

National Conference on Improving the Quality of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

A two day National Conference on “Improving the Quality of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: Issues, Practices and Assessment” was organized by MIER College of Education in collaboration with National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore from 23rd to 24th October, 2009. Jenab Abdul Gani Mallik, Hon’ble Minister for Higher Education, J&K State was the Chief Guest, while Dr. M.S. Shyamsunder, Deputy Advisor, NAAC Bangalore, and Dr. Rajive Gupta, Director Colleges Development Council, University of Jammu were the Guests of Honour. The conference was attended by over 70 participants from various states of the country.



Welcoming the distinguished guests, Dr. Arun K.Gupta, Chairman, MIER observed that the College is looking forward to greater collaboration between NAAC and other allied agencies for improving the quality of higher education in the region. Introductory remarks to the conference were given by Dr. Renu Gupta, Director MIER, who stressed the need for improving the quality of teaching and learning in higher education.



In his presidential remarks, the Hon’ble Minister for Higher Education, Jenab Abdul Gani Malik appreciated the efforts made by NAAC and MIER to discuss a significant topic related to improving the quality of teaching and learning in higher education. He reiterated the need of collaborative efforts between institutions, teachers, students, regulating and accreditation agencies in improving higher education. Dr. Shyamasunder, in his key note address, deliberated on role of NAAC in improving teaching and learning in higher education and explained in details the criteria employed for assessing and grading of colleges and universities to ensure the requisite standards in teaching and learning.

Eminent resource persons and educationists namely, Prof. S.P. Malhotra, National Fellow NUPA and President



AIAER, Dr. Lokesh Kaul, Prof. Emeritus and Former Dean Faculty of Education, H.P. University, Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Director Distance Education, University of Jammu, Dr. Amit Kauts, Dean Faculty of Education, GNDU, Amritsar, Dr. Sunil Thaman, Registered QMS Lead Auditor RABQSA (USA) graced the occasion. Principals of several colleges of Jammu and neighbouring states of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh also attended the conference.

MIER College Conferred Autonomous Status by the UGC

MIER College of Education has achieved another milestone this year by attaining the prestigious Autonomous Status from the University Grants Commission (UGC). The UGC is responsible for determining and maintaining of standards in institutions of higher education and providing financial assistance for ensuring their growth and development.

The college had applied to the University Grants Commission under the XI Plan Guidelines for grant of Autonomous Status. A high-powered team of experts comprising Ex-Vice Chancellor Prof. H.S. Soch, GNDU and educationists from reputed national institutions visited the college in April 2010. During its two day visit, the committee evaluated the scholastic and non-scholastic processes, research and development, various facilities and infrastructure of the college on stringent quality parameters. The committee also interacted with the faculty, students and administrative staff during the course of their visit.



The UGC, after considering the report submitted by the expert committee conferred the 'Autonomous Status' on the college for a period of five years. With this achievement, the college has become the first college in the State of Jammu & Kashmir to be conferred with this prestigious status.

Chairperson's Message

Educationists today are convinced that efforts for transforming Indian education cannot succeed unless high quality is first assured in the Colleges of Education. The quality of teaching and learning in educational institutions would not change without radically changing our system of teacher education. The steps, taken by the regulatory and quality assuring agencies like the NCTE, UGC and NAAC, are all directed towards bringing this change.



The efforts made by MIER College of Education in the field of quality assurance have won acclaim at the national level and are highly appreciable. The adoption of 360 degree feed back system for quality assurance is a major innovation of the College. The successful starting of Post Graduate (M.Ed) and Ph.D programmes can be described as icings on the cake. The UGC's decision to confer autonomous status to the College making it the first such teacher education institution in northern part of the country is yet another spectacular achievement. The Principal, staff and students of the College deserve kudos for putting in sustained efforts to achieve the above milestones.

I would like to congratulate all stake holders who have contributed to the growth and stature of the College. I am sure the College will continue to march ahead and be a trend setter and role model for other institutions.

Blessings and prayers .

Dr. Arun K. Gupta

From Principal's Desk

Looking back at the year gone by, it is with great sense of satisfaction and achievement that I am sharing with all of you the multifarious activities which took place in the college.



