

Making higher edu inclusive for PwDs

2-day int'l conf ends at IIT-BBS

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ଆଇଆଇଆଇଟିର ହାଇଭର୍ସଏସିଆ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ

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 ଭାରତୀୟ ଇନ୍‌ଷ୍ଟିଚ୍ୟୁଟ୍ ଅଫ୍ ଟେକ୍ନୋଲୋଜି (ଆଇଆଇଆଇଟି) ଛୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ନିଟି-ହୋମ୍, ଟ୍ରେଣ୍ଡ ଯୁନିଭରସିଟି ସହିତ ମିଳିତ ଭାବରେ ବ୍ରିଟେନର ସ୍ୱାଗତୀୟ ଶ୍ରୀମତୀ ଆରାମ ୨୦୨୪ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଛୁବନେଶ୍ୱରରେ ଏମ୍ପ୍ଲୋୟିମେଣ୍ଟ ଓ ଇଣ୍ଟରନେସନାଲ ଇନ୍‌ଷ୍ଟିଚ୍ୟୁଟ୍ ଅଫ୍ ଟେକ୍ନୋଲୋଜି (ଆଇଆଇଆଇଟି) ଶୀର୍ଷକ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଜାତୀୟ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ ଓ କର୍ମଶାଳା ଆୟୋଜନ କରିଛି । ଏହି ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଭୁକ୍ତ ଉଚ୍ଚଶିକ୍ଷା, ତାଲିକାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଏବଂ ସର୍ବୋତ୍ତମ ଅଭ୍ୟାସ ଉପରେ ଧ୍ୟାନ ଦେଇଛି । ଏହି ଆୟୋଜନରୁ ଏହି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମଟି ବୃଦ୍ଧିପାଇଁ ଆଇଆଇଆଇଟିର ସମ୍ମିଳନୀର ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ସହିତ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ଇଉରୋପୀୟ ଯୁନିଭରସିଟି ଏବଂ ସର୍ବୋତ୍ତମ ପ୍ରୋଗ୍ରାମ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଆର୍ଥିକ ଅନୁଦାନ ପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ଏହି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମଟିର ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟ ଥିଲା, ଶାରୀରିକ ତଥା ଶିକ୍ଷାଗତ ଭିନ୍ନକ୍ଷମ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ଉଚ୍ଚ ଶିକ୍ଷାର ମୁଖ୍ୟ ସ୍ରୋତରେ ସାମିଲ କରିବା ବିଷୟରେ ଆଇଆଇଆଇଟିର ସମାଧାନ ପଦ୍ଧତି ଅନୁସନ୍ଧାନ କରିବା ତଥା ଏ ବିଷୟରେ ଉପଯୁକ୍ତ ସର୍ବୋତ୍ତମ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥାର ଉପସ୍ଥାପନ କରିବା, ଯଦ୍ୱାରା ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଗତ ସ୍ତର, ସମୁଦାୟ ସ୍ତର, ଆନୁଷ୍ଠାନିକ ସ୍ତର ତଥା ସରକାରୀ



ସ୍ତରରେ ଥିବା ଆହ୍ୱାନର ସମାଧାନ ଦୈନିକ ଜୀବନରେ ଉପଯୁକ୍ତ ବିକାଶ ଦ୍ୱାରା ସାଧ୍ୟତା ହୋଇପାରିବ । ଏହି ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ ମିଳିତ ଭାବରେ ନିଟି-ହୋମ୍, ଟ୍ରେଣ୍ଡ ଯୁନିଭରସିଟି, ଯୁକେ, ଭାରତୀୟ ଇନ୍‌ଷ୍ଟିଚ୍ୟୁଟ୍ ଅଫ୍ ଟେକ୍ନୋଲୋଜି ଯୁନିଭରସିଟି, କାହାଙ୍ଗୀରନଗର ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ବମ୍ବେର, ଗାନ୍ଧି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ତୁର୍କୀ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଲାଟ୍‌ଭିଆ, ଲାଟ୍‌ଭିଆ ସପକଟକ୍ୟୁଏନଆର, ସର୍ବିଆ, ପୋଲିଡିଗ ଯୁନିଭରସିଟି, ବୁଲଗେରିଆ, ଭିନ୍ନକ୍ଷମଙ୍କ ସହ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରୁଥିବା ନ୍ୟାସନାଲ ଆସୋସିଏସନ୍ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଆୟୋଜିତ ଓ ଯୁରୋପୀୟ ଯୁନିଭରସିଟି ଏବଂ ସର୍ବୋତ୍ତମ ପ୍ରୋଗ୍ରାମ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଆର୍ଥିକ ଅନୁଦାନ ପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ।

ଦୁଇଦିନିଆ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀକୁ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସରକାରଙ୍କ ଭିନ୍ନକ୍ଷମ ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଏବଂ ସଶକ୍ତିକରଣ ବିଭାଗର ମୁଖ୍ୟ ସଚିବ ବିଶ୍ୱଜିତ ସେଠା ଉଦ୍ଘାଟନ କରିଥିଲେ । ପ୍ରଫୁଲ୍ଲ ବଳ, ଟ୍ରେଣ୍ଡ ଯୁନିଭରସିଟି, ଯୁକେ, ଆଇଆଇଆଇଟି ଛୁବନେଶ୍ୱରର ସ୍ୱଳ୍ପ ଅଫ୍ ଇଲେକ୍ଟ୍ରୋନିକ୍ସ ସାହାଯ୍ୟରେ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଶ୍ରୀମତୀ ରଞ୍ଜନ ସାମନ୍ତରାୟ ଏବଂ ଡି. ପ୍ରଫେସର ଉଦେଶ୍ୟ ଓ ଔଦ୍ୟୋଗିକ କନସଲଟାଣ୍ଟ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଦିନକର ପାସଲ ଉଦ୍ଘାଟନ ଅଧିବେଶନରେ ଯୋଗ ଦେଇଥିଲେ । କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ପ୍ରାରମ୍ଭରେ ପ୍ରଫେସର ପାସଲ ସ୍ୱାଗତ ଭାଷଣ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିଥିଲେ । ନିଜର ଅଭିଭାଷଣ ବିସ୍ତୃତ ସେଠା ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ ଭିନ୍ନକ୍ଷମଙ୍କ ସାମାଜିକ

