



Students taking a selfie during a cultural programme organised by GD Goenka Public School on Friday

Pioneer

international conference with themes ranging from e-business to cashless economy. The ceremony was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor of Birla Global University (Odisha) Sudhakar Panda. Addressing the audience, Panda highlighted the requirement of e-business in concurrent time. The guest of honour was Dean, Asian Institute of Technology (Thailand), Nitin Tripathi who laid emphasis on the requirement of e-model of business in

distinguished areas of trade. Around 250 papers, along with over 300 abstract, were observed for the conference. The event has attributed over a dozen sponsors. The major attraction of the day was a panel discussion on e-business challenges and opportunity.

B++ GRADE INSTITUTE

Adding another feather to its cap, the School of Management Sciences (SMS),

Lucknow, has now been Accredited as a B++ Grade Institute by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) a constituent body of the UGC under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Speaking to mediapersons on Friday, the Secretary and CEO of the Institute, Sharad Singh, gave this information to the media persons. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council has con-

sidered the Institute for B++ Grade on a 0-4 point scale with a CGPA of 2.80 and this grading has been received in the 1st cycle which itself is a matter of great pride. Sharad Singh further reiterated that the peer team of NAAC visited SMS on September 11, 12 and 13, 2017, resulting in approval and accreditation of B++ Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council during its 28th Standing Committee Meeting held on October 30, 2017. There are 24 universities and 289 colleges i.e. a total of 313 educational institutions accredited by NAAC in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Out of them only 50 colleges of UP have either A+, A or B++ grade. Only 13 colleges out of them are either offering management or technology courses. Thus SMS, Lucknow, figures among the top 13 colleges of UP offering management or technology courses. Out of them nine colleges offer only management courses. Thus the remaining four colleges offer both management and B Tech courses which are in either A or B++ categories. Out of these four colleges, three are based in NOIDA and Ghaziabad region and only SMS is based in Lucknow.

ORATION

CSIR-IITR will be celebrating the 'CSIR-IITR 21st Professor Sibte Hasan Zaidi Oration' and 52nd Annual Day Celebrations on Saturday.