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# REPORT ON BRAILLE LITERACY WORKSHOP (20<sup>TH</sup> TO 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024)

The Army Institute of Education (AIE), Greater Noida, successfully organized a two-day workshop on 'Braille Literacy' from September 20 to 21, 2024. Ms. Renu Mohan, Course Coordinator of the D.Ed. Special Education (Visual Impairment) program at the Amar Jyoti Rehabilitation and Research Centre, Delhi was invited as the resource person. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students of the B.Ed. and B.Ed. Special Education programs, along with faculty members.

## **Objectives of the Workshop**

The primary objectives of the workshop were:

- 1. To provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of Braille as a tactile reading and writing system for individuals with visual impairment.
- 2. To equip participants with the basic skills to read and write in Braille, enhancing their ability to support visually impaired students.
- 3. To promote inclusive teaching strategies and foster empathy among future teachers by highlighting the importance of Braille in creating an inclusive learning environment.

#### **Day 1: Basic Braille Writing**

The first day of the workshop began with a detailed introduction to the **Braille system**, including its history and significance in the education of individuals with visual impairments. Ms. Renu Mohan demonstrated the **Braille alphabet** and how it differs from standard print, explaining the six-dot cell configuration used in Braille. Participants were then introduced to **Braille slates and styluses**, and engaged in hands-on practice sessions where they learned how to form Braille characters. The resource person emphasized the importance of tactile sensitivity in mastering Braille and provided personalized guidance to the participants.

## Day 2: Advanced Braille Writing and Technology Integration

On the second day, the focus shifted to **advanced Braille writing** techniques, including contractions and short forms commonly used in literary Braille. Participants practiced writing complete sentences and passages using Braille, applying the skills they had learned on the first day. This session highlighted the importance of integrating technology with traditional Braille methods for a comprehensive educational approach. All the students of B.Ed Spl.Ed. LD and Faculty members of AIE participated in the workshop



## **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the two-day workshop, the participants were able to:

- 1. Participants gained a foundational knowledge of the Braille alphabet and its application in reading and writing.
- 2. They were able to write in Braille using slates and styluses, demonstrating proficiency in forming Braille characters and simple words.
- 3. The workshop enabled participants to incorporate Braille literacy into their future classrooms, supporting visually impaired students more effectively.

#### **Conclusion**

The two-day **Braille Literacy Workshop** provided an enriching experience for all attendees, fostering an understanding of Braille and its role in promoting inclusivity in education. The participants left with practical skills and heightened awareness of how to support the learning needs of visually impaired students, aligning with the mission of Army Institute of Education to prepare future teachers with diverse and inclusive teaching strategies.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks to **Ms. Renu Mohan**, whose expertise and interactive approach made the learning experience highly engaging and insightful for all involved.



Dr Abhilasha Gautam Principal AIE Facilitating the resource person with plant sapling

















Braille sessions taken by the resource person Ms. Renu Mohan through various TLMs





# After completion of 2 days workshop Dr Abhilasha Gaitam, Principal AIE facilitated resource person with momento



<u>Principal, Registrar, faculty members& ressoure person along with students of B.Ed. Spl Ed.</u>
Batch (23-25 & 24-26) after certificate distribution ceremony



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Dr. Abhilasha Gautam, Principal, AIE