

ACADEMIC CHOICES

More opportunities for the deserving

It was time for postgraduate students of Jain University to explore their options in international universities during the 17th annual meeting of Network of International Business and Economic Schools (NIBES) hosted by the university.

In the framework of the exchange programme, deans of 15 business schools exchanged ideas, discussed opportunities within the business and economic international education, and shared their plans to develop joint academic programmes.

The NIBES acts like a forum which creates network among all its member universities. It enhances programmes in business, economics and management to improve students' expertise. NIBES has a global network of 22 business and economic schools in 19 countries. Only

two institutions from India – Indian Institute of Science and Jain University – are its members. The focus of this year's discussion was on the internationalisation of management education.

The NIBES delegation visited the Chenraj Roychand Center for Entrepreneurship, which has so far incubated 42 companies, and got a briefing about the programmes undertaken by the university. George Harada, secretary general of NIBES, was happy about the learning experience. "The take-aways were enormous for the delegation. India is a country with immense potential. We saw glimpses of that during our interactions with Infosys, Jain University and the Indian Institute of Science. The enthusiasm and the indomitable spirit of the students were striking," he said.



A student performs during the inaugural function.

For students who were anxious about the future possibilities, the exchange programme threw light on the various options that awaits them. Rahul

A Jain, a final-year MBA student, said, "As students, we wanted to know what can we expect from international universities being part of the NIBES and the delegation guided us in this direction. We wanted to know how we would have an edge over students from other colleges which are not members of NIBES."

He adds, "since most of us were not sure whether we want to become entrepreneurs or sit for placements, this was a right platform. We are now sure that our choices are not limited and even if we wish to take up research, there are plenty of options."

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