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**Signing of Historic MoU with the Govt. College of Education, Jammu**

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## HISTORIC MOU SIGNED

In the present globalised scenario the importance of team work, partnerships, alliances and cooperation is gaining prominence. In this context, MIER College of Education has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Govt. College of Education, Jammu on 14th March, 2015 for the promotion of Education, training and the extension activities in the areas of mutual interest.

The "Historic MoU" was signed by Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman, MIER and Prof. Ajeet Angral, Principal, Govt. College of Education, Jammu in the presence of senior faculty members of both the institutions. This is for the first time that such kind of collaboration has taken place in the state of J&K.

Under the aegis of MoU a joint study group consisting of faculty and students of both the institutions shall be constituted to design and execute the long and short term action plan for the overall development of both the colleges in general and for the welfare of students in particular. The Mou is aimed at developing J&K State as a role model in the field of teacher education.

### Highlights of the MoU

1. *Strengthening of Teaching - Learning Process*
2. *Curriculum Development*
3. *Transforming Educational Practices*
4. *Organizing Seminars & Workshops*
5. *Sharing of Knowledge*
6. *Improving Practice of Teaching*
7. *Promoting Value Education*

## MESSAGES

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN



The system of teacher education in India today has undergone major transformation. Not only has the duration of B.Ed. and M.Ed. programmes been increased to two years but the entire curricula have been restructured to enhance the quality of the system. As a result of these changes, institutions offering teacher education courses, especially in

voluntary sector, had to face major challenges like paucity of funds (due to decrease in student intake), lack of time to orient faculty and lack of clarity with regards to several functional aspects of the new curricula. Challenges notwithstanding, we will have to give a fair trial to the revamped system to make it successful.

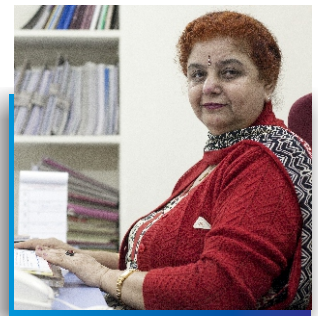
It is said that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. No wonder, that the MIER College of Education has geared up fully to face these challenges so as to maintain its status as a leading institution in the J&K State to impart quality teacher education.

It is also a matter of pleasure to share with readers that the MIER College has successfully completed one year as an 'Autonomous College'. The time has come for all of us to celebrate the occasion and make efforts to take autonomy to new heights to make it a successful experience for all stakeholders in teacher education.

I would like to appreciate the sincere efforts of students, faculty members and college leadership for stellar achievements so well documented in the College Newsletter 'Prerna'. My blessings and prayers for the success of students and all those connected with the college.

*Dr. Arun K. Gupta*

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Ever since the college started functioning as an autonomous college from last year, hectic activities have been going on all fronts. Various bodies have been constituted to help in the smooth functioning of the college. Separate

examination cell has been created and made functional. The results of all courses have been declared by the cell for the first time which is a great achievement in itself. The results have been sent to the University for preparation of degrees. Convocation is also being planned for the pass out students.

Another big achievement is the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Govt. College of Education, Jammu a heritage institution for promotion of education, training and research activities. A NAAC sponsored seminar was also organized on quality related aspect. Besides, multifaceted activities were carried out by all centres, units and committees of the college and made an impact in the community. The faculty staff and students also contributed to the development of the college by a wide spectrum of events and activities. This news letter happens to be an objective evidence of the same.

*Dr. Renu Gupta*

## PROGRESS SINCE AUTONOMY

MIER College of Education started functioning as a full-fledged Autonomous College from the session 2014-15. With the conferment of 'Autonomous Status', the college setup its Governing Body, the Academic Council, the Board of Studies and the Finance Committee as per the guidelines given by the University Grants Commission (UGC) for ensuring its smooth functioning and to take

important decisions in the matters of academic transaction, admissions and conduct of examination. The college established a separate examination wing which ensured the smooth conduct of examinations for the M.Ed., B.Ed. and B.Ed. Special Education departments and successfully declared the result of the M.Ed. 2014-15 batch. The college admission committee has been able to effectively conduct the

entrance examination for the new two-year course of M.Ed. (2015-17 batch) and also successfully admitted students for the various programmes. The college has been able to provide efficient services to its students and reduced the time taken between conduct of examinations, declarations of results and the start of the new session, which in itself is a great achievement.



## VISIT TO ST. CHRISTOPHER COLLEGE

## APPOINTMENT OF DEAN ACADEMICS



Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman, MIER along with Dr. Renu Gupta, Director MIER visited St. Christopher College of Education - a reputed autonomous college in Chennai. The purpose of the visit was to explore areas of mutual interest and collaboration in the field of teacher education and research.

In order to provide academic leadership in the college of education after getting the autonomous status and introduction of the new curricula for the 2 years B.Ed. and M.Ed. programmes, the management has appointed Prof. N.R Sharma, Former HoD and Dean of Education, University of Jammu and the Central University of Jammu as Dean Academics in the college. Prof. Sharma has over 40 years of experience in the field of Teacher Education, which would be immensely helpful for the college as it progresses on the path of functioning as an autonomous college.

