

**Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

**Event: Design Thinking**

**Facilitator: Ms. Rupa Chakravarty, Director Education**

**Participants: Teachers taking classes 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

**Reflections:**

A workshop on Design Thinking was held on 31st October at Gyan Bharati School, conducted by Ms. Rupa Chakravarty. Ms. Chakravarty is an education professional with a Master of Arts (M.A.) focused in English literature (British and Commonwealth), USA-Training for 'Handling of Adolescence' in Worcester, USA, 1997. She has a lot of experience in teaching English – CBSE, Cambridge-IGCSE (FLE/ESL) A-levels and TOK for IBDP besides life skills to the adolescent students, which is her forte. She was on CBSE committees-CBSE international, CCE implementation and as advisor on the CBSE board for training. She also reviewed the National Education Policy-NEP under the chair of Ms. Anita Karwal-erstwhile CBSE Chairperson.

Teachers taking classes from 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> participated and learnt about the benefits of Design and practical strategies to implement it. Ms. Lata Vaidyanathan, the Director of the school, also emphasized the importance of Design in preparing students for the future workforce. The event kickstarted with an interesting newspaper activity by the teachers after which they were divided into pairs. The activity required the pairs to brainstorm and present new innovations using newspaper. The innovations were created taking into consideration desirability, feasibility and viability. The activity was about solving problems and unlocking potential in an innovative way. Ms. Chakravarty spoke at length on the subject of Ideation and Design Thinking using small exercises which can design the classroom in an innovative way.

**The key takeaways from the session were:**

- Gives the opportunity to view a problem from a different perspective.
- Allows delving into a problem to determine its root cause.
- Encourages innovative thinking and creative problem solving.
- Results in an experience that is more effective and informative for learners.
- Enables to continually expand your knowledge.

The workshop concluded with teachers gaining insights and tools to incorporate Design Thinking in their classrooms, benefiting the students' educational journey.