The most significant development however is the autonomous status given to the college by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The management, staff and students deserve accolades for working very hard to achieve this rare feat. However, that should not make us complacent. We have still to go a long way in imbibing the real spirit of autonomy by becoming more responsible, mature and accountable in our functioning and raise the college to highest level of teaching which will make our college shine in the comity of best colleges in the country.

For that to happen we have to constantly maintain the quality of education being imparted and put total quality management systems in place in all aspects of the functioning of the college. I would, through this message, like to evoke the cooperation of all the staff and students for building this college into a world class college with state of art facilities by working with zeal, enthusiasm, dedication and commitment so that we can leave a great legacy for our future generations.

Dr. Renu Gupta

Extension Lecture on Modern Trends in Education

The Post Graduate Department of Education as part of its guest lecture series organized an interactive session on the theme, “Modern Trends in Education”. Renowned educationist and Ex-Vice Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh University, Prof. C.L. Kundu was the distinguished speaker on this occasion. Dr Arun Gupta Chairman, MIER was the Guest of Honour.

Prof. Kundu in his address highlighted the modern trends in education. He focused on the concept of bilateral obligation, a new concept in education that has originated from African countries, where the teacher has to spell out the objectives, motivate the students to learn and finally monitor their progress. The students on their part actively interact with the teacher and show output and the teaching process is restricted to only half of the time and remaining half

time is used for knowledge sharing cum discussion. In this way teaching becomes bilateral obligation on the part of the teacher and the taught. He stressed on the concept of homeostasis where balance between physical and mental makeup should be maintained for harmonious development of personality of the students. While interacting with the students he stressed upon the three aspects of teaching- learning i.e. thesis, anti-thesis and synthesis which will be helpful in developing critical thinking and reasoning in the students. Prof. Kundu also stressed on giving due importance to the usage of ICT in the classrooms.



Extension Lecture on Role of Bio-Technology in Saving Environment

An extension lecture was held on the topic “Role of Biotechnology in Saving Environment” by Environment Unit of the college on 15th January, 2010. Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Director, School of Biotechnology, University of Jammu was the resource person on this occasion. Prof. Dhar delivered an interesting, innovative, meaningful and thought provoking lecture on the topic. Dr. Renu Gupta, Principal, Dr. Adit Gupta Joint Director, Dr Surinder Kaur, Administrator of the college were among the eminent educationists who graced this occasion.

In the welcome address, Dr. Adit Gupta introduced Prof. Manoj Dhar as an eminent scientist and researcher, who has many achievements to his credit and has received many



awards for his ingenuity. Dr. Gupta also expressed his view on the topic and said that the need of the hour is to make judicious use of available resources and environment friendly technology.

Prof. Manoj Dhar in his deliberations observed the importance of the role of biotechnology in controlling environmental pollution, purification of water, treatment of waste particularly the hazardous waste. He further explained that it has done wonders in the field of agriculture by producing bio-pesticides and bio-fertilizers. It is also producing energy sources like bio-fuels which are being used for various purposes. He stressed on the use of these bio-products to minimize environmental degradation to a great extent.

The learned speaker also cleared the doubts of the students and staff in an interactive session.

Workshop on Research Supervisory Skills

A six day workshop on “Supervising Research Dissertations: From Formulation to Completion” was organized from 15th to 20th Feb, 2010 to sharpen the research supervisory skills of faculty members. Dr Lokesh Kaul, Prof. Emeritus and Former Dean Faculty of Education, H.P. University was the Chief Resource Person cum mentor for the workshop. Chairman MIER, Dr Arun Gupta was the Guest of Honour.



During the workshop, Dr Lokesh Kaul threw light on the nature of Educational Research and discussed at length about the concept, process and steps in conducting research. He also explained the difference between various research methodologies and emphasized the need of cooperation, involvement, logistic support, courage and local and specific applicability. The above workshop was second in the series for promotion of research amongst the faculty members of the college with the first being a workshop on “Conducting Action Research”.

