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A Brief Report

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National Conference AICP 2020

"Rejuvenating Higher Education for Global India"

A three day National Conference of Association of Indian College Principals (AICP 2020) was held on 6th, 7th & 8th February 2020 at Kavivarya Suresh Bhat Auditorium in Nagpur. The three collaborative colleges Dr. M.K. Umathe College, Nagpur, Dharampeth M.P. Deo Memorial Science College, Nagpur & Barrister Sheshrao Wankhede College, Khaparkheda have jointly organized the Conference. The topic was "Rejuvenating Higher Education for Global India ". On day one the Conference was formally inaugurated at the hands of honorable Shri. Sandeep Joshi, Mayor of Nagpur City by lighting the traditional lamps followed by felicitation of the president and the secretary of AICP and all the special guests of Honors by presenting bouquets and mementos (with announcement of conference.)

The first technical session was conducted by introducing various technology driven education and the need to enhance employability among the youth at various levels of education. The session was conducted by Dr. Ramkrishnan, Shri. Sanjay Gupta, President HCL technologies and Shri. Jayantraoji Sahastrabudde. The day concluded by parallel reading session on various themes by experts on curricula for tomorrow and global accreditation & academic audit by Dr. Mitkari and Dr. Ajay Gaur. Skilling, upskilling, and re-skilling by Dr. Prashant Agrawal. Relevance of values in Higher Education by Dr. C. Pillai & Dr. Ashok Kumar Higher education for urban & Rural connect by Dr. Urmila Dabir & Dr. Shraddha Naidu, Emerging trends of ICT in Higher Education by Dr. Neena Pajani & Dr. Vimal Pandya Issues of non grant institutions and quality Higher Education by Dr. R. G. Bhoyar. The General Body Meeting was held by AICP committee followed by beautiful Cultural program performed by the students of Santaji Mahavidhyala.

The day two of the Conference on rejuvenating Higher education in India began with keynote address delivered by Padmabhushan Dr. Sivathanu Pillai, Professor, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). He compared ancient tradition of intellectuals with the present educational and technical facilities available in the country but despite of such facilities the Indians are illiterate. Information Technology has made progress in the country and education has crossed many milestones in the last five decades. India has a tradition of intellectual people. The Indians conquered many areas with the force of intelligence. The country has revolutionized the computer field, this results in a great deal of improvement. Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan had defined education as a system of social, economic and cultural change opined Dr. Pillai. He further expressed Today however, the picture is not very satisfying, corruption,

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terrorism, has increased in the country. Young minds need to be discouraged from this and it requires value based education.

"Education creates creativity which improves thinking and further enhances information. He also said that professors and Principals have the responsibility of providing information and education. Today there is need to improve the education system and such type of Conference is achieving it. The AICP should approach UGC for registration & approval which expects positive change in the field of education.

Noted author Dr. Bhushan Kelkar, and social media expert Shri. Ajit Parse delivered lecture on Education System and social media on the important role of enhancing the quality of education respectively.

The Conference continued post lunch with panel discussion on National Education Policy by honorable Dr. Kasturirangan which refers to the drastic changes made considering the present education scenario. There were suggestions of extending the present UG courses from three to five years by including the research aspect in them. There was a similar suggestion for extending the PG course from 2 to 3, 4, 5 years by including specialization aspect in them.

The forth technical session was on ICT: ERP presented by global Japanese giant Fijitsu and latest trends in ERP by Mastersoft.

The fifth technical session was of immense importance and vital from NAAC point of view. There was NAAC panel comprising of Dr. Devendra Kawade Deputy Adviser NAAC and Dr. Vinita Shahu Asst. Adviser NAAC has clarified and given thoughtful suggestions in question and answer sessions in an open forum. The panel has answered various FAQS of DVV, SSR and AQAR upload cycle wise on NAAC and institutional websites considering timelines and accuracy. Several colleges were facilitated for having A++ accreditation grades. Dr. Shirish Chindhale (Expert Assessor) has expressed his views of setting parameters and benchmarks for accreditation and assessment to obtain excellent grades by various Higher Educational Institutions.

Dr. Devendra Kawade Deputy Adviser NAAC has enlightened the audience by his immense knowledge of subject sharing on NAAC and urges the institution to follow the procedure to procure good grades.

The two day National Conference concluded on good note by valedictory function in the presence of AICP secretary and president and hosts of the all three collaborative colleges. The formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Arolkar, Executive Committee member of AICP received a thunderous applause and thus the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the conference was concluded.

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