

Divine Family

Mount Abu- Gyan Sarovar: "The world now faces a plethora of problems. The time has now come to understand that we cannot go on with the business as usual. Innovation in linear way is not sufficient and sustainable. We have to understand the importance of values and spirituality and bring them back to life if we are to build a sustainable and inclusive society." **Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, JNU, New Delhi** said this while inaugurating the University and College Educators' Conference on Value Education & Spirituality, as Chief Guest,

Dadi Janki, Chief of the Brahma Kumaris, said, "The three *Om Shanti* refers to "Who am I?, Who is mine? and What have I to do here? God has taught me the art of life and has given me the thought of doing good to others. It is the values of Truth, Cleanliness and Simplicity that have worked wonders in my life."

B.K. Nirwair, Secretary General & Chairperson, Education Wing, said, "Other universities are making teachers, doctors, engineers but the Brahma Kumaris University is making the human beings deities through value education, spiritual education and Rajyoga, thereby justifying the saying "Man is made in the image of God". He appealed to the educators to discover, identify and inculcate the values them in their personal life first before teaching them to the students.

B.K. Mruthyunjaya, Vice Chairperson, Education Wing, said, "Today, the saying "Knowledge is power" means the power to make money instead of man-making. The Brahma kumaris is working to make India a Divine India, going a step ahead of Digital India. Today, we develop solar power but have forgotten soul power. The Gyan Murlis of Brahma Kumaris opens the third eye of knowledge. The holistic Value & Spiritual Education will make India *Vishwa Guru*."

Prof. S.A. Kori, Executive Director-cum-Member Secretary, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bengaluru, praised highly the Brahma Kumaris for working for the spiritual uplift of the humanity through Value Education & Spirituality, which our education policies and universities have failed to do so. He said, "Education opens the mind but spirituality opens the heart."

Sister B.K. Shukla, Director, ORC, Gurugram, said, "Today's education is almost directionless. Value & Spiritual Education can fill one with knowledge, qualities and powers; awaken the human spirit and help in leading a balanced life."

Dr. Manpreet Singh Mann, Director, AICTE, New Delhi, said, "Today, the major deficiency is the mental deficiency. We think much but do not contemplate and churn at all. We have failed to give mental health to our children and students. Consequently, as a result, consumer market, India is placed in 3rd rank in the world but in innovation it has 63rd rank in the world."

Prof. Ved Prakash, former Chairman, UGC, New Delhi, threw light on the fundamental duties enshrined in the Constitution of India and appealed to the teachers' community to identify values in them and try to inculcate them personally and help the students to inculcate them in life.

Dr. B.K. Harish Shukla, National Co-ordinator, Education Wing (RERF), heartily welcomed the guests and speakers on the dais and the audience, and said that the world can change only with the power of spirituality.

Dr. B.K. Pandiamani, Director, Value Education Programme, detailed about the various Value Education & Spirituality courses offered in 11 languages through 13 universities.

Warm Regards,

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