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Mr. Shankaramurthy DH, 75, is a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Karnataka, India. He has been Chairman of the Karnataka Legislative Council since 2010. In this article he reminisces his school days. He talks about his teachers, school campus and importance of games. He also shares his opinions and views on the present education system and the issues that need immediate attention. He speaks to School –

I am from Shimoga district. When I was a little boy of 3-5 years, there were hardly any schools in my town except some government schools. I was admitted in school at the age of 3, now it is not possible unless the child completes 6 years. Those days primary school allowed early admission. I got admitted at the age of three for the simple reason there were no required no. of students in schools. Whoever came to the school teachers used to admit them happily. After one year I don't know why the teacher told that after the summer holidays, "You go and sit in 3rd std class room." I was happy that instead of going to 2nd I will be going to 3rd standard.

A year later, I didn't go to school for 4th Std. at all as my mother was not well so I was forced to quit school. Further there was no one to ask me to go to school! Next I was admitted to 5th Std. At that time, education system in Karnataka was 1-4 primary, 5-8 middle and 9-11 was high school. I do remember the days I spent in my middle

school. The teachers were very-very good. Of course they were very strict and used to beat us. One teacher had a peculiar type of cane, if he used to hit us then it will severely pain for 2-3 days. If I recollect those days it was good they did that. I particularly remember my Arithmetic class. My Nagappa teacher used to say, "Hey! You got a bright future of being good mathematician, you have to score 100/100 in every exam." Again why he said that I don't know but I did score good marks in the subject. When I committed a small mistake he used to trash me like anything.

8th Std was a public exam, lower secondary school. I got passed in 1st class. I studied in Main Middle School, Shimoga. Even now it runs under the same name. It is a government school with a huge compound and big building. Today I feel proud to say that I was selected and appointed as President of Old Boys Association. The nomenclature still continues. Although there is no middle school now but the building, the school name goes on with. Next I joined high school. I studied only in government schools and it exists even today.

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Dr. H. T. Sangliana

Decorated Police Officer

Dr. H. T. Sangliana, a native of the Indian state of Mizoram joined the elite Indian Police Service and held the post Commissioner of Police, Bangalore. During his service as a police officer, he had an impressive record. Here he talks about his education years in detail.

Well I studied in Mizoram for my high school level education. My father used to be transferred frequently from one place to another and as such, you can understand, I couldn't continue in one particular school. And ultimately, it ended up that way. I changed many schools and college two times. So that was my journey so far as schooling was concerned. And I think I should give high marks to my mother who motivated me to study. She used to point at some coolies or some such poor people carrying loads etc. and she told me, "Look if you don't go to school and study properly you will become like that and you will be poor man. So go to school." So she used to motivate me that way.

I was not a very healthy boy; I was lean and thin. I used to look around and seeing people with good physique, I reckon they will be in very advantageous position compared



to me in earning livelihood that need the use of such manpower so, I used to think that the only gateway for me to success will be to study hard. So I was fortunate enough to prioritize my time and my ambition quite early in life. In the evening hours after school when my friends were playing their games like football, hockey, basketball, whatever, I look at them from distance and just get going saying, "Well, I will go and study. With good results I will play the same games later on." My happiness will be much more than what these people who are enjoying. "Let me go first and study."

So even having girlfriends, for example, as teens we all have had this both sides of the sex. That too I said to myself, "Well, why try to have girlfriend now and spoil my career, it will be foolish for me to do, so better I don't have any girlfriend."

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