## NAAC SPONSORED SEMINAR

A NAAC sponsored seminar on “Quality Improvement in Teacher Education through ICT” was organized by MIER College of Education (Autonomous) on 15th November, 2014. Prof. Lokesh Verma, Former, Dean and Head Dept. of Education, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest on the Occasion. The seminar was attended by educationists, researcher scholars, faculty and students from more than 30 colleges and 7 Universities of the J&K and neighbouring states. The aim of the seminar was to provide a platform for stakeholders in the field of teacher education to share ideas and deliberate upon the issues related to quality improvement in teacher education through ICT usage.

Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman, MIER in his introductory remarks said that it is imperative for teacher educators to acquire knowledge of modern ICT tools before they can prepare their teacher trainees to meet the demands and challenges of the 21st century. Prof. Verma, gave the presidential remarks whereas the keynote address was presented by Prof. Anita Rastogi, Chairperson, Faculty of Education, Jamia Millia Islamia University New Delhi. Dr. Renu Gupta, Director, MIER dwelt upon the theme of the seminar which comprised eight



sessions divided into plenary sessions and parallel technical sessions.

Professor Amarendra Behera, Head Central Institute of Educational Technology, NCERT, New Delhi; Professor S.C Bhadwal Dept. of Education H.P. University, Shimla; Dr. Amit Kauts, Dean, Faculty of Education, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; Professor Ankur Gupta, CSE Deptt. Model Institute of Engineering & Technology (MIET), Jammu and Prof. A.G. Madosh, Former Head & Dean Deptt. of Education, Kashmir University

presented the keynote addresses whereas Dr. Deepa Sikand, Associate Professor, MGN College, Jalandhar; Prof. Rajiv Rattan, PG Dept. of Education, University of Jammu; Prof. N.R. Sharma, Dean and Incharge, School of Education, Central University, Jammu, Dr. Adit Gupta, Associate Professor and Dr. Mool Raj Sharma, Assistant Professor, MIER College chaired the technical sessions. Each session was followed by discussion in which the delegates participated keenly. The seminar ended with a valedictory session; the chief guest of which was Prof. Mubarak Singh, Dean and Head, Dept. of Education, University of Jammu.

## EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

On 21st October, 2014 Dr. Sushma Sharma, Professor and Former Dean, Faculty of Education, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra delivered an awareness lecture on “Special Education”.

Dr. Sharma deliberated upon the rights of persons with special needs and the importance of educating them in a right way without hurting their self respect. She informed the participants about the policies, programmes and laws related to special education. She said that special education is the need of the hour so that people with special needs can be brought to the main stream. New teaching methods, changing perspectives, and the emphasis on inclusion have changed our thinking and introduced new concepts. Technology has helped millions of students with special needs and



inclusion has become a major focus among policymakers and educators. Dr. Sharma also highlighted the latest terminology used in the field of special education.

## COMPARISON BETWEEN AMERICAN AND INDIAN SCHOOL SYSTEMS



Carrying forward its programme of guest lectures by eminent educationists, MIER College of Education invited a seasoned educationist and scholar, Prof. Gurucharan Singh Bhalla, Professor, Bronx University, New York, USA to deliver a guest lecture on the theme 'Comparison between American and Indian Schools with reference to Training of Teachers' on 4th November, 2014.

Dr. Bhalla interacted with the teacher trainees and acquainted them with the system of school education prevalent in America especially the public

schools which are called Independent schools. He traced the beginning of public schools in India and the present system of public schooling. He elaborated upon the American system of schooling where the Head-Master has complete authority and independence. The institutions are truly independent because they own, govern and finance themselves. He informed that in U.S. each school has a different mission but common goals. Dr. Bhalla highlighted that unlike the government schools in India, the public schools in USA are well maintained and managed. Most schools get a lot of government funds and provide great infrastructure. There are several educational programs organized and funded by various educational boards for the benefit of children. Academic programs for each school are defined by the state board of the respective states. There are several private schools in USA, which offer a similar education like public schools. Private schools require heavy fees from students to meet the huge expenses in running the school, which is similar in India too.

## ROLE OF POLICE IN HUMAN RIGHTS

Shri Sunil Sharma, I.G. Human Rights Commission, Jammu was the guest speaker in an extension lecture organized on 1st April, 2015.

Shri Sunil Sharma, in his address enlightened the gathering about the concept of Human Rights. He emphasized that human rights are inherent, inalienable and universal and it is our duty as well as right to uphold them. He informed the audience about the evolution of human rights both at the national and international level, the fundamental rights, the directive principles and the fundamental duties enshrined in our constitution in the context of Human Rights. He also talked about the women perspective, the crimes against women and suggested how human rights commission could help both in

speeding up the legal process as well as providing justice. Shri Sunil Sharma further exhorted that complaints of human rights violations of different nature and magnitude could be brought before the Human Rights Commission. He emphasized on the mantra that people need to "raise their voice and complain to change the system." Students actively participated by asking questions and interacted with the speaker.

