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EDITORIAL

In the matchless name of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, greetings to all. Bidding adieu to the year gone by and ringing in the new, is always both painful and exciting. The former, because memories linger on and the latter because its the road to so many possibilities. We present here Issue V of our newsletter.

The year 2013 has been declared by our University as the year of 'ACADEMIC CONSOLIDATION' so through curriculum, various activities and programs we are honing our skills and attitudes, to make our pupil trainees sensitive, confident and well versed with the changing times. It is a matter of pride that a project –'A Study of Vocational Interest of Socially Deprived Students with Special Reference to Orphans' submitted by faculty members Dr. Seema Mallick as principal investigator and Mrs. Kirti Cutting as co investigator, has been approved by the University.

With all encouragement and appreciation from our Dean and Pro V.C (Academic Affairs), Prof. (Dr.) Newman Fernandes, due guidance and support of our H.O.D Prof. (Dr.) Sister Marion Mathew C.J. and cooperation of the faculty and students, here's a kaleidoscope of our activities, articles, poems and much more. Happy reading to all.

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Prof.(Dr.)Newman Fernandes
Pro V C (Academic Affairs)
& Dean, Allahabad School of Education

MESSAGE

When I was looking forward to the next issue of 'XPRESSIONS', I received a draft copy of this E-Newsletter. I was thrilled about the activities organized by our Department of Teacher Education during this short period. This issue carries information about Life Skills, Soft Skills, Quality Enhancement of Teacher Education, Nutrition for the Young, ,What makes a Great Teacher?, Women Education, Assessment of Teaching Quality, E-Learning, The Digital World etc.

I am extremely happy to know that our debators excelled in the Inter Collegiate Debate Competition. The first place was secured by our student (B.Ed) Manisha Moiz and the second place was also secured by our student (B.Ed.) Namita Bakhla. Congragulations!



MESSAGE



Prof. (Dr.) Sr .Marion Mathew C.J.

Head, Department of Teacher Education

*Blessed are they whose
Ways are blameless ,
Who walk according to the
Law of the Lord.*

(Pslam 119:1)

It is a matter of great pride that the Department Of Teacher Education is out with the fifth issue of its digital newsletter, 'XPRESSIONS'. It showcases all the numerous activities, which are an integral part of our course .I congratulate my team of teachers and students of the editorial board and others, who have all worked as one big family, and left no stone unturned, in presenting their work , in the folds of this newsletter.



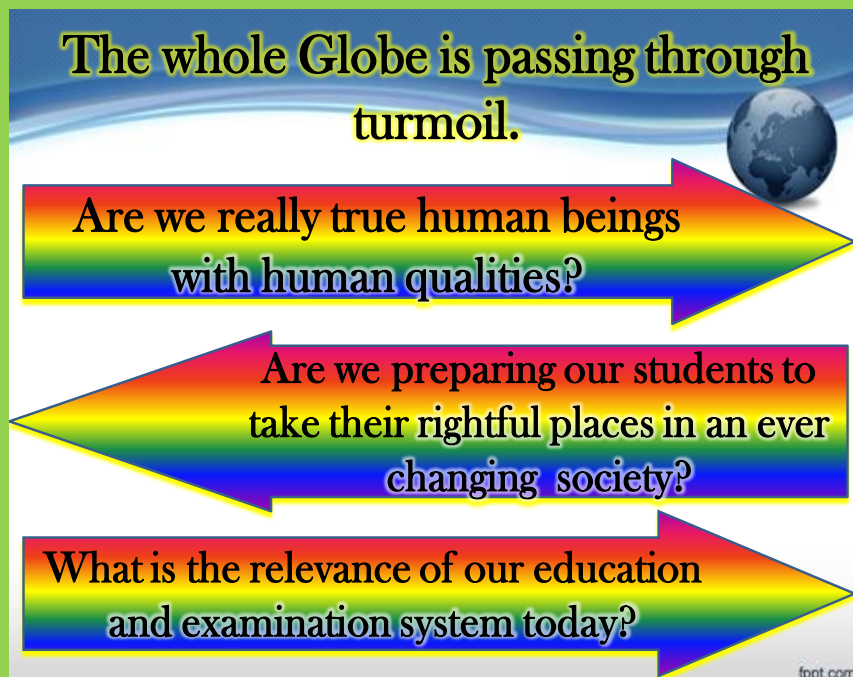
Soft Skills and Life Skills

Prof.(Dr.) Sr. Marion Mathew CJ, Head, Dept. Of Teacher Education, SHIATS was fortunate enough to be invited as a Resource person for a National Seminar organized by St.Xavier's College of Education, Patna. Bihar. She gave a very informative and inspiring power point presentation focussing on the theme "Soft skills and Life Skills to transform the power within oneself."

