

OLYMPISM: GLOBAL INNOVATION FORUM FOR HUMANITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FROM ANCIENT OLYMPIA TO INDIA, TOKYO 2020 AND BEYOND" (BRIDGES BETWEEN EDUCATION, CULTURE, SPORTS AND SOCIETY) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON 16.02.18-17.02.18

Ministry of Youth Welfare and sports of India encourage the balance between the academics and curricular activities for the overall personality development of the individual and the experiences through exposures students get by participating in the above activities develop life skills and lead to better sustainability.

By its nature, arts and sports encourage participation and bring people together. It contributes to the health and well being of children and youth; is enjoyable and transmits values such as fairness, tolerance, respect and discipline. When utilized in a pedagogically correct manner, arts and sports enhance self-esteem and self-confidence and promotes responsible behavior. They acquire life skills that help them deal with challenging situations and improve their long term prospects. As one of the most developed aspects of civil society, sports is an engaging and effective tool for social mobilization and important vehicle for participation: brings people and communities together, bridging national, ethnic, social and religious divides. As a tool in the development of cooperation, sport can serve as an impetus for social transformation and change on both the individual and the social level.

Promoting cultural understanding, education has always been part of the core mission of the Olympic Movement. The Olympic Games are not just another sporting event, they are a global forum for cultural interaction that educates and inspired competitors as well as spectators. The games show us the world as it could be, using the universal language of sport to break down the barriers that divide us and to teach us about one another.

The International Conference on 'Olympism for Humanity and Sustainable India, ancient Olympia, Tokyo 2020 & Beyond' (Bridges between Education, Culture, Sports and society) will make a major contribution to that cause. The conference will bring together voices and minds from various disciplines sports. Education, Art,

Peace and Culture, which will facilitate administrators and policy makers to discuss the ways how sports can act as a constructive vehicle in education and cultural importance of collaboration that will allow the sharing of best practices among many organizations throughout the world that are already working to educate children through sports. It is the collective understanding that will lead governments and other funding organizations to recognize that investment in education and young people, is an investment in national and community development. Its defining feature will be the active engagement of young people in all parts of the dialogue. There is a natural affinity between youth and sports, which can be used to open dialogue and to foster inter-cultural understanding as well as socio-economic development. Recent events have reminded us of the utmost importance of listening to and engaging with young people, which is a natural platform for assisting young people to develop life skills and participate in the community projects.

Day-1

February 16, 2018

The inaugural ceremony of International Conference based on the theme of was held at Dev Samaj College Of Education Sector 36, Chandigarh on 16.02.2018. Triple Olympians **S.Balbir Singh Sr**(Padma Shri),**Sh. Bajrang Lal Thakkar**(Padma Shri) and **Prem Chand Dogra**(Padma Shri) inaugurated the ceremony. Dr.(Mrs.) Agnese Dhillon, Principal, Dev Samaj College Of Education addressed and welcomed the guests with bouquets and mementos. Sh. Nirmal Singh Ji Dhillon, Secretary, Dev Samaj Council and Chairman, Dev Samaj College Of Education gave a welcome speech by highlighting the rich age old traditions of Dev Samaj Institutions. **Dr. Alexis Lyras**, Founder and President Olympism for Humanity Alliance, Inc was the first keynote speaker who currently holds a Faculty position at the **Tsukuba International Academy for Sports Studies(TIAS)**, the academic arm of **Sport for Tomorrow**, a **Tokyo 2020 Games Project** told about the O4H U (SAIL and GIFT) Project led by **O4H Alliance**. Its purpose is to preserve the Olympian Heritage and Civilization by making the Olympic idea an accessible, relevant and useful educational tool to help resolve current social challenges (Olympism in Action). The second keynote speaker was **Dr. Albanides Evaggelos**, Democritus, University Of Thrace, Greece who spoke on the topic : Foundations and History of Ancient Olympic & Crown Games Virtues, Context of the Ancient Hellenic Civilization. Dr.(Mrs.) Agnese Dhillon announced to sign an MOU with the foundation of Olympism for Humanity Alliance governed by International Olympic Academy to open a Research Centre 'CORE'(Centre of Olympics Research and Education) in the college campus.

