

Our journey in a nutshell

At NIIT we are committed to developing learning solutions which bring the joy of learning to children. The result of our rich experience and expertise is NIIT nGuru - a complete range of IT enabled learning solutions for schools. NIIT nGuru has impacted the lives of 10 million children covering over 16,000 schools across India.

NIIT had set up an independent business group, School Learning Solutions (SLS), a decade ago. Today, NIIT SLS (now called NIIT nGuru) is the market leader, providing complete IT integration programmes for schools, both in the government as well as the private sector.

We are extremely proud of the progress we've made and we'd like to take you through some of these milestones.

Of course, this is just the beginning and we will have many more reasons to celebrate in the near future. We can hardly wait.

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10 MILLION
STUDENTS
nPOWERED

**Celebrating a journey that travelled
to ten million students.**

A journey of achievements

1999: Launch of NIIT School Learning Solutions (now nGuru) with the first BOOT project awarded by the Tamil Nadu Government to implement IT Labs in 371 government schools.



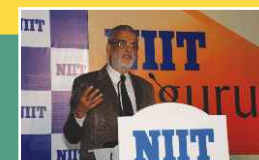
2000: Seizes the 'Mahiti Sindhu' project which involved implementation of computer labs in 700 schools in Karnataka.



2001: Launch of HiWEL (Hole-in-the-Wall), a joint initiative of NIIT and the International Finance Corporation. It aimed to bridge the digital gap in society by taking computers to underprivileged children.

2002: School Learning Solutions makes its foray in Andhra Pradesh. The state government awarded them with a project covering 663 government schools.

2002: Launch of NIIT 'Mind Champions Academy', a joint initiative of World Chess Champion 'Viswanathan Anand' and NIIT to promote chess in schools.



2003: In Uttarakhand, NIIT in collaboration with Microsoft flagged off project 'Shiksha' an initiative to 'teach the teachers.'

2003: Scindia School takes on nGuru as their ICT partner. It offered 24 x 7 learning and took education to students, teachers and parents.

2003: nGuru enters Assam and is awarded with a project under the 'Rajiv Gandhi Computer Literacy Programme' to implement ICT in 140 schools.



2005: NIIT nGuru collaborated with the Chhattisgarh government to launch a unique computer literacy programme for the girl child. The project 'Chhattisgarh Suchna Shakti Yojna' (CSSY) catered to 1,202 schools and 2 lakh girls.

2006: In a joint agreement with the Intel Chairman, Craig Barrett, NIIT nGuru launched a project to give IT training to teachers in Himachal Pradesh.

2006: NIIT launched the 'Digital Arts Festival' that showcases the creative use of ICT in art by students.

2007: Launch of Math lab on the occasion of Children's Day.



2008: NIIT nGuru launched a holistic range of school learning solutions: Interactive Classrooms, Math lab, IT Wizard for students and Quick School for school management.

2008: NIIT is conferred with the 'UNESCO Award' for innovation in education. Soon after which it launched Mobile Science Lab in 2010.



2008: NIIT nGuru bags the first MHRD funded 'ICT at school' project, encompassing 500 schools in Maharashtra.



2008: NIIT nGuru wins the largest ICT education project of the decade, which was to provide IT education in 2,005 schools in Andhra Pradesh.

2009: NIIT nGuru enters Gujarat through an ICT project covering 2,010 schools.

2010: NIIT nGuru-Mind Champions Academy sets a New Guinness World Record when 20,480 participants, including 12,000 school students, played chess under the guidance of Viswanathan Anand.



2011: NIIT nGuru and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) introduced the first of its kind joint certificate programme that aimed to ignite young minds through chess.

2011: NIIT nGuru's impeccable execution helped them in acquiring a repeat business from 2 state governments: projects covering 1,013 schools in Maharashtra and 653 schools in Chhattisgarh.

2011: NIIT nGuru's Mobile Science Lab is awarded the 'Best Innovation in Science Education' at the World Education Awards, 2011.



NIIT's schools program empowers 10 Million students across India

Brings computer-aided education to the doorsteps of over 16,600 schools in the country

Neemrana, Rajasthan, October 7, 2011: NIIT achieved a significant milestone in its mission to take computer proficiency to the grass root levels, by imparting computer-based learning to 10 million students across India on October 7, 2011.

Through its 'NIIT@School' program that offers computer education in Government and private schools, NIIT has been shaping the future of Indian students for over a decade now. NIIT's computer education movement, introduced for the first time in 371 Government schools in Tamil Nadu in 1999 through the Public Private Partnership model - now covers nearly 16,600 educational institutions across 18 States in the country. From Keylong (Himachal Pradesh), to Rameswaram (Tamil Nadu), and from Vandh (Gujarat) to Agartala (Tripura) the program spans the length and the breath of the country, reaching out to the students in the farthest and the remotest corners of India.

At an event held at the not-for-profit NIIT University campus in Neemrana to mark the 10 million milestone Mr. Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Human Resource Development and Communications and IT, delivered the keynote address and felicitated outstanding students and teachers from across the country. Mr. Rajendra S Pawar, Chairman, NIIT, leading academicians, principals of various schools, bureaucrats and members of NIIT and NIIT University were also present on the occasion.

Mr. Sibal congratulated NIIT for its significant contribution in bridging the digital divide, by bringing the light of IT literacy into the lives of 10 million students. Sharing words of encouragement with students & teachers from Assam, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi NCR and other parts of India, Mr. Sibal said that the objective now is to take the 10 million number to many more millions and touch the entire community of India's school going children.

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The schools program is based on NIIT's founding vision of *Bringing People and Computers Together Successfully*. The initiative showcases how advances in technology and innovations in learning can be effectively harnessed to bring computer education within the reach of all, thereby providing every student an opportunity to participate in India's transformation to a knowledge society.

Speaking on the role of technology-based education in shaping young minds, **Mr Rajendra S Pawar, Chairman, NIIT** said, *"Reaching the ten millionth school student is a significant achievement. A good education is the foundation for a great future and we are proud to be involved in shaping the future of Indian school children."*

"NIIT is committed to making ICT enabled education more affordable and accessible by devising new ways of learning and technology deployment," added **Mr. Pawar**.

NIIT has been at the forefront of the global movement to bridge the digital divide, by bringing computer education to the doorsteps of children from all segments of society. The journey to empower 10 million students saw many significant milestones including initiatives like HIWEL (Hole-in-the-Wall) project that aims to take computers to underprivileged children. MindChampions Academy (MCA), a joint initiative of World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand and NIIT to promote Chess in schools, set a new Guinness World Record in 2010 when 20,480 participants played Chess simultaneously, guided by Viswanathan Anand. NIIT's Schools program has received numerous recognitions during its journey, including the UNESCO award for innovation in education which led to the launch of Mobile Science Lab.

