A Two Days National Seminar, sponsored by Uttar Pradesh Higher Education, on the topic **Socio-economic and Technological Advancements in 21st Century India** was organised by Deen Dayal Upadhyay Government Post Graduate College, Sitapur on 17th and 18th January, 2020.

On 17th January, 2020 the formal inauguration started around 11 O' clock by lighting the traditional lamp and invocation of goddess Saraswati. **Mr. Shekhar Singh** (Treasurer of the National Seminar) and **Dr. Jyoti Sah** (The Coordinator of the Seminar) presented a welcome note to the Guests-of-Honour and all the delegates who came from different states of India.

Prof. Anil Joshi, Department of History, Kumaun University Nainital presided the session as Chief-guest; **Dr. MaheshAlok**, Professor - Department of Hindi, Narain Mahavidhyalaya, Shikohabad, as keynote speaker, **Dr. Pushpa Kashyap**, Professor - Department of Home Science, Government Degree College, Mainpuri as special guest and **Dr. Oumvir Singh** (retired Prof. - Department of Mathematics, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Government P.G. College, Lucknow also as Special Guest. The guests were honoured by presenting mementos, Shawls and bouquets by the Academic staff of the College.



Inauguration Ceremony

The Souvenir of Seminar was also released during the Inaugural session with great zeal and zest.



Souvenir Release

Dr. Rajiv Dwivedi, convenor of the National seminar, discussed the relevance of the topic chosen for the Seminar. He also highlighted the efforts of Dr. Nalini Shrotriya, former Principal of the College, behind this Seminar.

In the brief inaugural address **Dr. Mahesh Alok** stressed on **'The Role of Native Language in the Development of a Nation'**. He discussed the importance of Hindi language that nurtures the customs, traditions and rituals of India. It offers a sense of

oneness among the countrymen. He stated: "If we start respecting our Hindi language and feel proud of it, no one can stop our country becoming *The Golden Bird* once more".

Dr. Oumvir Singh pointed out the directions where valuable literature is still missing in Hindi language. He also stated: "Communication Technology has played a major role in globalizing the whole Universe."

Dr. Anil Joshi talked about **'The Relevance of Gandhian model of Economy in 21st Century**". "Gandhi envisioned a new social order based on his principles, where the economic development is coupled with moral progress and philanthropy. His philosophy of economic and social development visualises a village as a self-sufficient unit which achieves development through means that are just, non-violent and ethical. It could be interpreted he was a socialist at heart, who advocated for trusteeship, decentralisation of economic activities. He opposed labour-replacing technology, as the priority for new India was to accommodate weaker sections of the population in the workforce."

Prof. Rabindar Kumar focused on 'The Role of Technology, in combination with Human Development'. He said, "In the last few decades, technology has progressed at a staggering rate. Smart phones, the internet, cloud computing, artificial intelligence and hundreds of other inventions are changing every facet of our lives. Communication, business, government, travel, fundraising, and even agriculture have been affected....all of the new technologies, led by the Internet and digital technology, are shaping the way we think in ways obvious and subtle, deliberate and unintentional, and advantageous and detrimental." He also took everyone's attention towards the negatives of this Technology if we become a slave to it. He said, "Our

reliance on the internet has decreased our ability to easily retain facts. It has paved new paths for crimes. Cybercrime is one of them, so the use of technology certainly needs rule and new laws. For example internet use is an individual freedom. However, the invention of the atomic bomb cannot be an individual freedom. In fact, regulations are difficult to implement when these technologies are introduced – such as regulation surrounding the impending arrival of autonomous vehicles."

In the end of the Inaugural session, **Dr. Deepak Soni**, Organising Secretary of the National Seminar, offered his vote of thanks to the chair and all the delegates.

The students of the College organised a **Poster Presentation Programme** for the delegates on the topic of National Seminar. The Guests-of-Honour and the delegates enjoyed the presentation and interacted with the students.

POST LUNCH: TECHNICAL SESSIONS

In post-lunch session there took place two Technical Sessions- **Technical Session 01** for Science and Technology related papers in Room No. 12, and **Technical Session 02** for Humanities and Commerce related papers in room No. 21.

Technical Session 01 was presided over by **Prof. Pramila Sah, Retired Professor in Chemistry, JNV University, Jodhpur. Dr. D.K. Singh,** Department of Botany, YDPG College Lakhimpur co-chaired the session and **Professor Pankaj Pant**, Principal- Government Degree College Rikhnikhal, Pauri (Uttarakhand) graced the Session as Resource Person.

