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ASSAM CHAPTER

Association for Educational Research Assam (AIAER Assam Chapter)
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In 1995, AIAER's All India Conference was held at Guwahati, Assam, where Dr. Praveen Akhter was organizing secretary. It helped in increasing members from Assam and the concept of creation of a state chapter was mooted in this conference. But for one reason or other it was not realized till 2001

Assam Chapter of AIAER was formed on 14.7.2001. On 7.3.2011, it was registered under Societies Registration Act as ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH, ASSAM with Registration No. RS/JPOR/38/E/86 of 2010-11 dated 7.3.2011 issued by Registrar of Societies, Guwahati, Assam

The Executive Body consisted of President: Dr. K.K.Deka; Secretary-Dr.(Ms.) Nirmala Sarma, Treasurer- Ms. Nibedita Barik Barua, Members: Mr. A.P. Barua, Ms. Bineeta Dutta, Dr. Mukut Hazarika, Mr. Kishor Satpathy, Mr. Nripen Saikia, Dr Ms Sunita Agarwalla, Dr.Ms Suchitra Kakoty, Mr. Sanjib Kakoty, Ms. Mizo Prava Borah and Dr. Birendra Deka.

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Sri Tridip Bordoloi, Jorhat,
Dr. Sidharrtha Sarma, Jorhat

2017

Report on AIAER workshop

A Report on the State Level Workshop on “Evolution of New Education Policy: An Analysis in the Context of Assam” organised by AIAER, Assam Chapter in collaboration with IQAC, Kakojan College on 10th February, 2017.

A State Level workshop was organised by AIAER, Assam Chapter in association with IQAC, Kakojan College on 10th February, 2017. The workshop attended by about 200 participants comprising of teachers, teacher educators of all level and also few other professionals. The day long programme started at 9 am with registration of the participants. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Anil Bora, Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Jorhat. The short inaugural session was addressed by few of the dignitaries where they highlighted few of the issues and the importance of the present workshop. Secretary, AIAER, Dr. Nirmala Sarma presented a brief introduction of the establishment of AIAER, Assam Chapter and its activities since its inception in 2001 to 2017.

The technical session started immediately after inauguration where Dr. Pranab Saikia, Faculty of KKHSOU and resource person of the workshop elaborately discussed the development and issues of the ongoing process of evolution of the new education policy. He presented various statistics highlighting the demographic dividend of India and causes of under employment, unemployment, unskilled and under skilled workforce of India. In his speech he provided an analysis of knowledge era from various perspectives such as importance of technological literacy being an important part of

education. He put forward some remedies and some suggestions to be discussed by the participants in groups to bring out some concrete recommendation as the outcome of the workshop.

After the session the participants are divided into 10 groups assigning one participant as the leader of the group. After discussion all the groups came out with some recommendations which were presented in an open session by the group leader and all the participants took part and expressed their views. After discussion the recommendations of the groups were recorded. After compilation of the recommendations of the different groups by a small body comprising of Dr. Nirmala Sarma, Former General Secretary of AIAER, Assam Chapter, Dr. Ruprekha Bordoloi, Present Vice President and Dr. Archana Bhattacharjee, Present General Secretary of AIAER, Assam Chapter. Following recommendations are finalised and sent to the competent authorities for consideration.

1. Pre-Primary stage should receive due attention of policy makers.
2. Emphasis should be given to professional development of teachers through various training programmes.
3. Residential facilities should be provided to the teachers where communication is poor.
4. Focus should be given to rationalisation of teachers.
5. Management should take care to see that teachers receive promotion on basis of merit and experience and also there should be scope for promotion for professionally advanced teachers. It will motivate the teachers to increase their professional competence.
6. There should be need based curriculum and innovative practices in teaching learning process so that skill, talents and aptitude of students in different areas are identified early in life.
7. Due attention must be given to reform educational management system in Assam. It should cover recruitment and promotion policy of all cadres of employees in the education department.
8. Policies should be based on research specially those related to problems of teachers and teaching/learning process
9. Keeping in view all recent challenges in the era of globalization more emphasis should be given to ICT implementation and its usages in the teaching/learning process. ICT training must be made mandatory for teachers.
10. There is immense scope for development of vocational training in Assam and therefore the govt. should introduce location specific vocational training.

Dr. Archana Bhattacharjee
General Secretary,

AIAER Assam Chapter

Dr. Nirmala Sarma
Outgoing General secretary

Minute of the General meeting of AIAER, Assam Chapter held on 10-02-2017, at Kakojan College, Jorhat.

The general meeting of the AIAER Assam Chapter was held at the end of the State level workshop on “Evolution of the new education policy: An analysis in the context of Assam”, at Kakojan College, Jorhat. The President of the Association, Dr. Kandarpa Kr. Deka could not attend the meeting due to some urgent official work and entrusted by telephonic and Whatsapp message one of the Vice President to chair the general meeting. As such Sri Binita Dutta, Vice-President of the Association presided over the meeting.

Secretary Dr. Nirmala Sarma before presenting the minute of the last meeting held on 29-09-2012 expressed that due to a number of reasons the general meeting could not be held in scheduled time. She apologized for the delay in holding the general meeting. She read the proceeding of the last meeting and also appraised the house about the present financial status of the association. Present amount in the Bank is Rs. 29,591.00 (Rupees twenty nine thousand five hundred ninety one) only. The report of the last meeting was accepted.

As the term of the present executive is ended before forming a new executive body the present members submitted resignation. After that names are proposed by different members for various posts and accepted by the house and finally an executive body is formed for the term April 2017 to March 2020.

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Ms. Bineeta Dutta,

Ms. Chandraprava Hazarika

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Ms. Rupa Das Borbora, Guwahati

Sri Sanjib Kakoty, Jorhat

Treasurer : Dr. Pranab Baruah, Jorhat

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Ms. Puspa Gogoi, Dhakuakhana,

Sri Lakhya Pratim Nirmolia, Kakojan

Sri Kumud Ghose, Nakachari,

Ms. Kunja Kushum Kakoty, Borpeta,

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Sri Manjul Kalita, Sivasagar,

Sri Tridip Bordoloi, Jorhat,

Dr. Sidharrtha Sarma, Jorhat

President Bineeta Dutta suggested 5 invited members from entire Assam to the executive. The house accepted the proposal. She also suggested to prepare an action plan by the new executive for the coming 2 years. She appreciated the outgoing executive specially the secretary for their effort to take the association forward. She also expressed gratitude towards Principal and all the teachers and staff of Kakojan College for holding the workshop successfully.

The newly elected President Ms. Kabita Rajguru asked co-operation from all concerned. Newly elected secretary, Dr. Archana Bhattacharjee also call out everybody to put their effort so that the association can be taken to a greater height.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by the Jt. Secretary Dr. Archana Bhattacharjee.

2011 November 3-4 :UGC Sponsored National Workshop on The Problems of Teaching English as a Second Language

2011 May 14: Lecture on Philosophy of Education at PG Training College, Jorhat

2011 May 13-14: Workshop on Seminar Paper Preparation and Presentation at Jorhat College

2010 December 9-10: Seminar on Policy Perspectives in Education at Dept. of Education, Dibrugarh University

2010 April: Workshop on Development of Research Proposal at J.B. College, Jorhat

2007 January: National Seminar on Education I the 21st Century: Challenge and Prospects at PGTC, Jorhat

A Seminar on "Learning Organization in learning world" was organized at Diphu College, Diphu, Karbi Anglong

On 28.12. 03 a meeting held at Dept. of Education Cotton College Guwahati was chaired by Dr. K. K. Deka, President AIAER, Assam Chapter and took following decisions were taken in the meeting.

1)A committee is formed with the following members to draft a constitution for Assam chapter, The existing constitution AIAER, will be followed in formulating state chapter's constitution.

