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Our Culture, Our Identity

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Samskruti Samachar

No country should forget its glorious past. India's glorious history is in every Indian's blood and tradition.

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose



"Today, India's ideals and dimensions are its own. Today, India's resolve is its own and its goals are its own. Today, our paths are ours, our symbols are our own," stated Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** as he unveiled the statue of **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** at India Gate, New Delhi, naming the path as **Kartavya Path**. The monolithic granite statue, 28 feet tall and weighing 65 MT, was crafted by Shri Arun Yogiraj, who was the main sculptor. *"It is our effort that Netaji's energy should guide the country today. Netaji's statue on the 'Kartavya Path' will become a medium for that. Netaji*

*Subhash was the first head of **Akhand Bharat**, who freed Andaman before 1947 and hoisted the Tricolour. His acceptance was such that the whole world considered him a leader. He had courage and self-respect. He had ideas, he had visions. He had leadership abilities and had policies"* asserted the Prime Minister. He called for the nation to come and visit Kartavya Path as it symbolizes a new vision for India and the energy is rejuvenating.

Samskruti Foundation Wishes the Nation Joyful Navratri



"India has been selected to the Inter-governmental Committee of UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) for the 2022-26 cycle. Along with achieving this feat, India has sent 'Garba' as the next consideration in the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" said Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs, Smt Meenakashi Lekhi, as she emphasised on the concerted efforts of the government in promoting the incredible culture and heritage of India.

Upcoming! National Conference on

Shivaji's Statecraft: Lessons for Modern India

Samskruti Adhyayana Kendra has scheduled a National Conference on **Shivaji's Statecraft: Lessons for Modern India** at Shivaji Sphoorti Kendra in Srisailem, Andhra Pradesh. Preparations are underway and the main and sub themes have been identified. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was one of the noblest and enlightened rulers in Indian History. We know of the yeoman contribution of Chatrapati Shivaji to revival of Hindu political and military power in the 17th century. However, his extra-ordinary contribution to public administration and statecraft is little known except to researchers and scholars of history. The National Conference is a humble tribute to the great National Hero.





Culture – 'a global public good, the good of us all' - UNESCO-MONDIACULT 2022

World Conference was held in Mexico City which was attended by Minister of State for Culture **Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal**. Culture Ministers of more than 100 countries participated on this multilateral forum to decide on the global cultural discourse. The main goal of the conference is to shape a more robust and resilient cultural sector, fully anchored in the perspectives of sustainable development as well as



promotion of solidarity, peace and security.



Prof. H Hemnath Rao, Sri K Ramamurthy, Sri T. Rambabu, Dr U M Chaudhari, Dr. P Somanath along with Sri Pradeep Rawat, Trustee, BORI

A five member Samskruti Adhyayan Kendra and Samskruti Foundation members team visited **Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI), Pune** and interacted with the scholars.

BORI is an institute dedicated to research on ancient history and culture and has been in existence for over 100 years.

SF/SAK team had an interaction with Director, Sri Pradeep Rawat, and other senior officials of BORI on 28th September. BORI team also made an audio-visual presentation covering their range of activities, achievements, key initiatives, and future plans. Through the interaction, it was realized that there

is good scope for productive collaboration/ interaction between BORI and SF, particularly the Samskruti Adhyana Kendra unit of SF, for mutual benefit. Possible collaborative work may be pursued in future.

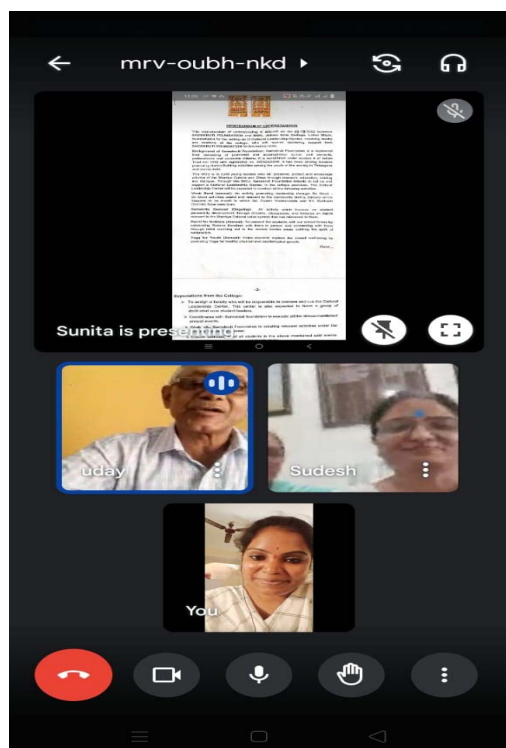


September 2022

Activities

MOU with SNRL Jairam Girls College, Haryana

Samskruti Foundation inked an MoU with Seth Navrang Rai Lohia Jairam Girls College, Lohar Majra, Kurukshetra, Haryana on 3rd September to establish Cultural Leadership Center in their college campus. Dr. Sudesh Rawal, Principal of the College and SF Representatives, Dr. U M Chaudhari and Sri B.S.C. Naveen Kumar signed the MoU.



