## Government College of Education, Sector 20, Chandigarh Online Orientation Programme for Faculty (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022)

Government College of Education, Sector 20D, Chandigarh organized a two day online orientation programme on the theme "National Professional Standard for Teachers in light of NEP- 2020" for the faculty members of the college on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022. On the first day of the program, the Principal of the college, Dr. A.K. Srivastava welcomed the resource person Prof. Arbind K. Jha, faculty at Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. The program coordinator Dr. Balwinder Kaur gave a brief introduction of the guest to the faculty members as he is credited with Inspired Teacher Award by the President of India (2015) and Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators fellowship award in 2016-17.

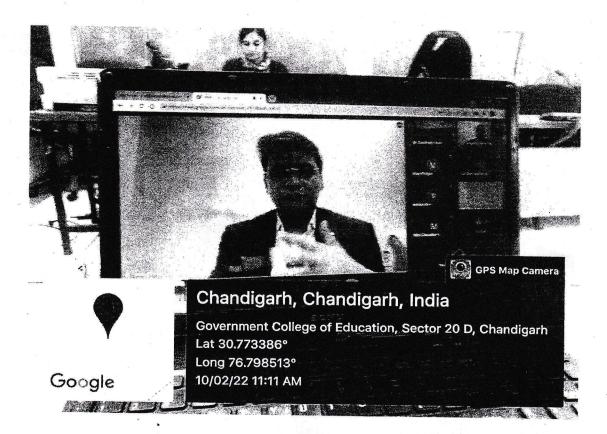
On the first day, Prof. Jha discussed the definitions and ten significant characteristics of a Profession with respect to NEP 2020. He emphasized that *profession is a state of mind* which cannot be defined in terms of years of experience or degrees obtained. He emphasized that as faculty members we need to brainstorm the condition of teaching as a profession and why teaching is still lacking status of a dignified profession. He added that we need to have a critical change in our perception regarding teaching as a profession. He also discussed questions like what is teaching and who teachers are. He also suggested how teachers can bring about a change in the field of education. The programme concluded with a discussion session by the faculty members of the college. Dr. Sheojee Singh, coordinator of the program extended the vote of thanks to the speaker of the day for his gracious presence and sharing his valuable expertise and experience in the field of education on a pertinent theme.

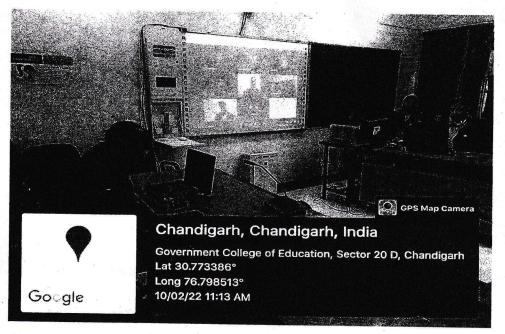
On the second day, the programme was chaired by Dr. Anurag Sankhian. He welcomed the Resource Person. Prof. Jha started the session by sharing the main points of National Profession Standards for teachers in light of NEP-2020. He explained the concept of Standard and its related terms like SNPS and DNPS. He emphasized on the various suggested strategies of quality assurance in National Profession Standard for Teachers. Dwelling on the issues related to it, he added that three components- Governance, Process and Context -are essential in the NPST and the more important aspect is the ethical standard in the profession of teaching. The most important thing in the present global context is the competency of the teacher. He also discussed various challenges in the context of its implementation and concluded by emphasizing the need of communication skills and in-depth knowledge for quality teachers. He further said that there should be no gap between skill and knowledge for competent professionals.

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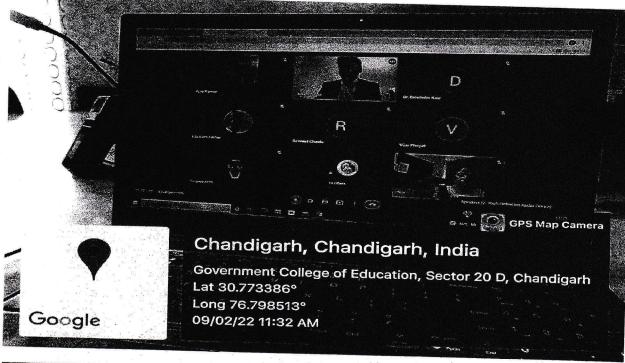
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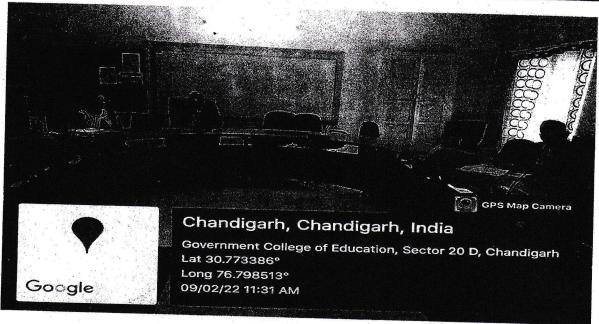
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