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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Workshop on: Life Experiences of Shri Subramania Bharati

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Report: The Department of Education conducted a workshop on Shri Subramanian Bharati, a prominent figure in Indian literature and nationalist movement, aimed at enhancing the understanding and appreciation of his contributions.

Subramania Bharti, also known as Mahakavi Bharati, was an eminent Tamil poet, writer, and social reformer. His contributions to language are immense, and he played a vital role in the development and empowerment of the Tamil language.

1. Poetry: Bharati's poetry is considered revolutionary in Tamil literature. He introduced new styles and forms in his works, moving away from the traditional Tamil poetry. His poems covered various themes, including patriotism, freedom, women's liberation, and social reform. Bharati's poems emphasized the need for individual freedom, societal progress, and national unity. He used simple language and powerful imagery, making his works accessible to the masses and inspiring a sense of pride and awakening. His poetry continues to be celebrated and widely translated.

2. Language Reformation: Bharati recognized the importance of language in shaping culture and society. He advocated for the simplification of Tamil language, making it more accessible to the common people. Bharati removed complex and unnecessary grammatical rules and

introduced innovative vocabulary to reflect the changing times. His efforts to reform and modernize Tamil language made it more inclusive and relevant in contemporary society.

3. Journalism: Bharati actively participated in journalism and published several magazines and newspapers, including "India" and "Chakravarthini." Through these platforms, he not only expressed his own thoughts and ideas but also provided a platform for other writers and activists to voice their opinions. His writings in these publications played a significant role in spreading awareness about social issues and inspiring people to strive for freedom and equality.

4. Nationalism: Bharati was a passionate nationalist and advocate for the independence and unity of India. He believed in the power of language to incite change and inspire patriotism. Through his poems and writings, he aroused a sense of nationalism and pride in the hearts of people, urging them to fight against British colonial rule and work towards a free and united India. His poem "Vande Mataram" became an anthem of inspiration and continues to be celebrated as a symbol of India's struggle for independence.

While celebrating this iconic figure the students gave a brief introduction of “Subramania Bharati” through a PowerPoint presentation of his life, contribution and achievements and the contemporary impact of his writings and thoughts. There were two performing arts:

- Poem Recitation & Sharing stories of Shri Subramania Bharati with the context, inspirations and projection of the writing.
- Discussion on literary work of Shri Subramania Bharati through few MCQ(s) on his life.

Overall, Subramania Bharti's contributions to language were profound. His poetry, language reformation, journalism, and nationalist fervor continue to inspire generations and have left an indelible mark on Tamil literature and society.

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