

Extension Lecture

“Innovation in Teacher Education”

We at GIAST always look for an opportunity, to move one step ahead, to aim for a new horizon and to explore one new direction. All the faculty members proposed to organize an Extension Lecture on 'Innovation in Teacher Education' as it will broaden the perspective of our student teachers and will help them to prepare themselves for their career responsibilities

An extension lecture on “Innovation in Teacher Education” was organized by GIAST for B.Ed students. The session began at 2:00pm.

The speaker for the extension lecture was Prof. Dhananjay Joshi. He is a Professor, University School of Education, GGSIPU. He is a great educationist and has been teaching graduate and post graduate students for the last 12 years.

Prof. Sonia Jindal, Principal, GIAST also marked her presence in the session. The lecture was also attended by all the teacher educators in GIAST.

In the extension lecture, Prof. Joshi talked about Innovations in Education: The new responsibilities of teachers. He altogether added a new perspective to the topic. He spoke about innumerable new age tasks that a teacher has to perform in school, like he/she most importantly has to teach diligently, maintain discipline, supervise, cooperate with departmental heads and division leaders. Apart from that a teacher has to take all reasonable safety procedures and precautions and has to remain available to parents for reporting student progress. It is also expected from a good teacher to participate in performance appraisal every five years and also take part in orientation, professional development and mentoring.

He also spoke at length, emphasizing that teaching offers every child a rich, rewarding and unique learning experience. Today students are creator of their own knowledge and schools have become centers of lifelong learning. Teachers are acting with new professional responsibilities- of counselor and community leaders.

Prof. Joshi also emphasized on the evolution and progression of ICT in teaching learning process. There has been a rapid development in the field of technology during last one decade, which has influenced the teaching learning in the field of education. He talked about schools using multimedia in teaching extensively collaborating with various techno educational enterprises like NIIT, Apple, WiziQ etc. In the extension lecture, He also throw light on launching of National Repositories of open educational resources (NROER) for school education specifically to teachers and children who do not have access to the quality material.

Prof. Dhananjay Joshi further talked about the new age phenomenon like inclusive education. The relevance of social equity and equality of opportunities. By following inclusive practices, classrooms are more culturally rich and diverse, more socially diverse and ecologically heterogeneous. RTE act has made classroom more challenging than a decade back.

In this series, he also elaborated about impact of CCE. CCE includes scholastic to comprehensive, marks to grades, summative to formative, periodic to continuous evaluation are some of the titles that were discussed. CCE emphasizes for development of social, emotional and thinking skills. He

discussed about the shift that we as teachers are witnessing, from lecture oriented to constructivist oriented and from teacher centered to learner centered.

In the extension lecture, Life skill education was also talked about. He stated that skills enable us to translate knowledge, attitudes and values into actual abilities. Teacher should work towards developing among the children the core life skills.

- Self Awareness
- Empathy
- Critical thinking
- Creative thinking
- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Effective communication
- Interpersonal relationship
- Coping with stress
- Coping with emotion

Prof. Dhananjay Joshi was of the view that the innovation practices like Constructivism, Collaborative Learning, Brainstorming, Supervised Study, Independent Study, Computer Assisted Instruction, Concept Mapping, Concept Narration etc. should also be put to use. It was recommended by him, that equity based pedagogical approach should be adopted by teachers.

He further explained the need of multicultural classroom and for that he suggested ways for content integration, knowledge construction and empowering school culture.

Further he also mentioned about gender sensitization. This is one of the recent phenomenons. He recommended the ways by which positive attitude and awareness can be spread towards opposite gender. Social biasedness is to be eradicated and efforts should be channelized to eliminate inequality and inequity.

He further envisioned the relevance of research as well. He suggested that research should be action oriented. It should enable the understanding of the dynamics of learning problems but also provide unique solution. The action research should be properly documented and result of action research could be disseminated through web portals in order to be accessible for others to take benefit from.

It was an enlightening session. Students had extensive participation in discussions and put their queries simultaneously which were justifiably answered by Dr. Joshi.

Dr. Shikha Ranjan from GIAST gave a formal vote of thanks to the eminent personalities- Prof. Dhananjay Joshi and Prof. Sonia Jindal, for their gracious presence. She extended her deep gratitude towards Prof. Joshi for being a thorough visionary and being an insightful speaker. She thanked all the teaching faculties of GIAST. She appreciated all the students for their participation and support.