

## **AIU sponsored 3-day National Workshop begins** **IT Minister hails e-learning in higher education, praises ICFAI for lead role**

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E-learning and virtual classroom teaching have become inevitable in the present higher education system in our state to remain at par with national standard. ICFAI University Tripura has taken a leading role in introducing such modern facilities for its students and teaching staff. The minister for Health & Family Welfare and Information Technology Mr. Sudip Roy Barman hailed the growing use of IT in higher education sector by making above remarks today.

He was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of three-day national workshop on "Emerging Trends of Information Technology in University Management" organized jointly by Association of Indian Universities(AIU), New Delhi and ICFAI University, Tripura. Besides the faculty members of host University, about 30 outside delegates have participated in the workshop from across the country.

The minister said, use of information technology is no more an aristocracy but need of the hour. Be it education, administration, governance, implementation of pro-people schemes and judiciary, he pointed out. Mr. Barman praised upon AIU and ICFAI University Tripura for organizing national workshop on such a relevant topic. He also assured all possible help from State government in transforming higher education into e-learning system.

While giving the welcome speech, the Pro Vice Chancellor of ICFAI University Tripura Prof. Biplab Halder said the University is presently offering 34 courses under different departments. It would introduce new courses namely Sociology, Psychology, Nursing, Economics and M.Sc (Biotechnology) from next academic session. Prof. Halder also thanked upon Association of Indian Universities for sponsoring and organizing National Workshop jointly with ICFAI University Tripura.

Dr. Amarendra Pani, the Deputy Director (Research) of AIU, also spoke in the inaugural ceremony. He recollected the formation of Inter University Board of Universities of India and Shylon (presently Sri Lanka) in 1926 and its transformation into AIU in 1975. Dr. Pani informed that total of 903 Central, State, Private and Deemed Universities presently exist in India.

At the end of inaugural ceremony, Registrar Dr. A Ranganath conveyed vote of thanks. This programme was followed by technical and interactive sessions, which would continue till Monday.