

Vidya teachers are learning to flip the classroom!



Vidya teachers had been talking about the idea of flipped classrooms for quite some time. The idea was so novel to Vidya teachers that the enthusiasm for experimenting with the implementation of the idea was somewhat muted. To clear the air and to provide a better appreciation of the concept, a real “hands on” Flipped Classroom was conducted on 25 October 2019 with Dr Anil B, Academic Director, VICT, acting as the resource person. As many as 15 teachers from various Depts, and also Dr saji C B, Principal, participated in the programme.

Cases studies and videos had been given to the participants prior to the program and the same were discussed during the session. Also, a quiz was conducted during the session by giving handouts, and the answers were discussed in detail. The Academic Director suggested that the participants should teach at least 10% of the syllabus using flipped classroom methodology as a first step towards implementing the

technique.

What is a flipped classroom?



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flipped classroom is an instructional strategy that reverses the traditional learning environment by delivering instructional content, often online, outside of the classroom.

It moves activities, including those that may have traditionally been considered homework, into the classroom. In a flipped classroom, students watch online lectures, collaborate in online discussions, or carry out research at home while engaging in concepts in the classroom with the guidance of a mentor.

In the traditional model of classroom instruction, the teacher is typically the central focus of a lesson and the primary disseminator of information during the class period. The flipped classroom intentionally shifts instruction to a learner-centered model in which time in the classroom is used to explore topics in greater depth and create meaningful learning opportunities while students are initially introduced to new topics outside of the classroom. Flipped classrooms also redefine in-class activities. In-class lessons accompanying flipped classroom may include activity learning or more traditional homework problems, among other practices, to engage students in the content. (Wikipedia)

