Back to blackboard, says Karunya vice-chancellor

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Modern teaching techniques should not replace the conventional chalk-and-talk methods that encourage interaction and develop bonding between students and teachers, said Karunya University vice-chancellor, S. Sundar Manoharan. He was addressing a two-day international conference on ‘Sustainable and innovative construction technologies’ organised by the school of civil engineering at Karunya University which began on Monday.

The vice-chancellor expressed concern over modern teaching techniques which prefer multimedia presentations rather than conventional methods of writing on the blackboard and interacting with students. Prof. D. Venkat Reddy of NIT in Karnataka dwelt on field problems at construction sites. “The adaptation of technologies in developing countries is not on a par with developed countries,” he said. The CAFET Innova Technical Society Local Centre was inaugurated during the conference.

Prof Krishna R. Reddy, of University of Illinois, Chicago, USA, explained the new and innovative technologies in civil engineering. Urging students to pursue research in precast concrete technology, Prof Reddy asked the students to develop a sustainable and green world.

Presenting a technical paper on integrating sustainability on civil infrastructure design, Prof Reddy said the essence of sustainability is based on environmental sustainability, economical sustainability, and social sustainability.