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Conference Report



Day 1
Session 1

Inauguration - Welcome Address:

The event commenced with the Welcome Address of **Dr. Rajesh Kumar Tripathi**. He put forward the panel in an energetic manner by setting forth the endeavors and Achievements of them.

Concept Note:

Dr . Upendra Kumar briefed about the theme and its practical implication in our contemporary world of Indian Knowledge systems.

Resource person: Prof. Girishwar Misra

He was our first speaker and he spoke about the practical reason of our Indian Knowledge system. He began with knowledge is with a question of whether knowledge is power?-(by comparing it nuclear weapons). And said it is the path of ignorance. He took the example of Bhagwat Gita where it said that knowledge is about emancipation from shackles of ignorance. Avidya Asmita Rag Dwesh where ignorance is root of all problems. He threw the light on the fact that India never prosecuted her scholar for difference in views. Knowledge, wealth & pleasure should be in the ambit of Dharma. Knowledge & morality are inseparable & he urged everyone to follow it amidst the conflicts among nations.

Resource Person :Lt.Col. Ashok Kini H.

He began with knowledge and life. He mentioned about Guru- Shisya Parampara.He reminded is to search for knowledge within ourselves rather than outer world. And he enlightened us by the will to develop purity to all questions. His ideas on Penance was astonishing. He set forth the responsibility for research on our Indian Traditional Knowledge System.

Resource Person:Prof. Brajesh Kumar Pandey

Prof started with the perseverance that should have even at our blues & defend knowledge. Indian knowledge that was not dogmatic & invigorated everyone to share their views. Like river from mountain travel through different topography & reach ocean, we can also enter cosmic ocean through different paths. Lord Krishna spoke about karmas and Mr. Brajesh inculcated the importance of Tolerance.

Vote of thanks

Prof. Sharma Bhanu Bhupendra spoke about the importance of Indian knowledge Culture & co-existence with everyone with the idea of Tolerance.

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Resource Person : Hari Shankar Prasad

He began with Buddha's brief introduction. He mentioned about importance of understanding the philosophy, no one is perfect. He mentioned about the change is constant. Pratītyasamutpāda & he threw a light on the quest of Buddha for something permanent.

Resource Person: Prof. Ramji Yadav

He dwelled upon facts to tell us about relationship between India & Western culture. With numerical explanation of Brahma Yuga & he interrupted Scandinavian Countries with “Skand” (son of Lord Shiva). His ideas were thought provoking.

Presidential Address: Om Nath Bimali

Indian knowledge systems went beyond materialistic world. Moral aspects drove the Values of Indian knowledge system. Sir explained about how intricate relation philosophy and sanskrit has with each other and stressed on the importance of the primary texts.

Chair: Prof. (Dr) Sharma Bhanu Bhupendra

Mam chaired the second session and she gave her intellectual thoughts to the audience with her strong emphasis on the Indian traditions, values and intellectual wealth of the the ancient philosophies born out of Indian soil and society. Thereafter, vote of thanks was given and the session ended.

Day 2
Session 2
(Paper Presentation)

Paper presentation was a marked event during the conference. Plethora of students, scholars and academicians of philosophy discipline from esteem institutions like *IIT, JNU and DU* enthusiastically presented their paper on wide array of subject themes such as-

"Textualism In the case of Gita is not ideal". This paper explains that the Gita's quotes on face value is not ideal without focusing on the socio-political intent and conditions.

One of the paper presented, titled as " Exploring the Dichotomy between Indian knowledge and practice: Cows, Dairy and Ethical consideration" , focused upon the emerging contrast or separation of knowledge from its practical implications. A critical paper about the Emergence of shaivism in kashmir, highlighted the neo-religious ideas that are becoming apparent in certain other parts of India.

An admirable paper on , "the role and participation of women in the vedic age ", elucidated the state of gender parity during the ancient vedic times. A perceptive paper on the interpretation of "Dharma" consummated the event. It also featured some queries that needs to be unraveled.

This session was chaired by Dr. Reetu Jaiswal. She crucially paid attention and prudently noted down her observation. Her critical appreciation of these papers which was existing concurrently with her feminist perception and guided the presenters in the best way possible.

The session was concluded by a vote of thanks by Chaitanya Sharma. The session was extremely knowledgeable and Enlightening.

