

Two-Day Web Seminar on Co-Teaching: Present and Future Prospects Initiated Today by CUJ (25 June, 2020)

Two Day Web- Seminar on Co-Teaching: Present and Future Prospects being organized by the Centre for Learning and Pedagogics, School of Education, under the aegis of PMMMNMTT Scheme, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India. This Seminar is the Sixth in the series of different programmes prearranged by School of Education, Central University of Jammu for building competencies and mutual cooperation that is desirable during this period of COVID-19. The primary objective of this seminar is to convey an insight on the concept of co-teaching and discovering the potential of co-teaching for promotion of quality of education in present COVID-19 situation and future era. The inaugural session of the Web Seminar was graced by honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ashok Aima, Central University of Jammu, Prof. Marmar Mukhopadhyay, Former Professor and Director (I/c) NIEPA, Former Chairman of NIOS as a keynote speaker. The whole event has been organized through video conferencing (on Google Meet) as well as there was a live streaming of the whole programme on all the two days through various social media platforms.

In his presidential remarks, Prof. Ashok Aima, VC, Central University of Jammu, rightly said that persons with different ability has been doing exceptionally well in science and various another field. He also gave empirical data that as per UNESCO report 45%of the Indian children even don't have educational provision and we know that education is the liberating force. Thus, we all looking forward such type of teaching which help in fulfilling the individualized need of the learners by initiating the capacity building programs at school level for the societal development as well as nation as whole. Prof. Marmar Mukhopadhyay, Former Professor and Director (I/c) NIEPA, Former Chairman of NIOS in his Keynote Address, very effectively elaborated the concept of co-teaching and clarified various facts related to it with the help of research evidences. He also enlightened the participants with the actualities that co-teaching is not effectively implemented though there are people sitting as a resource person in school but not been utilized properly. Further, he exclaimed that we are able to identify the special need of the students but he/she will not be given any differentiated instruction as per his/her need. He too laid stress on the culture of team collaboration which is missing in the Indian context.

In his formal welcome address, Dr. J.N. Baliya, Head, Department of Educational Studies CUJ & Programme Coordinator (PMMMNMTT) expressed his gratitude to all the eminent experts and participants of the seminar, Dr. Aman, Assistant Professor, Central University of Jammu proposed the formal vote of thanks in this session, whereas Dr. Kiran, Assistant Professor, Seminar Convener, and Coordinator of Centre for Learning and Pedagogic Studies, SoE (PMMMNMTT), CUJammu, moderated the whole inaugural session and gave brief overview of two day online Seminar that it will comprised of total 8 session including two plenary session and four technical sessions. Adding to these, she also delightfully informed that this seminar has received an overwhelming

response across the country and outside the country and about 1100 participants registered but due limitations of the software, our technical team had no choice but shortlist only 250 participants for an active participation through video conferencing on Google Meet platform to participate in the Seminar. Thereafter, the first Plenary Session has taken upon, which is Co-Chaired by Prof. C. B. Sharma, Professor, School of Education, IGNOU, and Former Chairman of NIOS, Prof. R. R. Singh, Head (Dept. of Education), Dean, Students' Welfare, Dr. Shakuntla Misra National Rehabilitation University and Dr. Adya Shakti Rai, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, Dr. Shakuntla Misra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow (U.P.) under theme Co-Teaching for Academic Collaborations and Inclusion. All three plenary experts, in their discussion raised the questions about what, who and when related to the concept of co-teaching implementation in the classroom. Later on, in two technical sessions, about 13 research papers were presented by participants who belongs from different regions of the country. The sessions were moderated by Dr. J. N. Baliya, Dr. Ritu Bakshi, Dr. Aman, Dr Kiran, Dr. Asit Mantry and Dr. Ravi Vanguri.