

Location and Places to visit :

Latur is a well-known educational hub. The nearest airport was at Aurangabad (290 kms), which is connected to Mumbai. Since 2008 Latur airport services are available for Pune, Mumbai and Nanded. Pune is 337 kms and Mumbai is 497 kms from Latur. It is also connected by rail with a station at Latur and Latur Road (broad gauge). State highways and roads from the district headquarters at Latur link all 10 tehsils and major towns. Dayanand Colleges are located at Barshi Road, Near Shivaji Chowk, Latur. It is 2.5 Kms from the Central Bus station.

There are several places to visit within the district, such as Ganjgolai (A connection of sixteen roads), Siddheshwar Temple, Ashtavinayak Temple, Veerat Hanuman Temple, Saai Temple, Suratshahwali Darga, Historical forts of Udgir & AUSA, Hatti Bet (Devarjan), Kharosa Caves, Renukadevi Temple, Nilkantheshwar Temple at Nilanga, Sai Dham at Chakur, Killari Earthquake Rehabilitation Centre etc. The nearby places outside the district include Tuljabhavani Temple at Tuljapur, Yogeshwaridevi Temple at Ambajogai, Vajinath temple at Parli (V.) etc.

Objectives of the conference:

Education is the base of social, economic, psychological developmental factors. Learning is the process of getting education, and after higher education we get honoured by various degrees. Today the so called degrees with documentary evidences are not enough to achieve better placements. Practical knowledge along with theoretical depth in the concerned subjects is essential. So we have to re-engineer, redesign and re-invent the academic policies and patterns.

There needs to be a paradigm shift in the approach to reforming higher education. The 12th Five Year Plan, therefore, should create space for greater university autonomy and accountability (i.e., encouraging local solutions while retaining a regime of central approval) for expanding equitable access to higher education. This calls for a major shift in the approach of the Central Government/University Grants Commission (UGC) in providing funding support to the university system. Its time now to move on to build partnerships (Central and State Governments) for addressing emerging issues of access, equity and quality through an improved programme design, rather than the discrete centrally/UGC sponsored schemes.

A comprehensive university and college reform programmes need to be designed and implemented jointly by state and central governments for promoting strategic planning and recognising performance at the university and college level for accessing resources. However, there is a need to identify and deliberate on key areas of concern in order to make our way forward.

The objectives of this conference are to discuss the various issues related with the academic reforms in higher education. Near about 400 participants are expected from various corners of the country.

Narrating unimplemented bookish philosophies is not expected but we would prefer if one writes about his/her successful innovative experiments in the educational sector. The case studies of the colleges with difference can also be the topic for the papers.

Details of Sessions:

Themes/topics to be covered under each technical session

- 1 Experiments with academic reforms
- 2 Examination reforms
- 3 Role of a teacher/Principal in higher education
- 4 Student oriented activities
- 5 Reforms in office administration
- 6 Self commitment, Code of conduct for a teacher
- 7 Use of Information and Communication Technology in teaching, learning and evaluation process
- 8 Experiments in Research, consultancy and extension
- 9 Performance appraisal-A tool for professional development
- 10 Entry of foreign and private universities
- 11 Innovative practices to motivate the stakeholders
- 12 Case study based academic experiments
- 13 Any other related areas

It is expected that the conference will be an important forum for discussion regarding the selected subject. It will come out with some practical suggestions to keep oneself updated.

Who can attend?

Academic scholars belonging to **Arts, Commerce, Management, Science, Law and Information Technology** including junior and senior college teachers, PG students, industry related scholars etc.

Registration fees:

- 1 Teachers/academicians, industry persons etc. – Rs.1,400/- (with accommodation, Conference kit and a copy of proceedings)
- 2 Teachers/ Academicians – Rs.1,000/- (without accommodation and with conference kit and a copy of proceedings)
- 3 PG students – Rs.400/- (without accommodation and conference kit)
- 4 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be provided to all registered participants.
- 5 If the PG students want the conference kit and a copy of proceedings, they have to pay Rs.1,000 as the registration fees.

Paper presentation in Absentia:

A contributor who cannot attend the conference but wishes to present a paper in absentia is encouraged to send an abstract and the paper as per the above-mentioned schedule. Those are eligible to be included in the proceedings. A processing fee of Rs.1, 500 will have to be paid for each paper which includes the registration fee.

Best paper award:

In each session one paper will be selected and awarded as the Best paper.

Submission of research papers:

Research papers are invited from the experts on the above mentioned themes. From the papers received along with the registration fee in the form of the DD in favour of 'the Principal, Dayanand College of Commerce, Latur' **upto 10th November, 2011**, selected papers shall be included in the conference proceedings bearing an ISBN and published by the renowned publisher– Vidyabharti Prakashan. The researchers will have to arrange for their own accommodation if they fail to register before this date.

The papers along with the abstract may be sent to the following address with a hard copy and a soft copy in a CD.

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The research paper should be strictly in the format given below;

- 1 Papers should be original and unpublished, and should not be under publication consideration with any other outlet. Any proposal identical to already published (or substantially same as the one already published) will not be considered. Please include a statement to assure that the work is consistent with these requirements.
- 2 Papers should include roughly 500 words abstract.
- 3 In case of joint authorship, all the authors will have to pay the registration fees and at least one author has to attend the conference.
- 4 Papers should not be longer than 5 double spaced typed pages.
- 5 Paper size: A-4 in MS-Word Document.
- 6 Font: Times New Roman, Size: Title 14 points bold, Headings-12 points, Text-10 points (English)
- 7 Margins: All sides 25.4 mm, Spacing: Single line for text, Two line for headings and paragraphs
- 8 All paragraphs to start after 5 spaces/ a tab, Print: Laser/Inkjet in Black only
- 9 Copies: a hard copy and a soft copy in a CD

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