

## **REPORT ON NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY**

On the occasion of National Education Day, November 11, 2014 a commemorative program was held @ Sambhram Institutions campus coinciding 126th birthday of Bharathratna Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, First Union Minister of Education. The program was inaugurated by Padmabhushan Prof. U.R. Rao, Former Chairman, ISRO. In his key note address Prof. Rao said 25% of GDP was contributed by Indians for the global power till 1750. He analysed where the world had gone wrong in the second stage of industrialisation and remarked that the Green Revolution was followed by IT revolution. He also rued over the fact that Science and Technology has been neglected, electronic gadgets and other things are being imported which is not a good sign as far as foreign exchange is concerned. He gave the example of China which is good at such things including aerodynamics.

While elaborating the first communication satellite which was carried on a bullock cart, he recalled those hardships while building the first satellite in an ordinary shed at Peenya, Bangalore under the guidance of legendary space scientist Dr. Vikram Sarabhai which was nothing but the growth story of ISRO from bullock cart to Satellite launching. The most important fact is ISRO is the best example of Indian Entrepreneurship. He linked the use of space science for the development of various sectors including education.

**Nothing is impossible on this earth and the importance of perseverance in the life of a scientist.**

By giving this example of space science he enthralled the audience with his speech as far as achievement in the field of science and technology is concerned. He further observed that basic sciences including Mathematics are being neglected in the present education system and finally reiterated we have not got out of the cradle (the earth). He strongly urged the youngsters to vision something and pursue it relentlessly to achieve the same. While speaking about Mangalayan and Chandrayaan he said the future space colonies for the human being would be Moon and the Mars. He coaxed them to dare to dream.

**Some key issues from Prof Rao's speech are as follows:**

- India does not manufacture electronics component unlike China, Japan and Korea
- Indians abroad manufactures brilliantly
- Brain Drain has to be stopped at any cost
- Man power is more but we have failed to deliver quality education

- We are dependent on import increasing import duties which is definitely a national burden
- No genuine out of box thinkers
- No quality scientists like Dr. CV Raman, Dr. Homi Bhaba and Dr. Vikram Sarabhai
- Old Indian scientists can project and think about the orbits and satellite projection, accuracy and gravity, the key for success for ISRO for debut launches
- Students are rarely interested to dream big

The program was presided by Mr. R.Venkatesh, Chairman, Sambhram Group of Institutions. He thanked Prof. U.R. Rao for having graced the program and assured that all his suggestions regarding education will be realised in the institutions in the coming years.

The Key Note Address was followed by a panel discussion on the topic **“Educated Indians to Lead the World Tomorrow”** and panellists were Prof. R.L.M. Patil, Former Dean, Faculty of Arts and Former Chairperson, Department of Political Science, Bangalore University, Prof. Shakuntala Katre, Former Registrar, Bangalore University and Prof. Vithal.D.Potdar, Academic Coordinator, Nagarjuna College of Commerce and Management Studies, Bangalore. All the panellists focussed on the given theme and suggested how the present students can lead future India taking cue from the Ancient, Medieval, Modern India and also the Indians who are excelling in other fields at global level. The panel discussion was followed by question answer session. About 400 students and 50 faculties from different Colleges across Bangalore including Sambhram Institutions attended the program.

The out come was we have to offer quality education with global standard, teachers accountability should increase and Education - Experimentation - Entrepreneurship should go hand -in -hand. The Program was coordinated by Dr K C Mishra, Director, Sambhram School of Management.