

Report of the Workshop

Department of Education, Tezpur University organized a workshop on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) in the wake of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 for the teachers of Takshashila Vidyapeeth on September 19, 2022. The workshop aimed at orienting the teachers with major structural changes suggested in the policy document NEP 2020.

At the outset, the Program Coordinator Dr. Yeasmin Sultana, Assistant Professor in the department of Education welcomed the participants to the workshop that aimed at helping the teachers to better understand their roles in the light of NEP 2020. Then Prof. Nil Ratan Roy, Head of the department of Education gave an introductory speech on ‘National Education Policy 2020’ - a policy which has brought wonders in the Education Fundamentals. He also stated that National Education Policy 2020 has acknowledged the need for strong investments in ECCE for the first time.

Prof. Nashreen S Islam, Chairperson, School Management Committee, Takshashila Vidyapeeth delivered the inaugural speech wherein she reiterated that the pre-school years play a significant role in preparing children for the school education ahead. Preschool teachers influence the mind of the children in a big way in their formative years. She also emphasized that teacher training programs should be made available at regular intervals for them so that they stay updated with the curriculum, pedagogy, and goals of ECCE at national and international level.

Dr. Pratima Pallai, Dr. Sashapra Chakrawarty, Dr. Rajinder Singh, Mr Amarnath Sah from the department were also present during the inaugural of the workshop.

At the beginning of the technical session, Ms Dibyangi Gogoi, MA III semester student gave an overview of Early Childhood Care and Education in the light of NEP 2020”. Then Mr. Mohammad Asif, Assistant professor from the department deliberated on Professional development of ECCE teachers in the light of NEP 2020. He also discussed about quality ECCE and professional development models, issues in quality workforce, steps needed to build quality workforce, teachers training, etc. Dr. Yeasmin Sultana discussed the importance of home language in ECCE besides introducing school language to the children at the developmentally appropriate time. Ms Priyanka Koch, Guest Faculty in the department initiated a detailed discussion on WHAT and HOW of the concepts of Early Literacy and Numeracy. She also demonstrated the art of storytelling and how Toy Based Pedagogy could be implemented inside the preschool classroom through different

locally available materials like feathers, stones, flowers, leaves etc. Special focus was given on the concept of contextualization which talks about taking care of the local and immediate needs of the child with a prime focus on the developmentally appropriate, interest and the culture specific needs of the child. Much importance was given on the use of different indigenous toys available from different states of India to help the children connect with the Indian ethos through developing the cultural connect. Towards the end, she provided some low cost no cost materials like ice-cream sticks, old newspaper, chart paper for preparing some Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) for the students, wherein the teachers came up with excellent TLMS. The teacher's participation in the hands-on activity sessions was highly appreciative. And lastly the program ended successfully with the vote of thanks.

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