

NAAC SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR

on

“Teaching, Learning and Evaluation: Shifting Protocols in Pedagogical Dynamics”

St. Thomas College Palai, Kerala

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Brief Report

A Two-day National Seminar titled “Teaching, Learning and Evaluation: Shifting Protocols in Pedagogical Dynamics” was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), St. Thomas College, Palai on 7 & 8 February 2019 under the sponsorship of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The seminar brought together academic administrators, IQAC coordinators and faculty to exchange their views and ideas about the recent trends in teaching, learning and evaluation process. It was indeed an academic exercise intended to assist the participants to become more effective, creative and productive in their endeavours. The highlight of the programme was integrating technology in teaching which in turn led to a qualitative change in our attitude towards education.

Registration was open till 9.30 am on the first day. 173 delegates from various parts of the country participated in the seminar. It started with an invocation to God Almighty which was followed by a Welcome Speech by Rev. Dr. James John, Principal, St. Thomas College, Palai. The function was presided over by His Excellency Mar Jacob Muricken, Manager of the College and Auxiliary Bishop of Palai. Prof. Ved Prakash, Former Chairman, University Grants Commission inaugurated the seminar and delivered the keynote address. Felicitation Speech was delivered by Dr. Vimal Rarh, Project Head & Joint Director, GAD-TLC, MHRD and Coordinator, NRCC, MHRD. Bursar of the college, Rev. Fr. Mathew Kurian proposed the Vote of Thanks.





The first Technical Session was led by Prof. Ved Prakash and was chaired by Dr. K. K. Jose, an erudite scholar and former Principal, St. Thomas College, Palai. Prof. Ved Prakash gave the audience an **insight into the issues and concerns of higher education in India.**



The post-lunch Technical Session discussed **E-learning and MOOCs in Higher Education** and was led by Dr. Vimal Rarh. Prof. Jogy Alex, Associate Professor, Dept. of

Chemistry, St. Thomas College, Palai was the chairperson. Participants raised questions and had their doubts cleared by Dr. Rarh. It was indeed a useful session.



Day One of the Seminar concluded with paper presentations from learned scholars and the sessions were conducted in two venues concurrently. The Second Day of the Seminar commenced with paper presentations at 9.30am and followed by fruitful discussions.

The first technical session of the second day was addressed by Dr. Selvam Jessiah, Professor and Vice Principal, Faculty of Management, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai. The topic of his talk was **Teaching, Learning and Evaluation: Evolving an Integrated Approach for Quality Enhancement in Higher Education**. Dr. Siby James, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, St. Thomas College, Palai chaired the session. The talk was indeed productive and participants thoroughly enjoyed the interactive session and commented it as truly rewarding.



The afternoon session was led by Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil, Professor of Commerce and Director, IQAC, University of Kerala. He talked on **Imparting Quality in Teaching,**

Learning and Evaluation – A Systems Approach. Dr. Joy Jacob, Former Principal, Deva Matha College, Kuravilangad chaired the session. Participants spoke about their limitations and time restraints for not being able to create an effective learner-oriented classroom ambience due to the semester system.



The two-day National Seminar finally came to an end with an informal feedback session. Rev. Dr. James John, Principal, St. Thomas College, Palai presided the concluding session. The Seminar co-ordinators, Dr. Ison V. Vanchipurackal and Dr. Sunil C. Mathew were also invited to be seated on the dais, while the delegates



expressed their happiness for being able to participate in the seminar and also gave feedback regarding each Technical Session and the quality and proficiency of the speakers. Finally, the College Principal thanked the Convenors for their competence and perseverance for

organising such a seminar, and the delegates for their participation and support. He also congratulated the unseen heroes behind the success of the program- the teachers of various departments of St. Thomas College, Palai who were the organisers of different committees whose ideal execution of their duties made the Seminar possible.