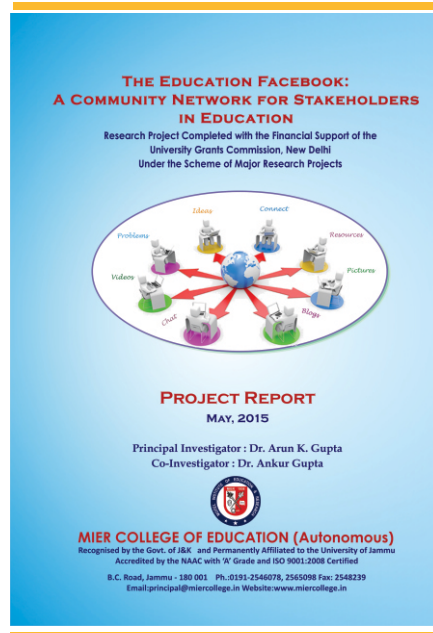


## CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH (CER)

## UGC MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT COMPLETED

A major research project entitled “The Education Facebook: A Community Network for Stakeholders in Education” funded by the UGC was successfully completed by Dr. Arun K Gupta (Principal Investigator) and Dr. Ankur Gupta (Co Investigator) this year. This research study, which happens to be an amalgam of quantitative, qualitative and experimental research methodologies, involved 5100 subjects comprising students and teachers receiving education or imparting education in institutions of higher education in Jammu region.

Overwhelmingly positive responses of the stakeholders indicated that social networking sites can prove to be popular, effective and promising channels for stakeholders not only for exchanging and sharing personal, social and educational information but such sites can also be useful to educate,



transform and align the stakeholders to desirable cultural, moral, social and democratic ideals which could be

important for transformation of our society in the coming years. The obtained results also indicated that both students and teachers receiving education or imparting education in the institutions of higher education were largely satisfied with the infrastructure, curriculum, student support services and teaching learning facilities in the institutions of higher education. However, major problems being faced by both students and the teaching faculty were also identified. Finally, students and teachers favoured the use of social networking and technology rich classrooms to improve the quality of higher education in India. The report of the research study has been accepted by the UGC. External evaluators have termed the research as trend setting and significant. Dr. Mool Raj Sharma and Dr. Nishta Rana rendered valuable assistance to the investigators.

## RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM

The centre organized a research colloquium on the topic “Evaluative Study of Contribution of Village Education Committees in the Development of Primary Education in Haryana” on 10th April, 2015. Dr. S.K. Panda Assistant Professor, PG Department of Education, University of Jammu was the resource person.

Dr. Panda shared his research work and spoke at length about the objectives, sampling, tools and findings of the study. It was a very interesting study which showed how village education committees can contribute to the development of primary education in the state of Haryana. The findings showed that one-third of Village Education Committees (VECs) in the study were not in accordance with the guidelines of Haryana State Government and majority of them did not hold any student enrollment drives or contribute in strengthening different types of programmes like Non-Formal Education, Alternative Schooling or Anganwadies of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) at the village level. The issues and problems highlighted by the teachers and head-teachers were lack of teaching-learning material, shortage of teachers, lack of infrastructure, inadequate awareness, lack of training and funds. The resource person candidly answered the queries both of the students and the staff members.



## CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (CET)

### ACADEMIA ERP INTRODUCED

A new campus management software Academia ERP has been introduced to make administrative tasks and other resource-intensive activities automated. With the introduction of "Academia", all processes, departments and functions such as Programmes and Courses, Admission Management, Academic Registration, Student Information System, Document Management, Time Table Management, Attendance Management, Examination Management, HR Management, Finance And Accounts, Library Management etc. have become automated and streamlined, leading to enhanced transparency, productivity and control. The software would provide an opportunity to stakeholders to stay connected with each other and promotes access and exchange of information on 24x7 basis. It also helps the top management to make effective managerial decisions leading to better management of resources available in the institute.

### WORKSHOP ON SPSS DATA ANALYSIS

The CET organised a four day SPSS Data Analysis workshop for the faculty members and students of the MIER college from 12th to 16th of February, 2015. The aim of the workshop was to enhance the skill of data analysis of the faculty and students which happens to be an essential component of dissertations. All the students of M.Ed. and faculty members of the college took part and successfully completed the workshop.

### COLLEGE WEBSITE

The college website is being upgraded to encompass the changes brought by the introduction of two years courses for M.Ed., B.Ed. and B.Ed. Special Education. However, some new features have been added such as Online system of applications, issuing roll numbers/ admit cards, declaration of results of entrance test and other facilities for the viewers of the website.