• Dr. Raghvendra Pratap Narayan, Assistant Professor in Botany, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Government Girls P.G. College Lucknow presented his paper

entitled –Agricultural Inputs and Its Effect on Population Size of Microorganisms in the Soil.

- Geeta Yadav from Ranjan Plant Physiology and Biochemistry Laboratory, Department of Botany, University of Allahabad presented her Research Paper – *Growth Assesment of Three Prolonged Light Intensities on Healthy Helianthus Annulus L. Seedlings.*
- Professor Pankaj Pant, the Resource Person of the session presented his paper entitled- *Science for Sustainability*.

The Technical Session 01 was summed up with the words of **Prof. Pramila Sah** and her Research Paper entitled - *Food Additives*.

Technical Session 02 was chaired by the following renowned Professor-

Dr. Dhananjay Mani Tripathi, Associate Professor in Sanskrit, Jamia Milia University Delhi as - **Chairperson**

Dr. Nutan Singh, Associate Professor in History, YDPG College Lakhimpur as-**Co-Chairperson**

Dr. Abhishek Tiwari, Assistant Professor in English, LBS Rastriyaa Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi as- **Resource Person.**

- Komal Thakur, Assistant Professor, Maharshi University of Information Technology presented her paper entitled *Role of Social Media in Higher Education*.
- Dr. Kalpana Pant, Associate Professor in Hindi, presented her Research Paper entitled – Uttarakhand Ka Sahitya and Drashya-Shravya Madhyam: Ek Aitihasik and sahityik vivechan.

- Dr. Deepak Bajpai, Assistant Professor in Economics, YDPG College, Lakhimpur presented a very innovative paper on- A Study of Scheduled Commercial Banks in India With Special Reference to Non-Reforming Assets.
- Dr. Shalini Sahini, HOD Sanskrit Department, RMP P.G. College, Sitapur read her paper entitled- *Vaidik Pariprekshya mein Paryavarniya Chintan Avam Samadhan*.
- Mr. Rahul Bajpai, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University, presented her paper entitled *Major Themes and Issues in Post-colonial Indian Writing in English*.



Technical Session

In total 20 papers were presented on day 1st in both Technical sessions.





On Day 2nd around 11 o' clock began the Third Technical Session in Room No. 12. Mr. Shekhar Singh presented a welcome note to all the guests of the session. **Dr. Krishna Murari**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Management, Sikkim University, Gangtok presided over the session as Chairperson; Dr. Gagan Kumar, Asst. Professor in Economics, Govt. Degree College Kuchlai, Sitapur as Co-chairperson and Dr. Ramashray as Resource Person.

Dr, Priyanka Srivastava, Assistant Professor, Mangalmay Institute of Management & Technology, Greater Noida presented her paper entitled- A Study of Effect of Employee Retention on Organizational Effectiveness.

Dr. Jyoti Pant, Associate Professor in Economics, YDPG College Lakhimpur presented her paper - *Impacts of GST on Indian Economy with Special Reference to District Lakhimpur Kheri*.

Mr. Rajesh Pandey, Dept. of Food and Civil Supply, presented a special lecture entitled *-Tin-shed Technology for Differently Abled*.

In total twelve delegates read their papers and shared their knowledge with the students.

VALEDICTORY SESSION

Valedictory Session began after lunch at 2 o' clock with traditional lighting of the lamp ceremony and invocation of goddess Saraswati. **Dr. R.C. Varshneya**, Principal R.M.P. P.G. College, Sitapur presided over the session. **Dr. Pranita Singh**, Principal Acharya Narendra Dev Teacher's Training College Sitapur, **J.P. Mishra**, Principal DIET Sitapur, & **Dr. Udit Narayan Pandey**, A.R.T.O. Sitapur, honoured the session

as Special Guests. The Academic staff of the College honoured the Guests of honour by presenting Bouquets, Shawls and putting badges.



Valedictory Session

Prof. Rabindar, the Principal of the College, presented the welcome note. **Dr. Rajiv Dwivedi** presented, convenor, presented the Seminar Report. The following students received prizes for the **Poster competition**.

