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USP of mankind's Composite Culture

*Not believing in the glory of our own divine Self, Life within, is atheism.
He is an atheist who does not believe in himSelf. The old religions said that he was an atheist who did not believe in God.
The new religion says that he is the atheist who does not believe in himSelf.
I need to believe in mySelf first; only then can I believe in God; and only thereafter can I pray to God sincerely! This is the
kind of life-altering ideas we get from the foundation of our culture.*

*Everyone wants to be better. We all develop our own ideas and methods of how to become better.
The global culture says, think you're the Spirit and you will become better. If you can 'think' that you're
the Self, the Consciousness, you can become Consciousness!*

*So, merely by thinking that I am the Self, the Life within of infinite power, the quality of my entire life will change?
Everything I do will be coloured by this one thought? Isn't that wonderful?*

*We wonder! Is a single thought really, so powerful? Yes. Just stop imagining you are a body!
If asked, how do we escape from certain death; the profound answer is stop thinking, you're the body!
That's the power of a single 'imagination of Truth', the idea of eternal, global, Bharat.*

ICCFG's Happenings

- I. Lecture on 'The Role of Values and Ethics in Human Well-being: Moving beyond GDP'

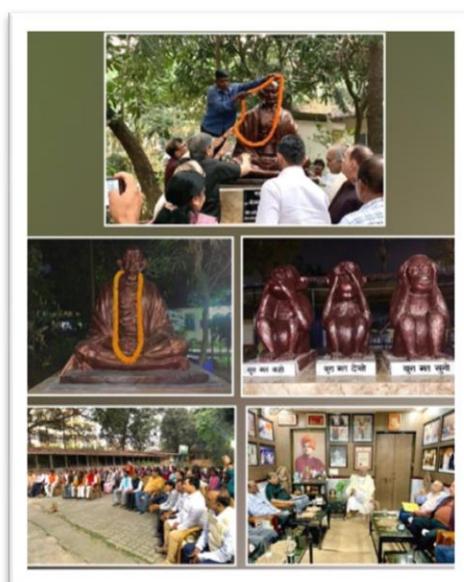


ICCFG hosted a thought-provoking lecture on October 19, 2023, as part of its Lecture Series on "India's Development Challenge." The distinguished speaker for the event was Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, who delved into the crucial theme of the "Role of Values and Ethics in Human Well-being: Moving beyond GDP." In an insightful discourse, Prof. Chaturvedi emphasized the importance of transcending traditional economic metrics like GDP and focusing on the intrinsic connection between values, ethics, and human well-being. The event provided a platform for engaging discussions and reflections on the holistic aspects of development, challenging conventional paradigms. ICCfG's commitment to fostering intellectual discourse and addressing India's developmental challenges was exemplified through this enlightening lecture.

2. ICCfG conducted two, On-line programs on "Ethics in Governance" with and at DMRC, Delhi Metro, on 25-27 Oct. and 30 Oct. to 3 Nov. for the PSU's, etc.



3. ICCfG's President, Sh. Prabhat Kimar, unveiled Gandhiji's statue, and his 3 monkeys at Vikas Bharati, Ranchi, on the 1st of Nov.



4. Sardar Patel Lecture on Governance'

The Fourth 'Sardar Patel Lecture on Governance' delivered by Dr. Karan Singh was a remarkable and intellectually invigorating event organized by the IC Centre for Governance in collaboration with the India International Centre. It was held on November 17, 2023 at India International Centre, New Delhi



Dr. Karan Singh's address was a singularly engaging address; offering a nuanced insight on governance that seamlessly blended his extensive experience in politics, diplomacy, and academia. His perspectives on the contemporary challenges and opportunities in governance provided the audience with a comprehensive understanding, transcending the theoretical and delving into the practical dimensions of effective governance.

The event's success was not only attributed to Dr. Karan Singh's insightful discourse but also to the thoughtful contributions of other distinguished speakers. Shri Syed Shahid Mahdi's presidential address, emphasizing the cultural and educational dimensions of governance, added depth to the overall discourse. Shri Suresh K. Goel and Shri Prabhat Kumar, in their respective roles, set the tone for the event, underscoring its significance in the context of current governance challenges.

