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5th One Day National Conference on Harnessing the timeless Wisdom of IKS: Bridging modernity for Regeneration

Date : 17.04.2025

Timings: From 9 am onwards
Title of the event: 5th One Day National Conference
Target audience: External Participants and In-house faculty
Venue: Chanakya Seminar Hall, Amar Hemu Kalani Block.
Organised by: New Horizon College in Association with IQAC, and IIC
Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Kokila M S

About the Conference:

The foundation of every nation lies in its educational system. A country cannot sustain itself in a competitive world if its education system fails to support its progress. The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) has been systematically transmitted from one generation to the next.

The purpose of the conference was to examine the Indian Knowledge System (IKS), emphasizing both its historical foundations and current applicability. It sought to establish a forum for exchanging concepts, encouraging discussion, and bridging conventional knowledge with contemporary developments. The event highlighted IKS's multidisciplinary nature by addressing topics including computer applications, management, and commerce. The conference aimed to bring together renowned professionals, researchers, contributions, opinions, and innovations related to IKS and its integration into education.

Objectives of the Conference

- 1. To provide a platform for critical thinking, logical reasoning, and reflective inquiry on integrating IKS with modern education system.
- 2. To use holistic and integrated knowledge, teaching methodologies, cultural orientation to promote inclusivity of diversity.
- 3. To discuss the use of digital platforms for disseminating and preserving traditional knowledge, contributing to the field of education.
- 4. To observe, analyse, record and validate a documented experience through focus group.
- 5. Formulate policy recommendations for institutions, and organizations seeking to integrate traditional knowledge into contemporary practices.

The conference commenced with a warm welcome by our respected Principal Dr. R. Bodhisatvan, who introduced and welcomed the Chief Guest and keynote speakers with a heartfelt address that set the tone for a day of meaningful learning. The Conference was inaugurated by our Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker, Dr. Vinayachandra, Director, Centre for IKS, Chanakya University, who emphasized the importance of rediscovering India's Indigenous Knowledge traditions in a globalized world. He also highlighted the holistic nature of IKS and its relevance in addressing contemporary challenges.

The Keynote address was followed by Panel Discussions which were moderated by Dr. Sandeep Nair, Professor, Registrar Evaluation, Chanakya University. The Panel discussion, with 3 panel members—Dr. Rajdeep, Professor and Head of Research, Sindhi College; Dr. Vinayachandra, Director, Centre for IKS; along with Mr. Vinay Kulkarni, Founder CEO of ALCHMI, Elephant Ltd.—covered multiple dimensions. The second half of the conference featured paper presentations on themes such as Indian Ethics, Values in Accounting, Human Resources and Marketing, integration and application of Dharma, Vedic wisdom, AI applications in IKS, Vedic Mathematics, and AI computation and machine learning in IKS. Dr. Rose Kavitha, HOD, Department of Management; Dr. Asha, HOD, Department of Computer Application; and Dr. B. Nithya also served as track observers during the paper presentations in the second half of the conference.

There were 97 registrations for this conference nationwide. Around 30 colleges registered for our conference, with 40 research papers shortlisted for presentation—each highlighting diverse research and projects centered on various dimensions of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). The presentations sparked lively discussions and debates among the participants. The number of registrations and the level of participation have been very encouraging, reflecting the growing interest in India's traditional knowledge and its relevance today. It was heartening to see such a diverse group of scholars, students, and educators coming together to share and learn. This conference also recognized the best paper presenters.

Outcome of the Conference:

This Conference benefitted faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students from various colleges in Bengaluru by enhancing their understanding of the wisdom inherent in the Indian Knowledge System. It highlighted the importance of reviving and applying India's traditional wisdom in today's world. The speaker emphasised the need for scientific validation of traditional practices, youth involvement in IKS-based research and innovation, and government support through policies and initiatives.

The workshop proved to be a rewarding and enriching experience for the faculty members. They expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Management, Principal, and the resource person for providing the opportunity to participate in such a valuable programme. The commendable support extended by the Principal and the NHC coordinators was also sincerely acknowledged. The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive and encouraging, with faculty members, research scholars, and students all gaining meaningful insights from the conference.





"Glimpses of Wisdom: Moments from the IKS Conference"

Conference Convener (Kokila M S) IQAC Coordinator (Arun Raghu Babu) IIC Coordinator (Dr. Nagaraju Kilari)