Chanakya’s Wisdom: A Reappraisal

Seminar Report

On 9th and 10th February 2018, the Departments of Philosophy and History organized, Two Days National Seminar on ‘Chanakya`s Wisdom: A Reappraisal’.

The keynote speaker of the seminar was Mr. Shirish Inamdar, Retd. Sub-Inspector of Police State Intelligence Department. Mr. Inamdar elaborated on the historical significance of Arthashastra and stated the influence of Chanakya’s strategies on intelligence service systems. In the following 4 sessions presentations were made on the areas of Chanakya’s science of thinking, business acumen in modern times, Chanakya’s emotional intelligence, Warfare and Tax management, a comparative analysis on state administration and poetic couplets of Thiruvalluvar that depicted staunch similarities, some of the historical world leaders such as Sun Tzu, Confucius, Chhatrapati Shivaji who lived up to showcasing and fulfilling Chanakya’s dream of an able King that gave rise to interactive deliberations. The students of the Chanakya International Institute of Leadership program of The University of Mumbai participated in the Symposium that was the part of the seminar. The objective of the symposium was to bridge the gap between theory and praxis.

The special attraction of the seminar was a play performed by the SIES Students of Arts. They showcased transforming episodes in Chanakya’s life. Mr. Ganesh Subramanian, Honorary Secretary, SIES appreciated and encouraged the students to pursue some of the fine qualities that Chanakya has left through his pearls of wisdom.The seminar culminated with the valedictory speech by Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai, author of the bestseller ‘Corporate Chanakya’. Overall 27 papers were presented by the academicians and scholars from Mumbai and different parts of India.

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