From the event, insights into governance, the emphasis on cultural and educational aspects in shaping effective governance, and the collaborative spirit that characterized the discussions stand out. These insights contribute to the academic discourse on governance and offer valuable perspectives for policymakers, administrators, and scholars.

5. Improving Managerial Effectiveness

On November 16th, Brigadier Sanjay Agarwal, SM & Bar, a distinguished veteran and Professor at SRM IST, visited ICCfG to deliver a talk on "Improving Managerial Effectiveness."

During the session, Brig. Agarwal emphasized the imperative for leaders to cultivate a values-driven culture within organizations. He shared practical strategies for integrating ethical principles into the organizational framework, highlighting their critical role in crisis management.

The discussion was engaging and interactive, highlighted by a lively Q&A session among the members and Brig. Sanjay Agarwal.



6. A brainstorming session on whether ICCfG should acquire land and establish its own building for an institute was conducted by the Core Group. The outcome of the session was a unanimous "Yes" indicating a consensus in favor of pursuing the acquisition and development of dedicated infrastructure for the institute.

The brainstorming session also included discussions on the last 20 years' journey of ICCfG and outlined a path forward for the organization.

2. Our Role as Mentors of samaaja - “To Be and Make Mentors”

ICCfG conducted a one-day workshop at ‘DIKSHA’ school in Palam Vihar on 18th November on the Theme **Our Role as Mentors of samaaja -“To Be and Make Mentors”**, facilitated by the local RWA. **The vision we shared** with the local RWA, and the school was, ‘How can we as teachers, also become Mentors by striving ourselves, and inspiring students to engage in Inner Governance practices to awaken viveka-buddhi and build powers of mind to walk-the-talk towards our universal ‘North’.

We introduced them to our USP, Life Balance Sheet and the need to understand and reflect on the importance of moral, ethics, values and imbibe the life skills towards long-term good; aka being a KYI and grow towards appreciation of our ideal of One World/Family/Future.

The team consisted of Brig. Rajendra, Rajiv Sachdeva, Sunil Kumar, and residents of Palam Vihar who liked the Vision of Mentorship, led by our Sh. Vinay Shankar of ICCfG, supported by S/Sh. Ramesh Chandra and Avinash Chawla of RWA.

2.1 Our Challenge –How to be and make Mentors! Modern schooling is IQ and external focused, whereas it is our Internal nature, our Mind, that controls our outer behaviour? Yet no one introduces us to our ‘Mind’ and ‘how to manage it’; and ‘towards what’!

We(ICCfG members too) live in various colonies and are in touch with various schools, parents, elders, teachers. How can we work together as RWA’s and informal groups, to inspire Teachers to be Mentors who could then train and inspire students to engage in Inner governance practices to be committed to their respective duties?

2.2 We can conduct workshops and informal discussions to appreciate the importance of Ethics and Morals and the need for daily Inner-governance / Self-development practices (Life Skills, Reflections). We can discuss and appreciate the fundamental idea that we’re not just body-mind; that ‘Each soul is potentially divine’; let’s awaken to the wisdom of ‘Kingdom of God within’. Let’s learn to awaken Viveka-buddhi; learn the nature of Mind and how to Improve Quality of Thoughts; Reduce Quantity; and Direct our Thoughts, to befriend the Mind and the Self within.

3. Jaisi Drishti vaisi Shristhi – ‘I project a Creation based on my Perception’.

There are two aspects of Buddhi, Intellect as IQ that we all know of, that has created ‘Self centredness.’

Secondly, Intellect as Viveka-buddhi, powers of discrimination, that has the ability to ‘know’ and ‘choose’, the long-term good over short-term pleasures. A Karma Yogi is aware of the idea of Viveka-buddhi, as that intellect which has been awakened to the reality of the Self, the Kingdom of God within; and because it is Yoked to the Self, which is One all-pervasive Consciousness, it strives to work more and more for the good of society. And this selflessness leads to the realization of the Drishti, idea of One World. One Family. One Future.

It is the ‘Inner world’ thru’ which we see the ‘External world’.

