Speech of the Joint Director on Inauguration of the 40th Jawaharlal Nehru National Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition for Children (JNNSMEE) - 2013

Hon’ble President of India, Hon’ble Governor of Sikkim, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, Hon’ble Minister of State, HRD, Govt of india, Hon’ble Minister HRDD, Govt. of Sikkim, Hon’ble Dignitaries from central and state Government Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim, Secretary, School Education & Literacy, MHRD, GOI, My colleagues from Govt. Departments and NCERT, Dear teachers and participants, beloved children, Ladies and Gentlemen...

It is a matter of great privilege for us that the 40th Jawaharlal Nehru National Science Mathematics and Environment Exhibition is being inaugurated by the Hon’ble President of India, Sh. Pranab Mukherjee on the National Education Day in the State of Sikkim.

Sir, This exhibition is being conducted since last four decades keeping in mind the pursuance of children’s natural curiosity and imagination to quench their thirst of creativity en route for development of science, mathematics and technology as a major instrument for achieving goals of self reliance and socio-economic and socio-ecological development. The Exhibition provides a unique platform to the participating children and teachers from all over the country for sharing their innovations and new experiences with the community.

Sir, the first Exhibition was jointly organised by the NCERT and the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 1971 at Delhi and from 1972 to 1978, Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund collaborated with the NCERT for organising National as well as State Level Science Exhibitions. Subsequently, the NCERT and one of the states or UTs are jointly organising this Exhibition.
Sir, today in Sikkim, 30 States/UTs and also nine other organisations like KVS/JNVS/CBSE are showcasing 135 exhibits. There are 211 Boys, 87 Girls from 56 rural and 108 urban schools are selected for participation in this exhibition.

Sir, to ensure meaningful participation of children in the Exhibition at the national level, the States/UTs/CBSE organise exhibitions at blocks, districts and state levels and selects the entries that finally screened by NCERT and presented at the national exhibition. Sir, the theme of this exhibition for this year is Science and Society focussing on six sub themes 1) Natural Resources and their Conservation, 2) Transport and Communication, 3) Information and Communication Technology, 4) Community Health and Environment, 5) Industry and 6) Mathematical Modeling.

Sir, as the NCF - 2005, recommends connecting knowledge to life outside the school; ensuring that learning shifts away from rote methods; enriching the curriculum so that it goes beyond textbooks, the exhibition provides real opportunity for learning to happen without burden and stress. Sir, the exhibition also provides a platform for young learners to share and experience social, cultural and geographical diversity.

Before I conclude, on behalf of the entire NCERT family and on my own behalf, express my gratitude to Hon’ble President of India for kindly accepting our invitation to inaugurate the exhibition. We are highly thankful to the Govt. of Sikkim for supporting and hosting this exhibition.

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