

International Conference “YOGA IN EDUCATION”

Nov.27, 28; 2012 Tumkur University, Tumkur

Tumkur University, Tumkur and S-VYASA Yoga University, Bangalore jointly organized an International Conference on “YOGA IN EDUCATION” in the beautiful campus of Tumkur University, Tumkur on 27- 28 Nov 2012.



Inauguration

The conference was inaugurated by **HH the 14th Dalai Lama in the Divine Presence of HH Dr. Sree Sree Sree Shivakumara Maha Swamiji**. Prof.H.R.Nagendra (Guruji), Vice Chancellor, S-VYASA, Dr. Apathukatha Shivathanu Pillai, Distinguished Scientist & Chief Controller, R&D, DRDO, Ministry of Defense and CEO & MD, BrahMos Aerospace, New Delhi; Dr.P.Sadananda Maiya, Chairman, Maiya’s Beverages & Foods (P) Ltd., Bengaluru were the Chief Guests. The Inaugural Ceremony was presided over by Prof.S.C.Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Tumkur University.

On the occasion of the Inauguration of the International Conference on YOGA IN EDUCATION, HH Dalai Lama spoke on the subject “**A HUMAN APPROACH TO WORLD PEACE**”. He very earnestly contended that the basic reason behind unrest in the current scenario is due to our inability to read the situations appropriately. He meant to emphasize that it is our preference to deal with any social discomfort emotionally and angrily. Instead, HH Dalai Lama advocated that we need to orient ourselves to engage in cordial dialogues to deal with any unrest and discomfort. It is such dialogue which promises to pave way to eternal peace in the world. Later, HH Dalai Lama answered the questions asked by the audience. In addition, “**Honorary Distinguished Professorship**” was conferred on HH Dalai Lama on this occasion. An MOU was signed between S-VYASA and Tumkur University to undertake Research, Yoga in Education and Yoga Therapy; and between Sera Jey Monastic University and Tumkur University.

Scientific Sessions - 27th Nov. 2012

On the first day the **Plenary Session speaker** was Prof. H. R. Nagendra, VC S-VYASA and Prof. N.V.C.Swamy, Professor Emeritus, S-VYASA. Prof. H. R. Nagendra gave a road map and highlighted the **New Dimensions in Modern Education**. Later, Prof. Swamy spoke on **Swami Vivekananda’s personality – a case study**.

The Post lunch sessions were conducted in three Tracks.

Track 1: Yoga in Primary & Secondary Education;

Track 2: Yoga in Higher Education

Track 3: Yoga as a Professional Education

Parallel Free Paper Sessions were organized between 2.30 to 4.00 pm. The judges for the Free Paper Presentations were Dr. Manjunath NK, Dr. Sudheer Deshpande, Dr.Raghavendra Rao, and Dr. Naveen KV, & One Madam from TU

Parallel Symposia was also organized in three tracks.

Track 1 was chaired by **Prof. P.V.Prakash Rao, Professor, NCERT, Bhopal** and the invited speakers were Prof. Ramachandra G.Bhat, Dean Div.of Yoga & Spirituality, SVYASA. Dr R Rangan, Asst.Professor SVYASA and Dr B V Dandi Swami, Director Sri Ranganatha Gaudiya Matta, Hesarghatta, Bengaluru

Track 2 was **Chaired by Mr. Shine Pavithran, Program Manager, Amrita Viswavidyapeetam, Coimbatore** and the Invited Speakers were Prof. Janitha A Liyanage, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, Dr. Senthamil Selvan, Research Director, VYASA Los Angeles, USA and Dr. S.Iqbal Quraishi, Head of International Center for Spiritual Studies, Islamic University of Science & Tech., Srinagar J&K.

Track 3 was Chaired by **Dr. Babu Joseph, Director, NIN, Pune** and the Invited Speakers were Dr. R. Nagarathna, Dean, Div. of Yoga & Life Sciences, S-VYASA; Prof.Alex Hankey, Div.of Yoga & Physical Sciences, S-VYASA and Dr. K. Krishna Sharma, HOD, Dept. of Yoga, Mangalore University, Mangalore.

