

**Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha
Adarsh College of Arts and Commerce
Kulgaon-Badlapur
Department of Philosophy & IQAC
In association with
Maharashtra Philosophical Council & Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi
organized
38th Conference of Maharashtra Philosophical Council**

Report

Adarsh college of Arts & Commerce in collaboration with Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi and of Maharashtra Tatvadnyan Parishad (MTP) organized three days 38th Conference of Maharashtra Tatvadnyan Parishad at Adarsh college , Kulgaon Badlapur from 8th to 10th December 2022.

Day -1 8th December 2022

Session I Inaugural session

The inaugural session started at 9.30 am on 8th December 2022. The Chief guest for the inaugural function was Prof. Dr. Sachidanand Mishra Secretary of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, Prof. Dr. Minal Katarnikar, was nominated as the president of this 38th Maharashtra Tatvadnyan Parishad. Dr. Sunil Dutt Gavare Chairman of MT P, Dr. Aman Bagade, Executive Chairman of MTP, Shri Janaradanji Ghorpade, President of Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha, Shri Uday Kelkar, Chairman of College Governing Council, Shri Tushar Aapate, treasurer of Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha, and I/C Principal Dr. Sangeeta Pande were present on the dais. The session started with lighting the lamp and invocation.



Dr. Sangeeta Pande, I/c Principal gave an introductory speech regarding foundation and working of Adarsh College and how the institution is being flourished explaining the achievements of the college. She explained what efforts College has been putting to upgrade students culturally & academically. She also elaborated basic principles of philosophy and values and their relevance in the education system. We are celebrating 75th year of independence, during these years many changes have taken place, the world is getting globalized, the nature of society and social institutions are changing, and after 37 years new education policy is being introduced. We are facing many challenges and problems; it is appropriate to study the role of philosophy in this context. Philosophy is the love of wisdom and the study of philosophy helps to handle the problems.

All the guests and members of the executive board of MTP were felicitated. After that Dr. Sunil Dutt Gavare Chairman of MTP elaborated how MTP is working. He also has given detail account regarding debates, competitions and seminars which have been conducted on 18th April 2022, and explained intention of conducting this conference which is to resurrect and invoke curiosity in the minds of students.

Dr. Sachidanand Mishra, Secretary of Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi enlightened delegates on many hidden aspects of human life. He talked about Hindu philosophy and explained all questions being cropped up in person's mind have had their

answers in philosophy. While talking on science he explained that science may be found wrong or right simultaneously while observing and looking through different angles and context but DARSHAN is an eternal truth. So, what matters that is DARSHAN and how all sciences are going to be authenticated by DARSHAN itself. Darshan goes on revealing all angles which science fails to figure out that figureless eternal truth. Darshan revolves around philosophy. Person is complicated and most superior and callous entity on this planet having potential of becoming good and bad simultaneously. Darshan gives us guidance. Philosophy is beyond science and everything. Every person reflects differently in different situation and how person faces defeat and get defeated and that is mysterious and beyond horizon of science. Darshana reflects behavioural patterns of society and has the potential to guide the entire society and the challenges it faces. Men are being dominated by machines. So, in the context of DARSHAN it is possible to check in which direction society is going weather in negative or in positive. He insists on studying our own regional language and using same as a medium of knowledge.

Mr. Uday Kelkar, Chairman of CGC conversed about briefly by giving assurance to the audience that they would get something innovative out of it and thanked all dignitaries present on the dais. After this Dr. Sudhir Pitake announced that Dr. Mohanrao Deshmukh, Ahmednagar had received the Prof. Shivajirao Bhosale Award. Shri. Suryankant Ghogre Research book award was given to Dr. Bharat Walondre for his book ' *Baudhh Tattvadnyan tattvik v naitik Prashn* ' The inaugural function was compered by Mrs Daksha Halkare and vote of thanks was given by Dr. Sandip Bhele.

