



REPORT SECTION

Two Days National Conference on Emerging India and Vision of Swami Vivekananda

Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha's Adarsh College of Arts and Commerce had organised Two day National Conference on 28th and 29th January 2013 on the theme 'Emerging India and Vision of Swami Vivekananda'. It was organised as a part of celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

For the inaugural function dignitary from Ramakrishna Math Swami Shri Mohanananda was present. He gave a keynote address on 'Emerging India and Vision of Swami Vivekananda'. He said that we must avoid artificiality in our thoughts and actions, we must behave and work spontaneously and in natural manner. The work and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda is like a lighthouse to all of us which is guiding us today and in future also. During this session welcome speech was given by Principal Dr. Vaidehi Daptardar. She briefly explained the theme and objectives of the Conference. Hon'ble President of College Governing Council Shri. Deepak Katdare gave the best wishes for this Conference and spoke about the need of such seminar. Hon'ble Chairman of A.V.P.S Shri Tushar Apte, Secretary Shri Uday Kotwal, Senior trustee Shri Yashwant Vaidya, Principal Shyamakant Atre were present for the inaugural session. They all visited the

exhibition held on the life and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda.

Inaugural session was followed by plenary session in which Prin Shyamakant Atre delivered lecture on 'Emergence of Swami Vivekananda', he explained about the social, political and cultural environment at the time of birth and childhood of Swami Vivekananda. Dr. Durgesh Parulkar gave very informative lecture about 'Impact of Swami Ramakrishna'. He presented the spiritual journey of Narendra to Swami Vivekananda. Vivekananda's total rejection and doubt about swami Ramakrishna at initial stage and ultimately complete surrender to Ramakrishna's thoughts and personality and its effect on Swamiji's work was explained by him in a very interesting manner. During plenary session Dr. P.V. Vartak talked about various aspects of swami Vivekananda's personality and described about his teachings in an analytical and critical manner.

In the Second session, Dr. Vaman Gogate discussed about Swami Vivekananda's view on education and its relevance in today's world. As per Vivekananda's view true education is that which creates independence in thoughts and actions of the person, education is the manifestation of the capabilities which already exist in



the individual, education lead to personal, spiritual and social development. This lecture was followed by a very lively group discussion which was coordinated by Dr. Sharmila Virkar. All the delegates, students and the dignitaries actively participated in the discussion and came to conclusion that a person or a student must select their ideals through their thinking process. Discussion was followed by paper presentation. This session was chaired by Mrs.Sunita Kulkarni. Delegates presented their papers on various themes like Vivekananda's concept of Education and its relevance, his views about social reform, etc.

After this, Dr Parexit Shevde delivered a lecture on 'Swami Vivekananda's concept of Religion and its relevance in today's world'. The philosophy of Hindutwa, introspection of one's own religion and role of religion in national integration were the main themes of his lecture and explained that Swamiji's concept of religion is very relevant even in today's context. His lecture was followed by Paper presentations by the delegates.

The second day of conference began with the lecture by Shri Arun Karmarkar who explained in detail about Swami Vivekananda's concept of modern India. We required to give importance to unity and people belonging to different socio-religious groups must come together for the freedom of humanity, we must try to integrate spirituality of the East and materialistic progress of West. His lecture was followed by Dr. S. E. Bhelke's lecture 'Vivekananda's concept of Social Service'. Dr. Bhelke opined that every leader should begin the work with full dedication and must complete it,

we must serve the mankind with love and sacrifice, we should work for the progress and development of the downtrodden classes.

In the post lunch session Dr. Girish Dabake delivered a thought provoking lecture. He talked about Vivekananda's concept of Nation and Nationalism. Despite of differences we must try to be good and to be organised for the upliftment of our country.

For valedictory session, Mr. Pramod Bapat was present as the chief guest. He talked about the life and personality of Swamiji and how he faced various difficulties in his life. We must try to bring in ourselves a part or energy of Swami Vivekananda's personality within us to develop ourselves and for the development of our country.

Our Principal Dr. Vaidehi Daptardar was the Convenor of this Conference, who guided us throughout the conference. Dr. Sangeeta Pande was the coordinator of this conference. Mrs. Daksha Halkare was the co-coordinator. Fifty four delegates including students, teachers from various colleges, and members of NGOs were present for the conference. Student's active participation was appreciated by the delegates, they also placed on record their appreciation about organisation of the conference and the resource persons. Sincere thanks to Principal Shyamkant Atre for his great support and kind help. Our special thanks to Dr. Lalita Namjoshi for scrutiny and evaluation of the papers. We are grateful to all those who helped us in the success of this conference.

- **Dr. Sangeeta Pande**

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