

Post Graduate Govt.College for Girls,Sec-42,Chandigarh

Summary of the Event

A one day Workshop on 'Financing of Higher Education

Date : 5th Nov 2015

A one day workshop on 'Financing of Higher Education 'was successfully organized under the aegis of the Department of Higher Education, Chandigarh on 5th November,2015 at PGGCG Sector 42, Chandigarh.

In bringing about a planned approach to enhance quality education RUSA, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan which was initiated in 2013 by the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India stands testimonial to a holistic approach to educational development. The Principal, Mrs. Mani Bedi delivering the welcome address spoke of RUSA as a revitalizing tool with an immense potential to usher in quality education with pragmatic planning inclusive to all stakeholders alike.

Mrs. Manjit Brar, speaking on Baseline data & AISHE, stressed and elaborated on the need to rectify the anomalies in filling up the DCF forms. She urged the delegates to take up AISHE, seriously as the past data had created an irregular cycle of incomplete information. Making a strong pitch for data integrity, she emphasized on validating the information before it's uploaded as once it is uploaded and published it cannot be changed. Further through her comprehensive presentation she highlighted the alarming disparity between the ratios of girls colleges vis-a-vis the boys. Gender disparity in dedicated institutions she deliberated could be a cause of future social unrest. She proposed a two pronged approach to tackle this that for one we could encourage opening of more co-educational institutions or two; girl colleges could change into co-educational ones. Accessing the information, she also drew attention to anomalies in the teachers' updated data and spoke of the areas that needed further rethinking and planning; highlighting a few like inclusion of Resource Persons in the teaching faculty.

Pursuant to the making of the Chandigarh institutes as a model college, with the funding of RUSA many more courses can be introduced and she applauded PGGCG-42's initiative of introducing IT and computers as an Elective subject, she exhorted other colleges to adopt the same to make Chandigarh a centre of multicultural and multifaceted learning.

Discussing various strategies for utilization of the funds allocated by RUSA to various colleges, Dr.Dilip encouraged the delegates to use it for college based activities like in-house training sessions, remedial classes, training programs for teachers/non-teaching staff and for students, skill enhancement programs etc. The colleges he advised should map out tentative expenditures and dates by which they will be utilizing the funds. He further encouraged them on using the fund in one session, adding caution that, if not the same amount would be carried forward to the next session but no further allocation would be done till the previous fund is utilized. He spoke about the token grant received per allocations under the programme; (Rs.3lakhs to each college) should be pragmatically & judiciously utilized in improving, upgrading and reforming higher education.