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Values Based Education for a Better World

Sathya Sai Grama, Muddenahalli, India

Towards a Global Values Based Education Model for the 21st Century
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true education shines in the beauty of the spirit and of highest wisdom. It is effulgence that permeates a full life and that which leads every human towards attainment of his real nature through purification and sublimation of his consciousness. This inspiration cannot be got through the mere perusal of books. Learning without intensive culture of the spirit proves barren.

“The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom,” said Isaac Asimov. The modern educational system is producing students with information-based knowledge, rather than transformational knowledge. This has resulted in overt acts of violence; unrest; lack of peace and understanding in the society.

According to a UNESCO study, “the physical, intellectual, emotional and ethical integration of the individual into a complete man/woman is the fundamental aim of education.” Any amount of ‘knowledge transfers’ will not be successful, if it does not help with translating values into a daily reality.

Hence, the world today needs a system of education which helps in the manifestation of perfection and goodness already latent in man and brings about an inner evolution as the culmination of the best educational process.

The Global Education Conference 2019 with the theme ‘Values Based Education for a Better World’, inspired by Sri Sathya Sai Baba, aims to gather educationists from around the world, to deliberate on the ways to implement values based system of education as the only potent tool to achieve peace and prosperity for mankind.

**SCHEDULE**

**Day 1 - Friday, May 24, 2019**
Morning – 10:00 a.m.
Inauguration of Global Education Conference

Afternoon – 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Presentations at Sri Sathya Sai Premamrutham Auditorium
Dr Tobin Hart
(Professor of Psychology in the University of West Georgia and Co-founder of the ChildSpirit Institute, USA)

Professor Mirian Vilela
(Executive Director – Earth Charter, International Secretariat and Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development at the University for Peace, Costa Rica)

Afternoon – 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Round Table Session at Prem Deep

Evening – 6:30 p.m.
Drama on Human Values by youth from Singapore

**Day 2 - Saturday, May 25, 2019**
Morning – 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Presentations and Interactive Sessions at Sri Sathya Sai Premamrutham Auditorium

Professor Emeritus Ron Toomey
(Victoria University, Australia)

Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dato’ Dzulkifli Abdul Razak
(Rector - International Islamic University Malaysia)

Afternoon – 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Presentations at Sri Sathya Sai Premamrutham Auditorium

Ms Sue Webb
(Executive Consultant - Values based Education (VbE) International, United Kingdom)

Dr James Biddulph
(Head Teacher - University of Cambridge Primary School, United Kingdom)

Ven. Geshe Lhakdor
(Director - Library of Tibetan Works and Archives in Dharamshala, India)

Afternoon – 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Round Table Session at Prem Deep

Evening – 6:30 p.m.
Panel Discussion

Panel Discussion moderated by Professor Anantharaman
(Former Faculty of Harvard Business School, USA)
Participants of the Panel Discussion:

Dr Chandra B Sharma
(Chairman - National Institute of Open Schooling, India)

Ms Jayashree Ashok
(Co-Founder and Director - Creative School and Pragya Living Wisdom Centre, India)

Mr José Pacheco
(Founder - Escola da Ponte (Bridge School), Portugal)

Mdm Kunawathyammal
(Senior Teaching Fellow, National Institute of Education-Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)

HE Mr Lytou Buapao
(Former Deputy Minister of Education and Sports, Laos)

Mr Nimrod Sheinman
(Founder and Director - Israel’s Centre for Mindfulness in Education)

Mr B N Narasimha Murthy
(Chancellor - Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence, Karnataka, India)

Dr Ram Boojh
(National Programme Officer - Natural Sciences, UNESCO Cluster Office for South Asia)

Sadhi Bhagawati Saraswati
(Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh, India)

Swami Shantatmananda
(Head – Ramakrishna Mission, Delhi, India)

Mr Sushant Pandey
(Director - Praxis Vidyapeeth Educational Trust, India)

Ms Suwanna Chivapruk
(Academic Director - Roong Aroon School, Thailand)

Day 3 - Sunday, May 26, 2019

Morning – 10:00 a.m.
Discussion on Sustainable Global Values Based Education Model using models from all the educationists from the various countries and deliberation on takeaways from the Conference

Evening – 5:30 p.m.
Valedictory Session

Brass Band Performance by boys and girls students of Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Group of Institutions

SCHEDULE

PRESENTATIONS SESSION | SPEAKERS

Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dato’ Dzulkiifi Abdul Razak
Rector - International Islamic University Malaysia

Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dato’ Dzulkiifi Abdul Razak is an educationist and scientist. He was the Immediate Past President of the International Association of Universities (IAU), a UNESCO-affiliated Organization, based in Paris. He served as the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) and was instrumental in introducing many new ideas and concepts that led to USM being acknowledged by the United Nations University as one of the pioneering Regional Centres for Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development beginning 2005.

