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National Webinar on 'ETHICS IN INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION'

The webinar was organized on 25th June 2021 with the coordinating office at 10 am. The webinar was organized jointly by Society for Professional Ethics & Management & Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) with support from National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Jain (Deemed-to-be-University), Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) and other academic institutions. A large number of participants from academic institutions and other management participated, mostly faculty and management / administrative persons and a few students. Summary of the program is given below:

- Welcome introductory remarks by *Prof.K.R. Sridhara Murthi*
- Introduction about Webinar by *Dr. CG Krishnadas Nair, President, Society for Professional Ethics and Management*
- Special address by *Prof. Indranil Manna, President, Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE)*
- Keynote address by *Dr. SC Sharma, Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council.*
- UGC requirements for teaching Ethics and Environment by *Prof. Upendra Sharma*
- Accreditation of academic institutions with emphasis on Ethical Practices by *Dr Amaiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, National Assessment and Accreditation Council.*
- Indian Heritage on Ethics based education, Gurukula Systems, student-teacher relationship by *Dr.R.N.Iyengar, Distinguished professor.*
- Ethical responsibility of Engineers, Managers & teachers by *Dr. Karisiddappa, Vice Chancellor, VTU*

Panel and Discussion

- Role of teachers / students and management of academic institutions led by *Prof. K.R.Sridhara Murthi, Director (Academics and Planning), Jain University.*



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There was considerable discussion on the need for ethical education to start from home and primary education through parents and teachers, followed by further development of values and ethics along with responsibilities to the Society Sustainable development and Environment during the higher education as prescribed by UGC. Comments / suggestions were also made on the present curricula and guidance given by the UGC and the need for uniformity of detailed Course Content and the Method of delivery. The need for various academic institutions to interact with industries, NGOs and various professional societies, professional ethics and specific code of conduct evolved by these organizations for each type of profession and familiarize the graduating students on these depending upon their disciplines. At the end there was an interactive discussion, led by Prof K. R. Sridhara Murthi, Director (Academic and Planning), JAIN Group of Institutions. There were over 200 delegates including professors and students and representatives from Management and Academic institutions. The webinar was well received and appreciated by the gathering. A White Paper on ethics based on the webinar has been prepared and the same is added.

**“If you light a lamp for some,
It will brighten your path also**