

SHORT RUN COURSE ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT **from 30.09.2019 to 06.10.2019**

The XIth short run course on Professional Development was started on 30.09.2019. The programme was officially inaugurated by Dr. P. Mohan, the ProVice-Chancellor of the University of Calicut. In his inaugural speech he emphasised the need of invoking social responsibility and commitment in the minds of teachers who are the backbone in building the future society. Dr. P.K. Aruna, the Project Head welcomed the gathering and Dr. C. Abdul Majeed expressed vote of thanks. Thirty nine teachers from universities and affiliated colleges participated in the week long course.

30.09.2019 - Sessions 1,2,3&4

The first and second sessions were handled by Dr. P. Noushad, Associate Professor, School of Gandhian Thoughts and Development Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam on the topic 'Curriculum Designing and Development'. He discussed the current issues of class rooms, difference between curriculum and syllabus, basic principles of education, four pillars of education, revised blooms taxonomy, guidelines for writing objectives in a curriculum, methods of assessment, etc. In the end of the session the participants were divided into different groups based on their area of specialisation and were asked to prepare and design a course focussing on a particular module. Later, one member from each group presented the module designed by them. After a thorough discussion the modules prepared by the participants were finalised. Dr. Merlin and Dr. Renjis Tom, both from Devagiri College, delivered the welcome speech and vote of thanks respectively.

01.10.2019 FN

This session was handled by Dr. A. Hameed, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, University of Calicut on the topic "Teaching with the brain in mind". He started the class with an activity which helped the participants to relax themselves and concentrate on the entire session. He discussed about the types of learners and the importance of identifying different types of learners in the class room. Then he shared the rules for learning and how the same should be applied throughout the learning process. Further the need and importance of energisers in class rooms were discussed and demonstrated some activity songs. The participants actively participated in action songs by singing, dancing and clapping. Principles of learning and factors influencing the brain to learn were also discussed. Ms Vidhya, Assistant Professor, SN College, Kollam welcomed the resource person and Ms. Deepa J.T of the same college proposed vote of thanks.

01.10.2019 AN

In the post lunch session the topic "Test item construction and question banking" was presented by Dr. K. Vijayakumari, Assistant Professor, Farook Training College, Calicut. *The session began with a discussion on the drawbacks of the present system setting question papers and then suggested some measures to improve the task. Practical work on preparing multiple choice and descriptive types questions threw some light to their merits and demerits. Question banking system where by experts prepare questions on their topics of expertise was also discussed. Dr. Prajithakumari and Dr. Abdul Lathief performed welcome and concluding speeches respectively.*

03.11.2019 FN

The session started with a welcome speech by Dr. Shinu V.S. The resource person Dr. Abdul Gafoor, Professor, Department of Education, University of Calicut engaged the sessions on the topic "Emerging Scenario of Professional Development". Based on the results of an activity given to the participants the resource person indicated the importance of understanding the needs of students. Important challenges facing by the Indian higher education sector were also discussed. Dr. Sumangala expressed vote of thanks.

03.11.2019 AN

Dr Mohammed Saleem, Associate Professor, Farook Training College, Calicut was the resource person for the afternoon sessions. Criteria for promotion of college and university teachers based on PBAS and API elaborately explained. Qualitative assessment gets more importance in the 2018 Regulations. The session was highly interactive and participatory in nature. Fixation of salary as per VIIth UGC regulation was also demonstrated. Dr. Priyadarsini P. welcomed the resource person and Dr. Minu Divakaran expressed gratitude.

04.11.2019 FN

Dr. Lancy D' Zousa, Professor, Dept. Of Psychology, Maharaja College, Mysore was the key speaker. The discussion was made on the topic " Techno pedagogy and effective communication". The speaker emphasised the need of using ICT for effective class room teaching and management. Importance of effective communication for better performance by the teachers and students also stressed.

04.11.2019 AN

Dr. Mumthas N.S, Associate Professor, Dept. Of Education, Farook Training college, Calicut handled the afternoon session on the topic " Fair assessment: Role of Rubrics". Different forms of assessment and thier merits and demerits was the first point discussed in the session. The role of Rubrics as tool of fair assessment was examined and deliberated on at length and breadth. Preparation of rubrics suitable for various subject formed a part of the exercise.

05.11.2019 FN&AN

Outcome based education, one of the recent development in the field of higher education, was the subject for discussion on the last day of the one week course. Dr. Edamana Prasad, Professor from IIT Madras introduced the topic to the participants during the morning session. The pros and cons of the innovative system was deliberated seriously with the active participation of the trainee teachers. How to set up realistic outcomes was also explained. In the afternoon practical sessions were held on setting outcomes for different subjects.

Dr. Edaman Prasad distributed the certificates to the participates. Oral and written back collected from the participants would be subjected to rigorous analysis to assess the shortcomings, if any in the conduct of the programme.