

Report

“The Fifth Space – Where Education Meets Responsibility”

Dr. Ambedkar International Centre collaborated with National Commission for Women (NCW), Mount Abu Public School and UNESCO New Delhi to organise "The Fifth Space – Where Education Meets Responsibility" on August 24, 2026, from 10am to 1pm at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), New Delhi

The conference served as a major convergence of educators, principals, academicians, and students from over 50+ leading schools across Delhi-NCR. Over 800 participants gathered at the venue to engage in critical discussions surrounding Gen Z's aspirations, digital citizenship, child safety, and nation-building toward the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

The occasion was graced by Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar. Introducing the concept of moving Drishti Se Antardrishti Ki Aur (from vision to insight), Dr. Kumar called for deeply recognising the unique strengths of every child. He defined the "Fifth Space" as the intersection of home, school, culture, society, citizenship, knowledge, and the digital world, reminding students that technological adoption must always be accompanied by ethics, judgment, and responsible citizenship as they shape the future of India. The programme also witnessed deliberations on child rights, safety, gender equality, human dignity, digital responsibility and responsible citizenship by distinguished speakers including Smt. Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar, Chairperson, National Commission for Women, Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, Member Secretary, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and Dr. Jyoti Arora, Principal, Mount Abu Public School.

The highlight of the event was an interactive dialogue between Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, and Gen Z students. The Minister answered direct questions from the audience and urged parents, teachers, and institutions to engage with young people through empathy and understanding rather than mere criticism of technology. He emphasised maintaining strong emotional connections so youth feel comfortable seeking guidance.

The program featured four distinct specialised tracks designed to address key contemporary challenges. In Track 01 (Digital Trust at Bhim Auditorium), cyber-crime investigator Ms. Kamakshi Sharma led students of Grades VIII–XII through practical sessions on online safety, AI ethics, digital footprints, and cyberstalking prevention. Track 02 (Human Dignity at Nalanda Auditorium),

conducted by counselling psychologist Ms. Vijay Laxmi Mishra, focused on emotional wellbeing, POCSO awareness, consent, and personal boundaries. Track 03 (Human Dignity in Practice at Samrasta Auditorium) engaged educators and administrators under the guidance of Dr. Sarita Jadav from UNESCO New Delhi to translate POSH/POCSO policies into daily classroom culture and institutional safeguarding. Meanwhile, Track 04 (Leadership Forum at Conference 2) saw Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar, Chairperson of the NCW, host a closed-door roundtable with school principals on building institutional trust and moving beyond basic compliance.

The program garnered extensive media coverage across prominent channels, including official press briefings by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) and broadcasts on various channels. Media reports highlighted the event's proactive framework for bridging generational gaps and fostering tech-responsible, empathetic learning environments.

