

Seminar on Indian Knowledge Systems Bridges Ancient Wisdom and Modern Practices

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Padmashri Sharada Srinivasan, a distinguished professor at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) at the Indian Institute of Science, inaugurated a national seminar titled 'Reviving the Indian Knowledge System: Integrating Ancient Wisdom with Contemporary Practices' at Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous, Bengaluru. Hosted by the Department of English, the seminar aimed to connect India's rich historical legacy with current academic and cultural frameworks.

Dr. Sharada emphasized the cultural richness and inclusivity of India's heritage, referencing iconic symbols like the Nataraja and the Iron Pillar, as well



as ancient metallurgical innovations. She illustrated how art and technology were seamlessly integrated in historical practices, asserting their continued relevance today. Fr. Dr. Augustine George, Principal of Kristu Jayanti College, highlighted the importance of integrating Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) into modern curricula to preserve this invaluable heritage. Fr. Joshy Mathew, Head of the Department of English, discussed India's intellectual traditions, including Ayurveda and

Yoga, stressing their global significance. The seminar featured four expert-led plenary sessions. Dr. M.C. Prakash compared the literary depth of the Mahabharata with Western traditions, while classical dancer Ms. Aranyani Bhargav explored India's metallurgical history. Mr. V. Uma Shankar discussed the ongoing inspiration derived from traditional Indian art, and Dr. Abhisarika Prajapati focused on the cultural importance of indigenous games.

The event concluded with a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Gopakumar A.V., emphasizing the integration of ancient wisdom into contemporary academic, cultural, and professional realms.