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Seminar

**USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATIONS IN PROMOTING
GOOD GOVERNANCE**



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Report by Dr. Nisha Bala Tyagi, Dy. Dean Academic Activities, Gandhi Bhawan.

A seminar on the 'Use of Technology and Innovations in promoting Good Governance' was held on 24th December 2014. The session was chaired by Dr. H.S. Jindal, Librarian, Delhi University. Dr Aarati Saxena, Member Managing Committee, Dr Sita Bimbraw, Associate Professor (retd.) Kamala Nehru College, Ms. Garima Bharati, Head Mistress, Delhi University Social Center School, and Dr. Poonam Bala, Visiting Professor, School of Social Policy, JNU were the invited speakers.

Dr. Aarati Saxena emphasized that methods of governance have moved from personal observation to technological observation. Connectivity and transparency have brought a revolution in the world. She shared her experience of the advantages of e governance during her tenure as the Director, Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board. The use of Technology could connect the women students to the office through online display of attendance and other official intimation. As a senior administrator she observed that technology was advantageous in reaching the students, teachers and officials.

Dr Sita Bimbraw elaborated upon the Gandhian standpoint that it was essential for every human being to first make rules for his own self (swaraj) before addressing others. She said that Mahatma Gandhi was not against technology. His advocacy of the spinning wheel can be marked as a use of technology in his own time and an aid to maintaining a meditative state of mind.

Garima Bharati's PPT presented by Ms. Denuka discussed technology as a means to promote Good Governance in three basic ways, namely by i) increasing transparency, accuracy and accountability; ii) by facilitating accurate decision in public participation; iii) by enhancing efficient delivery of public goods. She also laid stress on the need to build trust in the general public when conducting electronic transactions. Ms. Garima concluded that in addition to ensuring high quality data and protection of privacy, there is a need to make the web the preferred channel for conducting business with the government and for acquiring information.

Dr. Poonam Bala's PPT laid stress on 'Health' as an important sector in which technology has enabled and justified the policy decisions of the State. Both health care and education are areas which can influence efficiency of output. Electronic health sites deploying ICT tools will be indispensable to improving health access in remote and rural areas. This will offer advantages to patients and health care professionals. Technology also helps in providing transparency in 'medical data' for professionals and patients. She stressed that electronic patient records help the health care provider in assessing medical conditions through patients' history.

Dr. Jindal emphasized the use of technology for accuracy and transparency in all fields and he saw all living beings also as ‘programmed’ entities to an extent.

Dr. Nisha Bala Tyagi concluded the session with a vote of thanks to all speakers and summarized the benefits of technology. She reminded the audience of the example of Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, leaders who promoted social and personal values. Addressing the youth, she called upon them to be responsible in building value systems while using technological advancement for Good Governance. She also suggested that one requires a noble mindset and innovative ideas in making the best use of modern technology.

ORATORY COMPETITION

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Topic: ‘Role of Technology in promoting Good Governance’

Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a great charismatic self confident speaker, a good orator, has left a deep impression in the minds of his listeners. His clarity in expressing opinions, inspire many to be one like him.

To motivate students and develop oratory skills, an ‘Oratory Competition was held at Gandhi Bhawan immediately after the Seminar. Around 35 students from different colleges attended and participated in the Oratory Competition. Each speaker was given five minutes to speak either in English or Hindi on the topic. The speakers appreciated the idea of transparency and connectivity and also the idea of data collection of people of remote areas related to health, education etc through technology. They also emphasized the right use of technology with a right frame of mind. The Judges were the eminent faculty members Dr. Akhilesh Dubey from Swami Shradhanand College and Dr. Aarati Saxena.

Result

1. Abhishek Mishra (First Prize) PGDAV College, DU
2. Quzi Fehan Ahmed (Second Prize) Motilal Nehru College, DU
3. Atul Krishna (Second Prize) PGDAV College, DU
4. Seema Rani (Third Prize) Alumna, Kamala Nehru College, DU

Feedback and suggestions

प्रियंका:

टेक्नोलोजी ऐसी होनी चाहिए जिसकी पहुँच प्रत्येक व्यक्ति तक हो सके। टेक्नोलोजी की बढ़ती आवश्यकता साथ-साथ उसमें प्रत्येक व्यक्ति तक पहुँचने की उसकी दक्षता को बढ़ाने की आवश्यकता है। टेक्नोलोजी के प्रति प्रत्येक व्यक्ति की जागरूकता को बढ़ाने उसके फायदे जन-जन तक पहुँचाने वाले उसके गुणों के लिए अभियान या टेक्नोलोजी के प्रति जागरूकता अभियान की शुरुआत होनी चाहिए।

QAZI FAHAM AHMED

Motilal Nehru College

Good governance is important but takes other big ideas. We all should work hand-in-hand with the government to change the image of our country from 'Scam India' to 'Skilled India' because Mr. John F. Kennedy has quoted, "Ask not what your country can do for you But what you can do for it."

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It was wonderful to hear all speakers.

KRITIKA BIHST

School of Open Learning

It was a good programme and very informative. It gave us lot of information.

It is very good for youngsters & for all of us who wants to be a part of good country.

I am thankful to all the speakers .

JEEVITA

School of Open Learning

It was a good Seminar and I must say it was very informative. They taught us the right use of e-governance.

आशा:

इन्दिरा गाँधी नेशनल ओपन विश्वविद्यालय

सुशासन का अर्थ है स्वयं पर शासन जब तक हम अपने आप पर शासन नहीं करते मतलब अपने मन को वश में नहीं कर सकते तब तक शासन में बदलाव नहीं आ सकता। टेक्नोलोजी का बहुत योगदान है आज के समय में हम कहीं दूर देश में बैठे-बैठे अपने परिवार से बात कर सकते हैं।

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सुशासन मुझे ये बहुत अच्छा लगा की हम स्वयं को पहले अच्छा बनाए और फिर हम अपने समाज को देखें। और अपने समाज को विकास की ओर ले जाए।

आज के समय में टेक्नोलोजी का बहुत बड़ा योगदान है। ये हमारे वर्तमान समय के लिए बहुत अच्छा ह