Key note Address

Dr. Minal Katarnikar presented key note address. In her speech she has discussed four methodological steps of philosophy. She explained how philosophy gives the strength to whole society in general and person in particular for their overall development. Moral issues we go on discussing but our vision becomes more and clearer when we go on discussing those issue in philosophical context. Her speech has been punctuated by many examples and quotes of intellectuals that has heightened the intellectual level of entire seminar. She has quoted the thoughts of Immanuel Kant " Moral is not how



we become happy but whether we deserve to be happy'. While giving different example she said that we need to think everything in different contexts. Philosophy wakes up all intellectually. By quoting Socrates " I am an intellectual midwife" she explained how criticism and counter criticism that never comes to an end. So, criticism should be for the sake of productivity and productive purpose that is what she emphasized. Debate and counter debate and discussion enhance the scope of knowledge. We all are living in multicultural society. We go on imposing our thoughts on other and decline to accept the thoughts of others that creates problems. So, what needs to be maintained that's the harmony and edge of differences should be reconciled. We are becoming intellectually bankrupt and too much importance should not be given to materialism. Philosopher needs to think in the context of philosophy. While expressing her thought she said, independence is nothing but to get prepared for change and becoming ready for change and ready to be changed whether we have come out from colonialism and that is the question.

Technical Session – I

Multiculturalism

The first technical session was Seminar on 'Multiculturalism'. This session was chaired by Dr. Nagorao Kumbhar, Ex. President of MTP. In this session invited speakers were Dr. Tabassum Shaikh, Principal of Momin College, Bhiwandi, Dr. Mehboob Sayyad, Ahmednagar, Dr. Harish Navale, Savitribai Phule University, Pune and Mr. Rahul Verma. All the resource persons discussed the various aspects and issues encompassed by multiculturalism.

While expressing his thought professor Mr. Rahul Verma said that Indian culture is rich and that richness is enhanced and recognized by multiculturalism. Everyone should be treated equally. All religious book never narrates immoral but some thoughts are wrongly interpreted that provokes extremism. Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar dedicated his life to reconcile the edges and differences between western culture and eastern culture. India is just like a melting pot of multiple cultures. Multiculturalism almost goes through the phase of destruction and construction. Multiculturalism should be nurtured but not to be destroyed. Racial discrimination should not be there in multiculturalism. Multiculturalism has its own identity. All invaders had brought their cultures with them but got melted and absorbed in Indian culture finally.

While delivering speech Dr. Harish Navale of Savitribai Phule University said that multiculturalism should not be a strange thing and it's not a strange and should not be unfamiliar to Indians. Indian culture is a synonym of multiculturalism. While expressing thoughts Dr Vimala Thapar said that culture is not a noun but it is verb so culture is just like flowing river and can cannot be and should not be stagnant. If it becomes stagnant it will get spoilt. Culture is nurturing and systemizing language. Multiculturalism is affected by contemporary thoughts of prevailing culture and culture is being affected by geography. Every culture has its own values and views and culture cannot be stagnant. In past culture has been affected by religion and in the name of modernization sometimes religious values get subordinated and that cannot be accepted.

Dr. Tabassum Shaikh insisted on interfaith dialogues and insisted on we need to be a first good human being. We should feel the pains of others and mutual understanding of problems will help society to come together. Social justice needs to be nurtured. Religion should be used to resurrect humanity. Fanaticism should be replaced by universal brotherhood. We should have complete perception of life. Hindu is talking on non-dualism Muslim will talk about umma and consensus should be achieved through the dialogue. Liberalism should aim at peace. In short, she underlined the importance of dialogue and especially interfaith dialogues.

Dr. Mehboob Sayyad hailing from Ahmednagar depicted how peers and dargahs are being worshipped by Hindus and how Hindus and Muslims are living peacefully in Ahmednagar district. Bailpola is celebrated by Christians. Every community has its own identity. But some political parties are trying to scrap multiculturalism to gain political mileage. But the flow of multiculturalism cannot be reversed and cannot be stopped that's what we need to understand.

Mr. Nagorao kumbhar in his presidential speech of this session said that philosophy has its own identity. It moulds our thinking pattern to think in universal point of view. We should be broad minded and narrow mindedness should be given up. In neutral point of view, we need to think about culture. Every person has disproportionate pride and that must be and needs to be given up.

Disproportionate pride is nothing but the synonym of ignorance. We need to have interreligious dialogue and that's the sign of humanity.

First technical session was compered by Dr. Dnyandeo Upade, treasurer MTP and vote of thanks was given by Dr. Dvprakash Dongaonkar.

Technical Session – II

Individual paper presentation-1

Second technical session was Individual paper presentation. It was chaired by Dr Shubhada Joshi, ex head of department of philosophy ,university of Mumbai.

