

MEANING, OBJECTIVES AND DIFFUSION PROBLEMS OF POPULATION EDUCATION

(Indian Context)

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F O R E W O R D

The significance of population education programme in India, especially in Uttar Pradesh, the most populous State of the country, needs no re-emphasis. Presently this programme, what I feel, is still at low profile, mainly due to resource constraint, calls for an immediate attention and effective implementation in all respect,

However, this Centre under its meagre resources has conducted certain important researches on the issues involving different aspects of population. The present paper entitled "Meaning, objectives and diffusion problems of population education" (Indian context) is a further attempt in this direction.

I am happy that Dr. B.P. Srivastava, member of the research team of this Centre has undertaken this venture and is devoted carry it on.

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P R E F A C E

After being realised the need of a national policy on population education to integrate population-related issues in national education programme, our country is trying to extend general awareness of the masses for understanding the direct relationship of population dynamics, individual behaviour, and national development i.e., one's own welfare. Despite efforts for integration of population education into formal and non-formal education, which is still under infancy, orientation/training programmes are being organised to disseminate information to the community. Because of its being in the initial stage, as well as, inadequacy of the mechanism for collecting, processing and sharing of information and materials systematically, the discipline of population education has not yet been brought up as an independent discipline of knowledge. The present paper drawn mainly from the Ph.D. thesis of the author is an effort in that direction. It would help understanding the concept of population education, its components and scope with special reference to Indian situation.

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