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Workshop Name	<i>Experiential Learning, Nai Talim and Work Education through School & Teacher Education Curriculum</i>
Date	29-01-2019
Time	10.00 am to 05.00 pm
Venue	Department of Education
No. of Participants	30
Chief Guest	Dr. Darshan Lal Arora, Ex. Head, Department of Chemistry, D. N. College, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut
MGNCRE Resource Person	Dr. Anil Kumar Dubey, Sr. Faculty



Workshop Implementation

Registration Session

Time: 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

In the beginning of the Workshop registration of the participants took place. There were 30 participants registered for the workshop on Experiential Learning: Gandhiji's Nai Talim. Name of the participants are as follows:

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| 1 -Dr. Sanjay Kumar | 16- Dr.Preeti Teotia |
| 2- Dr.Meenakshi Sharma | 17- Dr.Lokesh Kumar |
| 3- Dr.Manju Gupta | 18- Dr.Neeru Singh |
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INAUGURATION SESSION

Time : 10:00 A.M. to 1:15 A.M.

Chief Guest Dr. Darshan Lal Arora, Ex. Head, Department of Chemistry, D. N. College, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, inaugurated the one day workshop on Experiential Learning: Gandhiji's Nai Talim, with lighting the lamp in front of Holy Photographs of Maa Saraswati & Mahatma Gandhi. Chief Guest also garlanded the Holy Photographs of Maa Saraswati, & Mahatma Gandhi. After this pupil teacher educators presented Saraswati Vandana.

Honouring the Guests

Dr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Education, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut welcome to Chief Guest **Dr. Darshan Lal Arora**, Ex. Head, Department of Chemistry, D. N. College, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut.

Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Education, Meerut College Meerut welcomed the Keynote Speaker **Prof. Suraksha Pal**, Ex. Head & Dean, Department of Education, CCS University, Meerut.

Prof. Vijay Jaiswal, Associate Prof. faculty of Education, CCS University, Meerut welcomed the President of the workshop **Prof. Narendra Kumar Taneja**, Honourable Vice Chancellor, CCS University, Meerut.

Dr. Ravindra Kumar, Project Assiostant, Department of Education, CCS University, Meerut welcomed the Technical Speaker **Dr. Anil Kumar Dubey**, Sr. Faculty M.G.N.C.R.E. (Ministry of Human Resource Development) and MHRD (Ministry of Human Resource Development), Deptt. of Higher Education.

Keynote Address

Keynote Address was delivered by **Prof. Suraksha Pal**, Ex. Head & Dean, Department of Education, CCS University, Meerut. Paying thanks to all the present guests and participants started her address by highlighting the importance of education and said that Gandhi ji accepted education as a lifelong process and a way of life in itself. She stressed that education can communicate this meaning only when it is termed as experiential learning. And that is why Gandhi ji emphasized on experiential education. First of all, she threw light on the contemporary situations that led Gandhi ji to conceptualize Nai Talim. She said that when the country was struggling for independence, the flow of thought was overwhelming among the contemporary scholars and two issues were rapidly emerging that education must be universalized and alternative education system should also be developed.

She said that there were many factors which led the contemporary scholars to reflect on the above mentioned issues. These factors were: over importance of English language; degradation of ancient Indian culture; and the increasing colonialization and exploitation of the Indians.

Besides these factors Gandhi ji has personally experienced that students face many



problems in text book based education system while he was teaching in Sabarmati Ashram and he concluded that India would never succeed in getting independence if the education system is not immediately changed. Consequently, Zakir Hussain Committee came into existence. This committee was instructed to develop such a structure of education system which must be autonomous, independence, experiential and free of English dominancy as Gandhi ji believed that independency is the essential requirement for autonomy. This report of Zakir Hussain Committee was published in the Magazine 'Harijan' in the year of 1937. After this many Indian schools adopted Nai Talim and many new schools were opened in different parts of the country. But during Second World War, Nai Talim was highly neglected and consequently gradually doomed.

Further she explained how after independence the different educational commissions and committees included the components of Nai Talim in their recommendations. She gave especial reference to J. P. Nayak committee and Kothari Commission (1964-66). And said that unfortunately recommendations of J. P. Nayak committee could not be implemented but Kothari commission made different recommendations to make education work oriented and socially useful.

