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Talk on ethical education and moral values by Sri Shanthananda theertha Swamiji,

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A report on the activity conducted

Sri Shanthananda Theertha Swamiji, in his talk told that to become great, man must give up suspicion, jealousy and learn to work unitedly for the common good. Courage, faith, patience and steady work, according to Swami Vivekananda are the way to success. He said that purity, patience and perseverance overcome all obstacles.

Having moral values and learning is just building having a strong root; for the body, having a healthy root will help in having healthy leaves and branches. A famous quote says if wealth is lost nothing is lost, if health is lost something is lost; when character is lost all is lost". Inculcating a sound moral base is becoming a tougher challenge day by day.

Students today are so much into studies and games but somewhere moral teachings becomes compulsory as it gives them a proper shape and direction as how to act or react during various difficult situations. Moral values need to be inculcated in all age groups especially in young children as it is said young minds are empty just as a plain white sheet so whatever mark we leave the impression remains for years.

Moral education means an ethical education that helps choose the right path in life. It comprises some basic principles such as truthfulness, honesty, charity, hospitality, tolerance, love, kindness and sympathy. Moral education makes one perfect. Education is not aimed at obtaining only a degree, it includes necessary value based teachings which result in character building and social improvement too.

It is the need of the hour that colleges today should include the concept of hidden-curriculum which refers to the transmission of norms, values and beliefs conveyed in the classroom and the social environment. It helps to reinforce the lessons of the formal curriculum but many colleges neglect it. They focus more on subjects and marks. This type of education will barely help a child to face life situations like opinion making, decision making and right course of action. To curb this problem, colleges should adapt and offer special classes, seminars and workshops with an expert counsellor under the guidance of educators who can help in incorporating 'values' lessons into the curriculum in order to foster well-rounded personality development in children.

With rapid urbanisation and modernisation, the moral values of people are degrading day by day. An individual is not able to trust anyone be it their relatives or friends. Trust, integrity, love and brotherhood all their feelings are fading away with time. It is the moral values that teach us to share and make new friends at colleges but today, children are taught not to trust anyone and make less of friends.

There is cut throat competition everywhere be it schools, colleges, offices or any talent competition. In today's materialistic world, people are jealous of each others progress but

rather than being suspicious and envious one must support and co-operate each other and work unitedly for the common welfare. In this industrialised era, most of the parents are working because of which they spend less time with their children due to which they lack moral values and are not able to differentiate between what is wrong and right.

The present scenario needs to undergo a radical change as the country's future depends on its children.

Dr. B.S.Ravikiran, NSS Prog Coordinator, SSAHE welcomed the gathering. Dr M.S.Raviprakash, Principal, Sri Siddhartha Institute of Technology, Tumkur, Dr.M.Siddappa Dean (Academics), Dr.R.Prakash Chief Coordinator IQAC, Student Welfare Officer Dr T.R.Chandrashekar were present spoke on the occasion. Prof.S.H.Jeevith, NSS Officer, SSIT proposed the vote of thanks. Nearly 105 staff and students were present on this occasion.