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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ATAL Academy to find mention in Guinness Book of World Records, says  
Minister of Education**

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**Minister of Education inaugurates 46 online ATAL Faculty Development  
Programmes covering 22 states**

*- Hon'ble Minister of Education inaugurates 46 online ATAL Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), which will further upgrade the skills and knowledge of faculty of higher educational institutions in 22 states of India*

*- Rs 10 crores will be spent on online FDPs this year*

*- The Book of World Records, London has acknowledged the world record of training more than 1 lakh people in 1,000 programs under the Faculty Development Programmes*



**November 23, 2020:** The Hon'ble Education Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' on Monday inaugurated 46 online AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) to train teachers of higher education institutions associated with the All India Council of Technical Education

(AICTE) in thrust and emerging areas in technology. The FDPs will be conducted in 22 Indian states.

On the occasion of the inauguration, the Hon'ble Minister said that it is a matter of pride for the ATAL Academy to be included in the Book of World Records. The London-based organization has recognized the FDPs as a world record, under which 1,000 online FDPs in over 100 emerging areas will benefit one lakh faculty members across premier institutions like IITs, NITs, and IIITs. This year the online FDP program will cost Rs 10 crores.

According to the Hon'ble Minister, the ATAL Academy is conducting FDPs in online mode from registration till certificate disbursal mechanism. In the year 2020-21, new thrust areas in the field of Engineering, Management, Life Skills, Design & Media have been incorporated. The online FDPs will be conducted according to the new National Education Policy (2020).

Speaking after inaugurating the 500th FDP, the Minister said, "Out of the 1,000, 499 FDPs are already completed with more than 70,000 faculty members already trained. In 2019-20, 185 five-day face-to-face FDPs in nine thrust areas -- Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Block-chain, Robotics, Quantum Computing, Data Sciences, Cyber Security, 3D Printing & Design, and Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality -- benefited around 10,000 participants."

"Digital learning and the increasing use of smart devices such as computers, smart phones, and tablets have enhanced student learning. CBSE teachers have been trained under the 'Flipped Classroom' and 'Blended Learning' concept. In the flipped classroom model, students can take online lectures at home as per their convenience and the next day in class, they do assignments related to that lecture. This method not only improves learning ability, but also students' scores. Under this, teachers record their lectures and post videos online, which students can access. Students watch these videos and study at home and when they come to class they are ready with that lecture. The next day, teachers in classrooms provide activities related to the post lecture and students participate," **said Prof. Anil D Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE.**

"The main objective of ATAL Academy is to provide quality technical education in the country and to promote research and entrepreneurship through training in various emerging fields. IITs, IIITs, NITs CU and research labs are organizing these ATAL FDPs," **said Prof M.P. Poonia, Vice Chairman, AICTE.**

"These FDPs by AICTE are the need of the hour. With this, the teachers of higher educational institutions will educate the students according to the industry needs and equip them with varied kinds of skills. In the challenging times of Coronavirus, these programs are being run online, Resource persons across the globe are able to take sessions due to online nature of FDPs," **said Prof Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE.** He expressed hope that ATAL Academy will emerge as national teacher training institute under the New Education Policy.

**Dr. Ravindra Kumar Soni, Director, ATAL Academies** said, in just over two years, the Academy is conducting FDPs on the large scale in the entire country. These programmes will help Indian students get acquainted with new technological developments, and choose it as a career, he said, adding that advance training in 'emerging technology' is also being planned.

Dignitaries present at the inaugural ceremony were Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Punjab, Dr. Ravindra Kumar Soni, Director ATAL Academies; Dr. Narasimha Sarma Director, IIIT Trichy; Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi, Director, IIT Roorkee; Dr. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu; and Dr Girdhari Lal Garg, Assistant Director, ATAL CELL.

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