Then paying thanks to Indian Government she said that in present scenario the government is trying to implement Nai Talim again so that education may become a means of social welfare and profound knowledge may be disseminate among the future generation. Highlighting the importance of Nai Talim, she talked about the values of Gandhi ji and said that creativity takes place in the harmonious and peaceful mind which is directly related to the non-violence of Gandhi. She said that by making education craft centered poverty can be eliminated and different values like cooperation, socialization, self-esteem, dignity of labor, and morality can be cultivated among the learners. Unveiling the weaknesses of present education system, she said that there is no direct relationship between education and life, the youth is suffering from unemployment, and there is over dependency on Information rather than knowledge. Summarizing her address she said that to generate creative and enterprising youth, Nai Talim based experiential learning is the demand of present era.

Technical Speaker Address

Dr. Anil Kumar Dubey, Sr. Faculty M.G.N.C.R.E. MHRD, Dept. of Higher Education threw light on the objectives and framework of the workshop and told that this one day workshop on Nai Talim being held in CCS university, Meerut as it has been conducted in so many different universities of the country before. Highlighting the reason that MHRD and M.G.N.C.R.E are taking initiatives for preparing teacher and teacher educators for experiential learning Dr. Dubey said that in present education system the student has become closed in cells of classrooms and there is little interaction between the student and his/her environment. He further viewed that the present youth is misguided and many highly qualified persons are found engaged in different types of crimes and exploitation. To conclude, he emphasized on violence free, interesting, and live



education so that the hypothesis of happy world may come into existence. So Nai Talim of Gandhi Ji is very beneficial and useful for society and students.

Chief Guest Address

Chief Guest **Dr. Darshan Lal Arora, Ex. Head, Department of Chemistry, D. N. College, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut**, in his address stressed on education as the ground of life and said that education makes a man human. Discussing the kind of education, he talked about the importance of experiential education and stressed on the development of self-confidence among the students. Citing examples he demanded teacher educators to connect education with practical life and highlighted the characteristics of ancient gurukul system. Indicating the contribution of ancient Indian education, he told that it was after Lord Maculay that education lost its connection with the ancient culture. Emphasizing on the behavior of the teachers he said that they should be respectful for their students as “Respect is demanded not commanded” and said that in present scenario our society needs teachers full of morality.

Presidential Address

Presidential address was delivered by **Prof. Narendra Kumar Taneja, Honourable Vice Chancellor, CCS University, Meerut**. Honorable Vice Chancellor said that education plays the key role in the building of a nation and stressed that education must be linked to practical life. In his address he gave reference to some innovative initiatives that are being held to enrich education. He talked about ‘Atal Innovation Mission’ a central government sponsored scheme which aims at promotion and training of 7-12 years old children in math and engineering and to develop their critical abilities. He also talked about the vision of CBSE that no subject is exclusively theoretical and that the board is planning to connect each subject with experiential learning by 2020. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Said that Nai Talim of Gandhi Ji is very useful for our society and students and he thanked Chariman of MGNCRE Dr. W.G. Prasanna Kumar for his holy work on Nai Talim. At last he hoped for the success of the workshop.

Valedictory Honour of Guests

Chief Guest, Dr. Darshan Lal Arora, Ex. Head, Department of Chemistry, D. N. College, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, was honored by presenting memento and shawl by Prof. Jagbir Singh Bhardwaj, Head & Dean, Department of Education, CCS University, Meerut.

In the sequence Dr. Seema Sharma, Faculty of education, Meerut College Meerut honored Prof. Suraksha Pal, Ex. Head & Dean, Department of Education, CCS University, Meerut, the Key Note Speaker with memento and shawl.

And Technical Speaker Dr. Anil Kumar Dubey, Sr. Faculty M.G.N.C.R.E & MHRD, Deptt. of Higher Education was honored by Dr. Lokesh Kumar, Faculty of education, NREC, Khurja.



Vote of Thanks

In the Last of the inaugural session Prof. Jagbir Singh Bhardwaj, Head & Dean, Department of Education, CCS University, Meerut, expressed his thanks to the guests, experts and participants. He also wished for smooth conduct and completion of the Workshop on Experiential Learning: Gandhiji's Nai Talim. He also extended his gratitude to Dr. Anil Kumar, Sr. Faculty M.G.N.C.R.E. & MHRD, Dept. of Higher Education, and his faculty members for their untiring efforts in this direction.

