Post Training Release

SAKSHAM, a Microsoft initiative, aligning with MHRD's NMEICT (<u>National Mission on Education through ICT</u>) objectives was organized at Banasthali Vidyapith from 1/11/2012 to 10/11/2012.

Thirty Three participants from fifteen different streams like Design, Textile, Psychology, Sociology, Education, Music, Social Work, History & Indian Culture, Hindi, English Literature, Sanskrit, Painting, Economics, Political science etc. who attended the training have been promoted as Master Trainers. As Master Trainers, these educators will take on mentoring roles and spread the use of ICT in Education by reaching out to colleagues and students.

The 10 day journey comprised of IT and Soft Skills training sessions, which were designed to be riveting and invigorating. A blend of theory, hands on and experiential learning, interspersed with role plays, micro labs, group discussions, motivational team building & leadership enhancing games and activities enthused and kept the educators engaged as they learnt how to integrate technology into education and how to be effective mentors. These mentors will help create and maintain the momentum of change in teaching learning in higher education.

The **SAKSHAM** Portal <u>www.saksham-ms.in</u>, is an online resource which allows the above **SAKSHAM** champions to access content, form communities, build content repositories, leverage knowledge and actively share ideas and projects. Champions also have the facility to create their own training batches on Saksham portal and thus extend the online community of new ICT champions. *Microsoft plans to recognize those ICT champions who successfully reach out and mentor other educators and students*.

Microsoft welcomes the educators from Banasthali Vidyapith into its fold and the **SAKSHAM** fraternity, which represents an empowered, criticalmass of dedicated experts in every field, working in a networked manner to bridge the digital divide and accomplish **MHRD's NME-ICT** vision.



Dean Prof. Purohit interacting with Saksham participants



Participants in Square up Activity



Participants in Little Discoveries Activity



Learning Sky-drive & collaboration Skills