

From the Desk of the Editor-in-Chief

"Everything that is excellent will come when this sleeping soul is aroused to self-conscious activity"

Swami Vivekanand

Education is a gateway to all the opportunities and successes. There exists a big gap between the conventional and the contemporary system of education. The main motive of the conventional approach was to pass on the values, manners, skills and the social practices to the next generation which was essential for survival. When we talk of the conventional approach, the first thing to strike the mind is the Vedic educational system. The Vedic education has been the core foundation of India's culture and rich heritage. Vedic or conventional education is a solution to all the problems which we currently find in the world. It emphasized on the character building so that the students could become fit as responsible members of the society. Education ought to develop man's ideal nature by endowing morality which would enable him/her to control his/her child ego.

However, the modern system of education has undergone a sea change due to the growing impact of technology. The need of the hour is to incorporate the conventional system with the modern system. The conventional system has been the root of character building and discipline which trained the young minds and prepared them for handling the complexities of life without resorting to the shortcuts of life. Patience is the key to higher learning. The biggest challenge in the field of education today is to ignite the young minds so that they develop passion towards excellence.

The Indian Education system is undergoing a sudden massive expansion, where the focus is on the learning outcomes. The Government intervention has taken education to a new avenue, opening new doors of opportunities for both the educator as well as the students. When education is infused with technology, learning is augmented, which deeply impacts a student's learning experience. Currently the emphasis of the Indian government is to drive innovation into the field of Education. Although the trade and Industry was liberalized in 1991, the process of liberating the Indian education system is not completed and is still going on at a rapid pace.

Connected with liberalization is this issue of globalization of education. As regards globalization of technology, it has manifested itself in India. Practically all the leading multinational companies have set up their R&D Centers in India. But what about globalization of the Indian education system? What about the Indian universities setting up campuses abroad? What about Indian universities hiring foreign academician as faculty? The private players are intensively working in this direction. Amity University has tie ups with over hundred International Universities, laboratories and Research centers in the areas of student exchange, Faculty exchange, Student Abroad Program(SAP), joint research, curriculum development and educational tours for the students. Concerted efforts are being made to incorporate the conventional system into the modern system of technology driven education. For a country like ours, modern age methodologies can have a transformational impact on our society and the economy as a whole.

India is emerging as a superpower and it cannot function without the support of information and communications technology. The gap between demand and supply of higher education has urged the government and institutions of the country to formulate policies and initiatives so that it can easily integrate with technology. This would enable the students to have an enriching learning experience which will ensure a bright future for the country.

I have an ardent hope that you will enjoy reading all the articles in the current issue and will revert with your valuable comments.

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