

# **STRENGTHENING ETHICAL AND MORAL FOUNDATION IN UNIVERSITY EDUCATION - ROLE OF SPIRITUALITY**

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## **Abstract**

Human society, the world over, is on the threshold of a quantum jump in the levels of knowledge and opportunities to significantly improve the quality of life assuring everlasting sustenance of human life on the planet mother earth. The new knowledge age has ushered an era of knowledge explosion coupled with technology invasion deep inside the human household and the work place. This has caused a serious concern, as it is for the first time that the human behavior is being significantly impacted by the advancement of communication and information technology. Men and women having competence and caliber of world standards, if deeply rooted into strong moral and ethical foundation, shall serve the vast humanity and mother nature with utmost devotion employing their very best capabilities, in turn making their chosen profession a privilege to serve and a privilege to excel. On the other hand, if devoid of strong moral and ethical values, the people of capabilities can turn out to be the enemies of the mankind causing untold sufferings by their misdeeds and wrong actions. The privilege of the profession shall then turn into a privilege to earn and a privilege to exploit. We need to ensure that the university education system produces people of capabilities having a strong moral and ethical foundation to create a better tomorrow for themselves and to the humanity at large. The role of spirituality in strengthening the moral and ethical foundation in the university education is outlined in this paper.