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INDIAN LANGUAGES SHOULD BE USED FOR SOFTWARE : Dr. F.C.Kohali

Pune, 3rd Feb: “Indian youth are quite intelligent. But the English language is the main barrier for them who are from the rural area. Even if a common man can do a lot if the Indian languages are used as a tool for software development”, **said Dr. F.C. Kohali**, Padma Bhushan, Chairman, Board of Governor's, College of Engineering, Pune (COEP). He was speaking after receiving the Special Life-time Achievement Award by Bharat Asmita National Awards Foundation for his contribution to the field of Information Technology. Other awardees felicitated at the Bharat Asmita National Awards along with Dr. F.C.Kohali were **Dr. Debashis Chatterjee** Director, Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode, Kerala in the category of Acharya Shrestha Award, **Smt. Supriya Sule**, MP Rajya Sabha in the category of Jana Pratinidhi Shrestha, **Shri. Swanand Kirkire**, Noted lyricist, Singer, Writer, Actor & Director, Indian Films & Television & **Dr. Chandrakant S. Pandav**, President, International Council for the Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (ICCIDD), India, in the category of Jana Jagran Shrestha, **Dr. Shekhar C. Mande**, Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in the ‘**Bharat Asmita Tantra-Vidnyan Shrestha Award**’.

The Award Ceremony was held on 3rd February 2019 jointly organised by MIT World Peace University, MIT School of Government and Bharat Asmita Foundation.

Also present at the ceremony were Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Well Known Computer Scientist, Shri. Tulshiram Dadarao Karad, Dr. Vishwanth Dadarao Karad, Rahul Karad, Executive President, MIT World Peace University, Prof.Dr.Mangesh T. Karad, Dr. Suchitra Karad-Nagare, Prof.Sharad Chandra Darade- Patil, Dr. Shrihari Honwad, Prof. D.P.Apte & Dr. R .M. Chitnis.

Dr.F.C.Kohali said, “we started working on information technology when nobody in the country was aware of it. JRD Tata supported me but the then government was not that much curious about it. We still continued with it & today it is an integral part of every organization. The youth are working on software development whose companies are connected with mainly USA. There has become a limitation to them because of the language. We also should insist on hardware development which will make the country self sufficient.”

Smt. Supriya Sule said, “We are going to take the population control on the top priority. Then only the whole country will be nurtured with proper food. It is very simple to be in the opposition because we have to criticize the government. But it is your real test of efficiency when you are in the power and you have to show the results.”

Shri. Swanand Kirkire said, “I have seen many institutes who proudly say that they have nothing to do with the politics. But I appreciate that this institute is organizing the Students Parliament every year.” He expressed his thoughts and feelings regarding the abortion of girl embryo in a very poetic manner sung by himself.”

Dr. Chandrakant Pandav, said, “My father insisted on me to solve the cent percent problems during the examination of mathematics. Not only that he told me that this should be done within less time. I developed this habit which helped me throughout my life.”

Dr. Shekhar Mande, said, "While working in Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) we are trying our best to make the application of science to all the fields like agriculture also. In this way we can contribute to increase the ease and transparency in the voting process."

Dr. Debashis Chatterjee said, "The ancient Indian culture can show the pathway to the whole world to get the happiness. Truth, Consistence & Perfection are the three stages for development of anybody in the world."

Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar said, "The education can contribute to the all round development of the society. We should try to Innovative thinking in this process."

Dr. Vijay Bhatkar said, "India was having high standard universities like Takshashila & Nalanda. We are sure that the students from western countries will come to India to learn here."

Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad said, "Union of science & spirituality will lead to peace in life. India will become the knowledge corridor of the world in 21st century."

Prof.Dr.Mangesh Karad expressed his thoughts regarding the duty of educational institutes.

Rahul Karad explained the background of the awards in his introductory speech. Prof. Gautam Bapat compeered the function and Prof.D.P.Apte gave away the vote of thanks.