Mr. Hemant Sethi, President, School Learning Solutions & HiWEL, NIIT said, *"NIIT has overcome every obstacle and crossed every divide, be it social or geographical, and has successfully reached out to school students across India through its ICT enabled education solutions. Today, we are proud to have empowered 10 million students. And as I look into the future, I can see the faces of another 10 million children, whose lives will be transformed by NIIT."*

About NIIT's schools program

NIIT provides complete IT integration solutions for both government and private schools. NIIT nGuru is a holistic range of School Learning Solutions that aims to make the vital process of teaching and learning simpler, thus bringing back the joy of learning for students. It is an integrated and comprehensive teaching, learning and education resource planning solution for the schools that has been designed to address the needs of all key stakeholders within the education realm Students, Teachers, School management and Parents.

NIIT@School initiative offers turnkey IT integration program tailored to the needs of educational institutions. The Schools program has been conceived and developed with a view to providing an offering that combines the strength of both computer education and computer-aided education. With an exhaustive library of over 23,936 hours of content in both IT and non-IT subjects, covering various syllabi, the program brings in complete expertise for a school's IT integration needs.

Several Indian State Governments have been extensively harnessing NIIT's strengths to take computer literacy to government schools. NIIT's partnership with the Governments across 18 states like Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra to name a few, has resulted in millions of young Indian citizens crossing the digital divide to become IT savvy.



Snapshots from the event



Congratulating NIIT for empowering 10 million students through its schools program, at a function held at the campus of NIIT University, Neemrana, Mr. Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Communications & IT said,

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The Times of India (Education Times)
New Delhi, October 17, 2011

Significant Milestone



■ (left to right) Kapil Sibal, Union Minister for HRD, Communications & IT; Rajendra S Pawar, Chairman, NIIT and Hemant Sethi, President, School Learning Solutions & HiWEL, NIIT at NIIT University, Neemrana

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Sibal further acknowledged NIIT's contribution in bridging the digital divide, by bringing the light of IT literacy into the lives of people who would never even have seen a computer. Sharing words of encouragement with students and teachers from Assam, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi NCR and other parts of India, Sibal said that the objective now is to take the 10 million number to many more millions and reach out to the entire community of India's school going children.

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NIIT empowers 10 million school students



■ Union minister for HRD Kapil Sibal with Rajendra Pawar and Hemant Sethi of NIIT Ltd.

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A huge milestone was crossed by the global talent development corporation, NIIT Ltd's Schools Learning Solutions (SLS) business, a first for any single education institution in the world! Bringing pride to India and the training industry, NIIT SLS announced that it had successfully empowered 10 million schoolchildren across the nation, through computer training and IT-assisted education delivered to the doorsteps of over 16,600 schools.

Union minister for human resource development, communications and information technology and the chief guest at the function, Kapil Sibal, declared that "for just one institution to provide computer learning to 10 million students is a monumental task, not possible without passion."

The minister congratulated SLS for touching the lives of people who would never even have seen a computer. With this landmark, NIIT's mission, to take computer proficiency to the grass root levels and help obliterate the digital divide, reached a step closer to accomplishment.

During its historic journey, SLS has created 23,936 hours of content, set up 1,07,209 computer-based learning nodes, and selected, trained and certified nearly four lakh computer teachers in schools which has indirectly contributed to the development of several villages in the country where basic urban facilities were missing.

NIIT flag-bearers including its chairman and managing director Rajendra Pawar; president, School Learning Solutions, Hemant Sethi; NIIT University president Rajeev Shorey, and Kapil Sibal, set the ceremony in motion with the traditional lighting of the lamp, against the backdrop of an invocation.

Two school principals, including Renu Sehgal, principal of Mody School, Laxmangarh and Sudha Turag, principal of Delhi Public School, Nacharam, Hyderabad, spoke about their engagement with SLS, and how they deployed the revolutionary Math Lab and other cutting-edge solutions for teaching and improving the administration processes of their institutions.

The logo to commemorate the 10 million students milestone was unveiled by the leaders, in the presence of school principals, academicians, bureaucrats, school students and the learners at NU.

The minister recognised the exemplary performances of Mahasweta Kumar from the Mangaldoi Government Girls Higher Secondary School in Darrang, Assam, the national winner of the MCA 2011.

Anirudh Iyengar from Pune was acknowledged as the first candidate to successfully complete the innovative IGNOU certificate programme in chess as a mind booster.

Sibal also presented plaques and citations to four principals, who had received National Awards for introducing computer based learning in their institutions. The event was brought to a close by Rajeev Shorey, who thanked the minister for joining NIIT in its historic celebration, and encouraging both learners and teachers to look to the future.

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'Varsities need to improve'

ROLE MODEL Kapil Sibal praised NIIT initiative to reach out to the disadvantaged

HT Correspondent

NEEMRANA: While the Central Universities are faring well, the quality of education in the funds-starved state universities has to improve, Union minister for human resources development Kapil Sibal said on Friday.

"Central universities are getting adequate funds. It is the state universities that are starved of funds. The quality of education in the state universities has to improve. But that is in the hands of the state governments," Sibal said at the NIIT University here.

Commenting on the education scenario in Rajasthan, Sibal said, "Recently I saw media reports that in Rajasthan, two universities were giving Ph Ds in three days."

Earlier, he delivered the keynote address at a function to mark the 10 million milestone of NIIT@School programme



■ (from left) Union HRD minister Kapil Sibal, NIIT chairman Rajendra Pawar and Hemant Sethi at an event held in Neemrana on Friday, to mark empowerment of 10 million students. HT PHOTO

that aims to take computer proficiency to the grassroots level by imparting computer based learning to 10 million students across India. The computer education movement was launched in 1999 and now covers 16,600 educational institutes in 18 states.

Appreciating NIIT's contribution

in helping to bridge the digital divide and reach out to the disadvantaged sections, Sibal said technology played an ever important role in education.

During an interaction with the students, Sibal was asked about the mushrooming of coaching institutes. Sibal noted

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KAPIL SIBAL
Union human resources minister

that Rajasthan has a large number of coaching institutes and said the T Ramaswamy committee on JEE reforms was looking into the issue.

"The problem is for the IITs and IIMs, the Class 12 marks do not count. The committee has recommended that for admission in higher education institutes, there will be two parameters. The Class 12 result and an aptitude test. If the Class 12 result will matter, the students will give weightage to board exams."

He added that giving choice of subjects to students apart from Humanities, Science and Commerce, was in the offing

"We are going to launch a National Vocational Education Qualification Network. Under this, there will be a National Occupational Standard that will set the benchmark for each occupation and degrees will be given accordingly for each occupation."

