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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE QUARTER

- Orientation week of the B.Ed 2015-17 began on August 4th, 2015. It included:
  - Ice Breaking Session and Talent Hunt Session
  - Visit to Amity International School, Saket and Pushp Vihar.
  - Guest Lecture by Mrs. Mohini Dar on ‘Expectations from a Teacher’.
  - Visit to Amity School of Communication, Amity University, UP
  - Micro–Teaching Workshop was organized in the institute from August 24th, 2015– August 26th, 2015.
- A Doha recitation competition was held at Amity Institute of Education, Saket, New Delhi on September 10th, 2015.
- A Workshop on ‘How to use a Smart Board in the classroom’ was organized on September 12th, 2015.
- Visit to Rama Krishna Mission and National Science Center on September 16th, 2015.
- Amity Institute of Education (AIE), Saket, New Delhi organised a National Seminar sponsored by ICSSR on “Right to Education: Equal Rights and Opportunities for Social Participation of Students from Marginalized Sections of the Society” on October 7th, 2015.
- All Faculty members and Students visited Aurobindo Ashram on October 16th, 2015.

Life at the Amity Institute of Education (AIE) has been good so far. It has been four months into the course and I realize that a lot of learning experiences have already been gathered and there are many more in store for us. Be it through the morning assembly conducted by the students in the presence of the faculty members, without fail or by absorbing the personal experiences shared by the faculty members that assisted them in their personal and professional growth or by actively engaging in various workshops conducted as a part of the curriculum; each day adds to our knowledge which would help us sail smooth through classroom situations and exigencies that may arise.

Witnessing what is being practised at the institute, I have come to believe, when we take up teaching and become an educator, it requires much more than putting bread and butter onto the table from our end. Each moment then becomes a perfect opportunity for the educators to motivate the students and arouse in them, a love for knowledge. Besides ‘scholarship’, a ‘relationship’ that encourages learning must be developed. Fear must be done away with, in order to establish an environment conducive to learning. The greatest lesson learnt at AIE is,

**Every child is to be holistically perceived and not merely as a head, a heart and a hand.**

-Shreya Gupta
B.Ed First Year
Amity Institute of Education (AIE), Saket, New Delhi organised a National Seminar on “Right to Education: Equal Rights and Opportunities for Social Participation of Students from Marginalized Sections of the Society”. The Seminar was sponsored by ICSSR and aimed at advocating innovations in the teaching-learning process for the marginalized.

The seminar was inspired by the intense concern for the underserved and the strong inclination of Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan -Founder President and Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan- Chairperson of Amity Group of Schools towards philanthropic values.

Prof. Sushma Yadav, Pro Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, New Delhi; Prof. Anand P. Gupta, Director, Economic Management Institute, Delhi University, and Member, Board of Directors, IC Centre for Governance, New Delhi; Prof. C. S. Sharma, Director, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, New Delhi; and Dr. D.S. Rathore, Chair Prof. for Chair of Wisdom, AUUP inaugurated the Seminar. Eleven Universities participated in the event. Spread over four sessions, the speakers raised some pertinent questions and impressed the audience with their thought provoking words.

During the first technical session on “Understanding Poverty, Gender Inequality and Social Inclusion”, extremely seasoned educationists-Prof. Anita Rampal, Former Dean, Faculty of Education, Delhi University; Prof. Minati Panda, School of Social Sciences, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU, New Delhi; and Prof. C. S. Sharma, Director, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, New Delhi shared their views.

Prof. Nalini Juneja, Head of School & Non formal Education, NUEPA, New Delhi; Dr. Neena Pandey, Associate Prof., Department of Social Work, Delhi University and Dr. Arvind Mishra, Asstt. Prof., Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Science shared their views during the technical session two on “Strategies for Equity and Social Inclusion”.

Prof. Sreemati Chakrabarti, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi; Ms. Ketaki Saksena, Program Coordinator, Save The Children, Delhi and Ms. Seema Rajput, Acting Technical Director (Education) CARE India shared their views in technical session three on “Role of government, NGO’s and other Agencies for Equity and Social Inclusion”.

During the last session on “Education for All – Promoting Equity and Social Inclusion”, Prof. Y. Sreekant, Head Educational Survey Division (ESD), NCERT, New Delhi; Prof. (Dr.) Nirupama Prakash, Director, Amity Institute of Social Sciences, Amity University, Noida; Dr. Bharti Dogra, Reader, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi; Dr. Renu Malviya, Associate Prof., Lady Irwin College, Delhi University and Prof. Debal K Singha Roy, Prof., School of Sociology, IGNOU shared their views.

The participants of each session were felicitated with a memento having a personalized note by Founder President, Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan. The themes led to a very enlightening and thought inciting discussions and deliberations. It provided a platform to contemplate on the education of marginalized and under served sections of the society.
A Doha recitation competition was held at Amity Institute of Education, Saket, New Delhi on September 10th,2015. The event was truly inspired by the supreme emphasis laid on the preservation of our culture and moral values by our Founder President Sir, Dr. Ashok K Chauhan.

Strongly believing in the notion that values are the root of Indian legacy and children the index of tomorrow, students from various eminent public and government schools across Delhi and NCR were invited to recite the Doha’s of our eminent poets.

The session witnessed recitations which were judged by a team of judges from different organizations. The number of participating schools were 21 and the total number of students were 45. All the recitations contained important messages and a great deal of worldly wisdom by Sant Kabir, Sant Tulsidas and Prem Munshi. Hearing it in the voice of the young secondary school students was indeed mesmerizing.

The first position for this competition was held by Salwan Public School, the second position was bagged by Sumer Mal Jain Public School and Amity International School, Saket, the third position was held by Sadhu Vashwani International School and Salwan Public School.

The winners of the event were felicitated and enthused by Dr. Ranjana Bhatia, Prof. & Principal, Amity Institute of Education, Saket, New Delhi. She handed over the prizes to the winners and Certificate of merit to each participant. The session ended with words of praise for participants and a thank you note for everyone whose contribution made this event a success.