

Capacity Building Programme: ART INTEGRATION- One-day offline training program

Welcome to a new dimension of learning!

We are aware that all of us as teachers have used art in more than one way in our classrooms. Music, dance, theatre, mime poetry recitation, oratory painting, origami and crafts, and many such activities have been used by teachers to make the learning experience for the students more enriching and engaging. It has been rightly said that when students are involved personally in the learning process, they are more involved, more committed, and carry the learning throughout their lives.

A workshop on **Capacity Building Programme: ART INTEGRATION in Curriculum** was held on 22 July 2022. This Offline Course supported and enriched learning for teachers as it was designed to expose teachers to the various strategies that they might adopt. More importantly, the course-embedded experiential learning into the design of Integration of the Arts to ensure scientific and structured yet fun-filled learning for our students.

The Objectives of the Course were to enable participants :

- To become familiar with the term "arts integration"
- To distinguish between 'art' and 'the arts'
- To articulate positive outcomes of integrating the arts into school curricula.
- To design, practice, and present a focus activity.
- To create an arts-integrated activity for use in the classroom.
- To integrate the arts into curricular areas through Experiential Learning.
- To reflect on the design of the arts-integrated activity through Experiential Learning.

The rationale for the Integration of the Arts into our curriculum is that Art helps learners develop problem-solving skills. It can present difficult concepts visually thereby making it easier for the students to comprehend the concept. Art integration helps the learners to develop motor skills, language skills, social skills, decision-making, and risk-taking skills. Visual arts teach the techniques necessary for presentations (visual, digital) of academic work. Integrating art with other disciplines reaches all types of learners. Arts integration enhances critical thinking, teaching students to be more focused while observing the world around them. Arts education connects students with their own culture as well as with the broader world.



