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The Newsletter of MIER College of Education

College Re-accredited with 'A' Grade by the NAAC



Dr. Renu Gupta, Principal, MIER College of Education receiving certificate of re-accreditation from Dr. Ranganathan, Director, NAAC and Dr. Ved Prakash, Chairman, UGC at Bengaluru.



Members of NAAC Peer Team visiting the college



MIER College of Education, Jammu has added another feather in its cap by being re-accredited with "A" Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The college obtained a CGPA of 3.54 making it the highest ranking institution in the J&K State on the basis of assessment of the college on quality parameters. As a prerequisite for the re-accreditation process the Self Study Report (SSR) of the college was submitted to the NAAC and fulfilment of

all recommendations made by the previous NAAC team were reported. A peer team comprising Prof. Rameshchandra G. Kothari (Chairperson), Prof. Smriti Swarup (Member Co-ordinator) and Prof. D. P. Asija (Member) had visited the Institution on 28th and 29th May, 2012 to validate the Self Study Report (SSR). Addressing the students and the staff of the institution on the occasion, Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman MIER Group of Institutions expressed elation and

congratulated the Principal, Dr. Renu Gupta; Joint Director, Dr. Adit Gupta; HoD, M.Ed., Dr. B.L. Raina; HoD, B.Ed., Dr. Annie Kaul; HoD, B.Ed. Special Education, Mr. Rajendra Praveen; staff members and students for their immense efforts and dedication to take the college to greater heights. Dr. Renu Gupta reiterated that the journey to excellence will continue and that the college IQAC and other senior members would contribute towards maintenance of the high standards.

Dr. Annie Kaul attends International Conference in Taiwan

Dr. Annie Kaul, Head of the B.Ed. Dept., MIER College attended a 3 day International Conference on "Imagination and Creativity" organised by the World Education Research Association (WERA) from 15th to 18th December, 2011 at National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. The conference was attended by delegates from more than hundred countries of the world. Dr. Annie Kaul presented a research paper in the conference on "Standardization of a Battery of Performance, Tests of Creativity for Indian Secondary Schools". The paper was jointly authored by Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman, MIER and Dr. Annie Kaul. The session was chaired by Ms. Veronica Vilaran from the Ministry of Education, Peru. The paper won appreciation from the delegates. Dr. Annie Kaul's trip to WERA Conference was financially supported by a grant by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi.



Dr. Annie presenting her paper and along with other participants



Messages

From the Chairman

The re-accreditation of the MIER College of Education by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with high 'A' grade is a matter of immense pride and satisfaction for all of us. The college has not only successfully defended 'A' grade which it had earlier earned in 2006 but has improved its standing on the quality continuum obtaining a CGPA 3.54 which happens to be the highest ranking earned by any college in the state of J&K. I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations and gratitude to all students, members of faculty and college leadership for showcasing the college in an outstanding manner which enhanced the prestige of the college as a high ranking quality institution for teachers.

I have not the slightest doubt that our college will continue its onward march to attain even higher quality benchmarking in the times to come. Of course, it will require a lot of planning, dedication, hard work, innovation and vigorous follow up. I will exhort everyone to keep our lofty quality objectives in mind and get on with the job.

Let us all remember that defending and maintaining a high standard over time is more difficult than attaining it.

God Luck and God Bless

Dr. Arun K. Gupta



From the Principal

My heartiest congratulations to one and all for re-accreditation of the college by the NAAC with 'A' grade. It is indeed a proud moment for the management, faculty, staff, students and parents. The college has acquired the highest grade in the state of J&K among all colleges. It is really creditable. Infact, I would like to thank all the stakeholders for their constant hard work, dedication, commitment and competence in bringing glory to the institution. We are indeed very lucky to have such an excellent faculty who have risen to the occasion and have rededicated themselves to the cause of quality education.

Now the real challenge before us will be to maintain our position in the community of colleges. For that we need to constantly strive hard to achieve our future goals with single mindedness, zeal and enthusiasm, then and then alone can we reach next level of success.

