



Blue jays mimic hawks' calls to scare away other birds.



Educators synergising for sharing best practices, developing innovative pedagogies and creating classrooms of 21st century

# Training the trainers

## Developing Multiple intelligences Managing Classrooms

With a vision for imparting good quality education and ambition to nurture global educators for changing the world through education, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, has devised a structured programme for improving the quality of education and educators in school. This programme held under the aegis of **HR and Training Department** and conducted 'By the educators, for the educators' of Amity Universe, is mainly focussed on building the capacity of our educators by creating collaboration, inclusion, mutual learning, sharing best practices and expertise. Thus, a five days long professional development programme was organised during summer vacations from June 25 -30, 2018 for all the teachers of Amity schools. Total 3224 educators out of 3883 educators (Primary teachers, TGTs and PGTs) from all Amity schools of Delhi /NCR, Lucknow and Gwalior attended the programme. Strategically divided into workshops and interactive sessions, a multitude of educational development sessions were conducted in various schools like: AIS Noida, AIS MV, AIS Saket, AIS Vas 6. A special programme called 'The Awakened Citizen Program' was also held at AIS MV. GT brings you the main highlights of the interactive session.

### On Creative Pedagogy

**Active Lesson Planning workshop**: Mohina Dar, Director Academics, Amity Schools took an interactive workshop on making quality lesson plans, including

activities in that, using assessment tools and strategies effectively.

**New Pedagogies Math (VI-X)**: Jayanti Das Gupta spoke on new and innovative pedagogies for teaching Mathematical concepts with the help of video lessons. She also suggested the use of diagrammatic representation of Mathematical concepts for better imbibement of basics.

**Activity Based Learning**: Reeta Talwar used interactive group activities to teach how to use classroom demos for clarifying basic concepts of science.

**Activity Based Learning (VI-X)**: JP Aggarwal demonstrated how the objects readily available in the immediate environment can be used to explain various scientific concepts. The session focused on learning by doing.

**Art Integrated Learning**: Sangeeta Choudhary, Deepika Malhotra, Vandana Verma and Yogesh Kumar took the session on integrating art in the teaching-learning process by using different outdoor and indoor activities.

**Constructive Pedagogy**: Chandee Marwah reinforced the concept of VAK (Visual, Auditory

and Kinesthetic) learning. The workshop dealt with active and constructive learning by students and focused on active, reflective, collaborative and inquiry based learning.

**Teaching Science at Primary Level**: Surinder Kaur took the session on capacity building in teachers and learning by doing teaching methods like power-point presentations, colourful masks, paper puppets, muppets, finger puppets.

**Reading and Writing Skills**: Dr Sharda Kumari listed some functions of language and explained that it was further categorized under five main linguistic categories. She also demonstrated methods like dramatization to introduce new concepts.

### On Student Management

**Handling Children (I-III)**: Sonal Ahuja conducted a very interesting role play for efficient handling of small children especially the ones in primary classes as they are in formative years.

**Developing Multiple Intelligences**: Arti Chopra through a story demonstrated how each learner is different and needs to be given different assessments



for constructive learning. Yet, all of them need to learn together and there lies the big responsibility of educators. She also emphasized on how to use the concept of Multiple Intelligences for understanding the way a learner learns and then using it for holistic learning.

**Effective Primary Teacher**: Sujata Maleyvar demonstrated how an effective teacher keeps the lessons lively and makes learning fun. She suggested the use of 'Energisers' like : jingles /dancing /exercises in the classroom. She also spoke about using Bloom's Taxonomy to assess the learning of all the learners at different cognitive levels.

### On Self Development

**Good Team Building**: Kavita Thapliyal & Taranjeet Duggal took an interactive session on good team building through developing mutual understanding and respect.

**Effective Communication**: Vandana Tandon shared about the importance of verbal and non-verbal communication. Emphasis was put on importance of educators having great body language and calm demeanor to have an impactful rapport with the students and colleagues.

**Teaching Learning Skills**: Anshu Arora motivated the teachers to work on their expressions and body language for effective communication with the students. She showcased student oriented teaching approach for immersive learning experience.  



Educators deliberating on effective classroom management



Educators during a session on teaching Mathematics



Learning to integrate art and real life in teaching methods



# Just a minute

AIS VYC Lucknow

To enhance the linguistic abilities of students, the school organised English Just-A-Minute (JAM) competition for the primary classes (I-V) on May 3 2018. In this individual activity, each student was given a topic on-the-spot and they had to speak on that topic for one minute. Every student spoke very fluently with correct pronunciation and exuded a lot of confidence during the oration. The students came well prepared and impressed everyone with their excellent oratory skills. The



A child speaks at JAM

children were given scores on the basis of parameters like: Fluency, diction and pronunciation, wherein they all scored well.  



Young scientists with their sustainable city model

# Science wizards

## Vasudha Held At School

AIS Gwalior

In an effort to foster scientific temperament and encourage research & innovation amongst children, Amity Children Science Congress titled Vasudha and Math-amity are held every alternate year. The programme has been envisioned by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. Under this initiative, children are encouraged to prepare small do-able projects in Science and Maths. The short-listed projects are then sent for

various national and international forums like: National Children Science Congress (NCSC), Initiatives for Research and Innovation in Science (IRIS), CSIR exhibitions and so on. Thus, on July 16, 2018 Vasudha, a science exhibition was held in the school. Coming up with some very innovative ideas, children made and exhibited unique working models like: solar city, water indicator, fire alarm, vegetable battery, etc. The objective was to provide a platform for young budding scientists to showcase their scientific approaches.



Guru Geetha Mahalik with her team, school principal and kids

# Rhythms of Odissi

## SPIC MACAY hosts heritage

AIS Gurugram 46

To sensitize youth towards our music, art and culture, Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music Art and Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC-MACAY), held a mesmerising Odissi performance by renowned artist Geeta Mahalik, Padma Shri on August 1 2018 in the school. One of the most outstanding exponents of Odissi Guru Geeta is the recipient of central Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and Odisha State Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for

Odissi. She was accompanied by Shri Prafulla Dash on Mardala, Shri Prasanta Behera the vocal artist and Shri Affzal on Violin. Before beginning the performance Guru Geeta Mahalik, gave students an insight on classical dance forms of India. She also demonstrated different mudras. Students also cleared their doubts during the interactive session. She concluded with a message from PM Narendra Modi about Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and advised the students to keep their surroundings neat and clean. 