

ORIENTATION ON PROSPECTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Orientation on prospects in higher education was given by Dr. Sybil Thomas on 7th March 2019 from 3:00pm -4:15 pm. Dr Sybil Thomas has a large experience and knowledge in education field in St Xavier's Institute of Education, Mumbai. She is a person with simple living and high thinking.

The session began with a visual activity where everyone present were asked to visualize the things they would carry when they leave their homes. This activity was connected to the journey of second year B.Ed students who will be carrying memories and knowledge along with them at the end of their B.Ed program. She said that that knowledge, skills and memories that the student teachers will be carrying with them are all perishable. Knowledge is dynamic thing and it needs to update. She asked the future student teachers to keep updating their knowledge. She also said that, to be successful teachers one has to be reflective thinker, skilled, knowledgeable and should also have good interpersonal skills. She also said that the teachers should wisely use their teaching learning methodologies and strategies for its more effectiveness.

Following this Dr Sybil told that to enhance one's knowledge and skills and also for one's professional growth one should have knowledge about different job prospects after B.Ed. She spoke about two modes of professional growth in the teaching field namely formal mode and informal mode. Post B.Ed the formal mode of professional growth includes M.ed course, post graduation or MA in education. MA education can be done through distance mode or part time mode. She also spoke about Tata Institute of Social Sciences which offers part time MA education classes during summer. She spoke about TET, NET and SET competitive exams for graduates and post graduates respectively.

The informal mode of professional growth includes taking a membership for professional bodies and organizations, opting for short term courses and online courses like Swayam portal program, arranging for provision of visitor programs, joining different clubs like Science clubs and math's club; and taking a membership for different programs and courses offered by foreign bodies.

In the end she spoke about self commitment and responsibilities which also play a vital role in self development.

