Faculty Development Programme (FDP)
Teaching in Higher Education- A New Path
July 24-29, 2023

A six-day Faculty Development Programme on 'Teaching in Higher Education – A New Path' was organized by the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi─Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AADC), and Shoolini University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh during July 24-29, 2023. About fifty participants registered for the programme. The programme was aimed to enhance teaching practices and professional development among faculty members. It covered a wide range of themes, including classroom quality enhancement, curriculum design, pedagogy, effective presentation tools, Bloom's Taxonomy, and the integration of AI tools in the classroom.

 The event started with the introduction 'Role of a Teacher in the Enhancement of Classroom Quality'. Dr. Ashoo Khosla, Chief Learning Officer and Associate Professor, Management Science discussed the importance of student engagement in the classroom. She emphasized the three R's - Respect, Reciprocity, and Responsibility–As Crucial Elements in Fostering a Positive Teacher-Student Relationship. The session also highlighted the significance of storytelling in teaching and energizing the classroom environment.

The next session was on 'Designing Course Outcomes' which was conducted by Prof. Narinder Verma and Mr. Rishabh Shyam. They emphasized the alignment of course outcomes with Bloom's Taxonomy to promote higher-order thinking skills among students. Participants learned to create clear and measurable learning objectives to guide the instructional process and assessments. Further, a hands-on session on 'Designing Curriculum and Pedagogy' was conducted. Prof. Narinder Verma and Mr. Rishabh Shyam explained the process of building a curriculum based on Outcome-Based Education (OBE). Participants learned to develop Programme Educational Objectives (PEOs), Program Outcomes (POs), and Course Outcomes (COs) while considering learners' needs and disciplinary requirements.

The next session was about the 'Tools for Effective Presentation'. Dr. Kamal Kant Vashisth focused on creating engaging presentations by utilizing tools like Canva and emphasized the simplicity of design. The participants learned the effective use of visuals and technology to enhance the impact of their presentations and engage their students better.

The session on 'Bloom's Taxonomy and Assessments' was led by Prof. Kesari Singh. She discussed Bloom's Taxonomy and its relevance in crafting effective assessment questions. Aligning assessments with Bloom's Taxonomy levels enables teachers to measure students' cognitive skills and understanding accurately.

Dr. Amar Raj Singh Suri led the session on 'Incorporating AI Tools in the Classroom'. Dr. Suri demonstrated the integration of AI tools in education, showcasing their potential to revolutionize content creation and research. The session provided insights into the responsible usage of AI-generated content and its application in online teaching.

The Programme concluded with a sense of enthusiasm among the faculty, and motivation to implement their newfound knowledge in their classrooms and contribute to the academic community.