



School of Pedagogical Sciences MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

Workshop on Communication Skills

Friday, 4th October 2024, 10 AM

Programme Schedule

Prayer: Vaishnavy Venugopal

Welcome Speech: Gokul K

Student Programme Coordinator

Presidential Address: Prof. Dr. Asha J.V,

Head of the Department, SPS, MGU

Inauguration: Prof. Dr. Minikutty. A,

Dean, Faculty of Education, MGU

Felicitation: Dr. Ismail Thamarasseri,

Assistant Professor, SPS, MGU

Resource Persons

Mrs. Divya K.M

Director, Language Nest Academy, Kottayam

Mrs. Anjana M

Director, Language Nest Academy, Kottayam

Q & A, Feedback Session

Vote of Thanks: Anjana Shaji

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Student Programme Coordinator: Gokul K

Reception: M.Muhammed Althaf

Hospitality: Gopika Gopan

Photography: Nandu K Pramod

Logistics: Muhammad Ashik S

Rapporteur: Sreenath B A

Anchor: GuruMahima M V



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Report of the *Workshop on Communication Skills*

Date: Friday 4th October 2024, 10am to 1.15pm

The School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, organized a workshop on Communication Skills aimed at equipping students with effective strategies to overcome language barriers. The event sought to enhance both verbal and non-verbal communication skills, fostering personal and professional growth among participants.

Program Highlights:

- *Prayer:* The workshop commenced with an invocation by Ms. Vaishnavy Venugopal, setting a positive and reflective tone for the event.
- *Welcome Address:* Mr. Gokul K., Student Programme Coordinator, warmly welcomed the participants, resource persons, and dignitaries, acknowledging their contributions to the success of the workshop.
- *Presidential Address:* Prof. Dr. Asha J.V., Head of the Department, SPS, MGU, delivered the presidential address, emphasizing the critical role communication skills play in today's interconnected and globalized world.
- *Inauguration:* The workshop was formally inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Minikutty A., Dean, Faculty of Education, MGU. In her address, she highlighted the importance of communication in education and its broader implications for professional development.
- *Felicitations:* Dr. Ismail Thamarasseri, Assistant Professor, SPS, MGU, felicitated the resource persons and participants. He shared his insights on the importance of communication skills and congratulated the organizing committee for their efforts, wishing them success for the event.

Technical Sessions: At 10:45 AM, the technical session commenced. The session was led by Mrs. Divya K.M. and Mrs. Anjana M., Directors of Language Nest Academy, Kottayam, who shared their expertise through engaging presentations. Mrs. Anjana M. opened the session with a casual talk, encouraging participants to reflect on their communication habits. This was followed by a fun and interactive dumb charade (word guessing game) which helped break the ice and encouraged active participation from everyone. The second activity, a Ramp Walk and Self-Introduction, allowed participants

to express themselves confidently while addressing questions designed to help them overcome the fear of public speaking. After a brief tea break, the session continued with Mrs. Divya K.M. leading a discussion on the importance of practice in developing linguistic skills. She addressed common challenges such as the influence of the mother tongue and offered strategies to overcome language limitations, including active listening, non-verbal communication, and leveraging technology for language learning.

Key Insights: Mrs. Divya K.M. emphasized the importance of identifying individual language barriers and developing methods to improve, while Mrs. Anjana M. stressed the importance of vocal engagement, body language, and storytelling, particularly for educators. Both speakers encouraged the practice of the “Think, Practice, write” approach to enhance language skills.

Q&A and Feedback Session: Ms. Vandhana Chandran and Dr. Ismail Thamarasseri shared their reflections during the interactive Q&A and feedback session. The resource persons provided valuable suggestions and encouraged participants to continue practicing their communication skills regularly.

Concluding Remarks: Mrs. Divya K.M. expressed her gratitude to the Course Coordinator, colleagues, and participants for their active engagement.

Vote of Thanks: Ms. Anjana Shaji delivered the vote of thanks, expressing her appreciation to the resource persons, coordinators, participants, and organizing committee members for their efforts in making the workshop a success.

Organizing Committee:

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Conclusion: The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty members of Mahatma Gandhi University. It successfully equipped participants with essential communication skills, empowering them to overcome language barriers.









