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## **ALUMNI TALK SERIES**

A talk by the alumni was organized by Army Institute of Education, Greater Noida on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019. The speaker for the talk was **Ms. Akanksha Sharma (Alumni Batch 2016-18) currently working as PRT (English) at Army Public School, Delhi Cantt.** She deliberated on the topic: **'Key Competencies and Goal Oriented Attitude in Seeking Placements'**.

The talk was intended to orient the student teachers of the present batch about the basic core competencies that are an integral part in today's job market. The key competencies are a group of skills that are needed by the employees for efficiently carrying out their duties effectively in addition to the content knowledge. She spoke of how the interviewing panelists pose questions to judge your abilities and presence of mind. Commitment, determination and using innovation in teaching are a must have in this profession.

To a question asked by a junior (Ms.Aradhana Tiwari) she answered how difficult it is to get a job in today's cut throat competition and that she herself was among the last five short listed candidates out of 70. She professed that AIE indeed acts as a catalyst for overall grooming and then it's our way of presenting our self before the panel. We must be aware of our strengths and weaknesses and should be careful during the interview. In addition, she also said that one must prepare well for the CSB exam which is mandatory for all Army Public Schools pan India.

To a question put forth by a faculty (Dr.Saloni Goel) on how the Army schools have evolved over a period since she left in 2014 and now to which Ms. Akanksha replied that there has been an exponential change and the teachers of today have to be on the run and must be able to do multi-tasking. Then in 2014, she was in class 12th and didn't have exposure to so many activities in school but in today's time, the teacher has to be adept in teaching all kinds

of curriculum along with a good sense of inter-disciplinary activities that can keep the students of a given class engaged. Though the teachers then were doing as much as today but the need of the hour is multi-tasking.

Ms. Pratibha Garg also urged the student-teachers to ask any query pertaining to their Curriculum-Vitae as the Senior batch students will now be in fray for placements. She suggested the student teachers to remain focused to achieve your goal and also to hone their skills well in time before the interviews for the placements are scheduled.

Also Mr. Mandeep, Alumni Batch 2017-19, presently placed at APS Jalandhar added his share of experiences about the stay at AIE and the learning that the Institute has given. It was a hearty pleasure to see him blossom and all the teachers were very elated to see him. He also expressed his happiness and what it feels to be an Alumni of such an Institution which is trying to carve a niche for itself under the AWES umbrella.

The session was very interactive as student-teachers were apprehensive about the outside job market and were eagerly looking forward to the answers.

At the end, a vote of thanks and gratitude was proposed to them for sharing their experiences.



Ms Akanksha Sharma sharing her experiences