



Chief Minister S M Krishna releasing the book "The Karan Singh Reader" on the 70th birthday celebrations of Dr Karan Singh held in Bangalore on Sunday. Scientist Dr Raja Ramanna, Dr Karan Singh, Mr Ramanuja, Chairman, Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, Dr U R Ananthamurthy and Mr Shekar Malhotra are also seen. DH photo

## Krishna commends Education Task Force report

# 'It is time to implement recommendations'

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Chief Minister S M Krishna today said the State government is seriously contemplating implementation of the recommendations made by the Education Task Force, headed by nuclear scientist and Rajya Sabha member Dr Raja Ramanna, constituted to improve the standards of primary education.

Speaking at a function organised on the occasion of 70th birthday of former Union minister Dr Karan Singh, the chief minister pointed out that the task force had submitted a well-documented interim report, which would go a long way in improving primary education standards in the State. "The government feels that the time has come for the implementation of the recommendations," he added.

Mr Krishna said that rapid strides were being made

worldover in the field of science and technology. Though urban concentrations of the nation were benefiting from research and development in science and technology, the same was not reaching the rural areas. Steps should be taken to ensure that the rural masses also benefit from it, he said.

The chief minister, who earlier released a publication - "As I see it... The Karan Singh Reader" - described Mr Karan Singh as a role model for youngsters. "It is noteworthy that when Mr Karan Singh was in the Parliament, the quality

of debate in the house was of high standard", he said.

Later, Mr Karan Singh, who spoke, regretted that the developments taking place at the international level, was affecting the socio-economic scenario of India. He said that he always loved South India as the nation's culture had survived in the South.

There was a need to be cautious about fundamental and fanatic forces like Taliban. Litterateur Dr U R Ananthamurthy, Dr Raja Ramanna and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Director Mathoor Krishnamurti were present on the occasion.

Dr Karan Singh's latest book - "As I see it... The Karan Singh reader" is a representative selection of his writings. The book is divided into seven sections - India, Philosophy, Education, Political Life, Interfaith Harmony, World Peace and Global Consciousness - and has been published by Full Circle.

## US doesn't want India to progress:CM

BANGALORE, March 11 (DHNS)

Chief Minister S M Krishna said today the United States "is still hostile towards India and does not want the country to progress and is scared of it".

Speaking at a function here, the chief minister said that there is an undercurrent of hostility that the US has against India. "They (the US) don't want a mighty country like India to progress," he commented. Mr Krishna said India would soon become an exporting country in several sectors, including food-

grains, fruits and others.

"They (the US) are afraid of us," he remarked. But, he hastened to add that "India cannot kick up a quarrel with the US" on this topic. Urging the country to be cautious against developed nations, the chief minister said: "many international traps are being set.

Many naive countries walk into the trap. But, with experts like Dr M S Swaminathan, Sharad Joshi and Dr Raja Ramanna, we will not walk into the trap," he said.