Samvad

JB IET

The JB Institute of Engineering and Technology (JB IET) is a technical institute located near Chilkur, Hyderabad.

Venue: JB IET

Topic: Are foreign OTT Channels destroying Indian culture?

Date & Time: 19/09/2022, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

People on the dais: Sri Venu Gopal

Moderator: Christiana Reethika (CSE 3rd year)

Audience: 2nd and 3rd year students

Audience number: 145

Speaker 1 – Dr J Karthigeyan (Dean of Student Affairs, JB IET)

Speaker 2 – Sri Venu Gopal

Team A: Pavan, Zeba, Likhitha Reddy

Team B: Nitin Reddy, Pavan Kumar, Mohith

Pavan: Foreign OTT Channels are destroying Indian culture by creating huge influence on teenagers. The roles in the foreign OTT channels and series portray much negativity and anti-social behaviour and the lead roles attract teens and adults to replicate them. Due to the influence of foreign OTT channels, there has been a change in the way people are dressing especially women. In one or another way, foreign OTT channels have a lot of influence and are destroying Indian culture. Restrictions should be put on some of the web series and shows which portray western culture.

Zeba: Ramayana and Mahabharata also have many evil characters but they were never portrayed as heroes or special characters. They are always portrayed as villains of the story and always died or ended up with nothing in the end. However, in these web series villains are portrayed as heroes and their behaviour has an influence on the teens and adults.

Likhitha Reddy: Teenagers are following the swag depicted in the movies and are getting influenced.

Nitin Reddy: There is nothing wrong with the foreign OTT Channels and web series. Our Indian epics Ramayana and Mahabharata also have many great characters with anti-social behaviour and still we follow them as a guide to life. If they can't

influence us then how would a 2 to 3 hr movie or a show influence? Since hundreds of years people of different religions are living together in India and it is debatable how many people are getting influenced by the traditions of other religions and converting into or following other religious practices. Dressing itself cannot decide a lot about people or their living. Blindly saying Indian traditional clothes only should he worn is like asking PV Sindhu or Sania Mirza to play their respective sports in traditional sarees. We are casting our Indian culture in our movies and they are casting their culture. They never complained about our movies or series then why we? In a society of global village there always exists good and bad and to choose one among them depends on the individual.

Vote of Thanks was proposed by Sri Venu Gopal.



KLH University

KG Reddy College of Engineering & Technology

Topic: Women Empowerment is the cause for increase in divorce rate in India

Intercollegiate Debate

Date & Time: 12/09/2022, 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

People on the Dais: Sri Venu Gopal

Moderator: M K Keerthi (sec-2 2nd year)

Audience: 1st year students

Audience number: 150

Speaker 1 – Dr. Avinash

Team A: Anjali, Bahathi, Tejaswini, Pravalika, Naresh, Anudeep, Dhanusree, Himagya, Abhiram, Vishitha, Rehman, Suma
Team B: Mohana, Tahura, Sifhana, Harini, Hamza, Mahesh, Sana, Azid, Neha Krishna, Sakshi

Anjali: It is some kind of a reason. Women were not given the chance to go to heights and explore things. They were used for households chores. India has always been a male dominated society. It is not easy for women, whether they are President or Prime Minister. They have to face more problems than men.

Shivani: Jealousy could be the cause for divorce. Women give sacrifices. Empowerment is being supportive. 87% of the marriages are arranged marriages where both the persons don't know each other properly. Empowerment means the women coming out of marriage if they want to. Women who is independent can break the emotional bond with the husband and can move out. Divorce and women empowerment are two different topics and financial independency can lead to divorce.

Sakshi: In India women have been given the right to vote. First writing by women was a form of a empowerment. Women

empowerment and divorce are two distinct topics. Miscommunication, generation gap, domestic violence are some causes. Sati is their individual choice for women. Women empowerment is not the sole cause. Infidelity also counts. When women work there will not be any dependence on anyone financially. Individual choices are for living with a man. Women get unconditional love while men don't get unconditional love. Most of the toxic relationships are from the rural areas and hence they are bad marriages.

Vote of Thanks was proposed by Sri Venu Gopal.

