

Some Questions and Concerns

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- What is the difference between Shiksha, Vidya and Jnana?
- What do you think about Mission Specific or Mission Sponsored Institutes? How to make sure that Mission Oriented school is going along with the National Interest?
- What time scale do you see by when your school will start producing international leaders?
- Which thinking is quicker – Scientific, Logical, Emotional, Ethical/Value based or Spiritual? Even illiterate people of India want to send their children to English medium schools for education, how to control such tendencies when we talk of National Education?
- Non-boarding students have at least mom and dad as mentors, in Vidya Sanskar hostel, one mentor teacher for 10 students, that only spends 3-4 hours in total for mentoring all students during a week? How is that mentor teacher capable of grooming international leaders?
- What are we doing develop a school based knowledge bank about recording school's development, growth for future growth and reference?
- Albert Einstein has asked, a person with specialized trained knowledge more closely resembles the well trained dog than a harmoniously developed person. What do you think?
- Darwin proposed theory of Evolution. Change is not always evolution. Humanity was fighting wars, 5000 years, in the Mahabharata, 2000 years ago there was fighting, 100 years ago we were fighting, right now we are fighting wars. Has there been any psychological evolution at all? What happened to the education of all these years? What happened to development of human values? Ethics? Achievements of religion?
- Rabindra Nath Tagore founded Brahmacharya Ashrama, Vivekananda established Ramkrishna Ashrama, National Council was founded by Satish Chandra Mukherjee and Sri Aurobindo, Efforts of Mahatma Gandhi, backed by largest political party of India needs no introduction. Why do these wonderful philosophical or mission oriented ultimately come to nothing? Is it only plain economics?

- Three words: "Nationalism", "Indian-ness", "Globalization", I want to work on them together, but why do I always sound narrow-minded whenever I advocate nationalism?
- What do you think about unification of Religion with Education, in context of international leadership and current world order? Supplementary, do you think if we replace the word "Religion" with "Atma", (or Spiritualism) and join it with Education; Will it solve the apprehension of the world, particularly educationists?
- What should we do to not let our country or Vidya Sanskar become a pseudo America, or a land of Resident Non-Indians? Do u think marriage of Spiritualism with Secularism and Nationalist Education is a good answer?

- Western education philosophy and practices is unable to save necessary social institutes like family and marriages, by promoting this are we not pushing India in the same direction?
- In a vastly country like ours, In spite of high level of illiteracy and many social evils and superstitions, India has been fairly secular. How can we motivate teachers to implement a required policy on a country level? Unlike US or UK, Teaching is also not the most sought after, respected may but certainly not as highly paid ways of living?

More later, thank you.