Dr. Gouri Deka- Chair person

Dr. Praveen Akhtar. Convener

Dr. Sunita Agarwalla, Secretary
Dr. Birendra Deka, Member
Ms. Indira Saikia, Member

2) To expand the activities of AIAER to all the districts, district chapters may be formed. To expedite activities in the districts and for membership growth following members are made district co-ordinators. In the districts where there are no members, co-ordinator of the adjacent district is entrusted to communicate for expansion of membership.

Kamrup: Dr. Parveen Akhtar & Mr. Habibur Rahman.

Nalbari & Bongaigaon: Dr. Birendra Deka

Darang & Sonitpur: Dr. Mohini Goswami .

Goalpara&Dhubri: Minati Choudhari

Cachar, Karimganj & Hailakandi: Kishore Chandra Satpathi

Dibrugarh & Tinsukia: Dr. Daisy Bora Talukdar

Nogaon & Morigoan: Chandraprova Hazarika

Lakhimpur & Dhemaji: Nripen Saikia

Jorhat: Dr. Nirmala Sarma

Golaghat: Mousumi Bordoloi

Sibsagar: Manjul Kr. Kalita

Borpeta: Dr. Sankar C. Das

For Karbi Anglong, North Cachar & Kokrajhar an appeal will be made by the Secretary

3) Secretary was requested to take initiative in printing a directory, which was a decision of the earlier meeting on 7.2.03

4) A research journal will be published for which a committee is formed with the following members
Editor: Ms. Bineeta Dutta

Members ; Dr. R.D. Borbora; K.C. Satpathy; Dr. Birendra Deka; and Dr. Nirmala Sarma

5) A Seminar committee is formed with the following members to take initiative in holding seminars at different places in specially the disadvantaged areas.

Chairperson : Dr. Rupa Das Borbora

Members : Dr. Depali Goswami; Dulumoni Sarma; Asim Ranjan Sarma; Habibur Rahman

6) A resolution was taken to invite next national conference of AIAER, at Assam

On March 31st 2002, a state level seminar was organized in collaboration with D.U on " emerging issues in Teacher Education" at Dibrugarh.

On March 2nd 2002, a lecture was arranged on "Curriculum & Life skill" at SIE Assam, Jorhat

On 14th July 2001, State Chapter was opened with Head office at Jorhat. It took time to give shape to the Chapter. Initial organizational activities like establishing a office set up with seal, receipt book, bank a/ c etc. were completed. The Executive Body formed at the meeting consisted of President- Dr.K.K.deka, Registrar. Dibrugarh University, Secretary- Dr(Mrs) Nirmala Sarma, Treasurer- Ms Nibedita Bank Barua and members Sri A.P. Barua, Dr Mukut Hazarika, Mrs Bineeta Dutta, Sri Kishore C. Satpathy and Sri Niranjana Saikia.

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CONSTITUTION

ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH, ASSAM

(AIAER, ASSAM CHAPTER)

Established- 2001

Registered under Societies Act. XXI of 1860 No. RS/Jor/238/E/86 of 2010-2011

Name of the Association: The name of the Association will be - Association for Educational Research, Assam (AIAER, Assam Chapter).

Location: The location of the office of the Secretary of the Association will be at Jorhat.

Area of operation: State of Assam.

Objectives of the Association:

To develop and promote educational research in Assam.

To provide a forum for discussion of problems related to educational research in Assam.

To conduct workshop, seminar, conference etc. on educational research.

To disseminate findings on educational research.

To publish journals, monograph and other types of literature on educational research.

To co-operate with organizations and activities engaged in educational research in Assam.

To carry out all other activities as may be conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.

Membership:

A person of any discipline or an institution interested in educational research can be accepted as a member of the association.

The fee will be decided by the general body of the Association from time to time shall be collected annually.

Cessation of Membership:

The Membership of the Association shall cease in case of non-payment of the annual membership fees and in case of resignation in writing by a member.

Executive Body:

The Executive body shall consist of the following office bearer:

President	-	One
Vice-President	-	Three
General Secretary	-	One
Treasurer	-	One
Joint Secretary	-	Three
Members	-	Ten

The duration of the office bearers shall be 3 years.

If membership falls vacant within the prescribed period, the Executive body can fill up the vacancy.

The Functions the Executive body shall be as follows:

To appoint sub-committees and working groups etc. to fulfill the objects of the society.

To take action on resolution passed by the general body and the conference.

To decide and take action on organizational, administrative and financial matters.

To fill up vacancies in the Executive body or in any other committee.

To appoint persons for carrying out the work of the society.

To co-opt. members as and when necessary.

Duties of the Office Bearers of the Executive Body:

President:

The President shall preside over all meetings of the executive body, the general body and other committees and groups formed by the chapter. He / She have no voting power, but in case of tie he shall have the power to cast his/her vote,

Vice-President:

The Vice-President shall perform duties as assigned to them by the President. Any of the Vice-President shall preside over all the meeting in absence of the President.

General Secretary:

The General Secretary shall have following functions-

Keeping regular record of the proceedings of the Executive body, General Body and conference and other committees formed by the Chapter.

Preparing the annual budget and annual report.

Preparing agenda for the meeting.

Making correspondence with various bodies and Institutions on behalf of the Chapter.

Editing publications of the related materials.

Joint Secretary:

The Joint Secretaries shall assist the General Secretary in carrying out his/her duties. In case of certain emergent situation Secretary can entrust some responsibilities to one of the Joint Secretary.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall maintain accounts of the society receive amounts due to the Association and issue receipt for the purposes. He/ She will maintain membership register and report the statement of accounts to the general secretary month for his/her perusal.

Meeting:

There shall be at least one general body meeting in a year in which the annual report and the audited accounts of the society shall be passed. Notice for the General Body meeting shall be given 30 days in advance. If one half of the members send a written requisition to the General Secretary to call a meeting of the General body, such a meeting has to called within one month of the date of the receipt of the requisition. There shall be at least two meetings of the Executive Body in a year/fifteen days advance notice has to be given for such a meeting.

Quorum:

Generally presence of at least 20 life members will form the quorum for general body meeting. However, under special circumstances, written comment on agenda items from maximum of five members can be taken in absentia in considering the quorum. Quorum for Executive Body Meeting is one-fourth of its members.

Resolution in Writing:

A resolution in writing circulated by the General Secretary, when supported by a majority of the members of the Executive body shall be valid and effectual as it has been passed at a meeting of the Executive Body.

Funds:

Funds of the society shall comprise of membership fees, grants from government and other bodies, donations from individuals and organizations and sale proceeds of publications etc. The funds shall be deposited in a Bank, The account, shall be operated by any two of the Treasurer, General Secretary and President.

Financial Year:

The financial year of the society shall be the year commencing on the first of April and ending in the thirty-first March of the next year.

Election:

Election to the Executive Body shall be held every 3 (three) years.

Election can be held in a general body meeting called for the purpose or through post. Persons not physically present in the general body meeting can be selected. In case, a member does not want to continue in the Executive body, the post can be filled up by the executive. A notice regarding election should also contain the list of eligible members. Member of the executive body shall hold office for the specified period from the date of election or till election is held for these posts, whichever is earlier.

GUJARAT CHAPTER

Gujarat Chapter, in collaboration with Gujarat State School Textbook Board organised a Seminar on Researches on Textbooks at LNK College of Education, Patan on 20th & 21st July, 2001. It was inaugurated by Prof. B.S. Jani, Vice-chancellor, North Gujarat University. Prof. Chandrakant Trivedy, Ex-VC was the Chief Guest. Prof. J. K. Dave of Sardar Patel University delivered the Keynote address. Dr. R.C. Raval, Director and Dr. Shrideviben Mehta, Academic Officer of the GSSTB also took part in the Seminar. 24 papers were presented. The programme was organised by Dr. J.H. Pancholi, the Principal of the host College with support from Dr. H. O. Joshi, of Saurashtra University.