4. Reflections: From our Young Manager, Vinod K. Maurya

The Inner Journey: Selflessness and the Quest for Wisdom

In a world that often glorifies role models and mentors, it's essential to recognize that the path of selfless service, or Karmayoga, is a deeply personal journey. It's not about following in someone else's footsteps but about embracing a path of personal choice and selfless dedication.

Embracing Individuality: While having role models can be inspiring, it's not an absolute requirement for becoming a Karmayogi. The path is not about judgment or emulation; it's about making a conscious choice to dedicate oneself to selfless service, regardless of one's background or circumstances.

The Role of Mentors: Mentors, education, and role models are valuable assistants in our journey. They can help us develop discernment, wisdom, and the ability to question and find answers, but they should not replace our inner wisdom.

The Existence of God within: The concept of God and spirituality is subjective and often part of philosophical discussions. Some may believe in a higher power, while others find their inspiration within. The idea of a Karmayogi, who guides us and is akin to a personal god, is a profound belief held by many. This inner guide teaches us, and our inner strength helps us understand these teachings.

Inspirational Figures: If one seeks human examples, history provides us with a plethora of Karmayogis to draw inspiration from. Figures who have dedicated their lives to selfless service and wisdom serve as reminders of the power of such a path.

Self-Reflection and Inner Strength: The wisdom needed for the path of selflessness often lies within us. Instead of relying solely on external mentors, our inner strength, self-reflection, and understanding can serve as powerful guides.

Why Selflessness Matters: Selflessness isn't just a personal choice; it has far-reaching implications. It leads to personal fulfillment, promotes empathy, and helps create a more compassionate and interconnected world.

The Illusion of Chasing More: In a world filled with distractions and illusions, it's crucial to understand that we already possess inherent value. We often chase external validations when the truth is within us. Self-awareness plays a pivotal role in recognizing this.

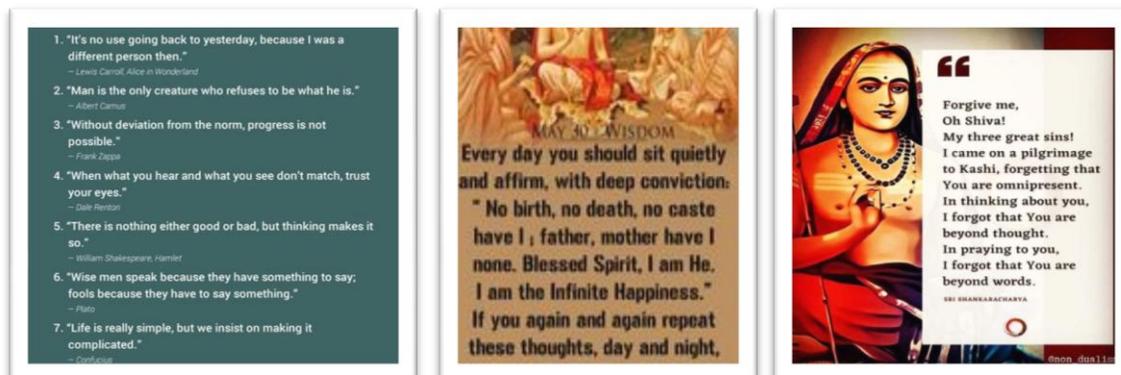
The Choice is Yours: Nature provides opportunities for correction and change, but whether we heed its signals is a personal decision. Parents and mentors show us the way, but walking that path is ultimately up to the individual.

Why are we here, and where are we going? The purpose of our existence and our ultimate destination are profound questions without definitive answers. Each person may find their own meaning and direction in life based on experiences, beliefs, and personal exploration.

However, my simple, straightforward, and logical response is that "why we are here" is because of our parents. And 'where are we going?' is where we choose.

This perspective encapsulates the practical and personal aspects of our existence—our origins tied to our parents and our life's course shaped by our own choices and actions.

Look within: In a world that often seeks answers outside, the path of Karmayoga reminds us to look within. It's a journey that celebrates personal choice, selflessness, and the recognition that we already possess the wisdom we seek.



5. QUIPS: A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well // The worst part about working for the department of unemployment is when you get fired you still have to show up the next day // Don't steal. That's the government's job.

Why can't Trump go to White house anymore? It's FOR BIDEN // What do you call a Russian procrastinator? Putinoff.

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