



Date : **20 and 21 February 2014**

Venue : **India International Centre**

Conducted by: **National Progressive Schools' Conference**

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Attended by : **Ms Sudha Acharya (Principal ITL Public School)**
Ms Anuradha Chhabra (HM ITL Public School)
Ms Ruchi Sahni (Coordinator)

The 41st Annual Conference 2014 was conducted at India International Centre by the NPSC with the theme for “Collaborative Learning for a diverse Milieu”

The conference brought together personalities and distinguished dignitaries from various walks of life to express, discuss and present their point of view on the theme.

The Chief Guest Prof .R. Govinda, Vice Chancellor N.U.E.P.A and the Key note speaker, Mr Pavan Verma(Retd IFS) and cultural adviser to the Chief Minister of Bihar, emphasized on the preservation of the unique diverse character of our nation. Besides elaborating on the development of the nation with a global outlook they also emphasized on developing a sense of pride in being an Indian.

An interactive session with Ms Sharmila Tagore, Padma Bhusan saw her perspective on our binding forces in this diverse nation. She elaborated on the role of cinema in the society. Ms Sayeda Saiyidain Hameed, member Planning Commission voiced her opinion on the gender bias in the society and the various provisions given to the weaker section of the society. However, she laid emphasis on the fact that we need to change mindsets and vision to create a just society.

Mr Gopalkrishnan Gandhi (IAS Retd) Chairman, Kalakshetra Foundation, mesmerized the audience with his views on the generation next, which he believed should be motivated, to succeed and not gain victory. He essayed the life and role of a teacher in a heart touching manner.

The session then had a panel discussion on Harmony in a conflicting world , which had Ms Shovana Narayan, Dr Jitender Nagpal, Col.Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Mr Rakshit Tandon , Ms Naven Jafa on the panel with Ms Sonia Singh as a moderator.

The conference then was transported to the world of music by a sufi performance by Dr. Radhika Chopra and a gripping satire –‘Stuffed Parrot’ by Mr Panab Mukherjee.

The Valedictory session was presided by Dr. Farooq Abdulla and Mr Vineet Joshi.