Seminar on Developing Leadership Among Women

A seminar on “Developing Leadership among Women: Issues and Strategies” was organised on 11th March, 2010 by the Smt. Shanti Gupta Centre For Women Studies (SSGCWS) to commemorate the International Women’s Day. Madam Usha Vohra, the first lady of the J&K State, was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman MIER, in his welcome address said that the SSGCWS provides a formal platform to study, understand and develop strategies to resolve the pandemic issues concerning women in our society. The Institute holds the distinction of having trained close to 12,000 women key change agents who are now serving the society in various capacities. Moreover, the Institute is an equal – opportunity employer with women comprising 60% of its work force and is headed by a woman Director providing able leadership. He also highlighted the importance of developing strategies to unfold the leadership qualities among women in today’s global perspective.



In her inaugural address, the first lady of the State, Madam Usha Vohra said that there were more than adequate provisions in the constitution of India to ensure access and equality for the women even though many of these provisions were not realized in reality. She was convinced that women required both education and empowerment to realize their potential. She further observed that no obstacle can deter a capable woman to move ahead and assume leadership roles. She, however, felt that seminars and discussions to highlight important issues faced by women are needed in today’s context as many leadership skills are required to be learned.



Several technical sessions related to women issues were held followed by lively interactive sessions. Dr. Poonam Dhawan, Director CWS, University of Jammu deliberated upon the issues which prevent women from emerging as leaders. Dr Renu Gupta, Principal enlightened the audience on “Developing Leadership among Women”. Dr. Hafiza Muzaffer, Secretary State Women Commission highlighted the “Role of Different Agencies in promoting Leadership among Women”. Besides, Prof. Rita Jatinder, Dr. Sunita Zalpuri and Dr. Garima Gupta presented their views before the audience in the valedictory session. A cultural item was also presented by the B.Ed. students befitting the occasion which was highly appreciated by the august gathering.

Seminars / Workshops / Extension Lectures

Seminar on Global Warming and Climate Change

A seminar on the theme “Global Warming and Climate Change” was organized by Department of Environment and Remote Sensing, J&K Govt. in collaboration with Environment Unit of the college on 5th March, 2010. Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman, MIER was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Deputy Conservator of Forest, Department of Environment & Remote Sensing was the Guest of Honour. Mr. Ramesh Sharma in his address dwelt at length on different causes and effects of Global Warming on Climate.



12 students participated and presented their papers on the theme in the seminar and also suggested different ways and means for controlling global warming like car pooling, in time servicing of the vehicle, recycling of waste, stopping subsidy on the harmful pesticides, planting more trees, ban on polythene bags, use of renewable energy, etc. An open house session was held for the participants wherein Mr. Sharma cleared their queries regarding global warming. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the seminar. The Directorate of Environment Ecology and Remote Sensing distributed badges and notebooks to all the students. They also provided a set of pictures, pamphlets, quotation boards, etc. related to the theme of Global Warming and Climate Change to the college.

Workshop on Developing Creative Lesson Plans for Advanced Learners

A five day workshop on “Developing Creative Lesson Plans for Advanced Learners” for teacher educators was held from 26th July to 31st July, 2010. The objective of the workshop was to initiate creative teaching by making the teacher educators aware about the creative models of teaching.

Dr. Renu Gupta, Director MIER gave a brief introduction to the workshop and highlighted its objectives in the inaugural session. During the workshop, various creative models of teaching like the Concept Attainment Model, Inquiry Training Model, Role Playing Model and Concept of Creative Story Development were lucidly explained by the resource persons through presentations.



Dr. Arun Gupta, Chairperson MIER appreciated the efforts of the staff to introduce this innovative practice in the teaching component. He urged the teacher educators to plan a workshop on similar lines for the teacher trainees in the new academic session. The chief resource person for the workshop was Mrs Annie Kaul, Sr. Lecturer MIER College of Education. She explained the theoretical concept of the models and then gave model presentations of the lessons. This was followed by formulation of lessons and the presentations by the participants in their respective teaching subjects. All the staff members actively participated in the workshop.

Workshops on Communication and Personality Development

Workshops were organised on “Improving Communication Skills” and “Personality Development” for the students of the college. The aim of these workshops was to orient trainees to unleash their hidden potential, overcoming the past conditioning and limiting beliefs, enhancing confidence, enthusiasm and human relationships.