I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavours and pray to God that you all come out in flying colours and achieve greater heights in attaining educational excellence.

Dr. Renu Gupta



UGC Sponsored National Conference on “Transforming Teacher Education: Issues, Practices and Future Strategies”



Prof. R.G. Kothari, Dean, Faculty of Education & Psychology, MS University, Baroda delivering the inaugural keynote address.

Jenab Abdul Gani Malik, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Labour and Employment, J&K State inaugurated a two day UGC sponsored National Conference on "Transforming Teacher Education: Issues, Practices and Assessment". Prof. Mohan Paul Singh Ishar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of University of Jammu was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. The aim of the conference was to provide a forum for interchange of knowledge, experience, concerns and innovations which are necessary to transform teacher education in India in the 21st century. More than 100 delegates from the prestigious institutions of J&K, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh,

Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and other states of India attended the conference. While welcoming the

Education, H.P. University: Prof. M.L. Kaul, Former Director, School of Education, IGNOU; presented keynote addresses while Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Director Distance Education, University of Jammu; Dr. Amit Kauts, Principal, MGN College of Education, Jalandhar, Dr. Saifullah Khan, Chairman, IMMCT, Muzaffarpur; Prof. Subhash Gakhar, Former Head and Dean Dept. of Education, Panjab University, Chandigarh; Prof. B.L. Raina, HOD P.G. Dept., MIER College of Education and Prof. H.R. Shan, MIER College of Education chaired the different sessions as per the themes. About 60 papers were presented during various sessions.



A memento being presented to Dr. Amit Kauts, Principal, MGN College of Education, Jalandhar.

distinguished guests, Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman, MIER hoped that the deliberations will be fruitful and provide a unique platform for academicians, researchers, policy makers and professionals to discuss the vital issues related to teacher education. Prof. R. G. Kothari, Former Vice Chancellor, Vir Narmada South Gujarat University, Surat and presently Dean, Faculty of Education & Psychology, M. S. University of Baroda, delivered the inaugural key note address. Dr. Lokesh Kaul, Prof. Emeritus and former Dean Faculty of



“My Experiences as a Teacher”



Eminent educationist Prof. H.S. Soch, Former Vice-Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar delivered an extension lecture on the topic “My Experiences as a Teacher” on 28th November, 2011. Dr. Annie Kaul, HoD, B.Ed. introduced Dr. Soch as a dynamic leader and a teacher par excellence. She highlighted his achievements in promoting the cause of quality

education. In his presidential address, Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman, MIER said that Dr. Soch embodies the role of a mentor in the education circles and urged future teachers to learn from the experiences of celebrated teachers and try to imbibe the attributes of these role models. Sharing his experiences, Dr. Soch said that he has been able to rise from a school teacher to the exalted

position of the Vice Chancellor of a University only because of his love for students who had always inspired him. He said other factors that contributed to his development were his ability to learn both from the students as well as his role models, hard work and basic love for teaching. The session ended with a lively interaction with the staff and the students.

“Tax System and Investment”



Two awareness programmes were conducted in collaboration with the Income Tax Department and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) along with National Institute of Securities Management (NISM) in the month of March, 2012. The programmes were part of the awareness campaign launched country wide to make the

youth aware of the tax structure and the various types of investments. The resource persons were Mr. Rakesh Gandral, Deputy Commissioner Income Tax and Mr. Ved Bhushan Gupta, Income Tax officer. They informed the audience about the tax system prevalent in our country and its importance. They also educated the

students about the concept of e-filing of the IT returns and the importance of PAN Card etc. Mr. Sarvadaman Khajuria from SEBI India acquainted the students about financial planning and informed about various schemes for investing money for fulfilling their short, medium and long term goals.

