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## **Goals of academic eco-systems for the Millenials and the Generation Z**

The National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli and IIIT, Srirangam together celebrated the National Education Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of Independent India. Dr R Karvembu, Associate Dean of Academics organised the event. To mark the occasion, a special address on "Goals of future education" was delivered by Dr S Arul Daniel, former Dean(Academic) of the Institute. Bringing to attention the context of future academic eco-system, Dr Daniel presented the shocking data that there is a suicide every 40 seconds in the world and the deaths due to suicide are more than 5 times caused by the Tsunami of 2004. Further, there is one person out of every four being mentally ill or addicted to substance misuse.

Considering that the millennial and the Generation Z are of the high-risk group prone to the societal malady of suicide and mental illness, the goals of future education should be set, said Dr Daniel. Stressing on the importance of the remnant thoughts and behaviour that is left on an individual after graduation, the special address emphasised the need for providing a journey during the time of stay in the college to allow the student imbibe empathy, trustworthiness, deep relationships and lifelong learning skills. Drawing lessons from some of the Distinguished Alumni who had testified that it is a relationship with faculty members, friends and inter-personal skills that had been of help in their career, Dr Daniel said that future academic eco-system should shift the focus from training towards "what they can?" to "who they are?". Dr Kumaresan, Dean of IIIT, Srirangam was present.

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