

MP Vigyan Sammelan ends on a high note

'There's a need to link ancient Indian knowledge with education system'



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Union minister of state for education Subhash Sarkar said here on Saturday that the Indian Institutes of Technology should link ancient Indian knowledge to the education system. "India was known for its world-class institutions, such as Nalanda, Vikramashila, Takshashila, Vallabhi, and so forth where quality multi-disciplinary teaching and research were common," he said while addressing the valedictory function of the Madhya Pradesh Vigyan Sammelan (MPSV)-2021 at IIT Indore. He was the chief guest of the function.

"Our institutions used to practise the Vedas with the Sciences, Mathematics, Ayurveda, Literature, Economics, Engineering, Astronomy and human values. These institutions produced great scholars, such as Charak, Susruta, Aryabhatta, Varahamihira, Bhaskaracharya, Brahmgupta, Chanakya, Panini, Gargi and Maitreyi among numerous others who made seminal contributions to the growth of knowledge in diverse fields like Mathematics, Astronomy, Medical Sciences, Yoga, Fine Arts, Surgery, Civil Engineering and so forth," Sarkar said.

Sarkar added that the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, aimed at en-

hancing the new learning paradigm through the adoption of new education technologies or developing available in-house skills. "NEP-2020 has laid special focus on the use of technology in the teaching-learning process. It emphasised online learning with proper support of digital infrastructure and bridging the present digital gap," he said. The state's higher education minister, Mohan, lauded the support provided by IIT-Indore, Vigyan Bharti and MPCST in implementation of NEP in Madhya Pradesh and added that the ideas of the common man also creates new inventions.

IIT-Indore's officiating director Prof. Neelesh Jain said that India was being driven rapidly by evolving technology and science. Hence, there was an increased demand for the transformation of R&D, innovation, skill development, technology and science to deliver products and services to society. MPSV-2021 general organising secretary Santosh Vishvakarma dubbed the four-day event as a major success. "This year, we'd engaged 12 leading institutions of Indore with MPSV. Now, we'll create a collaborative ecosystem with all leading institutions in the state on board," he added. Organising secretary Rajeev Dixit said that, next year, the MPSV would be held on an even more grand scale.