“Importance of Psychological Testing”



Dr Mahesh Bhargava, Founder Director, National Psychological Corporation, Agra delivered a lecture on “Importance of Psychological Testing ” on 5th May,2012 . Dr. Adit Gupta welcomed the esteemed guest and introduced him as a highly acclaimed author having written and edited more than 70 books on Psychology. He has the distinction of developing and

publishing more than 25 Psychological Tests. While addressing the gathering Dr. Bhargava briefed the audience about the role and importance of psychology in life. He informed that in western countries every individual has a profile which includes his physical as well as psychological data. He further stressed upon the need of psychological assessment of each individual

especially the students in India. He stressed that it is vital for a teacher to know the psychology of his students in order to enhance their positive aspects, provide guidance and solve their educational problems. The queries of the participants were answered by the resource person during an interactive session after the lecture.

“Types of Disabilities”



A lecture was organised by the department of B.Ed. Special Education to mark World Disability Day on 3rd December, 2011. The objective of the programme was to create awareness about various types of disabilities, their identification and managing the same in inclusive school set up. The resource persons were the lecturers of Special Education Deptt. Mr. Rajendra Kumar Praveen, HOD, B.Ed Special Education

acquainted the participants about the concept of Resource Room Teaching and Dyslexia. He elaborated upon the teaching strategies for reducing the problems in writing. Ms. Rohinka Sharma dwelt on Intellectual Disability. She explained about the ways to identify an intellectually impaired child, the various types of impairments, their causes and management programmes. Mr. Vinod Kalra discussed Inclusive Education, its

concept, benefits and problems faced in inclusive setup. He also discussed about the Right to Education Act. All school teachers of Model Academy B.C. Road and Residency Road branch as well as the students of B.Ed Special Education participated in this programme.

RCI Sponsored Workshop on “Sensitizing Judiciary Officials in the Field of Disability”



Dr. J.P. Singh, Member Secretary, RCI addressing the audience during the workshop.



Participants posing for the group photograph

A one day awareness cum sensitization workshop on “Sensitizing Judiciary Officials in the Field of Disability” was organised on 31st March, 2012. Dr. J. P. Singh, Member Secretary, Rehabilitation Council of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment was the Chief Guest while Mr. B.S. Slathia, President Bar Association, Jammu was the Guest of Honour. Other dignitaries present on the occasion were Mrs. Sara Johnson, Chairperson RCI, North Zone, Mrs. Seema Shekher, Former Addl. Advocate General, Jammu, Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman, MIER, Dr. Renu Gupta, Director MIER and Dr. Adit Gupta Joint Director MIER. The workshop was attended by more than sixty participants from different institutions of Law from Jammu and students and

staff of the college. Mrs. Sara Johnson in her introductory remarks, threw light on the multi-pronged and the integrated efforts made by the RCI through the different schemes to empower the disabled. In his presidential remarks, Dr. J. P. Singh informed the audience about the United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (UNCRPD). Mr. Slathia also apprised the audience about the acts passed by the parliament for the benefit of the disabled whereas Mrs. Seema Sheker urged the audience to compassionately think about the disabled. During the workshop, three technical sessions on different sub themes i.e. Introduction to Various Disabilities; Constitutional Provisions and

Legislations for the Persons with Disabilities; Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Policies for Persons with Disabilities were held. Mrs. Sara Johnson, Prof. V. P Magotra, Director Law School, University of Jammu, Mr. C.S. Ravindran, Asstt. Director, VRTC, NZC, RCI, Ludhiana, chaired the sessions. A Panel Discussion on Empowerment of the Disabled: Issues and Concerns was also held and was chaired by Prof. Kulwant Singh HOD, Law Deptt. University of Jammu. Dr. Sunita Zalpuri, Associate Professor, IMPA, Mr. Rajendra Praveen, HoD, B.Ed. Special Education (MR), Mr. Vinod Kalra and Ms. Rohnika Sharma, Lecturer MIER College of Education were the resource persons. A wall magazine on the theme of disability was also inaugurated on the occasion.

