

BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF EDUCATION,
Alumni Association of Education, B.H.U.

National Seminar on Professional Competencies for Teacher Educators in 21st Century

The advent of 21st century has brought fundamental changes in the very structure and functioning of education system. There are a plethora of issues that need discussion, debate and consensus through exchange of ideas regionally, nationally and globally. One of the major issues is that the education system today has to prepare reflexive individuals who are able to gain skills, apply them in depth in a wide array of contexts and in the process enrich their competencies to build relationships and assume new roles. Constant adaptation to the changing needs of the context, learning from the change and accountability for one's own decisions is what characterize a reflexive individual. Such change in the skills and competencies in the new century has initiated change in teacher education programs for preparing teachers. This creates the ground for discussion about the skills and competencies required of the teacher educators in the changed context of 21st century. Teacher educators are endowed with the responsibility of preparing teachers for the classrooms with which they generally had had no experience. The fact provides additional perspective for rethinking about the very way teacher educators are prepared, who further prepare the like and thus promote the tendency to reproduce and maintain status quo. Lack of significant interaction among the teacher educators and the school teachers further raises doubt regarding their professional competency. A great deal of attention has been given to the nature of teaching and the qualities a good teacher ought to possess. However, there has been little emphasis on the specific skills that teacher educators should have. In the light of the challenges that emerged out of the problems infesting the present day teacher education system, it is appropriate to discuss the issues of skills and competencies needed for the teacher educators in context of competencies required to sustain the rapidly changing social and economic scenario of 21st century. To achieve the goal an academic event in form of National Seminar cum Workshop under the auspices of AAE, BHU is proposed on the theme "**Professional Competencies for Teacher Educators in 21st Century**" with the following subthemes:

- i. Dimensions of Professional Competencies: General View
- ii. Skill Based Professional Competencies needed for Teacher Educators: Identification, Description and Development of specific Skills
- iii. Evaluation of Teacher Educators: Whether Standards should exist or not? What is the way out?

Venue and Organizers: "Alumni Association of Education, BHU", Faculty of Education, Banaras Hindu University, Kamachha, Varanasi-10.

Deadlines:

- **Abstract** in two copies typed in Times New Roman in font size 12 in not more than 200 words should reach to the Organizing Secretary in hard and soft copy latest by 31st March 2015. It should be compulsorily **mailed at both the mails** : ajeetrai04@gmail.com and aaebhu@gmail.com.
- **Full paper** in two copies (along with abstract mentioned above and registration details) typed in Times New Roman in font size 12 in not less than 3000 words should reach to the Organizing Secretary in hard and soft copy latest by 30th June 2014. It should have proper references in APA format. Papers should be compulsorily **mailed at both the mails** : ajeetrai04@gmail.com and aaebhu@gmail.com
- Papers of only registered participants will be screened. The screened and selected papers will be allowed for presentation. However chance of dialogue and interaction will be ensured for each and every participant who submits an original paper. Papers of exploratory, qualitative nature based on field realities and contemporary expectations from Teacher /Teacher Educators/Teacher Education Institutions from the point of view of professionalization will be preferred.
- **Registration fee** should be sent to the Organizing Secretary in cash/draft/core banking in favour of "Alumni Association of Education ,BHU" S.B.I., Kamachha (Account no. 10341356342) payable at Varanasi, latest by 30th June 2015. It should be attached with the duly filled registration form.) **There will be provision for late fee registration and on the spot registration too as per details given below.**

Registration Fee*: Up to 30.06.2015

- General Delegates (All stakeholders of Teacher Education and people interested in the profession): Rs.1500/ (One thousand five hundred) only.
- Life Members of AAE,BHU: Rs.1200/ (One thousand two hundred) only.

After 30.06.2015 to 30.09.2015

- General Delegates (All stakeholders of Teacher Education and people interested in the profession): Rs.2000/ (Two thousand) only.
- Life Members of AAE,BHU: Rs.1700/ (One thousand seven hundred) only.

On the spot Registration: (only for participation)

Rs.2500/ (Two thousand five hundred) for all.

Accommodation Fee (Subject to timely registration and availability):

In addition to registration fee Rs. 400/ (Four Hundred) should be paid for advance booking of guest house/hotel in Varanasi. This can be paid along with registration fee latest by 30th June 2014. (The food charges during stay at guest house will have to be paid by delegates. For persons accompanying the delegates separate charges for accommodation will have to be paid in advance and same should be mentioned in the registration form). The accommodation charges will be adjusted as per actuals at the time of conference days only.

Organizing Secretaries:

Dr. Ajeet K Rai and Dr. R. N. Sharma,
(Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, BHU)