

## **AWAKENED CITIZEN PROGRAMME**

Swami Vivekanand's idea of education character building by introducing the right ideas to children, so that they can realize their complete potential and intrinsic greatness. Many children are growing up stressed and confused because they are not armed with right tools to real life problems and to make the right choices. To bridge this gap Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi with the help of illumine Knowledge Resources Pvt. Limited Mumbai, has developed a unique programme. "The Awakened Citizen Programme (ACP)" This was launched nationwide by the Union HRD Minister Smt. Smriti Irani on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2015. This is a three year graded programme for students of classes VII, VIII and IX. CBSE has also reviewed the contents of ACP and has welcomed its implementation in schools.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan which is a pace setting organization in the field of school education, too has launched this programme in its schools running throughout the country and abroad for the students of classes VII, VIII and IX.

### **WHY ?**

"Values such as harmony, peace, compassion and humanity have for centuries been a part of the discourse of every society of the world and their need and importance is universally accepted and felt.

Modern education and training have failed to produce men and leaders of character and integrity who can make India attain its past glory. Not only in India, but also worldwide, there is a cry for going back to basic values. In order to produce enlightened citizen, the ACP lays emphasis on value education programme on human resource development, self development, leadership, personality development etc. for students and teachers of educational institutions. These are based on time tested Indian wisdom. It is proposed to extend the programme to rural areas. Several audio visual aids have been developed to make it attractive.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- To inspire students towards enlightened citizenship
- To make the students aware and convinced of the higher dimensions of education, work and life.
- To enable students to plan and harmonize their thoughts-actions-goals towards the higher.
- To help students get established in self-development practices to develop power of mind, Viveka strength and fearlessness to walk the critical path towards the highest perfection and happiness.

### **METHODOLOGY**

This is a Three Year Graded Value Education Programme for classes VII, VIII and IX. This programme, called the Awakened Citizen Programme comprises of 48 modules (16 modules for each class) of 45 minutes each.

The schools are required to allot 16 periods per year and are to be committed for a minimum period of three years.

KVS has tied up with the Ramakrishna Mission to impart value education to its students and make them "Awakened Citizen" with values of peace, harmony, humility and co-operation.

Delhi Region has taken up the programme with the mission to train as many teachers as they can so that the programme reaches each & every student of the region. The no. of teachers trained during last two years.