Mahaveer Institute of Engineering and Technology

Topic: Are OTT Platforms Impacting our Culture Negatively?

Date & Time: 21.09.2022 2 pm to 4 pm

People on the dais: 4 Members

Moderator: Dr Vivek Modi

Welcome address was given by Principal it was followed by address by Shri Rambabu, Co-convener Samskruti Foundation.

Program Overview was given by Dr. Vivek Modi. Chief Guest Shri Sai Krishna spoke on few relevant topics.

Audience: students of BBA, MBA, BTech, Diploma

Audience number: 186

Speaker 1 – Principal, Dr. B V Sanker Ram

Samskruti foundation has a very long friendship with MIST and they are conducting many programmes about the cultural and religious life. Technology has taken over our life today. We are here to talk about the pros and cons of technology.

Speaker 2 – Rambabu Garu- Co-convener Samskruti Foundation
Our culture has a very good respect in western world. Samskruti Foundation was established to promote Indian culture and how it is better than the present-day western culture, Samskruti Foundation strongly believes in "Our Culture is our Identity"

Speaker 3 – Dr. Vivek Modi

The major purpose of this debate to identify your ability to express your Ideas without hesitation. As an Indian you need to think about BHARATH MAATHA. We the younger generation should be responsible for the representation of our culture in National and International level. There are many events we conduct every year. We conduct events on the birthday of Swami Vivekananda, on the birthday of Subhas Chandra Bose.

Speaker 4 – Sri Sai Krishna, Chief Guest

We are here to talk about OTT platform, and its impact on our culture. We cannot ban Google. We banned TikTok as there was data breach. OTT platform has both pros and cons. The effect of OTT platforms depends up on the way we use it. If we use it for good, it is the best for life, if not, then no use.

Team A: Azhar, Surya, Vikas, Pranav, Ramesh, Mannan, Sri Lekha, Shariya Maheen, Sumaiyya Maryam

Team B: Rithesh, Suman Kumari, Preethi, K. Manju, Karunya, Manoj, Vijay, Kushal, Srinath, Mahipal

Team A: It is for educational purpose, they are very useful. Because of OTT we can show Ramayana and Mahabharata visually. OTT shows are categorised into genres so we can choose what we want see. OTT platforms have broken the cultural barriers. Even our cultural programs are on OTT and they have millions of views. OTT platform is telecasting shows like Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to promote our culture. OTT platforms are showing many historic web shows due to which many people are knowing about our culture. The world over is using OTT platforms. We need to see good in the shows. Every mobile has OTT installed. OTT platform was the major relief and reason for

entertainment during COVID 19 pandemic. OTT platforms are streaming archaeological shows also.

Team B: OTT impacts our culture. It provides individual ideas. They are affecting our health. We spend a lot of time on these OTT platforms. They are affecting the studies of students majorly. It is negatively impacting society. We stopped watching even TV with our family members. It is promoting our culture in negative way – such as shows like Ashram, Mirzapur, etc. Due to OTT platforms there are increasing crimes in the country. They are producing shows of adultery. Yes they entertained but during pandemic they went for shootings which increased cases. They are also giving ideas for crimes.

Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. B V Sanker Ram.



Sri Sai Krupa Degree & PG College, Bhongir

Topic: Women empowerment – A Cause for increasing divorce rate in India

Date & Time: 21-09-2022, 12:00 pm to 2 pm

SF Representative: Erram Ramesh

College Representative: MD.Yakub Baba, Principal and Sri Mahender, Faculty

Resource Persons: Sri Ramu, senior Faculty

Moderator: Sri Mahender, Faculty.

Audience: BSc, B Com, BA, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd year Students

Number of Audience: 60

Introduction of SF: Erram Ramesh

Words by College Representative: Sri Yakub Baba, Principal

10 students were divided into two groups.

Team A: For the Motion

- 1.B.Mallikarjun, B.Com-1st year
- 2.T.Anil kumar, B.Com-2nd year
- 3.MD.Kaif, B.Com-1st year
- 4.K.Vishnu Vardhan, B.Com-3rd year
- 5.G.Upender, B.Com-3rd year

Team B: Against the Motion

- 1.Ch.Pooja, BA-2nd year
- 2.P.Ravali, BZC-2nd year
- 3.Ch.Uma, B.Com-3rd year
- 4.M.Priyanka, BZC-1st year
- 5.P.Divya, BZC-2nd year

Key words by Participants

There is no correlation between women empowerment and divorce rate. Employment and increasing of divorce are two different things. Lifestyle may be cause of divorce not employment. Egos may be cause for divorce. Lack of family relations. Nuclear families may cause increasing divorce rate in India. Lack of cultural awareness is also a reason.

