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INAUGURAL SESSION

Presided Over by

Dr. L. M. Singhvi

Member of Parliament,
Eminent Jurist, Educationist and Thinker

Welcome Speech by

Shri. Bhavarlalji Jain

Chairman, JISL, Trustee BJS,

A Bird's Eye View by

Shri Suresh Dada Jain

Minister for Food and Civil Supplies,
GOM,
Trustee BJS

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Vallabbhai Kathiria

Minister for State,
Human Resources, Government of India

OUR HONOURABLE CHIEF GUESTS

Shri Sunderlalaji Patwa

Former C. M., Madhya Pradesh

Shri Amrishbhai Patel

Minister for Education, GOM

Shri Arunbhai Gujarathi

Speaker, Maharashtra Assembly

Shri Narendraji Nahata

Minister for Industries Govt. of MP

Shri Dileepji Gandhi

Minister of State for Shipping, GOI

class Institutes. Through the conference the Jain Community would be able to forge a unity that would revolutionise the education for the community and the country as a whole.

DAY 1 - 1st March 2003

The Traditional Welcome

Morning 9.00 a.m., the heads of over 1500 Jain educational institutes congregated on the beautiful morning, along with some of the best minds in India. The guests were welcomed traditionally – setting the tone of the conference.

Blessing The Proceedings

The auspicious Navkar Mahamantra, beautifully rendered by the Unnatti Mahamandal, blessed the conference.

The blessings of the Goddess of Knowledge “Ma Saraswati” were invoked by a wonderful “Bhav Mudra” dance performance by two young artists Miss Nupur Chandorkar and Miss Nikita Kale.

Lighting

The Lamp Of Knowledge

On this historic occasion the leading members of the Jain community lit the lamp to inaugurate the conference. The “Deep Prajwalan” embodied the collective vision of the community leaders that has helped constitute the present and will mould the future. It signified enlightenment through education that the FJEI conference would shower to the future generation of Indians.

The Inauguration

The Inauguration Session was presided over by Dr. L.M. Singhvi, distinguished Member of Parliament; former Ambassador to U.K., educationist and thinker. Several distinguished guests were present on this memorable occasion. Members of the community from all walks of life had graced this occasion, making it a grand success. Dr. L.M. Singhvi inaugurated the 1st FJEI conference and set the proceedings in motion.

This traditional backdrop set the vision of the conference. The conference would take Indian education many steps ahead; it would blend modernity with the deep-rooted Indian value system and philosophy – helping chart the future course of education in India.

Welcoming With An Open Heart -

Shri Bhavarlalji Jain

Trustee BJS, and Chairman JISL

With enormous warmth Bhavarlalji set the tone of the conference welcoming all the dignitaries and delegates.

In his speech filled with wisdom he welcomed all the gurus of education to the simplicity of Jalgaon.

A town that everyone thought of as underdeveloped, backward, hot and dusty and tucked in a remote corner of India. Yet, it



offered a genuine hospitality with a smile. He welcomed everyone with an open heart and thanked all those who attended the conference.

He went on to state that FJEI offered a farsighted view of education that would understand and even deliver what the Jain community and India needed in the community and businesses.

In his speech he emphasised that the effort of FJEI was to create a modern education system that would provide the necessary synergy to fulfil the aspirations of the Indian youth and the needs of Indian Industry. As he very rightly said, education must prepare a person for life while teaching values to the new generation, which was filled with curiosity. As he said, education must offer knowledge, inspire the youth and help them live meaningful lives in the global world. This would not only help in the creation of wealth, but also result in true happiness that would bring peace and progress for the generations to come.

Indeed Bhavarlalji's speech made each and every delegate of the conference feel truly welcome – a feeling that went far beyond hollow five star comforts. Through his words he gave the conference a direction that would make this 1st FJEI National Conference a grand success. It offered a sense of spirituality and togetherness that will set the Jain community and India on the path of progress.

The Road To The Future - Suresh Dadaji Jain

*Minister for Food and Civil supplies
GOM, Trustee BJS*



With affection and humour Suresh Dadaji continued in the same vein. A highly successful community leader, he has been voted MP from Jalgaon six times. He had created a Jalgaon that was on the road to prosperity.

