MIT Art, Design and Technology University, Pune

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & RESEARCH

"Imagineering Teaching" - To implement creative ideas into practical form of teaching...

Education plays very crucial role in molding a person and making them a better citizen. And till date plenty has been written about the quality of education that needs to be imparted to the millennial generation children. We talk about exploring education beyond classrooms, the need for child nurturing pedagogy, skill development programs for children from various age groups, fostering creativity, problem solving ability and critical thinking etc. All of the above is the need of the hour, but this can be achieved only if proper training and skills are imparted to the teachers that will help them to disseminate quality education to the generations to come. A teacher with 20th century skills is irrelevant in the 21st century as the challenging environment requires teachers to constantly update their knowledge and expand their skills. It is imperative as teacher training institute to not only provide training to trainee teachers but also to do the capacity building of the in-service teachers. Teacher pre-service and in-service training is not incorporated into a common system; there is no continuity between training and real-life professional teaching experiences. While unlearning the previous teaching practices and beliefs is no longer questionable, in reality teachers are rarely exposed to innovative alternatives.

Having said this, today just being typical teacher training institute is passé, the teacher training institutes need to go beyond prescribed teacher education curriculum, beyond traditional classroom structure and train teacher trainees with latest pedagogy and hone their teaching learning skills keeping in mind the latest trends in education. The schools and school leaders need to be open minded and invest in training their teachers. MIT School of Education & Research, under the aegis of MIT Art, Design and Technology University, Pune has carved a niche in the field of teacher education by not only providing traditional teacher education B. Ed., M.A. in Education, Ph. D in Education (Interdisciplinary), Post Graduate Diploma in Guidance & Counseling but taken steps in providing courses in *Pre-Primary Teacher Education and Crèche Management* as quality education needs to be provided to the kids right from preprimary level. Our Diploma in Pre-Primary Teacher Education, certificate in crèche management will give an opportunity to those girls and women, who want to be an *entrepreneur* by setting up pre-schools, crèches, play-schools, summer camps etc., thus contribute in the capacity building of those women who are housewives or school dropouts.

At the same, we have diversified to do in-service teacher training with other courses and training in pedagogy and andragogy like *Cambridge International Certificate in Educational Leadership*, *Cambridge International Certificate in Teaching & Learning*, workshops on Research Methodology, reflective teaching, differentiated learning, effective teaching through active learning etc to school teachers as well as senior faculty from senior colleges, engineering and management colleges.

We believe in being the change to bring in the change!!

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