

“Girls and Their Education in India”

A LECTURE BY

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ABOUT THE LECTURE

Girls’ education in India is as much an issue of educational policy and provision as of culture and the state’s preparedness to deal with culture. While the obvious contrast between the socialization of girls and that of boys needs to be noted, research and social policy need to go beyond the familiar terrain of gender discrimination and social justice in order to acknowledge the depth of the challenge posed by women’s subjugation. In this talk, Dr. Kumar will survey the interface between the modern state, which was shaped under colonial rule, and the religio-cultural context in which the experiential world of education unfolds.

DATE

Monday, April 13, 2009

TIME

12 Noon to 1:30 pm

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DR. KRISHNA KUMAR is the Director of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi, India. During his tenure, the NCERT has developed the National Curriculum Framework and a new set of textbooks for all subjects from primary to senior secondary levels.



Dr. Kumar started his teaching career in 1971 and subsequently served as the Head and as Dean of the Central Institute of Education from 1988 to 1991. He has delivered many memorial lectures and participated in a wide sphere of professional and social activities. Dr. Kumar has written widely on education, both in Hindi as well as English. Some of his books include *Social Character of Learning*, *Political Agenda of Education*, *Learning from Conflict*, *What is Worth Teaching*, *The Child's Language and the Teacher*, *Raj, Samaj aur Shiksha*, *Vichar ka Dar*, and *School ki Hindi*. He is also a Hindi short story writer and essayist.