

Report_Talk_Dr. Latika Gupta
B.El.Ed. : Fulfilling a Constitutional Vision

An online talk on the theme "B.El.Ed. : Fulfilling a Constitutional Vision" was organized on September 9, 2021 by the department of elementary education of Mata Sundri College for Women. It was attended by 60 people including the students of B. El. Ed. from all the years and the faculty members of the college. The keynote guest speaker of the session was Dr. Latika Gupta (Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi).

Then Dr. Latika Gupta started with sharing her life journey and past experiences in her early years when she was also pursuing B.El .Ed . She said that like most of the people B.El.Ed was not her first choice but she eventually landed up there as she explored it and drew connections with Piaget's theory , Erikson's theory, concepts from child psychology and development and other psychologists which proved to be quite fascinating for her. Then, discussions on issues like uninformed prespective of people towards teaching courses and elementary/ secondary education, dissatisfaction with teaching courses, the struggles/ challenges etc took place. She explained why we as students; must understand what is B. El. Ed., what is its purpose. Then she linked the significance of the B.El.Ed program with constitutional values and vision and she mentioned how this course is a landmark in the history of India and about the role of elementary education as a fundamental right.

She ended the session by conveying that there is a tremendous need for making informed choice as future teachers. The participants discussed their queries regarding the session and they all were answered precisely and satisfactorily by the speaker. Eventually, a concluding remark for the guest speaker was delivered by Dr. Shweta Tanwar (co - convener) as a vote of thanks.