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Equality essential for country's development : Prof. Kundu

Round Table on Education Policy held at MANUU

Hyderabad:

In the global index, countries are ranked on the basis of development in addition to equality. India's rank could have been better than Bangladesh, but it went down due to lack of equality. Unless we promote the concept of equality among the people, the country will not be able to achieve a worthy position and the most important schemes such as Make in India etc. might not yield any significant results. These views were expressed by eminent economist Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries at a roundtable discussion "Education Policy Round Table: Education Quality, NEP & Marginalized Population" held yesterday at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU).

MANUU in collaboration with Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) Hyderabad organized the Round Table. Prof. S M Rahmatullah, Vice-Chancellor I/c presided over and Prof. Siddiqui Mohd. Mahmood, Registrar I/c was the Chief Patron. Prof. Amir Ullah Khan, Research Director, CDPP was the moderator.

Prof. Kundu who had been the chairperson of the post Sachar Evaluation Committee said equality in income, health and education is inevitable for public equality. He gave detailed data about the income, health and education indicators of Muslims and compared it with other reserved categories. Muslims lag behind in availing the public health services, he pointed out.

The other speaker, Prof. Abdul Shaban, School of Development Studies, TISS, Mumbai opined that educational conditions of Urdu speaking population will not improve unless they develop Urdu philosophers. Attention should be paid to the curriculum. State patronage and market viability play crucial role in the development of any language, he pointed out.

Prof. S M Rahmatullah in his presidential remarks said the Indian constitution is the best as it gives importance to equality. If we are not doing better at different levels we only are responsible, he added. Referring to the National Education Policy, he said that policy has focused on multi disciplinary education and skills. Advising teachers to be well prepared for class room he said the best teacher is the one who always regards himself as a student and keep updated on the subject. Avoid doing time pass research work, he advised.

Prof. Siddiqui Mohd. Mahmood called the success of the education system as the success of the country. The moderator of the programme, Prof. Amir Ullah asked various questions on educational policy. The minorities budget in Telangana should be used to offer scholarships and build infrastructure for them, he pointed out.

Prof. Mohd. Moshahid, HoD, Dept. Of Education and Training was the Chief Coordinator. Faculties from Department of Education & Training & other departments attended the programme.

The Roundtable flagged off series of discussions on education quality, the NEP and marginalized populations as part of a project undertaken by CDPP, USIPI, MS Academy and MCRHRDI.

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