Ven. Geshe Lhakdor
Director - Library of Tibetan Works and Archives in Dharamshala, India

A distinguished Buddhist scholar, Ven. Geshe Lhakdor has served His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama as his translator and religious assistant since 1989 and has also co-translated and co-produced several books by the Dalai Lama. Geshe is a trustee of the Foundation for Universal Responsibility, established by His Holiness. He is also the Director of the Central Archive of His Holiness and a member of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Tibetan Classics in Montreal, Canada. He is currently serving as the Director of the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives in Dharamshala India, and as Head of the Science Education Project. Geshe facilitates the Science for Monks program and shares his own expertise as a scholar of Science and Philosophy. Geshe is also actively involved in the new education programme initiated by His Holiness, the Dalai Lama for primary, secondary and higher education through the Center for Contemplative Science and Compassion-Based Ethics.

Dr James Biddulph
Head Teacher - University of Cambridge Primary School, United Kingdom

Dr James Biddulph is a passionate teacher who transformed failing schools in UK through his sheer fervour for the craft of teaching. He has been accorded the status of Advanced Skills Teachers for creativity and awarded Outstanding New Teacher of the Year for London. He holds the Fellowship of the Chartered College of Teaching (FCC) and the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA). Inspired by a creative approach to teaching, he has extensively researched on ‘Creative learning in ethnic minority immigrant children’s homes’ and secured a PhD.
Professor Mirian Vilela
Executive Director - Earth Charter International Secretariat and the Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development at the University for Peace, Costa Rica
Earth Charter is a model to foster a sustainable future by integrating knowledge, values and skills into education, life-long learning and planning. Ms Vilela is a Professor at the University for Peace and coordinates the UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development with the Earth Charter. She has been in the leadership of the Earth Charter Initiative since January 1996 and for more than 23 years, she has facilitated multi-cultural and multi-sectoral workshops, courses, and dialogues related to sustainability, values and education.

Professor Emeritus Ron Toomey
Victoria University, Australia
Professor Ron comes with a strong-suit in Values-based education since the year 1970 and has worked on several books related to Values pedagogy. Values in core curriculum, Values education and students well-being. He is currently involved with the project, ‘Creating the Globally Sustainable Self’ sponsored by the International Beliefs and Values Institute alongside colleagues from James Madison University in Virginia.

Ms Sue Webb
Executive Consultant - Values-based Education (VbE) International, United Kingdom
VbE International is a renewed articulation of the transformative Values-based Education for schools across the world. It was pioneered by Dr Neil Hawkes, whilst he was a Head Teacher in Oxfordshire. Ms Sue Webb, as the Executive Consultant of VbE supports schools by training, consulting, running courses and conferences and auditing schools for the Values-based Education Quality Mark. She presents on National and International stages and has worked with schools in Sri Lanka, India and Russia.

Dr Tobin Hart
Professor of Psychology in the University of West Georgia and Co-founder of the ChildSpirit Institute, USA
Dr Tobin Hart’s work explores human consciousness especially at the nexus of psychology, spirituality, and education. His recent books include: The Four Virtues, The Integrative Mind: Transformational Education for a World on Fire, From Information to Transformation: Education for the Evolution of Consciousness, and The Secret Spiritual World of Children. ChildSpirit Institute is a non-profit Educational and Research Organisation to understand and nurture the spirituality in children and adults.

Mr Adinarayanan
Founder - Anaadi Foundation, India
Adinarayanan is the founder of Anaadi Foundation located in the South Indian State of Tamil Nadu, opened out in a nine acre stretch of land, as the centre for spiritual evolution and intense learning. It is a socio-spiritual organisation dedicated to unfolding the spiritual self of individuals. The programmes offered by Anaadi Foundation are aimed at inspiring young people to lead a self-reliant, sustainable and fulfilled life.

Dr Binny Sareen
Founder and President - Awakening Spirituality Global Initiative for Peace and Well-being, India
Dr Binny Sareen is an enlightened spiritual leader, trainer, author, management consultant and relationship advisor. She is the Regional Director of Global Peace Initiative (USA) for India and serves as the Director General of International Peace Initiatives at Global Board of Executives of All India Council of Human Rights, Liberties & Social Justice (AIMCHLS) and Chairperson for Values by Women Economic Forum. She has been awarded First Doctorate in the subject of ‘Spirituality and Universal Values’.

Dr Chandra B Sharma
Chairman - National Institute of Open Schooling, India
Dr Chandra B Sharma is the Professor of Education on deputation from the School of Education, India Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi. He has been on a three member committee constituted by the Government of India to draft the Distance Education Council of India Bill 2015. He has also been the Director of the Distance Education Programme of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan which is a national project of the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD), Government of India.

