



IMPACT OF GUEST LECTURES ON DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATION SKILL OF RURAL SCHOOL GOING STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

Schools situated in rural areas are now using innovative techniques to increase the educational facilities of their students so that they can learn more effectively. Guest Lectures are an effective way to provide information to the students quickly and more efficiently. It is an effective way to improve communication skill of the students studying in rural area where they don't have development classes to teach them effective communication or make them aware about their surrounding and make them more confident and also give them knowledge of their subject in an interesting way. This study is based on a case study conducted in Government Higher secondary school, Mandhar. This school was previously choose by the researcher for the study of " IMPACT OF ICT FOR TEACHER'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN SCHOOLS SITUATED IN RURAL AREA" which was published in International journal of research in science and Engineering, volume:2, Issue:3, May-June 2017 e ISSN no. 2394-8299, p ISSN no. 2394-8280. In present paper the main focus is on development of student's communication skill through guest lecturers as an effective tool of teaching learning technique.

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Introduction:

Communication is a word derived from the Latin word *Communes* or *Communicare* which means 'To make Common' or 'to share'. Communication is the act of passing message to another person through words, signs and languages which can be understandable by all the parties involves in communication process.

According to the concise oxford dictionary the word means 'the act of imparting especially news' or 'the science of practice of transmitting information'.

Communication is an important part of our day to day life. When we talk to our parents, reading books, listening radio or watching television we are continuously communicating. Teachers teaches to students, students goes to classrooms, listen to teachers and follow their instructions are also a part of communication process. Listening writing and speaking is the important skills we use while communication to make it effective. It builds confidence in students about their abilities which is necessary for their development. Effective communication makes teaching comfortable. It includes verbal and non verbal communication tools both. Verbal communication tools means Books ,Notes, Teaching adds are important but non verbal communication is also helpful for the teachers to know whether the students pick up their lectures or not. Students and teachers both presents in the classroom physically which makes easy, two way communications with effective Eye contact and comfortable connection between teachers and students. The medium used by the teacher can be changed according to the students need. It works better and built trust between teacher and students. We can say lectures are effective and powerful means of communication in teaching learning process.

Lecture are the best teaching method for the students as it is a straight forward way to provide information and knowledge to students specially when they want to clear their concepts of subject they are reading. Lectures are more effective then written means of teaching and electronic means like e-classroom. Most of the teachers adopt this style to deliver their lessons to students. As teacher is physically present in classroom they can solve the problems immediately which make students more confident and friendly to class atmosphere which makes lectures interesting and understandable for the students. A well structured lecture is the best way to teach the students fundamental theories and also motivate them to acquire more knowledge. Students of schools used to choose lecture based study in spite of readymade written notes or lectures recorded in electronic media. So it can be called as a social activity which involves both teachers and students in its process.

Need of Guest Lectures in Rural education system:

Now a day all educational Institutions try to give their students best facilities not only in urban areas but in rural areas also. Government schools situated in rural areas are using innovative techniques to enrich their student's knowledge and to improve their communication skills so that they can present their views before other persons in an effective way and build their confidence up. Guest lectures are important to achieve this motive. It is important because:

1. Guest lectures are important tools for giving formal and motivational education to students.
2. It provides additional Knowledge to the students with traditional text book knowledge.
3. Guest lectures from learned persons provide students effective knowledge of subject and also new development held in their subjects.
4. e-learning resources and smart class rooms are also helpful while providing Guest lectures to students.
5. It is an effective support system for the teachers teaching in regular classrooms.

Need of Guest Lectures in Development of communication skill of students:

Guest lectures are important tools for providing knowledge to students as much as possible. It helps them to improve their knowledge in an interesting and specific way to gain knowledge of particular subject. Guest lecturers can provide them experience of real life and also how to connect it with textbooks. It gives different experience to the students and also enriches them with different point of views in a particular topic.

Guest lectures are the facility provided to the students other than their regular classroom teaching with the help of faculties outside from the school like retired teachers, College professors, Government Officers and other persons willing to teach the students. It develops communication skills of the students studying in school situated in rural area.

1. It provides them extra knowledge about their subject other than text book and regular class.
2. It provides students opportunity to interact with new and learned persons frequently which makes them confident.
3. Guest motivational lectures provide them knowledge about personality development, proper way of communication and leadership.
4. It makes the way of teaching and communication informal

between teacher and students which makes students comfortable to ask their questions to lecturers.

Limitations of Guest Lectures:

1. As the lecturers are not familiar with the students they can speak over the head of students.
2. Information's may be repeated as they do not know teaching routine of classroom.
3. Lectures may be too long or time taking which can make students bored and decrease their interest from further lectures going to be organized by school authority.

Objective of the study:

1. To study the importance of Guest lecturers to improve students communication skills.
2. To study the changes occurs in the confidence level of students after attending Guest lectures.

Methodology of the Study:

This study is based on the case study to know the improvement in communication skills of students studying in higher secondary level(class 11th & 12th) at Govt. Higher secondary school, mandhar situated in rural area of district Raipur, state Chhattisgarh in India. Personal interviews conducted and Questionnaire filled by the students of class 11th and 12th where the experiences of attending Guest lecturers were shared by students with the researcher are added in the findings of research in this paper.