On May 7, 2002, the members of the All India Association for Educational Research in a meeting elected an Executive Body that consisted of President- Dr. JH Pancholi, Vice-Presidents- Dr. Navnithbhai Rathod and Dr. Ummed Singh, Secretary- Dr. H.O. Joshi, Joint Secretaries- Shri Chandramouli Joshi, Dr. Kantibhai Likhya, Treasurer- Mr. Bhadrayu Vachharajani, Members- Dr. DA Uchat, Dr. Chandrakant Bhogayata, Dr. RD Mulia, Dr. Ramesh Kothari, Dr. Jayendrabhai Dave, Dr. Lilaben Nayak, Dr. R.J. Vyas and Dr. Manubhai Trivedi.

In 2013, in letter dated 31.3.2013, Dr. Ajitsinh Rana, President of Educational Research Association, Gujarat informed that this association will function as Gujarat Chapter of AIAER.

HARYANA CHAPTER

Haryana Chapter had been initiated by Mr. P. S. Anand, Lecturer, C.R. College of Education, Rohtak. After he left for heaven, Dr. D. P. Asija, Principal, Sohan Lal DAV College of Education, Ambala took up the responsibility. During 2002-03 programmes were organised at Vaish College of Education, Rohtak; GMN College, Ambala City; SJPML Institute of Engineering & Technology, Yamunaa Nagar; CR College of Education, Hissar and Sohan Lal DAV College of Education, Ambala.

KARNATAKA CHAPTER

Late Dr. (Mrs.) T. K. Jayalakshmi had taken steps for formation of Karnataka state chapter. A meeting held in 2002 formed an Executive Body which consisted of Hon. President- Dr. P. Basavakumar; President- Dr. M.R. Umadevi; Vice Presidents: Dr. H.V. BShivashankar, Dr. Mary Suvarna, Dr. Surendranath Nishanimutt, Dr. Mahabaleswar; Secretary- Dr. T.M. Geetha; and Treasurer- Dr. H.V. Vamadevappa,

KERALA CHAPTER

Inaugural Seminar of Kerala Chapter of AIAER was held on December 15, 2001 on the theme - n Quality Improvement in Educational Research organised at the Department of Education, University of Kerala, Trivandrum. The seminar was convened by Dr. V. Reghu. It was chaired by Prof. K. Sivadasan Pilali and Prof. Jacob Mathew inaugurated it. Other participants were Prof. N. D.

Joshi, Prof. (Mrs) Mercy Abraham, Prof. T.K.Mathew, Prof. P. Viswanathan Nair and others. There were 45 participants including 12 students. An adhoc committee for Kerala Chapter was formed. IN a meeting held in 2005, coordinators were identified:

Thiruvananthapuram- Dr.V.M. Sasikumar and Dr. M.S. Geetha

Kottayam Region- Dr. P.G. Jacob and Ms. Jaya Mary Louis

Calicut Region- Dr. V. Sumanagala & Dr. P. Usha

2017 May 16

Review of Felt Needs of Two-Year B. Ed. Students & Feed Back Organised by the Dept. Of Education & Curriculum Development Centre, University Of Kerala, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram-14

Report of the Communicative Evaluation Workshop

The State Chapter meeting of All India Association for Educational Research (AIAER) discussed the challenges of Two Year Teacher Education (B.Ed) programme to compete with the nature and quality of teacher education in the international, multicultural and technological world. The Two year B.Ed Curriculum implemented in 2015 focuses on a practice-based methodology and strives to create a collaborative culture of inquiry between universities and local schools. This will in turn create a firmer link between educational research and teaching practice and to result in constructive partnerships which serve the needs of all parties. With this intention the curriculum of the two year B.Ed programme included Minor Project/Case study/Action Research and other collaborative activities. There exists a general apprehension on the implementation and quality of these curricular items in realizing the desired goals. It is in this context that it was decided to organize a Communicative Evaluation Workshop of Student Teachers (B.Ed. II Year) to discuss their felt needs and problems, especially with regard to Minor Project/ Case study/ Action Research as part of the Two Year B.Ed. Curriculum of the University of Kerala. The administrative difficulties faced by them have also been discussed in the workshop.

All the teacher education institutions joined in this maiden venture and collaborated by sending their teachers and students of the Two year B.Ed batches (II year students) to participate in the workshop. This Communicative evaluation workshop started off with a prayer. Prof. Theresa Susan A, Professor and Head , Dept. of Education welcomed the gathering. The introduction by the Chairman of AIAER State Chapter, Dr. V. Reghu, former Professor of RGYND introduced the aim of the workshop and created a space for public discourse and generating creative suggestions for bringing quality learning environments in teacher education. The organising secretary, Dr Asha J.V., Asst Professor and Hon. Director of Curriculum Development Centre gave the workshop participants an out line which helped in thematising the problems and issues they face in the context of teacher education settings.

The workshop participants divided themselves into three groups, one groups comprising of language students, one of science students and the third consisting of teachers. After detailed disussion based on the outline provided, each group presented the difficulties as well as the strengths of the course. The major difficulties presented by students were:

1. Conducting online examination – difficulties and hardships faced by students
2. Doing mini project- lack of clarity and discrepancy in the evaluation of the project
3. Time of teaching practice and internship- the difference between the two
4. community living camps
5. art education- clash in the objectives and practice and evaluation

The teachers presented their idifficulties and challenges in completing the course in time with so much workload of practical records. They also gave ideas to make good the lapses.

The discussions initiated a new motivation and interest for the participants, especially teachers to initiate more discussions and workshops to make the present two year curriculum a model curriculum for B.Ed.

Local hospitality was provided to the participants under the auspices of Curriculum Development Centre, University of Kerala. All the participants were given certificates of participation also. The workshop concluded in the afternoon.

Minutes of the All India Association for Educational Research (AIAER) – Kerala - Planning Meeting held at Department of Education, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram on 28/04/2017 (Friday), 3.00 pm

A meeting of the members of AIAER (Kerala) was organized at Department of Education, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, on 28/04/2017 (Friday), 3.00 pm (as per suggestions given by Ambala Conference of AIAER, dated 26/11/2016, to rejuvenate the programmes and activities of AIAER in the state.

Members Present

1. Dr. V. Reghu; 2. Dr. V.M.Sasikumar; 3. Dr. Theresa Susan A.; 4. Dr. Asha J.V; 5. Dr. Divya C. Senan;
6. Dr. Sheeja Titus; 7. Mr. Pramod Dinakar; 8. Ms. Dhanya B. Chandran.

The following members informed their inability to participate in the meeting.

1. Ajitha Nayar, 2. Dr. Mariamma Mathew 3. Dr. R.L. Bindu 4. Dr. Geetha Janet

The meeting, chaired by Prof. V. Reghu started with a silent prayer. Dr. A. Theresa Susan, Professor and Head, Department of Education, University of Kerala, welcomed the members. Dr. V. Reghu, (Formerly Controller of Examinations (Retd.), RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur,) in his presidential address, reiterated the importance of focusing on the Management and Administrative aspects of education in research along with the pure academic areas. He opined that only very few researches are being conducted in this very important, yet neglected domain of education. He also urged the members present to suggest programmes and activities that can be conducted on behalf of AIAER to enhance the quality of Educational Research conducted in the state. The Presidential Address was followed by an open discussion detailed as follows:-

Ø Dr. V. Reghu suggested that a programme of AEOs, DEOs, DIET Faculty and other officials of the General Education Department, Government of Kerala, may be called upon, to list and discuss the issues in Educational Administration and Management in Kerala.

