



PRESS NOTE

Telangana State Council of Higher Education along with British Council has organized a “**Round Table Conference on Employment and Employability Skills in Higher Education**” on 18th of February, 2019 at The Hotel Plaza, Begumpet, Hyderabad. The Conference began with inaugural session which was chaired by Prof. T Papi Reddy, Chairman, TSCHE and co-chaired by Ms. Manjula Rao, Director, Higher Education and Society, British Council, India.

The Key note address was delivered by Sri. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Principal Secretary to Gov. IT & C Department, Govt. of Telangana. He spoke about value addition, skill development for future jobs and freedom in thinking. He stressed about the activities of TASK and pleaded the Universities to encourage the students to take up entrepreneurship as most of the IIT students are preferring to become independent entrepreneurs rather than taking up employment.

Sir Ajay Mishra, IAS, Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, HE, focused on Employability and the skills that are needed to ensure a job for the students. He said the Academic Excellence should be a product of Curriculum of Universities but not from the market. Application of the knowledge should be a life long process .

Sri. Navin Mittal, IAS, Commissioner, CCE & CTE, Govt. of Telangana, Spoke on making curriculum more oriented towards critical and logical thinking and that extra-curricular and co-curricular activities to become a part of curriculum so that the students would earn while learning. He highlighted the use of Technology in education and also about CBCS to be flexible so that the students would take course through MOOCS.

Prof. R Limbadri, Vice Chairman, TSCHE spoke on Re-designing the curriculum to suit the employability. Prof. V Venkata Ramana, Vice Chairman, TSCHE summed up the session and offered vote of thanks.

The Inaugural session was followed by three plenary sessions where the three speakers from UK addressed.

1. Ms. Nicola Turner, Head of Skills, OFS spoke on Employment, Employability & Skill Mismatch in the Labour Market.
2. Paul Blackmore, Divisional Head, Student Employability and Academic success, University of Exeter, England.
3. Dr. Gerbrand Tholen, Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the Department of Sociology at City University of London.

This was followed by a Group Discussion wherein all the participants were divided into three groups and the three experts from UK , wherein all the participants were divided into three groups and the three experts from the UK interacted with all the three groups. The following resolutions were drawn.

- There is an urgent need to address the skill mismatch in education and employment.
- To train the youth of India who have high potential.
- Skill utilization should go to the ground level to train all faculties.
- The students should be trained for future job market which is constantly changing.
- Not just Engineers , even the graduates of Sciences, Arts and Commerce should also be made skill oriented.

As an immediate gesture Prof Khaja Altaf Hussain , Vice Chancellor, MGU has announced his decision to establish a Skill Centre at Mahatma Gandhi University.

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CHAIRMAN, TSCHE