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FIFTH DIMENSION

A convention on:-**“Upgradation of Bengal Engineering and Science University to an Institute of National Importance (INI)”**

Motion:- History –to create or to become?

List of speakers:

1. Mr. Shiddharta Sengupta (TCS, MUMBAI)
2. Mr. Sudhangshu Shekhar Chakraborty (MD, CES, Delhi)
3. Mr. Amitabha Ghoshal (President, GAABESU & MD, STUP)
4. Mr. Goutam Chatterjee (Chairman, Technical Education Sub-Committee, CII & Director, EXIDE)
5. Mr Susanta Chandra (Factory Manager, KAIL).
6. Prof. Soumitra Banerjee, Bhatnagar Awardee (Professor, IIT-KGP)
7. Prof. N.R.Banerjea, (Vice-chancellor, BESU, Shibpur)
8. Prof. Partha Protim Chattopadhyay, (Member Executive Committee, BESUTA)
9. Mr. Anil Majhi, (Representative, Staff Union)
10. Prof. N.R.Bandyopadhyay, (Chairman, Eastern Region, Institute of Engineers)
11. Mr. Indrajit Mukherjee, (Representative, PG Students' Union, BESU, Shibpur)
12. Mr. Mohar Sen, (Representative, BECSU)

Moderator:

Dr. Sabyasachi Sengupta, (Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT-Kharagpur)

Organized by **Bengal Engineering College Students' Union (BECSU)**

Events:

- The Convention started at 4:00 P.M. with the welcoming of the dignitaries and call on stage by Mr. Debroop Sengupta, Representative, BECSU.
- Dr. Sabyasachi Sengupta took over the charge as the moderator of the Convention.
- Introductory presentation by Mr. Debroop Sengupta, Representative, BECSU highlighting the genesis of 'FIFTH DIMENSION' & the need of BESUS being upgraded to an INI as visioned by the students.
- Presentation by Mr. Shiddartha Sengupta, highlighting the need of quality technical education in India keeping pace with the growing needs of global economical growth and how upgradation of BESUS can contribute to it.
- Speech by Dr. Sudhangshu Shekhar Chakraborty emphasizing
 1. The need to create a sense of pride among students to ignite the intrinsic potential in them.
 2. Lack of infrastructure, funds and proper thrust to motivate students and BESUS upgradation will help in overcoming them.
- Speech by Mr. Amitabha Ghosal, where he emphasized on
 1. Brain Drain—bright brains drifting to the western countries to lookout for better career opportunities.
 2. Aiming at higher education and imbibitions into R&D.
 3. BESUS leading students out of IT hoard to become academic heads in future.
- Speech by Mr. Gautam Chatterjee emphasizing the need of quality technical education in India keeping pace with growing world economy and how BESUS can be a precursor to such development. He also focused on urgency of bridging up the gap between the potential & performance of human resource in our country.
- Speech by Mr. Susanta Chandra, where he spoke about
 1. Improving quality academia through proper industry-academic co-operation and proper interface.
 2. Upgradation of BESUS to an institute of national stature, which will provide an opportunity to this institute to tap the development process at large.

- Speech by Prof. Soumitra Banerjee, who emphasized on
 1. BESUS's already existing talent pull that can be utilized using proper infrastructure for greater development of the nation.
 2. The glorious past of this institute and its pioneering presence in Indian technical education arena and its time that this institute receives its deserved recognition.
 3. BESUS's service towards the core-sector industries, R&D and educational institutes of repute at both national and international level.
 4. Political awakening among the students that arises social awareness thus ruling out self centered attitude among them through proper channelized methods like discussion & debates should be employed to maintain healthy political practice. There must be extensive provision of intellectual resource available before the student to aid their involvement in most productive way.
 5. Industry oriented research by the students.
- Speech by Vice-chancellor, where he touched upon two main issues pertaining to the make over,
 1. Modus operandi of admitting students to an IEST ---by reserving 50% of seats for the West Bengal State Candidates and opening up the rest of the seats for students across the country.
 2. The governance mechanism in BESU follows a more democratic pattern than the IITs. All the state universities in West Bengal including BESU enjoy a high degree of autonomy. He also highlighted that the present governance structure of BESUS is closest to the same practiced in IITs and other INIs.
 3. Both Central & State governments have certain roles to play in the governance of an institution upgraded to an IEST.

- Presentation by Prof. P. P. Chattopadhyay highlighting
 1. BESUS's emergence as the top institute to be upgraded in the Anandkrishnan Committee report submitted to the MHRD, Government of India.
 2. The need to manage the dissemination & application of knowledge.
 3. He stated the vision of the institute to be transformed as a leading institute of India and also uttered the resolution of BESUTA as :

“The declaration of the proposed upgradation of BESUS to INI should be on or before 24th November (inauguration of 150 year Celebration) following the total spirit and content of Anandkrishnan Committee Report.”

- Speech by Mr. Anil Majhi Supporting the upgradation and betterment of the institution while keeping in mind the best of the interests of the students, staff and faculty members of the institution.
- Speech by Prof. N. R. Bandyopadhyay highlighting the glorious past of the institution, the need of upgradation and the point of view of the Institute of Engineers (India) regarding this issue.
- Speech by Mr. Indrajit Mukherjee, supporting the cause on behalf of the Post Graduate Students' Union.
- Session ending speech & vote of thanks by Mr. Mohar Sen, summing up the whole discussion and specifically stating the view of the Under Graduate Students' Union (BECSU) in organising this convention and the issue.
- Reading out of the resolution taken in the convention by moderator Dr. Sabyasachi Sengupta ending the convention.

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