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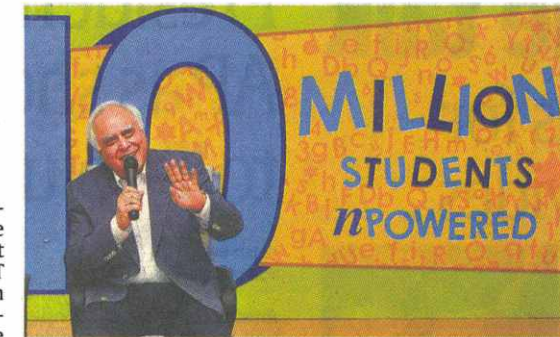
Volley of questions from students unnerves Sibal

Minister's answer to some questions fails to satisfy students of NIIT in Neemrana

Abhishek Tiwari

Kapil Sibal was at his political best during an interactive session with the students at the function organised at NIIT University in Neemrana on Thursday. During the question answer session the Union HRD minister shied away from answering certain questions posed by the students.

After he delivered the keynote address, a question answer session was initiated by the organisers. Initially Sibal seemed composed while answering questions posed by the students of various



HRD minister addresses students in Neemrana on Friday -DNA

schools from Rajasthan and NCR. However, he got a bit jittery when a student posed a question regarding inclusion of those people, spending ₹32 per day, in the BPL category. He said, "I won't answer such questions."

He was soon bombarded

with questions as another student asked him about the idea behind spending so much money on the recently launched Tablet PC Akash. The student went on to add that the money, if spent, on opening more schools and recruiting teachers would

have been of some worth. Eyebrows were raised on this question and Sibal said that such questions are "politically motivated." A girl pursuing engineering asked about the reduced status of renowned Delhi College of Engineering from Central

'PHD NOT ENOUGH'

"Having PhD is not enough to secure a job in a college, one needs to clear NET and SLET to be eligible for college teaching," said Sibal while replying to a question posed by mediapersons on the rule of making NET/SLET mandatory apart from PhD for recruitment as lecturer in colleges.

university to a state university. Sibal flatly told her to contact the Delhi chief minister for this. Reflecting upon the effect of quota system on the students of general category, a girl from a school in Ghaziabad narrated her case wherein despite securing high marks she couldn't make it to National Talent Search Examination while the students from reserved category got through even after securing a lower rank. Sibal tried to pacify her by terming the students from the reserved category as people away from mainstream. He went on to add, "Like a mother you should learn the art of giving only then you can rejoice and be happy." He then asked organisers to sum up the session saying he was getting late and left the venue soon.

Dainik Bhaskar
Jaipur, October 8, 2011



केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल ने नीमराना स्थिति एनआईआईटी यूनिवर्सिटी में विद्यार्थियों को सम्मानित किया।

आईआईटी में 12वीं के अंकों को मिलेगी तवज्जो : सिब्बल

केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री ने माना आईआईटी की तैयारी के चलते 12वीं के प्रति गंभीर नहीं रहते बच्चे। देश में सौ आईआईटी खुलें ताकि सभी को मिले मौका

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देश में जल्द ही आईआईटी में 12वीं के अंकों को भी तवज्जो मिलेगी। आईआईटी में चयन के लिए बच्चों में सीनियर सैकंडरी पढ़ाई के प्रति घटती रुचि के कारण यह कदम उठाया जा रहा है।

केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल ने शुक्रवार को नीमराना में एनआईआईटी यूनिवर्सिटी में कहा कि उनकी मंशा है कि देश में सौ आईआईटी खुलें, ताकि सभी बच्चों को पर्याप्त मौका मिल सके। लेकिन पिछले कुछ समय में देखने में आया है कि आईआईटी की तैयारी के लिए विद्यार्थियों का रुख स्कूल न होकर कोचिंग कक्षाओं में ज्यादा रह गया है। इस कारण उनका ध्यान विषयों की मूल जानकारी के बजाय सिर्फ परीक्षा पास करना रह गया है।

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जो सही मायने में बच्चों के साथ न्याय नहीं है। हालांकि सिब्बल ने आईआईटी में छात्रों के स्तर को लेकर उठाए जा रहे सवालों को खारिज किया।

स्टीव जॉब्स का उदाहरण देते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि कॉलेज ड्रॉप आउट होते हुए भी उन्होंने काम के प्रति लगन रखते हुए आईटी में ख्याति अर्जित की। सिब्बल ने आईआईटी प्रवेश में 12वीं के अंकों के साथ एटीट्यूड टेस्ट के अंक जोड़ने पर जोर दिया। इसके लिए रामास्वामी कमेटी की सिफारिशों को लागू करने की कोशिश की जा रही है। सिब्बल ने बताया कि विज्ञान, गणित, कॉमर्स में देशभर में समान करिकुलम लागू करने की प्रक्रिया चल रही है।

अगले वर्ष से नेशनल वोकेशनल क्वालिफिकेशन फ्रेमवर्क लागू करने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ताकि व्यावसायिक शिक्षा के प्रति रुझान बढ़े। उन्होंने आईटी में अपार संभावनाओं का जिक्र करते हुए कहा कि जल्द ही ढाई लाख ग्राम पंचायतों को ब्रॉड बैंड से जोड़ा जाएगा।

आरक्षण कोटे को ठहराया जायज

सिब्बल का कहना था कि आरक्षण कोटे की व्यवस्था समाज के उपेक्षित वर्गों को मुख्य धारा में लाने के लिए बनाई गई है। उन्होंने स्पोर्ट्स को बढ़ावा देने के लिए शिक्षण संस्थाओं में इसके अतिरिक्त अंकों को प्रमुखता के आधार पर शामिल करने की बात कही।
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Dainik Navjyoti
Jaipur, October 8, 2011

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आईआईटी में 12वीं का महत्व बढ़ेगा

■ केंद्रीय मंत्री सिब्बल ने कहा- देश में सौ आईआईटी खुलें ■ उच्च शैक्षणिक संस्थाओं में दिए जा रहे आरक्षण को जायज ठहराया

जयपुर, 7 अक्टूबर। केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल ने कहा है कि आईआईटी के लिए रामास्वामी कमेटी की सिफारिशों को लागू करने से आईआईटी की प्रवेश परीक्षा में बारहवीं कक्षा के अंकों को भी महत्व मिलेगा। सीनियर सैकण्डरी के अंकों का महत्व बढ़ने से आईआईटी के लिए होने वाली कोचिंग पर ना सिर्फ रोक लगेगी बल्कि कोचिंग कक्षाओं के 'गुर' के आधार पर पास होने वाले छात्रों को भी पूरा पढ़ना होगा। वे शुक्रवार को अलवर के पास नीमराना में एनआईआईटी विश्वविद्यालय के समारोह में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में सम्बोधित कर रहे थे। आईआईटी प्रवेश परीक्षा में सीनियर सैकण्डरी के अंकों का महत्व नहीं होने से विद्यार्थी सीनियर सैकण्डरी के प्रति गंभीर नहीं हैं और सीधे ही आईआईटी पास करने के लिए कोचिंग कक्षाओं का सहारा लेते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि उनकी इच्छा है कि देश में सौ आईआईटी खुलें, जिससे सभी छात्रों को पढ़ने का मौका मिले। बारहवीं कक्षा के लिए विज्ञान, गणित और कॉमर्स में देशभर में समान करीकूलम लागू करने की प्रक्रिया चल रही है, इससे बच्चों को समान अवसर