Ø Dr. V.M Sasikumar, (National Vice-President, Council for Teacher Education) suggested that a listing of all the Doctoral theses produced by the Department of Education, University of Kerala may be done, and if possible, all the Ph.D. holders be honoured. For this, the alumni association of the Department may also be utilized.

Ø The meeting also considered the possibility of organizing a programme of Student Teachers (B.Ed. II Year and I year) to discuss their felt needs and problems, especially with regard to Minor Project/ Case study/ Action Research as part of the Two Year B.Ed. Curriculum of University of Kerala. The administrative difficulties faced by them may also be discussed in the programme. This programme, was decided to be conducted before May 18, 2017 at the Department.

Ø A Visualization meeting may be organized on May, 4, 2017 AN to plan the details of the above mentioned program

Ø A One-day orientation programme may be organized for Teacher Educators of University of Kerala, to conscientize them on the various aspects of Research and to empower them to supervise their Student Teachers in a more effective manner for Project/ Case Study/ Action Research.

Ø Dr. V.M. Sasikumar suggested that a representation should be given to the central body of AIAER to provide at least 60% of the Money collected as Membership Fee to the state. (As such, the whole amount collected towards Membership fee is remitted to the centre.)

Ø Dr. V.M. Sasikumar suggested that an adhoc committee be set up - until a General Body is called for, and Office bearers are elected. The meeting nominated Prof. V. Reghu as the Chairman and Prof. Theresa Susan A., as the Vice-Chairperson and Dr. Asha J.V. as the Secretary, (Ad hoc basis) to take care of the State chapter .

The meeting ended with the proposal of Vote of Thanks by Dr. Asha J.V., Asst. Professor, Department of Education, University of Kerala. The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm.

Trivandrum, 28/04/2017

(Sd/-)
Prof.V.Reghu
For AIAER, Kerala

2015

Report of the International Conference on Standards and Benchmarks for Excellence in Learning, Teaching and Research at University of Kerala Thiruvananthapuram 26-28 November 2015

The three-day International Conference on Standards and Benchmarks for Excellence in Learning, Teaching and Research, organized by the Department of Education, University of Kerala and All India Association for Educational Research in collaboration with Govt. College of Teacher Education, Thiruvananthapuram was inaugurated on 26th November 2015. The Organizing Secretary of the Conference, Dr.Geetha Janet Vitus, welcomed the audience. Dr. Theresa Susan A, Head, Department of Education, University of Kerala, gave a brief introduction about the Conference. Dr.Sunil Behari Mohanty, General Secretary AIAER delivered the Presidential Address. Before the address, the participants observed a minute's silence in memory of Dr. Sivadasan Pillai and Dr.Vedamoni Manuel, eminent teacher educators of Kerala State, who were also members of AIAER. In his speech Dr.Mohanty affirmed the significance of upholding quality in our education system. Prof. A.Sukumaran Nair, Chairman, Kerala State Advisory Board on Education, and former Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, inaugurated the Conference by lighting the lamp. Dr.Sukumaran Nair also released the Proceedings of the Conference by handing over a copy to Dr.V.M.Sasikumar (Vice President of AIAER).

While delivering the Buch Memorial Lecture, Dr.Sukumaran Nair emphasised the role of research in improving the quality of education. To empower the system, Dr. Nair proposed the creation of a new cadre of professionals who are aware of their responsibilities. The Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Margaret Solomon, Professor of Education and Leadership, La Sierra University, the United States of America. In her address, she shared her experience of teaching both in the US and in India. Several comparisons of the education systems of both countries were made to affirm the need for setting up benchmarks and standards for improving the quality of instruction in schools in India. She even emphasized that we should never forget that teaching is a learning profession. Dr. Lal CA., Public Relations Officer, University of Kerala, Mr. Petrov Vladimir, Member Expert Council of State Duma, Russia, and Prof. P.J. Jacob, Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Kerala offered felicitations for the Conference. Dr.B. Suresh, Principal, Govt. College of Teacher Education, Thiruvananthapuram offered the vote of thanks for the function, all the invited guests present were honoured by adorning a shawl. The function concluded with the National Anthem.

On 27th November, Mr. Vladimir Petrov, Member Expert Council of State of Duma, Russia, currently busy in training teachers in India, talked about the potential of education for sustainable development. He even proposed the scope and need for holistic education-of spiritual, mental and physical. The possibilities of supporting schemes system were also shared. In the afternoon, Dr. Achuth Sankar S. Nair, Professor and Head i/c Department of Bioinformatics, University of Kerala in

his talk, drew the attention of participants to our 'casual attitude' in maintaining quality in pedagogical practices in our country. Quality, he affirmed, should be measured continuously. Dr.Sankar even expressed a desire that those at the helm of affairs would relate the educational practices to the current times and make changes as and when needed. For, the teacher today is not a sage on the stage, but a guide by the side. Next, Prof. Sreekantan Nair, Chairman, Council for Teacher Education, Kerala Chapter in a special talk, lamented the quality dip in the research output in our country and suggested that students should be sincere, serious, systematic and scientific-qualities essential for researchers for generating original contributions through research. The General Body meeting of AIAER was held in the evening and Dr.V M.Sakiumar, Vice President of AIAER chaired the meeting. The third day's programme, 28th November 2015, again commenced with paper presentation sessions in different venues and continued until lunch break. In the afternoon, Dr.K.R.Sivadasan, Former Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Kerala, delivered a talk on Neuroscience and Education.

A brief text of the different talk delivered by the Resource Persons are available on a specially created Blog <http://aiaerconference2015.blogspot.in/> By 9AM of the last day of the conference, the blog was viewed 1500 times. A total of 95 papers were presented in different venues during the three days of the conference. The sessions for paper presentations were chaired by senior teacher educators from different educational institutions. The Valedictory session of the three-day conference, commenced at 3.25 PM on the last day of the conference -28th November 2015 with a prayer by Ms. Neethu, MEd. student of the Department of Education. Dr. Theresa Susan A, Head, Department of Education, University of Kerala welcomed the guests and the audience. The Chief Guest for the function was the Hon. Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr.Veeramanikantan, who inaugurated the Valedictory function. He congratulated the faculty of the Dept. of Education for organizing the conference. While offering felicitations, Dr. Girish Kumar, Member, Syndicate, University of Kerala, congratulated the Department for organising the International Conference and affirmed the significance and relevance of 'Benchmarking' today in assessment of university departments. He expressed his wish that the ideas related to benchmarking learned during the conference would be carried by the delegates back to their institutions. A report of the conference was presented by Dr. C. Praveen, faculty PG Department, Govt. College of Teacher Education, Thiruvananthapuram. The Conference passed following Resolution:

"Resolved that in order to promote excellence in learning, teaching and research, national and state level benchmarks and standards may be developed for various stages of education."

MAHARASHTRA CHAPTER

Maharashtra Chapter of AIAER was formed on August 18, 2001 in a seminar on Writing Research Report organized by Dr. GR Jani, Principal, SSDK College of Education, Ulhas Nagar, Dt. Thane. The Guests included Prof. Vijay Khole, Pro VC, University of Mumbai, and Prof(Miss) G.J. Kerawalla and Smt. Jyoti Suresh (Pappu) Kalani, Chairperson of the trust of the host college. Executive Committee formed consisted of President-Dr. GR Jani, Vice-President-Dr.GN Katherdkar, Dr. S.K.Wagh; SEceeretary-Ms. Chandana Patnaik, Jt. Secretary-Dr.Vidya Naik, Treasurer-Mrs. Rajkumari Punjabi and Committee members- Dr. NG Bhanushali, Dr.SR Rastogi, Dr. RB Dewasthalee, Dr. ST Joshi, Dr. AN Joshi, Miss Indu Garg, Prin Raite, Dr. Lima Yeole, Smt. Suman Karandikar, Dr. H.N.Jagtap, Ms. Archana Aloni, Dr. Dost Mohammad Khan and Dr. N.K. Patil.

