

DAV PASCHIM ENCLAVE ORGANIZES
IN-SERVICE TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME

A Brief Report

In the wake of new and fresh dimensions inflowing and influencing the teaching profession everyday, and in furtherance of the all-embracing and adaptive approach of the DAV Schools, DAV Centenary Public School, Paschim Enclave organized a two-day In-Service Teachers' Training Programme at its premises on June 28 and 29, 2011 under guidance from DAV College Managing Committee.

The Training Programme was inaugurated amid the chants of Gayatri Mantra and the lighting of the knowledge lamp by the Principal of the host school, Ms Manju Malik and the guest experts. Ms Malik welcomed all the participants and urged them to invigorate their creative energies in order to seek maximum advantage from the various workshops. She also stressed on the need to update ourselves with the on-going and emergent advancements in the teaching profession.

Specialized and need-based full-day workshops were organized over the span of two days, catering to all subjects at all levels. More than 12 DAV schools and 220 teachers participated actively in the innovative workshops and seminar sessions. Subject experts, proficient in their respective subjects, were invited from prestigious institutions such as CBSE, NCERT, Directorate of Education, Delhi University and School of Open Learning etc. to provide latest and updated methodology and training to the teachers.

In English, the theme of the first day workshop was 'Getting our Phonics Right', wherein Dr V P Sharma, an eminent Reader in Phonetics at the School of Open Learning, threw light on topics such as Phonic Sounds in English Language, Stress and Intonation. The second day was an activity-based workshop on the topic 'Teaching English through Activities'. The resource persons for this workshop, Mr Baldev Raj Khurana and Ms Nimisha Sharma, assisted the teachers in understanding the need for activity-based teaching techniques and designing of innovative activities.

In Mathematics, the topic of the first day was 'Vedic Mathematics', elaborated by Dr G D Dhall, a prominent academician associated with CBSE. Dr Ram Avatar, a retired Professor from NCERT and Mr S N Chhibber, associated with the Directorate of Education, were the resource persons for the second day's interactive session. They expounded the importance of 'Teaching Mathematics through Activities'.

Dr Vandana Gupta, a well-known Lecturer in Science from College of Education, Maharishi Valmiki College was the expert for Science, who stressed upon 'Inculcation of Scientific Temper among Primary Level learners' during an enlightening and enriching session. Another resource person for Science, Ms Anita Marwaha, PGT in Biology and Biotechnology, elaborated on 'Teaching Science through Activities'.

Dr Kumud Sharma, a distinguished writer in Hindi, addressed many current issues of Hindi Language. Ms Sarita Gupta, the much learned Hindi Faculty person discussed 'Challenges in Teaching Primary Classes' and worked out novel ways of dealing with everyday classroom problems.

During an enriching and resourceful Social Science workshop, the subject expert Ms Kiran Jawa, PGT Social Science, expounded on recent and latest methods of 'Teaching Social Science through Activities' and enhancing 'Map Reading Skills' among Primary learners.

The objective of organizing such workshops for teachers was to refresh and replenish their subject knowledge, update and equip them with the latest and modern activity-based techniques to fulfill the demands of the knowledge-hungry and career-oriented contemporary student generation.

The two-day In-Service Teachers' Training Programme was extremely successful and proved to be an enriching amalgam of resourceful ideas coming from all avenues. The host school received the much-deserved admiration and congratulations from the participants, experts and the DAVCMC.