

## **Press Release**



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT SMS VARANASI : SECOND DAY

### **Wisdom should bring a common good to all of us : Roberto Bilaslavo**

On the second day of the three day International Conference on "Leadership and Management through Spiritual Wisdom" at the Khushipur campus of School of Management Sciences (SMS), Varanasi, Swami Chidanand (Krinshnamurthy Foundation) talked about Spiritual perspectives of Leadership.

He said from the material goal at the start of life we slowly move on to inner growth and later to Spirituality. He also talked about the transformational, transactional, charismatic and leader without authority. Quoting the ancient indian texts, he brought to notice the fact that our country is accomodative of all religions and practices of the world. For a leader, the needed qualities are ambition, energy ,intelligence, self confidence, honesty, integrity and job relevant knowledge. He said we should stop destructive anger. We should learn to delay gratification, not deny it.

Roberto Bilaslavo (Vice Rector, University of Primorska, Slovenia) opined on Wisdom and Leadership and said that both leadership and management need wisdom. He discussed various levels of leadership like public, personal and private. According to him, to act to bring a common good to all of us is wisdom. He also discussed a wisdom development model for transformational leadership which works in four domains - cognitive, conative, moral and affective. He also said we should learn wisdom by reflection, by imitation and by experience. Mr. Sandeep Gupta (GM & Head -Corporate Affairs, TCG Life sciences India) talked about transforming business to perform in 21st century while Prof. Graham Ward (Coaching Practice Director, INSEAD Global Leadership Centre, USA) discussed the pathways to transformation.

In yet another session, Prof. Paul Forster (Hongkong University) discussed why should MBAs meditate. Prof. Firdos T. Shroff (Pune University) highlighted the ways in which we can kindle the spark within ourselves through calm mind, active body and alert intellect.

He said that leadership is from within, while management is from outside. Swami Shashankananda (Ram Krishna Mission Ashram, Ranchi) elaborated on the necessity to spiritualise the society while Shri Shri Shudhanand Brahmachari (Founder – LD Life Mission and Stress Management Academy) said that it is a leadership lost decade.

Good human beings are in great scarcity and there exists global leadership crisis. It is all because of lack of emotional quotient and lack of self awareness. Mindful leadership is the need of the hour. Self management preceeds Leadership responsibility.

Shri Rakesh K. Mittal (IAS) talked about positive thinking for excellence for which we need integrity, knowledge, trust, accessibility, compassion, fearlessness, patience and acceptance. B. K. Usha (Brahm Kumaris World Spiritual University, Mount Abu), Swami Manavtavadi ( Head, Manavtavadi Vishwa Sansthan), Prof. A. S. Islahi (AMU), Mr. Mahesh Bhatt (noted film personality) also discussed various dimensions related to knowledge, wisdom, leadership, spirituality and management in the other sessions. The technical sessions comprising of the paper presentations were also held simultaneously throughout the day. The Director, SMS Varanasi, Prof. P. N. Jha felicitated the dignitaries by presenting a shawl and memento.

On the final day, a spiritual tour of Varanasi is also on the Conference schedule. Corporate bodies and financial institutions like Union Bank of India, Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank, Galaxy Hospitals, Career Launcher, IMS Learning Resources, Ganga Saran & Grandsons, Prentice Hall of India and Souvenir De Banaras are the prominent sponsors of various events across the three day international conference at SMS Varanasi.