

## REPORT OF TWO DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA- DEVELOPING EMPLOYABILITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP"

Gokhale Education Society's Shri B.V Arts, Commerce and Science College, Borivali (W), Mumbai-91 organized 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Maharashtra Council of Education Administration and Management (MCEAM), Pune in collaboration with Dr. M.S.G. Foundation, Mumbai on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The theme of the Conference was "Higher Education in India- Developing Employability and Entrepreneurship".

Total 60 articles were received for this conference and all the articles have covered the different dimensions of theme and are classified accordingly.

### INAUGURAL SESSION:

The Two Day National conference began with seeking the blessings of the almighty by lighting the lamp. After the invocation, the Principal and Conference Secretary Dr. (Mrs.) S. V. Sant, introduced and welcomed the Chief Guest Dr Bhalchandra Mungekar, former vice-chancellor, University of Mumbai and the Guest of Honour CA Prakash G. Pathak, eminent chartered accountant and orator. She also defined the relevance of the theme of the conference.

Dr. K.R. Shimpi, Joint Secretary, MCEAM, briefed delegates about the motto and aims of MCEAM and MSG Foundation, Mumbai. He then went on to introduce this year's Namdar Gopal Krishna Gokhale Maharashtra Awardee CA Prakash G Pathak, highlighting his achievements as an eminent educationist.

Two publications 'Educare' and 'Parivartan' were released by the Chief Guest Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar.

Thereafter, CA Prakash Pathak addressed the gathering. He thanked the MCEAM for the honour conferred upon him. He then delivered the Namdar Gopal Krishna Gokhale Memorial Lecture, 2020, in which he presented his views on education, employability and entrepreneurship. He



pointed out that India had a long way to go to make a mark in education on the international level. In his persuasive and thought-provoking lecture he lamented the politicization of education in India and its commercialization today. He then suggested ways for achieving limitless excellence.

This was followed by the address of the Chief Guest Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar. Referring to the Shultz theory of investment in human capital, Dr. Mungekar stated that the inadequate provision for education was the main reason for the abysmal quality of education. According to him, education should be top priority and not be considered non-productive expenditure.

In his Presidential address Sir Dr. M.S. Gosavi, President, MCEAM, Pune, appreciated the opposing views of the previous speakers, who he said had set the perfect ambience for a fruitful discussion during the conference. He traced the history of institutional learning of Ancient India with world-class Universities of Nalanda and Takshila and Scholars such as Panini and Kautilya. He pointed out the decline of the present day education system and termed it ineffective and meaningless.

The dignitaries were then escorted by Principal Dr. Mrs. S.V.Sant, to visit the exhibition arranged by Shri Bhausaheb Vartak College on the completion of hundred years of Gokhale Education Society. Principal Dr. T.A. Shiware, Director, Wilson College was a chief guest for the exhibition.

The vote of thanks for this beautiful and inspiring inauguration session that set the rhythm for this two days National Level Conference was proposed by Mrs. Rupal Seth.

#### **REPORT OF TECHNICAL SESSION- I**

The sub-theme of Technical Session- I was **Future Jobs and Higher Education**. Chairman of the session was Dr. M. S. Kurhade, Director, Sanskar Sarjan Education Society, and Dr S. P Kallurkar, Prin. Atharva College of Engineering, Mumbai was a keynote speaker. Drs Mrs S. V Sant and Dr. Mrs. S. N. Khedekar presented the papers.



Mrs. Rupal Sheth welcomed and introduced the chairperson and keynote speaker. Dr K. R. Shimpi, Jt. Secretary, MCEAM felicitated the dignitaries on the dais and paper presenters. Dr. M. S. Kurhade as a chairman of the session conducted the session very smoothly. He invited the keynote speaker Dr. S.P. Kallurkar to share his views.

Dr. Kallurkar guided the audience about design thinking and how design thinking can lead us to entrepreneurship. He emphasized that we need to create engineers who can master technological changes. We can provide employee for Industry 4.0 through education 4.0. He also emphasized to put 3-D printing which is now widely used in manufacturing units as a part of curriculum.