During these workshops, students participated in interactive sessions, group discussions, games and stimulations, story telling and concept building, paper-pencil exercises, sharing and experimental learning and questionnaire round respectively.

Mr. Pankaj Sharma was the resource person for the Personality Development Workshop whereas Ms. Monica Marwaha and Ms. Priyanka Gupta conducted the workshop on Improving Communication Skills.



Roundup of Centres

Centre for Educational Research

Research Awards



The second edition of 'Annual Research Awards' was organised on 20th February, 2010. Dr Lokesh Kaul, Prof. Emeritus and Former Dean Faculty of Education, H.P. University was the Chief Guest on this occasion. While Dr Arun Gupta, Chairman MIER, was the Guest of Honour. Dr Renu Gupta, Director MIER presided over the function which was attended by all the faculty members of the college. This year 11 faculty members were felicitated with the "Build for the Future Awards" under the 'Research Promotion Scheme' (RPS) of the institute which serves to recognize and reward outstanding contribution of faculty members in achieving the research related objectives of the institute.

The award winning faculty members were Dr D.R. Kapoor, Dr Adit Gupta, Dr Ira Bhan, Dr Jasmeet Kaur, Mrs Annie Kaul, Mr Moolraj Sharma, Mrs Shashi Kaul, Mrs Angela Gadroo, Mrs Poonam Soni, Mr Rajendra Praveen, Ms Rohinika Sharma and Mr Suneel Bhat respectively. Research awards were given for the work done in areas like ICT for Quality Enhancement in Teacher Education, Learning Environments, Enhancing Quality of Action Research, Pre-school Education, Special Education, Role of Libraries in Educational Research, Innovations in Instruction and Design, etc.



How to Write a Scholarly Paper?

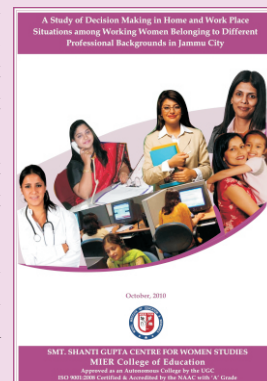
In order to improve the research productivity index of the college, a workshop was organised on "How to Write a Scholarly Paper for a Journal". Dr. Adit Gupta, Associate Professor, MIER College was the resource person. Firstly, the faculty members were briefed about the benefits of publishing in journals and the considerations that need to be kept in mind before writing a paper. He then elucidated the criteria for selecting the right journal, the manner in which the context of the article needs to be organised and how coherent and succinctly the article needs to be written. During the workshop, a number of examples of well-written and published articles were shown to the participants to give them an idea as to what is expected of them. Dr. Gupta also emphasised that the researcher should be clear about the purpose and should focus on the presentation of facts in an easily comprehensible manner. Another important aspect of paper writing i.e. art of writing references in accordance with the 5th APA guidelines was also explained to the faculty. Lastly, the resource person counselled the participant on how to tackle rejection.



Smt. Shanti Gupta Centre for Women Studies

Research Study

A research project on "Decision Making Among Working Women" was undertaken to study the decision making in home and workplace situations amongst working women belonging to different professional backgrounds in Jammu City and the problems faced by them during decision making both at home and at workplace. The sample of the study consisted of 300 working women belonging to five different professional backgrounds, namely, academics, administration, banking, medical and the self employed. The results indicated that the working women of Jammu City enjoy a good amount of decision making at home as well as at workplace. However, decision making is comparatively higher at home than at workplace. The results also yielded information about the factors which are perceived as barriers in the process of decision making by the working women and give insight into the differences in their decision making depending upon their professional backgrounds. The results of the present study provided valuable information on the patterns of decision making of working women about which no empirical evidence was available in Jammu region. Several recommendations were suggested to help the working women to improve their decision making.



Roundup of Centres

The SSGCWS organised various activities during the year such as seminars, workshops, gender sensitization programmes, awareness camps, counselling sessions etc. Pictorial representation of some of the events are depicted below:



Mrs. Usha Bohra, the first lady of the State releasing Book on "Women Achievers of J&K" on International Women's Day.