Multiple Evaluation Techniques

A two day workshop on Multiple Evaluation Techniques was organised from 26th to 27th March, 2012. Dr. Surinder Kaur, Controller of Examination was the resource person for the workshop. Dr. Kaur oriented the participants about the new and innovative teaching methods like E-learning, Teaching through ICT, Panel Discussion, Co-operative Learning, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving method etc. Modern and contemporary evaluation techniques like open book test, multiple choice tests, objective type tests, short-answer type and assignment tests were also discussed.



Sh. H.L. Gupta Memorial Lecture



Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and Former Chief of the Army Staff, General J.J. Singh releasing his autobiography.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and former Chief of the Army Staff, General J.J. Singh delivered Sh. H.L. Gupta Memorial Lecture on "Leadership for Modern India" on 31st July, 2012 at the college. On the occasion, Lieutenant General KT Parnaik, General Officer Commanding in Chief, HQ Northern Command and Prof MPS Ishar, Vice Chancellor University of Jammu were the guests of honour. Besides, Anupama Singh, first lady of Arunachal Pradesh, Dr Arun Gupta, Chairman MIER group of Institutions and Dr Renu Gupta, Director MIER, former Army officers, high officials of the Government, members of the

academia and civil society, management, faculty and students of MIER were also present. Dr Arun K Gupta, Chairman MIER presented the welcome address and introduced Lieutenant General Singh as a third generation soldier who rose to become the 22nd Chief of the Indian Army and after retiring from the services, became the Governor of the sensitive state of Arunachal Pradesh. While delivering the lecture General Singh said that for our nation to progress, right kind of leaders are required at different levels who understand the requirements of a growing country like India and have the

capability to take decisions for the benefit of their countrymen. He also exemplified the various traits a Leader should possess in order to lead from the front. Lt General KT Parnaik and Prof MPS Ishar also addressed the gathering. Later, Lieutenant General KT Parnaik, GOC-in-C of Northern Command and Captain Joginder Singh, father of Late Navdeep Singh, Ashok Chakra, Maratha Light Infantry released the autobiography of General JJ Singh "A Soldier's General". A small documentary highlighting the life and achievements of General Singh was also shown to the audience.



Centre for Educational Research

A two day workshop on “How to Prepare a Research Proposal” was organised by the centre from 4th to 5th May, 2012. The resource person for the workshop was Dr. Lokesh Koul, Prof. Emeritus, Ex Dean, Department of Education, H.P. University, Shimla. The workshop was attended by the staff and the students of the college. Dr. Lokesh Koul emphasised that surveys on various policies and interventions initiated by the Government are a priority area in the field of education. These can provide useful topics of research. He also oriented the students about the steps involved in writing a research proposal. Each student presented his research proposal in the workshop. The research proposals of all the 29 regular students of M.Ed. were evaluated and discussed at great length. Relevant feedback and suggestions were



Workshop on How to Prepare a Research Proposal

provided to the students and their supervisors for maintaining quality in research. Dr. Arun.K. Gupta, in his presidential remarks, emphasised on the quality aspect of research and stressed

on research with a difference. He said that the main focus of research should be quality based and should be able to create some positive impact on educational practices.



Research Colloquia

A research colloquium on “A Study of Children with Special Needs in Relation to Certain Socio-Psychological Variables”. was organised on 30th October, 2012. The resource person for the research colloquium was Dr. Nishta Rana, Asst. Prof., P.G. Department. The session was chaired by Dr. Adit Gupta. Dr. Nishta Rana shared her research work, objectives, tools and findings of the study in detail. She also suggested related topics of research which can be conducted in future. An interactive session was also held to address the queries of audience.

