

Maharshi Valmiki College of Education
(University of Delhi)
Geeta Colony, Delhi 110 031

FACULTY SEMINAR

Monday, 22 January 2018: 03.00 P.M. Venue: Committee Room, Maharshi Valmiki College of Education
Topic: <i>Reconstructing Professional Identity: Some Reflections</i>
Presentation by: Professor Bharti Baveja <i>Former Head & Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Delhi</i>
Abstract: It was more of an interactive session where the speaker and the faculty shared their experiences and concerns with the intention of understanding the current challenges faced by teacher educators in the process of preparing future teachers as also their own professional development. Using the underlying ideas of Gardner's explanation of a 'Profession', the speaker discussed the meaning of 'good work' and its' importance in teacher education. It was agreed upon that the lack of trust and degradation of moral values and ethical standards was one of the main reason for the dilution of professionalism among the teachers. The speaker beautifully explained the urgency of creating a positive atmosphere conducive to the inculcation of positivity among the future teachers. She underlined the principles of Positive Psychology as a way of dealing with many challenges faced by people in the field of education. She talked about Strength Based Education (Character Strengths by Martin Seligman) as a way to nurture basic values in teachers and students.
<u>Faculty Members Present:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. PK Sharma2. Dr. Manjari Gopal3. Dr. Neelam Mehta Bali4. Dr. Ramji Dubey5. Dr. Satveer Singh Barwal6. Mr. Vinod Kumar A.7. Ms. Rama Negi8. Ms. Meenakshi Chawla9. Ms. Nisha Arya10. Ms. Ashwini Kumar
<u>Faculty Members Not Present:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. Jyoti Kohli2. Dr. Ila Mehrotra3. Ms. Minu Talwar (On CCL)4. Dr. Gopal Rana5. Mr. Raghavendra Prapanna6. Dr. Vandana Gupta7. Dr. Kailash Goel

Dr. Neelam Mehta Bali
In-Charge, Faculty Seminar

Dr. PK Sharma
Officiating Principal