

# Summit rakes up academic issues



Food and civil supply minister Saryu Roy (centre) at the Assocham summit in Ranchi on Saturday. (Hardeep Singh)

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Ranchi, May 20: Issues ranging from the autonomy of universities to the importance of skill training to improve employability were raked up at a daylong summit on "Excellence in Education" organised by the Associated Chambers of Commerce of India (Assocham) in the city today.

State food and parliamentary affairs minister Saryu Roy, who was the chief guest at the inaugural session, said varsities were supposed to enjoy both administrative and academic autonomy but their powers were being compromised by the interference of the government.

Roy said the government, which gave grants to the universities, felt it had the right to

intervene but it was a misplaced concept because the funds came from taxpayers' money and the government was only its custodian.

However, he said private institutions that functioned differently couldn't fill up the void created by the lack of government institutes.

Former Jharkhand High Court judge R.K. Merathia, who is currently the president of Jharkhand State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, pointed out the poor state of government institutions.

"Even a low-paid employee prefers to send his children to a private school these days even if it means facing extra financial burden," he said.

Highlighting the lapses in the current education policy, Merathia said the practice of

promoting continually without putting them to any test was harming them. "Why should a student study when he knows he cannot be detained and will be promoted?" he wondered.

Urging authorities to take corrective measures, he said the essence of education lies in drawing out the very best in the students, not in making machines out of them.

Others who spoke at the event stressed the need to enhance the employability of students through skill-based training and catering to the needs of industry.

"We should assess the needs of the industry and train the students accordingly," said R.N. Yadav, vice chancellor of AISECT University, Jharkhand.

# Quality of education should be increased: Saryu Rai

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## 'Excellence in Education Award' for 13 educational institutions

ANURAG THAKUR

RANCHI: Parliamentary Affairs Minister Saryu Rai said quality of education should be increased. The government wants to give every possible facility to the universities but they fail to grab it. The reputation of the university has declined, which is a matter of concern. Rai was speaking as the chief guest in the Assocham National Summit and Award programme organised at Hotel BVR here on Saturday. He also added that the role of government should also be reconsidered and autonomy must be properly complied with. On the occasion, Rai honoured 13 academic institutions with awards.

Retired Justice RK Merathia said that the root cause of all problems is illiteracy. In other words, the root system of problems is the education system. Whether it be



Saryu Rai (second from left) at a meeting in the capital on Saturday

governmental or non-governmental primary education is the only basis. In today's situ-

ation even the fourth class employers also do not want to teach their children in govern-

ment school. There is no such situation in other states. Merathia said that educa-

tion system has become a business these days. Teachers should be well-paid. If anyone

has surplus money they should spend it in free education. There are plenty of laws and regulations in education sector but still it is not being followed, he added.

Assocham's general secretary DS Rawat on the occasion said that talk is going on for generating employment at seven per cent in the country. But reality is that even one percent of the job creation is not getting possible. Employment is a big issue here. Further it was said of employment opportunities in IT, textile and pharmaceuticals, but the biggest loss was in these sectors only.

He said that four crore children will get enrol in higher education in the coming year. Skill development has to be paid attention. Assocham is working in skill development in Jharkhand. He said that the Assocham was formed in 1920. Today, Assocham is giving service to 450 lakh small, medium and large industries in the country.

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सरकारी शिक्षण व्यवस्था में कई तरह के पंच आ गए हैं। अब सरकार के लोग वीसी बनने लगे हैं। यही वजह है कि स्वायत्त संस्थान नतमस्तक की भूमिका में रहने लगे हैं। सरकारी शिक्षण व्यवस्था में अब रंगनेवाले लोग आ गए हैं। राज्य के खाद्य एवं आपूर्ति मंत्री सरयू राय ने शिक्षण संस्थान और व्यवस्था पर करारा चोट किया। वे होटल वीएनआर चाणक्य में शनिवार को एसोचैम की ओर से आयोजित नेशनल समिट ऑन एक्सलेंस इन एजुकेशन अवार्ड 2017 में बतौर मुख्य अतिथि बोल रहे थे।

उन्होंने कहा कि शिक्षण संस्थानों को केवल मुनाफे के चारे में नहीं सोचना चाहिए। गुणवत्ता बढ़ाना चाहिए, उल्टू शिक्षण व्यवस्था तैयार करनी चाहिए। मंत्री ने कहा कि इज ऑफ डूइंग बिजनेस एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय अवधारणा है। भारत में इसे कौपी कर लिया गया है। वह नहीं सोचा गया कि यह बाजार को नियंत्रित करनेवाले लोगों के लिए बना है। इसके बदले इज ऑफ डूइंग रिसर्चिबिलिटी बिजनेस होना चाहिए।

अवकाशप्राप्त न्यायाधीश एवं राज्य उपभोक्ता आयोग के अध्यक्ष जस्टिस आरके मेरठिया ने कहा कि प्राथमिक शिक्षा को अधिक मजबूत करना होगा। आज हालत है कि चतुर्थवर्गीय कर्मचारी भी अपने बच्चों को निजी स्कूलों में पढ़ाना चाहता है। दूसरे राज्यों में ऐसी स्थिति नहीं



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है। शिक्षकों को बढ़िया तनख्वाह मिलनी चाहिए, ताकि वे जिम्मेदारी के साथ नागरिक तैयार करें। वहीं शिक्षा विभाग के अपर सचिव संजीव चतुर्वेदी ने कहा कि सरकार विश्वविद्यालयों को मदद करना चाहती है, लेकिन वह उस तत्परता के साथ लेने को तैयार नहीं रहते। सरकारी कॉलेजों में दाखिलों को प्रति उदासीनता है। मात्र सात प्रतिशत युवाओं को मिल रहा रोजगार जो एलए चिवि के सीसी डी एम अग्रवाल

ने कहा कि कभी छात्रों के लिहाज से ओडिशा झारखंड से पीछे था, आज वह सबसे ऊपर चल रहा है। झारखंड की शिक्षा व्यवस्था पर लोगों की सोच सकारात्मक नहीं हो पा रही है। एक तरफ 40 प्रतिशत मिन्टल रिसोर्स है, दूसरी तरफ लिटरेसी में 25वें रैंक पर हैं। जनसंख्या 3.6 करोड़ है, लेकिन इंजीनियरिंग, फार्मसी के लिए मात्र 21,000 सीटें हैं। एसोचैम के महासचिव डीएस रावत ने कहा कि एक करोड़ तीस लाख युवा तैयार होते हैं हर साल रोजगार के लिए, लेकिन मात्र सात प्रतिशत को रोजगार मिल पा रहा है। मौके पर कई शिक्षण संस्थानों को पुरस्कृत भी किया गया। यहां एसोचैम के एरके सिंह, आरएन यादव, पूर्व वीसी एलएन भगत, अभियेक पंडित, सीके वर्मा आदि मौजूद थे।

