

Create a knowledge-based society, says Governor

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VARCA: Governor of Goa S C Jamir has stressed on the importance of quality-based higher education at university levels and need to create knowledge-based society in the view of globalisation. "Globalisation has brought opportunities as well as challenges in the sphere of education and the universities should be ready to face the changing society," he said.

"Since university education in India is a colonial legacy, globalisation has strengthened the grip of education," he added.

Stating that the massive spread of higher education is an indication of national development, Jamir said, "Besides creating knowledge-rich hu-

man power, the universities should strive towards providing gainful employment and not be silent spectators of unemployment." He asked the universities to conceive innovative ideas and create methods of tapping the available potential in the country.

"Research, education and extensions systems need to be revitalised to meet the oncoming challenges. The quality of education should be upgraded and made relevant to the changes in society," he said.

"Building partnership with universities from different countries will contribute greatly in upgrading information," he suggested.

Stating that higher education is no more a domain of only the rich and the powerful countries, Jamir said:

"Globalisation and innovations in information technology have converted the world into a global village."

Recalling the hardships he himself had to go through to get higher education, Jamir requested the VCs to bring about uniformities in the universities so that the desired education is made available to the students at their doorstep.

"The universities should also try and maintain some connection between the dates of examination, declaration of result so that the students do not face problems while going from one university to another," he said. He also suggested a uniform system of marking in all the universities so that uniformity in grades and knowledge level is maintained.