Soft skills and Life skills have become an inseparable part of life .It is very important for educators ,to imbibe them, as they need to set an example before their students –who are the future generation .



We all need to be in a reflective mood and ask ourselves some soul searching questions as to the relevance of present day education. In a society where moral and human values are on the decline, development of soft skills and life skills can turn an individual into a good human being.



Being Human

Does the present system of education form

an individual into a good human being ?

It is imperative to acquire soft skills and life skills along with the hard skills to be successful in today's highly competitive society. Every organization looks for good human beings who have developed and transformed their inner potentials to the maximum.



Team Skills



Today's world is driven by innovation leading to constant change and success of an organization depends on its teams.



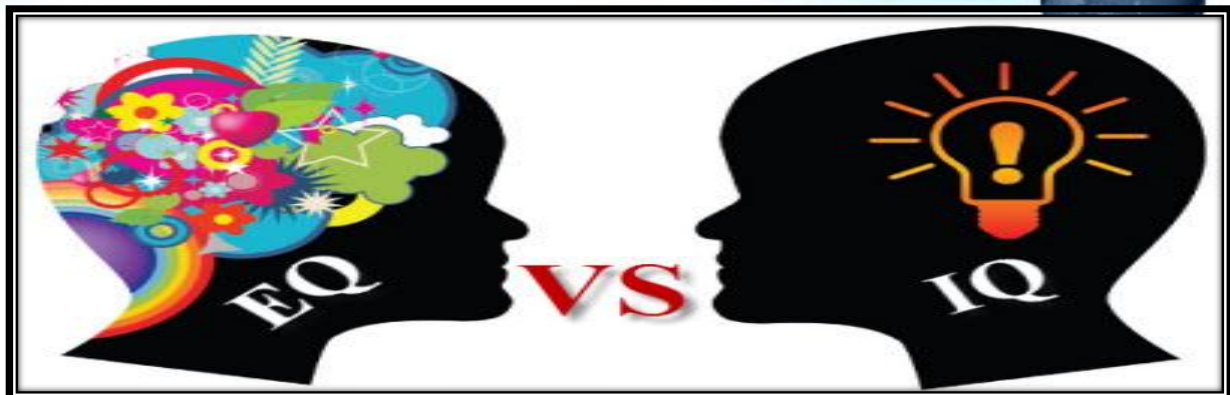
Leaders can work to ensure that there is proper bonding within the team, and personal differences if any are promptly resolved.

Areas of Soft Skills:



Different areas of soft skills must be dealt with, in an interactive session. There is a deep concern over the deterioration of the quality of education in the modern times. We must draw the attention of our students to a very significant fact that over the years we have been teaching our children how to walk, but our education system has failed to teach them where to walk. They must also be explained the importance of developing their emotional intelligence to deal with the present day problems.

Why is EQ important than IQ?



- It makes us aware of our own and others' emotions.
 - It gives empathy, compassion and motivation
 - It gives us the ability to respond skillfully to pleasure and pain.
 - People with high EQ are comfortable with themselves, outgoing, and have good interpersonal relationship.
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The following are some parameters that would help academic excellence and development of skills:

Parameters on Academic Excellence & Development of Skills.

- Creation of innovation to develop enterprising minds among students
- Appointing committed and qualified faculty with proper research orientation
- Educational reforms and ability to adopt a sincere work culture
- Granting autonomous status and academic freedom to colleges to raise the bar by setting new benchmarks



- Keeping institutions free from political interference
- Networking with other universities, sharing of resources and expertise
- Creating and offering facilities for faculty exchange & student exchange programs
- Offering relevant courses for a knowledge society and quality of students

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Soft Skills

Corporate Module

Module for Educational

Institutions/ Individuals

Revelation



Dr. Nathaniel Stephen
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From birth till death human beings put all their energy to know our Creator, who has created us in His own image and likeness as written in the word of God (Bible). Although He gave His image and likeness but still we were ignorant of our Creator because human mind with limited capacity cannot comprehend or understand the Creator who is mighty with eternal wisdom and has created all mysteries seen and unseen in the Universe.

