

Gijubhai Memorial Lecture 2023

Gijubhai Memorial Lecture is an annual event organized by our department to facilitate discourse on education. The lecture is named after a famous educationist in India, Gijubhai Badekha (1885-1939). He is credited for introducing the Montessori education system in India and was critical of textbook centric, examination based and teacher-oriented education systems. To commemorate his immense contribution to the field of education, the Department of Education, Jesus and Mary College instituted an annual lecture series. For more than 25 years, the lecture series has provided an enriching platform for educational dialogue, deliberation and learning. Every year Gijubhai Memorial Lecture is organised around a critical educational theme and witnesses enthusiastic participation of several students and teachers from various colleges across Delhi, and professionals engaged in the field of education. This year the Gijubhai memorial lecture will be delivered by an eminent educationist Professor Edward Vickers. He will be speaking on the theme 'Education or psychological manipulation?'. The session will be chaired by Dr. Latika Gupta, Department of Elementary Education, University of Delhi.

About the Speaker

Prof. Edward Vickers is a Professor of Education at Kyushu University, Japan. He is a specialist in Asian Studies and has been involved with various UNESCO assignments on education in India. Prof. Vickers has chaired several international and national reports for UNESCO institutes. He currently holds a UNESCO Chair on Education for Peace, Social Justice and Global Citizenship. His area of research includes education, history, Chinese Studies, China, Hong Kong and comparative research on portrayals of foreign 'others', through schooling and other media, in societies of East Asia. He has authored several books including *Imagining Japan in post-war East Asia*, *Education as a political tool in Asia*, *History Education and National Identity*, *In Search of An Identity: The Politics of History as a School Subject in Hong Kong*.

About the Lecture

The lecture discusses the recent fashion for 'social and emotional learning' as a key to promoting in young people all sorts of values seen as desirable by policymakers. It discusses psychology-based approaches to fostering 'kindness', 'peace' and related attitudes in the light of recent initiatives by governments and NGOs across Asia, from China to Sri Lanka. Particular reference is made to the work of UNESCO's Mahatma Gandhi Institute on Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP, based in New Delhi). The lecture critiques the depoliticised, psychology-focused approach to fostering peace, kindness or other mental states through education that is increasingly popular in policymaking circles. It is argued that while supporting children in understanding and handling their emotions is worthwhile and important, a highly psychologising approach to socialisation through education is inconsistent with the ethical teachings of thinkers such as Mahatma Gandhi and Gijubhai Badheka. Not only is it likely to be ineffective in righting social wrongs - it may actually make them worse.

About the Chair

Dr. Latika Gupta is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Education, University of Delhi. She is the CoChair of Reimagining Education UNESCO: MGIEP 2020-2022. She is the FUR

fellow for Dalai Lama studies instituted by the Nobel peace prize money of His Holiness Dalai Lama. Dr. Gupta is a Board Member, Comparative Education Society of Asia, and a Member of the Committee for implementation of Recommendations No. 07, 22 and 23 of Justice Verma Commission. She was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar (2008-09) Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA. Her areas of research include Elementary Education, gender, identity, poverty and its interface with education, pedagogy of language and social sciences, minority education. Dr. Gupta has authored many articles and books such as, Education, Poverty and Gender: schooling Muslim Girls in India.

**Schedule for Gijubhai Memorial Lecture and
Agaaz**

S.No.	Time	Event
1.	9:00 am	Registration
2.	10:00 am	Welcome address
3.	10:10 am	Keynote address
4.	11:30 am	Vote of thanks
5.	11:45 am	Tea break
6.	01:00 pm onwards	Antarang
7.	12:30 pm to 1:00pm	Andaz-e-Bayaan (Preparation)
8.	1:00 pm to 1:30 pm	Andaz-e-Bayaan (Display)