

Tata Education Excellence Programme events

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Tata Business Excellence Group (TBExG) recently organised two events in Jamshedpur to encourage sharing of knowledge under the Tata Education Excellence Programme (TEEP).

Leveraging technology in education

The TEEP team also organised a session on how technology can be leveraged in the field of education at the Centre for Excellence, Jamshedpur in July 2015, which was attended by over 50 senior teachers. TS Prakash, the former Vice Principal of Gulmohur High School, addressed fellow educators and told them about how the world of technology is changing so fast that unless teachers keep up with the pace, they will quickly be overtaken by their own students. For those who dare to catch the bull by the horns, there is tremendous learning and confidence building. This in turn leads to teachers embedding technology to teach their students. That is when more and more innovations also start taking place, he added.

Mr Prakash elaborated on the concept of 'flipped classrooms' and 'blended learning' and how technology can be used by teachers in line with these concepts. His presentation focussed on the trends and tools that could be used to enhance the Teaching-Learning experience of both the teachers and students. He navigated through various sites for teaching and collaboration tools such as www.ed-ted.com, www.educanon.com, www.geogebra.com and www.edmodo.com.

Teachers can use these websites free of cost to create online content to bring life to a class. Online assessments and quizzes can be created through tools available at www.quizlet.com and www.socrative.com. He also demonstrated how such software can be used to create interactive lessons in Mathematics. Through his interactive session, teachers felt encouraged to seek answers to several queries, especially on how Jamshedpur schools with a bigger student-teacher ratio could use these tools and what websites they could use to create content for other subjects as well.



T. S. Prakash on using technology in teaching

Sharing of experiences on TEEP



Principal Nandini Shukla making a presentation on KSMS journey

A session was held in June 2015 for principals and senior leaders of Jamshedpur schools to share their experiences about TEEP. The chief speakers were Shireen Dotivala, Principal of Baug-E-Jamsheed School and Nandini Shukla, Principal, Kerala Samajam Model School. Baug-E-Jamsheed is a pre-primary school that first won the Jamshed J Irani Award for education excellence in 2012 while Kerala Samajam was the first K-XII school to receive the award in 2014.

Both principals spoke about their journeys to achieve excellence and the improvements that have taken place in their schools over the years. What became evident during both presentations was that excellence has become a way of life in their schools and that the core area of Teaching-Learning has been the focus of these improvements.

Twenty five schools participated in the session at the Learning Centre, International Centre in XLRI, the Xavier School of Management. Principals were interested in understanding what the schools have done to manage the performance of the teachers and how they improved the students' performance through analysis.