

INDIAN COUNCIL OF BASIC EDUCATION

GANDHI SHIKSHAN BHAVAN

Juhu Road (North), Mumbai – 400049.

APPEAL

Indian Council of Basic Education (ICBE), was founded in 1964 with the specific aim of giving all round education to children as per Mahatma Gandhi's concept of Basic Education. The foundation stone of Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan the venue of all activities of ICBE was laid in 1969, Gandhi centenary year by the eminent educationist Acharya Bhise. The building was completed in 1971.

In establishing Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan many eminent luminaries from educational arena had actively guided and supported this institution.

These included the then education minister of Maharashtra, Shri. Madhukarao Chowdhary, Shri. H.B. Majumdar Head of Teacher-Education, Vishwa Bharati University, Shanti Niketan : Acharya Shri. S.R. Bhise, the eminent Gandhian educationaionist; Shri. Harbhai Trivedi, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Saurashtra University, Bhavnagar and Shri. Vajubhai Patel who was then member of Board of Teacher Education, Maharashtra State. He also became the first secretary of the I.C.B.E. Many other dedicated educationists, who believed in the Gandhian Philosophy of Basic Education were also involved..

The objective of the institution was to look upon education as a social welfare service where students would be imparted skills needed to negotiate their passage through a society undergoing the pangs of rapid social changes.

In keeping with this objective, under the auspices of the ICBE, today we have the following institutions at Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan :

- 1) Smt. Surajba College of education. It is one of the premiers of education in India.
- 2) Early Childhood Education college for training Pre-Primary Teachers.
- 3) Master of Education course.
- 4) Ph.D. in Education.
- 5) The I. J. Patel High School and Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan Primary and Pre-Primary School.

All the above are housed in the Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan at Juhu (North) Mumbai. The pertinent point to be noted is that the entire school is totally unaided. Almost 50% of its student population comes from the weaker sections. The building has stood the test of time for more than 40 years. It now needs repairs and sprucing up to survive and sustain in today's rat-race. The various enriching programmes conducted in the different sections of the institution need a boost in terms of better infrastructural amenities, a conducive learning environment for effective learning experiences.

We, therefore humbly and fervently request to all those, who have the welfare of the child at heart, to contribute generously and participate in building a literate India of tomorrow.

Smt.Asha Damle
(Hon. Secretary)

Smt.Lata Karim
(President)

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