उपलब्ध हो सकेंगे। साथ ही, अगले वर्ष से वोकेशनल, क्वालीफिकेशन फ्रेमवर्क लागू करने के भी प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं। उच्च शैक्षणिक संस्थाओं में दिए जा रहे आरक्षण पर उनका कहना था कमजोर वर्गों को आगे लाने के लिए आरक्षण दिया जा रहा है। एक उदाहरण देते हुए समझाया कि एक मां के दो बेटे हैं, तो वह उस बेटे का अधिक ध्यान रखेगी जो शारीरिक रूप से कमजोर है। ठीक इसी आधार पर कमजोर वर्गों को आरक्षण दिया जा रहा है। 21 वीं सदी में बहुत सारे परिवर्तन हुए हैं, छात्रों व शिक्षकों को भी समय के साथ बदलाव होने चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि देश में कम्प्यूटर से एक क्रांति हुई है। एनआईआईटी विश्वविद्यालय के चेयरमैन राजेन्द्र एस. पंचार ने कहा कि एनआईआईटी कम्प्यूटर के आधार पर दस मिलियन विद्यार्थियों तक पहुंची है। उन्होंने कहा कि एक बेहतर शिक्षा भविष्य की आधारशिला है और हम भारतीय स्कूली बच्चों के भविष्य को आकार देने की दिशा में कार्य कर रहे हैं। इस मौके पर विश्वविद्यालय के मेधावी विद्यार्थियों व शिक्षकों को सम्मानित किया गया।

32 रुपए पाने वाला व्यक्ति टेबलेट कैसे खरीद पाएगा?

केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल ने कहा है कि आईआईटी के छात्रों के लिए अखिल भारतीय स्तर पर मेरिट लिस्ट बनेगी। अलवर जिले के नीमराना स्थित एनआईआईटी विश्वविद्यालय में छात्रों के सवालों के जवाब दिए। प्रस्तुत हैं छात्रों के केंद्रीय मंत्री सिब्बल से सवाल-जवाब।

■ एक छात्र ने जब यह जानना चाहा कि योजना आयोग की सिफारिश के अनुसार 32 रुपए मिलने वाला व्यक्ति गरीब नहीं है, तो 1700 रुपए में मिलने वाला टेबलेट (कंप्यूटर) उसका बच्चा कैसे खरीद सकेगा? इस सवाल को केंद्रीय मंत्री राजनीतिक सवाल बताते हुए टाल गए।

■ दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय से पुस्तकालय पर रिसर्च कर रहे छात्र ने जब यह जानना चाहा कि गुगल व ई-बुक के दौर में आने वाले समय में पुस्तकालय की क्या भूमिका रहेगी?
■ इस पर सिब्बल ने बताया कि यह वास्तव में बड़ा सोच का विषय है, इस पर विचार किया जा रहा है कि किस तरह पुस्तकालय बनाए रखे जा सकते हैं। सिब्बल ने कहा कि देश का दुर्भाग्य है कि



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अभी तक सुनियोजित लाइब्रेरी सिस्टम विकसित नहीं हो पाए हैं।
■ उच्च शैक्षणिक संस्थाओं में आरक्षण दिए जाने के सवाल पर सिब्बल ने कहा कि आरक्षण कमजोर वर्गों के हितों के लिए दिया जा रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि सामान्य वर्ग के छात्रों को अधिक मेहनत की आवश्यकता है।
■ पीएच.डी.धारकों को नेट-सेट से छूट के सवाल पर सिब्बल का कहना था कि अभी उन्हें छूट नहीं दी गई है। जब छात्रों ने इसका पूरक प्रश्न किया तो सिब्बल भड़क गए और कहा कि मेरे आफिस आकर देख लो कि क्या कार्रवाई चल रही है।

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एनआइआइटी का स्कूल प्रोग्राम 1 करोड़ विद्यार्थियों को लाभदायक

देश के 16,600 स्कूलों में कम्प्यूटर आधारित शिक्षा उपलब्ध कराया

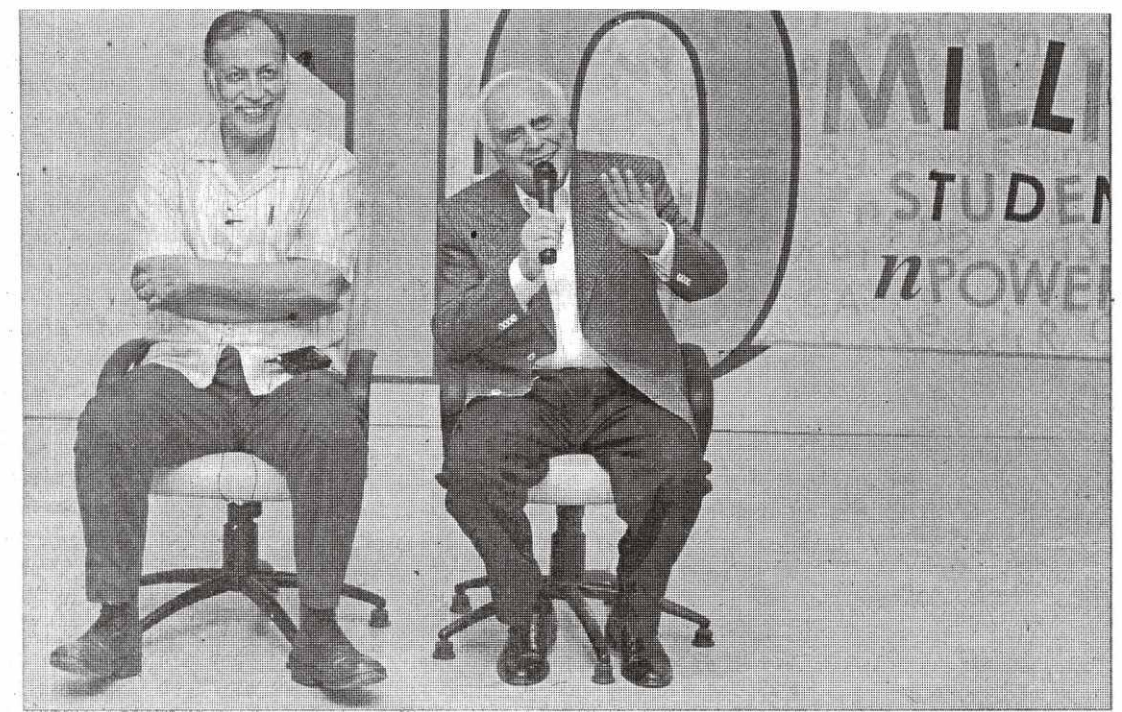
नीमराणा। एनआइआइटी ने शुक्रवार को देशव्यापी स्तर पर 10 मिलियन विद्यार्थियों को कम्प्यूटर आधारित शिक्षा द्वारा तृणमूल स्तर पर कम्प्यूटर में निपुणता उत्पन्न करने के अपने मिशन में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल कर लिया है। 'एनआइआइटी/स्कूल' प्रोग्राम के माध्यम से, जो सरकारी एवं निजी स्कूलों में कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा की पेशकश करता है, एनआइआइटी एक दशक से भारतीय विद्यार्थियों के भविष्य को स्वरूप प्रदान कर रहा है। एनआइआइटी का कम्प्यूटर एजुकेशन मूवमेंट, जो कि सार्वजनिक निजी भागीदारी मॉडल के माध्यम से वर्ष 1999 में तमिलनाडु में 371 सरकारी स्कूलों में पहली बार शुरू किया गया था और इसकी सुरुवात बढ़कर अब देश के 18 राज्यों के लगभग 16,600 शैक्षणिक संस्थानों तक हो गई है। 10 मिलियन विद्यार्थियों तक पहुंचने की उपलब्धि