Extension Lecture by Mrs. Hafiza Muzaffar, Secretary, State Women Commission on the topic "Schemes of J&K State Women Commission for the Empowerment of Women"



A Group Counselling session in progress

Internal Quality Assurance Cell

Quality Assurance Initiatives

Some of the initiatives taken by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell during the year were as follows:

* In order to orient the faculty towards the achievement of quality objectives, the IQAC organised workshops and action research sessions in which senior faculty members took the lead in ensuring the orientation of the other faculty members towards the attainment of knowledge and skills for the accomplishment of quality objectives. In this way, the college formed a consultancy group for in-house training. Different areas were identified such as Standardization of Teaching, Strategies and Evaluation tools for Content Transaction and Creative Lessons for Advanced Learners etc.

* The college also introduced an innovative and multi-pronged appraisal system known as 360 degree for assessing the quality of different components of its functioning. This enables the institution to receive feedback from the students, teachers, parents and management, who happen to be the main stakeholders in the educational services provided by the college.

ISO 9001:2008 Internal Auditor Course



A two day 'ISO 9001:2008 Internal Auditors Course' was organized on 20th - 21st October 2009 by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

Dr. Sunil Thaman - an acclaimed lead auditor from M/s Q.S Trainings Chandigarh conducted the entire programme. Four members of the staff attended the course and also cleared the examination for being certified as an internal auditor.

Parent - Teacher Meet

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college organized Parent - Teacher Meet on 2nd March 2010. The main aim of this programme was to provide a platform to the parents for exchanging and sharing their views regarding the better functioning of the college.

Speaking on the importance of the meet, Dr. Renu Gupta observed that Parent-Teacher meeting should be used as an occasion to make a lasting bond with the parents and for getting their co-operation in realizing a shared goal of providing quality education and improving teaching-learning process in the college. Dr. Adit Gupta highlighted educational avenues available at the college and also placement opportunities offered by the college. Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman, in his presidential address highlighted the achievements of the college and deliberated on the need of communication with the parents on regular basis for

ensuring academic success of their wards and for the overall development of the college. This was followed by the interaction session with parents in which they shared their valuable experiences and ideas and also gave their suggestions. They thanked the college management for providing the right infrastructure and environment which helped in the growth of their wards. Vote of thanks was presented by the Coordinator IQAC, Mrs. Annie Kaul.



Centre for Educational Technology

A number of workshops were organised during the year for improving the skills of teachers and teachers trainees in the use of ICT in teaching-learning process. This helped them to gain exposure in latest technologies used in this field.

One classroom was upgraded with the interactive digital board to make the learning environment more effective and interesting.

The college procured LCD projectors for the use of faculty. Further, three laptops were also procured for the use of faculty members in the staff room.

A five day workshop was organised to train B.Ed. and M.Ed. trainees in the use of ICT in classroom situations.



Alumni Meet

An Alumni Meet was organised by the college on 27th Feb, 2010. The meet was attended by more than 100 alumni of the college. The objective of this meet was to bring the alumni on a platform for exchange of new ideas for professional development and to rekindle ties with old friends.

Dr. Renu Gupta, Principal MIER College, in her welcome address observed that it was a wonderful occasion to meet and share experiences with the alumni. She desired that such meets should be organized on regular basis to foster the bond between college and the alumni. She also recalled her days as an alumna of the first batch of this college and how different the teacher education scenario was then as compared to now.



While addressing the alumni, Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman, MIER thanked the alumni for their contribution and said that the role of the alumni has been tremendous as the college has been able to reach greater heights on the basis of valuable experiences and feedback received over the years. He was sure that alumni meets will generate useful ideas for strengthening college – alumni relations. On this occasion, Dr. Gupta also released the Directory of Alumni. A small presentation portraying the growth of the Institute was presented by Dr. Adit Gupta.

Alumni spoke with great fondness about their stay in the college and how it positively influenced their personality and helped them in becoming effective teachers. Vote of thanks was presented by Mrs. Angela Gadroo, Convener, Alumni Cell.



