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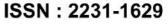
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In 2017, the UGC chose our University for the award of the status of Centre with Potential for Excellence. Ours was one of the three universities in entire India to be awarded potential for Excellence status in 2017.

The main objective of the UGC's CPEPA scheme is to encourage and facilitate various departments at the chosen university to work together in a particular area by associating their faculty members to cooperate and collaborate in their activities on regular basis, cutting across departmental and discipline barriers.

As the thrust area of the Centre is development, this time we thought of organising an online international conference on APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

Universities are for providing leadership involving innovative ideas that are suitable, affordable, and appropriate considering available resources.

Thinking globally and acting locally is the need of the hour.

Through deliberations based on research, the University aims at being proactive in bringing change in the lives of rural human resources in choosing technology that is accessible, available, and suitable for local needs.

This is the last leg of CPEPA Phase I.

Based on the work of the CPEPA Centre in the last 5 years, we are determined to be proactive in the next phase in terms of facilitating the area under our jurisdiction with suitable technology for sustainable development through national and international collaborations.

Prof. (Dr.) Pramod Yeole

Vice-Chancellor

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EDITORIAL...

Far from the ignoble strife.....

Choice of technique has been a perennial question inviting attention of scientists. There was a time when high capital intensive technology was seen as the best choice.

As against this notion, appropriate technology is sustainable, need based and suitable to a particular geographic area with peculiar ecological, economic and demographic conditions that change with climate, culture and policy approach as well.

On the backdrop of huge scale capital intensive production, there appeared a classic book by E F Schumacher in the 1970s. This book titled "Small is Beautiful: A Study of Economics as if people mattered" was very popular due to the treatment the author gave to a very serious science called Economics.

But yet this was probably the first book devoted to economics yet accepted and read widely irrespective of 'academic boundaries' of readers.

This book should be showered with praise as it almost convinced us that there cannot be a one size fits all technology solution irrespective of time and place.

Despite efforts at bringing convergence in per capita income of the developed and underdeveloped regions, Marathwada continues to lag behind the rest of Maharashtra.

Under the able guidance of our honourable Vice Chancellor Professor Pramod Yeole, we chose this theme of appropriate technology for rural development so as to be able to contribute to welcome the amrit kalam also into the lagging regions dominated by agricultural sector.

In tandem with the upcoming celebrations of 75 years of India's independence, we, with this appropriate technology mantra look forward to the amrita kalam.

Our University is committed to enable people in Marathwada to live a life of Dignity in the pursuit of development.

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