Therefore, God in His foreknowledge and perfect wisdom revealed Himself to human beings through nature and through His word. He sent His son Jesus Christ who became a historical person on earth, 2013 years ago. History was divided into BC and AD. Let us pray to God that He may reveal Himself more and more to us that we may understand the sole purpose of our life that by our word and action His Holy Name may be glorified.



Quality Enhancement in Teacher Education in the Present Scenario

A National Workshop on 'Quality Enhancement in Teacher Education in the Present Scenario', was held in ASE in the Dept. of Teacher Education on 14th February, 2013. The Chief Guest was Prof.(Dr.) Newman Fernandes, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) & Dean, Allahabad School of Education and the Guest of Honour was Prof.(Dr.) A.K.A. Lawrence, Registrar, SHIATS. The resource persons were Prof. N.B. Biswas, Dean Faculty of Educational Sciences Assam University Silchar, Prof. Sharmila Deb St. Mary's College of Education Allahabad and Prof.(Dr.) Sister Marion Mathew H.O.D. Dept. of Teacher Education. Quality of education and of teachers, has been a matter to reckon with, right from the ages. The HOD warmly welcomed all, saying that the quality of education in higher education, particularly teacher education, is of great concern. It is the teacher who can help to change the mindset of the youth and help set them in the right direction, to improve the existing environment. So to tackle the social evils prevalent in the society, well trained & dedicated teachers are required in the present scenario. So this workshop was of utmost importance. Faculty member, Dr. P.P. Singh, in her briefing about the workshop, spoke of the importance of quality enhancement, its areas and challenges.

Prof.(Dr.) Newman Fernandes, in his very interactive address, said that quality enhancement of teachers was a must. All teachers and trainees must understand and imbibe the more than 70 indicators of quality enhancement given by NAAC and the Commonwealth of Learning. As in the corporate sector, teachers today, must be smart, well equipped and sincere in their profession. They need to have the skills, knowledge, desire and expertise to implement this, through their teaching. They must have the latest knowledge and be able to implement it in the key areas of curriculum design and planning; curriculum transaction and evaluation; research development and extension; infrastructure and learning resources; student support and progression and organization and management. What is required today is that a teacher must implement what he preaches.

Prof. Biswas, while sharing his thoughts with the audience, said that teachers must be sensitive to their environment and pupils. They must be able to sensitize their students, and be living examples of what they preach. They also need to be nationalistic in their outlook and impartial in their work. They must be able to innovate and relate to the situation at hand pragmatically and sincerely. The teacher who cares for the education and future of his students and is completely sincere in his profession, is always remembered by them.

In the second session Prof. Deb spoke of the five qualities of a teacher namely commitment, resourcefulness, competence, patience and perseverance. She said that a teacher is the main manager and controller of the classroom, where there must be a two way traffic. Interaction with the class(i.e. not with a few students only) is imperative to create interest and understanding. The five pillars of education, also must be an integral part of their teaching. They are promotion of peace, tolerance, human rights and the values of democracy. While interacting with the students, she said that teachers must be impartial, skilled, have the latest knowledge and be adept in the smart class technology, to be able to fulfill their duty well.

The entire faculty helped in the smooth conduction of the workshop. The day ended on a very positive note. All agreed that quality was there, but what was required was that teachers must continuously update themselves, work honestly and genuinely care for the students. We should never forget teachers who cared for us, despite our shortcomings, for we, after all are just human beings.



SESSION I

SESSION II



Our Debators Excel



On 30th Jan, 2013, B.Ed students of department of teacher education took part in an Inter - Collegiate Debate Competition on the topic , 'Advent of Foreign Universtiies in Education Sector will Enhance the Quality of Education ' held at KP Training College, Allahabad. The chief guest was Prof. Vidya Agarwal of the Department of Education , Allahabad University. It is a matter of great pride , that our pupil trainees excelled over all the B.Ed colleges of the district who took part in the event.



The first prize for best speaker was won by Manisha Moiz for SHIATS, who spoke for the motion. The second prize also went to Namita Bakhla, from SHIATS, who spoke against the motion. It was a proud moment for the Department as last year too it had won prizes and running shield for this competition . The topic was very relevant as higher education today is of vital importance and requires the right direction to develop.



Shubhodit Wellington, B.Ed

Nutrition For the Young



Dr. Prem Prabha Singh
Assistant Professor



The nutrients in the food we eat provide fuel for energy ,building blocks for muscles and bones and vitamins and minerals to keep our systems running smoothly. Healthy eating can stabilize children’s energy ,sharpen their minds and even out their moods . As children develop , they require the same healthy food that adults eat ,along with more vitamins and minerals to support growing bodies. This means (whole wheat , oats , barley , rice , millet) a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, calcium for growing bones (milk, yogurt) and healthy proteins(fish ,eggs, poultry, lean meat & nuts).

