

Report of the National Consultation on Bharatiya Models of Community Development

National Consultation on "Bharatiya Models of Community Development" was held on 15th October, 2024 in the auditorium of Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar College. The event was jointly organized by Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, University of Delhi and KKM College, Sido Kanhi Murmu University, Dumka. The consultation focused on exploring indigenous approaches to community development. Prof Pankaj Tyagi, Chairperson of the college, welcomed all distinguished guests. Prof Sada Nand Prasad, Principal, highlighted the significance of the event and introduced its relevance in contemporary times. Prof Bishnu Mohan Dash, Convener of the consultation, elaborated on the objectives of the gathering, stressing the importance of decolonizing social work education. Distinguished guests, including Prof Neera Agnimitra, Chair of the International Relations Committee, Prof Balaram Pani, Dean of Colleges, and Dr Yugal Jha, Principal of KKM College participated and shared valuable insights. The keynote address was delivered by Mr Shankaranand BR, National Secretary of Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, who urged for a revival of indigenous knowledge to better address India's unique socio-cultural realities. The session was presided over by Prof Girishwar Misra, who was the former Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya. He stressed the philosophical foundations of community development that are rooted in Indian traditions. This session was coordinated by Mr Kumar Satyam, who is also the Co-convener of the National Consultation. A significant part of the consultation was the scientific session, where experts delved into various facets of Bharatiya community development. Speakers like Dr Pramod Kumar from Dayal Singh College, Prof RR Patil from Jamia Millia Islamia, Prof Jagadish Jadhav, Central University of Rajasthan, Prof Navin Kumar, Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar College and Prof Arvind Kumar Mirsha, Jawaharlal Nehru University addressed in this session and critiqued the limitations of Western models in addressing India's diverse challenges. This session was chaired by Prof. Pamela Singla from Delhi University, co-chaired by Prof. Ushvinder Kaur Popli from Jamia Millia Islamia, and coordinated by Prof Tushti Bharadwaj. The valedictory session was marked by reflective discussions on the practical implications of the ideas shared during the day. Senior journalist Mr Siddheshwar Shukla provided an insightful overview of community development challenges. Prof AK Bhagi, President of DUTA, and Mr Brijesh Kuntal, Founder-Director of Bharat Bhakti Foundation, underlined the importance of documenting and promoting successful indigenous models. They emphasized the potential of such models to inspire grassroots development efforts. The consultation's outcomes were both inspiring and actionable. The event was attended by numerous individuals, such as students, teachers, and non-teaching staff from the college. The college successfully organized this event with academic collaboration with KKM College, Jharkhand.

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