

# Corporate agenda causing slow death of democracy in India: Rajan Gurukkal



Rajan Gurukkal addressing the audience at the seminar on draft national education policy

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KERALA Higher Education Council vice-chairman Rajan Gurukkal said that the corporate agenda was overpowering and causing the slow death of democracy in India.

Inaugurating a seminar on draft national education policy at College of Forestry, Vellanikkara, Gurukkal said that the real objectives of the proposed policy were so well concealed that everyone is discussing the peripheral rhetoric while the real agenda is being implemented through a hidden mode.



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“Techno-capitalism and functional autocracy have been made to work together to implement programmes detrimental to national security and sovereignty. A regime of knowledge economy is being thrust upon and central government is just a tool in the hands of dominant economy. Corporate giants pump in huge sums to exploit innate talent of our youngsters and confiscate their creativity.

The proposed policy is their brainchild and meant to curtail free-thinking and positive development,” he said.

He added that unless the public realised the motives of documents prepared and propagated by corporates and raised stiff resistance, the demise of Indian democracy could not be delayed or stopped. A Paslathil, secretary, Federation of University Teachers’ Organisa-

tions in Kerala, pointed out that the very existence of universities was in danger and a collective intervention was required to save education in India. Widespread discussions and interventions are required to correct the wrong course of action, he said.

The seminar organised by KAU Employees Association and Teachers Organisation of KAU was attended by delegates from different institutions under the university. Forestry faculty dean K Vidyasagar presided over the event. A Prema, C V Denny, Kunjamu and K Velayudhan spoke.