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Headline: Women's participation is pivotal for the holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir, girls must contribute with their knowledge, skills and self-confidence: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha

#Pragati Yojana of All India Council for Technical Education will play an important role for women empowerment in Jammu and Kashmir: Shri Manoj Sinha

#Students are being trained in Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, Robotics, 3D Printing: Hon'ble LG, J&K

#Pragati scheme is spearheaded by AICTE, aimed at advancing the participation of girls in the field of technical education

New Delhi, Wednesday, 18 August

His Excellency, Shri Manoj Sinha, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of UT Jammu & Kashmir interacted with the students selected for the Pragati Scholarship Scheme for girl students and the Saksham scholarship for specially-abled students on August 18. Both these scholarship schemes are the initiatives of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), and these programs have played a pivotal role in advancing technical education among students all over India.

The Pragati scheme formulated by AICTE is one of the much-appreciated initiatives in recent years aimed at providing assistance for the advancement of girls' participation in technical education. Thousands of girls have been benefitted by the Pragati scheme, and recent years have witnessed a substantial increase in the number of scholarships given to girl students in Jammu & Kashmir.

For the year 2020-2021, the Pragati Scheme gave scholarships to 480 girl students in Jammu and Kashmir.

During the event, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor interacted with students, and he also talked about the importance & necessity of elevating the standard of technical education in India, especially among female students. He congratulated all the girl students who got scholarships under the Pragati scheme and added that their contribution to nation-building is much needed in the coming years. He also congratulated students who are part of the Saksham scholarship, and he urged them to make their life special in all means.

Hon'ble Lt Governor said, "AICTE has a rich history of 75 years. The time has also come to decide the resolution for the coming 25 years. There is no dearth of merit in Jammu and Kashmir. They need to be refined. For the holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir, it is necessary that our girls contribute in the development of Jammu & Kashmir with their knowledge, skills and self-confidence. This program of AICTE will play an important role in the direction of women empowerment."

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor further said, "Center for Invention, Innovation and Incubation have been established in Jammu and Baramulla in the last one year with the help of Tata Technology. We are going to build 14 more such centers in the coming days. The government has made a provision of 200 crores for skill development. Today, an initiative is being taken to provide training to the students in Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, Robotics and 3D Printing to meet the demand of the industry. These efforts will carve skilled young professionals."

"AICTE considers it as a privilege to have the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir in this session. We hope his words will give impetus to the advancement of skills in the valley and the students who are part of this scholarship scheme. AICTE believes that initiatives like these could bring more students to the technical forefront. The Saksham scholarship will help young specially-abled students to come to the mainstream," said AICTE chairman Prof. Anil D Sahasrabudhe.

AICTE's vice-chairman Prof MP Poonia said, "We are glad to have the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor in the event. His words will give new insights to these students, and they will have that extra motivation to pursue a technical career. I am sure that schemes like these could help girl students to enhance their careers."

"Young female talent in our country should start contributing in the technological sector, and the Pragati scheme is working to achieve this motto. I am sure that the words from the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor will boost girls' confidence to pursue technical education in the future. Saksham scholarship is the need of the hour as it will help specially-abled students to come forward in the field of technical education. I thank His Excellency, Shri Manoj Sinha for delivering an insightful speech and invigorating & creative interaction with the students," said AICTE member secretary Prof Rajive Kumar.

Dr. Amit Kumar Shrivastava, head of the Student Development Cell managing the Pragati scheme said, "Pragati scheme has been trying hard to empower girl students in India. Earlier, the number of girls who received scholarships from UTs like Jammu and Kashmir was very less. But now, things have changed, and several girl students from Jammu & Kashmir are using this scholarship scheme to elevate their career to new heights of success."

At the end of the programme the vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs Sanju Chaudhary, Assistant Director, Student Development Cell, AICTE, New Delhi.

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