

## The Teachers Conclave- Quest Workshop conducted by Ms. Manisha Ghanti and Ms. Prerna Aggarwal



The Teachers Conclave, Quest Workshop was conducted by Ms. Manisha Ghanti from Kolkata and Ms. Prerna Aggarwal from Assam on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. They highlighted on the Designing of the Lesson Plans to help middle school students, parents, and teachers to cope up with the physical, emotional, and social challenges of early adolescence. It integrated social and emotional learning, character development and service-learning for positive youth development. Through a series of developmentally appropriate thematic units and lesson plans, the program helped in creating a school and classroom environment that promotes the positive student behaviours that lead to greater academic success.

The teachers presented a thematic plan which dealt with the escalating problems of the adolescents and also came up with solutions to tackle them. She further discussed about the challenges faced and steps to overcome them. The whole idea emphasized on concept- building, open-ended discussions and building inter-personal relationships.

Marking the end of the two- day workshop, the valedictory session was attended by the Governor of the District, Lion Birinder Singh Sohal, Vice-District Governor, Lion Gopal Krishan Sharma, District Cabinet Secretary, Lion Navjit Singh and other distinguished members of the Lions Club.

The Governor stressed that “Today the youths are in stress and disoriented and one needs to make changes in their life so that they can live happily. The influence of family, peers and school guide their life ahead and the teacher’s role should be to make a difference in their life. Students today are very talented and given an opportunity they can do miracles,” he said.

The workshop, almost all participants felt, made them realize their goal both as a teacher and as well as a parent. They said that they had become more familiar and conscious with the feelings and sentiments of today’s adolescents which will help them understand them better and build a cordial relationship with the students more as a friend and counsellor rather than just a teacher.

All the participants were awarded the international certificate and group photograph by the distinguished guests. Lions assured their full cooperation to the teachers and the School Management for the success of Skills for Adolescence programme.