Activities of Environment Unit



✿ To create awareness among the staff and students about the conservation of environment and preservation of wildlife, World Conservation Day was celebrated on 3rd Dec, 2009. While addressing the students, Dr. Renu Gupta, Principal stressed upon the need of conserving the nature including plants and animals which is vital for the existence of human life. Dr. Adit Gupta, Vice Principal also urged the students to actively participate in preserving forests, fisheries and the diversity of living species to save these from extinction. Students also visited the Wildlife Sanctuary at Ramnagar (Manda).

✿ A tree plantation drive was organised on 20th March, 2010 to celebrate the World Forest Day. Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Deputy Conservator of Forest, Department of Environment & Remote Sensing provided 150 saplings for the plantation drive and exhorted the members of Eco-Club to organise more such programmes. The saplings of Bottle Brush, China Rose, Rat ki Rani, Ticoma, Gandela and some medicinal plants like Jamun and Amla were planted in the campus. Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman, MIER and Dr. Renu Gupta, Director MIER accompanied by the staff and the students also participated in this activity.



✿ World Water Day was celebrated in the college on 22nd March, 2010 by organizing a rally from college premises to Jewel Chowk and then back to college. The rally was sponsored by the college in collaboration with the Dainik Jagran Group. Mr Kavinder Gupta, Mayor of Jammu City was the Chief Guest on the occasion who flagged off the rally. The students distributed pamphlets among the public to create awareness about the need of clean and safe drinking water. The rally was very successful as the students spread the message among the community with great sense of responsibility.

Extension Activities



40 students of the college visited Rajiv Nagar slum area and staged a play for creating awareness regarding adult education on 20th January, 2010.



A Painting competition on the theme of communal harmony was organized on 27th February, 2010 at S.O.S Home, Channi Rama Prizes were distributed among the participants.



A Health check-up was organised at Rajiv Nagar slum area by the extension unit on 18th March, 2010. Awareness regarding 'First Aid Measures' was also given to the residents of the basti.

A Visit to the Old Age Home was organised on the eve of World Laughter Day on 4th May, 2010. Students presented a humorous programme as per the theme of the day i.e. 'Improving the Quality of life through Laughter Therapy'.



An awareness campaign on Swine Flu was carried out in the month of May. Students of the college enthusiastically participated in this campaign and distributed pamphlets in different parts of Jammu city.

Faculty News

✳ Ms. Rohinika Sharma attended an orientation programme for Coordinators of B.Ed Special Education at IGNOU, New Delhi from 24th to 25th Aug, 2009.

✳ A one day national seminar on 'Psychological Perspectives of Stress Among Students' was attended by Ms. Rohnika Sharma at Mehar Chand College of Education Bhanopli, Ropar, Punjab on 7th Nov, 2009.

✳ Mr. Sunil K. Bhat attended a one day awareness programme on "SOUL2.0 Installation and Operation" at Govt College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu in collaboration with INFLIBNET centre on 23rd Nov, 2009.

✳ Ms. Baldeep Kaur participated in a two day workshop on "Heritage and Science" at Centre for Students in Museology and Shiekh Noor-Ud-Din Noorani Museum of Heritage, University of Jammu from 23rd to 24th Nov, 2009.

✳ A one day awareness programme on AIDS was attended by Ms Komal Sharma which was organised by J&K State AIDS Prevention and Control Society in collaboration with Govt Women College Gandhi Nagar Jammu on 1st Dec, 2009.

✳ Ms. Monika Bajaj attended one day workshop on 'Earth Quake Risk Reduction in Educational Institutions' at United National Development Programme (UNDP) and Disaster Management Centre, University of Jammu on 22nd Dec, 2009.

✳ Ms. Rohinika Sharma attended a one day National Seminar on 'Challenges and Integration of Teacher Education Programme' at Army Institute of Higher Education Pathankot on 22nd Jan, 2010.

✳ Dr Ira Bhan was a resource person in a seminar on 'Socio-Economic Profile of Kashmiri Pandit Women Since Exodus'. It was organized by Centre of Women's Studies, University of Jammu in collaboration with Vishwa Bharati College of Education, Jammu on 22nd Jan, 2010.

✳ Dr. Surinder Kaur and Dr. D.R.Kapoor presented a paper on 'Challenges to Teacher Education in Present Scenario' in a one day national seminar at Govt College of Education Jammu on 23rd Jan, 2010.