An extension lecture was organized on the theme “Teacher Education Scenario in the State” on 12th Sep., 2012. Prof. A.G. Madhosh, Former Head and Dean, University of Kashmir, Srinagar was the resource person on this occasion. Dr. H.R. Shan, Head CER welcomed the esteemed guest and introduced him as an authority in teacher education in the state of J&K and an eminent member of various committees under UGC, NCERT etc. While addressing the gathering Prof. Madhosh stressed upon the need to give a face-lift to teacher education in the state since the present system is unable to churn out the desired quality of teachers. He suggested that the teacher education programme may be divided into three semesters each dealing with foundations of education, teaching methodologies along with issue based subjects and internship respectively. He also highlighted the



Lecture on Teacher Education Scenario in the the State

significance of e-learning and digital resources, which can widen the horizon of the teachers to an indefinite extent. Later on, the queries of the participants were answered by the resource person. Dr. Adit Gupta thanked Prof. Madhosh

for enriching the faculty and students with his innovative thoughts on teacher education and also assured that MIER will try to implement his path breaking ideas.

Smt. Shanti Gupta Centre for Women Studies

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



Extension Lecture on Women and Violence by renowned author and social reformer Meera Khanna.



Ms. Manisha Kohli, lecturer, Govt. College for Women delivering a lecture during 15 days certificate course on Women & Health.



An Extension lecture by Dr. Manu Arora, on Women and Stress Management in progress.



An issue of wall magazine being released by Dr. Sarada S. Amma, internationally renowned psychologist.



A patriotic group song programme was organized by Viraj Kala Kendra on the eve of Independence Day.



Adolescent Education Programme in progress



A one day workshop on Gender Equality organised by the centre in collaboration with CWS, University of Jammu.



A view of the symposium organised on Women's Equality Day.



Dr. Arvind Jasrotia, Associate Professor, Dept. of Law, University of Jammu delivering a lecture on Rights of Women

Centre for Educational Technology



A number of activities were organised during the year for giving exposure to the teachers and teacher trainees in the use of ICT in teaching-learning process.

- A Workshop on “Brushing up of Computing Skills” for all faculty members of the College was organized from 02/08/11 to 10/08/11. The thrust Areas were MS Word, MS Excel, PowerPoint and Internet. The resource persons were Ms. Rohini Sharma and Ms. Nisha Verma.
- The centre organized a one day Workshop on 'Use of Computer in Data Analysis' and SPSS Software for the staff and SPSS Demonstration and workshop for M. Ed. Students. The workshop was aimed at improving the data analysis skills of the faculty members.
- Technology Day was Celebrated by introducing the MIS system to the faculty members and a demo cum practice session was conducted by the IT department.
- To further enhance the use of ICT by teachers in teaching learning process, more than 27% topics of the syllabus have been covered through digital resources. The students of the college prepared more than 85 PowerPoint presentations.
- Two new Projectors, a motorized Screen, UPS, LED Display Panel, Waistband Amplifiers, one Blackberry Playbook were procured. One laptop was also reallocated to the college.
- The centre provided Technology Training (hands on experience) for students of B.Ed. and M.Ed in the months of November and December.
- Computer Awareness Programme for all B. Ed. Students was organized by the centre.
- The centre prepared and distributed a Students' Manual in digital form (CD).
- It also facilitated the teacher trainees in delivering the final lesson in teaching practice using educational technology.
- The centre was instrumental in providing the direct telecast of all the programmes held in the college to all the rooms. Video recording was also done for some important events.



Centre for Quality Assurance

- Internal and External Audit of the college was organized as per ISO 9001: 2008 standards by Dr. Sunil Thaman, lead auditor.
- Orientation and training programmes on MS. Office, ISO and MIS system were organised for the benefit of the new as well as the existing faculty members.
- A Peer Interaction analysis was conducted wherein the faculty members rated their colleagues on a set of criteria and the results were analysed and communicated to the faculty members.
- To identify the varied requirements of the staff and the students a training Need Analysis questionnaire was administered. On the basis of this questionnaire, Computer awareness, Personality development and Communication skills development programmes were organized for the students of B.Ed General, B.Ed Spl. Education and M.Ed. Mrs. Angela Gadroo, Ms. Jasleen Mohial, Mr. Pranav Gandotra, Mrs. Monika Marwaha, Ms Arpana, Ms. Vaishali



and Mrs. Nisha Verma were the resource persons for these programmes.

- Orientation and awareness programmes to acquaint the students with Micro teaching; Mission, Vision and Objectives of the college and NAAC re-accreditation were conducted.
- As per the 360 degree appraisal system, feedback on functioning of the college, teaching learning process, teachers and curriculum was taken from the faculty members, non-teaching Staff and students of all departments.
- A three day workshop on curriculum updation was organised in B.Ed in which all faculty members of the college of Education participated.
- A peer team of three members visited the college for NAAC re-accreditation. The college was rated at various criteria of NAAC. The college was rated as one of the best colleges and awarded 'A' grade with CGP as high as 3.54.



A glimpse of the training programme on MIS System

Activities of the Environment Unit



Under the guidelines of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, the college launched a National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) 2012 on the theme "Forests for Sustainable Livelihood" in collaboration with the World Wildlife Fund. The objective of this programme was to create awareness about wide range of inter-related environmental problems affecting the country and to devise concrete and action-oriented activities on the issues at hand. Mrs. Monika Bajaj, Incharge of this project chalked out a comprehensive programme encompassing various activities. Extension Lecture: The campaign started by organising an extension

lecture on the topic 'Eco System Crisis'. Dr. P.L. Kaul, OSD, MIER was the resource person. He delivered an interesting, meaningful and thought provoking lecture which was attended by the students of the college. Movie Show: Three films namely, 'Save the Ozone Layer', 'Ocean and Climate Change' and 'Green House Effect' were shown to the students and an interactive session was conducted with the students. Awareness Campaign: The unit organised an awareness programme for the students of Model Academy school regarding the conservation of natural resources. Visit to Sacred Groves: As part of the

campaign, a group of 35 students visited the sacred grooves. The objective was to bring students close to nature and witness the seamless blend of nature and tradition. They also visited the pond and temple around the area. Botanical Garden: Saplings were planted at MIET to create a botanical garden as a hands on experience for the students to explore the plant world. Inter College Symposium: An Inter College Symposium was organized on the theme 'Challenges of Sustaining Forests in an Ever-changing Ecosystem'. Dr. C.M Seth, Chairperson, WWF was the Chief Guest. Ten students from various Colleges of Education across Jammu city participated in this symposium.



Energy Conservation Day was celebrated on 14th Dec.,2011. Students made slogans on the conservation of energy resources.



To celebrate World Wildlife Week and to create awareness about the preservation of wildlife a visit to Wildlife Sanctuary at Manda was organised on 9th Oct.,2011.



To celebrate Earth Day on 20th April, 2012, a cleanliness drive was organized. The students cleaned the gardens of the campus and removed the non-biodegradable garbage and weeds.

World Ecology Day was celebrated by organising a visit to Sher-E-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKAUST) Chatha, Jammu on 1st November, 2011. The students were taken a round to the composting plant and acquainted with the



functioning of the plant. A lecture on steps and benefits of composting was also delivered to them by Dr. Meenakshi Gupta and Dr. Neetu, Assistant Professors, Deptt. of Agronomy, SKUAST. HoD, Dr. Khushu also interacted with the students and staff during the visit.

Activities of the Extension Unit



Awareness Programme on Health and Hygiene in Slum Areas

An awareness programme on health and hygiene was organized by the Extension Unit of the College at Kabir Basti, B.C.Road Jammu on 13 December. Dr. Ira Bhan, Senior Lecturer P.G. Deptt and Mrs. Usha Chunni, Sports officer MIER were the resource persons. A group of 40 students visited the slum area. The resource persons drew attention of the slum dwellers towards the significance of health and hygiene in their lives. Dr. Bhan emphasized on the different aspects of health namely physical, mental emotional, social and spiritual. Mrs. Usha Chunni laid stress on the need for a balanced diet, right exercise and rest to secure good health.