There are steps , parents can take to instill healthy eating habits without turning meal times into battle zones . By encouraging healthy eating habits now , you can make a huge impact on your childrens’ life long relationship with food and give them the best opportunities to grow into healthy and confident adults.

Top Tips to promote healthy eating:

- Have regular family meals .
- Cook more meals at home .Restaurant meals tend to have more fat , sugar and salt. Save dining out for special occasions.
- Make a variety of healthy snacks available instead of empty calorie snacks .
- Keep plenty of fruits, vegetables , whole grains snacks, and healthy beverages (water , milk , pure fruit juice)
- Limit portion size.
- Limit sugar and salt .
- Cut down on processed foods such as bread and cakes .



What makes a Great Teacher?



Dr. (Mrs.) Samala Suneetha Masih
Assistant Professor

Teaching is one of the most complicated jobs today. It demands broad knowledge of subject matter, curriculum, and standards; enthusiasm, a caring attitude, and a love of learning; knowledge of discipline and classroom management techniques; and a desire to make a difference in the lives of young people. The quality of education depends, to a large extent, on the quality of teachers.

A quality teacher acknowledges the needs and interests of the pupil, permits him to learn at his own pace, encourages learning through doing and where necessary provides remedial and enrichment instruction. He is update with methods and techniques that will best realise these intentions. It is important to note that learners are different and learn through different ways. Therefore, there is no single method or technique which can satisfy the learning needs of all the learners. In order to cater to the needs of all, it is necessary to vary the methods of teaching. In addition, teaching becomes more effective when an eclectic approach, i.e. combining several methods of teaching in one lesson, is adopted. This approach helps to overcome the problem of monotony and boredom, the worst enemies of learning. So teachers must be resourceful and creative to use methods and techniques that best addresses the situation.

Characteristics of Great Teachers

- Set high expectations for all students. Believe that all students can achieve in their classroom, and don't give up on underachievers.
- Have clear and written-out objectives.
- Be prepared , organized, in classrooms early and ready to teach. Present lessons in a clear and structured way. See that classrooms are organized in such a way as to minimize distractions.
- Engage students and get them to look at issues in a variety of ways.
- Form strong relationships with their students and show that they care about them. Be warm, accessible, enthusiastic and caring.
- Be masters of their subject matter. Exhibit expertise in the subjects they are teaching and spend time continuing to gain new knowledge in their fields.
- Communicate frequently with parents. Reach parents through conferences and frequent written reports. Do not hesitate to pick up the telephone to call a parent. Hence it is high time, now, that teachers introspect themselves and see whether they have imbibed the above said characteristics or not.

Women Education



Mrs. Niharika Denis

Assistant Professor

Women constitute almost half of the population of the world. Education for women is the best way to improve the health, nutrition and economic status of a household, that constitutes a micro unit of a nation's economy. So lack of women education can be an impediment to the country's economic development. In India, women achieve far less education than men.

Women are an indispensable part of society. Their education influences the coming generation. The development of future generation mainly depends upon their education. So the education of women is most essential for the development of the society. It can help every woman to be a good manager of the family as well as an active member of the society. Children learn their manners and behaviour at home and mothers are responsible for cultivating good behavior in them. Every educated woman can run her house well and make it a paradise on earth.

There is a Chinese saying, 'If you wish to plan for a year, plant wheat, if you wish to plan for 10 years, grow trees, if you wish to plan for 100 years educate your women'. This indicates importance of women education. Napoleon has said that, "Give me an educated mother, I shall promise you the birth of a civilized nation. By educating women we can educate the whole nation, because a country can never rise without the contribution of 50% of its population." Swami Vivekananda said that, "It is impossible to think about the welfare of the world unless the condition of women is improved. It is impossible for a bird to fly on only one wing." The fortune of a nation depends upon its educational system. In any system of education, women take an important place. The University Education Commission 1948-49 observed that there cannot be educated people without educated women. Without educated women a nation cannot expect a high growth rate and solution of internal problems.

Women and men are equal in the eyes of the law. However our cultural conditioning is the main source of atrocities against them. Culturally, a woman in India is supposed to remain confined at home for internal domestic routine work and men on the other hand are the bread earners.

It is said that God created mothers because He could not be present everywhere.

