

WORKSHOP REPORT

The Relevance of Ancient Technology in Modern Times, in context of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

Event Details:

Event Title: Workshop on "The Relevance of Ancient Technology in Modern Times," in context of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

Organized by: Human Resource Development Centre, Delhi Technological University

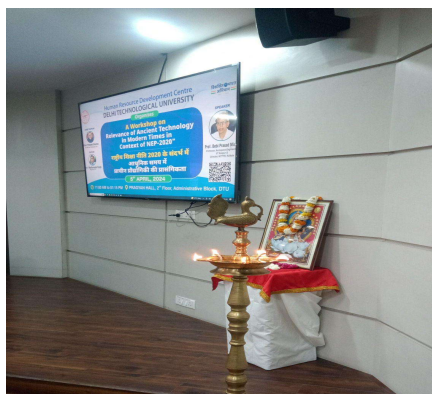
Date: April 5, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Venue: Pragyan Hall, Second Floor, Administrative Building, DTU

Summary:

The Workshop on "The Relevance of Ancient Technology in Modern Times," organized by HRDC at DTU on 5th April 2024, aimed to explore the intersection of ancient technology and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The event sought to highlight the importance of integrating traditional Indian knowledge systems into contemporary education, aligning with the objectives outlined in NEP 2020.



Key Highlights:

Inaugural Session: The event commenced with a seamless registration process followed by the rendition of the National Anthem, fostering a sense of unity and patriotism among the attendees. Following the National Anthem, a traditional lamp was lit symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the onset of knowledge. This was accompanied by the Saraswati Vandana, an invocation to the goddess of learning, seeking her blessings for the workshop.



Welcome Address and Introductions:

- Dr. Pradeep Goyal, Director of HRDC, extended a warm welcome to all participants. He emphasized the significance of exploring ancient technology in the context of NEP 2020 and its potential to enrich modern education.
- Prof. Madhusudan Singh, Registrar, DTU, delivered a speech highlighting the importance of ancient Bharatiya wisdom and technology in shaping education and innovation. He underscored the need for incorporating traditional knowledge systems into the curriculum to foster holistic learning.
- Prof. Prateek Sharma, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, DTU addressed the audience, reiterating the university's commitment to promoting interdisciplinary approaches to education. He emphasized the relevance of ancient technology in addressing contemporary challenges and fostering innovation.



Keynote Address by Prof. Debi Prasad Mishra:

- Prof. Debi Prasad Mishra, a renowned academician from IIT Kanpur and NITTTR Kolkata, delivered the keynote address. Prof. Mishra delved into the profound meaning of Bharat, emphasizing its rich cultural heritage and tradition. He elucidated on the importance of preserving and promoting Bharat's traditional knowledge systems, which are deeply rooted in the ethos of spirituality and holistic well-being.
- Furthermore, Prof. Mishra highlighted the significance of the Sanskrit language as a carrier of ancient wisdom and philosophy. He underscored the importance of Sanskrit in understanding the depth of Bharat's philosophical heritage and its relevance in contemporary times.



In alignment with the objectives of NEP 2020, Prof. Mishra emphasized the holistic development of individuals, encompassing spiritual, cognitive, physical, and emotional dimensions. He elaborated on how the philosophy and focus of NEP 2020 resonate with Bharat's ancient wisdom, which places equal emphasis on spiritual development for inner harmony, cognitive development for intellectual

growth, physical development for vitality, and emotional development for overall well-being.

- By incorporating Prof. Mishra's insights on the meaning of Bharat, Bharat tradition, importance of Sanskrit language, and the holistic focus of NEP 2020, the workshop provided attendees with a comprehensive understanding of the relevance of ancient technology in modern educational frameworks.



Discussion and Interaction:

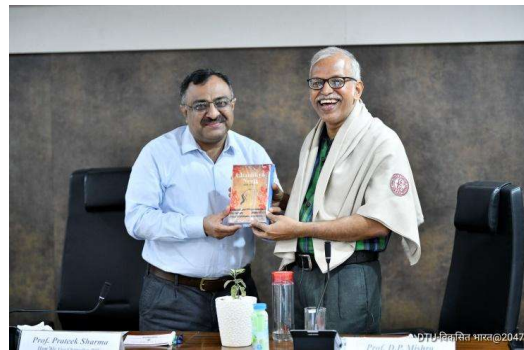
- Participants actively engaged in discussions and exchanges, underscoring the relevance of integrating ancient technology and wisdom into modern educational practices.

- The interactive session fostered a collaborative atmosphere, enhancing the overall learning experience.



Felicitation of Keynote Speaker

- Following Prof. Mishra's insightful address, the Vice-Chancellor extended his appreciation and gratitude by felicitating the keynote speaker. The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged Prof. Mishra's invaluable contributions to the field of education and his illuminating discourse on the relevance of ancient technology in modern times. This gesture of recognition underscored the university's commitment to fostering academic excellence and promoting interdisciplinary dialogue.



Vote of Thanks:

- Dr. Anurag Goel, the event coordinator, expressed gratitude to the speakers, participants, and organizers for making the seminar a success. He emphasized the importance of continuing dialogue and collaboration in harnessing the potential of ancient technology for educational advancement.
- Profound gratitude was extended to Prof. Prateek Sharma, Prof. Madhusudan Singh, and Prof. DP Mishra for their valuable contributions.



Feedback:

Positive feedback was received for organizing the workshop as well as regarding content delivered in it.

Conclusion:

The Workshop on "The Relevance of Ancient Technology in Modern Times" provided a platform for fruitful discussions and insights into the integration of traditional knowledge systems into contemporary education. The workshop not only explored the practical applications of ancient knowledge systems but also delved into their philosophical underpinnings and alignment with contemporary educational paradigms. Prof. Mishra's keynote address enriched the discourse by shedding light on the profound wisdom embedded in Bharat's cultural heritage and its implications for holistic education. The event underscored the significance of aligning educational practices with the objectives outlined in NEP 2020, paving the way for a more inclusive and holistic approach to learning and innovation.

Dr. Deepali Malhotra efficiently served as the compere for the event, guiding the proceedings with eloquence and expertise. A commendable total of **75 participants** enthusiastically attended the workshop, reflecting the keen interest and engagement of the academic community in the relevance of ancient technology in modern times. The attendees comprised heads of departments, deans, senior professors, faculty members, and research scholars, representing diverse perspectives and expertise.



Glimpses of the event:



