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National Seminar

On

NEP-2020 and Indian Knowledge System

Organised by

Department of Education, Bhadrak Autonomous College, Bhadrak

Venue: Conference Hall, Date: 19.03.2025

Detailed Description of the Event:

The detailed account of the seminar provides an insightful overview, highlighting the most impactful sessions and discussions that took place. Each session is examined to emphasize the key points raised and the questions posed by attendees, which enriched the overall experience of the participants.

Overview of the Seminar:

The seminar was convened to reshape contemporary education through the lens of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). It specifically aimed to integrate the indigenous pedagogical approaches with experiential learning, encouraging research and dialogue on the relevance of traditional wisdom in today's curricula, and bridge traditional wisdom with modern educational practices. Additionally, the event highlighted the critical importance of ethics and value-based learning in nurturing morally conscious and socially responsible individuals. These objectives align closely with the holistic and inclusive vision outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Key sessions and discussions

Inaugural Session:

At the outset, Dr. Puspanjali Sahoo, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education (Pedagogy of Chemistry) at Bhadrak Autonomous College, warmly welcomed all the dignitaries to the dais. The program was formally inaugurated under the chairmanship of Prof. (Dr.) Durga Sankar Das, Principal of Bhadrak Autonomous College and Patron of the seminar.

Following this, Dr. Narayan Prasad Behera, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education (Educational Studies), introduced the esteemed dignitaries present on the dais, including **Prof. (Dr.) Durga Sankar Das**, Patron of the seminar; **Prof. Nityananda Pradhan**, Former Principal, RIE-NCERT, Bhopal; **Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Pradhan**, Principal, Government B.Ed. Training College, Kalinga; **Prof. (Dr.) Raj Kumar Nayak**, Dean, School of Education, Netaji Subhash University, Jamshedpur; **Prof. (Dr.) Haripriya Panda**, Principal, Netaji Subhash Ashram Mahavidyalaya, Suisa, Purulia; and **Prof. (Dr.) Subodha Chandra Mishra**, Convenor of the seminar and Head, Department of Education.

Subsequently, Prof. Das and Prof. Mishra provided brief insights into the seminar's theme, underscoring the relevance of integrating traditional knowledge with modern education. The Key-Note address was delivered by Prof. Nityananda Pradhan, who elaborated on various facets of the Indian Knowledge System and its alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. His address highlighted the vision of Indian education as envisioned in NEP 2020, the essence and scope of the Indian Knowledge System, and the various government initiatives undertaken to promote IKS in contemporary educational frameworks.

Plenary Session:

The plenary session was presided over by the esteemed Guests of Honour—Prof. Manoj Kumar Pradhan, Prof. Raj Kumar Nayak, and Prof. Haripriya Panda. The session featured thought-provoking deliberations on the multifaceted dimensions of the Indian Knowledge System and the foundational principles of Indian philosophy. The speakers critically assessed the relevance of these themes and their integration within the framework of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, highlighting how traditional wisdom can enrich and contextualize modern educational paradigms.

Parallel Technical Sessions:

The post-lunch session featured two parallel technical sessions. One was conducted entirely in offline mode, while the other utilized a hybrid format that accommodated both online and offline presentations. A total of 29 scholarly papers were presented across both sessions, including 07 through virtual mode. The presenters represented a wide array of higher education institutions from across the country, such as Rajiv Gandhi University, Punjab Central University, Central University of Odisha, Regional Institute of Education (RIE-NCERT), Bhubaneswar, Fakir Mohan University, Dharanidhar University, Ravenshaw University, Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo (MSCB) University, and Bhadrak Autonomous College. Participants came from diverse geographical regions, including Arunachal Pradesh, Punjab, and Odisha, reflecting the seminar's pan-Indian outreach.

Valedictory Session:

The valedictory session commenced with a warm welcome address by Mrs. D. Sahoo, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education (Educational Studies), Bhadrak Autonomous College, who extended her sincere gratitude to all dignitaries, presenters, and participants for their active engagement and meaningful contributions throughout the seminar. Following this, Dr. Naresh Chandra Rout, Assistant Prof. of History presented the seminar proceedings, offering a concise yet comprehensive overview of the key themes deliberated upon, the major insights gained, and the significant takeaways from the various technical and plenary sessions. The session was further enriched by the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Durga Shankar Das and Prof. (Dr.) Subodha Chandra Mishra, who addressed the gathering with encouraging words. They lauded the unwavering commitment and collaborative efforts of the faculty, organizing committee, and student volunteers, whose dedication was instrumental in the successful execution of the seminar.

As a mark of appreciation and participation, certificates were distributed to all contributors and attendees. The seminar concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Manasi Sahoo, Assistant

Professor of Teacher Education (Educational Studies), Bhadrak Autonomous College who sincerely acknowledged the collective efforts of everyone involved, from planning to execution, in making the event a meaningful and memorable academic experience.

Guest/Speaker Details:

Chief Guest and Key Note Speaker: Prof. (Dr) Nityananda Pradhan, Former- Principal, Regional Institute of Education (RIE-NCERT), Bhopal

Guests of Honor: 1. Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Pradhan, Principal, Govt. B.Ed. Training College, Kalinga, Kandhamal, Odisha

2. Prof. (Dr.) Raj Kumar Nayak, Prof and Dean, School of Education, Netaji Subhash University, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.

3. Prof. (Dr.) Haripriya Panda, Principal, Netaji S Ashram Mahavidyalaya, Suisa, Parulla, West Bengal

