**Skill Development – Key Towards Child’s Overall Development’**

**; Neeru Kapai**

Nagpur, 22 April : A seminar on Impact of Pandemic on Educations & The Possible Solutions was organised by Child Guidance and Student Counselling Cell,Diploma in School Counselling of Tirpude College of Social Work in collaboration with S.F.S. High School & Jr. College. Around 135 teachers from 13 prominent schools of the city attended the seminar. The Officiating Principal of T.C.S.W – Dr. Swati Dharmadhikari presided as the chairperson whereas the Revolutionary Educator, Founder &Director of Modern School, NACRT, Nagpur

– Ms. Neeru Kapai was the chief guest and the renowned Psychatrist – Dr. Shailesh Pangaonkar was the Prominent Resource Person forthe programme. The Manager of S.F.S. School – Rev.Fr. Anthony D’Souza, Course Coordinator – Dr. Shilpa Puranik, Coordinator of Advanced Diploma In Counseling – Ms. Shilpa Jibhenkar, Supervisor of S.F.S. – Jitendra Suham, Dr. Deepali Pangaonkar were the other dignitaries present. The programme began with the lamp lightening by the dignitaries. All the attendees paid tribute to well-known Psychologist & Motivational Speaker Late. Mr. Amar Damle who was supposed to be one of the resource person for the programme.

Initiating with the seminar, Dr. Puranik welcomed everyone on behalf of T.C.S.W. and gave a brief introduction about the institute and it’s field action project C.G.S.C.C. under which the course of Diploma in School Counselling is being run. Introducting the purpose of the seminar, she precisely mentioned that - ‘Teachers are the mentors of the society who keep everything balanced and are never extreme.’ Further the session was continued by the Chief Guest – Neeru Kapai who crucially highlighted that how COVID-19 became an overnight game changer and also stressed on NEP 2020 which was announced in lockdown. She spoke about psychological impact of COVID-19 on students, post COVID schooling - the academic, behavioural, emotional changes observed in students, the new normal for parents, teachers & students, post pandemic challenges for policy makers & their role, COVID PHOBIA, new problems & innovative solutions regarding the same. Speaking further, she said that though the academics are crucial part of learning process but the skills development that too the skills of accountability and responsibility are the key towards the child’s overall development.

Further the second session was continued by Dr. Pangaonkar who descried the teachers as ‘ the therapist for the next generation.’ Speaking about the topic he highlighted the ‘Post Pandemic Behavioural Variant in Students’ and how the pandemic situation has affected the hyper active and shy child differently and moreover how isolation mode has had impact on the student’s psychological development. He described the education system as an

ecosystem and also guided how the teachers need to adapt cohesive, collaborative teaching techniques to make the students compatible to the new normal for their schematic development. He not only stated the importance of set shifting but also explained how one’s liking if becomes necessitiy converts to addiction, obsession whereas when vice versa converts to passion. He stressed the aspect of ‘ZOOM FATIGUE’ which has been common syndrome in almost individuals of every age but has mostly affected developing age. Concluding with his session he stated that one needs to learn to readily accept the changes and dissolve oneself in this look upon to post pandemic schooling as a

‘rehabilitation Process’ for the students.

Lastly, speaking about the topic, Dr Swati Dharmadhikari covered various aspects of post pandemic impact on the education system, school drop outs, learning outcomes, changing roles of teachers, sustainability of private schools and the solution for such kind of arising problems. Concluding with the session she said that there’s a long way to go which can be covered together.

The summary of the seminar was given by Dr.Shilpa Puranik followed by question-answer session and an open hour to discuss the queries about the topic. The certificates of appreciation were given by the chairperson. The compelling of the seminar was done by Sankalp Medha and Maria Francis. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Usha Bhatt and National Anthem. Kalyani Varadpande, Manjusha Meshram, Preet Belani, Lubna Quazi, Jiya Tolani, Dinesh Mandape were the members of the organising team and Pranav Jolhe, Prachi Shirsat, Moulshree Malviya, Dipankar Bhojane were the student volunteers from TCSW.