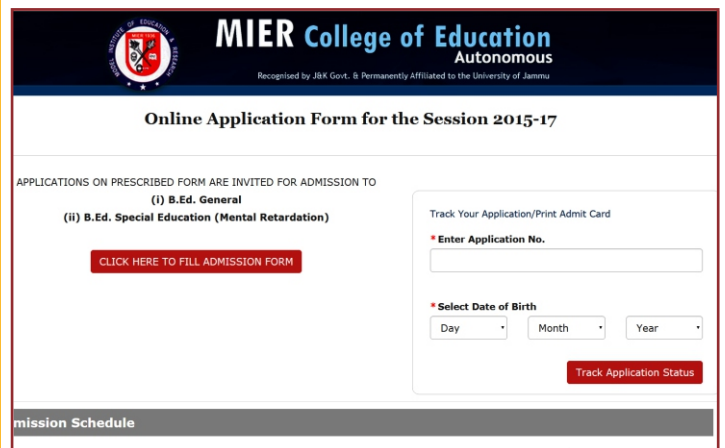
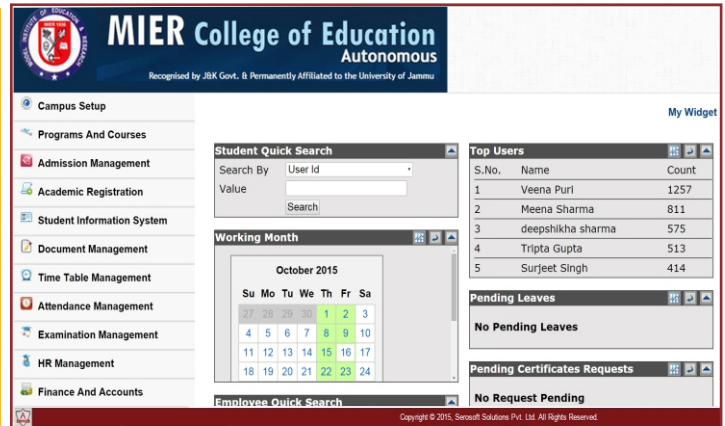
### ADDITION TO TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Following additions were made during the year:

1. One photocopier and a paper shredder was installed in the office of Controller of Examinations.
2. Two Interactive Classrooms having interactive white boards, computers, UPS, extra short throw projectors with teaching content

### TRAINING TO USE TECHNOLOGY ENABLED CLASSROOMS

The B.Ed. and M.Ed. level teacher trainees were given training to use smart class and interactive white boards in delivering technology supported lessons during their teaching practice. More than 50 lessons were delivered.



## CENTRE FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE (CQA)

## EXTENSION LECTURES



A number of extension lectures and value added programmes were organised by the centre to create awareness among students and staff members. Some of the topics covered were Time Management, Life Skills, Effects of Stress on Body, Communication Skills etc.



## ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON PI360



A follow-up programme on Performance Insight 360 (PI360) was organized on 2nd June, 2015. Mr. Pranav Gandotra, HR, Manager, MIER and Mr. Rohit Raina, Manager Software Development Centre, MIET were the resource persons. The aim was to orient the faculty members about the new features added to the software such as generating online profile of the students, adding attendance records, internal assessment marks, students' academic and co-curricular achievements etc. Practical problems and queries were also effectively addressed by the resource persons.

## 360 DEGREE FEEDBACK



The centre introduced for the first time "On Line collection of feedback" from trainees and faculty through Survey Monkey. The trainees gave their feedback regarding curriculum, teachers, facilities and services in the college whereas faculty members gave their feedback about their colleagues under Peer Assessment. The feedback was analysed to arrive at conclusions regarding curriculum, teachers, facilities and services in the college with the purpose of bringing further improvements in the functioning of the college in different areas and aspects.



## SMT. SHANTI GUPTA CENTRE FOR WOMEN STUDIES (CWS)

Glimpses of some of the activities organised by Smt. Shanti Gupta Centre for Women Studies during this year



A lecture was organised on 1st November, 2014 under Smt. Shanti Gupta Memorial series of lectures. Padmashree Prof. Ved Ghai was invited as the first speaker for the prestigious lecture. The topic of the lecture was “Vigyan, Darshan Aur Sanskriti Ke Sambandh”.



“One major tool which can facilitate women's empowerment is education”, said Dr. Deepshikha Kotwal, Former Director, CWS, University of Jammu during an extension lecture. The lecture was organised to generate awareness on the topic “Women and Education” on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.



To Celebrate the Human Rights Day, Smt. Shanti Gupta Centre for Women Studies and Centre for Human Rights organized an impressive programme at the MIER campus on 10th December, 2014. Prof. Desh Bandhu Gupta, Director, College Development Council, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion.



A six day Adolescent Education Programme was launched by the centre for Class VIII students of Model Academy School in two phases from 15th to 21st January, 2015 and then from 9th to 14th February, 2015. A follow up programme was also conducted.



To commemorate International Women's Week, a slogan writing competition was organized on March 6th, 2015 on the topic “Educate the Girl Child.” Ms. Sakina Itoo, Former Minister Social Welfare, J&K who was the guest speaker, shared her life experiences in politics.



A colorful programme was organized on “Mother's Day” on 11th May, 2015 by the centre in collaboration with Model Academy—the prestigious school of MIER in which rich tributes were paid to all mothers.

## ENVIRONMENT UNIT

The college being part of the National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC), 2014-15 launched by the Ministry of Environment and Forests organized several activities highlighting the theme of the year “Combating Desertification Land Degradation and Drought”.



### PAINTING AND POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

A Painting and Poster Making Competition was organized on the theme “Land Degradation and Sustainability” on 30th October, 2014. Ms. Sonia Dewan bagged the first prize; Ms. Deeksha Bakshi was declared second while Ms. Vishali won the third prize. The exhibition was thrown open to the students and the staff of the college.



