

Azim Premji University announces the third Philosophy of Education Summer School

Chennai Mar 18: Azim Premji University announces the third Philosophy of Education (PoE) Summer School to be held from June 6 to June 17, 2016. Applications are invited from pre-service and in-service teacher educators, curriculum developers and those interested in these roles. Applicants could be from state institutions like the SCERT and DIETs, people teaching or developing curriculum for B.Ed., M.Ed. and similar formal programs in other institutions.

The focus of the Third Summer School organized by the Philosophy of Education Unit at Azim Premji University is to develop an understanding of how and why PoE is essential for a practitioner of education and an exploration of possible ways in which PoE curriculum could be designed and taught. The premise of this summer school is that PoE should not only be considered as a body of theories, but also a way of approaching issues and finding reasonable and sound responses to these issues and that it is essential for all practitioners of education, especially teachers. The summer school will place a practitioner of education at the center and recognize issues stemming

from practice that demand philosophical treatment, introduce participants to a variety of tools and methods Philosophy of Education provides, that encourage reflection and rigorous philosophical analysis.

“In India, currently there is a need to re-imagine Philosophy of Education curriculum. The current curriculum while offering a glimpse of what Philosophy is all about, turns out to be of little use to the practitioner. The summer school will contemplate on this issue and on further matters like – How should PoE curriculum be structured? How should PoE be taught? How is PoE related to other disciplines like Sociology of Education – that deal with distinct issues equally important for a reflective practitioner? and much more”, said Rohit Dhankar, Director, School of Education, Azim Premji University. The programme of the Summer School will consist of lectures by resident and invited resource persons, discussions, group reading sessions and presentations by participants. The medium of instruction of this programme will be English. The last date for submission of applications is April 1, 2016. Selected candidates will be intimated via email by April 10, 2016.