FAHAM-A Discussion Forum

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First Anniversary Lecture on "Ethics of Teaching"

By
Prof. Krishna Kumar



About the Speaker: About the Speaker: Prof. Krishna Kumar is Honorary Professor, Department of Education, Panjab University, Chandigarh. He has earlier served as Director, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (2004-10). As Director, NCERT, Professor Kumar played a key role in shaping new national curriculum framework and introducing new textbooks for all stages of school education. A Padma Shri Awardee (2011), Professor Kumar has many prestigious honours to his credit including an honorary D Litt from the Institute of Education (University of London) for his contribution to educational theory and policy making. His areas of interest include sociology and history of education, patterns of conflict and interaction between forces of the vernacular and the state, and modernity in a colonized society. His major works include The Child's Language and the Teacher (1986), What is Worth Teaching? (1992), A Pedagogue's Romance: Reflection on Schooling (2008), Politics of Education in Colonial India (2013), Prejudice and Pride: School Histories of the Freedom Struggle in India and Pakistan (2001), Battle for Peace (2007), Education, Peace and Conflict (2012) and Handbook of Education in India (2018). Several of his books are in Hindi, including the recent Choori Bazaar mein ladki (2013). He also writes for children.

About the Lecture: As the core activity of a public institution, teaching carries responsibility. If we ask, 'responsibility towards what?' we can hear several answers in varied voices. Some of these voices remind us of the relational character of teaching, while others speak in more instrumentalist tones. To understand the problems that a colonial system presents to authenticity in teaching, both kinds of voices need to be heard and examined.

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