

## National Conference

# “Enriching the Future of Education with a Blend of Ancient Indian Culture”

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> February“ 2020

Venue: **Gitarattan Institute of Advanced Studies & Training**

The conference “**Enriching the Future of Education with a Blend of Ancient Indian Culture**” had four sub themes which focused on the variant aspects and dimension within this domain which are as follows:

- Ancient and Modern system of Education – Philosophical and Sociological Ethos
- Thrust of Idealism and Pragmatism in Ancient & Modern System of Education
- Integrating the Ancient Values with the Modern Technological Education
- From Gurukul System of Education to E-Learning - An Appraisal of the journey Points.

The conference started with the lighting of lamp which was conducted in the presence of our Guest of Honor, Prof. Sangeeta Chauhan, Professor, University School of Education, GGSIPU, Prof. Sonia Jindal, Principal, GIAST, Dr. S K Bhatia, Former Associate Professor, CIE, DU, Ms. Shikha Sharma, Assistant Professor, GIAST and other faculty members and guests. After the ceremony guests were facilitated with the planters.

**Inaugural Session** was taken by Ms. Shikha Sharma, Assistant Professor, GIAST where she discussed that India has a rich and ancient education system with the contribution of different educationalists and renowned educational institutions. She further discussed that this education system has strong relationship with the contemporary education system.

After this, **Key Note Address** was given by Dr. S.K Bhatia where he gave the meaning of education from the perspective of different schools of Philosophy of Education. with different related examples. Aims of education depend upon the contemporary situation and the problems prevailing in the current scenario. He also emphasized that aims of ancient

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education are still relevant in modern education like character building, honesty, values etc. He explained all this with the help different real life examples.



The conference was divided into two technical sessions i.e Technical Session 1 and Technical Session 2 where two sub-themes each were taken up for an open debate and discussion in each session.



**First Technical Session** was chaired by Prof. Sangeeta Chuahan. She talked about New Education Policy and the preamble enshrined in the Indian Constitution. She talked about the importance of moral values and ethics in building individuals character. She compared the ancient education system and modern education in the context of values and ethics through self-analysis and self-realization. The importance of content knowledge and command over communication is the key in disseminating

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information. The nurturing of social and emotional intelligence is the need of the day. She inspired the audience with her narratives.

In the first session, nine papers were presented by students, teachers and guests.

- **Ancient Indian Philosophy and Education:** - This paper was presented by Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, Asst. Professor, Kamal Institute of Higher Education. She talked about the philosophical perspective in Buddhism and Jainism. The focal aspect of her paper was on explaining salvation and attaining purity of soul through yoga.
- **From Gurukul to E-Learning:** - This paper was presented by Mr. Dharmanshu, Kasturi Ram College of Higher Education. The paper talked about Vedic Education and the importance of Satyam, Shivam, Sundaram. It also talked about the conditioning of behavior through education in the context of E-Learning.
- **From Gurukul to E-Learning:** - This paper was presented by Ms. Muskan Jain and Ms. Simran Dhir, GIAST. The paper talked about the evolution of education from Vedic culture till present day. The focus was on the education according to caste, class, gender and religion. It also talked about the present scenario where education has become a service. The speakers also lamented that the respect between students and teachers is declining.
- **From Gurukul to E-Learning:** This paper was presented by Ms. Jyoti, Kasturi Ram College of Higher Education. In this paper she talked about the meaning of education as stated by different educationists. The paper discussed about the entire span of educational system in India over a period of time.
- **Education of Gurukul system to E-Learning- An appraisal of journey:** This paper was presented by Ms. Ishu and Ms. Gauri Girdhar jointly, GIAST. The paper talked about the Gurukul system and how the education and its teaching methods have evolved over a period of time.
- **Integrating the Ancient Values with Modern Technological Education** This paper was presented by Ms. Kanika Sharma, Kasturi Ram College of Higher Education. She discussed about new and upcoming technical educational methods in the

dissemination of education or learning. The paper also talked about the importance of integrating social and moral values in the overall development of the learner. She quoted Mahatma Gandhi by stating the infusion of values and knowledge in grooming individuals.