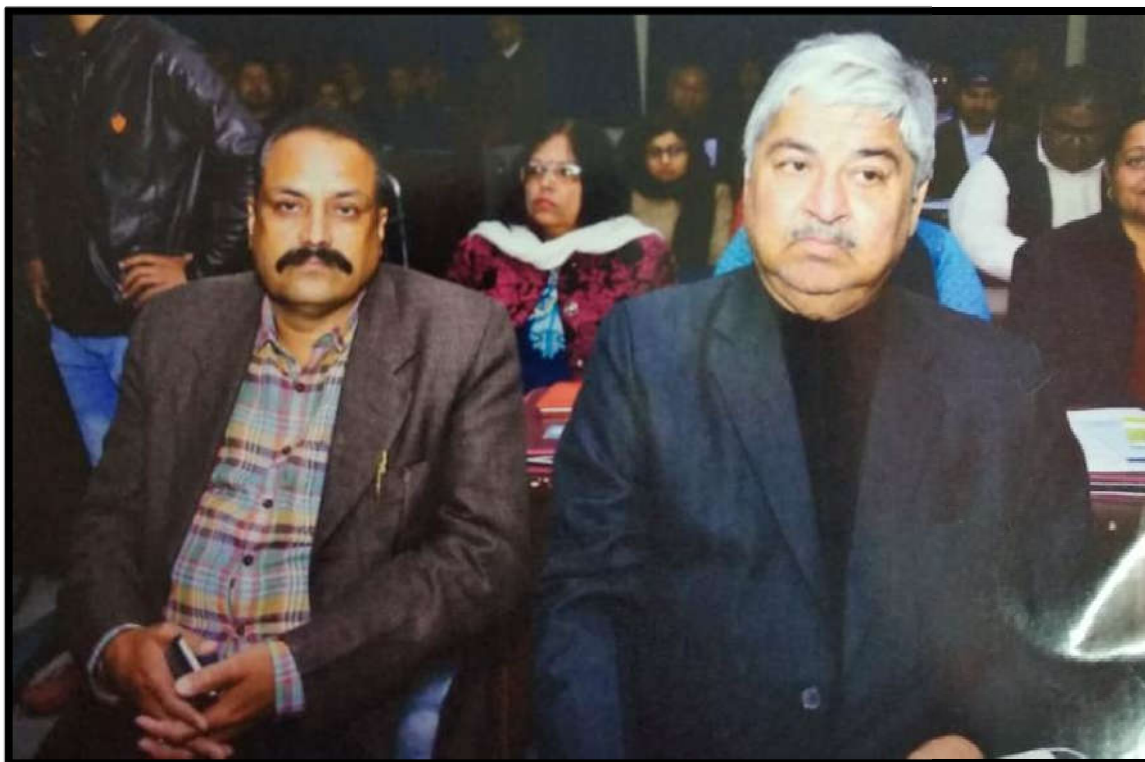
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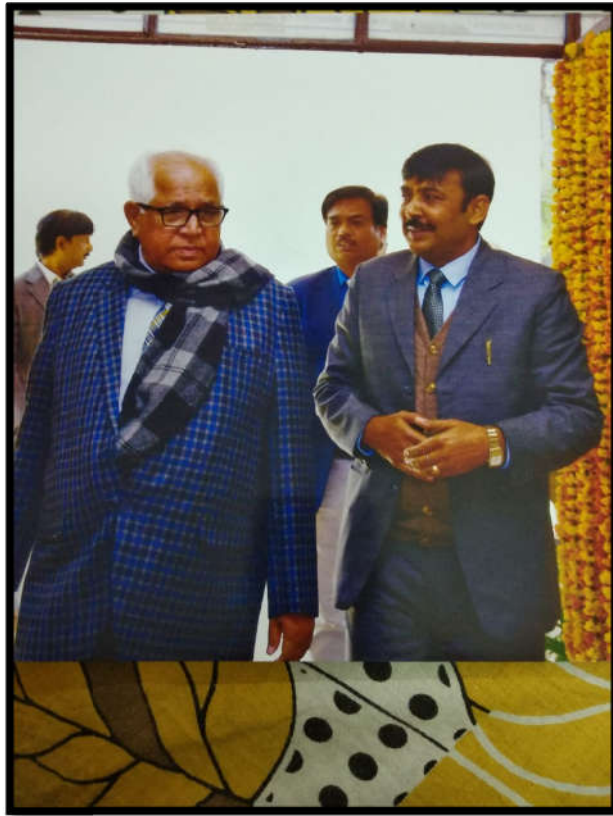
Technical Session- 2:15 PM to 5:00 PM

