

ITL ORGANISED WORKSHOP ON ASL

A **Mandatory Training Programme on Assessment of Listening and Speaking Skill** was held in **ITL Public School** on **30th and 31st July**. The session was conducted by **Ms Radha Singh**, a CBSE resource person. The workshop was attended by the English faculty of the host school and other reputed schools.

The session began with the resource person's elucidation of the significant role of English teachers since language forms the basis of all other subjects. A thorough discussion was held on the objectives of introducing **ASL** aiming at improving and standardizing students' communication skill. Ms. Radha emphasized the need to stress on the skills in the regular class room transaction. Teachers were enlightened with the significant information that it is mandatory to test speaking and listening skill at secondary and senior secondary levels and a certificate having international bench mark is awarded to the student.

The participants were acquainted to **CEFR –Common European Framework of Reference** which will be considered as a bench mark for CBSE. The participants were introduced to the grades of evaluation according to CEFR and they grasped the terms like **Proficient User, Independent User, and Basic User**. The crux of effective questioning techniques and the benefits of exposure of students to wider opportunities to enhance language skills were also discussed at length. The in-depth discussion on language functions added unique and novel elements to the concepts. The topic of **phonology** (the study of sound and its usage in natural language) and **phonemes** (smallest unit of the sound) were also considered upon meticulously which guided the teachers to new levels of pronunciation. The leading role of tone and intonation for effective communication was also brought to the lime light. An animated activity was held to demonstrate the role of **tone** and **intonation** in the construction of effective communication. The enlightenment on **content words** and **structure** words and the rules for putting stress in a sentence was a great learning experience. Drilling of the phonemic sound with the help of phonemic chart was a novel experience for teachers. The **objectives** and **principals** of **Listening Skills** were discussed and the **topics** and **domains** of listening skills were reinforced. The teachers listened to the **CBSE listening tasks** for classes **IX and XI** and solved the work sheets. They also viewed the test videos of speaking skill and assessed them following the proper parameters of evaluations.

In a nutshell the work shop elevated the teachers to “educators empowered with the right knowledge of new concepts introduced in English by CBSE to leave a conspicuous mark in the teaching learning scenario of the language. Ms. Radha was presented a memento by Ms. Sudha Acharya Principal as a token of honour and gratitude. The guest speaker highly appreciated the lofty vision of the Principal of the school and praised her for taking active initiative in hosting such meaningful workshops which can help the teachers to take bold steps in the part of imparting effective education.