Educate Girls Globally (EGG) was founded by A. Lawrence Chickering in 1999. Having worked as an economist for many years, Lawrence came to realize the importance of girls' education and the incredible impact girls' education had on both family and national income, as well as improving health, controlling population growth, and decreasing political extremism. He received a grant from the Inter-American Development Bank to research his theories in Latin America. In 2002 he

partnered with a local NGO, SBMA, in India's northern state of Uttarakhand. The program was implemented through SBMA in nearly 1,400 schools.

In India it is estimated that girls on an average, get less than four years of education in a lifetime and 40% leave school before they reach the fifth grade. This situation stems from low quality of government education, shortage of teachers, poverty, limiting attitudes towards gender roles and a lack of support from parents and the community. So educating girls has a multitude of positive effects for the wider community, as well as the individual woman. Extensive research by the UN and the World Bank shows us that as women are educated:

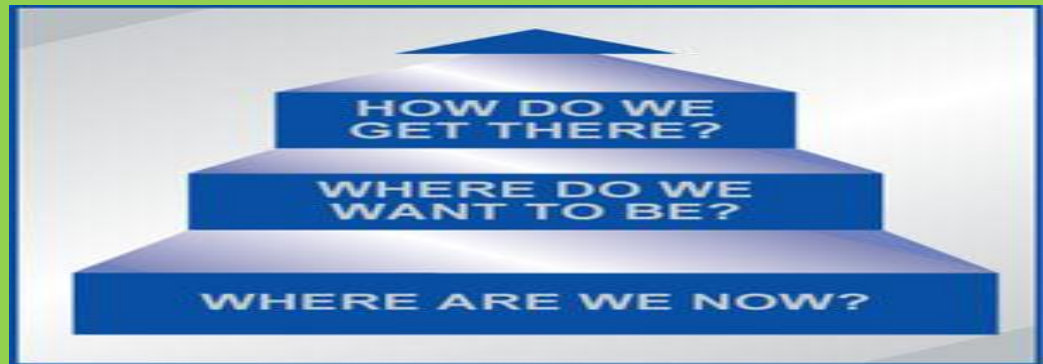
- Birth-rates fall
- Family health improves
- Literacy accelerates in future generations
- Regions stabilize
- Both family and national income grow

Educated Mother is the one whose steadfast faith holds a family together. There has been a phenomenal growth in enrollment of women students in higher education in the country. The share of girls' enrolment, which was 11.3% of the total enrollment in 1950-51, has increased to 38.6% (provisional) in 2008-09. Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) of girls has increased by 4.6% during 2001-02 to 2008-09. Out of 169.75 lakh students enrolled in higher education in 2010-11, almost 70.49lakh were women.

University Grants Commission (UGC) has taken number of steps for greater access to women in higher education like Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child for pursuing higher and technical education. Construction of women's hostels, development of women's studies in universities and colleges, schemes of capacity building of women as managers in higher education, post doctoral fellowships etc. All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) also has a scheme to encourage tuition fee waiver for girl students by incentivizing the technical institutions and relaxing norms for establishment of new technical institutions exclusively for women. If these and other plans of the govt. are implemented honestly and in time, we can expect a bright future, for the country.



Assessment of Teaching Quality in Higher Education



Dr Ajay Kumar Singh
Assistant Professor

It is recognized that the task of assessing the nature, quantity and quality of teaching is a highly complex activity. It has been pointed out, that any good approach to evaluating teaching will reflect the complexity of teaching itself. It has even been suggested that it is not easy to arrive at a consensus of what constitutes good or effective teaching. The challenge at arriving at such a consensus is compounded because there are real variations in teaching quality in different courses, between different subject areas, and within subject areas.

While recognizing the complexities involved in any substantive discussions about the value of teaching, research has consistently shown that there is a great deal of consensus on what characterizes effective teaching.

Among those factors that are consistently advanced are subject matter competence, preparation and organization, clarity, enthusiasm, and interpersonal rapport. We must be primarily concerned with the quality of the student's learning experience. The focus on student learning is also evident in description of the portfolio for reflective analysis and peer collaboration leading to improvement of teaching and student learning. A number of the items that can be identified as being potentially constitutive of a teaching portfolio readily align with the four main dimensions above. They are as follows:

1. Information from oneself

- Responsibilities, philosophy, methods, goals
- Materials
- Teaching development activities

2. Information from others

- Student and peer assessments and ratings
- Year-end evaluations by chair and dean
- Honors and awards
- Letters from colleagues, students, alumni

3. Products of student learning

- Pre/post tests of learning
- Classroom assessment activities
- Student exams, projects, presentations, publications, essays in drafts with instructor's formative feedback
- Alumni assessments

So a teacher must be quick to recognize and take positively, the feedback he receives. He needs to evolve with both time and situations. It is his will alone that can make him a quality teacher, in the true sense of the word.

