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HRD Minister inaugurates Siemens Centre of Excellence at NIT-T

The Union Minister for HRD, Shri. Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the 190 Crore Centre of Dynamic Excellence in Manufacturing, in partnership with Siemens Industry Software, one of first of its kind in Centrally funded technical Institutes. The grand ceremony also saw the release of the Institute's Five Year Strategic Plan (2019-2024) along with the launch of the official website of Sangam, the Hardware Hackathon of Pragyan 2019 - the flagship techno-managerial fest of NIT Tiruchirappalli.



In his address, the HRD Minister underlined Centres such as these are the need of the hour for promoting experiential learning that can provide solutions to real-life problems. Congratulating the Director on the inauguration of the first “Centre of Dynamic Excellence in Manufacturing” of the country, he wished that the NIT Tiruchirappalli-Siemens venture would become a model for Industry-Institute interactions that his Ministry is focusing through Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan. The event was crowned by the BHEL, Tiruchirappalli handing over a Consultancy Project to the Centre to the tune of 1.2 Crore to develop an Electric bus.



The Hon'ble HRD Minister urged the young minds of New India to work on Industry and Society-centric issues. He added that there is a new generation of school children working with 2500 Atal Tinkering Labs in the areas of Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, 3D printing and IoT. Launching the Hardware Hackathon in NIT Trichy, he also highlighted the prototyping and product development as a positive outcome of the Smart India Hackathon, which has fostered innovation among young minds and resulted in real solutions to societal problems. He also mentioned that the Government is revisiting policy to facilitate the services of foreign faculty in Indian institutions and that we need to move from an application oriented-culture to an innovation-culture. Shri Prakash Javadekar also emphasised the importance of ideas getting translated into projects. He told the gathering about a meeting he had with Steve Jobs before the launch of iPhone and how the Apple innovator was explaining the idea as if the product is already in existence. The Minister advised the students to make use of all the facilities and come up with innovative solutions to real-life problems for sustainable development.

Dr Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT, Tiruchirappalli in her Welcome address, enumerated the NIT-T's dreams that have been achieved in the recent past and also enunciated the achievement of future dreams through the implementation of five-year strategic plan of NIT-T (2019-24). She asserted that the strategic plan's emphasis is on five aspects such as A. Teaching and Learning, B. Research, C. Collaboration, D. Sustainability & E. Infrastructure, and insisted that NIT-T aspires to transform itself into a multidisciplinary university, where research-driven teaching will happen leading to the transformation from Regional to Global campus along with international accreditation. She ensured that NIT-T will be among the top 8-10 Technical Institutions in India and among the top 500 universities in the world in 5 years and postulated that these changes will be achieved through the establishment of SIEMENS centre of excellence in Manufacturing.



Shri. Matthew Thomas, Country Sales Leader of Siemens Software, addressed the gathering regarding the importance of bridging the gap between industries and academic institutions. He spoke on the future - Industry 4.0, with emphasis on ideation and digitalisation. He announced his pleasure in offering Rupees 12 Lakhs for designing and evaluating Robotics for the CoE.

Find the link of speech by Honorable. Minister of HRD at NIT Trichy on 5 October 2018.

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