataka	Shri U. R. Ananthamurthy
10	Central University of Kerala	Shri V. L. Chopra
11	Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.)	Shri Manishankar Aiyar
12	Central University of Orissa	Dr. K. Sreenath Reddy
13	Central University of Punjab	Sh. S. S. Johl
14	Central University of Rajasthan	Shri Sam Pitroda
15	Central University of Tamil Nadu	Shri V. Krishn Murthy
16	Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar (Uttarakhand)	Shri Shyam Saran
17	Central University of Jammu	Shri N. N. Vohra

## India-Cambridge Summit 2012 Held



Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, addressing the India-Cambridge Summit, in New Delhi on September 10, 2012.

India-Cambridge Summit was organized on September 10, 2012, in New Delhi, where Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, was the Guest of Honor. Shri Sibal spoke on the issue of "The Future of the University" during the event.

Other participants at the event include Professor Sir Christopher Bayly, Director, Centre of South Asian Studies (Summit Host), Smt. Meira Kumar, Speaker, Lok Sabha (Chief Guest), and Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cambridge. The topics taken up for discussion during the Summit include - 'India and the Global Financial Crisis,' "Capital Century: Delhi 1911 and Delhi 2012," "Evidence, Social Policy and the Challenge of Development," "Contemporary Indian Art and Cultural Politics," and "Ideas of India's Democracy."

## National Awards to Teachers 2012 President's Piece of Advice to Build 'India of Our Dreams'



President Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, and Shri E. Ahamed, Minister of State for HRD, during the presentation ceremony of the National Awards to Teachers 2011 on September 5, 2012.

In order to build “the India of our dreams,” we need to “improve the quality of education in the country.” That is the foremost task laid down by the Hon’ble President Shri Pranab Mukherjee as he addressed teachers on the occasion of the National Awards to Teachers 2011 ceremony on September 5, 2012.

While presenting the awards to about 310 teachers from all over the country, President Mukherjee said, “Your sacred duty is to enable your pupils to construct knowledge, to discover their own talents, and to develop their physical and interpersonal skills, cognitive abilities and subject-matter expertise. Education must enrich their minds, broaden their horizons and give them ever-lasting hunger for exploring new ideas and vistas of opportunity.” Along with the National Awards to Teachers for 2011, the ceremony also saw 20 more awards given under the National ICT Award category for School Teachers, for the years 2010 and 2011.

Speaking about the educational activities and learning processes, the President said, “It is necessary to design appropriate learning experiences for the students. Development of a scientific temperament is essential. Adaptation to and application of new technology has to be an integral part of the curriculum development for all stages of education. New methods and teaching aids must equip the younger generations to learn more,

explore more and contribute more to the society.” The President also expressed hope that the government’s “National Mission on Teachers and Training” would address the needs of “qualified and competent teachers” to attain a new orientation and evolve an enhanced institutional capacity.

Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, who also addressed the teachers on the occasion, said, “Teachers still occupy the pivotal role in shaping minds and characters, but teachers today are not the sole medium for transfer of knowledge. The interactions in the classroom are supplemented by various other sources of information and competing thoughts. Recognising the changing role of the teacher and to orient the education system towards this change, we propose to launch the National Mission on Teachers & Teaching in the Twelfth Plan.” He also said that education was no less than “an investment in the genius of the human mind - unlike investment in land, capital, finance or technology. If education has the power to transform lives, then at the core of the transformation is the teacher.”

Also present on the occasion were Shri E Ahamed, Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Shri Ashok Thakur, Secretary (HE) and Smt. Anshu Vaish, Secretary (SE&L).

## IIT Bombay Holds Golden Jubilee Convocation

The Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IITB) held its 50th Convocation ceremony on August 18, 2012. Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, was the Chief Guest and he also delivered the Golden Jubilee Convocation Address. Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, Shri K. Shankaranarayanan, Governor of Maharashtra, and Shri Prithviraj Chavan, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, were other guests on the occasion.

Prof. Devang Khakhar, Director, IIT Bombay, addressed the audience on the occasion, highlighting the achievements of the institute. He said, “The 50th Convocation is a significant milestone for the institute. This year, IIT Bombay gave away 2006 degrees to successful candidates at various levels.

Out of a total of 2006 degrees, a degree of “Doctor of Science - Honoris Causa” was conferred upon Shri Azim Premji, noted industrialist, Chairman of Wipro Ltd. and a renowned philanthropist.