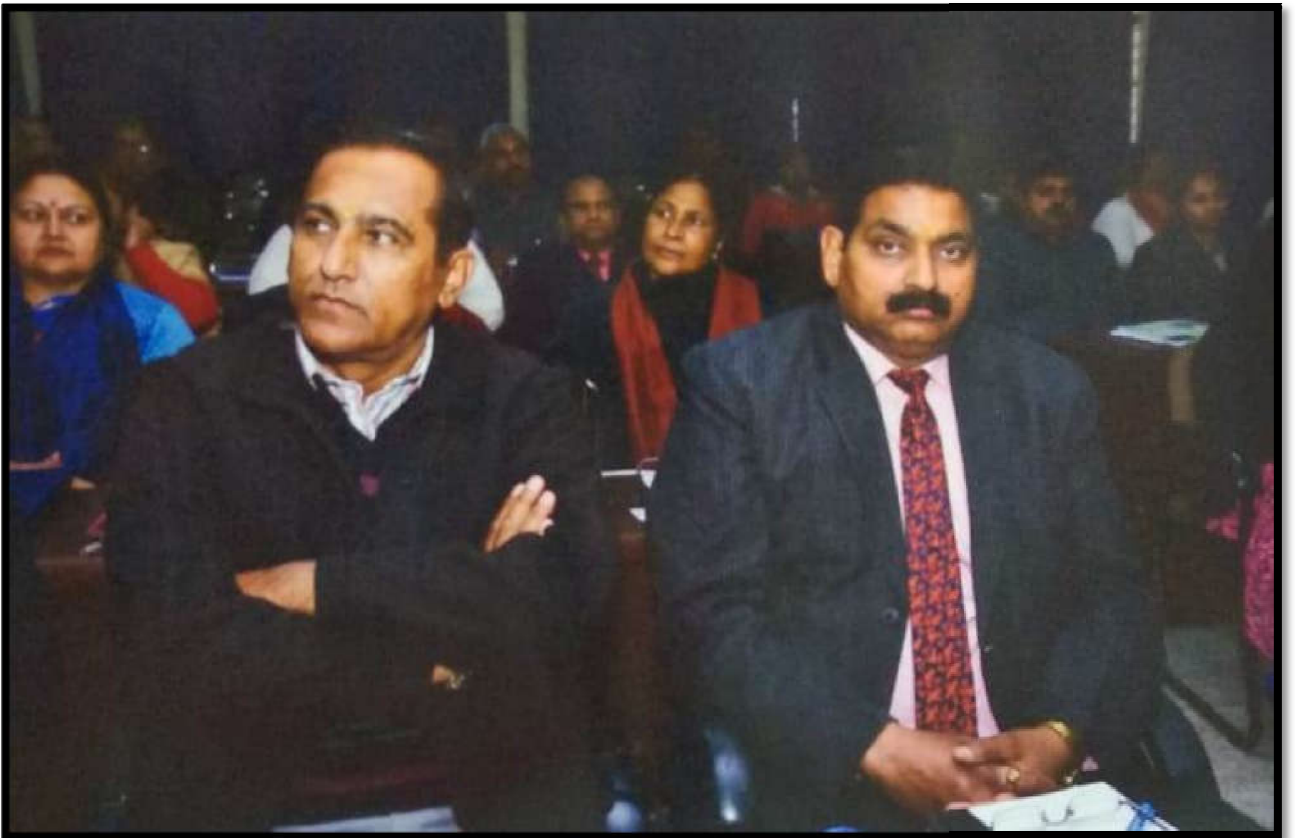
Technical Session was chaired by Dr. Anil Kumar Dubey Sr. Faculty M.G.N.C.R.E & MHRD, Dept. of Higher Education. During the session participants were paired and each member of the pair gave introduction of his/her partner. The suggestions on the school curriculum were also invited from the participants. At last participants expressed their workshop experiences and feedback as well.



Workshop Snapshots









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