Dr Gagan Deep Sharma
Faculty - University School of Management Studies, India
Dr Gagan Deep is a faculty member at the University School of Management Studies which is a graduate On-campus business school of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University in New Delhi, India. He is also holding the office of Associate Director, International Affairs at the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University. His workshops on Human Values and Professional Ethics have helped a lot of students and staff at various Universities and colleges in Punjab, India. Dr Gagan Deep’s contributions in the field of education stand out singularly due to his special inclination the subjects of Macroeconomics, Behavioural Economics, Neurofinance and Humane Model of Business.
Ms Jayashree Ashok
Co-Founder and Director - Creative School and Pragya Living Wisdom Centre, India
Creative School was started in the year 2010 with a vision to raise children consciously while providing a strong foundation for their spirit. Originally inspired by the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother through their series on Integral Education, the School is also blessed to have the guidance of Dr. Newton Kondaveti, who showed the founder, Ms Jayashree the way to awaken inner wisdom. Holistic education in Creative School generates awareness about all aspects of life - body, mind, emotions, and soul.

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José Pacheco is a Portuguese educator, Specialist in music, reading and writing. He pioneered a Public Educational Institution, Escola da Ponte (Bridge School) in Vila das Aves, Portugal. He was the Principal of the School since 1976 and the School earned international repute for its innovation and inclusive practices which was based on values and for its ability to understand the students and offer them what they are capable to learn and do. Mr Pacheco was also invited by the Brazilian Government to begin a public school in Sao Paulo, Escola da Ancora, serving as a model for human excellence and inspiration to other schools in the State.

Mdm Kunawathyammal d/o Kaliannan
Senior Teaching Fellow, National Institute of Education - Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Mdm Kunawathyammal was trained at the Institute of Education - National University of Singapore as a teacher. She earned a Further Professional Diploma in Educational Programme (FPDE) and was the Head of Department in National Institute of Education-Nanyang Technological University (NIE-NTU). She has taught at Raffles Girls’ Secondary School, her alma mater; in the Gifted Education Programme and has served as the Head of Department for Affective Education.

Dr Kalpana Sampath
Director - Arpitha Associates Pvt Ltd and EFIL Educational Services Pvt Ltd, India
Dr Kalpana has been working in the field of Thought Leadership as a coach, trainer, and development artiste for nearly three decades helping individuals and Organizations, focus on excellence, through clarifying their vision and values. Arpitha Associates is about enabling evolutionary excellence through a wide range of consulting and interventions with People, Process and Technology to help grow the business and the individual.

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Dr Sampath is an exemplary learner whose observation and research have evolved into models of individual and organisational development. He completed his Doctoral work in the area of ‘Building Organisational Culture through a Process of Value Clarification‘ and enabled easy understanding of complex human processes by simplifying it using scientific tools and models. A personal excavation to uncover his own self, led him to understand others and help them recognise their true potential.

Professor J S Rajput
Former Director - National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT), India
Professor J S Rajput is known for his extraordinary and path breaking reforms in school and teacher education through his role in the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT). His research publications in Physics earned him a Professhorship at the age of 31 years in the NCERT. The assignments held by him include Principal of the Regional Institute of Education, Bhuj, Joint Educational Advisor - Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India; Chairman - National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and the Director of the NCERT.

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Swami Shantatmananda
Head - Ramakrishna Mission, Delhi, India
Swami Shantatmananda is a senior monk of the Ramakrishna Order and is well known as an able administrator and spiritual mentor. He had a long stint of 30 years at the International Headquarters of the Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, where he had the rare privilege of association with some of the luminaries of the Order. Swami Shantatmananda is deeply committed to the spreading of value education amongst the youth, especially the school and college students. He has been closely associated with a number of insightful programmes on value education, based on the man-making and character-building ideas of Swami Vivekananda.

Mr Sushant Kumar Pandey
Director - Praxis Vidyapeeth Educational Trust, India
Mr Sushant Kumar Pandey leads Praxis Vidyapeeth Educational Trust which is a values-based academic institution. He emerges as an icon of front-rank importance for conducting community awareness programmes under Praxis Educational Trust. He is a member in Education Policy Formation Team of MHRD, Government of India. He is also the Founder and Project Leader of Youth Action for Social Responsibility (YASR), which is an informal group of youth worldwide engaged in developmental activities.

Ms Suwanna Chivapruk
Academic Director - Roong Aroon School, Thailand
Ms Suwanna is a pediatric nurse turned educator with a strong belief in human development. Her career path in the field of education started as a Preschool Coordinator for the Indo-Chinese Refugee Children in Thailand with the US Consortium from 1986 for a span of seven years. She worked as the Early Childhood Co-ordinator with Save the Children Foundation (USA) to empower a community in Thailand to start their village child care center. In 1996, as her passion in holistic education and belief in lifelong learning grew stronger, she joined Roong Aroon School.

Mr V Venkataramana
CEO - Shamlal Mutha Foundation, India
Mr V Venkataramana has nearly 22 years of experience in the social development sector. He has managed and delivered National and International Non-profit programmes across education, school health, school construction, livelihood, shelter, child protection, disaster risk reduction and post disaster rehabilitation. He has worked with reputed National and International development organisations like United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Save the Children; Room to Read; Aga Khan Foundation and Naandi Foundation.

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