Government College of Education, Sector 20, Chandigarh

Report on weekly 'Reflections on Education' or Reading Together-Leading Together' Sessions

Session 1 (21st October, 2020)

The first session of weekly program of 'Reflections on Education' or Reading Together-Leading Together' was initiated at Government College of Education, Sector 20, Chandigarh on 21st October, 2020. Dr. A.K. Shrivastava, the Principal of the college congratulated, motivated and appreciated all the staff members for their contribution and support to initiate a creative discussion forum for constructive outcomes in the field of education. He addressed the faculty and informed that this is an effort to discuss and trace solutions to problems in the field of education under the guidance of Secretary Education, Chandigarh Administration. He stressed that as educationists and stakeholders it is our responsibility to share support and strengthen the education system with our thoughtful discourses and dialogues from time to time on regular basis.

The members were educated about the various agendas and tentative topics that would be discussed during these sessions on weekly basis like Modern Education and Future of Mankind, Contemporary Challenges of Teacher Education, Medium of Instruction and the Question of Quality, Science Education- Past, Present and Future, Language Education- Opportunities and Challenges, Accountable Teacher-Strong Leadership etc.

In this first lecture-cum discussion in this series, Principal Dr. A.K. Srivastava was the lead speaker and he talked about the Fundamental Aim of Education and Indian view-point. He emphasized that Indian education system not only focuses on the physical, social, psychological and intellectual aspect of education but the aesthetic and spiritual development of the child through right education. He added that the real aim of education is self-realization, to be one with the ultimate and to bring forth a disciplined and dedicated work force within the individual and society leading ultimately to the realization of the goal of happiness and welfare of all:

सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामया, सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु मा कश्चिद् दुख भागभवेत।

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To conclude, he highlighted about the importance of creating an enriched and conducive environment for learning through our resourcefulness, contribution of varied perspectives, involvement in research and putting in the best of our abilities as teachers in the field of education.

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Dr. A.K. Shrivastava