The other guests who graced the event were- Sh. Davesh Moudgil, Mayor, Municipal Council, Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh, Dr. Parvinder Singh, Dean, College Development Council, P.U., Chandigarh, Dr. Parminder Singh, Directorate Sports, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Dr. Rakesh Malik, Deputy Director Physical Education and Sports, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Dr. Navdeep Sharma, NSS Coordinator, Panjab University, Chandigarh., Dr. Randeep Rakhwal, TIAS, University of Tsukuba, Japan, Dr. Guido Geisler - TIAS, University of

Tsukuba, Japan, Mr. Aman Shah, TIAS, University of Tsukuba, Japan, Prof. Gurmeet Singh, Deptt. of Physical Education, P.U., Chd, Prof. Dalip Kumar, ASPD, RUSA, UT Admn., Sh. Rabinder Nath Sharma, Fellow, P.U., Chd, Dr. Indu Rihani, Principal, RBCE, Sahauran, Dr. Surinder S. Dahiya, Director, SCERT, Sec 32, Chandigarh, Dr. Pankja Vashisht, Officiating Principal, Dev Samaj College for women, Sec 45, Chandigarh, Dr. Vani Ratnam, Officer In charge, GRIID, Sec 31, Chandigarh., Dr. Ashish Devgan, PGIMER, Rohtak., Dr. Bhagat Singh Rathi, MDU, Rohtak., Dr. Birender Singh Hooda, DUCRST, Sonipat., Ms. Heera Negi, Counsellor, MC, Chandigarh.

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Extends heartiest welcome to the National and International Star Guests of the Conference

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 Dr. Guido Gellser University of TIAS, Japan	 Mr. Aman Shah University of TIAS, Japan	 Sh. Bajrang Lal Thakur Padamshree (Olympian Gold Medalist Rowing)	 Sh. Prem Chand Degra Padamshree (Mr. Universe)









Various dignitaries conducted workshops catering to different spheres of life in the afternoon session. The workshops were organized for Education, Sports, Peace, Music, Culture and Fine Arts :



Panel of Coordinators for Workshop on Education, Peace, Music, Fine Arts and Sports

WORKSHOP ON PEACE PROMOTION Resource Person – Sh. Pramod Sharma, Co-coordinator, Yuv Satta



WORKSHOP ON CULTURAL INTEGRATION THROUGH MUSIC

Resource Person - Prof. Pankaj Malla, Department of Music, PU, Chandigarh.



WORKSHOP ON SPORTS FOR GLOBAL HARMONY

Resource Person - Prof. Gurmeet Singh, Chairperson, Department of Physical Education, PU, Chandigarh





WORKSHOP ON BLENDING EDUCATION AND OLYMPISM
Resource Person - Dr.(Mrs.) Jasvir Chahal, An eminent Educationist.



WORKSHOP ON ART FOR PEACE
Resource Person - Mr. Sikender Singh, Profound Artist



DAY II (17.02.2018)

The 2nd day of International Conference 'Olympism: Global Innovation Forum for Humanity and Sustainable Development from Ancient Olympia to India, Tokyo 2020 & Beyond' commenced with a floral welcome of the distinguished guests by Dr.(Mrs.) Agnese Dhillon, Principal. This was followed by a lecture of Dr. Randeep Rakhwal, University of TIAS, Japan on the topic 'Olympism for Humanity Restoration' in which he spoke about the global academic initiative of Humanitarian Changemakers with expertise in applying Olympism to address local and global social challenges. He emphasized on the importance of Olympism in building a peaceful and better world to motivate & inspire the youth.

Later Dr.Guido Geilser and Dr. Aman Shah spoke on '**Coaching Expertise;Ways of Collaboration**' and '**Sports for Tomorrow and 2020 Legacy Experiences,Lessons Learned & Steps Forward**', respectively. They discussed of not only development of bodily strength but generally healthier individuals with happier attitude and a more peaceful vision of the world through blending sports with culture and education. Sh. Rakesh Kumar Popli, Director, Higher Education, Chandigarh Administration was the Chief Guest and Professor Dalip Kumar Singh, ASPD, RUSA was the Guest of Honour for the event. An MoU on 'Olympism for Humanity and Sustainable Development Collaboration' was also signed between Dev Samaj College of Education, Sec-36 B, Chandigarh and Olympism for Humanity Alliance, Inc. USA .

Papers on various given themes were presented by the students ,teachers and research scholars through paper, posters and Skype. Then, the implications of the conference and future actions for 2020 & beyond were articulated. The session ended at a good note. Dr.(Mrs.) Agnese Dhillon, Principal, addressed the gathering and thanked everyone for making the conference a great success.