**संस्कृत, फारसी, अरबी और पाली/प्राकृत भाषा के विद्वानों का सम्मान**

राष्ट्रपति श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी ने 15 अगस्त, 2012 को संस्कृत, फारसी, अरबी और पाली/प्राकृत भाषा के निम्नलिखित विद्वानों को उनके उल्लेखनीय योगदान के लिए सम्मान पत्र प्रदान किए हैं :-

**संस्कृत**

1. श्री कृष्णयाजी
2. प्रोफेसर कृष्णानंद झा
3. श्रीमती मनीषा पाठक
4. डॉ. रवीन्द्र कुमार नागर
5. श्री अंबाराम मणिशंकर जोशी
6. डॉ. रामेश्वर दत्त शर्मा
7. श्री हरीश चंद्र रेनापुरकर
8. डॉ. के चंद्र शेखरन नायर
9. डॉ. चांडे पंकज त्रिम्बक
10. पंडित गोविंदा चंद्र मिश्रा
11. स्वामी निगमबोध तीरथ राधाकृष्णा
12. डॉ. पुष्कर दत्त शर्मा
13. श्री पांडावेरी चक्रवर्ती सतकोपाचारियर
14. प्रोफेसर सुधाशुशेखर शास्त्री
15. डॉ. जयदेव वेदलंकर

**संस्कृत (अंतर्राष्ट्रीय)**

1. श्री जार्ज कारडोना

**फारसी**

1. प्रोफेसर हाफिज अब्दुल मन्नान
2. श्री हाफिज शाह ताकी अनवर
3. प्रोफेसर खान मोहम्मद आतिक

**अरबी**

1. मौलाना मुफ्ती हाकिम अहमद हसन खान
2. प्रोफेसर सैय्यद कफील अहमद कासमी
3. प्रोफेसर शम्स तबरेज़ खान

**पाली/प्राकृत**

1. प्रोफेसर सुदर्शन लाल जैन

इसके अतिरिक्त राष्ट्रपति द्वारा संस्कृत, फारसी, अरबी और पाली/प्राकृत भाषा के निम्नलिखित विद्वानों को महर्षि बद्रायन व्यास सम्मान से सम्मानित किया गया—

**संस्कृत**

1. डॉ. परमानंद झा
2. डॉ. के ई मधुसुदन
3. डॉ. विष्णुकांत पांडे
4. डॉ. शत्रुघ्न त्रिपाठी

**फारसी**

1. डॉ. मोहम्मद एहतशामुद्दीन

**पाली/प्राकृत**

1. डॉ. रजनीश शुक्ला

ये सम्मान स्वतंत्रता दिवस पर संस्कृत, फारसी, अरबी और पाली/प्राकृत भाषा के क्षेत्र में उल्लेखनीय योगदान के लिए प्रदान किए जाते हैं ।

## Ministry Launches Anti-Ragging Web Portal



Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, launching the anti-ragging web portal, in New Delhi on July 26, 2012.

The Supreme Court of India has expressed concern over the increasing incidents of ragging in educational institutions and on May 8, 2009, the SC ordered a ragging prevention programme to be launched to prevent ragging on the campuses across the country. In this regard, Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, inaugurated the Anti-Ragging Web Portal on July 26, 2012. The portal, which has been developed jointly by the UGC, the EdCIL (India) Ltd. and Planet E-Com Solutions, will be instrumental in checking the growth of ragging incidents in the institutions.

The anti-ragging programme also comprises of setting up of Toll-free Anti-Ragging Helpline/Call Centre, Database of institutions/Students, engaging an independent non-governmental agency (NGO). This web portal, which will develop background software for smooth functioning of the anti-ragging efforts, will be at the centre of this programme.

The web portal will do the following:

- All calls received by Anti-ragging Helpline (18001805522) will be managed and followed up in a structured software system.
- Customized E-mail Management systems of the Call Centre
- Complaints follow up, log creation and display system on the web. Students can see the progress of their complaint any time on [www.antiragging.in](http://www.antiragging.in)

- Online anti ragging affidavits can be downloaded by students from [www.antiragging.in](http://www.antiragging.in)
- Creation of the colleges and universities data base.
- Reporting and statistics

Besides managing complaints, the web portal will follow up on these complaints and also forward them to the regulatory authorities for their timely redressal. The students can heave a sigh of relief now that the anti-ragging service is at their disposal.

