

Report on
International Seminar on Pedagogy for a Sustainable World
3rd February, 2020
&
International Workshop: Practices and Pedagogies for sustainability
4th & 5th February, 2020
(In collaboration with University of Delhi and Haute école pédagogique,
Vaud, Switzerland)

Education for Sustainability has become an important area for teacher education. In order to ensure that teachers are prepared to take on these questions in schools and colleges, the Department for the second year consecutively collaborated with Haute école pédagogique (HEP), Lausanne, Vaud, Switzerland to host a one day seminar and two days of workshop. Students and faculty from India and Switzerland interacted closely during the three days to learn from the practices and methods adopted in the classrooms. The **International Seminar** held on 3rd February focussed on walks as a pedagogic method and explored conservation practices in order to nurture and sustain heritage.

The keynote address was by historian, author and convenor of Delhi IN-TACH, Dr. Swapna Liddle. The main speaker in the pedagogy session was Professor Anita Rampal, former Dean of Faculty of Education, Delhi University and former Chairperson of NCERT text-book development committee. She highlighted the Cross-Cultural Perspectives in looking at sustainability in textbooks. The seminar was also addressed by Geographer Nadia Lausslet, from HEP, Principal of the college Professor Harpreet Kaur and Convenor of the Seminar and workshop, Dr. Radhika Menon.

The seminar saw large participation of students, faculty and researchers. Swiss and Indian students deliberated in the seminar on appropriate learning plans for teaching sustainability. A film prepared by the Swiss team as part of the collaboration in 2019 was released on the day.

The International Workshop was held on 4th and 5th February, 2020 and focussed on practices to carry forward sustainability in schools. The second day of the workshop was held at Shaheed Hemu Kalani School. The students of the department, Japsifat Kaur, Harshita Rajput, Ramneek Kaur and Preksha shared their practices as interns in the school. The Principal of the school, Dr BK Sharma addressed the participants of the work-shop on his experiences of working in a public school system and practices needed for turning the school around to a model school. The day's session was processed and facilitated by Dr Radhika Menon, Ms Neha Sharma and Ms Richa Sharma.

The third day of the workshop focussed upon hands on experience of exploring sustainability through heritage. The department students worked with the Swiss students in exploring the UNESCO Heritage Site Humayun's Tomb Complex. Professor Anita Rampal and Ms .Nadia Laussalet, addressed students at the site. A number of faculty participated along with the students.

The International Seminar and Workshop organising team included Ms. Neha Sharma, Dr. Manisha Subba, Ms. Divya Sharma, Ms. Anshika Srivastava, Ms. Richa Sharma, Dr. Jasmeet Kaur, Ms. Ruchi Garg, Ms. Shweta Tanwar, and Mr. Manish.