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DR. ZAKIR HUSSAIN'S VIEWS REGARDING MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

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ABSTRACT

The All India Educational Conference was held at Wardha on 22nd Oct and 23rd Oct, 1937, under the Presidentship of Gandhi ji. The Conference began with the inaugural address of Gandhi ji. In his address, Gandhi ji conveyed the important features of the scheme. It was followed by a critical speech by Dr. Zakir Hussain. Gandhi ji, took his sincere criticism on its merit. Gandhi ji nominated Dr. Zakir Hussain President of the committee of the whole conference. Basic Education has been confused with spinning, with craft subject correlation, and with the Congress. Dr. Zakir Hussain had his own precise and positive views. One of the major problem among the Zakir Hussain Committee is what would be the medium of instruction. The Zakir Hussain Committee tackled the problem of medium of instruction in very bold but realistic manner. The Committee observed: "The proper teaching of the mother-tongue is the foundation of all education. Without the capacity to speak effectively and to read and write correctly and lucidly, no one can develop precision of thought or clarity of ideas. Moreover, it is a means of introducing the child to the rich heritage of his people's ideas, emotions and aspirations, and therefore, be made a valuable means of social education, whilst also instilling right ethical and moral values. A great educationist of the century, Dr. Zakir Hussain rightly recognized that national renaissance could not come merely through the gates of politics but through reformative education. According to Dr. Zakir Hussain, Mother Tongue is the foundation of all education. So it is necessary to provide education through mother-tongue.