

Educators are empowered by Brahma Kumaris through a two day conference



Inauguration of Conference – Dr.P.Vijayan, Vice Chancellor, Indian Maritime University, Prof.Dr.D.Viswanathan, Former Vice Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai,Rajyogini B.K.Vedanti Behen,Rajyogini B.K.Beena, B.K.Kalavathy & Others

Recently, it was in news that the enrolment for higher education has increased drastically. Considerable numbers of new colleges are coming up and more numbers of students are enrolling for research. Brahma Kumaris have chosen right time to host a conference exclusively for educators from universities and colleges empowering them with spirituality. It was a national conference for educators with apt theme of “New Paradigm in Education” conducted as two day conference on 26th and 27th of October 2013 at Brahma Kumaris Happy Village Retreat Center.



Dr. G.Bhaktavatchalam, Chairman, KG Hospital, Coimbatore speaking



Mr.S.K.Prabhakar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

More than 250 personnel from various educational institutes have attended in this two day residential retreat cum conference programme. Most of them are professors having a doctorate in their visiting card and interacting with young students day in and day out.

Eminent educationists, administrators, spiritual personalities and Rajayogis addressed the conference in different sessions. To name the few, Mr.S.K. Prabhakar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Commercial Taxes & Registration Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Dr G. Bhaktavatchalam, Chairman, KG Hospitals and Educational institutions, Coimbatore, Dr. P. Vijayan, Vice Chancellor, Indian Maritime University, Sir Dr. M. Ponnavaikko, Vice chancellor, SRM University, Chennai, Dr. P. Gunasekaran,

Vice Chancellor Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore, Journalist S. Gurumoorthy, Chartered Accountant & Corporate Advisor, Chennai, Prof. Dr.D.Sankar, Registrar, Tamilnadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Dr. D.S. Ramachandra Murthy, Vice Chancellor, St. Peter's University, Chennai, Kalaimamani Prof. Dr. Karu.Nagarajan, Member-Secretary, Tamilnadu State Council for Higher Education, Dr. P. Mannar Jawahar, Former VC, Anna University, Chennai, Prof. Dr. D. Viswanathan, Former Vice Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai graced the occasion with their valuable ideas expressed through their interesting lectures.



Dr. M.Ponnavekk, Vice Chancellor, SRM University, Chennai & B.K.Mruthyunjay speaking Dr.P.Gunasekhar, V.C.,Thiruvalluvar University

The programme had five sessions including a talk show, besides an inaugural and valedictory session. Some of the topics that covered in these sessions of conference are 'New Paradigm in Education', 'Education for Better Relationship', 'Spirituality-the bedrock of values', 'Education for stress free & Professional excellence', and 'Values-the crown and glory of life'. In addition, three sessions for practical meditation sessions were conducted for experiencing peace and happiness.



Rajyogini B.K.Vedantibehen, Regional Director, Brahma Kumaris, Africa Region

Spiritual leaders like B.K. Mruthyunjay, Vice-Chair person, Education Wing, International H.Q., Mt. Abu, Rajyogini B.K. Vedantibehen, Regional Director, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, Africa Region, Rajyogini B.K. Beena, Service Co-ordinator, Tamilnadu Zone, Rajyogini B.K. Kalavathy, Senior Rajyoga Teacher, Happy Village, B.K. Pandiamani, Director, Distance Education Programs, Brahma kumairs, RE & RF, Prof. Dr. B.K. Pandian, Retd. Principal & Program Director, Happy village, Prof. E.V.Swaminathan, Engineering & Management faculty member, Mumbai, B.K. Kiranchandak, Executive Member, Education Wing, Bhopal, Dr. B.K. Seema Chopra, Executive Member, Education Wing, Ludhiana, have made the event divine one with their thoughts, words and presence.



Prof. E.V.Swaminathan, Engineering & Management, Faculty Member, Mumbai

Emphasis for values in education, particularly in higher education, was expressed almost by all the speakers and speci



**Dr. P. Vijayan, Vice Chancellor,
Indian Maritime University with
B.K. Mruthyunjay**

guests during these sessions. Everyone felt the need for change in approach of the present education system. Imparting values and spirituality in the higher education only can bring back moral values in the society. Education, instead of just focusing on enhancing the knowledge quotients, it should make every student to become more balanced, composed and matured human being. There are so many leaders who can bring transformation in society are hiding in the class rooms as common students. They need to be identified, encouraged and enriched with knowledge and spirituality.

The current association of Brahma Kumaris with various educational institutes was hailed by the speakers. The Diploma, PG Diploma, Degree and Master Degree courses offered in collaboration with universities helps in giving awareness about the importance of values in their respective stream of profession.



Vice Chancellors listening...

Being inspired by this, honorable Vice Chancellor Dr. P. Vijayan of Indian Maritime University, agreed to introduce Value Education and Rajyoga Meditation, in collaboration with Brahma Kumaris Education Wing, in their university.

The ambience and environment of the venue was so positive and relaxing that the participants enjoyed the peace and divinity on these two days. The hospitality



given in terms of food and accommodation was much appreciated by one and all.