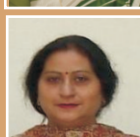
✳ ICSSR sponsored one day seminar on 'Women Natural Resource Management and their Livelihood' was attended by Ms. Saba Anjum and Ms. Anu Sharma at MIER College of Education on 13th Feb, 2010.

✳ Ms. Monika Bajaj attended a three day-5th JK Science Congress on 'Science for Society' at University of Jammu in collaboration with J&K State Council for Science and Technology and Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt of India from 8th to 10th Feb, 2010.

✳ Ms. Poonam Soni and Ms. Nisha Verma attended a one day workshop on 'Violence towards Women with Special Reference to Domestic Violence' at Dogra Law College, Jammu sponsored by Centre for Women Studies, University of Jammu on 20th Feb, 2010.

✳ Ms. Annie Kaul and Mr Pankaj Sharma jointly presented a paper titled '360 degree Feedback Appraisal' at MIER College of Education' at a two day NAAC Sponsored Programme on the theme of 'Quality Enhancement in Teacher Education through Innovative Practices' on 7th and 8th May, 2010 at Sai Shyam College of Education, Jammu.

✳ Mr Suneel K Bhat presented a paper on 'Library Services and their Effective Use' at a two day NAAC Sponsored Programme on the theme of 'Quality Enhancement in Teacher Education through Innovative Practices' from 7th to 8th May, 2010 at Sai Shyam College of Education.



✳ Ms. Poonam Soni attended a three day national level sensitization programme on 'Prevention of Child Marriages in India' at NIPCCD, New Delhi from 10th Aug. to 12th Aug, 2009.

✳ Ms Priyanka Gupta attended a five day 'Sensitization Programme for the Functionaries of Voluntary Organizations and Govt. Officials on Women's Empowerment' at NIPCCD, New Delhi from 24th to 28th Aug, 2009.

✳ Ms Shashi Kaul attended a three day National Seminar on 'Prevention of Female Foeticide and Infanticide' at NIPCCD New Delhi from 4th to 6th Nov, 2009.

✳ Dr. Jasmeet Kaur attended a 'Sensitization Programme on Women Empowerment' at NIPCCD New Delhi from 16th to 20th Nov, 2009.

✳ Ms. Anu Sharma attended a two day workshop on 'Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005' at NIPCCD New Delhi from 2nd to 3rd Feb, 2010.

✳ Ms. Baldeep Kaur attended a three day Sensitization Programme on Women Empowerment at NIPCCD New Delhi from 8th to 11th Feb, 2010.



At the NAAC sponsored National Conference on "Improving the Quality of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: Issues, Practices and Assessment" at MIER College of Education, Jammu on 23rd Oct, 2009:

✳ Dr Jasmeet Kaur presented a paper on "Various Strategies for Improving the Quality of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education".

✳ Ms Poonam Soni presented a paper on "Attainment of Quality in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education".

✳ Ms Shashi Koul presented a paper on "Learner Centered Approach for Improving the Quality of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education".

✳ Ms Angela Gadroo presented a paper on "Best Practices for Improving the Quality of Teaching and Learning".

✳ Dr Adit Gupta and Mr Mool Raj Sharma jointly presented a paper on "Enhancing the Quality of Higher Education through Information and Communication Technology".

✳ Dr Ira Bhan presented a paper on "Improving the Quality of Teaching and Learning in Distance Education".

✳ Mr Rajendra K. Praveen presented a paper on "Improving the Quality of Teachers in Special Education".

✳ Ms. Komal Sharma attended a UGC sponsored five day SAM workshop on "Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education" at G.G.M Science College Jammu from 15th to 19th Dec, 2009.

✳ Ms. Rohinika Sharma attended a UGC sponsored five day SAM workshop on "Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education" at M.A.M College Jammu from 17th to 21st Dec, 2009

NSS Roundup

The NSS unit of the college organised the following activities:

'NSS Day' was celebrated on 24th September, 2009 with great fervour by organizing a visit to the old age home. NSS volunteers presented a colourful programme for the elderly people. A mime was performed by one of the teacher educators. This was followed by other cultural items to entertain the audience. Gifts were distributed among the inhabitants. Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman lauded the role of N.S.S. volunteers in participating and offering their valuable services to society. He also guided the volunteers to perform their social responsibilities in a befitting manner.

