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**FACULTY SEMINAR**

Monday, 01 April, 2019: 03.00 PM

Venue: Committee Room, Maharshi Valmiki College of Education

***Topic: Relevance of Ethics at Higher Education Level***

**Presentation By: Dr. Sushil Dhiman**

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*Abstract:* Emphasising on ethical considerations as the important constituent of philosophical perspective of education, the speaker stressed on the need of having the component of ethics in different academic and professional programmes including teacher education particularly B.Ed. programme. She argued that children's thinking is ethical from the beginning and the role of the teacher is to provide such experiences that the values are inculcated among children in a just and natural manner. Since human behaviour is a learned one like 'cultured pearls' teacher should be careful about the uses, misuses and limitations of his or her interventions in the context of teaching about ethical considerations. She pointed about the importance of teaching ethics in the light of increasing cases of violence, discrimination, inequality, and social injustice at school as well as higher education levels. This implies that teaching of ethical considerations should be across curriculum incorporating gender related, technology related and several such concerns. It is significant to enable co-existence and sustainability at all levels- school, higher education level and workplace. In fact it lays a strong foundation for becoming a 'good' human being. The speaker viewed that being a good teacher is equivalent to being a good human being and being a good human being means being ethical and vice versa. Further she expressed that the dilemmas related to morality and ethics can be understood from psychological as well as philosophical and sociological lenses. She also pointed to the dynamic and relativist nature of ethics which implies that there may not be a single or discrete answer to ethical questions and ways of deciding about rightness or wrongness may vary. The relevance of ethics and thus the dynamic and reflective role of teachers and teacher educators is extremely significant particularly at higher education level.

Faculty Members Present:

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

Faculty Members Not Present:

1. Dr. PK Sharma (On Leave)
2. Dr. Jyoti Kohli (On Leave)
3. Dr. Ila Mehrotra (On Leave)

4. Dr. Gopal Rana (Weekly off)
5. Dr. Vandana Gupta (On Leave)
6. Dr. Ramjee Dubey
7. Dr. Kailash Goel
8. Dr. Raghavendra Prapanna(Weekly off)
9. Ms. Nisha (On Leave)

Dr. Neelam M. Bali  
In-Charge, Faculty Seminar Officiating Principal

Dr. PK Sharma