Activities of the chapter included

2002-01-19 Seminar on Writing Research Proposal at SSDK College of Education, Ulhas Nagar

2003-02-15 Seminar on Ethics in research at SSDK College of Education, Ulhas Nagar

2003-08-30 Seminar on Research in Education at NDMVP College of Education, Nasik

On February 2, 2009 Association for Educational Research, Maharashtra was registered as a society with Secretary-Ms. Zankar Vaishali D , Treasurer-Mr. Langashetty, VS and Jt. Secretary-Mr. Veer Pankaj D.

ORISSA CHAPTER

An inaugural meeting of the Orissa Chapter held at Maharshi College, Bhubaneswar on 11 Novembber2001 elected a provisional Executive Body consisting of President - Dr (Miss) S. B. Patnaik of the host College, Secretary- Dr (Miss) Premalata Mohapatra of BJB College, Bhubaneswar, Joint Secretaries - Dr. C. Samantaray and Dr S. C. Mehta, and Treasurer- Dr. P. C. Mishra .

PONDICHERRY CHAPTER

On June 4-6, 2004, a National Seminar on Educational Management of Institutions of Higher Learning Convener: Prof. R. P. Raya, Department of Management Studies, Pondicherry University, Puducherry-605014

PUNJAB CHAPTER

On October 6, 2001 the third annual seminar of Punjab Chapter was held at Malwa College of Education for Women, Ludhiana. The theme of the seminar was Value Based Education. President Prof. Agyajit Singh and Secretary: Dr.(Mrs.) S. K. Bawa

On September 23, 2006, a state level seminar on Ethics in teaching was organized at GHG Khalsa College of Education, Gurusar Sadhar, Dt. Ludhiana by Dr. H. S. Brar, vice-President of the Punjab Chapter and Principal of the host college.

On December 8, 2008, Educational Research Association , Malwa Central College of Education, Civil lines, Ludhiana was registered under Societies Registration act 1860. Dr.(Ms.) Ravinder Kaur, President of the Association in her letter dated February1, 2010 requested AIAER to treat this Association as Punjab Chapter of AIAER

INAUGURAL SEMINAR OF ERA: PUNJAB CHAPTER OF AIAER (EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION) ON QUALITY CONCERNS IN TEACHING PRACTICE AND LESSON PLANNING

On January 29, 2010, Inaugural Seminar of ERA (Educational Research Association) on "Quality Concerns in Teaching Practice & Lesson Planning" was organized by Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial College of Education, Dhudike, Moga. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. S. B. Mohanty, General Secretary, All India Association of Educational Research (AIAER) **who was Chief Guest of the day** accompanied by Dr. Ravinder Kaur, Dean, Faculty Education, P.U. Chandigarh, Dr. S.K. Bawa, Dean, Deptt. of Education, L.P.U. Phagwara, Dr. Amit Kauts, Dean, Faculty Education, G.N.D.U., Amritsar, Sh. H.L.

Shrama, Managing Director, Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial College of Education, Dhudike, Moga, Dr. Swaranjit Singh Brar, President, Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial College of Education, Dhudike, Moga, Dr. Harjot Kamal, General Secretary, Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial College of Education, Dhudike, Moga and Dr. Tripta sharma, Principal Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial College of Education, Dhudike ,Moga. Overseas expert, Dr. B.K. Passi, also served as resource person.

In the Inaugural Session, Dr. (Mrs.) Tripta Sharma, Principal, Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial College of Education, Dhudike, Moga and convener of the seminar welcomed the guests and gave the introductory speech on the seminar. She discussed the objectives, need and relevance of the topic chosen. She said that the main motive behind organizing this seminar is to discover and suggest ways **and means for bringing quality in teaching** practice and lesson planning. She stressed upon the need to provide a new vision of education and action-oriented programmes to devise innovative practices in education for producing better teachers. Improving quality of teaching practice and lesson planning with innovative teaching programmes is needed for the diverse classrooms of today and of future.

Delivering the inaugural address, Dr. S.B. Mohanty, General Secretary, All India Association of Educational Research (AIAER) pointed out that there is dire need of changing the present programme of Teacher Education institutes. He said that these institutes are producing teachers of poor quality as the time prescribed for the training is not sufficient and at the same time the teacher educators are not given freedom to implement their own way of teaching. He added that we are not seeing our own needs and how they can be developed but we are depending upon others. He compared the norms, standards and quality measures adopted in other countries with Indian institutions of Teacher Education. Giving reference of the policies in U.K. and U.S.A., he said that there is system of appointing the teacher after qualifying a Teacher Selection Test. First, they appoint the teacher *on* regular basis without any teacher training and then they trained the teachers in their own way and after that they put the teacher selection test and on qualifying that test, the teacher is approved to be appointed on permanent basis to teach. He further added that only training is not sufficient, the main and foremost aim of training is to create healthy and effective teachers.

About 85 delegates including Principals of different institutes of Education, lecturers, research scholars and students attended the seminar.

In the virtual session the video conference was held with Dr. B.K. Passi, initiator of Micro Teaching in India and Patron of All India Association of Educational Research (AIAER). **He articulated his views and** shared his experiences with all, present in the seminar. He suggested the ways and means of improving Teaching Practice and making proper lesson plans. He laid stress on collective teaching and collective feedback. He said there should be one unit consisting of 50 students and further it should be sub-divided into five groups and there should be team teaching. He also highlighted to make use of "Mentoring Model" in order to make teaching learning process more effective.

The keynote of the seminar was presented by Dr. S.K. Bawa, Dean, Deptt. Of Education, L.P.U., Phagwara who highlighted the importance of "Mentoring Model" in practicing schools during teaching practice. She suggested that complications and obstacles arising out for organizing effective teaching practice in schools must be tackled efficiently and carefully for which identification of problems must be chalked out. She underlined some pre- conditions for organizing effective teaching practice in schools like well thought plan. Talking about the qualities of teacher, she categorized the teachers into three types viz : Eligible Teachers, Effective Teachers and Excellent Teachers. She emphasized that there is dire need to have constant and regular self-evaluation by teachers of their own in the light of using prescribed framework and weightage in order to have objective assessment of their total performance and thus emerging level of quality and to see in which category they fall. She further added that there is need to adopt modern techniques of teaching and developing professional ethics and commitment in teachers for teaching.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ravinder Kaur, Dean, Faculty Education, Panjab University. Chandigarh gave genesis of quality initiatives undertaken by the AIAER and enumerated the programmes conducted

earlier by AIAER and highlighted the future plans of AIAER with regard to quality assurance, maintenance and enhancement through variety of programmes and innovative practices in colleges of Education. Moreover, she also pointed out the dropouts existing in Teacher Education Institutions which need our immediate attention and correction. She suggested that such programmes should form an integral part of Teacher Education in order to ensure quality in discipline.

Dr. Amit Kauts, Dean, Faculty Education, G.N.D.U., Amritsar, stated in his speech that **the theme is very close to teacher educators**. The basic purpose of organizing teaching practice is to bring quality in school education and that can be brought upon by bringing quality in teacher education. He said that all is not well with our Teacher Education Institutions. The main stress is given on content delivery. Lesson plans are based on knowledge aspects only and other aspects are being neglected. He emphasized to follow Bloom's Taxonomy of instructional objectives while making up lesson plans. He further added that we are producing economically productive citizens. If we want to have a society with skill of earning money, then our pedagogy of teaching is different but if we want satisfied society then our pedagogy should be different. He said that bring real life to the classroom situation. It is better to train teachers in natural environment rather than artificial environment. Try to make pupil teacher first helpers and then allow them to teach. Teacher's responsibility is not to teach only rather he should be able to organize different activities in the schools.

