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## ಮಹಿಳಾ ವಿವಿ ಕುಲಪತಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ

**ವಿಜಯಪುರ:** ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಮಹಿಳಾ ವಿವಿಯ ನೂತನ ಕುಲಪತಿಯಾಗಿ ಪ್ರೊ.ಸಬಿಹಾ ಭೂಮಿಗೌಡ ಸೋಮವಾರ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಂಡರು. ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದ ಬಳಿಕ ಪ್ರೊ.ಸಬಿಹಾ ಭೂಮಿಗೌಡ ಮಾತನಾಡಿ, "ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಏಕೈಕ ಮಹಿಳಾ ವಿವಿಯನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲ ವರ್ಗಗಳ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಸ್ನೇಹಿಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಜನಪರ ವಿವಿಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ರೂಪಿಸುವುದು ನನ್ನ ಮೊದಲ ಆದ್ಯತೆ ಯಾಗಿದೆ," ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು. "ಮಹಿಳಾ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆಗಳ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ, ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಮತ್ತು ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ, ನಾನಾ ಕೋರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳ ಪಠ್ಯ ಕ್ರಮ ಪರಿಷ್ಕರಣೆ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಹಲವು ರಚನಾತ್ಮಕ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು," ಎಂದರು.

"ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಮಹಿಳಾ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ ಪಾರ್ಕ್‌ನ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇನ್ನಷ್ಟು ಬಲಪಡಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಳ ವರ್ಗದ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ರೂಪಿಸಿ ಜಾರಿಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು," ಎಂದರು. ಕುಲಸಚಿವ ಪ್ರೊ. ಶ್ರೀನಾಥ್, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನ ಕುಲಸಚಿವ ಪ್ರೊ.ಮಾಡಗಿ, ಡಾ.ಕೆ.ಎಂ. ಸಂಜೀವಕುಮಾರ ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದರು.

# Humanities, still a less-preferred stream

## 'Introduce special scholarships for arts students'

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**SHIVAMOGGA, DHNS:** The sad saga of humanities has continued in degree colleges even during the current academic year.

It is an open secret that the number of students seeking admission to Arts subjects has declined drastically in the recent years. Despite attempts by academicians and teachers to improve the admission rate for humanities, there seem to be no desirable results yet.

The officials in Collegiate Education Department stated that government degree college based at Bapujinagar in Shivamogga city has been witnessing decline in admission to humanities over the last few years. The number of sections for BA has also come down drastically over the last three years. Going by the current situation, the college might have a single section for BA (including all combinations) for the academic year 2016-17 against two sections last year. The admission is in progress and it may not exceed 110 applicants. A section (including all combinations) should have 110 students. The situation is more or



less similar in all the degree colleges in the district, they added.

Sources in Kuvempu University stated that around ten years ago, the strength in humanities in degree colleges affiliated to it was around 10,000. But now, it has slipped to only 3,000, which is a matter of concern. If the situation continues, teachers may become 'jobless'. Academicians and teachers are of the view that the government should make an honest

attempt towards addressing the issue before it is too late.

Speaking to *Deccan Herald* over the phone, D S Somashekhar, retired principal of Tunga Maha Vidyalaya, Thirthahalli, said, there is a need to introduce arts subjects as combinations in a more meaningful manner. For example, English Major, Economics and Philosophy/Psychology-History, Logic and Criminology,- Kannada Major, Sanskrit

Major and English Major combinations should be introduced in all degree colleges to attract students. Besides, the government should issue an order directing all the colleges to conduct Spoken English and Computer basics for students of humanities at free of cost without fail. A graduate with good command over English and computer knowledge can easily get a job in the current society. Above all, the government should introduce scholarships for students of humanities irrespective of the merit and thus encourage them to go for higher studies. All these measures might change the destiny of the Arts stream, he added.

Speaking to *Deccan Herald* over the phone, Yogish, lecturer in English, Sri Maruthi First Grade College, Holaluru, Shivamogga taluk, said there is a need to introduce new subjects such as computer science, criminology, geography, business-related subjects even for Arts students. Besides, the syllabus has to be revised in a way that would become relevant to the current job market. "We are visiting households in rural areas and asking students to take up Arts", he said.

# Anti-GM group alleges mustard data submitted by ex-DU V-C is rigged

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DELHI University scientists led by former Vice-Chancellor Deepak Pental notched up yield increases through transgenic mustard hybrid DMH-11 by 7.5 per cent through rigged research and development and testing, said a civil society group on Monday.

The Coalition for a GM-Free India also shared raw data from

## Seeds of dissent

Raw data from trials shows derived yields is completely at variance with yields reported by DU's Centre for Genetic Manipulation of Crop Plants

Environmental safety testing bypassing rigorous agronomic evaluation couldn't be considered valid

Expediency and haste in testing raised serious questions about the competence or integrity of the crop developers

Coalition for a GM-Free India alleges incompetence and bias on regulators' part

field trials which shows that the derived yields is completely at variance with yields reported by Delhi University's Centre for Genetic Manipulation of Crop Plants (CGCMP). Under pressure from civil society, farmer groups and scientists, the environment ministry in February did not give permission for the commercialisation of GM mustard and sought more details from developers.

The members of the group said that they had walked out of a meeting with the ministry's Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) as it didn't give them enough time to hear their concerns.

"The GMO approved for R&D (GM Mustard) in 2003 is not the same as being assessed now. It's scientifically unacceptable that the same dossier is being maintained for different GMOs and events. From all materials available in the public domain, it appears that GEAC members have been kept in the dark about such a swapping of parents," said the group. It further said that environmental safety testing bypassing rigorous agronomic evaluation couldn't be considered as a valid basis for yield claims related to DMH-11, which is the main basis for the introduction of this GMO.

"We further show that the 28.4 per cent higher yield is also miscalculated by presenting a value derived from average of averages," it added. The coalition said that the expediency and haste in testing raised serious questions about the scientific competence or integrity of the crop developers. The fact that GEAC has allowed the GMO to proceed this far based on unscientific claims exposes the incompetence and bias of the regulators.

"There is a clear environment that the government and its regulators have built of wanting to support the interests of seed and chemical manufacturers, at the expense of farmers and other citizens, despite numerous risks and evidence of fraudulent science," said Yudhvir Singh, convenor, Indian Coordination Committee of Farmers' Movements (ICCFM), and a farmer leader associated with the BKU.