Limitation of the study:This study is based on the data collected from the personal interview and Questionnaire from the students studying in class 11th & 12th of particular school situated in rural area of Chhattisgarh state.

Introduction of Government Higher Secondary School, Mandhar:

Mandhar is a beautiful village situated 13 km west from Raipur railway station .This village is Located between Raipur Baloda Bazar road and Raipur Bilaspur road. There are two Primary and two higher secondary schools situated in mandhar which was consolidated together in year 2017-18. I choose Government Higher secondary school mandhar for case Study because they are using new innovative techniques like smart class, officer's visits for motivational classes and Guest Lectures from different subject experts to teach their student.

Mandhar School has 35 teachers and 1112 students approximately. School administration is trying to give all kind of facilities to their students like good teaching environment, neat and clean classrooms and campus, enriched library, e-learning resources and smart class, sport materials, Gym etc. The smart classroom situated in school is well equipped with ICT tools like projector, audio video adds etc. Man ki baat program is conducted for the students under the old, big and beautiful banyan tree situated in the school campus where students ask their questions to different persons like government officers, panchayat officials, NGO personalities etc. school authority is trying to arrange Guest Lectures of learned persons and retired teachers of different streams in regular intervals with using old chalk and duster system to coordinate between both the systems.

Guest lecture program was adopted by school from last two years. School authority is trying to arrange two types of Guest Lectures like

1. Lectures related to the course of subjects students studying in their class.
2. Lectures to motivate students and connect them with the main stream of society.

1. Lectures related to the course material of subjects students studying in their classes:-

Lectures are arranged for all disciplines of school arts, commerce and science. Academic personalities, retired school teachers and

college professors are duly invited to teach the students of class 10th, 11th and 12th. In Year 2015-16 number of students in class 11th and 12th are 139, 141 and in year 2016-17 number of students in class 11th And 12th are 159 and 141 approximately. The topic students want to study from their course books are already discussed with the lecturers by the teachers of school. One session of lecture is of 2 hours. Lectures taken by lecturers in all discipline (arts, commerce and science) in year 2015-16 are 16 and in year 2016-17 are 15. Students get benefited from the knowledge of these learned persons.

2. Lectures to motivate students and connect them with the main stream of society:-

School authority and teachers strongly feels that it is important to connect the students with the main stream of society. It is necessary for the students to communicate confidently with the other persons. In rural areas students are not enough confident to take their views before other persons. This tendency makes their personality weak. So MAAN KI BAAT Program was started for the students. In which Government officers of Chhattisgarh state like District collector, Forest Officers, Officers of Panchayat department, NGO workers are duly invited to talk with the students about social issues of society, development of rural areas, Governments plans for development of rural areas and about the career they can opt after completing their education. A big banyan tree is situated in the school campus. This tree is the sole of this program. Students sit under the tree and attend the motivational program held in the Saturday of every month which depends upon the availability of the lecturers. Students ask questions to the person which makes them more confident and also develops leadership qualities in them.

An interview was conducted for the Students to know about their experiences with use of Guest lecture tool of teaching. The questions asked to the Students are as follows:

1. What different they feel after attending Guest Lectures?
2. What kind of changes they feel in their academic knowledge?
3. What kind of changes they feel in their communication skills?
4. What types of changes they feel in their social awareness?

A questionnaire was also filled by the students about their experiences after attending Guest lectures.

Students share their experiences and also discussed about their satisfaction and future expectations. The findings are as follows:

Findings of study:

During case study students shared their experiences Class room Environment: Students said that

1. The class room environment is good and encouraging.
2. Lecturers are fully cooperative with them during sessions.
3. Classroom activities are more systematic and interactive during Guest lectures.
4. They feel free to ask questions to the lecturers.
5. They feel themselves more disciplined then their regular classroom sessions.

Knowledge of subject: Students shared that:

1. They feel satisfied from the teaching sessions of Guest lectures.
2. They gain more knowledge than textbook contents.
3. They used to discuss variety of questions from lecturers.
4. They practiced their study material more times which makes their basic knowledge more clear.
5. They get knowledge about framing of questions, style of specific answer writing and pattern of questions usually comes in examinations.

Effect on Communication skill: Students feel that:

1. They can communicate with others more effectively.
2. Their writing skill is improving day to day.
3. They can perform easily in their oral test exams.

Confidence Building: Students felt that:

1. Their confidence level is increasing gradually after attending lecture sessions.
2. They can take lead in any activity held in their school confidently.
3. They can ask questions to different Govt. officers and other persons without any hesitation.
4. There is a huge improvement in their body language after lectures.
5. Guest Lectures improves their personality which is very important change for them as they are studying in rural area.

Social Awareness: Students said that:

1. After attending motivational lecture now they can understand the social issues around them.
2. They are also aware about environmental issue around them like saving and planting different kind of plants and trees and keep their surrounding clean etc.
3. Now they are gaining knowledge about the plans of Chhattisgarh government for population of rural areas.

On the basis of this case study we can say that Guest lectures are powerful means of education support system. Students can gain different experience from it but it can't take place of regular teaching system. It can provide only an effective support to the teachers teaching in regular classes. It increases communication skill of students and make them more confident if manage it properly and effectively.

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