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Kolkata, May 6 (PTI) The Centre will conduct 'Hard Hackathons' in some centres in which students will be asked to come up with innovations to address real life problems like water and energy, AICTE Chairman Anil Sahasrabudhe has said.

Sahasrabudhe told newsmen here that a hardware hackathon would be held as early as June.

"We are probably going to have 11 centres. In each centre students will face with a unique problem or challenge for tackling problems ranging from water, energy and others."

The centres, which would be spread across the country, will be equipped with hardware facility. IIT Kharagpur is overseeing the Hard Hackathon and the centres will be confirmed soon.

In the Hard Hackathon students of a hackathon centre will stay for five days and brainstorm to come up with "exciting and interesting" idea, he had said yesterday.

"We would like to have an innovation in every institution. Innovation cannot just take place in IITs and NITs," he said.

The Hard Hackathon, will be the first such hackathon on hardware after the successful hosting of Smart India Hackathon in the past couple of years to offer digital and sustainable solutions to real life problems faced by the country.



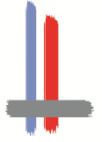
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WB-AICTE AUTONOMY

NAAC-affiliated inst should become autonomous in 10 years

Kolkata, May 5 (PTI) AICTE Chairman Anil Sahasrabudhe today said NAAC-affiliated institutions in the country should become autonomous in ten years, compared to over 50 per cent now.

"Any accredited institution reaching the threshold of certain academic standard should go for autonomy," Sahasrabudhe told reporters here.

The number of autonomous institutions in the country has to go from 50 percent to "60-70 per cent even 100 per cent in a decades time.

The AICTE chairman was in the city to attend a discussion Millennial Learning Educational Strategies for the Gen Next organised by Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC) and Sister Nivedita University.

To a question about certain state-run universities not in favour of autonomy, he said "I am aware of this. It is all about mindset problem. Some amount of work will definitely increase if autonomy is given.

"You (institutions) will have to set your curriculum and set questions, but you in that place can have lot of freedom, lot of advantages. The problem at some government institutions is they apprehend if autonomy is given the government funding will lessen and it will be similar to a private college. But this is an uncalled for fear," he said.

He said there is fear among some universities about autonomy which needs to be overcome and asked all industry bodies to provide interface for a connect between industry and institution.

Sahasrabudhe said AICTE is moving towards this interface. "We are also engaging teacher training programmes and there had been encouraging response in past 5-6 years." He said in the past few years a large number of start-ups have come to the picture and provided internships to 4-5 lakh students a year.

"Many students from rural areas could not get the required platform. We are giving them that platform," he added. PTI SUS KK KK





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AICTE chief for automatic autonomy to educational institutions

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Institutions with a standard level of accreditation should be given autonomy automatically, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Chairman Anil D. Sahasrabudhe said on Saturday.

"When any institution which gets accredited with a level which is beyond a threshold, they should be given autonomy automatically, whether the faculties or the institutions or the University want it or not. I think that is the way forward.

"In our country, to become autonomous there is still a long process involved. There are instances where institutions are interested in autonomy but the staffs and faculties are not because they feel the workload will increase," Sahasrabudhe said while addressing a session 'Millennial Learning Educational Strategies for the Gen Next' organised by Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"These are all mindset problems," he said.

With autonomy in place, they have a lot of freedom in order to make their own curriculum, practice the way they want to teach and there are a lot of other advantages, he said.

Referring to the Kaw Committee Report on Technical Education, he said India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are the only four countries that are still following the affiliation system and rest all other countries have autonomous colleges.

According to him, recently, the government has added three more parameters - affordability, autonomy and self-declaration or accountability. Stringent measures will be taken against those institutions that are not following what they have declared, he added.

He also said the council has developed an 8-module programme for mandatory certification of teachers before they come into the teaching profession in technical colleges.

"It is a crucial certification programme, including how you revise a syllabus, set the question papers and how you interact with the students, etc.," he said.

Sahasrabudhe also said the centre would conduct "Hard Hackathons" in some centres in which students would be given tasks to come up with "exciting and interesting" ideas for addressing real life problems like water and energy and this hardware hackathons would probably be held in June.

"Probably, we will have 11 centres. In each centre, students will face with a unique problem or challenge for tackling problems ranging from water, energy and others... the centres will be confirmed soon," he told reporters here.

The initiative will be the first such programme on hardware after hosting of Smart India Hackathon to offer digital and sustainable solutions to real life problems faced by the country.

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