
SEMINAR REPORT

School of Education (IASE), Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore organized a National Seminar on **Inclusive Education: Challenges and Opportunities** (Under UGC SAP-DSA Phase I) in the month of March dated 23-24, 2018 which was successfully conducted. Here is the brief report about the seminar.

The theme of the Seminar, "Inclusive Education: Challenges and Opportunities" which was conceived as to have a thematic discussion on present scenario of Inclusive Education in India, Philosophy of Inclusion, Policies and Legal framework of inclusive education. The Government of India is making different policies and providing facilities for inclusion, establishing the importance of Government's and NGO's attempts of Inclusion. Seminar focused on exploring the real need of Inclusive Education, Normalization and Main Streaming of differently able and marginalised sections of society. The seminar was a step ahead towards the aforesaid motto and helped to achieve the set objectives. The objectives were:

OBJECTIVES

- To explore the philosophy of Inclusion
- To critically analyze policies and legal framework of Inclusive Education
- To identify the Challenges and opportunities in Inclusive Education
- To share Innovative Practices in Inclusion
- To Locate and Synthesize research trends in Inclusive Education

On the basis of the objectives, the five different sub themes on which two days were exclusively given were:

SUB-THEMES

- Education through Inclusive Lens
- Policies and Legal Framework of Inclusive Education
- Challenges in Inclusive Education
- Innovative Practices in Inclusion
- Research Trends in Inclusive Education

The information and detailed brochure of the seminar were distributed to the stakeholders through E- mails, display on the departmental website, shared in the academic groups, posted to HOD's of different departments of the University. Papers received till due date only were considered. After receiving the papers on the above sub themes, the papers were reviewed by the scrutiny committee and only selected papers were allowed for presentation. The papers were

scrutinized on the basis of originality of content and plagiarism percentage. Acceptance of the paper for final presentation was communicated to the participants. Total number of papers received were 40, out of which five were rejected and rest 35 research papers' abstracts were compiled in the form of Souvenir (only soft copy) which was distributed to the participants in the form of CD.

Travelling Allowance (TA) of II class (sleeper) railway / bus (Non A.C.) fare was provided to the outstation participants on producing original journey document as per DAVV rule. No local conveyance allowance was given.

DAY 1: March 23, 2018

On 23rd March Inaugural Session began at 10:00 AM, Venue: Room No.110, guests were escorted on the stage, followed by Deep Prajwalan and Saraswati vandana. Welcome Address was given by Prof. Kamakshi Agnihotri (Chairperson and Deputy Coördinator, SAP- DSA Phase I & Seminar). Introduction of DSA-SAP & Seminar was given by Prof. Archana Dubey (Coordinator, SAP- DSA Phase I) Next Honorable Vice Chancellor (Patron) Dr. Narendra Dhakad addressed the audience. Vote of Thanks for the session was given by Dr. Laxman Shinde followed by National Anthem. After a short tea break of fifteen minutes Key –Note Speakers' Session started at 11:30 AM First the experts were introduced. The first Key Note speaker was Dr. Shailja Chennat, from Delhi University, Delhi. She highlighted the theoretical underpinnings of Inclusive education. She also shared her experiences of the field. Another key Note Address was given by Prof. Anil Kumar, NITTTR, Bhopal. He enriched the participants with his thought provoking lecture on Inclusive Education. Both the sessions were chaired by Prof. S. K. Tyagi. There was Lunch Break from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. During the lunch participants were seen conversing with each other, sharing their experiences about the conference theme. After the lunch, technical sessions began. **First Technical Session started from 2:30 pm and continued till 5:00 pm (March 23, 2018), in Room No.110. The session was Chaired By: Prof. Anil Kumar and Reporting of the session was done by Yasha Jain & Sonali Jain (M. Ed. Students). In this session 6 papers were presented. A parallel Technical Session was conducted in seminar room from 2:30 pm and continued till 5:00 pm (March 23, 2018). It was Chaired by Prof. Archana Dubey, and was Reported by Ankita Pandey & Yogita Kamal (M. Ed. Students). In this session five papers presented.**

DAY 2: March 24, 2018

On the Second day, four technical sessions were arranged in the first half (pre- lunch) that is two parallel sessions were conducted at a time. The details of four technical sessions are given. **Third and fourth Technical Sessions started from 9:30 and continued till 11:00 am. The third session was arranged in room No.110. The session was Chaired by Mr. Avtarjit Singh and Reported by Nikita Jain & Khushboo Jain (M. Ed. Students). In this session six papers were presented. The fourth parallel technical session was arranged in Seminar Hall. It was Chaired by Prof. Rama Mishra and Reported by Anju Harod & Jitika Jain (M. Ed. Students). In this session six papers were presented.**

The Fifth Technical Session started from 11:15 am and continued till 1:30 pm. The Venue was Room No.110. The session was Chaired By Dr. Madhulika Varma and Reported by Rachana Jain & Arti Jain (M. Ed. Students). In this session seven papers were presented. The sixth and the last technical parallel Session started at 11:15 and continued till 1:30 pm (March 24, 2018). The Venue was seminar hall. Session was Chaired by Dr. Raghendra Kumar Hurmade and Reported by Akanksha Jain & Archana Jain (M. Ed. Students). In this session seven papers were presented.

One of the significant features of the second day presentation was the Live Demonstration of Inclusive Education by Dr (Major) Anuradha. There were variety of demonstrations made by differently able children. They had developed many presentation themselves, but due to time constraint they presented only 04 demonstrations as under

1. *Wonderous Wonder*- Blind child demonstrating Sign Language.
2. *ईशारों-ईशारों में- CP with MR Child demonstrating Sign Language.
3. *तिकड़ी का कमाल*- A demonstration of Braille and Sign Language by normal, Blind, Deaf and Mute children.
4. 'तुम डाल-डाल तो हम पात-पात'- A demonstration of Braille by Deaf and Mute child.

The presentation helped all presenters to develop the insight for Inclusive Education. The other sessions were all theoretical but this presentation was at application level and provided real field experience for all presenters. This was followed by Lunch Break from 1:30-2:30 pm. Next was the last part of the two days seminar i. e. Valedictory Session 2:30-5:00 pm which included Escorting Guests on Stage, Kulgeet of DAVV University, Floral Welcome of Guests, namely Dr. U. S. Choudhary (Former Vice Chancellor of DAVV, Indore), Dr. Shobha Vaidya (Retd. Professor of Education and former Dean, Faculty of Education, DAVV, Indore) and Dr. H. R. Pal (Retd. Professor of School of Education, former Dean, Faculty of Education, DAVV, Indore). All three guests speakers threw light on the various aspects of Inclusive Education. The speakers enlightened the seminar participants with their stimulating and thought provoking lectures. After the address by the Chief Guests, two days seminar report presentation was done by Dr. L. Shinde. Next Certificates were distributed to the paper presenters. Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Raghvendra K. Hurmade. The program ended with National Anthem.

