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HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail began his words by saying that he would like to be introduced as a Teacher as he has a teaching experience of 40 years. Talking about School education he said “as far as our education system is concerned, I would tell with all pride the books of Government of Tamil Nadu today, are the best books in the country. Only the books of TN Government have QR codes in them and children have to just splash their smart phones to reach videos concerning every chapter.

When we wanted to write these books we had the rural children in mind and also the city children in mind. And here we had to create a balance so we had referred and compared with the syllabus from Finland, Singapore, from ICSE, CBSE and from our state. And then formulated a syllabus which would give weightage for our children.” He further adds that “if our children have to go in for research and innovations, we have to change the pattern of admission to higher education.

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That is knowledge is what should matter not the marks acquired.”

Dr. Sultan says that “education has to reach to the knowledge of the children. So Education is how much knowledge we get. We have to give vocational streams because a child after school whether goes for higher education or not, should be competent to survive and if a child has to competently survive, some sort of a technical knowledge in hand, some sort of a job in hand, some sort of a quality in hand should be there. Innovation needs to be encouraged.”

Dr. Sultan concludes by (hinting about the present situation of Covid) leaving a very deep thought in our minds. He concluded thus “with rural schools in mind with a sizeable population of my country, it is better that we start thinking how best we can include the vocational stream and how best we can try to mould our children, prepare them for the future and to make our country self reliant and independent and that itself was the dream of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.”