### AWARENESS RALLY

A rally was organized on 28th November, 2014 with the purpose of spreading awareness regarding conservation of water amongst the general public. More than 100 students of B.Ed. General and B.Ed. (Special) participated in the rally. Students went to different parts of the city viz. K.C. Chowk, Indira Chowk, Jewel Chowk holding banners, placards and posters to sensitize public about the issue.



### TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

50 students along with faculty members of the college participated in the “Tree Plantation Drive” organized on 30th October, 2014. Medicinal plants like Amla, Baheda, Reed, Arjun and Retha were planted.



### ENERGY CONSERVATION DAY

“Energy Conservation Day” was celebrated by organizing an interactive session on 19th December, 2014. About 100 students of Environment Education Unit of MIER College of Education participated in the event.



### INTER-COLLEGE SYMPOSIUM

An inter-college symposium was organized on “Environment Education as an Instrument to Combat Desertification and Promote Sustainable Development” on 27th February, 2015. Prof. Anil K Raina, Head, Dept. of Environment Sciences, Udhampur Campus, University of Jammu, Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

### EARTH DAY

To celebrate “Earth Day” the unit launched an awareness campaign regarding the conservation of natural resources like water, air and soil on 22nd April, 2015. A group of 15 student members went to Model Academy School to create awareness among the students of the school.

## EXTENSION UNIT

The Extension Unit adopted a slum area “West Colony” situated near railway station and carried out many outreach activities during the session.



### ADULT FUNCTIONAL LITERACY

An awareness programme on “Adult Functional Literacy” was held on 27th November, 2014 for slum dwellers of West Colony. The students of the college along with the Unit Incharge, Mrs. Suman Devi, visited the colony with the aim of orientating the slum dwellers with the significance of functional literacy and its uses in their day to day life. During the programme, the slum dwellers were also given orientation regarding important traffic signs and symbols. They were made aware of the traffic lights which had recently been installed in Jammu city.



### CHILD MARRIAGE

17 members along with the Unit Incharge Mrs. Suman Devi visited the slum area on 25th February, 2015 and gave an orientation highlighting the problems of child marriage and appealed to the slum dwellers not to indulge in the practice of early child marriage and help their children, both boys and girls, to grow, receive education and become responsible citizens.

## AWARENESS PROGRAMMES



### GENDER DISCRIMINATION AND LOW-COST NUTRITION

A group of students along with the Unit Incharge visited slum area at West Colony to create awareness on “Gender Discrimination and Low Cost Nutritious Food” on 30th January, 2015. Discrimination at different levels, deliberate killing of newborn female children and the termination of a female foetus through selective abortion were highlighted in the interaction. The unit Incharge also oriented them on “Low Cost Nutritious Food”.



### ALCOHOLISM

A skit on “Alcoholism” was organized by the unit on 30th March, 2015 for the slum dwellers. The skit highlighted the effects of alcohol addiction on families and children. Students displayed charts, slogans and pictures to drive home the fact that heavy drinking has arrested the growth and development of their families. A group counselling session was also held.

## NSS ROUNDUP

The NSS unit of the college organised a number of outreach activities during the year.



### QUIZ COMPETITION ON AIDS AWARENESS

To commemorate the “World AIDS Day” an inter-departmental quiz competition was organized on “AIDS Awareness” on 1st December, 2014. Teacher trainees from B.Ed. General and B.Ed. Special Education participated in the competition. Faculty and students of the college wore pink ribbons and buttons to support the campaign against AIDS on the occasion.

### NATIONAL INTEGRATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

National Integration Week was celebrated by the unit from 19th to 25th November, 2014 . A fund-raising campaign, a rangoli making competition, swachhata abhiyan (cleanliness drive) and on-the-spot poster making competition marked the celebrations. First, second and third prizes in poster making competition were bagged by Ms. Sonia Devi, Ms. Neha Lalotra and Ms. Deeksha Bakshi and Ms. Sapana Kumari.



### NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

To mark the “National Youth Day,” a fund raising event was organized on 12th January, 2015. 100 NSS volunteers participated in the event. A total of Rs.3000/- was collected by distributing tickets to the students and the staff members. The campaign was initiated by National Foundation for Communal Harmony to help the children rendered as destitute and orphan in violence.



### SEVEN DAY NSS CAMP

A seven day annual camp of N.S.S was held at MIER campus on the theme “Swachh Log Swachh Desh” from 24th of February to 2nd March, 2015. Fifty volunteers participated in the camp. Activities conducted during the camp included, a training programme, guest lecture, clean-up campaign within and outside the college campus, environment awareness campaigns etc. Visits were also organized to Old Age Home, Budgal village of Akhnoor and Home for Mentally Retarded Children. The volunteers also participated in various activities like games, yoga, chess, collage making, poster making, painting, slogan writing, poetry recitation, essay writing and quiz competitions on various themes like Health, Hygiene and Environment etc.



## ROUND UP OF ACTIVITIES



### SARDAR PATEL'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the birth anniversary of the first Home Minister of India, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, a rally and an oath taking ceremony was organized on 10th November, 2014. The rally was aimed at spread the message of unity, safety and security among masses. About 40 students of the college took part in the rally and displayed inspirational placards and posters.



