

Report of Professional Development Program 2020

Guided and inspired by our beloved Chairperson Ma'am, Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan's belief that teachers and mentors who have been entrusted with the care of the future generations of our great nation must continuously update their knowledge and skills to remain relevant and empowered in the 21st century; and under the dynamic leadership of principal Mrs. Arti Chopra; Amity International School, Sector-46, Gurugram organised the online Professional Development Programme for Teachers.

Highlights of the programme:

- **Appointment of Observers for all the sessions-** Subject experts (principals/directors) were appointed as observers in each session to facilitate constructive feedback.
- **Inauguration** - All sessions began with invoking blessings of the almighty by playing Gayatri Mantra.
- **Welcomes of Resource person - Resource Persons were** welcomed by respective Subject Incharges by reading their profile and offering them virtual Tulsi sapling.
- **Presentations by Resource Persons-** Resource Persons addressed changes in curriculum, clarity on the topics deleted by CBSE and grey areas identified by teachers from different Amity branches in their Power Point presentations. All Resource Persons (internal/external) used various tools like Quizizz, Pear deck, Nearpod etc. for making their sessions interesting and interactive.

PDP Primary

A total of 23 sessions were organised in 3 sessions, 11 in the morning (8:45am to 10:00am), 7 in the morning (10:30am to 11:45 am) and 5 in the afternoon (12 noon to 1:15 pm) for Teachers on 26 & 27 June 2020 on MS Teams portal under the supervision of subject experts ranging from principals to directors; to update the teachers about the latest changes in curricula as well as providing examples of effective teaching tools and hands on activities with their advantages, for the benefit of the teachers.

The workshop provided teachers with a clear and precise understanding of the letter sounds and basic rules of grammar in a fun, interactive and multi-sensory way. The 'Ice Breakers' workshop conducted by Ms. Alka Karwal and Ms. Ujala Sood was a fun and interactive session aimed to help teachers to break the 'ice' or monotony during usual teaching. The workshop was very intriguing and arousing and enlightened us with some excellent ideas that can be inculcated in daily classroom teaching. The workshop was conducted in a very impactful manner using various resources which helped the teachers to understand how to enhance the creative writing skills of students. Good and effective session on how to control the accessibility of digital gadgets amongst students. Excellent Mental Calculation tricks from Vedic maths which will help students to build interest in learning Maths Concepts. Excellent and informative session on the use of various ICT tools in class. Various teaching strategies were shared to generate interest of students and to keep them engaged. The five important characteristics of an effective lesson plan were discussed in length. The Workshop was very rejuvenating and provided an insight into work and personal life balance.

Middle School Teachers

Three sessions were conducted for 150 teachers on 26 & 27 June 2020 on MS Teams portal. Various ICT tools were used to cover topics that are related to curriculum. Resource person for Maths demonstrated tools like Geogebra, PHET, Insight for introducing algebra (constants and variables). Various hands-on activities were suggested for different types of learners to make learning easier and enjoyable.

Science PDP session emphasised on inculcating a Scientific temperament in the students through multiple fun activities. Various activities were demonstrated e.g., splitting the water, Unpoppable balloon, Egggsperiment on teeth, Tea bag rocket, Musical straw, Optical inversion, Zip water without a drip, Walking water & Obedient bottle. The audience was also encouraged to perform the activities using simple materials available at home and share the same with the other participants. Learning outcomes of the activities and their application in our day to day lives was also emphasised upon

Social Science session gave an insight to case study based and assertion reasoning questions. Various strategies that teachers in Amity are using were discussed. Thinking maps and Map skills were also a part of the session. Tips to help students build mapping skills were also shared including apps like geography bee, jig saw puzzle. The audience was also told about several digital tools like google earth, scribble map, whiteboard, Moodle that can be used to make learning enjoyable.

To summarize common errors were discussed and learning outcomes of the session were also taken up in all sessions. Overall, it was a thorough learning experience for all the attendees

Senior School Teachers

A total of 15 sessions were organised, 7 in the morning (9:30am to 11:30am) and 8 in the afternoon (12 noon to 2 pm) for PGTs on August 8, 2020 from 9.30 am to 2 pm. on MS Teams portal under the supervision of subject experts ranging from principals to directors; to update the teachers about the latest changes in curricula as well as providing examples of effective teaching tools and hands on activities with their advantages, for the benefit of the teachers.

The topics for panel discussion was decided beforehand by subject incharges of host school through mutual discussion with Resource person and other teachers from different Amity branches. Subject Incharges from Host school-initiated panel discussions as moderators and invited 4-5 panelists from other Amity branches including Resource person. Different strategies to enhance teaching and learning process were discussed by the Panelists. All the panelists gave new insights into the topic and suggested ways by appropriate and relevant examples which could be implemented by teachers while teaching their subjects.

All the sessions were conducted smoothly. Overall, it was a very informative and a new learning experience for everyone. Each session has been a wonderfully evocative session, and all learned new things that they could assimilate in their teaching. Each session ended with a summarization and the vote of thanks by the Head of Department.

The Professional Development programme was concluded by Respected Chairperson Ma'am's blessings conveyed by Ms. Anita Setia, Sr. Consultant HR & Training. She also asked for the feedback from all the principals, directors, and observers about the various sessions along with Mr. B. N. Bajpai, Sr. Advisor (R& D) and Ms. Mohina Dar, Director (Academic Projects).

They congratulated Ms. Arti Chopra, Principal, AIS-G46 for organising such an informative and beneficial session for teachers across all the Amities. The introduction of panel discussion was well received by all attendees who found it to be a unique way to discuss subject topics in detail. Ms Arti Chopra expressed gratitude to Respected Chairperson ma'am for the opportunity to host this event and thanked all dignitaries for gracing the event with their august presence.