Many scholars presented their research paper expressing opinion on divergent issues. Dr. Sharmila Virkar took a broad review of Philosophy in Maharashtra. Maharashtra has long philosophical tradition. We need to take the cognizance of every change in philosophical point of view in simplistic language that common man could understand, changes taking place in business philosophy, artificial intelligence, psychology, agriculture, and economics should be checked, looked and seen in philosophical context. Philosophy does mean interpretation so it has become most relevant tool in new education policy. Dr. Kiran Save took a review of new education Policy. Education is being seen as a mode of change. Design of education policy decides overall growth of nation. New education policy implemented new pattern of imparting education and that new pattern is 5+3+3+4 by scrapping old pattern i.e.10+2+3. and described how new education policy has given importance to regional languages.

Professor Meena Shenoy in her research paper propagated the theory of dualism. As per dualism, God is different from other living being including human being. We and God are not one and same.

In his research paper presentation, Ganesh Belose has narrated the philosophy of saint Namdev and how society was being eclipsed by casteism. And how Saint Namdeo has spread the light of knowledge and enlightened people. He had sung song of equality. Speaking truth is the way of salvation that Saint Namdev insisted on. Person should not be affected by egoism but be affected by faith in positive manner. In her research paper, Amit Valmiki insisted that education is for the sake of peace. In her speech she expressed that what is needed is the retrospection of new education policy.

Education should be free for financially marginalized section. Values of secularism, equality need to be included in syllabus. In his research paper Jivtesh patil dealt various concepts like smriti, mind, Chaitanya etc he opined that memory is a ground for construction of self-identity. It has tremendous capacity to store. Life is full of conflicts. All narrative leads to one motive that is improving thoughts and thinking pattern.

Ms. Vidyut Joshi compered this session and Dr. Balasaheb Mullik offered vote of thanks.

Technical Session III

'Philosophical Counselling'

The theme for the third session was 'Philosophical Counselling' Resource person for this session was **Dr. Panos Eliopoulos, Department of Philosophy, University of Ioannia, Greece**. This session was chaired by Dr. Amita Valmiki, Jhunjhunwala college, Ghatkopar. In his online speech from Greece he has insisted on importance of philosophy and how it is relevant in today's material world. Happiness lies in human soul. Feelings are not stable. Person needs to be mentally stable. Developing character is nothing but producing good and positive thoughts. In Athens people had direct access to power. And in today's world we are selecting our own representative to represent. We don't have direct access to power. Open mindedness consolidates democracy. Quality of life is based on what we think. He also insisted on rationalization of philosophy and psychology. He insisted on debate and discussion and advice comes as a result of discussion that's what he opined.

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Technical Session IV

'New education policy: value education and relevance of philosophy'

The theme for this session was 'New education policy: value education and relevance of philosophy'. Invited speakers were Dr Pramod Pabrekar, senior advisor, RUSA Dr Suchitra Naik, principal Joshi Bedekar college, Thane, Dr Priya Vaidya, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai.

Dr. Shubhada Joshi chaired the 1st technical session of the day. She was greeted by garbajamento and bouquet by honorable principal Dr. Sangeeta Pande of Adarsh College.

Invited dignitaries presented their papers on different and divergent issues of New Education Policy 2020 expressing their scholarly opinions. Dr P.N. Pabrekar working as a senior consultant in RUSA opined while delivering his speech mobile phones have reached to the last strata of society now when the education will reach to last strata of society that is the question. Rethinking reimagining, reinventing and restructuring are the four steps for the overall development of the education process. Importance should be given to academic research. While clarifying position and current status of higher education he said that Fifty lacks students are taking higher education in nation. He opined that change is a slow process and that can be achieved by implementing new education policy in right manner. Education should be accessible to the last strata of society.



Dr. Suchitra Naik elaborated on four phases of the education process i.e., pre ancient, ancient, middle age, and modern. Informal education has a warkari tradition and tradition of saint. As per her opinion, Lord Macaulay used education system to churn out trained laborers to be used for doing work for the English administration ruling in India and for getting their work done for the benefit of Englishmen. In her research paper Dr Suchitra Naik expressed that how new education policy reflects changing trends in education that affects students positively and being teachers. We need to be

aligned with changing trends in education. Failing to change our mind set shall affect students negatively and may lead to stagnation in education field.

