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GURGAON PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS COUNCIL, GURGAON**

*Fifth Webinar by Gurgaon Sahodaya on “School Based Online Education”*

*Webinar session with Prof. Marmar Mukhopadhyay-Chairman, ETMA Council and Member ETMA Trust and Dr. Subhash Chander is currently teaching at the Department of Education (Central Institute of Education), University of Delhi .*

*Organized By: Gurgaon Progressive School Council*

*Topic: “School Based Online Education”*

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A webinar was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 by Gurgaon Sahodaya under the aegis of the Gurgaon Progressive School Council, on “School Based Online Education” by Prof. Marmar Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Subhash Chander. It was fifth in the series of webinars organized for the school leaders and the teaching fraternity of Gurgaon. The objective of this initiation was to empower the teachers to handle the current situation more effectively and enabling them to mentor their pupils to emerge as winner by being ready for the future. A brief up on the speakers as follows:

- Prof. Marmar Mukhopadhyay-Chairman, ETMA Council and Member ETMA Trust. Former Professor and Director (i/c), NEUPA and Chairman of National Open School. At present NIOS; Chairman of CABE Subcommittee on Universalization of Secondary Education; consulted by UNICEF, UNESCO, USAID, British Council, Commonwealth of Learning, ISRO, NIIT, IBM, INTEL, Microsoft. Marmar is a reputed trainer of educational personnel and a reputed author.
- Dr. Subhash Chander is currently teaching at the Department of Education (Central Institute of Education), University of Delhi. He is a council member of ETMA which works in the field of education in different capacities. He is member of various committees in NCERT, CBSE, NCTE, and NIOS. Apart from being editor of journal taken out by CBSE, he was the convener of the textbook on Human Rights and Gender Studies of class 11th and 12th of CBSE. He has presented papers nationally and international and published books

The minutes of the WEBINAR#5 are as follows:

1. The Chairperson, Ms Aparna Erry welcomed the guest speakers and the Principals and teachers of all Gurgaon Sahodaya Schools to the webinar.
2. The moderator of the day, Dr.Indu Khetrapal, Treasurer GPSC and Principal of Salwan Public School introduced the guest speakers and invited them to share their insightful presentation and Ms Charu Maini, Principal DAV sector-49,took ahead the Q& A session.
3. Prof. Marmar Mukhopadhyay’s commendable contribution in the field of education as a trainer as well as his contribution to the national and international organizations in the field of education and training was appreciably highlighted. On the other hand, Dr. Subhash Chander’s contribution in the field of education via a lot of reputed research work and published books on technicalities of education and science of education was highlighted too. Both the speakers were appreciated for their endeavors in promoting quality education.

4. Dr. Subhash commenced his talk by highlighting the focus area of the whole Webinar, the Challenges faced by the parents and on how a child is a collective responsibility of school, parents and the nation.
5. Talking about a child's development, Dr .Subhash stressed upon the factors responsible that could give positive reinforcement as Home Environment, Parenting, School Environment and child's innate abilities.
6. Then he went on to discuss how anxiety of parents could lead to anxious childhood too. Parents might feel anxious because of factors like:
  - a) Losing control over situations.
  - b) It is an unexplored territory for some of the parents.
  - c) Separation anxiety.
7. Talking about the need for the parents to take informed decisions, he felt that 60% of a child's brain develops by the age of 3, before any schooling could take place. There is a profound increase in nuclear families in India as both parents are working and they at times resort to online material of questionable authenticity. It is noticed that most of the parenting books by foreign authors lack valid Indian culture context and there is as such no professional parenting guidance for India's 1st-time parents.
8. To overcome all the above-mentioned challenges, he mentioned one of India's professionally designed course, designed by Dr Marmar, for Parents of school beginners (Age group 3-5 Years) which is easily delivered via mobile too. The programme structure consists of Six Modules. The vision of the course is:
  - a) To enable each parent to make wise and informed choices.
  - b) To provide guidance and information systematically developed by group of experts.
  - c) To provide support and address specifics needs.
9. He also discussed about how children enjoy video games and computers. What precautions should a parent take concerning these? Dr. Subhash Chander reiterated that that parent can try to involve children in creative games instead of computers or video games.
10. After these interesting dialogues, **Prof. Marmar Mukhopadhyay** was invited to present his thoughts. He highlighted how younger students are more keen than senior students in attending online classes. As senior students have developed a fixed style of learning. He discussed how to make online teaching learning interesting for students. Online learning can be based on group project work. He highlighted how behind every crisis there is an opportunity. In the present scenario, the teachers should take opportunity during this time to:
  - create a new pedagogy of school based online education.
  - Involve students in learning management.
  - lay emphasis on group project work.
  - peer group evaluation needs to be adopted.
  - blended learning should be blending different learning tactics including experiential and personalized learning
11. He advised teachers to make web search compulsory for students. He asked teachers not to give everything prepared to students and assign students projects in a group rather than

individual. To the teachers, he advised content analysis, good textual material and wise uses of graphics.

12. The session was concluded with question answer round. Ms Charu Maini highlighted the queries of enthusiastic audience, shared through the chat window that ranged from on line teaching pedagogy, to maintaining discipline in virtual set up, mental wellbeing of students and positive contribution of parents. Dr Marmar answered all the questions, thus providing insights into 21 century teaching learning process. He suggested that teachers could enroll themselves for various on-line programs and trainings to update their knowledge.
13. He closed the session with a note that “Look at an opportunity behind every crisis”. He reiterated that considering the present scenario tech enable learning is necessary learning.
14. Ms. Indu Khetrapal, Treasurer GPSC and Principal, Salwan Public School expressed her gratitude to Prof. Marmar Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Subhash Chander for conducting such an interesting session and motivating the school leaders and teachers of Gurgaon.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Arti Chopra', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Arti Chopra  
Secretary GPSC