

THE ROLE OF TEACHERS IN SOCIALIZING YOUTH

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India has 430 million population (2011) in the age group of 15-34 years which emerges to be the deciding force. Indian youth are highly motivated and successfully entered into computer, electronic, space, medical and technology. Simultaneously, they are also victimized by unceremonial contacts, intoxication, disrespecting parents, involving in anti social activities, terrorizing women in the name of love and above all influenced by terrorism, fanaticism, nepotism and anarchy. Indian society is gradually losing its connection upon the young generation. The basic social norms like kindness, affection, helping tendency, adjustment, magnanimity, truthfulness, honesty are becoming alienated. They have no time for learning these things. The history of any society depends upon the activities of its youth. Similarly the progress in economy, culture and Politics is also framed by the youth.

“The Role of Teachers in Socializing Youth” was discussed in the UGC sponsored One Day National Workshop at Dept. of Sociology, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. It was attended by 200 participants comprising of teachers, research scholars and students. These participants came from 6 universities, 12 colleges and 20 disciplines. Prof.C. Venkatachalam, Dept. of Sociology, Periyar University, Salem delivered on “Sociology of Youth”. Prof. Jawaharlal Nehru, Government Law College, Tiruchirappalli presented “Legal Awareness for Youth”. Prof.R. Jayachandran, Dept. of Tamil, from Presidency College (Autonomous), Chennai brought out the things to be done and not to be done. Prof.A. Edward William Benjamin, Dept. of Education, Centre for Distance Education, Bharathidasan university, highlighted “Attributes of the teachers”. Prof. Joseph Job from St. Albert’s College, Ernakulam shared his experience in Kerala as teacher and Prof.S. Suba from Dept. of Women’s Studies, Bharathidasan university brought out the “Gender Issues”.

In this workshop welcome address was given by Dr.M. Thavamani, organizing secretary, Professor and Head, Dept. of Sociology, Bharthidasan University. He explained the goal of this workshop.

In the Presidential Address Dr.N. Rajendran, Director i/c, Bharathidasan School of Management, Bharathidasan University reviewed the values to be followed by youth and the role of teachers to fulfill this goal.

In the Inaugural Address, Prof.R. Venkatarathinam, Senior Sociologist, from Dept. of Sociology, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai discussed the changing relationships between adults and youth, the mistakes committed by adult, the personal mannerisms and traits of the teachers should form a role model for the youth, need for constitutional awareness of youth, education should also involve social living and not to restrict only with the employment expectation.

Prof. R. Babu Rajendran, Registrar i/c, Bharathidasan University insisted the role of teachers is very necessary today for evolving successful youth today.

Finally Dr.P. Kanimozhi, faculty of the Sociology, Bharathidasan University proposed Vote of thanks.

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