## New Central University in Bihar

The Government of India has decided to establish one more Central University in Bihar. The new University is to be named "Central University of North Bihar" and it will be located at Motihari. The existing Central University in the state, located at Gaya, will be renamed "Central University of South Bihar." With this decision, the total number of Central Universities in Bihar is two.

## IITB Launches 'E-Yantra' Robotics Challenge



A Faculty member explaining the e-Yantra concept to the participants at IIT Bombay.

On July 3, 2012, IIT Bombay (IITB) announced the launch of 'E-Yantra' - an all India challenge on robotics. The initiative is different in its format in that the students participating in this challenge don't have to build a

robot. They will be provided with a robot already developed by IITB and the participants have to develop solutions to the pre-set tasks using those robots.

The main aim of this challenge is to allow students, registered as undergraduates in engineering colleges, to have a working experience of robotics. The students may be registered for courses across the disciplines like Computer Science, Information Technology, Mechanical Engineering, and Electrical and Electronics. The robotics challenge is designed to help each participant get a hands-on learning experience about the robots.

The Ministry of HRD sponsors E-Yantra under its National Mission on Education through Information & Communication Technology programme (NMEICT). Professors Kavi Arya and Krithi Ramamritham of the IITB's CSE Department have conceptualized E-Yantra after years of experience in teaching embedded systems. Those interested in knowing more about this programme can log onto [www.e-yantra.org](http://www.e-yantra.org).

## IIT Kharagpur Holds 58th Convocation Ceremony



Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India, releasing the IIT-KGP document along with Shri M. K. Narayanan, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal at the IIT-KGP Annual Convocation on September 15, 2012.

On September 15, 2012, the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-KGP), held its 58th Annual Convocation with Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India, as the Chief Guest. Among other guests on the occasion was Shri M. K. Narayanan, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal.

On the occasion, President Mukherjee and Shri

Narayanan released a document that is aimed at putting IIT-KGP in the list of top-20 educational institutions in the world by 2032. The document also symbolizes the culmination of IIT-KGP's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

In his address, Shri Mukherjee said, "From its very inception, IIT Kharagpur has been infused with a pioneering spirit. Perhaps this is due to it being housed in a building hallowed by some of India's great freedom fighters... Since then, this Institution has grown steadily in prestige and accomplishment - to become the incubator, then model, for modern technological education in India. The IIT system, which started from here, is a symbol of the progress and success of India in the field of technology."

## Jamia Millia Islamia Introduces Credit Transfer System at PG level

Providing a cutting edge to its students at the PG level, the Jamia Millia Islamia university has introduced the Credit Transfer System at the Post Graduate level across all the faculties, departments, and centres. Under this system, the students can opt for courses at the PG level across faculties and disciplines, thereby, allowing greater diversity and flexibility in University education.

With this system, the University attempts to promote inter-disciplinary studies, which would allow students a wide range of choice and help them to acquire 'holistic knowledge and better understanding' of their surroundings.



Shri Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, awarding one of the degrees at the IITB Golden Jubilee Annual Convocation ceremony on August 18, 2012.



## India, UNESCO Sign Agreement for MGIEP as Category-I Institute



Shri Sibal and Ms. Bokova exchanging the signed documents of the agreement for setting up MGIEP on July 9, 2012.

Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, signed an agreement for setting up the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) as a UNESCO Category-I Institute on July 9, 2012 in Paris. The Institute will be the first of its kind in the Asia Pacific region and it will be established in New Delhi. While signing the agreement, Shri Sibal said, "The challenges of the 21st century are qualitatively different from the challenges of the 20th century. Global understanding and education would assist in appreciating the impact of these challenges on peace and its relation to sustainable development. The MGIEP comes at the right time - a time when the world is debating the contours of the century ahead." The agreement was signed between Shri Sibal and Ms. Irina Bokova, the Director General of UNESCO.