### WORLD DIABETES DAY

A poster making and slogan writing competition on the theme 'Precaution, Symptoms, Causes and Cure of Diabetes' was organized on World Diabetes Day on 14th November, 2014. About 200 students participated in the competition and prepared innovative and informative posters and slogans. Ms. Sonia Dewan won the first prize, Ms. Vasudha bagged second prize and Ms. Sanjana Manchanda along with Vaishali Misra were declared third jointly whereas Mr. Mukesh Sharma was given consolation prize.

### NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

An Inter-Section and Inter-Departmental Quiz Competition was organised to celebrate the National Education Day on 11th November, 2014. The theme of the competition was "Education and its Different Aspects". Six teams from B.Ed. (General) and B.Ed. (Special) participated in the competition. The team of B.Ed. (Special) comprising Mr. Rajeev and Ms. Niharika



stood first, the second place was bagged by section A of B.Ed. (General) represented by Ms. Poonam Devi and Mr. Ravi whereas team of section C represented by Ms. Sonia Dewan and Ms. Neha stood third.



### WORLD DISABILITY DAY

An inter-college symposium on the theme "Giving Opportunities to Children with Special Needs in Regular School: Inclusive Education – Need of the Hour" was organized on "World Disability Day" on 12th February 2015. Eight colleges participated in the event. Ms. Pulomi Sharma of MIER College of Education bagged the 2nd prize.



### BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO

To raise awareness in the society about saving and educating the girl child, J&K Indian Red Cross Society in collaboration with National Health Mission, organized Jammu Walkathon on "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" on 21st February, 2015. Nearly, 4000 students from different educational institutions participated in the Walkathon. 22 students from the college participated in the rally and were given a participatory trophy.

## NATURE CAMP

A three days Nature Camp at Dudu, Udhampur was organized from 4th to 7th October, 2014 by WWF- J&K State Office and Centre for Environment Education and Training University of Jammu. The purpose of the camp was to make students aware of the traditional practices in environmental conservation and also to experience

bio-diversity in the region.

24 students of MIER College of Education and Model Academy along with their teachers attended the camp. The camp was organized under the leadership of Dr. C.M. Seth, Chairman, WWF University of Jammu. A lot of fun filled learning activities were organized

for the students like competitions, games, hands-on projects, cultural interactions, personal experiences, etc. For active participation and successfully completing the different tasks in the camp, the students of MIER College of Education and Model Academy School jointly bagged second prize.



MIER College of Education in collaboration with Model Institute of Engineering and Technology (MIET)- a sister concern organized a two days “I-Survive Adventure Camp” on 27th and 28th May, 2015 at Patnitop. The aim of the camp was to take students out of their comfort zones and instill in them new attitude, fresh ideas and motivate them to cultivate essential life skills necessary for succeeding in today's competitive world.

Around 30 students attended the camp. Numerous activities were organized for the students such as rope climbing, passing the Burma bridge, crawling under the net, double rope bridge, fox flying, trekking, etc. During the night, a bonfire coupled with cultural interaction was also organized in the camp. The students actively participated in all activities with great enthusiasm.



## I- SURVIVE CAMP

## MEET THE ALUMNI

A 'Meet the Alumni' session was conducted on 31st January, 2015 with the objective of acquainting the students with the rich heritage of the college. Dr. Bharti Tandon, Assistant Professor, MIER College of Education was invited as an illustrious alumna. Dr. Annie Koul formally welcomed the alumna and highlighted her distinguished achievements in the field of education. She informed the audience that Dr. Bharti Tandon is not only an alumna of MIER College, but has also worked as a faculty before leaving for the USA to pursue her Ph.D. in Special Education. During the doctoral program, she was awarded twice the Chancellor's Award in addition to Education Scholarship. Dr. Koul recollected that Bharti was a dynamic student who keenly participated in different college activities.

Dr. Tandon, while addressing the audience expressed a deep sense of gratitude to the institution and her worthy teachers whom



she remembered with great reverence. Dr. Tandon reiterated that she owes her basic teaching competencies and skills to Dr. Renu Gupta, her mentor and that she has been fortunate to have such great teachers. She nostalgically recollected her days in the institution as a B.Ed student and also shared her experience in US as a student.

This was followed by a lively interactive session with the students in which the students freely interacted.

An Alumni Meet was organized on 17th April, 2015 with the purpose of bringing the alumni on a platform for both exchange of new ideas and professional development in addition to help renew contacts with old friends.

A very warm and affectionate welcome was accorded to all alumni by Dr. Renu Gupta, Director, MIER. She said that alumni are an integral part of the institution and such meets act as a home coming for them when they can reminisce about their days in the college. Dr. Arun Gupta, Chairman,

## ALUMNI MEET

MIER in his presidential address said that the role of alumni has been tremendous in the meteoric rise of the institute. Dr. Gupta blessed the alumni and assured them that the college will always be there to help and encourage them.

A brief journey of the growth of the college was portrayed by Dr. Moolraj Sharma, Head, Centre for Educational Technology. An impressive cultural programme was also presented by the students. Show your talent presented by alumni was highly appreciated. Prizes were also given for the best performances.



