



Speech of
Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
At

**The inauguration of new school building at Govt.
High School at 3.05 PM on November 28, 2019 in
Ichapuram**

Sri Thammineni Sitaram, Speaker of AP Legislative Assembly, Sri Dharmana Krishnadas, Minister for Roads & Buildings, Sri Adimulapu Suresh, Minister for Education, Sri Bendalam Ashok, MLA, Ichapuram, Sri J. Nivas, District Collector, Sri V. Venkatesh, Founder and Chairman of V.N.M. Foundation. Guests on the dais, teachers, dear students, SODARA SADAREE MANULU ANDARIKI NAMASKARAM.

I am glad to be here amongst you all on this occasion of inauguration of the new school building at Ichapuram.

The 86th amendment of the Indian Constitution declared 'Free and compulsory education' as a fundamental right to all children in the age group of 6-14 years.

The very purpose and main function of education is the development of an all round and well-balanced personality of the students, and also to develop all dimensions of the human intellect so that our children can help make our nation more democratic, cohesive, socially responsible, culturally rich and intellectually competitive.

I am of the firm opinion that there is a need for value-based education system which can lead to -

- Full development of child's personality in its physical, mental, emotional and spiritual aspects.
- Inculcation of good manners and of responsible citizenship.
- Developing respect for the dignity of girl child, women and elders in the society.
- Inculcation of a spirit of patriotism and national integration.
- Developing a democratic way of thinking and living.

- Developing tolerance and understanding of different religious faiths.

The responsibility for spread of value-based education lies with the teacher, who is the prime inculcator of values in education because it is under their care, the young children are groomed.

Our country is undergoing radical, social changes and there is an urgent need for the students, who are the future citizens of the country, to be oriented to respond to and adjust with these social changes by equipping them with the desired skills, ethics and values.

The guiding principles of socialism, secularism, democracy, national integration should be on top of the agenda and should become part of the value-based educational system together with promotion of equality and equal social justice.

Our country is known for its rich cultural and spiritual heritage and history spread over centuries.

The curriculum of the school education should emphasise on the importance of inculcating in the students, the moral and spiritual values such as honesty, kindness, charity, tolerance, courtesy, sympathy and compassion, which a part of our Indian culture.

Education is a key area to be focused on for the economic development of the country. Both Central and state governments have the vision and plans to ensure that education of the highest quality is available to the whole population without discrimination.

Though the education level has increased for both youth as well as adults, still the number of illiterates is as much as the population was at the time of independence.

Lack of financial support from the parents forces the students to give up their studies in mid-way. 'Amma Vodi' Scheme, the flagship programme of the state government will provide financial assistance to mothers belonging to BPL families, who send their children to schools and colleges regularly irrespective of caste, creed, religion and region, from Class I to XII.

Amma Vodi scheme is a unique programme implemented by the state government for the first time in the country with the twin objective of reducing the percentage of school drop-outs and a boost in the literacy rate.

'Nadu-Nedu', is another important programme launched by the state government, which aims to transform all government schools with required infrastructure and up-gradation of skills, setting up of English labs, providing basic amenities such as clean environment, running water, furniture, compound wall, blackboard, toilets, renovation etc.

As the well known saying goes *"If you are not willing to learn no one can help you. If you are determined to learn no one can stop you."*

Jai Hind