First paper presenter, Principal Dr. (Mrs).S.V. Sant introduced the audience to different technological innovations and the change in global scenarios for future jobs. She has appealed teachers to be lifelong learners.

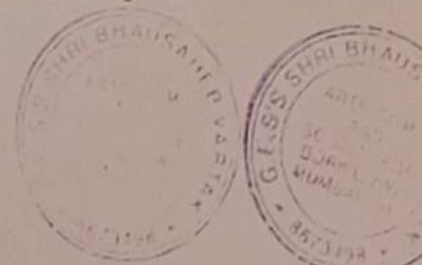
Second paper presenter Dr. Mrs. S. M. Khedekar presented the scenario of NEP 2019 where 40000 colleges will be reduced to 14000 and put on emphasis to create online E-content. She has shown us the path and ways to be lifelong learners through OERs, MOOCs, and Digital libraries.

Chairman Dr. M. S. Kurhade then concluded the session, and vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. K. R. Shimpi.

## **TECHNICAL SESSION- II**

The sub-theme of Technical Session- II was **Development of Employability and Entrepreneurship**. The chairperson of the session was Shri Santosh Mandlecha, President, MACCIA, Mumbai and the key note speaker was Shri. Shailesh Kulkarni, Renowned Industrialist, Mumbai. Dr. Ram Kulkarni welcomed and introduced the members of the session- Shri Santosh Mandlecha, Shri. Shailesh Kulkarni and Dr. Mrs. Sarita T Aurangabadkar

The keynote speaker Shri Shailesh Kulkarni, Renowned Industrialist, Mumbai highlighted his journey from marketing personnel to become an Entrepreneur with his brand of health and hygiene product. It was an inspiring example of Entrepreneurship through Research and Education. He emphasized the "Inquiry Mind" in a student as essential qualities for an



Entrepreneur and he gave the credit for developing and nurturing these qualities in him by his teachers.

Research Paper was presented by Dr. (Mrs.) Sarita T Aurangabadkar on Opportunities & Challenges in NAAC Accreditation wrt Management Institution, which seeks to throw light on the opportunities and challenges in the process of NAAC Accreditation. The conclusions drawn indicate that quality enhancement is a must for Management Institution if they want to remain in the competition education sector. One of the ways to do so is by getting accredited and carves a unique place for oneself.

The chairman, Shri Santosh Mandlecha, President, MACCIA, Mumbai commented on key note speaker Shri Shailesh Kulkarni, Entrepreneurial Journey. Sir stated a need for Incubation Project such as conducting training programs, mentor meets, talks from experts, job fair, product showcases, technology demonstrations etc. from time to time helps the community to grow and brings in a great network effect. Incubation center are important for assisting in commercialization of innovative ideas from students and introduction of core values for better Education system.

A well-deserved vote of thanks was proposed by Prin.V.B.Rokade.

### **Technical session III**

The sub-theme of Technical session- III was **Nurturing the spirit of innovation and creativity** chaired by Dr Sudhir Chitale- founder director Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Andheri and co-chaired by Dr. Mrs Vijaya Wad - well known educationist.

Principal Dr. Meshram welcomed and introduced the members of the session- Dr. Sudhir Chitale, Dr. Mrs Vijaya Wad and Principal Chaube.

Principal Chaubey in his paper emphasized the need to develop a thought-provoking education inculcating values, developing scientific temper and spirituality in students. The aim of education



should be to create a love for knowledge. Dr. Mrs Vijaya Wad through her personal anecdote and in a very informal and humorous style stated the importance of creativity and confidence in the life of a student and also stated that, skill development is the need of the hour.

Dr. Sudhir Chitale started his talk with the importance of innovation and creativity. He appreciated the role of a teacher in capacity building of a student. According to him merging English language skills with mathematics education was his innovation.

Principal Dr. Meshram proposed a well-deserved vote of thanks. The discussion and paper presentation were very useful and thought-provoking and very relevant as per the theme.

### CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Dr. Mrs Vijaya Wad was the guest of honour for the cultural programme. The first day of the conference ended with the cultural performance. The cultural performances were presented by the students of Shri Bhausaheb Vartak College and students of Namdar Gopal Krishna Gokhale High School.

The performances ranged from a classical dance, remix dance, musical skit saluting our brave soldiers on the border, one act play and a thought-provoking skit on acid attack and a solo singing performance.

A pleasant surprise was a wonderful solo singing performance by Principal V.B Rokade of T.K.Tope College, Parel. Traditional performances like that of 'Dindi' and the dance that showcased various traditional dance forms of Maharashtra were appreciated by the audiences.

### TECHNICAL SESSION- IV

The Technical session IV was on **Sir Dr. M.S. Gosavi Felicitation Lecture-2020**, chaired by Principal S.B. Pandit, Chairman, G.E. Society. The keynote speaker was Shri Prashant Khambaswadkar. He is known as the HR Socialist and is also the chairperson and MD of



Universal Group. He primarily spoke on two topics. The first one was employment and employability. The second one was about his mentor Sir Dr M.S.Gosavi. In terms of employment and employability, sir spoke on how education is seen as an investment for economic growth. In the second half of the session, sir spoke about his mentor Dr Gosavi and his immense contribution to education. The session ended with Principal S.B Pandit's enlightening few words on world economy and its link with education. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr S.B. Karande.

#### TECHNICAL SESSION- V

The Technical Session-V was based on the sub-theme **Internationalization of Higher Education**. The keynote speaker of technical session V was Dr R.Khajuria, Member, B-School Accrediation Committee, USA and it was chaired by Dr. Yogesh K. Upadhyay, President Federation of International Trainers & Speakers, Bridgeviw Illinous (USA). The session was coordinated by Dr Mahesh Auti, who introduced and welcomed the members. Dr Upadhyay congratulated MCEAM for bringing the focus of education on students. He mentioned micro education and franchise education as current trends.

Dr Khajuria spoke about the challenges of internationalization of education, relevance of curriculum and balance of theory and practicals in improving the quality of higher education. A paper was presented by Ms Pratiksha Ahire highlighting the benefits of internationalization of higher education and its obstacles.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Nancy D'souza.

#### VALEDICTORY FUNCTION:

Chairperson of the Valedictory function was Sir Dr. M.S. Gosavi, President MCEAM and Secretary and Director General of Gokhale Education Society, Nashik. Guest of Honour was Dr. Deepak Waiker, Vice-chairperson, IEEE, Education Society, Singapore. Chief Guest of the Valedictory function was Dr. Sanjay Jagtap, Joint Director, Higher Education, Kokan Region, Maharashtra. Principal Dr. (Mrs.) S.V. Sant felicitated the guest.



Guest of Honour, Dr. Deepak Waiker, Vice-chairperson, IEEE, Education Society, Singapore critically highlighted the role of education in creating employability and how education is looked upon just as a source to secure economic security.

Chief Guest Dr. Sanjay Jagtap, Joint Director, Higher Education, Kokan Region in his speech highlighted the role of value added courses and skill based education. He also emphasized on incubation centres, teachers training as well as keeping pace with global scenario in order to achieve the goal of employability and entrepreneurship.

Feedback analysis of the conference was presented by Ms. Suhas Sawant and rapportures of technical sessions presented the report.

In his presidential blessings Sir Dr. M.S. Gosavi talked about involvement and close interaction with industrialist in order to develop entrepreneurship skills among students. He also highlighted the role and contribution of ex-students in development of institutions and ways in which one can reduce the burden on the government.

Finally felicitation of conference Jt. Secretary Dr. S.B.Karande was done by Sir Dr. M.S. Gosavi and Guest of Honour Dr. Deepak Waiker felicitated conference Chief Co-ordinator Dr. Sushila Yadav.

Conference came to an end by well documented vote of thanks by conference Chief Co-ordinator Dr. Sushila Yadav, where she extended our sincere gratitude to Principal Dr. Mrs, S.V.Sant, other dignitaries, special invitees, all delegate from different colleges, colleagues, volunteers and students and each one who helped in the success of the conference.

