

**National Seminar****Regional, National and International Trends in Educational Research****15th and 16th February 2019**

The first day of the national seminar on regional, national and international trends in educational research had a solemn beginning with an inaugural speech made by Dr John Joseph Kennedy, Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences. The inaugural speech reminded the aspiring educationalists about the importance of ensuring wellness and happiness through education; implementing a happiness curriculum.

The keynote speech made by Dr Venugopal Reddy, Regional Director, IGNOU highlighted the growing trend of students moving abroad for higher education, underlining the causes for the same. The speech displayed extensive statistical research conducted by him to understand the migration rate.

Inspired by the speeches made, the day had a grand opening with the panel discussion with Dr Rajashree Srinivasan, Assistant Professor, Azim Premji University, Dr Greta DSouza, Assistant Professor, Christ (Deemed to be University) and Dr Gulab MirRahmany, Former Vice Chancellor, Qudes University, Afghanistan.

Dr Rajashree Srinivasan examined Teacher education research in India, highlighting legacies, transformations and continuities. She traced transformations in teacher education research since post independence, explained the cultural context, believes and attitudes among teachers, the growing understanding of qualitative research and the role education research should play in the present times; the need for education research to be able to enhance public education.

Dr Greta presented Trends in Adolescence Education - proving international, national and regional perspectives from research. She presented efforts being made internationally to make sex education that goes beyond sex. She highlighted the developments at the national level to implement sex education in schools and its context. Challenges to implement sex education at the regional level were discussed.

Dr Gulab MirRahmany's presentation helped identify the major cause of movement of ideas across nations and regions: Globalisation. He discussed the impact of globalisation on nations worldwide, hinted how nations could strengthen their soft power and examined how globalisation has impacted education. With examples from Afghanistan that show the positive impact of globalisation in empowering girls and communities through education, Dr Gulab's speech provided inspiration to share ideas and research.

Post lunch, Dr Amruth B Kumar's stellar presentation on National trends in educational research was gripping and kept the audience enthralled. A well organised presentation, Dr Amruth's presentation mapped the history of educational research, questioning whether we were a historical society to begin with and what pulled back teacher education in India.

The presentation categorised major research trends nationally, with sub themes of pre modern, modern and contemporary, giving the audience a detailed understanding of the successes and failures brought about by these trends.

This was followed by two parallel technical sessions wherein there were around 10 presenters with interesting paper presentations.

The second day had a pleasant beginning with the Keynote address of Dr. Srikantaswamy, Academic Consultant, Research and Analysis Wing, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), began his presentation from regional perspectives of educational research and then highlighted the purpose of research, efforts made nationally and internationally to develop research mentality. He gave an insightful presentation regarding trends in research and hence enriched the learning experience for the students.

The address made way for an event filled day with three parallel sessions of paper presentations. These sessions were chaired by esteemed faculty members from other departments. We were privileged to have Dr. Sreenath K, Dr. Madhavi Rangaswamy, and Dr. Kennedy Andrew Thomas as the chairpersons of the technical sessions. We had Rupa Sarkar, Dr. Neha Agarwal, and Dr. Carline as the Rapporteurs for the sessions. We had around 25 Paper presentations which were very interesting and though provoking. After the lunch Break, We began another round of technical sessions chaired by Dr. Jacqueline Kareem and Dr. Prakasha G S. We had around 10 paper presentations in these sessions which kept the audience at the edge of their seats.

We moved forward for the valedictory function and the chief guest for the same was father Benny Thomas, Director- School of Law and Engineering. We were privileged to have Father deliver the Valedictory address. The audience was enlightened by the same. Dr. Pramod Kumar, convener of the seminar presented the report. Participants came up and shared their experiences about the seminar and sessions. The delegates were awarded certificates for paper presentations. The intellectually stimulating seminar came to an end with vote of thanks proposed by the convener, Dr. Pramod Kumar. The seminar was concluded with the singing of Christ University Anthem.

