

Change curriculum to meet industry needs, says V-C

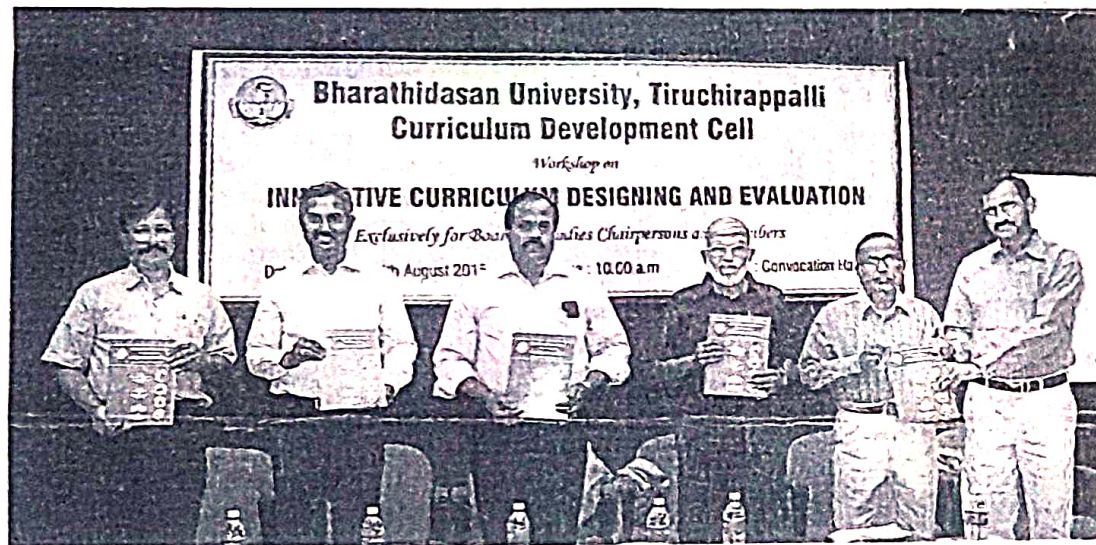
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TIRUCHI: Universities in the State should adopt innovative curriculum with a focus on the present-day needs of industry and manufacturing sector, said speakers at the inaugural of the two-day workshop on "Innovative curriculum designing and evaluation" sponsored by the Council for College and Curriculum Development of Bharathidasan University here on Thursday.

V.M. Muthukumar, in his address, read out on the occasion, regretted that India, despite a large young population, had limited skilled personnel. The curricula should serve as a bridge between prospective employers and students.

Pointing out that globalisation had paved the way for new challenges resulting in "tremendous changes" on the campuses across the world, he said the curriculum should aim at developing students' competence.

D. Brahadeeswaran, former Professor, National Institute of Technical Teacher Training and Research, Chennai, in his keynote address, said that it was time the growing mismatch between curricula and its application was rectified. Student-centred and not teacher-oriented



A. Selvam (second right), Registrar (in-charge) of Bharathidasan University, releasing a copy of recommendations on 'Innovative curriculum designing and evaluation' in Tiruchi on Thursday.

curricula was the need of the hour. To achieve this goal, innovation in curriculum with application for the present-day demand of industries and employers would be a lasting solution. The innovation should be designed in such a manner that it should be open for any alteration or modification even during the course of its implementation.

Krishnan, Member of Syndicate, released a guidebook brought out on the occasion and the first copy was received by Selvam, Registrar (in-charge) of the university. They both emphasised the

need for universities to meet the expectation of the employers.

R. Babu Rajendran, Director, Council for College and Curriculum Development of the university, said the workshop would address various issues on improving curriculum with innovation.

E. Ramganes, Director, Curriculum Development Cell, spoke on the objective of the workshop.

M. Mohammed Siraj, Head and Associate Professor, Department of French, Jamal Mohamed College, said that French course should be up-

dated. Students, particularly those from Hotel Management branch, had to study French as an optional language, as a large number of culinary terms were French.

"Unfortunately, the curriculum introduced by the Madurai Kamaraj University decades ago, is still followed without any update or innovation," he said.

The Association of French teachers of India have brought out a curriculum "Synchronie" which, he suggested, the university could introduce in its affiliated colleges.