Summer School on Education, 2015

The six-day Summer School, from June 15 – 20, 2015 was hosted by Azim Premji University in Bengaluru and witnessed the participation of senior research students from reputed academic institutions in India and other countries and education practitioners from a wide range of non-government organizations working on educational issues across India. Focused on the theme 'Changing nature of the public and the private in school education', the Summer School was an inter-institutional initiative of Azim Premji University and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), with King's College London, supported by a grant under the UGC-UKIERI Thematic Partnership.

Thematically organized to address different facets of the broader title of the Summer School, it had sessions covering conceptual issues, modes of education delivery, financial requirements and challenges, regulatory frameworks, and an entire day devoted to new areas of research on how the nature of the public and the private in Indian school education has been changing in recent times. Speakers ranged from leading academics and retired career bureaucrats to members of civil society dedicated to the cause of rejuvenating public school education in India. A continuing comparative perspective was ensured through case studies drawing upon the UK context, again facilitated by scholars known for their seminal contributions to these areas of study.

Overall, the summer school drew together a range of critical perspectives, enabling the participants to reflect on a diverse set of questions, current and emergent, pertaining to the changing nature of school education in India and the role of the government and the non-state in this change.

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