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REPORT

PANEL DISCUSSION ON 'INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM' BY

PANELISTS: DR. SUDHANSHU TRIVEDI AND PROF. SANTISHREE D. PANDIT

MODERATOR: MS. HEMANGI SINHA

1. The Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, in collaboration with the World Intellectual Foundation, organised a Panel Discussion on “Indian Knowledge System” by Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi, Prof. Santishree D. Pandit, moderated by Ms. Hemangi Sinha on 2nd June, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Samrasta Hall, DAIC.
2. Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi is a distinguished Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha. A seasoned academician and political thinker, He was closely associated with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as a political advisor and spokesperson. Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit is the first woman to serve as the Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. An accomplished academic and scholar in Political Science and International Relations, Prof. Santishree earned her Ph.D. from Jawaharlal Nehru University and has held teaching and research positions at several prestigious institutions. Moderator Hemangi Sinha is a Project Head at World Intellectual Foundation. She is a lawyer-turned-social advocate and founder of Arjun Foundation.
3. The panel explored India as a vibrant ecosystem of knowledge spanning science, spirituality, gender equality, and cultural legacy. Speakers rejected colonial myths like the Aryan invasion theory, highlighting India’s holistic traditions, contributions in mathematics, medicine, and philosophy, and its feminist civilizational roots. Emphasis was placed on oral traditions, linguistic unity, and inclusivity from Draupadi to Shikhandi. The discussion urged pride in Indian knowledge systems and encouraged critical engagement with Western narratives through evidence-based understanding and intellectual confidence.
4. The lecture was notably attended by Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Former Governor of Assam, Lt. Gen. Sanjay Kulkarni, and Prof. Rubina Mittal, Director, WIF. In the audience were undergraduate and postgraduate students, faculty members, and working professionals. The panel discussion witnessed active engagement during the Q&A session, with attendees appreciating the panelists for their insights, clarity, and generosity of time.
5. The event concluded with refreshments served to all participants in the VIP Dining Area, allowing for informal interactions and continued discussion.

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