



College of Horticulture Anand Agricultural University, Anand

'Igniting Minds'

Two-days short duration training programme

February 18-19, 2015

Feedback Report

Venue: Seminar Hall, College of Horticulture, Anand Agricultural University, Anand

Facilitator: Ms. Radha, Head - Content Services SMART Series Bangalore

Participants: Total 66 students out of that College of Horticulture, Anand (26 Students from sixth semester) and College of Agriculture, Vaso (40 students from sixth semester)

The two-day short duration training programme – 'Igniting Minds' was started with a brief inaugural session. At the onset, Dr. S. H. Akbari, Director of Students' Welfare, AAU, Anand welcome all in his welcome address and then Dr. B. N. Satodiya presented a floral welcome to Dr. N C Patel, Hon. Vice Chancellor, AAU, Anand, Dr. K. P. Patel, Dean, B. A. College of Agriculture, AAU, Anand, the facilitator of the programme, Ms. Radha, Head - Content Services SMART Series Bangalore and Dr. H. C. Patel OSD, College of Horticulture, AAU, Anand. Then, Ms. Radha briefly overview of the training programme then a speech was delivered by Guest of Honor, Dr. K. P. Patel, Dean, B. A. College of Agriculture, AAU, Anand. Hon. Vice Chancellor in his Presidential address stated the importance of such programme for overall development of students as professional and as a human being. Vote of Thanks was done by Dr. H. C. Patel OSD, College of Horticulture, AAU, Anand, which was followed by one to one interaction between the facilitator and individual student.

The aim of the training programme was to improve the overall personality of students so that they can improve their study as well as other aspect of their life. In the present era of specialization and modern science, it is necessary that education is restructured in a manner that all the students are adequately equipped both in terms of knowledge and skills.

Each student has some potentiality. This type of training programme is needed to realize this potential, to strengthen educational activities and to create awareness among the students regarding importance of education and self responsibilities. Career- oriented education fulfils only one part of education. The other part includes character building, self development and service to the society.

Radha madam delivered lectures and also arranged different creative activities in a very simple and understandable manner for the benefit of participants. The training programme includes individual activities as well as group activities.

First day's training programme covered various topics, such as, "setting up SMART GOALS and ways to achieve them", "Building up effective listening and communication skills", "building up confidence" and "time management" using power point presentation and questionnaire mode.

Second day's all the sessions included various activity based modules to cover the topics such as "team work and collaboration", "decision making" and "self-motivation and winning behaviors".

At the end of second day, a valedictory session was organized where fifteen students given their feedback and the facilitator also shared her experience. The points discussed in the session are as follows:

- Students mentioned that the programme was very useful for enhancement of their communication skills and positive attitudes, building up their personalities and dealing with people, friends, peers, colleagues, co-workers etc.
- Students have also mentioned that first day's programme was little bit monotonous due to the use of only power point as medium of training and suggested for mix of both activity and power point in both the days.
- They also wished to have such programmes of longer durations (3-4 days) in future.
- The facilitator mentioned the vibrancy and energy of the group. She also appreciated the free interaction among different batches of students. She mentioned that there is a huge scope of improvement in the communication and other soft skills of the students. She advised all the students to read extra-academic materials at least for 15 minutes a day. She assured her availability on e-mail to each student for any future need.
- Students also thanked university authority for arranging such programme at free of cost.



