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ABOUT SOMAIYA VIDYAVIYAR

SOMAIYA VIDYAVIYAR, founded in the year 1959 by Padmabhushan (late) Shri Pujya Karmshibhai J. Somaiya is situated in a lush green campus of 60 acres at Vidyavihar and 35 acres at Sion. It is a beehive of 34 educational institutions with 1700 teaching staff and 27000 students and offers education from K.G. to P.G. and even Ph.D. in diverse streams – Humanities, Social Sciences, Commerce, Science, Medicine, Engineering and Management.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

K.J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce was the first institution to be set up in the year 1959 with the vision "Education for All". Our mission is to reach the student community through co-curricular activities with special focus on inter-disciplinary Seminars, Conferences and Workshops.

The college offers courses for U.G., P.G. and Ph.D in Arts, Commerce and Management. There are 52 teaching staff in degree college among whom 20 are P.G. recognized teachers and 5 are Ph.D guides. The college also has a Gandhian Studies Centre and a spacious, well-equipped, computerized library. The NCC unit of this college has won the Vice-Chancellor's Banner for 3 consecutive years. Value-Education forms an integral part of the college curriculum which helps in moulding the students to become socially responsible citizens.

THEME OF THE SEMINAR

The 20th century has witnessed spectacular scientific, technological, social and political changes all over the world. However, we also witness widespread misuse and abuse of power, resources and military along with a deterioration of social and moral values. The demands of women and minority groups for equal rights are also posing a challenge to present generation.

Humanity, to survive through such turbulent times, needs to combine reason with compassion in order to build constructive social and moral values. Thus, only with a change in human consciousness can society truly alter the destructive path we are on right now. In the era of globalization, developing a uniform human consciousness among both, men and women can only bridge the gender inequality as well as other inadequacies. Education helps in this process by cultivating critical ability in the individuals while mass media can provide a helping hand in propagating appropriate values.

This Seminar makes an attempt to understand the need and scope of developing human consciousness and values in the present day global society.

About All World Gayatri Pariwar (AWGP)

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The Saint, Scholar, Philosopher par excellence Pandit Shriram Sharma Acharya (1911-1990) is the founder of Shantikunj which has grown into a unique centre of a global movement of 'Yug Nirman Yojana'. It is devoted to cultural, ethical, moral and spiritual awakening of the masses and national integration. It is pledged for national peace, prosperity, amity, love, goodwill and fraternity irrespective of region, religion, faith, caste, creed, sect etc. Gayatri Pariwar has a following of more than twenty million devoted disciples and seventy million persons all over the world.

Another noteworthy contribution of AWGP is the establishment of an university of its own kind in the world 'Dev Sanskriti Vishwa Vidyalaya' with the objective of imparting global education on scientific spirituality and lifestyle. These form the base of human transformation and result in the development of Divine Manners, charming habits, noble character, sweet behaviour and elegant qualities which may enable the human race to shun its ego, selfishness and material greed and develop rational thought, compassion for all animate and inanimate world.

Dr. Pranav Pandya is the chancellor of this university. He is also the director and head of AWGP. www.dsvv.org and www.awgp.org.

About Jeevan Vidya Study Center at Somaiya Vidyavihar.

It was inaugurated on Aug 13, 2007, by Dr. S.K. Somaiya in the presence of Pujya A. Nagaraj ji of Amarkantak who is the propounder of 'Madhyastha Darshan : Sah-astiva-vad'. Jeevan Vidya is a unique effort in promoting positive values through our education system. It is concerned about addressing the basic causes of major problems of violence, corruption, exploitation, domination, terrorism and war. In the words of our former President, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam, 'I understand Jeevan Vidya is a teachable human value based skill that can address inherent conflicts within the mind of the individual, within families, in organizations and in public life'.

The objectives of J.V. Study Center include-

- ⇒ Enhancement of humanness, human values and human consciousness.
- ⇒ To implant 'consciousness developing value education' in the content of education.
- ⇒ To disseminate the humanness based code of conduct.
- ⇒ To promote universal order, human constitution and human mindset by means of workshops, seminars and research projects.
- ⇒ To inculcate in the people a concern for environment, ecological balance and co-existence.
- ⇒ To develop an environment conducive to human consciousness and human values at different centers of knowledge, institutions and educational set-ups.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 11th February, 2009

9.00 a.m. : Registration

9.30 a.m. : **Inaugural Function**

Keynote address : **Dr. Pranav Pandya**
(Director, All World Gayatri
Parivar and Chancellor,
Dev-Sanskriti Vishwa Vidyalaya)

Speeches by Guests : **Dr. Kiran Bedi**
(Magsaysay Award Recipient)
Dr. Sandeep Pandey
(Magsaysay Award Recipient)

Presidential Address :

11.15 a.m. Tea Break

11.30 to 1.00 p.m. : SESSION 1

**Gender Equality through Development
of Human
Consciousness and Values**

Guest Speakers : Smt. Anuradha Gupta
Smt. Sunita Pathak

Paper Presentations

1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. : LUNCH

2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. : SESSION 2

**Role of Media in Developing Human
Consciousness and Values in
Democratic Society**

Guest Speakers : **Prof. Sachitanand Joshi**
Prof. Arjun Tiwari

3.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. : Tea

3.45 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. : Paper Presentations

Thursday, 12th February, 2009

9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.: **SESSION 3**

**Developing Human Consciousness
in Global Society**

Guest Speakers : **Dr. Pavan Gupta**
Dr. A. L. Sharada

11.00a.m. to 11.15 a.m. : Tea

11.15a.m. to 1.00 p.m. : Paper Presentations

1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. : Lunch

2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. : **Panel Discussion and
Interactive Session on
- Relevance of Values
in Civil Society**

3.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. : Tea

3.45 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. : **Valedictory Function**

**Papers/Articles are invited on the Sub-themes
mentioned in the 3 sessions latest by
31st January, 2009.**

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Delegates : Rs.500/-

Students / Research Scholars : Rs.250/-

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