



Theme: The value of values in community-based training -"An integrated value-based approach - why, what & how?"

Organizer: Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence, Karnataka, India

Concept note:

The Value of Values in Sustainable Development Goals

In his book ‘Change the Culture, Change the Game’, Tom Smith, New York Times best-selling author writes that our experiences shape our beliefs and our beliefs lead to action, which in turn yields result.

So, while climate scientists, policy pundits and governments work on actions to undo the damage and save our collective future on earth, there is a compelling need to effect changes at the bottom of the pyramid too!

And the most permanent and sustainable way to rewire the experiences and belief systems of humanity is to better educate the next generations, and help them consciously adopt a lifestyle that allows for compassionate cohabitation of our priceless planet.

We can do this by building our children’s experiences and belief systems the right way by exposing them to human values such as love, empathy, respect for nature, compassion, sacrifice and concern for all life in their schooling years. Doing this would help them grow into the much-needed agents of change and transformation in the truest sense.

And the good news is that integrating human values into the education system doesn’t need a complete overhaul of the current systems. All we need to do is to seamlessly integrate the human values-based approach into the formal system of learning so that we can mould children holistically, nurturing and nourishing them to be adults grounded in love and respect for all living beings. The need of the hour, therefore, is for institutes of education to transition from an information-based system to a transformation-based one.

Human values-centred courses, curricula, seminars, readership and scholarship, therefore, need to be the focus in our plural societies... societies marked by differences which politically, economically, socially and culturally demand coexistence and hence inclusion.

Given this, bringing up the next generation imbued in values such as love, peace, nonviolence, righteousness and truth, values that are universal in its appeal and applicability, is perhaps our only good chance at upholding the humanness of humanity.

For what we do and don't do now will have an irreversible bearing on not only the unending drama of the human family, but also—as far as we know—every other living thing in the universe. And that's a challenge worth accepting.

Schedule:

The flow will be sequenced as the intent, content and execution - The Why, the What and the How of an integrated value-based approach.

Sequence:

Video on "The intent" or "Why values" -10 mins

Facilitators - Vijay Sai & Natesh Shetty - 2 mins. Introducing the flow and the speakers.

Speaker 1 on "What" or "The content": Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati - 5 minutes

Speaker 2 on "How" or "The Execution" - Dato Tan Sri Dzulkipli Abdul Razak (Rector, International Islamic University - Malaysia) - 5 minutes

Facilitators: Making groups - 2 minutes

Structured interactive breakout discussions in groups on "How" - "the Execution or methodology of an integrated value-based approach" (Collation directly made as a slide on a laptop in each group.)

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