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‘Cognitive science to boost development’

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Ahmedabad: Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and State Public Service Commission should recognise emerging disciplines like cognitive science to facilitate development, said Janak Pandey, vice chancellor at the Central University of Bihar.

Pandey was at the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IITGn), on Friday to inaugurate a three-day international conference on cognition, emotion and action. He was instrumental in setting up the first ever centre for cognitive science in India.

The V-C also told experts and researchers attending the conference that they should be careful about the application of findings of their researches. He said a study had revealed that cognitive ability decreases when people are emotionally aroused.

Pandey further stated that leaders have been misusing understanding to politically manipulate the country. Caste system was dead in the minds of people in the country if it were not for these political leaders. But political leaders keep arousing the caste-related emotions of the people to garner votes, he said in his address to students.

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