

Relevance of Indian's Ancient Teachings in Modern Management

A One week faculty development programme organised at

Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies

A Faculty Development Program was organized by Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Rohini, Delhi, from 25th July to 30th July, 2016, on the subject: Relevance of India's Ancient Teachings in the Present times: A Way out for Future.

The programme was inaugurated by Swami Swasamvidhyananda on 25th July 2016. The event was presided by Dr. N.K. Garg, Founder Chairman, MATES. Dr. Bajrang Lal Gupta was the keynote speaker.

Swami Swasamvidhyanada, in his inaugural speech emphasised the need to ignite and inspire the minds of the teachers to pursue and follow the ancient Indian teachings throughout their lives. He also motivated the teachers to feel proud of their profession as they are in a profession of man-making and character building rather than that of money-making. The keynote speaker, Dr. Bajrang Lal Gupta very lucidly brought out the difference between traditional Indian economic thought and the modern western economics. Dr. N.K Garg, Founder Chairman, MATES, said that the reason for India's problems is our blind reliance on western thought and models. He opined that the teachers shouldn't teach only the western concepts but also familiarise the students with the Indian thought, wisdom and ancient cultural heritage to the students. This will enable the students to understand the modern management concepts in the right perspective.

The programme was attended by the faculty of the management institute. They benefited from the learning experience of a galaxy of well-known scholars, thinkers and academicians from various strata of life. The experience and research findings of these scholars were of great relevance for the faculty.

Rajneesh Mishra, from JNU highlighted the significance of ancient Indian lifestyle which was based on the concept of Dharma based on vedic thoughts and values. The values that Maryada Purushottam Rama displayed in his life are timeless and eternal, he said. As teachers we need to inculcate such values amongst our students; only then India will be able to promote and sustain familial and social harmony.

Dr. Sunita Singh Sengupta, from FMS, emphasised that India is a spiritual nation and that we should desist from making it a consumerist nation. For this we have to incorporate our legacy of spiritual values into management education. Dr. Ramnath Jha highlighted the India's contribution towards world's thought and culture.

Mr. Vipin Gaur, General Secretary, NAI, said that Indian traditional learning can be done through either *tantrapachar* which is a mechanical rote learning, *mantropachar* which emphasises self- upliftment, and Vedic upchar which focuses on self-discovery, self-learning, and self-evolution. He made an interesting observation calling *Narada* as the first Public Relation person of the world and *Sanjay* from Mahabharata as the first journalist.

The other speakers who graced the occasion included Mr. Devashish Mukherjee, Dr, Ravi Prakash Aarya, Mr. Ramesh Bhatt and Dr. Soumyajit Roy.

In his valedictory address, Prof. M.K Bhat, Director MAIMS expressed his appreciation and complimented the organizing team for conducting the programme successfully. He was very optimistic that the faculty must have benefited from this enlightening and illuminating exposure.



