

## **REPORT ON NATIONAL SUMMIT ON FACILITATING SCHOOL TO WORK TRANSITION**

CBSE hosted a two days program entitled "Facilitating school to work transition" at Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2023, focussing on the skill development for school students. Dr. Kiran Varsha and Mr. Gopal Datt Pandey from Gyan Bharati School attended this program.

The program commenced with the ceremonial lighting of lamp and welcome address. The chief guest of the programme was Mr Sanjay Kumar, Secretary for School Education and Literacy. Other eminent personalities present included Ms Nidhi Chhibber, Chairperson, CBSE, Ms Prachi Pandey, Joint Secretary, School education and Dr Biswajit Saha, Director of Skill Education at CBSE. Number of experts, professionals, CEOs, actors, principals, teachers and students from various schools in Delhi were also present.

In his welcome address Dr Biswajit Saha mentioned about introducing a textbook on skill Development for classes 6 to 8 in CBSE curriculum. He insisted on the vital and crucial role of teachers and parents in skill development of India to become a developed country. He also mentioned that for skill development, we should adopt the Gini economy or Gini coefficient measures of the income distribution, developed by Italian statistician Corrado Gini in 1912, as it serves as a gauge of economic equality.

- Mr Rama Shankar Pandey CEO of TATA Green Batteries mentioned the lack of skill development as the main reason for higher employability and suggested about starting the skill development in the teenage years of a child.
- Mr Varun Khaitan, the CEO of Urban Company (formerly known as Urban Clap), shared how he was inspired to start this company. One of the main reasons being the easy availability of resources and he mentioned that at present his company provides training and loan entirely free of cost to its workers.
- Mr Kinjal Shah, CEO of Kotak MF, suggested that a person's invested amount should be greater than the amount saved, as regular investment will save the money from depreciation and inflation. He quoted the line "sikho paise ki bhasha" in his speech.
- Mr Manish Wadhwa, in his address, said that anyone who is known for his work is a star.
- Mr Mohit Soni, CEO of media and entertainment SSC, emphasised the importance of skill development by sharing that 17 departments of skilled workers are required for a single frame of visual effects.

The Summit also included skill Expo where the students from various schools showcased their talent and the products. Various skills depicted were models based on sustainable development, art and craft, AI related ideas, commercial products such as soaps, clay modelling, alarm systems using Arduino Uno, ultrasoninc sensor and Buzzers. A beautiful presentation of Mattur village in Shivamogga, Karnataka, known for the usage of Sanskrit for day-to-day communication attracted everybody. It involved the gurukuls, cultivation of native people with one software professional in every family. It was a very enriching experience.

On 20<sup>th</sup> September, the second day of the programme, more dignitaries shared their views on skill development at the school and higher level. Professor K. Ratnabali, Dean of academic affairs, University of Delhi, which recently completed 100 years with 11<sup>th</sup> rank over the entire universities, mentioned that DU has 120 skill development courses with 22 credits each. She further stated about the plan of starting more skill development centres in all collages of DU. Mrs Swati Popat, founder and president, ECAAPER, shared her views on "Nurturing Bright Beginnings: The Vital Role of early childhood education in Shaping Tomorrow's leaders". She also mentioned the findings of Nobel Laureate and Economist James J Heckman about 85% development of brain in the first 6 years of the child and insisted for a proper teaching of skills at early childhood stage.

In an inspiring digital session by Ms. Sampriti Bhattacharya, MIT alumina, explained her designing a Flying boat. The boat designed by her flies over water with its peddles immersed in water. She also mentioned about her failing in physics and not going to a good collage never stopped her from achieving her dream. Now she targets on the oceans to be used for developing new economy with her flying boats.

A panel discussion was initiated by Mr. Sandeep Sethi on crafting success: unveiling Opportunities in World of Art and Craft which highlighted the achievements of Dr. Leela Bordia, Mr. Vikram Joshi and Dr. Purna Sahni.

The program was concluded with a valedictory ceremony with Dr. Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi IAS (retd) and Ms. Nidhi Chhibber, chairperson, CBSE.

To sum up all the speakers emphasised on the importance of skill development early at the school level and appreciated the new education policy introduced by CBSE for making India more powerful.

Overall the whole programme based on skill development hosted by CBSE was a great success.

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