Valedictory session was chaired by Dr. Harjot Kamal, General Secretary of the college & panel discussion was held. The eminent personalities who participated in the discussion included Dr. N.N. Shrivastva, Dr. Ravinder Kaur, Dr. S.K. Bawa, Dr. N.K. Chaudhry, Dr. R.M. Tripathi, Dr. Sneh Gargi, Dr. Inderjit Nandra, Dr. Rajan Sethi, Dr. Darshan Singh Pannu, Dr. Sucha Singh Dhariwal, Dr. H.S. Brar, Dr. Ranjit Singh Mangat, Dr. Kamaljit Kaur, Dr. Himadri Prashad, Dr. Dharminder Prashad, Dr. Kawaljit Kaur & Dr. Tripta Sharma.

While delivering the presidential address, Dr. Harjot Kamal said that a nation's progress depend upon the progress of people and its people's progress depends upon the quality of education and bringing quality in education the responsibility of our nation's teachers. He urged the need to make the teachers aware about hi> identity and sense of accountability. In his address, he appreciated the efforts being made by> Dr. (Mrs) Tripta Sharma in the establishment and progress of this institution.

Dr. R.M. Tripathi, Principal, Babe Ke College of Education, Mudki, suggested to follow uniform pattern of Lesson Planning in all the Teacher Education Institutions. He said, we should follow Herbartian Approach. As scenario is changing so demands, requirements and technology is also changing so there should be change in Lesson Planning too. He highlighted one major problem being faced by Teacher Education Institutions that is non-availability of practicing schools. If available, then there is shortage of time. Full day should be given to the colleges for teaching practice.

Dr. N.K. Chaudhary, Principal, Babe Ke College of Education, Daudhar also participated in the discussion. He shared his views regarding the teaching practice programme being run in different institutes. He stressed upon the need of changing existing pattern of Lesson Planning. He said as knowledge is dynamic and nothing which exists at present is perfect, so try to change and adopt new approaches. He emphasized to include following points in Lesson Planning:-

Unit Planning should be done.

Unit achievement test must be prepared.

Instructional objectives should be specified properly.

Developing questions should be given proper place.

Sectional recapitulation should be done if needed.

Different steps for prose, poetry, drama, composition should be followed.

Proper evaluation items should be included like objective type questions, true-false, fill ups etc.

Dr. N.N. Shirivastava, Principal, S.K. College of Education, Moga, gave his observations regarding the seminar. He advocated that Teacher Education Institutes are not being successful in fulfilling its objectives because now- a-days these institutions are making those programmes which are touching the cognitive domain of the students only, they are not able to touch the effective and conative domains. The real aim of education is to develop the character of man. To solve this problem, he emphasized on

quality-based lesson planning including proper instructional objectives with their proper behavioural outcomes. For this purpose, teachers should be trained enough to innovation and impart quality education to the students. Since teaching is the process of effective communication, so use of specimen, chart, and model, indigenously prepared or of performing of an experiment and use of ICT should be given its due place. As Gandhiji said our fingers are the working brains, so free hand sketching and letter writing should be practiced. He further added, to give the holistic picture of the nature and load of work of a teacher, 7-10 days Block Practice in teaching programme should be mandatory of the teaching practice programme where pupil prepares module for each period to be engaged. Each module should be based on objectives, Teaching Points, Learning Activities and Evaluation. Apart from practice of some of the teaching skills in simulation it should be the practice as followed now. If possible 2 lessons based on any Information Processing Model either Concept Attainment Model or Inquiry Training Model should be prepared by the pupil teachers.

The panel discussion and seminar was concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. (Mrs.) Tripta Sharma, Convener of the Inter-National Seminar . The major recommendations emerged out of the seminar were as follows:

1. Lesson plan should be based on precisely defined objectives in expected and desirable behavioural changes (E.B.O's) for which the main Teaching Points of the content (Topic), its E.B.O.s should be adjudged through various objective type questions for evaluating the success or failure.
2. Nature of the content should determine the methods to be used to achieve the objectives. So that the format of the lesson plan will be modified as per the steps of method- project, problem solving, laboratory method and programmed learning.
3. 7-10 days Block Practice in teaching programme should be mandatory of the teaching practice programme.
4. Developing questions should be given proper place.
5. Different steps for prose, poetry, drama, composition should be followed.
6. Proper evaluation items should be included like objective type questions, true-false, fill ups etc.
7. Use of specimen, chart, and model, indigenously prepared or of performing of an experiment and use of ICT given its due place
8. Unit Planning and Preparing unit achievement test based on a Blue Print should be a permanent feature of teacher practice programme.
9. If possible 2 lessons based on any Information Processing Model either Concept Attainment Model or Inquiry Training Model should be prepared by the pupil teachers.
10. It was strictly recommended to follow 7 Point Scale Lesson Planning in all the four universities and its affiliated colleges to insure uniformity.

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TAMIL NADU CHAPTER

A State level seminar on Quality Teacher Education was held on April 10, 2001, at St. Christopher's College of Education, Chennai. The Office bearers were President-Dr. P.S. Balasubramanian, Vice-President- Dr. S. Mohan, Secretary- Dr.(Mrs) Vimala E. Punithkumar and Treasurer- Dr. (Mrs. S. Vasanthi.

REPORT OF THE STATE LEVEL SEMINAR ON QUALITY TEACHER EDUCATION

State Level seminar on 'Quality Teacher Education' was organised by St. Christopher's College of Education, as per the request of the All India Association for Educational Research on 10th April 2001. The Inaugural Address was given by Dr. S. Muthukumaran, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University and also member Secretary, Tamilnadu State Council Education.

Dr. S. Muthukumaran in his inaugural address, spoke about the two important characteristics of a good teacher- Teaching effectively and acting professionally. Effectiveness of the teaching' lies in the

increase in the knowledge of the learner. In a group the average increases the knowledge of the learners would indicate the Effectiveness of the teaching. The teacher will have to decide the best method of teaching through her experience.

Evaluation is part and parcel of teaching as the teacher as well as the student would like to know the effectiveness of the teaching-learning process. There has to be periodical evaluation of the students' achievements, and the instrument for evaluation must be so devised that it tests objectively all the various components of learning.

An individual who is trained as a professional, will not do anything that is unprofessional. Remuneration is not considered so important as to overshadow the sense of satisfaction, which a good professional gets when he has done the work as it ought to have been done. He will not adopt any corrupt practice that will bring bad name to his profession.

A professional teacher will not blame the poor quality of the students, the syllabus, textbook or the evaluation system. He will take the trouble of bringing to the notice of the authorities the defects in syllabus, textbook, or the evaluation system as the case may be and do the needful in the matter.

When he is valuing the answer paper, he will first prepare a satisfactory scheme of valuation, before commencing his valuation work.

Then the Special Address was given by Dr. S. B. Mohanty, Head, Department of education, Gangadhar Meher College, Orissa. He spoke about the inadequacy of the Pre-service teacher training and how teachers differ in their effectiveness with same training and same resources.

Efforts to institute national organisation for improving quality of programmes delivered in teacher education institution were mentioned. Research in teacher education in India, professional development of teacher educators, initial teacher education courses, duration of training, decentralisation training, integrated education, training in group work, management of teacher education, evaluation of performance of student teachers, admission procedures. laboratory pre-practice, teaching preparation. innovation practice, teaching internship and field experience. supervision, laboratory/demonstration/professional development schools. gender issues, technology and teacher education are few illustrations of a large number of issues that need to be explored in teacher education. There are many myths that need to be explored.

Dr. Mohanty concluded saying that researches and specially, follow up studies can liberate teacher education from its inertia.

