



We are delighted to present the Sixth Edition of Aśvattha, the bi-monthly TLC Newsletter! This edition includes reporting of TLC events in the last 2 months and announcements for future programs offered by TLC. Have an enjoyable read!

EVENTS - TLC 90-MINUTE INTERACTIVE SESSION SERIES

"Improving Learning through Meaningful Lab Courses"

Dr. G Suraishkumar
23 April 2014

This interactive session explored the following:
Why do we need lab/equivalent courses in Humanities, Management, Sciences and Engineering?
What are the desirable features in a lab/equivalent course?
What are the bottle-necks/limiting factors for the effectiveness of lab/equivalent courses?
How do we design meaningful lab/ equivalent courses?
Would it take too much time to conduct meaningful lab/equivalent courses?
How can we ensure co-operative learning in lab courses to help 'left students'?

"Role of Questioning in Teaching Learning "

Dr. Rajeev Sukumaran
21 May 2014

Socratic questioning is an extremely powerful technique that we as teachers can use to explore complex issues and ideas with students, open up common misconceptions and analyse and evaluate topics at a far deeper level than 'normal' questioning. Socratic question is used to probe student understanding and thinking allowing far greater analysis and evaluation to take place.

"Outcome Based Teaching: Are there Pitfalls?"

4 June 2014

One of the main purposes of Teaching Learning Centres across various Universities in the world is to conduct Faculty Development Programs (FDPs), through which Faculty are introduced to numerous pedagogies. However, the design aspects of FDPs are usually based on a scientifically proven data collected in Western countries. In this open forum, IITM faculty discussed one of the most effective topics in learning FDP - 'writing course learning outcomes' and discussed the advantages and disadvantages in assimilating the concept towards teaching in the Indian educational system.

"Feedback about Teaching & Learning"

Dr. Rajeev Sukumaran
30 April 2014

Obtaining feedback about Faculty teaching and one of the most feedback about learning important aspects in for learners is essential to classroom teaching: introspect effectiveness how to make the of teaching learning learners attentive to practices. In this the faculty? Prof. interactive session, the Thamban Nair, drawn focus was on how certain from vast experience in feedback practices can teaching, shared the improve learning.

"How to make students attentive?"

Dr. M. Thamban Nair
07 May 2014

The session addressed one of the most important aspects in classroom teaching: how to make the learners attentive to the faculty? Prof. Thamban Nair, drawn from vast experience in teaching, shared the best practices.

"Student Discipline, Academic Culture and Learning Performance"

Dr. Rajeev Sukumaran
11 June 2014

Experience forges wisdom and wisdom leads to effective living. Is there any relation between student discipline and academic cultures that emerge from them, and do these have any relevance to learning performance? This session explored the above questions through reflection of Indian cultural practices relevant to education.

EVENTS - TA TRAINING PROGRAMME (TATP-2014)

TATP 2014, a three-day intensive experiential learning session was held during May 15-17, 2014, where a total of 19 TAs from departments: BT, CE, CS, CH, EE, MS, ME, MME participated in this programme. The TA Training Programme is an exclusive workshop for the TAs that addresses the essential learning requirements needed to perform their role more meaningfully and efficiently. This was initiated by Prof. Ajit Kumar Kolar, Chairman-CCE, inaugurated by Prof. Pramod Mehta (ME) and organized by Dr Deepa Venkitesh (EE) and Dr Rajeev Sukumaran (TLC).



"If I am walking with two other men, each of them will serve as my teacher. I will pick out the good points of the one and imitate them, and the bad points of the other and correct them in myself." – Confucius

EVENTS – FIRST SYMPOSIUM ON TEACHING LEARNING IN HIGHER TECHNICAL EDUCATION 2014

The *First Symposium on Teaching Learning in Higher Technical Education* was held on 28-29 May 2014 at TLC. This event was a jointly sponsored initiative of TN TEQIP and IITM. This two-day symposium was inaugurated by Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director, IIT Madras, who mentioned the importance of having teaching learning units in institutions. The Plenary Lecture was given by Dr. Anup K. Ray, IIT Kharagpur on Effective Teaching Learning in Higher Technical Education – Role of Pedagogy and Technology. He stressed the need for improving knowledge on pedagogy to the teaching fraternity.

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EVENTS - SELF-AWARENESS AND HIGHER GOALS IN EDUCATION(SAHGE) 2014



Self-Awareness and Higher Goals in Education (SAHGE 2014) is the fourth edition of Faculty Development Programme, under the aegis of CCE and facilitated by Prof. Devdas Menon (CE) and Mr. Arul Dev (Visiting Faculty, IITM). The fundamental focus of SAHGE is on holistic approach to education. A total of 70 Faculty from across 40 Institutions in South India attended this course, drawn from diverse backgrounds like Engineering, Management, Arts and Science, ranging from Directors to Junior Lecturers.

“Right education should help the student, not only to develop his capacities, but to understand his own highest interest.” - J. Krishnamurti

UPCOMING TLC ACTIVITIES

Every Wednesday 90 minute Interactive Session Series on Teaching Learning Practices
July 2014 TA Orientation Programme (TAO)

“The secret in education lies in respecting the student” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

TLC Multipurpose hall is available for conducting interactive sessions. Interested faculty may contact TLC Office (tlcoffice@iitm.ac.in) for further details.

For suggestions/feedback, please mail to iitmtlc@gmail.com. We would be happy to feature your articles, suggestions, ideas related to the Teaching Learning Process. Looking forward to your support! Please visit www.tlc.iitm.ac.in for interesting reads on TLP under our Faculty Reachout Initiative.

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