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FACULTY SEMINAR

Monday, 28 January, 2019: 03.00 PM

Venue: Committee Room, Maharshi Valmiki College of Education

Topic: ***Comprehending Nature of Disciplines, Problems of Simplification and Diversification***

Presentation By: **Dr. Rumesh Chander**

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Abstract: The speaker began by talking about the simpler and complex pictures of reality in the context of teacher education and the need to reflect upon educator's tendency to derive understanding and solutions based on simpler pictures. He highlighted the importance of revisiting the spectrum within the simpler and complex ways of understanding across various disciplines. He explained about how complexity in the world is ignored in the way teaching happens by taking examples of different disciplines. In this context he raised several pertinent questions viz. 'Have we updated our knowledge about complex realities and our ways of teaching the same?', 'Is it that we should learn only that meaning which the author/historian has intended to or should the audience interpret it in its own ways (Teaching of Language, History)?', etc. He emphasized that nature of any discipline can be understood in terms of its philosophical underpinnings. Drawing attention to Edmund Husserl's phenomenological perspective he stressed the need to differentiate between significant and non-significant instances in teaching. Moving further he elaborated that delimiting is important as there is a diversified spectrum of complexity and at the same time one has to take care that simpler pictures may create obstacles in every subject. So it is important that teacher educator's engagement with the discipline should continually reflect upon the questions of simplification, diversification and holistic nature of disciplines leading to recreation of knowledge in the whole process. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Faculty Members Present:

1. Dr. PK Sharma
2. Dr. Neelam M. Bali
3. Dr. Satveer Singh Barwal
4. Ms. Minu Talwar
5. Mr. Vinod Kumar A.
6. Ms. Meenakshi Chawla
7. Ms. Rama Negi
8. Mr. Ashwini Kumar

Faculty Members Not Present:

1. Dr. Ila Mehrotra
2. Dr. Jyoti Kohli
3. Dr. Gopal Rana
4. Dr. Vandana Gupta
5. Dr. Ramjee Dubey
6. Dr. Kailash Goel
7. Dr. Raghavendra Prapanna
8. Ms. Nisha

Dr. Neelam M. Bali
In Charge, Faculty Seminar

Dr. PK Sharma
Officiating Principal