1. VishwaPratap Singh (B.Com, I) from D.D. U. Government P.G. College Sitapur – I Position

2. ArushiJaiswal (B.Sc. II) from D.D. U. Government P.G. College Sitapur – II Position

3. Km. Preeti from R.M.P. P.G. College Sitapur - IIIrd Position



Poster Competition

Prof. Rabindar Kumar conveyed his gratefulness to all the Guests-of-honour, delegates, resource persons and every participant to make the event a great success in spite of adverse weather conditions. He analyzed the three Technical Sessions minutely and appreciated the participants, but he also expressed his concern for the lack of interest for research based activities among the students now-a-days. He concluded with a promise to come up with a much better participation in Seminar next time.

The Chief guests and Special guests addressed the assembly one by one.

Dr. R.C. Varshneya stated why Gandhianism appears to be simple to everyone but in real sense practicing it in day to day life is difficult. Remaining truthful, tolerant, non-violent and respecting others in difficult circumstances of life require a great degree commitment. Gandhi Ji used to respect all religions. The secular ideologies of Gandhi Ji are not only there in Indian constitution but also there in Indian society as a core value system. That is why so many people of diverse religions coexist in India.

Socialism is another basic philosophical entity of Gandhianism. Although Gandhian view of socialism is not radical in its approach but it aspires for a classless society with no poverty, no hunger, no unemployment and education and health for all. On ethical and behavioural part, Gandhianism has much significance today because society is witnessing the degradation of values. Gandhian virtue of self-control is much needed in a materialistic world driven by the desire to achieve and acquire more. Societal values have degraded to such an extent that people don't hesitate to kill someone for the gratification of their own needs. Respect for women is one of the major ideas of Gandhian philosophy and the world is witnessing the increased level of violence, subjugation women face nowadays in society. Gandhian dream of a safe country necessities safety for women and that will come from the virtue of self-control. At last **Dr. R.C. Varshneya** regretted that our country still lacks the infrastructure required to follow Gandhian ideals.

J.P. Mishra talked about the purpose of organising such Seminars. It brings among students awareness about the latest changes in Socio-economic and technological fields taking place all over the glove. He said, "*We have so many Abdul Kalams in our Schools and Colleges. The only need is to show them right direction.*"

Dr. Pranita Singh applauded the topic chosen for the Seminar. She viewed Technological innovation and Information Communication Technologies represent a way for developing a nation to foster economic development, improve levels of education and training, as well as address gender issues within society. A simple mobile phone – is an evidence to assist people to communicate with one another, access market information, sell products across geographic areas, reach new consumers, enter mobile payment systems, reduce fraud and crime, and empower women and the disadvantaged. Finally she summed up saying- *"Socio-economic and*"

Technological advancements go hand in hand. All are equally important. But the need is that such advances should ensure social upliftment and promote human values."

Dr. Udit Narayan Pandey appreciated the effort of the College to organise a national Seminar. He discussed about the technologies being used in automobiles for the safety of passengers. He also instructed everyone to follow the rules of the road and use the proper guidelines while using the technology; only then 21st century will be a prosperous for our country. In his views, "every individual is important for the country. You are a human Resource. You have no right to be careless while driving; for the waste of human life is the waste of talent and resources."

Dr. Jyoti Sah thanked everyone who has been part of organizing the Seminar including the Guests-of-honour, delegates and Resource persons.

At last **Dr. Deepak Soni**, Organising Secretary of the Seminar, offered his Vote of thanks to the Almighty, the guests-of-honour, all the delegates, the Scholars who presented the papers, the teaching and non-teaching staff of the Organising College, the Volunteers and every individual who worked back stage to make the Seminar a grand Success.



Seminar Organising Team with Guests-of-Honour

National Seminar ended with National Anthem and distribution of Certificates.

FINDINGS OF THE SEMINAR-

The interaction between the evolution of technology and the development of economy and society has always been an important dimension of human history. The transition from the agricultural society towards the industrial society provides the most pertinent illustration of the profound implications, which the full diffusion of new technologies can have on family structures, work relations, settlement patterns, economic and political power configurations, and also on behavior patterns and value systems. Looking ahead towards the next ten years or so, the main driving force for economic and social change will be information technology. After a quarter of a century of

gradual development and diffusion, many believe that information technology is on the verge of a new take-off. This is partly due to genuine technology evolution; however, it is also partly the result of changing economic and social structures. These are increasingly adapting to the new organizational and institutional patterns required for the full and most effective use of the new technology, thereby contributing now to the push for further technological progress. In the sociology text it says, *"Technology is changing our society and our everyday lives. A change in technology leads to a change in culture..."* So we see that technology is leaving no arena in our lives untouched; it will definitely play one of the greatest roles in our society in the 21st century.