



REPORT

SEMINAR ON 'CHANNELIZING THE YOUTH POWER FOR NATION BUILDING'

Date: 12th January 2024

Venue: A213, A Block

Event Type: Seminar on 'Channelizing the Youth Power for Nation Building'

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: NSS Volunteers

Coordinators: Dr Neeraj Kumari and Dr Mina Kumari

Organized by: NSS, K R Mangalam University, Gurugram

Resource Person: Dr Rajendra Kumar Yadav, NSS Coordinator, Sushant University, Gurugram

Sonu Mehla, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Gurugram University, Gurugram

Participants: More than 30 NSS volunteers

Introduction:

India is celebrating the National Youth Day on 12th January every year in honour of Swami Vivekananda, whose birth anniversary falls on January 12. Since 1984, the nation has marked the day by urging the youth to live up to the values, principles, and beliefs that Vivekananda embraced. The day is dedicated to inspiring young minds, promoting education, and encouraging community service. Therefore, on the occasion of National Youth Day, NSS, K R Mangalam University conducted a seminar on "Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building" on 12th January 2024.

Objective:

The main objective to celebrate this day is to:

- To explore the pivotal role of youth in contributing to the development and progress of the nation.
- To empower the youth and foster a brighter future for the nation by inspiring and disseminating the teachings of Swami Vivekananda.

Content:

The event was started by Dr Neeraj Kumari, NSS Coordinator, welcoming all NSS volunteers. She explained the motive behind the celebration of National Youth Day.

In first session, volunteers attended the live telecast of 27th National Youth Festival, which was held in Nashik, Maharashtra. The festival was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi where he emphasized the significant role of youth in the nation-building process and highlighted the crucial aspect of youth empowerment. Reflecting on the spirited atmosphere of the nation, PM Modi expressed that the current mood is youthful, stating, "Now, we do not have to overcome challenges. We have to set challenges for ourselves". Prime Minister Modi credited India's ascent to one of the top five global economies to the power of the youth by citing the guidance of Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo.

In the second session, the seminar was conducted on 'Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building'. The session was started by welcoming the guests, Dr Sonu Mehla and Dr Rajendra Kumar Yadav. Dr. Sonu elucidated the origins of the National Youth Day celebration, delving into the narrative of Swami Vivekananda and his instrumental role in nation-building through youth engagement. Providing illustrative examples such as Ms. Sania Mirza, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Arvind Bindra, and others, she highlighted how they served as exemplary figures for the youth in achieving their goals. Dr. Sonu placed particular emphasis on the importance of meditation and emotional control in her address.

Dr Rajendra Kumar Yadav shared his story with NSS volunteers and emphasized the role of youth in nation building. He said that we are responsible for what we are, and whatever we wish ourselves to be, we have the power to make ourselves. If our present circumstances are a consequence of past actions, it logically implies that our future selves can be molded through our present actions. Hence, understanding how to act is crucial in determining who we aspire to become.

He also told some quotes of Swami Vivekananda to NSS volunteers like

- You cannot believe in God until you believe in yourself.
- Arise! Awake! and stop not until the goal is reached.
- The greatest sin is to think yourself weak.

Conclusion:

The seminar provided a platform for meaningful discussions and exchanges of ideas. She extended her thanks to the guests for taking time out of their busy schedules and paved the way for the NSS volunteers.

Dr. Neeraj Kumar wrapped up the event by expressing gratitude to the NSS volunteers

Outcomes :

The insights gained from the events underscore the importance of investing in the youth providing them with opportunities and creating an environment that fosters their active participation in shaping the future of the nation. The knowledge shared during the seminar will undoubtedly contribute to ongoing efforts in harnessing the immense potential of the youth for nation building endeavors





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