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EDUCATION BEYOND BORDERS, WITHOUT BARRIERS.

Date: 17th February 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m to 11.00 a.m

Guest Speaker: Monica Tekchandani

Topic: A Dialogue with Monika Tekchandani Education Beyond Borders, Without Barriers.



The beautiful morning started with warm good morning wishes by Dr. Mandeep.Kochar. Followed by college prayer. Dr. Mandeep Kochar gave a brief introduction for our speaker of the day Monica Tekchandani. We were pleased to know that Monica Tekchandani was the ex-student of Bombay Teacher's Training College. It was a proud moment.

Ms Monica Tekchandani started the session by introducing herself and spoke about her achievements and her journey from India to USA. She shared with us what Bachelors and Masters' degrees are required to settle in USA. She gave us information about Differences in the Education System in India and U.S. and India. She emphasized on the License being essential for teaching in USA. License and certifications are needed to teach in USA. There are various stages to go from teacher to

lead teacher to director 1 and then director 2. To become a teacher and get license for kindergarten that is from Grade 1 to Grade 12 one has to appear for the test from Massachusetts. It is conducted every month, there is no limit for appearing in test. PhD is required for teaching in college. If one wants to conduct research programme it is compulsory to have master's degree plus GRE exam. Ms Monica Tekchandani also mentioned about J-1 visa which are given by sponsors for exchange programme but one should have eligibility according to the terms and conditions. The candidate should be the present teacher in their home country or country of legal residence. She shared various websites. All awards, achievements are counted and most important is the interview the way a candidate speaks in accent English and his/her way of carrying oneself. The another visa is H-1B visa, for H-1B visa one can stay in the country and not go back to their own country but it is like lottery system and is quite difficult whereas in J-1 visa one has to compulsorily go back to the country from where they belong. Ma'am also discussed about the pay for teachers and professors in USA. There are lot of words which are pronounced differently in USA and it makes in huge difference. Special Education is very useful in USA. Ms Monica Tekchandani spoke about cultural values. There is a positive reinforcement inculcated in students there is no negativity. She compared the policies in UK and USA and concluded that USA is more diverse and policies are much better.



Dr Bhagwan Balani spoke few words of wisdom and shared how inspired he was while listening Ms. Monica guided with helpful information it was quite knowledgeable and of great help. We were very happy to have her between us as an ex-student of Bombay Teacher's Training Institute. Ms Monica put forth various informative and highly appreciated

inputs. The session ended by Vote of thanks given by the student of FY.B.Ed. Miss Pratiksha Sawant.

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