के उपलक्ष में नीमराणा के गैर-लाभकारी एनआइआइटी यूनिवर्सिटी कैम्पस में आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम को केन्द्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सि?बल ने संबोधित किया तथा इस अवसर पर देश के बेहतरीन विद्यार्थियों एवं शिक्षकों को सम्मानित किया। राजेन्द्र एस. पवार, चेयरमैन, एनआइआइटी, अग्रणी शिक्षाविद्, विभिन्न स्कूलों के प्राचार्य, वरिष्ठ सरकारी अधिकारी और एनआइआइटी व एनआइआइटी यूनिवर्सिटी के सदस्य भी इस अवसर पर उपस्थित थे। सिब्ल ने 10 मिलियन विद्यार्थियों को आइटी के क्षेत्र में साक्षर बनाने के लिये एनआइआइटी को बधाई दी। असम, महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात, आन्ध्र प्रदेश, दिल्ली एनसीआर तथा भारत के अन्य क्षेत्रों के विद्यार्थियों एवं शिक्षकों को प्रोत्साहित करते हुये सिब्ल ने कहा कि नया लक्ष्य 10 मिलियन की तुलना में कई गुणा अधिक होना

चाहिये एवं देशव्यापी स्तर पर स्कूली बच्चों को इस दायरे में लाया जाना चाहिये। बच्चों को उनके असाधारण प्रदर्शन के लिये सम्मानित किया गया, जिसमें शामिल हैं- मंगलडोई गवर्नमेंट हायर सेकेन्ड्री स्कूल, दारांग, असम की महाश्वेता कुमार, जो माईडचैपिंस एकेडमी 2011 (शतरंज के माध्यम से युवा मस्तिष्क के विकास हेतु विश्वनाथन आनंद के साथ शुरू की गयी एक संयुक्त पहल) की राष्ट्रीय विजेता हैं। पुणे के अनिरुद्ध आयरंग को एक माइंडबूस्टर के रूप में शतरंज में पहले इन्वर्सिटी प्रोग्राम को पूर्ण करने के लिये सम्मानित किया गया। बाल मस्तिष्कों को विकसित करने में तकनीक आधारित शिक्षा की भूमिका के विषय में चर्चा करते हुए राजेन्द्र एस.पवार, चेयरमैन, एनआइआइटी, ने कहा कि 10 मिलियन विद्यार्थियों तक पहुंचना एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि है। एक बेहतर शिक्षा एक महान भविष्य की

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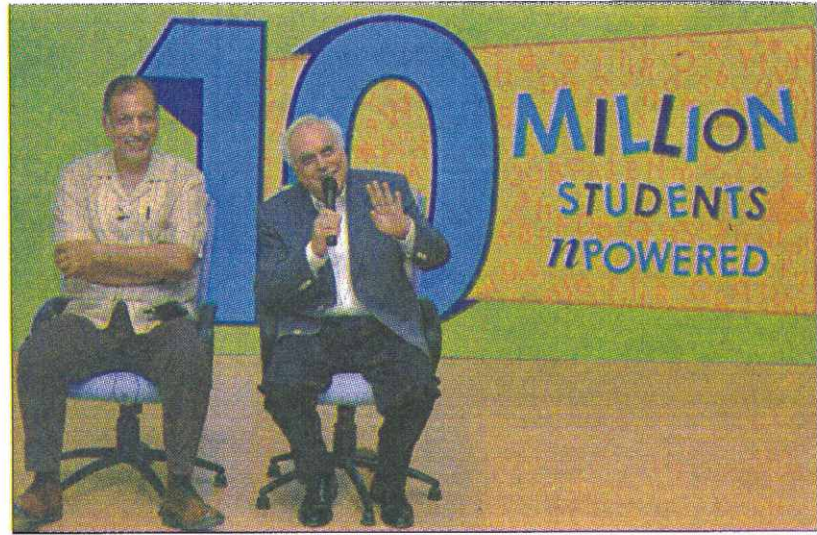
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जयपुर। नीमराणा, राजस्थान, एनआइआइटी ने आज देशव्यापी स्तर पर 10 मिलियन विद्यार्थियों को कम्प्यूटर आधारित शिक्षा द्वारा तृणमूल स्तर पर कम्प्यूटर में निपुणता उत्पन्न करने के अपने मिशन में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल कर-लिया है।

'एनआइआइटी/स्कूल' प्रोग्राम के माध्यम से, जो सरकारी-एवं निजी स्कूलों में कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा की पेशकश करता है, एनआइआइटी एक दशक से भारतीय विद्यार्थियों के भविष्य को स्वरूप प्रदान कर रहा है। एनआइआइटी का कम्प्यूटर एजुकेशन मूवमेंट, जो कि सार्वजनिक निजी भागीदारी मॉडल के माध्यम से वर्ष 1999 में तमिलनाडु में 371 सरकारी स्कूलों में पहली बार शुरू किया गया था और इसकी पहुंच बढ़कर अब देश के 18 राज्यों के लगभग 16,600 शैक्षणिक संस्थानों तक हो गई है। केंलांग (हिमाचल प्रदेश) से लेकर रामेश्वरम (तमिलनाडु) तक और वंध (गुजरात) से लेकर अगरतला (त्रिपुरा) तक सारे देश में फैला यह प्रोग्राम, देश के दूर-दराज क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले विद्यार्थियों तक पहुंचता है। 10 मिलियन विद्यार्थियों तक पहुंचने की उपलब्धि के उपलक्ष में नीमराणा के गैर-लाभकारी एनआइआइटी यूनिवर्सिटी कैम्पस में आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम को

