

# **ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL JAMMU CANTT**

## **CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP**

### **COMPETENCY BASED ASSESSMENT (SECONDARY LEVEL)**

#### **Day 1**

A two-day Capacity Building workshop was organized by Army Public School Jammu Cantt on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July, 24. It aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge in assessment and evaluation methods. Ms Manmeet Kour, the Vice Principal of the school kicked off the session with a welcome note. The Principal of the school, Ms Puneet Kaur in her address expressed the need of conducting these workshops to abreast teachers with new skills and techniques in teaching learning process. The erudite Resource persons, Ms Neetu Bhardwaj, PGT Biology, Appejay School Mahavir Marg, Jalandhar and Ms Rakhi Gupta PGT, Pol.Science, DPS Udampur meticulously shared their expertise on evaluation and assessment.

The day kicked off by Lighting of lamp. The session progressed with a game Dam Sharas as an ice breaking activity wherein the teachers participated actively and geared up themselves for the day's workshop. Ms Rakhi sparked off the initial session with an in-depth exploration on assessment and evaluation. She emphasized on five C's communication, critical thinking, confidence, collaboration and creativity. She explained that how assessment being the third vertical besides curriculum and pedagogy hold a lot of significance in determining the learning outcomes. Participant's contribution to the discussion was worth noting. The workshop covered a plethora of topics. Teachers were given hand on experience by framing MCQ's and thereafter rating them. Furthermore, she provided valuable insights into the assessment structure, components of internal assessment and use of Bloom's Taxonomy while framing question papers. Teachers were guided how to make question papers that aligns with each level, thus prompting Higher Order Thinking Skills among learners.

While Ms Neetu Bhardwaj started the session with an introduction to SAFAL (Structured Assessment for Analyzing Learning). It is a shift from rote memorization to competency Based learning. This assessment focuses on testing core concepts, application of knowledge and HOTS and provides developmental feedback to schools to improve teaching learning without additional examination pressure on students. Moreover, Ms Neetu laid stress to incorporate MCQs, puzzles, crosswords, picture identification, match etc in the daily teaching learning process to check the cognitive level of the learners. The session concluded with an activity of framing MCQs based on Bloom's Taxonomy.

#### **Day 2**

Ms Neetu Bhardwaj geared up the day by highlighting best practices in creating good assessment tools. She provided the teachers with an insight to frame questions based on construct response questions and free response questions. The art and science of making question papers was explained at length.

Ms Rakhi dealt with holistic and analytic rubrics and furthermore explained the difference between them. She explained how to assign scores and sub scores to a targeted performance. Overall this workshop provided teachers with valuable insights and practical strategies to enhance their assessment and evaluation process. The workshop met all its goals. The participants also appreciated the opportunity to imbibe new techniques and skills from experts.

In the end, the resource persons were given a token of appreciation by the Principal of the school, Ms Puneet Kaur. In her address, Ms Puneet Kaur applauded the efforts of the teachers for their valuable and active participation. Vote of thanks was proposed by the Vice Principal of the school, Ms Manmeet Kour.

