

FDP ON ‘STUDENT- CENTRED TEACHING METHODS & STRATEGIES’

With the objectives of enabling the faculty members of higher education to learn new pedagogic techniques while empowering them with innovative teaching competencies, skills and attitudes and providing the participants with experiential learning by integrating various teaching tools in teaching through group activities and interactions, a five day online Faculty Development Programme on “Student -centred Teaching Methods and Strategies in Higher Education” was jointly organized by the Department of English, SKIT and RTU, Kota under RTU TEQUIP III plan. Day 1: The five-day FDP was inaugurated by the Director SKIT, Mr. Jaipal Meel who focused on quality education to achieve academic excellence. The programme was graced by the Vice-Chancellor RTU, Professor R.A Gupta, as Chief Guest, who spoke about the role of teachers for the new normal. The other dignitaries who graced the ceremony were Professor S.L Surana, Director Academics SKIT, Professor Ramesh Kumar Pachar Principal SKIT, Professor Dharendra Mathur, TEQIP Coordinator, Professor A.K Dwivedi, Professor M.L Meena. The inaugural session began with an expert lecture by Prof. Sanil Viswanathan, Dept. of Humanities, IIT, Delhi, who spoke about strategies to empower the faculty members, with innovative teaching, competencies, skills and attitudes, followed by a session on psychological needs of the students in context of pandemic issues and challenges in higher education with specific reference to youth by Dr. Purna Puri, Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychology, University of Rajasthan. Day 2 commenced with the session of Dr. Preeti Bhatt, Associate Professor, Dept. of Humanities & Social Sciences, MNIT, Jaipur, who threw light on the classroom strategies and teaching pedagogies for student learning in higher education followed by the second session of Prof. G.S. Dangayach, Prof. ME Dept. MNIT, Jaipur, highlighting the various teaching tools for effective teaching. Day 3 began with Dr. Narendra Kumar’s, (Assoc. Prof. Dept. of Humanities, LNMIIT, Jaipur) experience-based lecture on the current methods of teaching & dealing with the online & automated system of evaluation. Dr. Sheetal Setia, Assistant Professor, University of Mumbai, in the second session unleashed the critical review of the latest policies adopted by the government and its implementation in higher learning. Day 4 kicked off by an interesting lecture by Dr. Shipra Malik, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, University of Al Baha KSA, Saudi Arabia, where she unraveled latest online strategies like flip & blended learning for effective teaching, she also highlighted the recurrent usage of animation in language and literature teaching for effective reception by the students. The last session on the day 5 began with a lecture by Prof. Anita Singh, Professor, Dept. of English, Banaras Hindu University. She recommended that teachers in higher education should attend FDP training activities on regular basis and that their scope should extend beyond the particular discipline to include social skills necessary for collaboration, professional growth as well as management, and leadership abilities. The present FDP has also enabled the participants to understand and practice “Outcome Based Teaching” and “Learner-centric Teaching Strategies” to develop appropriate tools of assessment and imbibe the proficiencies and qualities of good teacher. The FDP was coordinated by Dr. Nidhi Sharma, Dr. Neha Purohit and Dr. Anupriya Singh.