E-Learning



Dr.S.H.Qasim
Assistant Professor.

Globalization is consolidated by the extraordinary invasion of new technologies, especially the Internet. The development of communication and information technologies makes it possible for institutions to strengthen their position in the educational landscape. ELearning refers to any kind of learning that takes place through technological means. ELearning may be defined as “ a technology based learning via all electronic media, including the internet, intranets, extranets, satellite broadcasts, audio video tape, interactive TV and CD-ROM.

E-learning is naturally suited to distance learning and flexible learning, but can also be used in conjunction with face to face teaching, in which case the term blended learning is commonly used. It is a means of education that incorporates self-motivation, communication, efficiency and technology. As there is limited social interaction, students keep themselves motivated. It is a flexible term used to describing a means of teaching through technology.

Technology offers tremendous opportunities for increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of education in the future. Students, faculty, staff and administrators now use technology extensively in their daily activities and have become reasonably technologically literate. The trend of using E-learning as a learning and technology tool is now rapidly expanding into education.

It provides more access to information and communication, and is a new revolution in education. E-learning environments increasingly serve as important infrastructural features of colleges/universities and enable teachers to provide students with different representations of knowledge and enhance interaction between teachers and students and amongst students themselves. Education is the most important input that influences the all round development of any nation - economic, physical, social, cultural and spiritual.

Teachers are essential players in promoting quality education and no education reform is likely to succeed without their active participation and ownership. They have to develop appropriate competencies to be able to create a learning environment in which he designs and enhances learning experiences. One must be able to incorporate E-learning with the traditional learning and be competent in Web Based Teaching.

E-Learning benefits society by offering integration of all institutions, access to best faculty, quality study material, avoidance of human bias, dust free learning, individualized instruction, learning in experience, unique fast learner - slow learner mechanism, flexibility and cost effectiveness in terms of time.

The Digital World



Kamini Singhal
Assistant Professor



Being associated with the computer, as a teacher, had a lot of surprises. Not being very computer savvy (read not having shared my existence with a computer from Std. I or even earlier, as kids do today), I often ended up putting myself in a rigmarole.

With God's grace, however, I learnt where I had faltered and gradually realized that the virtual world is here to stay, a part and parcel of education and a teacher's life. There are some serious thoughts that a teacher, as a lifelong learner, must remember. If we wish to be effective and want to come up with the best answers for everything, we must constantly evolve, keep abreast with changing circumstances and new information and be prepared to re-examine critical decisions. It doesn't matter who made the decision or how steadfastly we stuck to it. What matters is how effective and dynamic it was. Our change of mind should always come from deep conviction and reasoning.

It's a competitive world and the academia is not without its own challenges. With the 12th five year plan approved last year, the government has formulated the national policy on skill development and set a target for providing skills to 500 million by 2022. We are a young country, as by 2020, the average Indian will be only 29 years old, as compared to 37 years in China and the U.S., 45 years in West Europe and 48 years in Japan. So, we teachers need to help in giving the students a conducive environment and scope for innovation. MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses) are a way making higher education more accessible to masses in this 21st century. They have potential to democratise higher education. From free courses to partial or entire online degrees, one can't help but wonder about the future landscape of education. Here, knowledge acquisition and application can be connected and occur simultaneously. It's a way for students to get a taste of different subjects for free, in a short space of time. They can now make more informed choices. Here's a part of digital world waiting to be explored by lifelong learners.

As a Woman I Perceive

Women education in India is a major preoccupation of both the government and civil society as they can play a very important role in the development of the country. There has been a sincere effort to improve their education by both government and voluntary organizations. The changes in the policies and infrastructural supports on primary, secondary and higher education reflect these initiatives.

The influence of urbanization is playing a beneficial role in the attainment of women's education. The drop-out rate has a negative effect and must be reduced. The initiatives through investment and infrastructure have improved facilities in schools, significantly, but a lot more needs to be done. There have been concerted efforts to encourage girls to attend schools. Indian women are getting international acclaim, be it for poise and elegance or wit or prowess at writing or at reporting. Women now have a platform to showcase their talents. A girl who wants to be, a pilot, or an astronaut or even join the armed forces, is not looked down upon or reprimanded. The women today are free to soar.

