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ABOUT GTU

Gujarat Technological University (GTU) is established by Government of Gujarat vide Act No. 20/2007. The university caters to the entire field of Engineering, Pharmacy, Business Studies (MBA) and Computer Applications (MCA) in Gujarat. Today the university has about 5,00,000 plus students, 500 affiliated colleges, 17,500 faculties offering a large number of Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral programs. Under the able leadership of Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Vice Chancellor, the University is setting up benchmarks in technical education. GTU has initiated India's largest sensitization and support programs in IPR, Innovation, Start-ups and Co-creation activities. Fourteen PG Research Centers and Schools in the advanced field of Technology, Policy and Skills have been set up by GTU. It is today the largest technological University in Gujarat.

ABOUT ATMIYA GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS

Atmiya Group of Institutions (AGI), Rajkot is one of the ancillaries of Yogi Divine Society, Vadodara which scampers pretty number of Institutions, endowed with education ranging from Kindergarten to Post Graduate Courses.

It is for all intents and purposes betrothed in promoting cultural, religious and moral values in the youth through education. H.D.H. Swami Hariprasaddasji, who is the mentor and sheet anchor of this sanctimonious movement, has laid stress on moral character and perpetuation of Indian culture. To replicate these noble ideals into authenticity he has preferred education as the best medium.



The last two and a half decades have witnessed an amazing progress in the quality as well as the variety of courses offered in almost all major faculties in Sciences, Social Sciences, Commerce, Pharmacy, Management, Engineering and Technology at AGI under the mentorship of P. Tyagvallabh Swamiji.

The synthesis of Religion and Science, Spirituality and Technology is a feature of Atmiya Group of Institutions (AGI) that sets it apart, as an 'organization with a difference', and as an 'organization that makes a difference'.

GOAL OF THE CONFERENCE

Education is the key determinant of how the student utilizes the skills imparted for self centered purposes or also for broader societal and environmental good. Human education facilitates human conduct and the development of humane society, otherwise education results in inhuman conduct and degradation of society and environment. We are witness to the conduct exhibited by the students, not only here, but world-wide. Due to lack of right understanding, we have reached a point where we can clearly see the results of our collective education system problems such as pollution, resource depletion, and extinction of animals, global warming, terrorism and even threats to the human race on earth.

This need for value based education has been repeatedly highlighted by various commissions and expert committees on education (Dr. Radhakrishnan, Dr. Kothari, UNESCO declaration on service to society and so on).

The scope of education is to understand ones' purposefulness or goal, both as an individual, as well as a society. Education should facilitate students to have the understanding, commitment, competence and the practice of living with definite Human conduct and to participate in the development of a humane society.

Knowingly or unknowingly, it concentrates on providing the students with the skills to do things. Thus the conference focuses on the significant cogent material that enables the student to develop Right Understanding by sharing the understanding of what to do (Value Education), practice Right Living during the period of education, Living in relationship with human being leading to mutual happiness, Living in relationship with rest-of-nature leading to mutual prosperity. Over a period of time, such value-based education can contribute to the development of a humane society.

There is a great need to equip the students of technical courses with not only the right skill-sets but also the right mind-set. Looking at this need, **Gujarat Technological University** has introduced the subject '**Contributor Personality Development Program**' from academic year 2011-12. The combination of effectiveness with human values is crystallized in the concept of "**Contributorship**".

The Contributor Personality Development Program is guided by the ideals and ideas of Swami Vivekananda – who represented in his leonine personality the highest ideals of human values combined with effective action. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Vice Chancellor of GTU believes that students of technical courses should not only be excellently trained in the technological skills but they should also acquire necessary soft skills and human values if they wish to be successful. This belief has driven to initiate the only such program as a part of curriculum of technical courses in India.

To make CPDP more effective and to motivate the trainers, GTU has organized more than 40 Faculty Development Programs across the four zones of Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Vadodara and Surat. Around 1000 faculty members underwent two-days' training program.

GTU has offered the CPDP subject to all the students of Bachelor of Engineering, Diploma Engineering, B.Pharm. and MCA program in 2nd semester. More than 1, 00,000 students learn this subject every year in their curriculum from the year 2011. GTU offered the subject to the final year students also when the program was launched initially. Thus, more than 5 lakhs students have been benefited by the subject and the characteristics of contributor personality is instilled in them.

Then Gujarat Technological University (GTU) has internally evaluated the Contributor Personality Program and has given grades to the colleges based on their teaching and learning methods.

To critically evaluate the success/limitations of the course CPD among teachers and students engaged in the teaching-learning process of the course, GTU entrusted Indian Institute of Teacher's Education (IITE) to evaluate the status and prospects of the course 'Contributor Personality Development (CPD) as an external agency. More than 200 teachers and 8000 students are covered in the present study. The evaluation has been carried out through questionnaires on 5 point grading system and the findings are obtained using various statistical techniques. The major findings of the present study reveal that the CPD Program in its present form is proved to be effective one. It seems that almost all aspects of introducing this course near 150th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda are being fulfilled.

The major finding was that the course brought a positive change in students for identifying their contributor identity, success, career and importance of relationship. Also, CPDP has improved the skills like communication, time management, ability to work in challenging situation, leadership, team work etc. among the students.

GTU is continuously working for enhancement in course contents, pedagogy and evaluation pattern for strengthening the program to meet the needs of today.

GUIDELINES FOR HUMAN VALUES IN EDUCATION

During past two decades, some groups have devoted serious efforts towards developing human values education. Significant experiments in this direction have taken place in institutions such as IIT Hyderabad, IIT Kanpur, IIT Delhi, NIT Raipur, IIT (BHU) Varanasi, IIM Kolkata, and IIM Lucknow.

Effective and widely acceptable guidelines for value education course have been drawn to help decide what content would qualify to be a part of the course:

- **Universal:** For all human beings in all space in all times
- **Logical:** Student should be able to discuss issues.
- **Verifiable:** The student should be able to verify on one's own.
- **Humanistic:** Good of Humanity
- **All encompassing:** Touching all aspects of life.

KEY DELIBERATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will deliberate on some critical aspects of Human Values in Higher Education particularly the following:

- ✓ The need of including Human Values in Higher education
- ✓ Share existing practices & experiences in imparting Human Values in higher education
- ✓ The Guidelines, content, and process (Methodology) for imparting human values in higher education
- ✓ Deliberate on the requirements for Holistic Education
- ✓ Steps for incorporating Values into Higher education

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Education policy makers, Vice Chancellors, Pro-Vice Chancellors, Directors and Principals of institutes of higher education.

REGISTRATION FEES

There is **No Registration Fees** for this conference. However the travelling expenses are to be borne by the participants.

AGI will arrange for local transport, boarding and lodging

HOW TO APPLY

Please register your participation online through following link:

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