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केंद्रीय मंत्री डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार ने शिक्षा, डिजिटल जिम्मेदारी और मानवीय गरिमा पर स्कूली छात्रों के साथ किया संवाद
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 केंद्रीय सामाजिक न्याय एवं अधिकारिता मंत्री डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार ने आज डॉ. अंबेडकर इंटरनेशनल सेंटर (DAIC), नई दिल्ली में "द फिफ्थ स्पेस - व्हेयर एजुकेशन मीट्स रिसपोन्सिबिलिटी" (The Fifth Space - Where Education Meets Responsibility) कार्यक्रम के दौरान स्कूली छात्रों के साथ संवाद किया। इस कार्यक्रम का आयोजन राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग (NCW) द्वारा DAIC, यूनेस्को नई दिल्ली और माउंट आबू पब्लिक स्कूल के सहयोग से किया गया था।
 युवा छात्रों के साथ बातचीत करते हुए केंद्रीय मंत्री ने युवा पीढ़ी की बात सुनने, उनकी चिंताओं को समझने और एक ऐसा वातावरण बनाने के महत्व पर जोर दिया जहां वे अपने विचार और चुनौतियों को साझा करने में सहज महसूस करें। उन्होंने रेखांकित किया कि तेजी से बदलते डिजिटल परिवेश में माता-पिता, शिक्षकों और संस्थानों को केवल तकनीक के उपयोग की आलोचना करने के बजाय समझदारी के साथ युवाओं से जुड़ने की आवश्यकता है।
 डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार ने छात्रों, माता-पिता और शिक्षकों के बीच मजबूत भावनात्मक जुड़ाव बनाए रखने के महत्व पर बल दिया, जिससे युवाओं को कठिनाइयों का सामना करते समय मार्गदर्शन और समर्थन प्राप्त हो सके। उन्होंने प्रत्येक बच्चे की व्यक्तिगत क्षमताओं, आकांक्षाओं और जरूरतों को पहचानने के महत्व को भी उजागर किया। आज माननीय मंत्री जी ने 'दृष्टि से अंतर्दृष्टि की ओर' बढ़ने की बात कही — यानी चीजों को केवल देखने से लेकर उन्हें गहराई और सार्थकता से समझने की ओर कदम बढ़ाना।
 मंत्री महोदय ने "फिफ्थ स्पेस" (पाँचवें स्थान) की अवधारणा पर बात की, जो घर, स्कूल, संस्कृति, समाज, नागरिकता, ज्ञान और डिजिटल दुनिया के संगम का प्रतिनिधित्व करता है। उन्होंने जोर देकर कहा कि तकनीक के साथ नैतिकता, जिम्मेदारी और सही निर्णय क्षमता भी होनी चाहिए, विशेष रूप से ऐसे युवाओं के बीच जो तेजी से बढ़ते डिजिटल परिवेश में बड़े हो रहे हैं।
 इस संवाद ने छात्रों को सीधे केंद्रीय मंत्री के समक्ष प्रश्न पूछने और अपने दृष्टिकोण साझा करने का अवसर प्रदान किया। मंत्री महोदय ने छात्रों को जिज्ञासु, जिम्मेदार और देश के भविष्य को आकार देने में अपनी भूमिका के प्रति जागरूक रहने के लिए प्रेरित किया।
 कार्यक्रम में बाल अधिकार, सुरक्षा, लैंगिक समानता, मानवीय गरिमा, डिजिटल जिम्मेदारी और जिम्मेदार नागरिकता पर भी विशेष वक्ताओं द्वारा विचार-विमर्श देखा गया, जिनमें डॉ. संजीव शर्मा (सदस्य सचिव, राष्ट्रीय बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग - NCPCR), डॉ. ज्योति अरोड़ा (प्रिंसिपल, माउंट आबू पब्लिक स्कूल) और विजया किशोर रहाटकर (अध्यक्ष, राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग) शामिल थे।
 केंद्रीय मंत्री और छात्रों के बीच हुए इस संवाद ने संवाद, सहानुभूति और आपसी समझ के माध्यम से पीढ़ियों के अंतर (जनरेशन गैप) को पाटने के महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला, साथ ही यह सुनिश्चित किया कि शिक्षा युवाओं को न केवल शैक्षणिक सफलता के लिए तैयार करे, बल्कि एक जिम्मेदार और गरिमामय नागरिक भी बनाए।

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Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar, interacted with school students at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), during the programme "The Fifth Space – Where Education Meets Responsibility." The programme was organised by the National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with DAIC, UNESCO New Delhi and Mount Abu Public School.

Interacting with the young students, the Union Minister emphasised the importance of listening to the younger generation, understanding their



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and challenges. He highlighted that the rapidly changing digital environment requires par-

ents, teachers and institutions to engage with young people with understanding rather than simply criticising their use of technology.

Dr. Virendra Kumar emphasised the importance of maintaining strong emotional connections between students, parents and teachers, enabling young people to seek guidance and support when facing difficulties. He also highlighted the importance of recognising the individual strengths, aspirations and needs of every child. Today, our Hon'ble Minister spoke about moving from vision to insight (Drishti se antardrishti ki aur) — from merely seeing things to understanding them deeply and meaningfully

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Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar today emphasized the importance of listening to the younger generation, understanding their concerns and creating an environment where they feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and challenges.

Addressing the school students at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC) during the programme "The Fifth Space – Where Education Meets Responsibility", in the National Capital here today, Dr Kumar underlined that the rapidly changing digital environment requires parents, teachers and institutions to engage with young people with understanding rather than simply criticizing their use of technology.

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