

PG Govt. College for Girls, Sector-42, Chandigarh

Summary of the Event

Date: 13 Nov. 2014

One day National Conference on **RUSA** (Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan)-**As Quality Intervention in Higher Education Sector** organized under the aegis of Department of Higher Education, Chandigarh Administration held today at PG Govt. College for Girls, Sector-42, Chandigarh. **Mr Sandeep Hans**, Director Higher Education, Chandigarh Administration was the Chief Guest on the occasion and he delivered a Presidential address and emphasised that our aim should be to prepare skilled human resource, as per vision of the new govt. at the centre, with rich moral and social values so that the person can give their best to the country. Earlier he has also released **e-Abstract Resource Book containing 54 abstracts**. More than 150 delegates from Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi and Chandigarh participated in the deliberation of the conference. **Mrs Mani Bedi**, Principal of the college, said that improvement of access along with equity and excellence, the adoption of state specific strategies, enhancing the relevance of higher education through curriculum reforms, vocationalisation, information technology, networking and distance education are some of the main policy initiatives of the higher education sector for achieving the desired goal of quality enhancement. **Dr M.P. Poonia**, Director, NITTTER, Chandigarh highlighted about Skill, employability and Higher Education. **Dr Vivek Nagpal**, Sr Consultant, RUSA Resource Centre, MHRD, GOI, elaborated about various dimensions of the RUSA like creation of Universities by way of upgradation of existing autonomous colleges; Creation of Universities by conversion of colleges in a cluster; Infrastructure grants to Universities and colleges; New Model Colleges (General); Upgradation of existing degree colleges to model colleges; New Colleges (Professional & Technical); Research, innovation and quality Improvement; Equity initiatives; Faculty Recruitment Support etc. to achieve the target of 32% national level GER. Ms **Kamna Raj Aggarwalla**, Convener CSR & Affirmative Action Panel, CII, Punjab laid stress on role of Corporate Social Responsibility. **Dr Niraj Seth**, Associate Director, Ernst & Young, New Delhi, explained about vocationalisation of Higher Education. **Dr Dalip Kumar**, Senator, Panjab University, Chandigarh elaborated about Assessment and Accreditation – A Gateway for Quality Assurance in Higher Education. He said only at present only 95 Indian Universities out of 700 and 3001 colleges out of 35539 are with valid status of accreditation which is a situation of concern for all of us. **Dr Punam Agarwal** proposed vote of thanks. **Ms Shwata Bali** conducting the proceeding of the conference.