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'Human rights education should start in schools'

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Dindigul, Feb 27: Students should be made aware of the various dimensions of human rights while they are in school itself, the chairperson of Institute of Human Rights Education, Dr V Vasanthi Devi, said here.

She inaugurated a seminar for headmasters of schools on human rights education training and said that learning about human rights was the most important aspect of education. Human rights education which was launched in schools in Tamil Nadu had now been extended to Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal, Karnataka, Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tripura and Chattisgarh States.

When human rights are being violated without stopping, the cause of such violations should be analysed and eliminated.

Human rights education had been introduced in 388 Adi Dravida schools in Tamil Nadu. This education should transform society into one which eschews discrimination and inequality in the name of caste and women slavery, Vasanthi Devi added.

District Collector R Vasuki who presided said that Dindigul had been selected as the sixth district for imparting human rights education in schools.

Convenor of Sarva Shiksha Abhyan K Sasikala, Chief Education Officer P Natchiar, Deputy Director of Welfare Dr Senthilkumar and others participated.