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'Include arts in syllabus'

Staff Reporter

Musician calls for educating children

COIMBATORE: "While the greatness of Tamil culture is recognised even in countries such as the U.S., our children have little knowledge of it even to appreciate it," said Chitravina N. Ravikiran, musician and artiste.

He was talking to reporters recently on the multi-intelligence camps organised by the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) throughout the State. He said that the main aim of such camps was to familiarise children with the basics of music, arts and dance.

Book distributed

The camp for primary and upper primary students of Government and Government-aided schools was held here from May 29 to 31. Nearly 41,000 children from all over the State participated in these camps held in all the blocks in each district.

It was a prelude to adding arts and music in the existing syllabus for students later this academic year, he said. 'Inaiyatra Innishai', a book authored by Mr. Ravikiran was distributed to resource persons who conducted the camps. It had basic theoretical information on music. "Through it, we want to familiarise children with the art form. Nearly 14 musical instruments have been discussed in the book," he added. The book also dealt with instruments such as the thavil, chitravina and saxophone. Audio and video CDs containing interviews with experts in several art forms would also be screened at the camps. "We are holding talks with the Corporation education authorities to introduce the concept in a phased manner," he said.

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