SYMPOSIUM ON HUMAN VALUES EDUCATION: WHY AND HOW?

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Symposium Coordinators:
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INTRODUCTION

There is a need for framing human values education model carefully and wisely aiming at the harmonious development of multiple dimensions of the human personality. Without a deep understanding of one's relationships with nature, fellow human beings, society, and a deep respect for all life, one is not really educated. The sense of equality, mutual respect, the philosophy of live and let live are the cherished results of human values education model in order to achieve peace, well-being and settled order of the human world which are desperately needed in the present context. As being witnessed today, a world evolved through narrow, exclusive and intolerant thought tradition is full of conflicts, full of violence, full of inner tensions and war. Therefore, there is a need for a world evolved through harmony, tolerance, peace, and human concern for achieving human sustenance.

School education must revisit the concept of living together religiously, socially and environmentally. Human values education should concentrate on producing socially aware, culturally sensitive and intellectually cosmopolitan students. Human values such as trust, respect, honesty, dignity, and courtesy are the building blocks of any free and advanced society. Human values centred courses, curricula, seminars, readership and scholarship are the future of school education in plural societies that are marked by differences which politically, economically, socially and culturally demand co-existence and hence inclusion.

This symposium focuses on human values education in schools and its relevance and methodology highlighting Indian experiments and experiences. It focuses on cases ranging from the ancient Indian king Ashoka to contemporary episodes and exercises to inculcate human values of integration, sharing and inclusion as good practices worth emulating in school education.

Teaching of human values, ideal life led by teachers, and examples of extraordinary personalities cited from the epics, poetry, literature and history—all these are great help in this regard. Developing actionable insights in the students for attaining a desirable personality is a challenge which is worth accepting. This symposium will make an earnest attempt towards framing Human Values Education Syllabus and methods of teaching.
WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

School principals and heads, educationists, curriculum planners, educators, and educational leaders, teacher-leaders, coordinators and promoters, sponsors and managers, decision makers, policy makers, members of educational regulating bodies, teachers of international schools, residential schools, government schools, Kendriya Vidyalayas, and Missionary schools, educational consultants, educational researchers, members of governing bodies of schools, executive members of various educational boards concerned with schools such as CBSE, ICSE, State Boards, and Matriculation and Montessori boards, and all those interested in school education should participate.

Symposium Coordinators and Resource Persons:

Prof. C Panduranga Bhatta is the founder Coordinator of Business Ethics and Communications Group at Indian Institute of Management Calcutta besides being the coordinator of the Management Centre for Human Values and the Editor of the Journal of Human Values (JHV) published by SAGE publications (2006-2014) and has four decades of teaching and research experience in postgraduate and doctoral level besides being a consultant and contributor to several research projects undertaken by prestigious institutions in India and abroad. He has conducted a large number of Management Development Programmes on Educational Leadership Excellence besides conducting customized In-Company training programmes for schools affiliated to CBSE, ICSE, State Boards in India, Dubai, Sharjah, and Muscat.

Prof. Ranjan K. Mitter is the Secretary of Sri Aurobindo Institute of Culture, an eminent not for profit educational, cultural, social and research institution in Kolkata. Prof. Mitter is Principal of The Future Foundation School, a reputed school in South Kolkata affiliated for ICSE and ISC to the CISCE and he has been teaching at the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (since 2000). He has Co-directed and / or been a resource person in workshops for ICSE/CBSE Heads at IIMC. He is a member of the Education Sub-Committee of CII (ER). Since its inception he is a member of the Regional Advisory Committee of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.
Besides symposium coordinators, Ms. Alokananda Roy, renowned social activist, Mr. Gautam Mohan Chakrabarty, Kolkata Police Commissioner (Retd.) Prof. Saibal Chattopadhyay, Director IIMC, Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, Dean Academic, IIMC, Prof. Shekhar Chaudhuri, Director, Calcutta Business School, Mr. Gautama, Director-Secretary of the Palar Centre for Learning (PCFL-KFI) and a few others who have enriched human values education have been invited to speak in the symposium.

Honourable Sri Harsh Vardhan Sringla, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh has been invited to deliver the inaugural address.

**Registration Fee:**

A very nominal registration of Rs.1000 (Rupees One thousand only) will be charged to each participant to cover the cost of tea/coffee, lunch, course materials, etc.

**How to Register?**

The completed and scanned copies of the registration form(s) along with electronic transfer details should be emailed to subal@iimcal.ac.in on or before September 11, 2017. Confirmation of participants will be done only on receipt of the Registration fee. **Acknowledgement of registration fee will be done through email only.** You are requested to send in your nominations at the earliest as the seats will be filled on first come first served basis. Each school may nominate five to ten participants. Registration forms and bank details for electronic transfer are attached.