Key words by Resource Person: Sri Ramu, senior Faculty

Divorce cases are increasing not only in empowered families but also in illiterate and poor families.

Causes for increasing divorce rate - Misunderstanding, Egos, Over confidence, Lack of moral values, Lack of family values, Gender discrimination, Freedom to take independent decisions, Over affection of parents, Attraction of modern life style

Concluding Words: Women have individual rights and at the same time they have duties. Women empowerment and increasing divorce rate are two different things. Women empowerment can gave chance to choose right person to marry.

Best Participants –

From Team A

- 1.B.Mallikarjun, BCom-1st year
- 2.T.Anil kumar, BCom-2nd year

From Team B

- 1.CH.Pooja, BA-2nd year
- 2.P.Ravali, BZC-2nd year
- 3.CH.Uma, BCom-3rd year

Vote of Thanks was proposed by Erram Ramesh.





Key words by Resource Person: Smt. M.Thirumala Devi, Advocate
Divorce cases are increasing not only in empowered families but also in illiterate and poor families

What is women empowerment?

1. Psychological empowerment
2. Economical empowerment
3. Political empowerment
4. Social empowerment
5. Educational empowerment

Causes for increasing divorce rate are misunderstandings, egos, lack of cultural values and attraction to modern lifestyle.

Concluding Words - Women empowerment and increasing divorce rate are two different things. Illiterate and poor families are also facing the brunt of divorce cases. Women can choose whom to marry if given empowerment.

Best Participants

From Team A

1. A.Siri , BBA- 3rd Sem
2. Kunal Chandani, BBA- 5th Sem

From Team B

1. Kushal, BCom-3rd Sem
2. A.Sai, BSc-5th Sem

Vote of Thanks was proposed by Erram Ramesh.

Vivekananda Degree & PG College, Karimnagar

Topic: Women empowerment – A Cause for increasing divorce rate in India

Date & Time: 20-09-2022, 12:00 pm to 2pm

SF Representative: Erram Ramesh

College Representative: Dr.CH.Srinivas, Principal and Sri Gopikrishna, Faculty

Resource Persons: Smt. M.Thirumala Devi, Advocate and Srimati B.Geetha, Advocate

Moderator: Smt. Soujanya, Faculty

Audience: BSc, B Com, 2nd & 3RD Year Students

Number of Audience: 100.

Introduction of SF: Erram Ramesh

Words by College Representative: Sri Gopikrishna, Sr.Faculty

12 students are divided into two groups.

Team A: For the Motion

- 1.A.Siri , BBA- 3rd Sem
- 2.M.Vishwanth, BSc- 3rd Sem
- 3.Kunal Chandani, BBA- 5th Sem
- 4.V.Advaith, BBA- 3rd Sem
- 5.J.Vijayender, BSc-3rd Sem
- 6.V.Navya Sri, BSc-5th Sem

Team B: Against the Motion

- 1.G.Satya, BSc-5th Sem
- 2.G.Raj Kumar,BSc-5th Sem
- 3.A.Sai, BSc-5th Sem
- 4.Kushal, BCom-3rd Sem
- 5.Akhila, BSc-5th Sem
- 6.V.Sowmya, BBA-3rd Sem

Key words by Participants

Women can choose correct person to marry. There is no correlation between women empowerment and divorce rate. Employment and increasing rate of divorce are two different things. Adulterous life may cause divorce not employment. Egos may cause divorce along with lack of family relations. Nuclear families may be cause for increasing divorce rate in India. Lack of cultural awareness.



Sphoorthy Engineering College, Hyderabad

Topic: Women Empowerment

Date: 29.09.2022

People on the Dais: 3

Moderator: Smt. Naga Prashanthi

Audience: B Tech 1st Year

Audience number: 150

Speaker 1: Smt. Naga Prashanthi

*vision and mission of Samskruti Foundation is inspiring and educating the people and encouraging the culture in India.

Speaker 2: Every woman working for the family is empowered. God dwells where women are respected. Objectifying women makes disturbance in the world. Understanding the partner makes a woman empowered.

Team A: Educated women are empowered and main cause for divorce. More % of the educated women are in Mizoram where the divorce rate is more. The women are equal to the men and are free to roaming at nights.

Team B: Women should have decision making capacity. There is ego and misunderstanding in the family and by husband. Hence, they can't spend more time and there is cause for separation and divorce. Women should get their rights. Women are adjusting to every situation.