श्री कपिल सिब्ल, माननीय मानव संसाधन विकास, संचार व सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी केन्द्रीय मंत्री, ने संबोधित किया तथा इस अवसर पर देश के बेहतरीन विद्यार्थियों एवं शिक्षकों को सम्मानित किया। श्री राजेन्द्र एस. पवार, चेयरमैन, एनआइआइटी, अग्रणी शिक्षाविद्, विभिन्न स्कूलों के प्राचार्य, वरिष्ठ सरकारी-अधिकारी और एनआइआइटी व एनआइआइटी यूनिवर्सिटी के सदस्य भी इस अवसर पर उपस्थित थे। सिब्ल ने 10 मिलियन विद्यार्थियों को आइटी के क्षेत्र में साक्षर बनाने के लिये एनआइआइटी को बधाई दी। असम, महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात, आन्ध्र प्रदेश, दिल्ली एनसीआर तथा भारत के अन्य क्षेत्रों के विद्यार्थियों एवं शिक्षकों को प्रोत्साहित करते हुये श्री सिब्ल ने कहा कि नया लक्ष्य 10 मिलियन की तुलना में कई गुणा अधिक होना चाहिये एवं देशव्यापी स्तर पर स्कूली बच्चों को इस दायरे में लाया जाना चाहिये। बच्चों को उनके असाधारण प्रदर्शन के लिये सम्मानित किया गया, जिसमें शामिल हैं- मंगलडोई गवर्नमेंट हायर सेकेन्ड्री स्कूल, दारांग, असम की महाश्वेता कुमार, जो माईडचैपिंस एकेडमी 2011 (शतरंज के माध्यम से युवा मस्तिष्क के विकास हेतु विश्वनाथन आनंद के साथ शुरू की गयी) एक संयुक्त पहल) की राष्ट्रीय विजेता हैं।

Dainik Jalte Deep
Jaipur, October 8, 2011



देश के 16,600 स्कूलों में कम्प्यूटर आधारित शिक्षा उपलब्ध कराया

एनआइआईटी का स्कूल्स प्रोग्राम देशव्यापी स्तर पर 10 मिलियन विद्यार्थियों के लिये लाभदायक सिद्ध हुआ

नीमराणा, 7 अक्टूबर (कास) एनआइआईटी ने आज देशव्यापी स्तर पर 10 मिलियन विद्यार्थियों को कम्प्यूटर आधारित शिक्षा द्वारा तृणमूल स्तर पर कम्प्यूटर में निपुणता उत्पन्न करने के अपने मिशन में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल कर लिया है।

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अगरतला (त्रिपुरा) तक सारे देश में फैला यह प्रोग्राम, देश के दूर-दराज क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले विद्यार्थियों तक पहुंचता है।

10 मिलियन विद्यार्थियों तक पहुंचने की उपलब्धि के उपलक्ष में नीमराणा के गैर-लाभकारी एनआइआईटी यूनिवर्सिटी कैंपस में आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम को श्री कपिल सिब्बल, माननीय मानव संसाधन विकास, संचार व सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी केन्द्रीय मंत्री, ने संबोधित किया तथा इस अवसर पर देश के बेहतरीन विद्यार्थियों एवं शिक्षकों को सम्मानित किया। राजेन्द्र एस. पवार, चेयरमैन, एनआइआईटी, अग्रणी शिक्षाविद्, विभिन्न स्कूलों के प्राचार्य, वरिष्ठ सरकारी अधिकारी और एनआइआईटी व एनआइआईटी यूनिवर्सिटी के सदस्य भी इस अवसर पर उपस्थित थे।

सिब्बल ने 10 मिलियन विद्यार्थियों को आईटी के क्षेत्र में साक्षर बनाने के लिये एनआइआईटी को बधाई दी।

Huknama Samachar
Jaipur, October 8, 2011

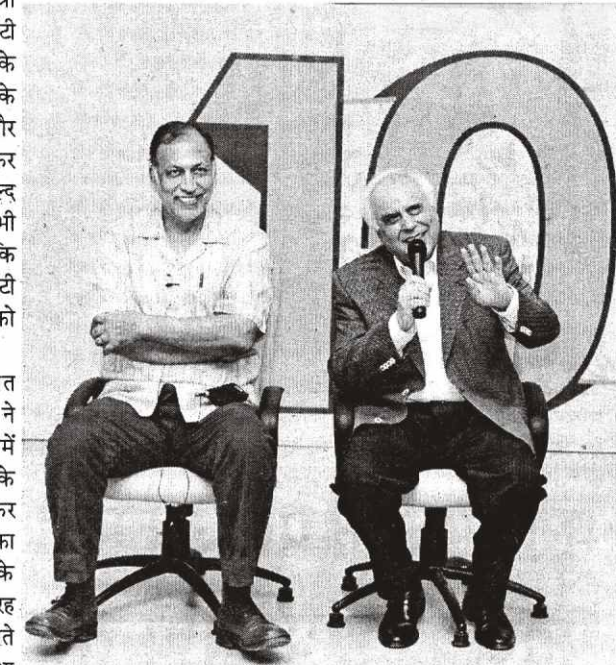
लदेंगे कोचिंग इंस्टीट्यूटों के दिन : सिब्बल

12वीं के अंको, एप्टीट्यूड टेस्ट से मिलेगा आईआईटी में दाखिला

जयपुर, 7 अक्टूबर (कास.)। देश में जल्द ही कोचिंग इंस्टीट्यूटों के दिन लद जायेंगे। केन्द्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री कपिल सिब्बल ने कहा है कि आईआईटी में चयन के लिए सीनियर सैकंडरी के प्रति बच्चों की खत्म हो रही गंभीरता के कारण यह कदम उठाया जा रहा है और 2013 तक इस प्रक्रिया को लागू कर दिया जायेगा। इसके तहत देश में जल्द ही आईआईटी में 12वीं के अंकों को भी तवज्जे मिलेगी। सिब्बल ने कहा है कि उनकी मंशा है कि देश में सी आईआईटी खुलें जिससे देश में सभी बच्चों को पर्याप्त मौका मिल सके।