To pay homage to Swami Vivekananda, 'National Youth Day' was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 12th January, 2010. Dr. Renu Gupta, Principal praised the efforts of N.S.S. unit and participants. She said that Vivekananda's works are the basis of stimulation and have motivated several youth to become a part of national mainstream. A symposium on the topic 'Youth and Employment' was held. In this competition, Minakshi Bhau won First Prize, while Namrata Pathak won the second prize. Mr Wasil got the third prize.

The ten days annual N.S.S. camp was held on the theme "Hygiene and Environment" from 11th to 20th March, 2010. During the camp, different kinds of activities were conducted like athletics, sports, games, yoga and meditation, etc. NSS volunteers also visited Kabir Basti, Old Age Home, S.O.S. Home and Mother Teresa Home to educate the dwellers of these places about cleanliness and personal hygiene through street plays and recreational programmes. Various interactive sessions on Education System, Qualities of an Effective Teacher, Importance of N.S.S, HIV AIDS, etc. were also conducted. Dr. Kumkum Sharma from Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences provided valuable information on 'Blood Donation'. The valedictory function was chaired by Dr. Jasbir Singh, N.S.S. Programme Co-ordinator, Jammu University. The function concluded with a colourful cultural programme presented by the volunteers.

'Red Cross Day' was celebrated on 8th May, 2010 with great spirit and enthusiasm. An extension lecture on "Blood Donation: Some Myths" was organised. Dr. T.R. Raina, Professor and Head Transfusion Medicine and Immunohaematology, Govt. Medical College/SMGS Hospital, Jammu was the resource person. Dr. Raina during his lecture cleared all the myths and misconceptions regarding blood donation. This was followed by a blood donation camp at G.M.C, Bakshi Nagar which was inaugurated by Dr. Raina. A group of 55 N.S.S volunteers and faculty members donated blood in the camp. This noble gesture of students and staff was highly appreciated by the public.

'Sadbhavana Divas' was celebrated on 20th August, 2010. A lecture was organized on the topic "Achievements of Late Prime Minister Sh. Rajiv Gandhi" which was delivered by Dr. Ira Bhan, Senior Lecturer, M.Ed. Deptt. A pledge to remain united was taken by all the faculty members and the NSS volunteers on the occasion. A patriotic group song was also sung by the NSS volunteers. Dr. Renu Gupta appealed to the youth to come forward and spread the message of goodwill, co-operation and harmony.

NSS Unit of the college participated in countrywide 'Tree Plantation Drive' organized by the NSS Scheme in collaboration with Zee News on 25th August, 2010. 100 saplings were procured from Social Forestry Department and were planted in the college campus. 25 NSS Volunteers participated in the plantation drive.



Students' Corner

The students of the college participated in various co-curricular activities organised by the University of Jammu under "Display Your Talent" contest and brought laurels to the college by winning many prizes and awards.

Winners of Display Your Talent Competition



Ripu Bali won 1st prize in Short Story Writing (Hindi) and 2nd prize in Essay Writing Competition while Jyoti Sharma and Sushma Dogra won merit prizes in Collage Making and Cartooning respectively.

Pooja Sharma won second prize in Instrumental Music Competition, Paramjyoti won Merit certificate in Light Vocal Competition. Stanzin Duktak and Shalini won merit certificates in Photography.

Pooja Gupta won the first prize and Shubra Shukla along with Choudhary Reena were adjudged third in "Vijay Hi Vijay" Youth Competition organized by Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari branch, Jammu.



Group of students who participated in Gidda Competition organised by the Dept. of Youth Services & Sports, J&K on the eve of Republic Day with their prizes.



Students enjoying themselves at the college picnic



Winners of Debate Competition on the topic "Save Fuel Yanni Save Money" organized by R.M.College of Education.



Winners of Singing Competition posing for picture with their trophies.

Sports Meet



A three day Sports Meet was held in the college in which various events like Volleyball, Kho-Kho, Badminton, Tug of War, Shotput, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw and different types of races were organised. Medals were given to the winners of different events.

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