The agreement signifies the completion of a three-year-long process, which began with the decision being taken at the UNESCO's 35th General Conference in 2009. The agreement envisages the core activity of the Institute to be focused on research and capacity building. The Institute would be responsible for exchange of knowledge, regional networking, and innovate new approaches to education. In short, the MGIEP would be largely functioning on the vision of peace and sustainability taught by the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

Paying tribute to Gandhi's universal legacy, Shri Sibal praised the great leader's vision of education and also

highlighted the vision's relevance even today. The Minister said, "Gandhi said that we have enough for everyone's need but not enough for everyone's greed. This is the source of conflict. The crises the global community faces needs to be addressed through the inspirational wisdom of Gandhi, who said that for a person to be truly educated, you had to have a united approach, by training the mind to think, the hands to acquire skills and the heart for human values and ethics."

UNESCO will set up an Expert Advisory Group soon to develop an agenda for the Institute.

## Dr. Purandeswari for Educational Cooperation among EAS Countries



Dr. (Smt.) D. Purandeswari, with other Ministers of the EAS countries at the First EAS Education Ministers' Meeting in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on July 5, 2012.

An Indian delegation, led by Dr. (Smt.) D. Purandeswari, Minister of State for HRD, attended the First East Asia Summit Education Ministers' Meeting (EAS EMM). While addressing the meeting, the Minister said that it was time to boost educational cooperation among the member countries of EAS. In this regard, she suggested that issues such as credit transfer, mutual recognition of degrees, free flow of highly qualified people, earmarking of seats for students, setting up corpus fund to promote research, to be taken care of while evolving cooperation strategy between countries.

In this regard, Dr. (Smt.) Purandeswari also conveyed to the gathering the Indian proposal to establish an EAS Regional Leadership Development Programme. This programme will provide access to Higher Education for the generation of future leadership in areas, which have regional importance. The Indian delegation also

informed the participants of its plans to link the National Qualification Framework (NQF) to the regional framework development, to encourage Regional Inter-Operability of the NQF.



Dr. (Smt.) D. Purandeswari in a meeting with Prof. Muhammad Nuh, Indonesian Minister for Education and Culture on July 4, 2012.

On the sidelines of the EAS meet, the Minister of State also met representatives of the governments of Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, and the US. She met Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nuh, Minister of Education and Culture, Indonesia, Mr. Steven Joice, Minister of Education, New Zealand, Mr. Christopher Evans, Minister of Education, Australia, and Senator Anthony Wilder Miller, Deputy Secretary for Education, the US.

The meeting, held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on July 5, 2012, was attended, among others, by Dr. R. Govinda, Vice Chancellor of the National University for Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), Ms. Radha Chauhan, Joint Secretary (MHRD), Mr. K. Gunasekaran, Additional Secretary, University Grants Commission, and Mr. Nikhilesh Giri, First Secretary (ASEAN), Embassy of India, Jakarta.

## IIAS, UNDP Sign Agreement for Human Dev Centre

The Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have decided to set up a knowledge-based, solution-providing International Centre for Human Development (ICHD) in India. This Centre will provide supporting infrastructure for integrated overall human development along with improving the lot of poor and marginalized people. An agreement in this regard was signed between Shri Peter R deSouza, Director, IIAS and

Ms. Lise Grande, UNDP Resident Representative, India. The agreement was signed in the presence of Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister.

Since the governments today are dealing with the multiple challenges arising out of the increasing aspirations of citizens, the Centre will provide help in the form of new approaches and solutions to help them face the rapidly globalizing economy, environmental sustainability, and rising inequality in every sphere of the society.

Describing the Centre's objectives, Shri deSouza said, "The Centre will provide a range of services to national governments (in the region) and will be guided by the objective of translating the analysis of human development reporting to policy inputs and practices that can help advance human development." Among the services of the Centre, which the IIAS Director outlined, there is research and analysis support on the policy dimensions of a human development approach including trade-offs of various people-centered policy measures; policy advisory services that can help translate the human development concept into policies aimed at improving human development at national, sub-national and local levels; developing capacity of national governments, parliamentarians, CSOs and academia to undertake human development-oriented policymaking and advocacy, etc.



Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, in a meeting with Mr. Farook Wardak, Minister of Education, Afghanistan, in New Delhi on September 11, 2012.

## MHRD Consultative Committee Meeting, Proposal to Set Up Edu Mgmt Centres

At the meeting of the Consultative Committee of Parliament for the MHRD on July 31, 2012, the UGC proposed setting up of four Regional Centres of Educational Management. The meeting, held on the topic, "Proposed National Mission on Teachers and Training" was also shown a presentation in this regard.

Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of HRD, who addressed the meeting, said that the National Mission on Teacher Training would not only address the immediate issues like supply of qualified teachers but will also pursue the long term goal of building a "strong, professional cadre" of teachers by establishing standards for performance.

In the said presentation, the UGC explained its two proposals regarding improving the present scenario of teacher training. The first proposal is related to setting up of the Regional Centres. The UGC has proposed that the three Centres could be set up in the Indian Institutes of Management located in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, and Kolkata, and the fourth one in the National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi.

The UGC has also suggested establishment of Centres of Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education to facilitate development of specialized cadre of academy of teaching and teacher educators. The proposal is to establish these Centres in national level institutions such as Indian Institute of Science, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, etc.

During the presentation, it was highlighted that the Technology Enabled Learning (TEL) programme could also play a role in the capacity-building of teachers in the educational institutions. The meeting was informed that in order to train teachers for polytechnics, "Summer Schools" were to be organized during the forthcoming summer season at the four National Institutes of Technical Teachers' Training & Research (NITTRs). The training would be organized at Bhopal, Chandigarh, Chennai, and Kolkata and it will benefit about 4,000 technical teachers of polytechnics.

Dr. (Smt.) D. Purandeswari, Minister of State for HRD,

was also present at the meeting, as were Shri Ashok Thakur, Secretary (HE), Smt. Anshu Vaish, Secretary (SE&L) as well as the Members of Parliament including: Shri Jose K. Mani, Shri Jagda Nand Singh, Shri Ganeshrao Nagorao Dudhgaonkar, Shri Prem Das Rai, Smt. Rama Devi, Dr. Ram Prakash, Shri Ishwar Singh, Smt. Vasanthi Stanley, Shri Mohammed Shafi, Shri G.N. Ratanpuri, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan and Shri Avinash Pande.

## MHRD Sanctions 3 New IIITs on Public-Private Partnership

India's growth in the IT sector has been phenomenal. Yet, the fruits of this growth are yet to reach the underprivileged class of people. In order to make that possible, the Ministry of HRD is going to establish 20 new Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), on a not-for-profit Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. Out of these 20, 3 new IIITs have already been sanctioned in the states of Assam, Rajasthan, and Tripura.

As the reader is aware, the major objective of establishing IIITs is to set up a model of education that can produce world class human resources in the field of IT, harnessing the multi-dimensional facets of IT, these new Institutes are believed to be self-sustaining and research-led. Apart from the MHRD, respective State Governments and the Industry would be partners in setting up of these IIITs.

## UGC Mulls 10 yr Fixed Term for College Principals

The University Grants Commission (UGC) is planning to fix the tenure for college principals for 10 years. A review panel of the Commission met recently to recommend the 10 year fixed tenure. According to the present criteria, the principals are to retire at the age of 65. The review committee is headed by Sh. Dinesh Singh, vice-chancellor of Delhi University.

According to the UGC regulations, "the term of appointment of the college principal shall be of five years with eligibility for reappointment for one more term only after a similar selection committee process." In case the review panel's suggestion is implemented, all the new appointments of the college principals will be for not more than 10 years. However, the principals can be awarded a second term of five years, depending upon certain factors.

## Appointments

Ms. Kalpana Narain, Director  
Shri S.K. Mohanty, Deputy Secretary (DS)  
Shri S. Shanker, DS  
Shri R.A. Singh, DS  
Shri Anil Kakria, DS  
Shri P.K. Bhatnagar, DS  
Shri Manoj Kumar Verma, Assistant Director  
Shri A.N. Bokshi, Consultant  
Shri P. Koyakutty, Assistant Personal Secretary to MoS (EA)  
Dr. Nagesh Singh, Adviser  
Shri S.K. Saha, Section Officer (SO)  
Shri Kailash Chander, SO  
Shri Varghese Yohanan, SO

## Transfers

Smt. Sujasha Chowdhary, US  
Smt. Pushpa Gautam, SO  
Smt. Samiksha Lamba, SO  
Shri H.R. Rana, SO  
Shri Devi Ram, SO

## Retirements

Shri H.R. Joshi, Director  
Shri H.S. Bakshi, Director  
Shri K. R. Saha, Under Secretary (US)  
Shri P.K. Madan, SO  
Sh. B. B. Sharma, DS  
Sh. Balram Verma, SO  
Sh. Megh Ram, SO