Dr. Priya Vaidya expressed her opinions on education policy and its impact on Indian culture. Principle centric education should be given. It's now the time to take a proper stand in this regard by the teachers of philosophy. New education policy is a dream project but how can we implement that new education policy that's the question. Education policy revolves around nurturing values and morals. It gives importance to the development of the personality of every single person in a moral point of view. While delivering a speech she said that education is losing its capability to mold good person. Education should be value-based that should trigger the flame of patriotism in the minds of students. It should sensitize the students. It should nurture different values and valor in students to enable them to tackle the issues and difficulties in practical life. The final aim of education is to wipe out ignorance. Education policy wants the student to be an enlightened citizen of this nation. Value games need to be developed to nurture values in the minds of student that enables them to think in clear-cut manner.

Mr Laxmikant Satpute offered vote of thanks for this session

Technical Session V

Individual paper presentation-2

The second session of second day was regarding Individual Paper Presentation. This session was chaired by Dr. Sheshadri Ex Vice Principal, Khalsa College. Eleven participants presented their papers. Mrs Beena More, Dr. Kokila Kalekar, Mrs Kirti Narayan Mardikar, Dr. Varsha Jape, Dr. Balasaheb Mullik, Mrs. Swadha Nathalkar, Mrs Varsha Gala, Dr. Jyoti Shapurkar, Dr. Vishwanath Kale, Dr. Vijay Shedge, Dr. Sunanda Bhusari presented scholarly papers on various topics. Mrs Daksha Halkare compeered this session. Dr. Navnath Raskar pproposedv vote of thanks.

Dr Kokila Kalekar from The English and foreign languages University, Hyderabad in her paper expressed that education is not an amount of information. We are living inchaos and intensity of chaos is needed to be diluted. Every mind should be free from fear and mind has tremendous grasping power.

Mrs Kirti Narayan Mardikar discussed male and female discrimination in the philosophical arena and the flag of mutiny unfurled by Saint Kahno Patra against male dominated society. She discussed how women are being subordinated through Hindu code bill and how women can be empowered in India. Whether women are getting equality or not that's the question and we need to think about it.

In her speech Mrs Varsha Jape insisted that teachers cannot be substituted by technology. Good education system is going to be failed without having good teacher. Idealism needs to be nurtured in every teacher and every teacher should try to nurture idealism in students.

Dr. Vijay Sopan Shedge said that mercy is endless in saint. Saint Gulabrao was blind but composed 142 novels. He could not see but hehad vision. What needs to be wiped out is hatred from the mind of every person and society should be free from hatred will help us to bring the dream of global village in real. One world one religion that's the concept hehas propagated in his speech and name of that religion is humanity.

Technical Session V

Individual paper presentation-3

The third session of second day was regarding Individual Paper Presentation 3. This session was chaired by Dr. Sudhir Pitake. Twelve participants presented their papers on various topics. Mr. Mandar Paranjape compeered this session. Dr. Bajirao Patil, Dr. Rina Pitale Puradkar presented paper on Strivadachi samiksha, Mrs Sandhya Joshi presented paper on 'Narmada Parikrama' Dr. Navnath Raskar presented on Dharma chikitsa, Dr. Vaishali Patil Vidyavardhini college, Dhule presented paper on Bhagwadgita, Mrs Supriya Deshmukh's paper was on Naya concept in Jaina Philosophy , Dr. Vedprakash Dongaonkar, Washim presented paper on Vidheyak ek samiksha , Ms Raina Hinger presented paper on Mahavir Darshan, Mrs Anagha Godse, Gurudev Ranadechya sankhya darshanavaril prabhav, Ms Rekha Sherekar, SP College, Pune presented paper on Samuel Huntington's multiculturalism, Dr. B.R. Walondre, Nagpur presented paper on Nagarjuna's Shunyavaad, Dr. Varsha Jape offered vote of thanks for this session

Technical Session VI

Public Speech by Dr. Shubhada Joshi

This session was Chaired by Shri Pandharinath Baviskar, joint Secretary of Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha. Dr. Aman Bagade, executive President of MTP welcomed all the dignitaries and informed them that every year Maharashtra tattvagyan parishad organizes one special lecture for the common citizens with the intention of spreading philosophical wisdom. This year Dr. Shubhada Joshi's lecture on the Life of Women during Vaidic times was organized. In Vaidik period thoughts are not rights centric but they are duty centric. Rights and duties should be balanced. In India culture is duty centric. There is no word like rights in Sanskrit. The final aim and intention of the marriage institution is to conceive ideal progeny. A woman is a wife for a moment and is going to be a mother in the long run.