Cultural program:

On 27th Nov. 12 a grand cultural program – **Dharma Bhoomi**, a Dance & Drama ballet, was performed by the famous cultural troupe “Prabhat Kala Vidaru”. The drama depicted the Indian Culture, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Bhagwad Gita.

Scientific Sessions - 28th Nov. 2012

Plenary Speaker on the second day was Swami Atmapriyanananda, Vice Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Kolkata, WB. He spoke on “**Swami Vivekananda’s Fundamental thoughts on Education and their Practical Application in the present day context**”. and Prof. Subramaniam K., Pro Vice Chancellor, S-VYASA emphasized “*Education is not mere literacy. To be wholesome and precious, Education should be Yogic*”.

Second day Parallel Symposia

Track 1: was chaired by Prof. R. Elangovan, Registrar, Tamilnadu Physical Edu & Sports University, Chennai and the speakers were Sri N.V.Raghuram, Chairman & Spiritual Guide,

Yoga Bharati, Cupertino, CA, USA; Sri Yogachary Vishwa Mandlik, Founder & Vice Chancellor, Yoga Vidya Dham, Nasik and Dr. B. Satya Jnaneswari, Reader, Maharane College, Peddapuram, A.P.

Track 2: was chaired by Dr. R. Venkatram, Director of East Point Research Academy, Bangalore and the speakers were Prof. Raghothama Rao, Director, Human Networking Academy, Jain University, Bangaluru; Sri Swami Narayanananda Saraswati, Lecturer, SVYASA; Sri M.P.Ravindra, Independent Consultant in Hr.Education and IT, Bangalore and Dr.Pramod Kumar, Asst. Professor, Amrita Viswavidyapeetam, Coimbatore.

Track 3: was chaired by Dr. Senthamil Selvan, Research Director, VYASA Los Angeles, USA. The speakers were Dr. John Christopher, Professor of Counseling, Psychology, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT USA; Dr.Vishwanathan S, Director, Center for Yoga Studies, Annamalai University, Cuddalore; Dr. Narayan Desai, Asst. Director Research, Kaivalyadhama, Lonavala and Dr.Anil Sangli & Sri Sripad, Srian TM Envisions, Mysore.

Parallel Panel Discussions - Post lunch Panel Discussion was organized in a common single track. It was moderated by Dr.Manjunath N.K.

Valedictory

The Valedictory Function was organized on 28th Nov.2012 at 4.30pm in the Dr.Sree Sree Sree Shivakumara Maha Swamiji Auditorium. Dr. S.C.Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Tumkur University presided and Dr.H.R.Nagendra, Vice Chancellor, S-VYASA was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr.Nagendra in his speech praised the team work of Tumkur University and assured to continue the good work initiated by the conference.

Dr.Naveen KV gave a brief report and also read out the conference “Resolutions”, which were unanimously accepted by the delegates.

Sri Anil Kumar, Coordinator (S-VYASA) while giving his impressions on the impressive Team Work of TU, praised Dr. S.C. Sharma’s leadership. All the delegates, speakers, guests and

dignitaries on the dais gave a **STANDING OVATION** to show their respect and appreciation for Dr. S.C. Sharma, the honorable VC and his **TEAM**.

Dr. S.C. Sharma, VC on behalf of Tumkur University felicitated Dr.Nagendra, VC S-VYASA; Dr.Sudheer Deshpande, Registrar; Dr. Naveen, Jt. Director, Research; Dr.Manjunath Sharma, Jt.Diector, Research; Dr.Subramanya Pailoor, Scientist and Scientific Committee, Organiser and Sri Anil Kumar, Coordinator (SVYASA). Dr.Sharma praised both the teams of TU & S-VYASA for putting a well coordinated joint effort to put in place the grand conference.

At the end, all the delegates, speakers, guests and dignitaries made a **HUMAN CHAIN** and chanted OM nine times. The program was concluded with the National Anthem.