## WORKSHOP ON “FACING INTERVIEWS”

With the purpose of equipping teacher trainees for the job world, an orientation programme was organized on 23th March, 2015 on “Facing Interviews”

Mr. Pranav Gandotra, HR Manager, MIER was the resource person. Mr. Gandotra focused on different aspects of facing a job interview such as attitude, interpersonal skills, honesty etc. A presentation was also shown by the resource person. In addition, Mock interview drills were conducted. The resource person also gave tips about how to answer the questions effectively. Mr. Gandotra emphasized on the do's and don'ts of facing an interview.



## PLACEMENT DRIVE



A two day campus placement drive was organized on 29th May, 2015 by the Alumni and Placement Committee. A placement team from the Kalgidhar Trust, Himachal Pradesh, visited the college for recruiting B.Ed., B.Ed. (Special) and M.Ed. students for their schools in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh. Dr. S.S. Advani,

Director, Human Resources Trust, was the resource person. The Kalgidhar Trust has 130 English medium schools in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh in addition to two universities and recruits 500 fresh teachers every year for their schools.

Dr. S.S. Advani briefly oriented the students and faculty members about the

Kalgidhar Trust and its mission and vision followed by a video presentation. Students were enthusiastically involved in the question answer session. After the orientation 28 students were interviewed while 13 students were selected and were given provisional appointment letters.

## ACTIVITIES OF GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING CELL

A number of activities for the students of the college were organized by the Guidance and Counselling Cell during the session. Individual as well as Group counseling sessions were conducted with the students, hostellers and Hindi medium students in order to develop rapport with them and share their experiences and problems. Besides this, special sessions on “Stress and Time Management” were also organized for the students.





## PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- Mrs. Anjela Gadroo presented a paper "Accreditation Awareness and Institutional Ranking under NQR1" in a national conference at Central University Jammu in January, 2015.
- Mrs. Manisha Sharma and Ms. Manvi Gupta presented papers "Improving Teaching Quality in Higher Education" and "Current Issues in Teacher Education" respectively in a national seminar which was organised by the Ranjeet College of Education, on 5th February, 2015.
- A paper entitled "Inclusive Education: Equal Access to Resource through Assistive Technology" was presented by Ms. Rohnika Sharma in a two day national seminar organized by RKMVU, Coimbatore from 6th to 7th February, 2015.
- Ms. Rohnika Sharma presented a paper "Inclusiveness: A Psychological Approach in Teacher Education to Improve Learning of Children with Special Needs" at Ramya Sathianthan College of Education at Tamil Nadu.
- Ms. Rohnika Sharma presented a paper "Review of Right to Education (RTE) Act-2009 Access and Quality" in a two day national seminar which was organised by Buddha College of Education, Karnal from 14th to 15th February, 2015.
- Dr. Bharti Tandon and Mrs. Monika Rathore presented a paper "Socio Economic Perspective on Scheduled Caste Women in India- Issues and Concepts" in a national seminar at Sai Sham College of Education on 21st February, 2015.
- A paper on the topic "ICT as a Contrivance of Assistive Technology for the Education of Children with Special Needs" was presented by Ms. Rohnika Sharma in a two day national symposium on "Interdisciplinary Sciences" at GGM Science College, Jammu from 27th to 28th February, 2015.
- A paper entitled "Teachers Commitment for Quality Assurance in Higher Education" was presented by Mrs. Suman Devi at Sacred Heart College of Education on 28th February, 2015.
- A paper "Re-Engineering Education: Context and Content" was presented by Dr. Bharti Tandon at University of Jammu on 13th March, 2015.
- Dr. Nishta Rana presented a paper in a two day NAAC Sponsored National Seminar on the topic "Quality Concerns in Teacher Education in Jammu and Kashmir" organised by IQAC, Government College of Education, Srinagar from 19th to 20th March, 2015.
- Mrs. Monika Bajaj presented a paper "Web based



Dr. H.R. Shan



Dr. Adit Gupta



Dr. Nishta Rana



Dr. Mool Raj



Ms. Angela Gadroo



Ms. Rohnika Sharma



Ms. Komal Sharma



Ms. Monika Bajaj



Dr. Bharti Tandon



Ms. Monika Rathore



Mr. Rajendra Praveen



Ms. Suman Devi



Ms. Manisha Sharma



Ms. Manvi Gupta



Ms. Arpana Koul



Ms. Chitranjan

Multimedia Supported Classrooms for Enhanced Learning" in a National Conference at New Delhi on 21st March, 2015.

- Ms. Rohnika Sharma contributed a paper "Special Education Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities in State of J&K" in a two day international Conference on "Challenges in Continuous Quality Improvement in Teacher Education" organised by Dhanalaxmi Srinivasan College of Education for Women, Perambalur from 2nd to 3rd April, 2015.
- A paper entitled "Best Practices in Teacher Education" was presented by Mrs. Komal Sharma in a national seminar at Dogra College of Education on 4th April, 2015.
- Mrs. Angela Gadroo presented a paper "Reforming Teacher Education" in a two day national seminar on "Challenges to Teacher Education in the Millennium" at Government College of Education, Jammu from 18th to 19th April, 2015.
- Dr. Nishta Rana presented a paper entitled "Research Culture in Indian Higher Education: Some Issues" in a two day National Seminar organized by Government College of Education, Jammu from 18th to 19th April, 2015.

