

Report- Training for Vidya Vistar Team of SLC

Delhi University's Vidya Vistar Scheme primarily aims at collaborating with other institutions to enhance the skills of young students at all levels of studies. The idea is that India being the developing country; it would be in the best interest of universities, colleges and other educational institutions to maximize the utilization of existing resources available with them through collaborative efforts. This can be done in better ways by collaborating and cooperating so as to pull the resources available with such collaborating educational institutions together.

It's in this context Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi has undertaken Vidya Vistar initiative in collaboration with Kalahandi University in Odisha. This initiative of SLC aims to collaborate with Kalahandi University to bring in effectiveness and efficiency in terms of students' development. SLC being Delhi University's constituent college, it has well established credentials in terms of teaching in physical and natural sciences as well as humanities and social sciences. It has also constantly been up-scaling in terms of NAAC and NIRF rankings and has established itself as one of the attractive learning destinations among the students who desire to study in Delhi University. As part of its various pioneering initiatives in order to bring substantive value additions in terms of improving teaching and learning process at the college, it's Principal Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar and Prof. Sanjay Satpathy, Vice-Chancellor, Kalahandi University, Bhawanipatna convened a training programme at SLC on 11th October, 2021. Around 30 faculties participated in this event.

In first session, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar opened the discussion by expressing his happiness as the initiative was undertaken with Kalahandi University. He thanked Prof. Satpathy for taking out time and remaining present at college to interact with stakeholders in the college. He introduced the Vidya Vistar initiative for the benefit of participants of the meeting. He further noted that this was first of its kind in Delhi University that a college was entering in collaboration with the university. He further updated Prof. Satpathy about various departments, SLC infrastructure such as its laboratory facilities, technical aspects that have become even more updated during the times of Covid pandemic etc. Prof. Kar also deliberated on utilizing laboratory facilities by introducing online practical classes for the benefit of students and researchers at both institutions. He said that the teacher-student exchange between the two institutions for specified time frame will also help a great deal in sharing knowledge, skill and expertise in terms of getting glimpses of methodology and culture at both the institutions. He further expressed his happiness as the collaboration was being established between the two institutions that have advantages in their own regard.

In subsequent session, Prof. Sanjay Satpathy guided the college authorities in relation to various modalities of the programme. His primary focus was on improving efficiency and effectiveness through the means of such collaboration. In his address to the college faculties, he emphasized on the innovations to be introduced in our pedagogy. In his address at the meeting, he talked about the handicraft that Kalahandi area in Odisha is famous for. He further informed the participants that Kalahandi and surrounding areas have a lot of historical sites. The teachers and students of

social sciences, particularly those who teach and study history at both the institutions can explore archeological evidences through joint efforts. He also informed participants that Kalahandi is one of the locations in India in which a major chunk of tribal population, primarily belonging to Kond community, resides. Through the joints initiative between both the institutions, a study can be undertaken to study and learn certain important facts about tribal life and culture in India. That study can then be published in some reputed journals highlighting tribal life and culture and suggesting some policy initiatives for improving livelihood of those people.

In open house discussion, faculty members of SLC too made suggestions such as installing telescope at the college. Such a thing will motivate students and teachers at both the institutions to observe astronomical objects and space. Furthermore, participants in the meeting deliberated over joint collaborations in terms of ad-on courses such stock exchange and foreign languages that are already underway at SLC. Furthermore, they also talked about projects related to elementary and advanced physics and chemistry can be started in joint collaboration of both the institutions both in online and offline mode.

Prof. Kisha Tiwar, Convenor, IQAC, SLC concluded the event with the formal vote of thanks to the Prof. Sanjay Satpathy and Prof. Kar for the innovating initiative on the part of Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi and Kalahandi University, Odisha.

Schedule of Training for Vidhya Vistar Team of SLC on 11th Oct 2021

Day	Resource Person
First Session	Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar Principal, <u>Shyam Lal College</u>
Second Session	Prof. <u>Sanjay Satpathy</u> Vice-Chancellor, Kalahandi University, <u>Bhawanipatna</u>
Break	
Open House Discussion	
Valedictory Session	