This is however the picture through rose-tinted glasses. The opportunities, the triumphs, the intellectual acclaim is limited to the educated woman who is aware of her rights and not hesitant to use them. The saddest paradox of our time is that when a girl from an affluent family is studying to get through medical entrance, the maid's daughter exactly her age- is being married off to a man ten years older! Dowry deaths still occur in horrifying numbers and our capital has been declared most unsafe. We are obviously not a very progressive nation till we can get freedom for all women, regardless of social status or position in the financial hierarchy. This restoration of God-given dignity and justice is something ONLY WE can bring about. It is only then we can proudly proclaim to be LIBERATED and TRULY MODERN.

Women are the builders and moulders of the nation's destiny. Thus it is rightly said, 'for a better world of tomorrow, educate women'. It is totally upon us to know our rights, spread awareness and paint the picture of womanhood with bright hues rather than with melancholy greys.



Sneha Jagan, M.Ed



Our Environment

The Planet Earth is our earthly home,
God made it for us to freely roam.
The third rock from the sun, is indeed,
Lucky that God planted nature's seed...
All creation, since the beginning of time
Has praised God for His Glory Divine.
From the tiniest life from to the giant whale
The long gone dinosaurs or the slow moving snail...
There's a time to be born and a time to die.



That's the way our Earthly sojourn's meant to be.
The perfect combination of heat and cold.
Keeps life going on in nature's fold...
The foliage, flora and fauna captivate us all,
Yet, Save Planet Earth is the clarion call.
In the name of progress, we've choked Mother Earth.
CFC's and depleting ozone layer will curtail all birth...

Let's unite together and raise our voice,
To Save Planet Earth, there's no other choice,
For posterity will never forgive this generation,
For becoming the cause of Mother Earth's degradation.

GIVE YOUR BEST

Even the tiniest microscopic creature in nature,
According to its nature does the best it can;
The birds, too, do the best in their own realm,
And animal behaviour has many inspirations for man.
However brief each one's life on this planet is,
Every creature tries to put in its best;
Bees make perfect honeycombs with honey,



It's indeed sad many people fail to understand
The superiority of intelligence of the human race,
They pass through life in a mediocre fashion,
Like a water-bubble vanish without a trace



Why don't we realise the preciousness of life?
Why don't we see the brevity of time in hand?
On this worldly stage we're passing but once,
Do the best that's possible and don't just stand.
Time and tide, they say, wait for none,
One's clock starts ticking as soon as one is born,
Even if one is not always a winner,
Let the sincerity of effort to excel, one's life adorn.

Leave not this world without giving your share,
To glorify the great gift of life given to man;
Occasions are plenty , only one has to decide to see,
How much one can achieve in this life span.
Every misfortune is a blessing in disguise, to those
Who transform their adversity into real victory?
Give your best, in the true sense of the word,
To be cited by posterity in the pages of human history.



Pragati Grace Gaikwad,B.Ed.

Awareness About AIDS

The aids rally of the Department of Teacher Education was taken out on 13th November 2012 from the department. Before proceeding the entire group invoked God's blessings and protection. It was flagged off by HOD Prof. (Dr.) Sr. Marion Mathew CJ .It proceeded to Indelpur village and its school. All the students carried placards with inspiring slogans to make all aware of the terrible consequences of AIDS and the fact that it is possible to overcome the situation with the help of affection ,care and treatment. A person is diagnosed with AIDS when his immune system is too weak to fight infections. Today , there are an estimated 34 million people living with HIV and AIDS worldwide. HIV is a virus that gradually attacks immune system cells. The villagers and children were addressed by the HOD .She told them about five districts of UP being declared as AIDS sensitive including Allahabad. She said it was of vital importance to make the youth aware of all this in time.



Two street plays were performed .The first play performed by students showed a boy in bad company taking drugs. Consequently, he was infected with AIDS .Owing to this, he was not only discarded by his friends but also by his family .This conveyed the message of giving importance to love, care and cure in such a situation .The second play showed that preventive measures are the best remedy.



Bruce J Deacon, B.ed & Mohammad Imran, B.Ed





Reflections

Being a commerce student, MBA was my first choice after graduation. I wanted to follow my parents' footsteps and be a part of either the Indian Railways, or the Indian Income Tax Department, but if wishes were horses, beggars would ride! Severe competition has created a big struggle in our lives. Today, with the increasing population, nothing comes easy. So, while I was preparing for my future career , B.Ed came in the way.

