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Gujarat Technological University organized International Workshop on "Teaching Anti-corruption Issues in Management Programmes"

'Teaching of ethics and anti-corruption in business education should be based on context-specific scenarios and learning resources," said Dr Akshai Aggarwal, Vice-Chancellor of GTU. He explained the need and the significance of including Business Ethics and Corporate Governance as important areas of study in Managament programmes. He welcomed Prof. Shiv Tripathi (Mzumbe University, Tanzania) and Prof. Ronald Berenbeim (Stern School of Business, New York). Professors Tripathi and Berenbeim are associated with United Nations Global Compact Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME). PRME has set up an Anti-corruption Working group, which has developed a tool-kit for help in anti-corruption education at Business Schools.

The workshop on 'Teaching Anti-corruption in Management Programs' was organized jointly by GTU and PRME on Thursday, 28th February 2013 at the GTU campus. Prof. Ronald Berenbeim said that we should emphasize creation and use of specific material related to the situations relevant to students and the organization, where one is likely to work. Prof. S O Junare, Dean of Business Studies at GTU, said 'Teaching anti-corruption in management prgrammes needs an integrative perspective." Prof Dr K N Sheth, Dean GTU for Interdisciplinary Research emphasized that Anti-corruption education should touch other related issues like poverty eradication, human rights and environmental sustainability.

Prof. Dr J P Joshipura, Director, Som-Lalit Institute stessed the need for integration of Indian philosophical thoughts and Gandhian philosophy in order to make the anti-corruption education more relevant for the Indian business students. Prof. Shiv Tripathi brought out the need for integrated teaching, research and community partnership in promoting the anti-corruption education in management programmes.

Directors, Deans and more than fifty faculty members, currently teaching the course on Ethics and Corporate Governance at GTU affiliated MBA Institutes, attended the international workshop and brain stormed various ethical and anti corruption issues including many Case Studies that can be incorporated to make the course more effective for the management students.

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