

Faculty Development Program on Teaching and Soft Skills

On the foothills of Himalayas in Haridwar, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, GKV, conducted a two-day faculty development program on 3rd and 4th October 2018. The program included faculty from different schools and colleges who participated in this event centered on the theme of **Teaching and Soft Skills**. The day started with auspicious yajna attended by all the guest speakers, vice-chancellor and registrar of the university. Then they collectively lit the lamp of knowledge on the dais. The first session began with keynote speaker Dr. Shankar Goenka (TEDx speaker and managing director of Wow Factors). He addressed the audience starting out with various personal experiences from his own life. He told everyone that the first lesson of leadership, we learn from our mother. Then he talked about left or right brain dominant people. Filling whole seminar hall with positive energy and enthusiasm, he said to re-engineer oneself. Post lunch he continued with his motivational talks and videos. 'Telling is not teaching' he emphasized to understand students, and their problems. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Vinod Kumar Sharma (Vice Chancellor of GKV) also shared his own experiences from childhood and youth. Prof. Alok P. Mittal (Member Secretary AICTE) congratulated organizers and everyone for conducting such a beautiful program for the development of teachers and faculty. Eminent speakers from various other fields also participated in the event.

On day two, Prof. Shrawan Kumar of Gurukul Kangri Vishwavidyalaya spoke about Upanishadic teachings and values. He told stories from Upanishads and Mahabharat to which everyone enjoyed thoroughly. Motivational speaker and Value Educator Dr. Vinay Sethi asserted that we must create a good relationship with our students to teach them well. He then spoke at length on how to imbibe good moral values in oneself and said that students learn from their parents and teachers, so, we must look into ourselves first. Final session was based on effective teaching where Dr. Anil Upadhyaya (Ex ADDL General Manager & Head BHEL, Haridwar) demonstrated how a good teacher leaves positive imprints in the minds and hearts of students. Lastly, Dr. Mayank Aggarwal (Head of Computer Science Department, GKV) thanked everyone for their support and contribution in the successful completion of the event. The program ended with valedictory speech from participant teachers and certification distribution to all the participants. One of the teachers who participated in the program said that she is going to apply all the lessons learned in the two-day program to her life and in her teaching methods. Everyone present in the event said that they enjoyed it fully and learned a lot of valuable lessons and such faculty development programs should be held more often.



