



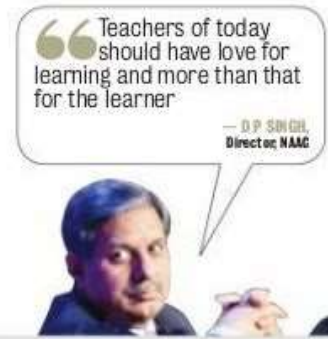
“ I’m of the opinion that I am here to be grilled and I’d rather answer questions on burning issues and see if we get somewhere

— SMRITI IRANI,
HRD Minister



“ To make teachers good motivators institution should focus on skill building and research skills

— SANJAY DHANDHE,
Founder-Director Mahindra Ecole Central



“ Teachers of today should have love for learning and more than that for the learner

— D.P. SINGH,
Director, NAAC

Tech-savvy Teachers Need of the Hour, feel Panelists

Express News Service

Chennai: If teachers don't keep themselves updated, then the whole education ecosystem will be less than adequate, according to panelists who spoke at a discussion on 'What sort of ecosystem enables an institution to provide quality education?'

There was a consensus on the fact that education in India lacked strong faculty.

Believing that the quality of any institution directly depended on the quality of people associated with the institution, Sanjay Dhandhe, Founder Director, Mahindra Ecole Central, Hyderabad, said, "Unfortunately, the "most crucial resource" is lagging far behind in the country. The gap cannot be bridged as India faces shortage of faculty, low wages and poor skills of communication

of the faculty," he said.

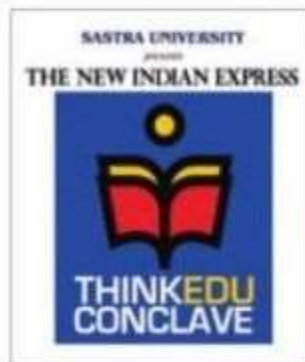
D P Singh, Director, NAAC, shared a similar concern as he stated that none of the Indian universities held a rank above 200 in the sector. He urged the universities to have dedicated and

lem because of low wages and a lack of research platforms." As a result, he said, that it was not surprising that he saw heads of departments and other senior academicians head abroad for a better pay day and broader resources.

Another factor which creates a deficiency in quality in the teaching community is the a lack of technological know-how.

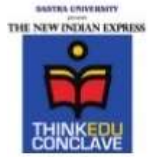
S Vaitheeswaran, MD and CEO, Manipal Global Education Services, pointed out that technology also played an important role when it came to teaching long distance programmes such as classes over Skype and the like.

"Using technology, one can reach out seamlessly to students across the world and that might be the future of education," he said.



talented teachers.

Taking the issue of faculty sustainability forward, Dhruv Galgotia, CEO, Galgotias University, said "Retention of teachers is a big prob-



Selfie with Smriti Irani?

It was on a whole lot of youngsters' minds. And perhaps even on the minds of a few not-so-young delegates whom *The New Indian Express* hosted at the ThinkEdu Conclave. But eventually, they had to settle for some mobile clicks and some riveting thoughts from the HRD Minister



Just before she got on stage Smriti Irani, Prabhu Chawla and Manoj Kumar Sonthalia share a light moment as NAAC Director D P Singh looks on. Quite the perfect start we have at ITC Grand Chola, Chennai