ନିରାପତ୍ତା ତଥା ସଶକ୍ତିକରଣ ସୁନିଶ୍ଚିତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ସରକାରୀ ନୀତି ଏବଂ ସର୍ବୋତ୍ତମ ଅଭ୍ୟାସ ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ ସୂଚନା ଦେଇଥିଲେ । ଉନ୍ନତ ଜୀବନଶୈଳୀ ଓ ଆର୍ଥିକ ସୁବିଧା ଇଣ୍ଡିଗୋରୁ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଉଚ୍ଚଶିକ୍ଷାକୁ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଭୁକ୍ତ କରିବା ଦିଗରେ ଏହି ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ନେଇଥିବାରୁ ସେ ଆଇଆଇଆଇଟି ଛୁବନେଶ୍ୱର ଏବଂ ହାଇଭର୍ସଏସିଆର ଦଳକୁ ପ୍ରଶଂସା କରିଥିଲେ । ଭିନ୍ନକ୍ଷମଙ୍କ ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଏବଂ ସଶକ୍ତିକରଣ ବିଭାଗ ଓ ଆଇଆଇଆଇଟି ଛୁବନେଶ୍ୱର ପ୍ରଫୁଲ୍ଲବିଦ୍ୟା ବିଭାଗ ତଥା ଗାନ୍ଧୀ ଭିନ୍ନକ୍ଷମ ଲୋକଙ୍କ ସୁବିଧା ପାଇଁ ଏହାକୁ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ କରିବାରେ ସହଯୋଗ କରିବାକୁ ସେ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱାହୀନ କରିଥିଲେ । ପ୍ରଫେସର ଡେଭିଡ୍ ତାଲିକାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରୋଜେକ୍ଟ ଏବଂ ଫୁଲ୍ଲ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନ କରିଥିଲେ,

ଯାହା ଇଣ୍ଡିଗୋ ଲର୍ଣ୍ଣିଂ ସାମଗ୍ରୀ ଓ ପ୍ରଫୁଲ୍ଲବିଦ୍ୟା ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ଭିନ୍ନକ୍ଷମ ଛାତ୍ରମାନଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଉଚ୍ଚଶିକ୍ଷା ଉପକଳ୍ପ କରାଯାଇ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟ ରଖିଛି । ଏହି ସମ୍ମିଳନୀର ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ଅବସରରେ ଆଇଆଇଆଇଟି ଛୁବନେଶ୍ୱରର ଡି. କାରି ଶିକ୍ଷା ପ୍ରଫେସର ସୁଜିତ ରଥ ଯୋଗଦେଇ ଏହି ପଦକ୍ଷେପର ବୃଦ୍ଧି ପ୍ରୋତ୍ସାହନ କରିଥିଲେ । ନିଟି-ହୋମ୍, ଟ୍ରେଣ୍ଡ ଯୁନିଭରସିଟିର ପ୍ରଫେସର ଏମ୍ପ୍ଲୋୟିମେଣ୍ଟ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଡେଭିଡ୍, ବ୍ରାଉନ୍, ତାଲିକାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରାରମ୍ଭ ହିଁ ନିରନ୍ତର ସହାୟତା ଓ ସହଯୋଗ ନିମନ୍ତେ ଆଇଆଇଆଇଟି ଛୁବନେଶ୍ୱର ପ୍ରତି ସାଧୁବାଦ ଜଣାଇଛନ୍ତି । ଶ୍ରୀନିବାସ ବୋସୁ ଧନ୍ୟବାଦ ଜଣାଇ କରିଥିଲେ । ତନ୍ତ୍ରର ଏମ୍ପ୍ଲୋୟିମେଣ୍ଟ ମଣିକନ୍ଦନଙ୍କ ଦିଗଦର୍ଶନରେ ଏବଂ ଏଲପି ଜୀବନଶୈଳୀ ବିଭାଗରେ ପ୍ରଫୁଲ୍ଲ ବୃଦ୍ଧି କ୍ରମେ କରିଥିବା ବ୍ରାଉନ୍, ଶିକ୍ଷାଗତ, ଅଧିକ କୁମାର ପଣ୍ଡା ଓ ଦେବୀ ମୁନିରା ସେଥିରେ ସାଧୁବାଦ ଜଣାଇଥିଲେ । ତନ୍ତ୍ର ଶ୍ରୀନିବାସ ବୋସୁ, ତନ୍ତ୍ର ଭାରତରାମ, ରାମକୂମାର ଓ ତନ୍ତ୍ର ସତୀଶ ଡି. ଧନ୍ୟବାଦ ନେଇ ଆଇଆଇଆଇଟି ଛୁବନେଶ୍ୱରର ତାଲିକାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଏବଂ ଡି. ଏହି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମର ପରିଚାଳନା କରିଥିଲେ ।