Lecture on Effects of Domestic Violence for Slum Dwellers

A lecture on the theme 'Effects of Domestic Violence' was organized at Kabir Basti, Jammu. Mrs. Angela Gadroo, Lecturer B.Ed. Dept. MIER was the resource person. A group of 20 students of Extension activity unit accompanied by Mrs. Anu Sharma, Incharge of the unit visited the slum area. The resource person deliberated upon the issue of domestic violence. She drew attention of the slum dwellers towards some situations that trigger domestic violence and suggested some remedies to counteract the menace. The participants showed a keen interest towards the issue and also shared some of their personal experiences related to this issue.



Lecture on Effects of Drug Addiction on Community

A lecture was organized at Kabir Basti. The topic of the lecture was 'Effects of Drug Addiction on Community'. A group of 45 members of Extension Unit along with Incharge Mrs. Anu Sharma visited the slum area. Dr. Om Kumar from the Department of Forensic Sciences, GMC Bakshi Nagar, was the resource person. He discussed about the different types of drugs and numerated upon drastic effects of drug addiction. He called upon the people to avoid drugs. If they themselves or anybody they know are addicted, they can take the help of de-addiction centres for cure. The lecture was supported by a skit presented by the members of the Unit.



NSS Roundup



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

National Integration Week

National Integration Week was celebrated by organizing an oath taking ceremony to serve the nation, a fund-raising campaign and a Rangoli Making Competition.

Civil Defence Training Programme

Around 220 NSS volunteers, students and faculty members received civil defence training during a five day programme. The chief guest on the occasion was Mr. Vijay Khajuria, Deputy Controller, Civil Defence, Jammu. During the training the students were given orientation on various themes like: civil defence its meaning; objectives and significance; first aid; fire and fire extinguishers; earthquake, causes, precautions and ways to safe guard oneself; traffic rules and related issues.

Blood Donation Camp

A voluntary blood donation camp was organised to celebrate National Youth Day. In keeping with the theme of this year i.e. "Young Blood Donors are the Saviours of Lives", 24 NSS volunteers donated blood in the P.G. Department of Immunohematology and Blood Transfusion, Govt. Medical College Jammu. An awareness lecture on blood donation was also given by Dr. Raman Kapoor, Professor and Head of the Department of Immunohematology & Blood Transfusion, GMC.

Youth Day

A film based on Swami Vivekananda's life was screened for the students to commemorate Youth Day and centenary Birth Celebrations of Swami Vivekanand. Volunteers of NSS were also taken to the Vivek Express exhibition on Swamiji's life and times.

Ten Day NSS Camp

A ten day annual camp of N.S.S cadets was held at MIER campus on the theme 'Environmental Upkeep' from 9th to 18th March, 2012. Fifty volunteers participated in the camp. Different kinds of activities were conducted like clean-up campaigns, environment awareness campaigns, visits to old age home and Mother Teresa Home for Destitute. The volunteers also participated in various activities like games, yoga, collage making, poster making, painting, slogan writing, poetry recitation, essay writing and quiz competitions. The camp concluded with a trip to Akhnoor district. The volunteers visited ancient Buddhist site, Ambaran located on the riverbank of Chenab.

Adventure Training Camp in Arunachal Pradesh

Mr. Vinod Kalra Programme Officer, MIER College accompanied a contingent of NSS volunteers including 2 students from the college to National Adventure Training Programme at Hauliyng- Wolong, District Anjaw (Arunachal Pradesh). The camp was organized from 20th April to 28th April, 2012.

Sadbhavna Divas

Sadbhavna Divas was celebrated by the NSS unit of the college. A pledge was taken and Dr. B.L. Raina delivered a lecture on the theme of national integration.



