

## Experiences during RC-256 (Education)

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Refresher Course-256 in Education of Academic Staff College, H.P. University, Shimla was started from 6.8.2012 and successfully completed on 25.8.2012. There were 35 participants belonging to 9 States. ASC, Shimla invited about 18 resource persons from different subjects to deal with various aspects of the course. Participants were refreshed and satisfied regarding their queries.

Contents which were dealt ranging from philosophy of education, education as a discipline, research methodology with sampling techniques, sankhya philosophy, philosophical methods of research, fundamentals of computer, teaching through ICT, National curriculum framework, enhancement of quality of teacher educator, scientific writing making effective presentation, Research project preparation, Research report writing, Guidelines of UGC, Education and environment management and constructive approach in education etc.

All the resource persons were not only expert in their respective field but they were effective communicator and presenter also. They all have good command over their content and language. It was

very comfortable for participants from different States. They all have pleasing personality and friendly and supportive nature.

Participants were assigned different responsibilities under eight committees. One of the important task was given to evaluation committee to evaluate resource persons, and daily programme. All participants evaluated the resource persons in four dimensions i.e. content, presentation style, introduction and class climate and daily programme in five dimensions.

All resource persons were well appreciated and evaluated very highly by all the participants as evident from the results. Out of 18 resource persons, 8 were evaluated above 90%, 4 resource persons between 85-90% and 4 resource persons between 80-85%

Dr. Kiran Rekha is a very efficient Associate Professor who was with us completely for the 21 days. For the smooth conduct of the refresher course, at the beginning she formulated different committees and helped us in different ways throughout the course being among one of us as main guiding force along with entire core-team of ASC.

## Feeling the Pulse of ASC, Shimla

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Out of my four professional training courses, two I attended in HPU, Shimla OP-66, and RC.263. MY experiences can declare that ASC Shimla is the best.

Apart from academic exercises, UGC introduced Refresher and Orientation Courses provide many other valuable services. Teachers of HEIs of different parts of the country unite at one place for some weeks, exchange ideas, experiences, knowledge, culture, emotions etc among them. On the first day, diversity among them is predominant. But throughout the period of staying together, it is UNITY, HARMONY AND FRIENDSHIP, WHICH STARTS OCCUPYING THE MINDS OF ALL.

This is where Shimla excels. Through her superior weather, greenery, pollution-free air and tourism value, she attracts teachers from every nook and corner of the country. I do not believe that other ASCs of the country have this advantage.

I attended my last RC in Allahabad University in the month of September last. In comparison to the tight and organised course schedule of Shimla, Allahabad had nothing. It seemed, the officials of the University ASC had no idea of how to organise a program of this kind, though they are well-experienced. Shimla ASC makes all participants involved in the training, try to make it as entertaining and productive as possible. Yes, honesty is there everywhere, but after participating in OP-RC in Shimla, we can't digest these shortcomings.

Yes, Shimla does not provide fooding and lodging, which she should try to provide. She is costlier also. Still I believe that once a teacher goes to ASC SHIMLA, he or she becomes a brand ambassador of it, like me ASC SHIMLA should take care of us and our feelings.