## Report on Faculty Development Programme on "Integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems into Higher Education: Vision through NEP 2020 and Beyond"

Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar, successfully organized a week-long Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on the theme "Integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems into Higher Education: Vision through NEP 2020 and Beyond" from 24th to 30th June 2025, under the leadership of the College Development Council (CDC) in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC).



#### **Inaugural Ceremony:**

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Susmit Prasad Pani, Executive Member Odisha State Higher Education Council, Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of Odisha and Prof. Vaidya Rabi Narayan Acharya, Director General of the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH, graced the inaugural session as the Chief Speaker who emphasized the significance of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Ayurveda in the context of national education reforms.















#### **Key Objectives & Themes:**

The FDP aimed to explore practical ways of integrating India's rich cultural, spiritual, and traditional knowledge frameworks into contemporary academic discourse, as envisioned in **NEP 2020**.

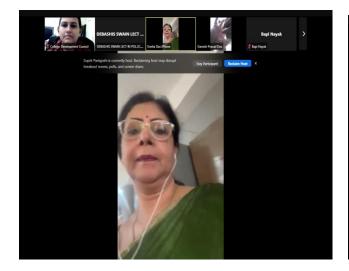
#### **Expert Sessions and Speakers**

Over the seven days, distinguished scholars delivered sessions on a variety of subthemes:

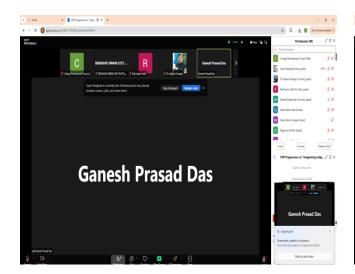
- Prof. Ganesh Prasad Das: Differentiated Indian and Western epistemologies, emphasizing Dharma and cultural ethics.
- **Dr. Minaketan Pathy**: Focused on oral traditions, the Gurukul model, and pedagogies from Vedic to Gupta periods.
- **Prof. Balaganapati Devarakonda**: Urged inquiry-driven education and referenced Upanishadic dialogues.
- **Dr. Ashis Kumar Pradhan**: Proposed integrating texts like the Arthashastra into modern economics and policy discourse.
- **Prof. Hrushikesh Senapati**: Advocated for holistic education via Sankhya, Yoga, and performing arts.
- **Prof. D.V. Ramana**: Introduced LETS (Local Exchange Trading Systems) as community-rooted economic models.

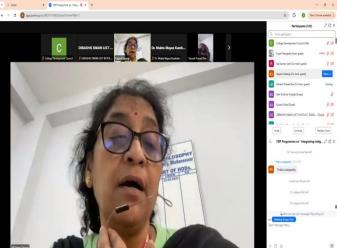
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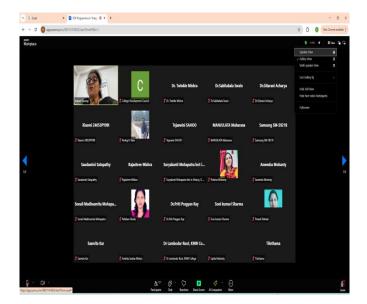
Over **100 faculty members and researchers** from various institutions attended the sessions in hybrid mode. The discussions stimulated pedagogical innovations, interdisciplinary approaches, and curriculum redesign ideas grounded in India's civilizational ethos.