Papers presented in NAAC sponsored National Seminar on "Quality Improvement in Teacher Education through ICT" organised by MIER College of Education on 15th November, 2014.

- "Practical Applications of Technology for Enhancing Research Output" by Dr. Adit Gupta.
- "Use of ICT for Improving Quality of Teacher Education" by Dr. H.R. Shan.
- "Use of Information and Communication Technology for Improving the Quality of Teaching Practice" by Dr. MoolRaj
- "ICT and the Changing Face of Teacher Education" by Dr. Nishta Rana.
- "ICT for Empowering Teachers" by Mrs. Angela Gadroo.
- "Prospects of ICTS In The Education of Children With Special Needs" by Ms. Rohnika Sharma
- "Special Education, Technology, and Teacher Education" by Mr. Rajendra Praveen.
- "Learning Environments of Technology-Supported Classrooms in Teacher Education Programme" by Ms. Monika Bajaj.
- "Role of Libraries in the Era of Information and Communication Technology" by Ms. Chitranjan Jamwal.
- 360-Degree Performance Appraisal of Teachers Using ICT by Mr. Pranav Gandotra.
- Role of ICT in Teaching and Learning by Ms. Arpana Koul.

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“The Role of Statistics in Education” published in *Research Nebula*, Vol. IV, Issue I, April, 2015. ISSN 2277-8071

**Rajendra Praveen**

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

Mr. Pranav Gandotra, Manager HR Trainings and QA and Ms Angela Gadroo, QAO attended a two day NAAC sponsored National Workshop on “Accreditation Awareness and Institutional Ranking” under National Quality Renaissance Initiative (NQRI) of NAAC at Central University of Jammu, Jammu from 5th to 6th January, 2015.

Mrs.Nisha Verma attended 6 days “Workshop on Usage of Educators Tools for Improvement of Teaching - Learning Experiences” from 6th to 11th April, 2015.

Mrs. Jyoti Sharma attended 7 days training for NSS programme officer from 7th to 13th May, 2015.

Dr. Mool Raj attended a two day National Workshop on E-Content Development and Management at Govt. College for Women Gandhi Nagar, Jammu from 23rd to 24th July, 2015.

Ms. Rohnika Sharma attended two days RCI- North Zone- Course Coordinator Meet organized by NIVH in collaboration with RCI at Dehradun, from 17th to 18th August, 2015.



Dr. Renu Gupta visited Smt. K.C.M Shah B.Ed. College at Panchmahal, Gujarat on 18th-19th May, 2015 as a member of expert committee for NAAC accreditation.

Dr. Adit Gupta visited Arulmigu Kalasalingam, College of Education, Krishnankoil, Madurai, Tamil Nadu on 9th and 10th January 2015 as the Co-ordinator of the NAAC Peer Team.



Dr. H.R. Shan acted as a resource person in the International Conference of the Learning Community on “Trends and Innovative Practices in Education: Future and Implications” at Phagwara, Punjab on 3rd March, 2015. He was also appointed as an External Examiner by Punjab University Chandigarh and Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU) Amritsar to conduct M.Ed. viva-voce.

Mr. Rajendra Praveen participated as a Resource Person in an Orientation Programme “Development of Individualized Education Programme in School Subject Areas”. The programme was organised by NCERT from 3rd to 5th December, 2014.



Mrs.Monika Bajaj qualified (UGC) NET exam in April 2014.

**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

Sports Unit of the college organized Basketball matches in the month of October, 2014. The students from all the wings of the college participated.



## SPORTS ROUND UP

Students also participated in the events organised by the external agencies and brought laurels to the college.



### Annual Athletic Meet 2014-2015

27 students participated in the Annual Athletic Meet organized on 19th and 20th February 2015 by Directorate of Physical Education at the University of Jammu, Jammu. Ms. Sangeeta Roll No.15 of B.Ed Special Education (MR) bagged the 3rd Prize in High Jump.

## PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

A prize distribution ceremony was organized on 15th June, 2015 to recognize the achievements and efforts of the students. The students who had excelled in different activities and sports events during the session were honoured and awarded certificates and medals. Among the awardees were the best all round student, best NSS volunteer, best student in cultural events, most regular student, best maintained classroom of the year, etc. Prizes were given away for other events which were held during the session like essay writing competition, symposium, poetry recitation etc. In all about 150 certificates and medals were awarded to the students.



## STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Winners of Inter-collegiate Symposium, Debate, Painting, Quiz competitions held at different colleges posing for photograph with college authorities.



### B.Ed. Student Secures a Bank Job

Mr. Rohit K. Sharma, a B.Ed. student with visual disability got a job offer as PO in Bank of Baroda at Bangalore. The management and faculty congratulated him for this achievement.



### Dear Alumni

We take this opportunity to invite all our ex-students to join our Alumni Association and share their experiences and motivate others to emulate their path of success. You can also send us details of your current whereabouts, professional status and other achievements at <http://www.miercollege.in/alumni.html>. Follow us on Facebook too at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/MIER-College-of-Education-Autonomous-NAAC-Accredited-ISO-Certified/182265348602041> and keep up to date with the latest at MCE.

