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Expert Talk On

"Relevance of vedas in Modern Indian Higher Education"



Date- April 11, 2025 Time- 11.30AM onwards Venue- Seminar Hall, 016

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REPORT ON EXPERT TALK SESSION

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Topic: "Relevance of Vedas in Modern Indian Higher Education"

Guest Speaker: Smt. Renuka Pundrik Goswami (Spiritual Orator and Public Speaker)

An expert talk session on the theme "Relevance of Vedas in Modern Indian Higher Education." was organized by the Social Media Club of ICFAI School of Liberal Arts, The ICFAI University, Jaipur on 11th April 2025 at 11:30 AM in Seminar Hall 016. The Chief Guest of the session was Prof. Dr. H P Singh VSM, Hon'ble President, The ICFAI University, Jaipur. The session was attended by Dr. S.S. Jain, Senior Advisor, The ICFAI University, Jaipur. Prof. Dr. N.D. Jasuja, Joint Registrar, The ICFAI University, Jaipur ,Prof. S.K. Singh, ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and all the faculties of ISLA, The ICFAI University, Jaipur. The total number of participants were 120. The event commenced with the words of wisdom by Prof. Dr. H P Singh VSM, Hon. President, The ICFAI University, Jaipur. The guest speaker for the event was Smt. Renuka Pundrik Goswami, a respected spiritual orator and public speaker, known for her contributions towards reviving and interpreting ancient Indian wisdom for contemporary times.

Session Objectives

- To explore the eternal relevance of the Vedas in the context of modern education
- Understand how ancient Vedic knowledge systems continue to inspire critical thinking, innovation, and holistic living.
- To align Vedic teachings with the vision of NEP 2020
- Discuss how the National Education Policy encourages integration of India's spiritual and intellectual traditions into mainstream curricula.
- To introduce Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) as a foundation for value-based education
- To cultivate awareness and pride in India's spiritual heritage among students and educators
- Promote cultural identity and intellectual self-confidence in the academic ecosystem.
- Present the Vedas as guiding lights for ethical leadership, emotional intelligence, and harmonious living in today's world.

In her enlightening address, Smt. Renuka Pundrik Goswami spoke about the timeless relevance of the Vedas and how their philosophical and educational insights can contribute to shaping modern Indian higher education. She emphasized the need for an education system that not only focuses on technical and professional skills but also nurtures moral values, holistic thinking, and inner consciousness — principles deeply rooted in the Vedic tradition.

The speaker also highlighted how ancient Indian education was multidisciplinary, inclusive, and focused on the overall development of an individual. She suggested that integrating Vedic knowledge with current academic frameworks could enrich students' learning experiences and foster a well-rounded personality. The session was followed by an engaging interaction between the speaker and the audience, where students and faculty members posed thoughtful questions and shared their views on the topic.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Ms. Pooja Jain to Smt. Renuka Pundrik Goswami for her inspiring words and to the organizing committee and volunteers for successfully conducting a session that bridged the ancient wisdom of the Vedas with the aspirations of modern education. She discussed the relevance of Vedas in Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) as encouraged by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Participants appreciated the speaker's clarity, enthusiasm, and scholarly insights, and many expressed a desire to further explore the subject through research or dedicated academic modules.

The **outcomes** of the expert talk session are as follows:

- It fostered awareness about the value of Vedic knowledge in higher education.
- It encouraged students to explore Indian philosophical traditions as part of their academic journey.
- Clarity on the Role of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in Higher Education
- The session clarified how IKS, especially Vedic literature, aligns with contemporary learning outcomes and supports holistic, value-based education.
- The talk demonstrated how Vedic wisdom can be interwoven into modern subjects like environmental science, leadership studies, health and wellness, linguistics, psychology, and philosophy.
- Spiritual Awakening Among Youth and Educators
- Smt. Renuka Goswami's oration inspired a spiritual connection with ancient texts, urging the youth to draw ethical, emotional, and intellectual strength from the Vedas.
- Participants expressed heightened cultural pride and a deeper connection to India's intellectual heritage, supporting NEP 2020's goal of creating a self-aware and globally competent generation.

It was a well-received and impactful session that inspired deeper reflection on how India's ancient wisdom can complement and enrich modern educational practices.

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Glimpses from the event