Day 2
Valedictory Session

Resource Person : Prof. Sachchidananda Mishra

Bhartiya gyan parampara ke naitik updesho pr vichaar:

About other aspects of Indian knowledge system : it's not only limited to sanskrit because it includes many things from Buddhism and Jainism which is in prakrit and pali. Sir maintained that Indian knowledge system has grown rapidly.

Resource Person - Raghuramaraju A

The Indian knowledge system should be seen together with Ādhunik Gyāna. There are so many aspects of gyāna where the progress made by Indian knowledge system is not talked about, or to say, they are not even thought of.

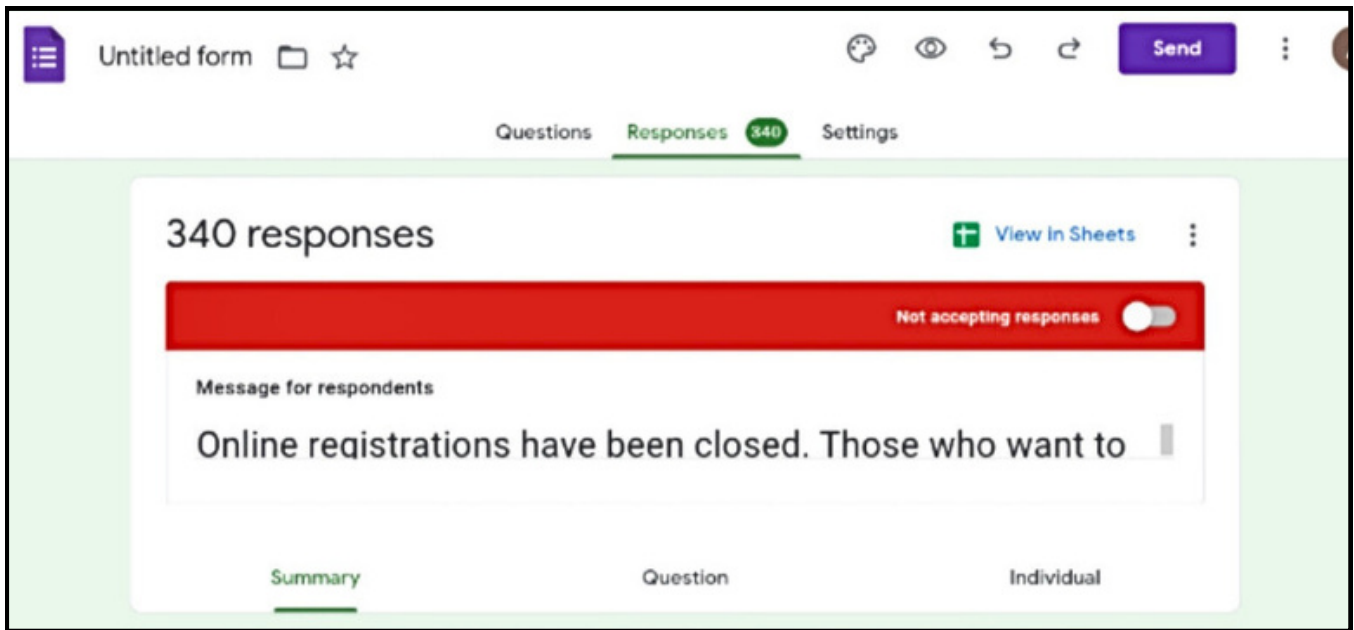
Because those who are aware of it, don't want to apply the traditional knowledge along with the western knowledge and work on both of them. They want to just move traditionally and criticize the western system. Sir highlighted concepts from Gandhian philosophy and Ambedkarism significantly.

Chief Guest : Prof. Chandra Shekhar

If we only see Indian knowledge systems as being ancient or as mere texts of history then we run the risk of it becoming obsolete. There is hence a lingering challenge for us to introduce and assimilate Indian knowledge traditions with our contemporary knowledge and our daily lives.

Mr. Shivam delivered a formal vote of thanks and the event was then, concluded. Everyone participated enthusiastically.

Registration/Attendance Status:



Total registrations done online were 340. We also had on the spot registrations which amounts to 160 making it a total of 520 registrations.