I joined the course and today am proud to be a part of SHIATS. I have perhaps never done and learnt so many things in just a matter of months- Practice teaching, activities, sharing, caring, learning that each one I came by had talents waiting to be learnt from and so much more.

As the session comes to an end, I am going to miss it all. The change is going to be difficult I know. The department of Teacher Education has become an inseparable part of my life, that shall always be remembered and cherished.



Nitya Sharma, B.Ed



Learning to serve the country

The week long scout and guide Training Programme, concluded at Allahabad School of Education,SHIATS under the guidance and supervision of Prof.(Dr.) Sr. Marion Mathew CJ ,HoD , Mr. Raj Narayan Shukla,DoC (District Organizing Commissioner, Scout), Dr. Shashi Jaiswal (Leader , Trainer and Guide),Kumari Shakuntala (Ranger Captain,President awardee) and all the faculty members.

The students were divided into 10 groups and performed various activities each day like group songs ,dance,skits and kawwalis.Each day began with a scout and guide prayer followed by a scout song.The groups were given the detailed history of the existence of the scout and guide programme in India.The importance of physical exercise and discipline in their life was also explained. They were also taught various activities like different clapping styles,ways of tying knots,setting up tents and working in complete coordination and harmony.The programme came to an end on 14th Dec,2012.The students put up tents and decorated them.Though the weather was cloudy ,they all managed to prepare dishes,enjoying the sharing,fun and appetizing aroma that filled the air. The Pro VC (Academic Affairs) and Dean Humanities, Social Sciences and Education ,Prof. (Dr.) Newman Fernandes accompanied by Prof.(Dr.) Shukla ,of the Directorate of Distance Education ,inspected the tents of different groups, took salute and encouraged the students to remain patriotic to the nation and extend a helping hand wherever national service was required.



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Teachers Are Nation Builders

As always, a teacher still remains a nation builder, no matter how materialistic society may have become. He is the foundation of all education, and thus of the whole civilization of mankind, present and future. No national reconstruction is possible without his active cooperation. In the past, teachers were held by all in the highest esteem. Even kings and emperors used to look up to them for guidance and advice in hours of crisis. As a matter of fact, teachers were the trustees of common welfare. Teachers in those days were the true benefactors of society. History is full of examples which clearly show that great decisions of vital importance to the whole nation were taken on the direction of the teachers.

Times have now undergone a tremendous change. It has become a common feeling that one who fails everywhere, becomes a teacher as a last resort. However, it is only through his perseverance, that we see the right path. His role is multi-faceted comprising academic, pedagogical and social roles. Academic role comprises of teaching counseling and supervision, while pedagogical role includes instruction, evaluation and facilitation. Social role includes socialization, which is preparing pupils to participate in life. So, we should give respect to teachers as they are the nation builders and without them both knowledge and morals suffer.



Rebekah Masih M.Ed.



Reading my Passion



Reading is important for me for it gives me valuable insights into various facts of life. It inculcates in me the power of reasoning as Francis Bacon said- 'Read not to contradict or confute nor believe or take for granted nor to find talk and discourse but to weigh and consider.' All great literary works of noble minds have spread the light of wisdom since ages. They provide strength and inspiration to us, in times of doubt and dilemma. They are indeed the masterpieces of art that unfold the truth of life and death, making us both reverent and fearless, and treasures of knowledge and experience on friendship, virtues and life itself. Reading provides priceless insights into the good things of life and makes us aware of the negative aspects too.

Unfortunately the youngsters in today's world do not read apart from their text books. This is due to the overpowering influence of media like television, cinema, cell-phones and surfing of internet to such an extent that they are unable to reap the fruits of wisdom. None of these can replace the delight and charm of reading well. Besides building up our personality and value system, reading helps us in thinking and acting logically. No matter what problem we face, we can derive strength and direction from the literary thoughts and actions of great sages. It is an age old and healthy hobby. Reading travelogues, detective genre, about space, science, market conditions, newspapers, magazines etc. is like being in a different world altogether.



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ACTIVITIES

16TH DR.SAM HIGGINBOTTOM MEMORIAL MUSIC COMPETITION

5 Dec. 2012



Anjali M.Ed 3rd Prize in Senior Solo Hindi Singing

JALSA/COMMUNITY WORK, PREPARATION





SALAD COMPETITION

18 Dec 2012



1st



2nd



3rd



Consolation

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POETRY COMPETITION

25 Jan 2013



Debate Competition

25 Jan 2013



SOLO DANCE COMPETITION



GROUP DANCE

20 FEB 2013

