

Inculcate scientific temper in students, teachers told

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Acharya stresses need to keep pace with scientific developments

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Educative: A volunteer arranges an astronomy model during the Karnataka Science Workshop in Bangalore on Wednesday.

BANGALORE: Even as Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa challenged the former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy to take the “truth test” before Lord Manjunatha at Dharmasthala, Minister for Higher Education V.S. Acharya on Wednesday called upon teachers to inculcate scientific temper among students.

Inaugurating the Karnataka Science Workshop, a State-level interaction between scientists and students organised by the Science and Technology Vision Group, in association with the Karnataka Rajya Vijnana Parishat, Dr. Acharya noted that the country could progress only with the creation of human resource with rational thinking.

Teachers had a greater responsibility in moulding students with scientific mindset. “Human resource development to meet the challenges of the global economy is the need of the hour,” he remarked.

Dr. Acharya said it was necessary for students to keep pace with scientific development as it was the age of global competition. Synergy of information, knowledge, wisdom and integrity was the only way to achieve success, he added.

Recalling the way his teacher inspired him to conduct research in science, Dr. Acharya said: “Noticing my interest in generation of electricity, he introduced me to Michael Faraday, who contributed to the field of electromagnetism and electro-chemistry.”

Delivering the keynote address, C.N.R. Rao, honorary president, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, said that sustained efforts should be made to create interest in science among children as science was the basis for all streams of knowledge. "Children are the future of our country. They should be provided every facility to study science," he said.

Noting that research was a continuous process, Prof. Rao said he started researching nearly 60 years ago and he was still pursuing that without losing zeal.

Science Capital?

Prof. Rao expressed a desire to make the Silicon City the Science Capital of the world. "I know it is a difficult task, but it is not unattainable if efforts are made by all concerned," he said.

Joint Secretary, Science and Technology, Honne Gowda, said there was a significant decrease in the number of students opting for science. Presiding over the function, Hemachandra Sagar, MLA, said research should be people-oriented in view of the problems being faced by people in the country.

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