There were five sessions, and the first session was on "Quality Teacher Education." Dr. D. Rajaganesan, Head of the Department of Education, University of Madras, Dr. Mamota Das, Head, Department of Education, Annamalai University were the Chairpersons. Dr. Merlin Sarders, Lecturer (S.G.) in, Biological Science, Meston College of Education, Dr. (Mrs.) Rachel Jebaraj, Reader in Mathematics, St. Christopher's College of Education, Dr. (Mrs.) Lily Thyianmani Stuart, Reader in Tamil, St. Christopher's College of Education presented their papers.

The second session was on Teaching Practice" Chaired by Dr. Mrs. Rani Kandasamy, Principal, Lady Willingdon I.A.S.E., Chennai. Dr. Manorama Samuel, Reader, Department of Biology, Lady Willingdon I.A.S.E Chennai, Dr. (Mr.) Vajravelu, Lecturer in Tamil (SS) IASE, Dr. Mrs. Thilaka Suresh, Reader, N.K.T. College of Education, for women presented their papers.

The third session was on "Strategies of Meta Teaching" and Dr. P. S. Balasubramaniam, Department of Education, University of Madras was the Chairperson. Dr. Radha Mohan, Reader (Phy. Science), Stella Matutina College of Education, Chennai, Mrs. Doreen Gnanam, Lecturer (SS) in special education, Meston College of Education, Chennai, Mr. S. Devasahayam Selvakumar, Lecturer in Mathematics (SS), Meston College of Education, Chennai presented their papers.

The fourth session was on "Evaluation" headed by Dr. D. Kumaran, Reader, Department of Education, University of Madras, Dr. (Mrs) R.Vasanthi, Reader, Department in Mathematics, N.K.T. College of Education, Chennai, Dr. Devaraj, Lecturer in Education (SS), Meston College of Education, Mr. William Dharmaraja, Senior Lecturer, DIET, Manjur, Ramnad District were the paper presenters.

The fifth session was on "Professional Growth - Practitioner based enquiry" and Dr. Mohan, Department of Education, Alagappa University, Karaikudi was the Chairperson. Dr. (Mrs.) Kiruba Charles, Reader, Department of Physical Science, IASE, Saidapet, Chennai, Dr. V. Ushashree, Reader in Education, Sri Sarada College of Education, Salem, Dr. (Mrs) Mumtaz Begum, Lecturer in Education (SS), Lady Willingdon IASE, Chennai, Dr. (Mrs) Sarala Devi, Lecturer, Meston College of Education, Dr. Mani. Lecturer in History (SS), Meston College of Education, Chennai, Miss J. Kousalya, (SG) Lecturer in English, N.K.T. College of Education, presented their papers.

The valedictory address was given by Dr. (Miss) Lakshmi, Former, Vice-Chancellor, Mother Theresa University. In her valedictory address, Dr. Lakshmi emphasised the importance of motivation in teaching. As the students of the present day are very creative and intelligent, they expect more from teachers, so teaching should be very innovative and informative. She explained how teaching could be a fascinating area and how important is quality in education.

Mrs. Rebecca Prakash

Co-ordinator

WEST BENGAL CHAPTER

On October 9, 2009, All India Association for Educational Research West Bengal Chapter was registered at Kolkata with Registration No. 64144 of 2009-2010. The members listed under governing body were:

The Executive Body of the chapter was formed with the following office bearers.

President (one) – Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bhattacharyya, Director, NITTTR, Kolkata

Vice President (two)

1. Dr. Debasri Banerjee, Reader, Education, Calcutta University

2. Dr. R. Srinivasan, Professor, Education, NITTTR, Kolkata

Secretary (one) – Dr. Habiba Hussain, Sr. Lecturer, Education NITTTR, Kolkata

Joint Secretary (one) – Dr. Mom Mitra De, Sr. Lecturer, Education, Surendranath College for Women, Kolkata

Treasurer (one) – Dr. Uday Chand Kumar, Professor, Curriculum Development & Rural Technology, NITTTR, Kolkata

Members –

Dr. Ranjita Dutta, Sr. Lecturer, Education, Deshbandhu College for Girls, Kolkata

Dr. Sonali Chakraborty, Reader, Education, Sivanath Sastri College, Kolkata

Dr. Soma Nandi (Singha Roy), Sr. Lecturer, Education, East Calcutta Girls College, Kolkata

Shri Rajeev Chatterjee, Sr. Lecturer, Computer Science & Engineering, NITTTR, Kolkata

Prof Manoj Das, Professor, Civil Engineering, NITTTR, Kolkata

Ms. Runa Biswas, Reader (Selection Grade), South Calcutta Girls' College

Ms. Rita Singha Roy, Sr. Lecturer, Swami Niswam Balananda Girls' College.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 07-02-2009 AT NITTTR, KOLKATA IN CONNECTION WITH FORMING KOLKATA / WEST BENGAL CHAPTER OF AIAER

A meeting of members and intending members of AIAER was held at NITTTR, Kolkata on 07/02/2009 to discuss the formation of a local chapter of AIAER. The meeting was attended by 17 persons, list of which is enclosed as annexure.

The meeting decided unanimously to form a local chapter of AIAER to promote the activities of AIAER in West Bengal. It was decided to name the chapter as the "West Bengal (WB) chapter of All India Association for Educational Research (AIAER)". It was further decided that the office of the WB

chapter of AIAER will be located at “NITTTR, Kolkata, Block – FC, Sector – III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 106”.

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It was resolved that the term of office bearers shall be two years except the Executive Members whose term will be of one year.

It was resolved that the meeting of the chapter will be held normally once in two months, preferably on Saturday.

It was suggested that an expert be invited to deliver on emerging field of Education in each meeting of the chapter.

It was resolved that a constitution of the chapter will be prepared by the Secretary and placed in next meeting of the chapter.

Resolved furthermore that the Executive Committee would take necessary steps for registration of the Chapter.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to all the Members present.

2010

Workshop on “Writing Journal Papers / Articles”(13th and 14th February 2010)

A two-day workshop on “Writing Journal Papers / Articles” was organized by AIAER, West Bengal Chapter on 13th and 14th February 2010. The workshop was conducted by the joint collaboration of NITTTR, Kolkata and Surendranath College for Women, Kolkata in the premises of NITTTR, Kolkata.

A total number of 50 participants attended the programme. The participants belonged to diverse disciplines as shown here.

Discipline	No. of participants
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Education	41
School of Women's Studies	1
Psychology	1
Journalism and Mass Communication	1
English	2
Political Science	1
Sociology	1
Philosophy	1
Computer Science & Engineering	1

Besides the majority of participating teachers, the participants also included students pursuing higher learning in Education. The programme began at 10:00 am on 13th February, with the inaugural session.

Inauguration

The President of AIAER, West Bengal Chapter Prof. S. K. Bhattacharyya inaugurated the programme, and in his inaugural address, he stated that writing scholarly articles is the need of the hour. He stressed its importance even for the industrial sector. Prof. Bhattacharyya rightly pointed out the role of research papers for both academic and corporate sectors. He appealed to all the participants present for their active participation in the workshop and wished the programme every success.

The next speech was given by the executive body member of the chapter, Prof. Manoj Das, who listed the future activities of the chapter as below.

Taking up projects on latest pedagogy
Identifying special children and their needs
Designing appropriate teaching methodology for the above group
Doing some action research

He emphasised upon research activities to improve the quality of education being imparted in the country. Prof. Das clarified the present scenario of the quality of research papers published in the journals in our country. He cautioned about the probable decline in quality of research papers due to the craving for publishing more and more papers.

The Secretary of AIAER, West Bengal Chapter, Dr. Habiba Hussain, next, stated the present activities of the chapter. So far the chapter has conducted a panel discussion and few expert lectures for teachers as well as students.

General Secretary, AIAER and also resource person for the workshop, Prof. S. B. Mohanty spoke next and elaborated on the individual sessions to be conducted in the programme. He stated that the aim of the workshop is to learn the technique of writing research paper and stressed that the workshop would be more of a hands-on-experience.