जोर दिया। इसके लिए रामास्वामी कमेटी की सिफारिशों को लागू करने की कोशिश की जा

के प्रति रुझान बढ़ाया जा सके। बच्चों द्वारा आरक्षण कोटे पर आपत्ति जताने पर सिब्बल ने कहा कि यह व्यवस्था समाज के उपेक्षित वर्ग को मुख्य धारा में लाने के लिए बनाई गई है। सिब्बल ने मां का उदाहरण देते हुए कहा कि यदि उसके दो बच्चों में यदि एक कमजोर है तो मां की जिम्मेदारी उस बच्चे के प्रति ज्यादा बढ़ जाती है। यह आरक्षण व्यवस्था समाज के उसी वर्ग के लिए है। उन्होंने स्पॉट्स को बढ़ावा देने के लिए शिक्षण संस्थाओं में इसके अतिरिक्त अंकों को प्रमुखता के आधार पर शामिल करने की बात कही।



शुक्रवार को नीमराणा स्थित एनआइआईटी यूनिवर्सिटी में सिब्बल ने कहा कि पिछले कुछ समय में देखने में आया है कि आईआईटी की तैयारी के लिए छात्रों का खूब स्कूल न होकर कोचिंग कक्षाएं रह गया है। इससे उनका ध्यान विषयों की मूल जानकारी के बजाय सिर्फ परीक्षा को पास करना रह गया है। कोचिंग संस्थाओं पर बरसते हुए सिब्बल ने कहा कि वहां सिर्फ परीक्षा पास करने के मैथड सिखा दिए जाते हैं। यह सही मायने में बच्चे के साथ न्याय नहीं है। सिब्बल ने स्टीव जॉब्स का उदाहरण देते हुए कहा कि कॉलेज ड्रॉप आउट होते हुए भी उन्होंने काम के प्रति लगन रखते हुए आईआईटी में ख्याति अर्जित की। उन्होंने आईआईटी प्रवेश में 12वीं के अंकों के साथ एप्टीट्यूड टेस्ट के अंक जोड़ने पर

रही है। सिब्बल ने कहा कि विज्ञान, गणित, कॉमर्स में देशभर में समान करीकूलम लागू करने की प्रक्रिया चल रही है। इससे बच्चों के लिए समान अवसर उपलब्ध होंगे। अगले वर्ष से नेशनल वोकेशनल क्वलीफिकेशन फ्रेमवर्क लागू करने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं जिससे व्यवसायिक शिक्षा

दिल्ली यूनिवर्सिटी में लाइब्रेरी विभाग के एक रिसर्च स्कॉलर ने जब सिब्बल से पूछा कि क्या वे नहीं मानते कि गूगल के कारण लाइब्रेरी का अस्तित्व संकट में है। इस पर सिब्बल ने कहा कि यह देश का दुर्भाग्य है कि देश में सुनियोजित लाइब्रेरी सिस्टम अब तक विकसित नहीं हो पाया है। इस पर काफी कुछ करने की जरूरत है। नौकरी के लिए नेट स्लेट की अनिवार्यता पर पूछे गए सवाल को वे टाल गए।

सिब्बल ने एनआइआईटी की ओर से आईटी के विभिन्न पाठ्यक्रमों के तहत 10 मिलियन छात्रों को जोड़ने की सराहा। उन्होंने एनआइआईटी के चेयरमैन राजेंद्र पंवार को भी इस उपलब्धि के लिए बधाई दी। इस अवसर पर प्रतिभाशाली छात्रों और शिक्षकों को सम्मानित किया गया।

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NIIT's Schools Learning Solutions empowers 10 million students across India
Celebrates monumental milestone at NIIT University in Neemrana
Felicitates Mahasweta Kumar of Assam, the National winner of MCA 2011

THE LOCATION WAS THE NIIT UNIVERSITY (NU) CAMPUS, nestled in the sylvan surroundings of the Aravalli hills in Neemrana, Rajasthan. The event was the celebration of the huge milestone of crossing the mark of 10 million students by NIIT Ltd's School Learning Solutions (SLS) business, a first for any single education institution in the world!

Bringing pride to India and the training industry, NIIT SLS announced that it had successfully empowered 10 million school children across the nation, through computer training and IT-assisted education delivered to the doorsteps of over 16,600 schools.

It was a landmark, at once exciting, and awe-inspiring. One that caused Hon'ble Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Communications and Information Technology, the Chief Guest at the function, Mr. Kapil Sibal to declare, that "for just one institution to provide computer learning to 10 million students was a monumental task, not possible without passion."

The Minister congratulated SLS for touching the lives of people who would never even have seen a computer—the marginalised and the have nots.

With this landmark, NIIT's mission, to take computer proficiency to the grass root levels and help obliterate the digital divide, came a step closer to accomplishment. The mind-boggling statistic also marked a high point in the annals of SLS, that has been working diligently for over a decade, to familiarise the country's school children with computers and use IT-enabled education to support teachers, and bring the fun back into learning.

Under the aegis of SLS, NIIT launched its 'NIIT@Schools' programme in 1999 with the prestigious BOOT project, targeting 371 government schools in Tamil Nadu. It now reaches 16,600 schools in 18 Indian states. From Keylong (Himachal Pradesh) in the North, to Rameswaram (Tamil Nadu) in the South, and from Vandh (Gujarat) in the West, to Agartala (Tripura) in the East, the programme spans the length and breadth of the country, connecting with students in the farthest and remotest corners of India.

During its historic journey, SLS has created 23,936 hours of content, set up 1,07,209 computer based learning nodes, and selected, trained and certified nearly four lakh computer teachers in India's schools. NIIT has indirectly contributed to the development of several villages in the country where basic urban facilities like electricity,



Union HRD minister Kapil Sibal (L) & NIIT chairman Rajendra Pawar (centre)

telephone and internet connectivity was missing. Children in these villages now receive computer learning. Located in the nooks and crannies of India, these villages now have schools with regular power supply, and telephone and Internet connectivity.

NIIT flag-bearers including its Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. Rajendra Pawar, President, School Learning Solutions, Mr. Hemant Sethi, NU President Mr. Rajeev Shorey, and the Minister, Mr. Kapil Sibal, set the ceremony in motion with the traditional lighting of the lamp, against the backdrop of an invocation.

In his welcome address, Mr. Rajendra Pawar traced the genesis of NIIT's SLS, stating that the idea germinated in the minds of NIIT leaders when concerns about the digital divide became focal, and the Indian government sought help from the private sector to take computer education to the rural landscape.

Kick starting the computer education movement in Indian schools

THE COMPANY'S MISSION WAS TO TAKE COMPUTER LEARNING to each and every child in India, a part of its larger, over-reaching dream of 'bringing people and computers together, successfully.'

"The government was keen for someone to do the end-to-end piece. NIIT took up the challenge, provided the infrastructure, the classrooms, trained teachers, the hardware, software, connectivity and content. We offered end-to-end, workable solutions, taking high quality IT

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training everywhere, even the far flung areas," commented Mr. Pawar.

