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Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh

Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan

participates as Chief Guest at the inauguration of
St. Xavier International School Building (Annex), Patia Branch,
Bhubaneswar, at 11 AM on 3rd February 2020

Dr. B.N. Patnaik, Chairman of St. Xavier International School, Guests on the dais, friends from media, Ladies and Gentlemen. A very good morning to you all.

I am happy to participate in the programme organised on the occasion of inauguration of St. Xavier International School Building (Annex), Patia Branch here in Bhubaneswar.

St. Xavier International School is one of the reputed schools in the State of Odisha, imparting education in CBSE curriculum.

I have been informed that the school, which is in existence since 2009, aims to provide quality education, ensure all round personality development of students with emphasis on human values, commitment and discipline.

It is the responsibility of the schools, whether government or private, to provide holistic education to students so that they can efficiently discharge their duties to themselves, to the community, to the nation as a whole and to humanity at large.

I am happy to know that the new building inaugurated today is having classrooms which are fully computerized and are equipped with digital technology for delivery of lessons.

We all know that schools play a vital role in shaping a person's social and professional growth.

Many experts feel that the schools teach the students in learning things by rote and not to understand things through application. The system of rote-

learning is blamed as the reason for poor standards among students passing out from schools. It is important that the curriculum followed by schools should give sufficient scope for creative thinking.

The schools should introduce conceptual learning which will help students to understand the concepts better, so that they will be able to retain what is taught in class rooms and apply them better in real life situations.

It is unfortunate to say that our education system is still having the features that were left behind by the colonial rulers. Education is not always about becoming a big, rich person. Students should be taught about humanism and human values. They must be taught about morals of life and they should be made to understand that success is not measured in money.

Teachers play the most important role in schools as they are responsible for shaping the children, who are the future of the nation. Teachers are often considered as second parents as children spend considerable time in schools, away from home.

Our country has been endowed with rich tradition in the area of learning and education since ancient times through Gurukul system of learning.

The Gurukul system was prevalent in the Vedic age where students were taught various subjects and about how to live a cultured and disciplined life.

The present day education system is more like a race, where students compete with each other to be ahead of each other.

My sincere advice to teachers is that the children must be taught on balance use of technology and avoid excessive dependence on technology.

I feel that excessive dependence on technology is destructive both to an individual and to the society. Excessive dependence on technology leads to lack of creative thinking and restricts generation of innovative ideas among the young and bright children. Excessive use of mobile phones can deprive children of real-life relationships.

As Albert Einstein said:

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to Think."

Technology-dependence can lead to impatience as well as loss of memory because our minds recognize that as the information is being stored elsewhere, it is less important for us to remember it — so we don't dedicate the mental abilities to remember it.

Before concluding I would like to recall the words of wisdom of Swami Vivekananda:

"We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary, thoughts live, they travel far."

Jai Hind