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Reflections of the Knowledge Society in Philosophy of Guru Nanak Dev

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Knowledge Society

The present day society is a *Knowledge society* with knowledge as the propelling factor. Information and knowledge dissemination to all the sections of society is the basic premise for improving human conditions. Since times immemorial, knowledge gathering and dissemination has resulted from an incessant quest of the humans for acquiring and accumulating knowledge that was passed from one generation to another. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has set in a revolution and this process has speeded up tremendously. *The Social Theory of Knowledge Society* is based on the premise that how knowledge is an impelling factor in all the facets of the society including economic, political and cultural dimensions. The knowledge produced by the individuals or the communities and organizations are used for growth and prosperity. The technological advances are used to create institutions that endorse social values, justice, equality, liberty,

human dignity, brotherhood, fraternity, cultural diversity, plurality, good governance without discrimination on basis of gender, race, religion or caste etc.

Life Purpose of Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Throughout the history, many holy men, emperors, kings, philosophers etc. have manifested pearls of wisdom and knowledge in words and deeds shaping the epoch they lived. In this vein, the principles of life pronounced by Guru Nanak Dev are a rich source of knowledge and wisdom that enables one to experience depth of knowledge through the mystic consciousness of oneself by dispelling ignorance, malice, hatred and irrationality.

For the life purpose of Guru Ji, Bhai Gurdas says, *Satguru Nanak pragatia miti dhundhu jag(i) chanan(u) hoa* (Bhai Gurdas, Pauri 27.1). The Guru took Avtar in the mortal world to **illumine it with celestial knowledge** and teach people to tread on the righteous path. The entire life of Guru Nanak Dev is an embodiment of knowledge

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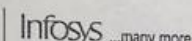
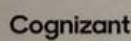
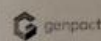
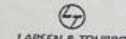
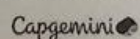
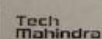
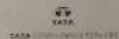
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