

Report- Professional Ethics Programme (2018-19)

Shyam Lal College (SLC), a reputed college of East Delhi lays special emphasis on adherence of professional ethics and code of conduct. In recent years SLC has continuously organized many programmes to spread awareness about these codes among Faculty members, so that they not only excel as a teachers, but also contribute more positively to the society.

Keeping up with this practice, SLC organized a Professional Ethics Programme for the faculty members alongwith the staff council meeting held on **11-05-2018** in the College Staff Room. Faculty members of all departments participated enthusiastically in this programme in large numbers.

This programme was organized to brief the faculty members about the various aspects of Code of Conduct adopted by Delhi University and to ensure that this code is followed in its true spirit. In a fruitful interaction many senior and junior faculty members, including many young colleagues of the college expressed their thoughts on this important issue, which brought to the fore the relevance of this topic.

First of all, the issue of professional ethics and code of conduct was introduced by Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal, to all the faculty members in a very succinct manner. He talked in length about Teacher-Student Relationship and how a teacher can contribute in the advancement of the student by following the code of conduct adopted by DU Executive Council. Speaking to the faculty members he outlined the duties of teacherstowards their students, as adopted by the council :

I. Teachers should:

- (i) Respect the right and dignity of the student in expressing his/her opinion;
- (ii) Deal justly and impartially with students regardless of their religion, caste, political, economic, social and physical characteristics;
- (iii) Recognize the difference in aptitude and capabilities among students and strive to meet their individual needs;
- (iv) Encourage students to improve their attainments, develop their personalities and at the same time contribute to community welfare;

- (v) Inculcate among students scientific outlook and respect for physical labour and ideals of democracy, patriotism and peace;
- (vi) Be affectionate to the students and not behave in a vindictive manner towards any of them for any reason;
- (vii) Pay attention to only the attainment of the student in the assessment of merit;
- (viii) Make themselves available to the students even beyond their class hours and help and guide students without any remuneration or reward;
- (ix) Aid students to develop an understanding of our national heritage and national goals; and
- (x) Refrain from inciting students against other students, colleagues or administration.

Dr. Kar talked about the new emerging paradigms in Student-Teacher relationship and stressed the need of teachers being more devoted to students' academic, professional and spiritual progress.

After the brief introduction by Principal, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Staff Council Secretary Sh. V.S. Jaggi, invited Dr Anil Khurana to speak on this topic. Dr. Khurana stressed the need of student centric, that is 'Students First' approach. Then, Dr. Neena Shireesh Jain highlighted the obligations teachers have towards their students. Many other teachers also addressed the meeting.

This session was very fruitful and brought better awareness of Professional Ethics and re-emphasized the need to adhere to these guidelines. The vote of thanks was given by the Staff Council secretary.