

Inception of global education

- **PSBB and USIEF**

13 November 2018 saw Mr. Robert G. Burgess, U.S. Consul General for Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka, interacting with the eleventh standard students in the (Dr.) Mrs. Y.G.P. Auditorium in Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Senior Secondary School, K.K.Nagar, encouraging them to explore the idea of international education.

Welcoming the US Consul, the Principal, Mrs. Geetha Govindarajan, traced the long years of association shared between PSBB and the US Consulate.



Mr. Burgess was happy to have started off the International Education week by addressing the students of PSBB.

"Education is what binds US and India more than trade itself. It has been a medium of the mutually beneficial US-India bond and is making it stronger by the day", said Mr. Burgess. He highlighted the importance of interacting with people from different geographical backgrounds, races and religions and said that educational institutions in the US can provide students with an opportunity to do so. "The US has seen an increase of about two lakh Indian students during the academic year 2017-18 and would like to see more numbers in the future." remarked Mr Burgess. He signed off with a beautiful quote by Martin Luther King on education, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

Sharing the dais, Mr. Prasanna Krishnan, alumnus, PSBB K.K.Nagar gave an insight on how his life and approach to education took a turn when he did his higher



education in the US. He quoted an interesting incident which gave him a new perspective of how nothing is impossible. "I asked my lab partner to suggest where I could get a 770 cc motorcycle and he, to my surprise, asked me why I had to buy one when he could help me make one! This was an eye opener for me.", stated Mr. Krishnan. He emphasized the fact that talking to people from different parts of the world can give us a new dimensions and broaden our horizons." Some skills are only acquired and cannot be taught", added Mr. Krishnan.

Ms. Maya, from the USIEF, further talked to the students about exchange programmes, undergraduate and post-graduate educational opportunities and said that they could be contacted by the students anytime to know about course details, choices of institutions available and the application procedures, etc. Also, she had an open-dialogue session with the students who asked about scholarships, examinations like SAT for admissions and about student essays.

The session was very informative and hopefully has encouraged the students to pursue their higher studies, not only in the US but at an international level, in general.

Education is not what you are taught but what you learn, and learning happens when you surround yourself with diverse people, is what one could learn from this interesting event.



Roving Reporters

KKN