Lastly, the vote of thanks was given by Prof. Runa Biswas, an executive body member of the Chapter. The inaugural programme ended at 10:35 am with a tea break.

The training sessions

The sessions conducted on 13th February 2010 (first day of the workshop) were related to "Supervised study of articles in a few good foreign journals, varieties of reference styles, supervised study of articles in a few Indian journals and reviewing a printed article".

There was a power point presentation on APA Manual.

The participants were given copies of different foreign journals from different disciplines to study.

The queries related to articles of different subjects were clarified by the resource person.

The reference styles included those of APA, MLA, Chicago and JAIAER. The difference in the reference styles of journal article was differentiated from that of a book chapter and further, from that of conference paper. The difference between references and bibliography was highlighted. The format of a standard article was discussed in detail, referring to the various sections of the same as listed below.

- Introduction
- Review of literature
- Objectives
- Hypotheses
- Limitations
- Methods
- Tools used
- Data collection
- Analysis of data
- Interpretation of data
- Discussions
- Conclusion

On 14th February 2010 the session began at 10:00 am with the continuation of reviewing of the printed articles. The other activities of the day included 'reporting findings of review of manuscript, conversion of references in a manuscript, peer evaluation of corrected references and criteria for evaluating manuscripts'.

The sessions were made participatory by involving the individual participants in reporting their review comments on a printed article. The participants were also exposed to searching of different journals and articles online, which was quite interesting.

Language editing and copy editing were also discussed at length.

Some discussions were also made regarding the articles of JAIAER.

Concluding the session on the second day of the workshop, Prof. Mohanty motivated each of the participants to write journal papers.

Valediction

The valedictory session started at 3:30 pm. Participants were invited to share their experiences and provide feedback apart from providing written feedback. The participants particularly liked the hands-on-experience that they had in the two days. It was a unique experience for them as each of them actively participated in editing papers. A majority of them stated that they enjoyed the session related to the different reference styles and conversion from one style to another. The participants unanimously said that they would like the chapter to conduct such programmes in the future also.

The valedictory address was delivered by the executive body member, Prof. Manoj Das. Prof. Das, in his speech, expressed his feelings for the need for writing quality papers. The participants responded in affirmative to his query about any gain in learning. He wished such activities to continue. He further emphasised that the chapter may take up action research on relevant areas and appealed to all for their active participation in the activities.

Prof. Dulal Mukhopadhyay (Prof. Education, Kalyani University) stated that the process that has begun with this workshop should continue and people should continue to write quality research papers. He felt that the response for the workshop has been quite encouraging which is a positive signal for concern about writing research papers.

Prof. S. B. Mohanty, General Secretary, AIAER and resource person for the workshop expressed his sincere thanks to one and all the said that such workshops are being conducted in many states in the country. It all started with his initiative when he found as an editorial member of a journal that the papers obtained for publication were not of a good quality. He then approached NCTE with the proposal to conduct such workshops. After sometime, Prof. Mohanty himself started conducting such workshops under the banner of AIAER. Prof. Mohanty also gave a proposal for having a resource centre in NITTTR Kolkata campus to house a good number of national and international journals.

Vote of thanks was conveyed by the Joint Secretary, AIAER, West Bengal Chapter, Dr. Mom Mitra De. Special thanks were extended to Principals of Surendranath College for Women, Kolkata, Hooghly Institute of Technology, Hooghly and West Bengal Survey institute, Bandel.

Minutes of the 1st AGM of

All India Association for Educational Research, West Bengal Chapter

held on 03-09-2011 (Saturday) at 14.30 hrs

Venue: NITTTR, Kolkata – 700 106

The first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of AIAER WB Chapter was held on 3rd September 2011 at 14:30 hours at NITTTR, Kolkata. 21 members attended the Meeting, list of which is given as annexure.

The AGM was preceded by a presentation by Shri Rajiba Lochan Mohapatra on “A study on Life Science achievement of secondary students as related to gender and learning style”, where he discussed about his research finding. The Secretary, Dr. Habiba Hussain of the Chapter presented the Annual report and the Auditor, Dr. Uday Chand Kumar read out the audit report.

The election of the Executive/Governing Body members was held for the year 2011-12. The 14 members, as elected, are listed below.

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dulal Mukhopadhyaya	President
2.	Subir Nag	Vice-President
3.	Habiba Hussain	Vice-President
4.	Sonali Chakrabarti	Secretary
5.	Aruadhathi Sarkar	Joint Secretary
6.	Bijan Sarkar	Treasurer
7.	Debasri Banerjee	Member
8.	Manoj Das	Member
9.	Minati Saha	Member
10.	Urmila Kar	Member
11.	Rajiba Lochan Mohapatra	Member
12.	Runa Biswas	Member
13.	Mom Mitra De	Member
14.	Sukanta Kumar Naskar	Member

The newly elected President, Prof. Dulal Mukhopadhyaya expressed that the chapter must publish a journal to promote young teachers who have a long way to go. This would help them in their career growth.

The newly elected Secretary, Dr. Sonali Chakraborti announced the next date of General Body Meeting as 24th September 2011. In this meeting, the members would work out the modalities of publication of

the proposed journal and also discuss about the ensuing conference proposed in collaboration with Surendranath College for Women,

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks.

Annexure

List of members who attended the AGM

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Dulal Mukhopadhyaya
2.	Subir Nag
3.	Habiba Hussain
4.	Sonali Chakraborti
5.	Aruadhathi Sarkar
6.	Bijan Sarkar
7.	Debasri Banerjee
8.	Manoj Das
9.	Minati Saha
10.	Urmila Kar
11.	Rajiba Lochan Mohapatra
12.	Runa Biswas
13.	Mom Mitra De
14.	Sukanta Kumar Naskar
15.	Anuradha De
16.	Damayantee Mitra
17.	Ranjita Datta
18.	Rajeev Chatterjee
19.	Sanghita Sanyal
20.	Uday Chand Kumar
21.	Sanghamitra Basak

Habiba Hussain
Ex-Secretary,
AIAER W.B. Chapter

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TIME LINES : Submission of Abstract: 7th Nov, 2011

Intimation of Acceptance: 12th Nov, 2011.

Submission of Full text: 20th Nov, 2011

REGISTRATION FEE : Last date : 15th Nov, 2011.

Delegates – Rs 500

Scholars – Rs 300

Students – Rs 250

ACCOMODATION : The cost of the accommodation, breakfast and dinner on the conference days will have to borne by the delegates. We will be providing a list of budget hotels within walking distance of the venue. One can contact and book directly at the hotel or we can book on one's behalf (according to one's choice of rooms) only after the payment of the booking money.

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AGRA CHAPTER

On March 17, 2002, Agra Chapter of AIAER had a Seminar at Harprasad Institute of Behavioural Studies, Agra. An Executive Committee was formed

President- Dr. Mahesh Bhargava

Secretary- Prof Ms. Sarla Paul

Joint Secretary—Dr. P.S. Tyagi

Treasurer-{rpf (Ms) Sashi Sukhi

Members:

Dr, Ms Vibha Nigam

Dr. Sant Kumari Gogna

Dr. Aarun Kumar KulshresthaDr. Ms Rita Raina

Mr. Chhavi Lal

Mr. Gopal Das

Ms. Manisha Mathur

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BHOPAL CHAPTER

On January 6, 2006, Bhopal Chapter was formed in a meeting held at Career College, Bhopal. The committee consisted of President- Ms. Saroj Guota

Vice-President- Ms Poonam Sukul

Secretary- Mas. Anita Bhadoria

Joint Secretary- Ms. Preeti Shrivastava

Treasurer- Ms. Rekha Bhatt

Academic Counsellor- Dr. S. K. Gupta .

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