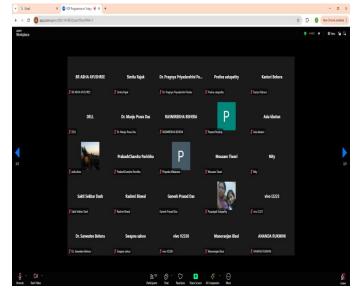


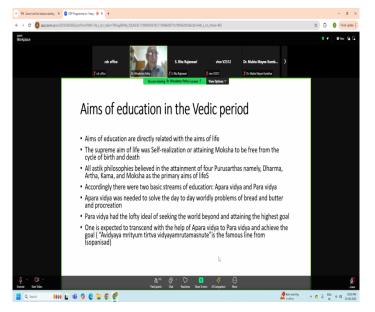


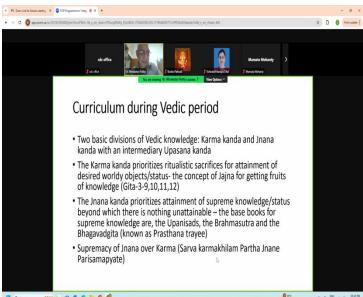


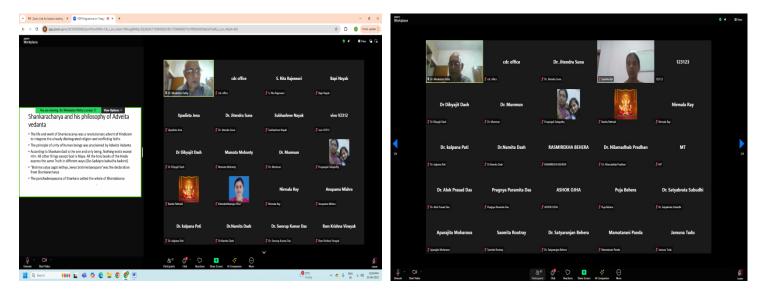


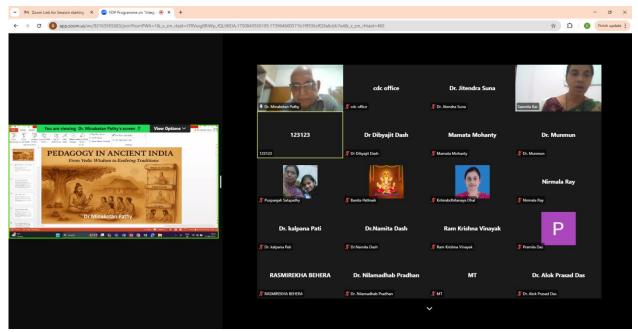












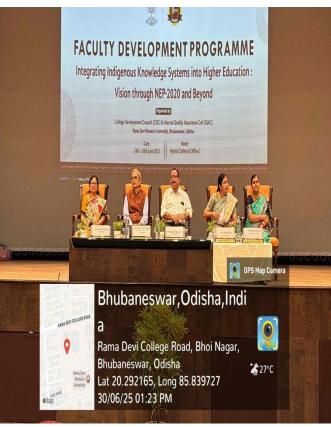
#### Valedictory Session & Acknowledgements:

Hon'ble VC-in-charge, Prof. Chandi Charan Rath, presided over the session and appreciated the intellectual depth and relevance of the FDP.

- **Prof. Sasmita Mohanty**, Convener and Director CDC, extended heartfelt thanks to all contributors and motivated faculty to carry forward these insights.
- **Prof. Shikha Singh**, Director IQAC, delivered the formal vote of thanks, appreciating the engagement of university and affiliated college faculty.
- **Dr. Monalisa Mohanty**, FDP Coordinator, presented a detailed report of the week's academic proceedings and outcomes.

The Valedictory Session was graced by **Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Mahapatra**, Padma Shri awardee and eminent neurosurgeon. His talk on integrating Vedic insights into medical science was deeply impactful.









Heartfelt thanks to Padmashri Prof. Ashok Mahapatra Chief Guest FDP on IKS. His enlightening talk on how Indian cultural spirituality rooted in the timeless wisdom of the Vedas & Upanishad can enhance the Indian Knowledge System was truly inspiring.



Hon'ble VC-in-charge Prof. C. C. Rath graced today's Valedictory session of the FDP on IKS & NEP 2020, and Prof. Sasmita Mohanty, Director CDC, warmly welcomed all participants. A fitting close to an enlightening blend of traditional wisdom and modern educational perspectives.



Prof. Sasmita Mohanty Convener FDP extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this a grand success. She acknowledged the collective efforts of faculty members & inspired them to embrace new ideas and elevate their professional growth.



Prof. Shikha Singh, Director IQAC, delivered the vote of thanks at today's FDP Valedictory session—warmly acknowledging all faculty members from affiliated colleges and University as well as the tireless efforts of the organizing committee.



Dr. Monalisa Mohanty, FDP Coordinator, presented the comprehensive report of the week-long FDP, highlighting key insights from all technical sessions and their impact on enhancing faculty development. A fitting recap to a fruitful journey.

#### **Organizing Team & Support:**

The event was made successful by the tireless efforts of the **IQAC & CDC teams**, **technical staff** (Suprit Sir, Biplab Sir), and **administrative coordinators** (Prahallad, Susanta, Prasanta), who ensured a seamless experience in both virtual and physical formats.

#### **Conclusion:**

This FDP reflected the university's continued commitment to embedding **Indigenous Knowledge Systems** into mainstream education. Participants left with renewed resolve to transform these discussions into **curricular reforms, research initiatives**, and **academic collaborations** rooted in India's knowledge traditions.

#### **Beautiful Moments Captured**







## RDWU Faculties



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