

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME WORKSHOP-

(subtle glimpses)

“Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren’t used to the environment where excellence is expected.” – Steve Jobs (Cofounder Apple Inc.)

Trailing on the same path of attainment of excellence, the University of Delhi introduced the Four Year Undergraduate Programme, last year. Ever since its implementation, the nation seems to stand as a staunch witness to the revolutionary change brought about in system of higher education in India. The FYUP gives an insight into the assiduous strive of the varsity for promoting employability to the youth of the country.

It is in the aforementioned context that Maharaja Agrasen College organized a two day work shop on the 5th- 6th October 2013.the workshop was meant to eradicate all the queries lurking in the psyche of the students regarding the Four year Undergraduate Programme. Inauguration of the workshop took place in the benevolent presence of **Prof. Umesh Rai**, director, south campus. Also, Dr. Sunil Sondhi, principal, Mr. Mukesh Bansal, chairman, Governing Body and Dr. Sangeet Raggi, Deputy Dean, Academics graced the event.

As per Prof. Rai, the previous three year undergraduate programme did not infuse much innovation and emphasized merely on the attainment of marks. He further stated that the lack of communication skills , critical thinking and technical knowledge is leading to lack of employability skills among the graduates. It was for the same reason that the objective of the FYUP programme was to award marks not only on the basis of performance on the final exam day but also on the basis of overall consistent effort put in by the students throughout the semester. This was followed by an interactive session between the students and the distinguished guest, wherein Prof. Rai successfully answered to all the queries of the students.

Further, the sessions were lined up according to the foundation course groups. The sessions were chaired by eminent speakers like those of Dr. Suman Dudega , Dr. Aryana Bhattacharya , Dr. Virendra Bhardwaj , Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Dr. Vikas Madan , Dr. S.K. Mishra and Dr. Prakash Narayan, in accordance with their subjects, respectively.

5th October marked the discussion on three Foundation courses. The first session enumerated upon the FC- Science and Life, which aimed to build up an ambience for appreciating science. It also develops scientific temper and helps in understanding the basic surroundings. Videos and presentations relating to meteors, origin and evolution of life , water and energy for life, nutrients and household chemicals , industry and technology in daily life were put forth, for a better understanding. The session closed with the students involving in questions and queries with the professors

The session to follow gave an insight into the innovative course, Language, Literature and Creativity – 2 (English). The guest speaker enlightened the audience upon of this course being the development and strengthening of English language proficiency, literary sensibility and

creative expression. The objective behind the structure was to engage students actively with the challenges faced by the society in contemporary India .

The third was for the innovative course, Language , Literature and Creativity -2 (Bhasha, Sahitya Aur Sarjantamakta - Hindi). This course was prepared in conformity with a team of teachers from different colleges of the varsity, thereby aiming at development of Hindi language proficiency and literary sensibility . The course seeks to enhance the language proficiency of students in three levels: reading, understanding and writing in hindi. The courses material is task – oriented and dynamic, and calls for an interactive pedagogy.

The closure of an enlightening day kept all the students waiting for more of brain storming sessions. And as they say, every end is a new begining, day 2 began with a more zealous spirit. Information technology was the first subject of discussion, wherein Dr. Vikas Madan an expert on information technology talked about various aspects of the subject as a Foundation. He enlightened us on the importance of Information Literacy as well as on the usefulness of Information Technology in our day-to-day life. He gave an insight about the various methods in which Information Technology has made our lives much better by enabling our access to tons of information and bringing us closer to our near and dear ones.

Dr. Jaya Tyagi enlightened us regarding the numerous benefits of the Foundation Course of Indian History and Culture. She cited the importance of Indian Culture and also emphasized on the need of knowing and understanding our culture in an efficient manner. She talked about a variety of topics such as inequalities of resources and opportunities. Also did she elaborate upon the syllabus of the subject and explained the interesting topics contained therein.

This was followed by a session on Building Mathematical Ability Dr. Jyoti Sharma explained us the importance of mathematics in our daily life. She emphasized that everything in our life must be dealt mathematically. Moreover she explained us the benefits of making our basics stronger in mathematics. The discussion showcased the various aspects of the course and threw light on topics such as Ramanujan Magic Square, Euclid's Algorithm and Caesar's Cipher.

Thus, since its commencement to the commemoration, the FYUP gave a much clearer perception of the course to the students, thereby solving every query that kept lurking in their heads. In closing, it becomes extremely significant to extend our heartfelt gratitude towards Dr.T.N.Ojha for organizing such an illuminating and zealous experience.