

Report – Inauguration function - ‘ICT integrated learning’ course at Vijaya Teachers College

A blended learning course on ‘ICT integrated learning’ for B.Ed. Students of Vijaya Teachers College was launched on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. The course is being designed and transacted by the Centre for Education and Technology, IT for Change in collaboration with Vijaya Teachers College and with the support of Kotak Bank.

The inauguration began with a soulful invocation, after which the welcome address was given by Prof. G. Vijayakumari, Principal, Vijaya Teachers College, followed by the lighting of lamp by dignitaries. The chief guest, Ms. Baishaki Banerjee, EVP, Kotak Bank, then launched the ‘ICT integrated learning’ course on the Moodle Learning Management System and spoke on the support extended by Kotak Bank CSR to projects in the areas of education and conservation. She declared that teachers were best placed to change society and wished the student teachers of the B.Ed. Program best of luck. She encouraged the students to make the best use of their opportunities in this program, including learning how best to integrate ICT in their practice.

Prof. Uzma Raheel, Regional Institute of Education, South India, delivered the keynote address and highlighted the challenges in the teaching profession as well as the opportunities available today to teachers. She lauded the faculty of Vijaya Teachers College, in their efforts to bring new pedagogies to their teacher education programs. Subsequently, Mr. Gurusurthy K, Director of IT for Change shared the highlights of the ‘ICT integrated learning’ course, which was fully aligned with the National ICT Curriculum of NCERT.

In his presidential address, Dr K. S. Sameera Simha, the Joint Secretary of the *BHS Higher Education Society*, group of educational institutions, of which Vijaya Teachers College is a member, outlined the trajectory of education over the past few decades and declared that this was the time of ‘ICT’, and hence teachers had to equip themselves adequately on this front. Vijaya Teachers College was an unique institution which offered the ‘ICT integrated learning’ as part of the B.Ed. Program. The function concluded with a formal vote of thanks.