Stating that the SLS initiative was the closest to NIIT's heart, Mr. Pawar added that NIIT still had miles to go in this journey.

Mr. Pawar, also focused attention on NIIT University, calling it NIIT's next big piece of passion, and a new model in the field of education. "NU is a post industrialisation University, shaped in accordance with the knowledge society and working to create a new paradigm of learning to deal with the future," Mr. Pawar said.

Talking in detail about SLS and its evolution, its President, Mr. Hemant Sethi spotlighted the key signposts in its timeline. These, he said, included the launch of HIWEL (the well known Hole in the Wall project) that aimed to take 'minimally invasive' computer learning to underprivileged children; the NIIT MindChampions Academy (MCA), set up jointly with World Chess Champion, Mr. Viswanathan Anand to promote chess in schools; and NIIT's innovations in the area of education such as the Interactive Classroom, the Mobile Science Lab and Math Lab. Mr. Sethi spoke about how the MCA, guided by Mr. Anand, had set a new Guinness record in 2010, enabling 20,430 participants to play Chess simultaneously, as part of the Swarnim Gujarat initiative. He also shared with the gathering news about NABET, an accreditation programme for schools, introduced in 2011.

Mr. Sethi's introduction to SLS was followed by a special film on NIIT's tryst with India's children, and how it had evoked in them a spirit of curiosity, and the love for computers.

Spotlighting teachers and students

TWO SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, INCLUDING MS RENU SEHGAL, Principal, Mody School, Laxmangarh and Mrs Sudha Turaga, Principal, Delhi Public School, Nacharam, Hyderabad then spoke about their engagement with SLS, and how they had deployed the revolutionary Math Lab and other cutting-edge solutions for teaching and improving the administration processes of their institutions.

The logo to commemorate the 10 million students milestone was then unveiled by the leaders, in the presence of school principals, academicians, bureaucrats, school students and the learners at NU. The Minister felicitated teachers from NIIT's partner schools, who had made pioneering moves to embrace computers and computer-assisted education on their turf. The Minister recognised the exemplary performances of Mahasweta Kumar from the Mangaldoi Government Girls Higher Secondary School in Darrang, Assam, the National winner of the MCA 2011. Anirudh Iyengar from Pune was acknowledged as the first candidate to successfully complete the innovative IGNOU certificate programme in Chess as a mind booster. Mr.

Sibal presented plaques and citations to four principals, who had received National Awards for introducing computer based learning in their institutions.

The new paradigms shaping education

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"Open your minds, break barriers," the Minister exhorted the students. Mr. Sibal also took time out, despite a hectic schedule, to answer probing and thought-provoking questions from both school and university students. He shared his views on the country's education system, the reforms it required and the challenges it was facing. Touching upon issues such as Board Examinations, the need for more IITs, reservations and the quota system, and a host of other subjects, the Minister urged students to carve out their own path, become entrepreneurs, and wrest opportunities with freedom and boldness.

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NIIT Empowers 10 Million Students Across India

NIIT School Learning Solutions celebrated monumental milestone at NIIT University in Neemrana

After successfully empowering over 10 million school children across the nation through computer training and having delivered IT-assisted education to the doorsteps of over 16,600 schools, NIIT Ltd.'s Schools Learning Solutions (SLS) business, celebrated its accomplishments, on 7th October 2011, at its campus in Delhi's satellite city – Neemrana.

Inaugurated by chief guest, Kapil Sibal, the Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Communications and Information Technology, the event received congratulations from the honourable minister for touching the lives of people who have never seen a computer—the marginalised and the have nots. Praising the SLS, Sibal went on to declare, that "for just one institution to provide computer learning to 10 million

students was a monumental task and not possible without passion."

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The minister recognised the exemplary performances of Mahasweta Kumar from the Mangaldoi Government Girls Higher Secondary School in Darrang, Assam, the national winner of the MCA 2011. Anirudh Iyengar from Pune, was also acknowledged as the first candidate to successfully complete the innovative IGNOU certificate programme in chess as a mind booster.

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During its historic journey, SLS has created 23,936 hours of content, set up 1,07,209 computer based learning nodes, and selected, trained and certified nearly four lakh computer teachers in India's schools. NIIT has indirectly contributed to the development of several villages in the country where basic urban facilities like electricity, telephone and internet connectivity was missing. Children in these villages now receive computer learning. Located in the nooks and crannies of India, these villages now have schools with regular power supply, and telephone and Internet connectivity.

NIIT flag-bearers including Rajendra Pawar, Chairman and Managing Director, NIIT, Hemant Sethi, President, School Learning Solutions, Rajeev Shorey, NU President and Kapil Sibal, the Union minister for Human Resource Development who set the ceremony in motion with the traditional lighting of the lamp, against the backdrop of an invocation.

Talking in detail about SLS and its evolution, its President, Hemant Sethi highlighted the key signposts in its timeline. These, he said, included the launch of HIWEL (the well known Hole in the Wall project) that aimed to take 'minimally invasive' computer learning to underprivileged children; the NIIT Mind-Champions Academy (MCA), set up jointly with World Chess Champion, Viswanathan Anand to promote chess in schools; and NIIT's innovations in the area of education such as the Interactive Classroom, the Mobile Science Lab and Math Lab. Sethi spoke about how the MCA, guided by Anand, had set a new Guinness World Records in 2010, enabling 20,430 participants to play Chess simultaneously, as part of the Swarnim Gujarat initiative. He also shared the news about NABET, an accreditation programme for schools, introduced in 2011.

Sethi's introduction to SLS was followed by a special film on NIIT's trust with India's children, and how it had evoked a spirit of curiosity and the love for computers in them.

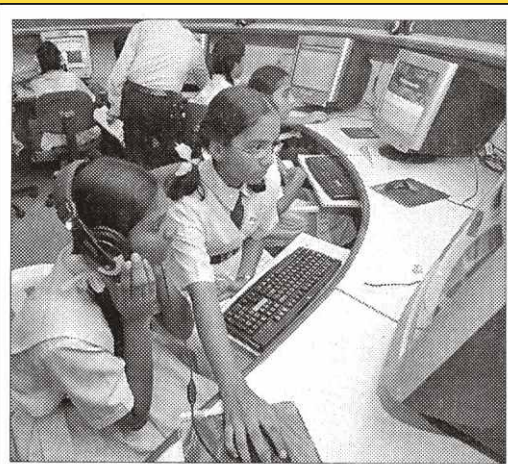
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NIIT crosses 10 million students

NIIT said it has achieved a milestone in its mission to take computer proficiency to the grassroots levels, by imparting computer-based learning to 10 million student across India.