The third institution is knowledge. Children should be intellectual and they should try to be ideal people from all contexts. Yadnyawalka asked Maitrayi what she wants his property or knowledge and Maitrayi denied his property and demanded knowledge and by denying his property, she didn't get trapped in materialism.

In ancient times, society was united due to its value-based behavioral pattern and got glorified by practicing values. There is no concept like a sanyas in rigved. Without women, life is incomplete and without her existence, the life of every single man is just like a desert. Women were not seen as barriers in the path of salvation in the Vedic period. Women were being treated equally.

Session VII- Cultural Program

Students of Adarsh college performed a beautiful dance which was followed by the prize-winning performance of one act play 'Bindi Bazar'. The play was based on women's empowerment, and it was very much appreciated by the audience

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Technical Session VIII

Individual paper presentation-4

The third day of the conference started with a research papers presentation and scholarly debate and discussion that has heightened the intellectual level of Maharashtra Tatvadhan Parishad. Dr.Sharmila Virkar,department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai was the Chairperson of this session. Mr.Sandip Kadam,Mrs.Jyoti Shahpurkar, Mr.Vishnudas kale, Mrs Samiksha Salvi, Mrs Nikita Tare, and many professors hailing from different streams and colleges have presented their research papers on different subjects and issues. Subjects like new education policy to philosophy via psychology, a number of topics have been encompassed in research papers presented by scholars hailing from different fields and different colleges. Topics taken for discussion have shed light on the hidden aspect of that particular subject. Debate and discussion after paper presentation have widened the intellectual horizons of scholars. In her speech and paper presentation honorable principal Dr.Sangeeta Pande underlined the importance of basic fundamental democratic principles i.e. agree to disagree. A fundamental principle of democracy is "We agree to disagree" and that is justlike a key that unlocks the doors giving accessibility and opportunity to every person believing in the principle of oneness to walk on the path of universalization and universal brotherhood.

Students competition

On the third day, Maharashtra Tattvadhan Parishad organizes various competitions for the students in order to enhance their rational thinking and other skills. Elocution competition and paper reading competition was organized on the topics like online education-advantages and disadvantages, my role in the conservation of the environment, 75 years of independence etc.



Valedictory Session.

For the Valedictory function Dr. Jyoti Pohane, Principal Pragati College, Dombivali, Mr. Nandkishor Patkar, member of College Governing Council,Dr. Meenal Katarnikar, Professor,Department of Philosophy, Mumbai University Dr. Sunil Dutt Gavare Chairman of MT P, Dr. Aman Bagade, Executive Chairman of MTP, and I/C Principal Dr. Sangeeta Pande were present on the dais. Dr Sandeep Bhele, Local Secretary of Conference took the review of three days Conference. Mr. Bajirao

Patil and Mr. Ganesh Belose gave feedback on the conference on behalf of all participants. Mr. Madhav Kambale announced the Prizes and all the winners were given prizes and mementos. Dr. Aman Bagade



shared his views about the conference and also congratulated the Adarsh college for successfully organizing it, Dr. Meenal Katarnikar appealed to all faculties teaching philosophy to conduct various activities for inculcating values among students. Chief Guest Dr Jyoti Pohane in her valedictory address depicted her positive and mesmerizing memories of Adarsh College and she congratulated the organizer for the success of this conference. She has thrown light on the opportunities that will be available due to the New education policy 2020. Mr. Nandkishor Patkar in his presidential speech thrown light on importance of philosophy in our life by giving

many examples. The Valedictory session was compered by Ms Vidyut Joshi and vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs Daksha Halkare.

In short 38th Maharashtra Tattvadnyan Parishad organized by Adarsh College of Badlapur in association with Maharashtra Tatvadnyan Parishad and Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi has turned out to be a stormy triggering and sowing the seeds of revolution in every fertile mind believing in universalization and universal brotherhood giving way to multiculturalism and breaking the walls of hatred, racism, and extremism and also thrown light on various aspects of New Education Policy 2020. In short this Conference has turned out to be an enlightening experience for all staff, students, professors, scholars, and all dignitaries.