- **Thrust of Idealism and Pragmatism in Ancient and Modern System of Education:** This paper was presented by Dr Uma Sinha, Associate Professor in VDIIT, Delhi which talked about idealism and pragmatism in ancient and modern system of education. The paper also talked about the teaching methodology, aims of education, and curriculum with respect to a teacher's role and its educational implications.
- **Integrating Ancient Values with Modern Technological Education:** In

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this paper Ms. Peshal Mehra, GIAST differentiated between the values prevalent in ancient time as well as the values which have evolved in the present time with the use of modern technology. She talked about MOOC, E-Pustika and SWAYAM portfolio to digitalize education system and a tool reach rural areas.

- **From Gurukul to E-Learning:** Ms. Akansha Singh, Assistant Professor, SHDCHE presented this paper in which she talked about the objectives of Gurukul system and E-learning. Further, she stated that with the passing of time the aims of education changed. She supported this by giving examples from Islam and colonial system of education.

The concluding remarks were presented by Prof. Sangeeta Chauhan, which enthusiastically talked about the importance of finding solutions rather than talking about the problems prevalent in the society. She said that it is important to reflect upon what we have learnt and what we can contribute in this society.

### **Second Technical Session**

The second technical session was chaired by Dr. Ashish Ranjan, Assistant Professor, CIE, University of Delhi. He was welcomed with a planter by Prof. Sonia Jindal. In this session eight papers were presented which are as follows:

- **Inclusive Education:** This paper was presented by Ms. Sulekha and Ms. Dipti Diwan, GIAST. They focused on the values being followed under Indian culture. They also talked about Vedic education system and its importance in contemporary India.
- Ms Aanchal Bhardwaj and Ms. Priyanka Chopra of Delhi Teacher Training College presented a paper on “**Thrust of Idealism and Pragmatism**”. They focused on pragmatism and idealism and their guiding principles for imparting education. They also focused on the individual capacities and individual differences in attaining education.
- **Appraisal of Journey from Gurukul System of Education to E-Learning:** This paper was presented by Ms Anshu Grade and Ms. Apoorva, GIAST. The paper focused on the heritage and culture of India. It also talked about SWAYAM portal and the importance of e-learning in the field of education.
- Ms. Deepika Pandey, Kasturi Ram College of Higher Education presented a paper on “**From Gurukul to E-Learning**”. The paper compared and contrasted the environment and the cultural backdrop of Gurukul and its practices. It talked about the presence of E-Learning and its importance in present day scenario.
- **Integrating Ancient Values with Modern Education:** This paper was presented by Ms. Anjali Gupta and Ms. Swati Gulati, GIAST . This paper was significant in dealing with the comparison of ideas presented by Lord Macaulay and Mahatma Gandhi on the values imparted through ancient education system. They also focused on self-realization and its importance in the learning process.
- **Enriching the field of Education with Ancient Indian Cultural Values:** This paper was presented by Mr. Rajkumar, Assistant Prof.,

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Monad University, Hapur. He quoted Bhagwad Gita and Robert Frost and said that they as individuals should make an effort to enrich the lives in attaining the knowledge.

- Ms. Nivedita Mishra and Ms. Aditi Tyagi, Kasturi Ram College of Higher Education presented a paper on “**From Gurukul to E- Learning**” where they focused on the different systems of education prevalent in ancient India as well as present day. They also talked about the importance of E-Learning in the dissemination of knowledge.
- **Enriching future of Education with Ancient Indian philosophy and Education:** This paper was presented by Ms. Kanika Arora,

Assistant Professor, SLCHE. The paper talked about the amalgamation of ancient values with modern technology. It also talked about the importance of ethic, morals and cultural values in holistic development of individual entities.



This session was concluded by the keynote given by Dr. Ashish Ranjan. He applauded the range of knowledge and spectrum of educational field which was included in the papers presented. He differentiated between education and literacy. He shared his valuable experiences and stated the importance of developing common sense in day to-day life. He ended with the question session and resolved the queries of the participants.

The **valedictory session** was organised by Dr Shikha Ranjan, Associate Professor, GIAST by handing over the certificates to the participants. At the end, Ms. Neha Bajaj, Assistant Professor, GIAST presented a vote of thanks.