

UGC Sponsored National Seminar

Challenges and Opportunities in Higher Education in the 21st Century

Report

The key to harnessing India's demographic dividend is education and the higher education system in India has developed in a remarkable way. However, the system has several issues of concern. Therefore, a two days National Seminar was organised to reflect upon the "Challenges and Opportunities in Higher Education in the 21st Century" with the financial assistance of UGC.

The objectives of the seminar were:

- a. To create awareness and to search for solutions for effective implementation of Higher Education.
- b. To enlighten the teaching fraternity's responsibility towards protection and development of society through education.
- c. To throw light on the role of Education system and its implementation in order to create opportunities.
- d. To focus on the deficiencies inherent in education system along with the requisite solutions and reforms in Higher Education.

The seminar consisted of eight sub-themes.

1. The Role and Contribution of Higher Education in National Development
2. Teachers as a Role Model
3. The Relevance of Humanities and Social Science in Modern Higher Education
4. The Application of Technology in Higher Education.
5. Building Emotional Intelligence through Higher Education
6. Promoting Entrepreneurship through Higher Education
7. Institution of Higher Learning as a Socio-Academic Centre
8. The Role of NAAC in Quality Assurance in Higher Education

The seminar was divided into four technical sessions, as well as an inaugural session and a valedictory session. A total number of 30 delegates registered and participated in the seminar including number of faculty members from various parts of the country.

On 11th October 2017 in the Inaugural Session the house was brought into order by the Chairperson – Sardar R. S. Chahal (President, Guru Nanak College) entailed by the Welcome Speech proffered by Prof. Purnendu Shekhar (Principal, Guru Nanak College) and the Introductory Address delivered by the Organizing Secretary, Dr. Ranjana Das.

Inauguration of the Seminar was made through the auspicious hands of Prof. Ramesh Sharan (Vice Chancellor, V.B.U. Hazaribag), Sri P. N. Singh (Member of Parliament, Dhanbad), Dr. Subhash Brahmabhatta (President, Association of Indian College Principal) and Sardar D. S. Grewal (Secretary, Guru Nanak College) followed by their Key-Note address respectively. Further, the release of Souvenir was followed by the presentation of Memento and Shawl to the dignitaries.

The first technical session on sub-themes “The Role and Contribution of Higher Education in National Development” and “Teachers as a Role Model” started at 12:00 pm on 11th October 2017 with Dr. Subhash Brahmabhatta as the Chairperson and Prof. Purnendu Shekhar as the Co-chairperson. Dr. Brahmabhatta focussed his views on the issues of Higher Education along with its problems and perspectives.

In this session six delegates, Mr. Abhishek K. Sinha, Ms. Sangita Modak, Ms. Swati Pratap, Ms. Swati Tiwari, Ms. Kumari and Ms. Leena Parmar presented their papers and views on the assigned sub-themes.

The second technical session on sub-themes “The Relevance of Humanities and Social Science in Modern Higher Education” and “The Application of Technology in Higher Education” started at 02:45 pm on 11th October 2017 with Prof. G. Ramachandram as the Chairperson and Dr. Kirti Diddi as the Co-chairperson.

In this session eight delegates, Ms. Neeta Ojha, Ms. Shubha, Ms. Nita K. Singh, Ms. Neelam Kumari, Ms. Shweta Pradhan, Mr. Daljeet, Ms. Priyanka Sharma and Mr. Prakash K. Agarwal presented their papers and views on the assigned sub-themes. The session was followed by the Presidential Address of Prof. Ramachandram and Dr. Diddi.

The third technical session took place on day two with sub-themes “Building Emotional Intelligence through Higher Education” and “Promoting Entrepreneurship through Higher Education” from 10:30 am on 12th October 2017 with Dr. Ali Imam Khan as the Chairperson and Dr. U. C. Sinha as the Co-chairperson.

In this session seven delegates, Ms. Ghanishtha Verma, Ms. Sanjeeda Parween, Prof. Sanjay Prasad, Mr. Subodh, Ms. Mousumee Banerjee, Ms. Archana K. Singh, Ms. Mamta Kumar (Co-authored by Mamta Anand) presented their papers and views on the assigned sub-themes. The session was followed by the Presidential Address of Prof. Ali Imam Khan.

The fourth technical session on sub-themes “Institution of Higher Learning as a Socio-Academic Centre” and “The Role of NAAC in Quality Assurance in Higher Education” began at 12:00 pm on 12th October 2017 with Dr. Kirti Diddi as the Chairperson and Dr. Subhash Brahmabhatta as the Co-chairperson.

In this session eight delegates, Dr. Tapti Chakraborty, Ms. Tanuja Kumari, Prof. Vinoti Trivedi, Ms. Amita Kumari, Dr. Manoranjan Singh, Dr. Meena Sinha, Ms. Manpreet Broka and Sri Indrajeet Prasad Singh presented their papers and views on the assigned sub-themes. The session was followed by the Presidential Address of Dr. Kirti Diddi.

With this, the technical sessions with presentations, discussions and deliberations came to an end by 03:00 pm. Feedback was collected from the participants and the exchange of ideas were made successfully.

As a final part, the Valedictory Session began at 04:00 pm on 12th October 2017 with the eminent presence of Prof. M. P. Sinha (Vice Chancellor, S. K. M. Dumka University), Prof. Purnendu Shekhar, Mr. Raj Sinha (M. L. A. Dhanbad) and Sardar D. S. Grewal on Chair. The Chairpersons enlightened the

participants with their diverse and immense knowledge on Higher Education. The Organising Secretary, Dr. Ranjana Das concluded the seminar by her Vote of Thanks.

At the end the participants were issued certificates for their contribution to the seminar.