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Chandigarh, March 6:- What you decide here today in this Conference would help you and the policy makers to decide as to how the question of quality education should be solved. We have amended the Indian Constitution and have given fundamental right to education to the citizens of India. In view of the fact, that India has a huge population, to provide for the education of one and all is going to be an uphill task. Education is something which cannot be done by the Government alone. Though the Government is the biggest organization but there is something which is more bigger and that is society which can help us in achieving our goals. The task to provide education not only to children but also to grownups should be done only with the help of all the governments, that is the Union, the State, zilla, taluka and local governments, non-governmental organizations and citizens of the Country, and also with the help coming from other parts of the world, through international organizations and countries interested in helping such efforts.

Expressing these views while presiding over the 11th `National Conference on Mapping Future Education' the Punjab Governor and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, Mr. Shivraj V. Patil said that the Education, we have been saying, is something which does not come from outside but from inside of ours. When we have large number of learners who do not take from outside, the fund of knowledge, that they have but from their own inner selves, they would be truly called the real students and really educated. We have to understand the purpose of life. Parents and teachers should mould the minds of the youth and create desire in their mind to also know about spiritual values and inner knowledge along with education.

Mr. Patil further said that we have been doing a lot to provide facilities for learning at the primary, secondary and to some extent tertiary level, but, at the fourth level, much remains to be done and achieved it can be achieved in the Universities colleges, or national laboratories and other institutions of Universities deal with universal problems. They should be encouraged to it. Colleges should deal with bigger issues. They better not limit their efforts which are useful in matters of not very great importance. However even smaller issues are parts of the bigger issues. So they should not be neglected or brushed aside. If they are solved in a proper manner

and within shortest possible time bigger issues can also be solved in a better manner.

The Governor said that the globalization has created an inter-related and an inter-linked world, generating opportunities and also throwing up challenges. As a society transforms the education system must respond to change. The students of today need to prepare themselves for the global development in their chosen career. We have not achieved all objectives and aims but we are marching ahead to achieve the goals set in our National Education Policy.

Mr. Patil said our educational institutes of higher learning must become geared up for facing challenges of the contemporary world. Quality faculty and imparting quality education is important to maintain high standards of our Universities, so that world class graduates, post-graduates and doctoral students are produced. Quality education is not merely a product of greater resources and better facilities. It depends equally on the attitude of teachers and students. This is the challenge of the future, which all our universities have to overcome joint by with the government, he added.

Mr. Patil also released a souvenir on the occasion. Prominent among others who spoke on the occasion included Mr. Pawan Kumar Bansal, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Mrs. Anu Chatrath, Mayor, Chandigarh Municipal Corporation, Prof. R.C. Sobti, Vice Chancellor of Panjab University, Chandigarh, Mr. G.K. Chatrath, Chairman Organizing Committee, Prof. S. Brahmhatt, Prof. G. Ramachandran, Prof. M.L. Aeri, and Prof. Naval Kishore.