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'Anokha 2011' witnesses convergence of unique engineering talents

Amutha Kannan

Provide solutions to problems of rural India: Madhavan Nair

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The former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation, G. Madhavan Nair, speaking at the inauguration of 'Anokha 2011', a national technical festival for students, at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham at Ettimadai near Coimbatore on Tuesday.

COIMBATORE: The second edition of 'Anokha 2011,' a national-level technical festival organised by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham at Ettimadai here, got off to a colourful start in the presence of captains of the industry, eminent members of the academia and a few thousand-strong student crowd on Tuesday.

Engineering talent from various parts of the country and abroad have converged on the university to take part in the three-day fete that consists of 40 technical events, 10 workshops and many other activities that will test the skills of the students. The festival has received 7,000 entries from 330 institutions.

The message the participants received from the experts at the inauguration was to make the best use of the forum to get to know the latest in engineering and technology.

Inaugurating the festival with the theme "National Security and Sustainable Development," the former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation, G. Madhavan Nair, urged the budding engineers to use their knowledge effectively to provide solutions to the myriad problems faced by Indians in the rural areas and more than 30 per cent of the population living below the poverty line.

"The country had scientific temper since Indus Valley civilisation. There have been theories formulated in that era even without the help of instruments to do research, collect data and make inferences. But from 600 AD till Independence we remained an oppressed lot and hence, scientific creativity suffered immensely. Post-Independence, we have really blossomed," Mr. Nair said.

Citing the Green Revolution, the White Revolution, achievements in space technology and development of the Light Combat Aircraft, Mr. Nair said that

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