He reiterated the efforts and commitment of FJEI to fulfil the mission of quality modern, valued based education. As the Federation would progress, he said, that one must take inspiration from great leaders. It must ensure that while India went on the path to progress, they should always remember their essential heritage. This as he rightly pointed out would help not only the Jain community, but also the entire nation as a whole.

Felicitations Of Honourable Guests

The honourable guests were felicitated for their enormous contribution in education, with a beautiful memento made especially for this occasion. The felicitations were on behalf of FJEI and all the delegates present for the occasion.

which linked advanced European institutes with advanced Management institutes in India, which resulted in many top ranking management institutes in India. This program could be revised with different institutes. There should also be a focus on creating Centres of Excellence in Higher secondary schools, Management and IT institutes, Medical Colleges and Engineering Colleges.

He advised FJEI to create a "Talent Bank" of distinguished and successful Jains in India and abroad.

His advice essentially centred around helping FJEI fulfil its potential and help it create sound educational centre that would help both the community and India flourish.

FJEI Can Create Excellence Shri Sumersingh Bothra

Speaking about the contribution of the Jan community to the world Shri Sumersingh Bothra from Jaipur advised the delegates to follow the suggestions offered by FJEI, and the path to success will be made in a mere 5 years. The community will be further strengthened if our educational institutes develop people in IAS, politics and other such Institutes. He ended by giving his best wishes and blessings to the FJEI.

The session after dinner proved fruitful. It paved the way for the "Think Tank" and helped focus on issues of the future. This was marked by very thought provoking panel discussions.

The Creation of the Think Tank of FJEI – A Mission of Creating Excellence

In an extraordinary session there was the significant creation of the "Think Tank" of FJEI. This ensured that all institutes would be ably supported in their progress.

The FJEI Think Tank was Lead By the Vision of Bhawarlalji Jain



Bhawarlalji stressed that FJEI has to first lay out its vision and mission statement. Then it would have to frame a constitution and chart out a course, which would include concepts like primary school upgradation, English medium school in small places, fund raising, standardisation and bench marking etc. This gave a direction to the discussions that were to follow later.

As he said that we must begin with ideas. He urged the members to learn to be responsible for your actions and thoughts, as they would determine the future.

He stressed that while we treat education as a business and

industry we must ensure value based education. He advised that as we chart our course we must understand our boundaries. Ideas that emerge must not be forced on anyone, but presented in such a way that all accept them.

What's more, we must understand our resource raising ability. He added that the work of the FJEI must have permanence and must continue. Through constant study and research it must be able to foresee and offer solutions to the future

Shri K. Jairaj,
IAS, Educationist

Based on his vast experience Shri Jairaj offered more concrete advice. He spoke of a ten point program which included creation of best practices, methods, collection of data bank, training program for teachers and others, improve internal governance of institutes, upgradation of infrastructure that helps you compete and be the best, the benchmarking of practices with an improvement program to bring about quality and excellence. One of his innovative ideas was to have a database of faculty and the formation of an international Teachers Institute. He stressed that resources would have to be raised ethically. He asked the institute and FJEI to review improvement to ensure that their plans are doing well as we too can put up the best institutes in India". He urged to institutes to think global. The institutes must have a high visibility in the national stages while defining a wholesome relationship with the state inclusive.

Dr. Gururaj Karajagi,
Director
Internation Academy for
Creative Teaching

Having created institutes of excellence Shri Karajagi offered significant advice that FJEI would offer support in creation of the massive and very important valuable task of "Teachers Training". Further he stressed that FJEI should have a Centralised Management level that would offer solutions, information, etc., that could offer exchange and sharing of teachers, through resource cells or pool of databanks. He suggested that FJEI should have an Advisory Committee at central and regional level that would help in anticipating disasters and thereby avoid them. He suggested the FJEI could offer institutes support in Resource Mobilisation, through options like Banking, soft loans etc. Essentially the road to success lies in a qualitative approach.

Shri D.R Mehta spoke about the composition of the FJEI Think Tank. He suggested that it was essential to include successful heads of Institutes in the FJEI Think Tank.

Expanding this idea Shri Bhawarlalji added that it is essential to

