

## **REPORT OF EVS TALK**

**Theme- Pedagogical Dimensions in EVS: Exploring Teaching Learning Resources and Strategies**

**Resource Person- Prof. Kavita Sharma (NCERT, DEE)**

**Date & day: 10.12.2020 (Thursday)**

**Time: 11:00AM-12:00PM**

**Online platform- Google Meet**

**Coordinator: Dr. Shweta Tanwar**

The Department of Elementary Education organised a talk for Pedagogy of Environmental Studies on Thursday, 10th December, 2020 for III year students. The speaker for the talk was Prof. Kavita Sharma, Professor in NCERT.

Professor Kavita Sharma is a Professor at NCERT, Department of Elementary education. She has done her M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Chemistry. Her area of specialization are Environmental Education, Elementary Education, and Chemistry. She has 23 years of experience in research, teaching, developmental and training activities after her Ph.D. in science education, chemistry and elementary education. She has contributed to the education system through her number of achievements and has been a coordinator and member of various committees. She has written several articles research papers and books and has contributed to the education system in many capacities. She is also a coordinator and one of the authors of the online course in Environmental Studies for teachers at primary level (SWAYAM). Along with these, she has also served as a resource person and mentor at various levels such as in-service and pre-service teacher training courses conducted by NCERT. She has also undertaken many projects under the aegis of MHRD and NCERT.

**Discussion:**

The resource person talked about various nuances attached to pedagogy of EVS such as Environmental studies, Environmental education, and Environmental science. She also highlighted the aspect of sustainable development on the basis of pedagogy of EVS is formulated. She explained the integrated approach of EVS, its importance and implementation in NCERT textbooks and themes undertaken in the course.

After that she also undertook the detailed discussion of the approach to EVS curriculum as to how it is based on key question, key concepts, suggested resources and activities. She took some specific themes such as food and water and explained these with detailed activities and practical experience. The discussion was also extended to progression of themes from grade III to grade V. It also highlighted the process skills used and required in understanding and developing the perspectives in EVS. She also took some examples from the textbooks to discuss integration of themes.

Prof. Kavita concluded with sharing the supplementary materials and resources available for Pedagogy of Environmental Studies.