Teacher's Day Celebrations



Reaching out Practical Science to Neighborhood Schools

Activities:

- A) To know how teachers help to develop practical skills in use of equipment and devices
- B) To know how science practicum helps to develop understanding of scientific enquiry
- C) To know how science practical activities are performed in government schools
- D) To know what are the existing enablers and barriers from the perspectives of science teachers
- E) To know what type of activities are practiced by the teacher for enhancing scientific attitude and application in daily life activities
- F) Present condition of science laboratory in school
- G) Student Achievement in Science in last five years
- H) Any award received by School for achievement in Science

#	Institution
1	Sevayatan Sikshan Mahavidyalaya, Sevayatan, Jhargram, West Bengal
2	Nayagram Pandit Raghunath Murmu Government College, Baligeria, Nayagram, West Bengal
3	Govt. Gen. Degree College, Lalgah, Jhargram, West Bengal
4	Seva Bharati Mahavidyalaya, Kapgari, Jhargram, West Bengal
5	Balarampur College, Purulia, West Bengal
6	Jagannath Kishore College, Purulia, West Bengal
7	Ramananda Centenary College, Purulia, West Bengal
8	Kishorenagar Degree College, Angul, Odisha
9	Kashi Biswanath (Degree) Mahavidyalaya, Paiksahi, Angul, Odisha
10	Sikkim Government College, Kamrang, Namchi, Sikkim
11	District Institute of Education and Training – DIET, Namchi, South Sikkim, Sikkim
12	District Institute of Education and Training – DIET, Gangtok, East Sikkim, Sikkim
13	Centre for Computers and Communication Technology, Chisopani, Jorethang, Sikkim
14	District Institute of Education and Training – DIET, Mangan, North Sikkim, Sikkim
15	District Institute of Education and Training – DIET, Gyalshing, West Sikkim, Sikkim

Outcomes: Comprehending how the science practicum is conducted at the school level through this programme. Students are highly fascinated by how high school students carry out various science projects. Projects at neighborhood schools that use practical science are beneficial for the trainee teachers' professional growth. This programme had a good deal of success with encouraging outcomes.

Glimpses of the Science Activities



Institutional Visit

The purpose of visit was to work and interact with school students on practical use of science. Model Sr. Sec. School, Siliguri, Darjeeling, West Bengal was selected for visit. Groups were formed for celebrating Teachers' Day with college students. The nearby school was visited where members gave several speeches on practical science. Doubts were cleared and students were motivated to think scientifically.



School students showing their science activities and interacting with faculty and college students on practical science

From the Chairman's Desk



Dr. C. Umamaheswara Rao
IAS (Retd.)

In this auspicious month of Navratri, I pray for the well-being of the nation with Durga Mata's blessings. Navratri is celebrated with great fervour across the country and the Goddess is worshipped in different forms and ways. Also, I wish Teachers a Happy Teacher's Day. The science practicals activities carried out by SF CLC team in the educational institutions as part of Teacher's Day celebrations were motivating to the students. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's services to the nation are unparalleled and it is our duty that we follow in his footsteps. Teachers evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of their students and guide them to follow the best practices. They bring out the best in the students and teach them valuable life skills. Students need to honour their teachers who help them in achieving their goals.

This month's Samvad was on Women Empowerment, and the influence of OTT platforms. It was indeed heartening to listen to students debating on the pros and cons of OTT platforms and the cause for increasing divorce rates in the country. Culture plays a great role in shaping the personalities of human beings, and only a good upbringing and value system can save the society from immoral and unethical practices.

Bathukamma Festival – Telangana's Cultural Identity : The festival involving worship of Maha Gauri – the Life Giver, was celebrated with great fervour in Telangana from 25th September – 5th October. The Ministry of Culture organized Bathukamma festival at Kartavya Path, India Gate. Bathukamma Festival overlaps with the festival of Navratri. The festival is celebrated with colourful exotic flowers of the region and symbolises the collective spirit of the people of Telangana. The event was attended by Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and DoNER Shri G Kishan Reddy, MoS Tourism Shri Ajay Bhatt and senior women officers in the administrative and law enforcement, and women HODs of different Government departments. Forming a circle, women dance to folk songs around the beautiful flower-stacks invoking Maha Gauri's blessings for happiness and prosperity.



Samskruti Foundation

Samskruti Foundation is a registered trust consisting of prominent and accomplished senior civil servants, professionals and corporate citizens. It is constituted under section 4 of Indian Trust Act 1882 with registration no. 000124/2009. It has been striving towards promoting Nation Building activities among the youth of the society in Telangana and across India.

Our Vision – To be National Resource Center for Culture

Our Mission – To preserve, protect and encourage practice of the Bharatiya Culture and Ethos through research, education, training and dialogue

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