Alumni Meet



MIER College of Education, which has the distinction of producing more than 10000 trained professionals during the past 30 years, organized an Alumni Meet at its campus on the 3rd of April 2012. The objective of this alumni meet was to bring the alumni on a platform for exchange of ideas for professional development as well as to help renew contacts with old friends. Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman MIER was the Chief Guest on the occasion where as Dr. Renu Gupta, Director MIER was the Guest of Honour. Dr. Arun Gupta, in his presidential address said that the role of alumni has been tremendous in the

meteoric rise of the institute as it is on the basis of their valuable experiences and feedback that the college has been able to achieve a lofty position. He expressed the hope that alumni meet will generate useful ideas for strengthening the college alumni relations and would go a long way in establishing a strong bond with them. He urged them to continue pursuing knowledge, empowering themselves and meeting challenges of the times. If they progress the institute will also grow and develop. He blessed the alumni and assured them that the college will always be there to help and advise

them in their path of progress. This was followed by sharing of experiences by the alumni. All of them recalled their experiences during their stay in the college and conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the college. They thanked their teachers for providing them the right kind of training and environment which has immensely helped in their overall growth and development as effective teachers. An impressive cultural programme was also presented by the B.Ed. students which was thoroughly enjoyed and applauded by the alumni.

Interactive Session with Alumni



The Alumni Committee organised an interactive session with two illustrious alumni of the college namely, Dr. J.N. Baliya, Associate Professor, P.G Department of Education, University of Jammu and Mrs. Mamta Chopra, Headmistress, K.C. International School, Jammu on 15th February, 2012. The objective of the event was to acquaint students with the rich heritage of the college. Mrs. Chopra while sharing her experiences with the teacher trainees, emphasized that the institution has

supported her all through the years. She motivated them to imbibe the moral values, keep on learning and achieve the highest level of excellence in life. Dr. Baliya, while addressing the audience, expressed a deep sense of gratitude to his worthy teachers whom he remembered with great reverence. He

reiterated that he owes his basic teaching competencies and skills to Dr. Renu Gupta, his mentor. He appealed to the future teachers to join the profession with a missionary zeal and develop their knowledge, skills, abilities, attitudes and value system as far as possible.



Professional Visits



The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) invited Dr. Renu Gupta, Principal and Dr. Adit Gupta, Vice Principal to be the member coordinators of different NAAC Peer Teams for assessing and accrediting various colleges of education as per



their set criteria. As part of the peer team they visited a number of colleges namely, Nawal Kishore Bhartiya Municipal Girls P.G. College, Chandausi, Moradabad, College of Professional Education, Meerut, Aster College of Education, Noida, U.P, Amity



Institute of Education, New Delhi, Innovative Institute of Education and Technology, UP and Theni Kammavar Sangam College of Education, Tamilnadu.

Teacher's Day Celebration



To commemorate the Teachers' Day, MIER College of Education organized an inspiring programme. The Chief Guest on the event was Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman MIER Group of Institutions. The staff took a solemn pledge led by Mrs. Angela Gaddroo, lecturer MIER, to rededicate themselves to the noble profession of teaching. Ms. Rohinika Sharma gave an impressive power point presentation to enlighten the audience about the life and contributions of Dr. Sarvepalli Radha Krishnan, the legendary teacher and philosopher, who rose to become the President of India and whose birthday is celebrated as Teachers' Day. The college staff also presented a melodious song through which they conveyed the message to all the teachers to light the lamp of learning.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebration



An array of events and activities was organized during the weeklong celebrations to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The events included a symposium, a slogan writing competition, a poster-making competition and a film show conducted by the Co-curricular committee of MIER College of Education. The celebrations commenced with a symposium on the theme 'Gandhiji- a multi-faceted personality'. Dr. Arun K. Gupta, chairman MIER Group of Institutions was the Chief Guest. Mrs. Karuna Bajaj, an ardent Gandhian was the guest of honour. A poster-making and a slogan writing competition were organized to highlight the Gandhian thought and philosophy.

Musical Extravaganza Organised



As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of Model Institute of Education and Research (MIER), a musical evening was organised under the auspices of Kalakriti. Noted educationist and Chairman MIER Group of Institutions Dr. Arun K. Gupta was the Chief Guest while other distinguished guests who graced the occasion were Dr. Renu Gupta, Director, Dr. Adit Gupta and Dr. Ankur Gupta Joint Directors, Professor Abdul Aziz, Principals and HOD's and staff members of various wings and students. The evening commenced with a rocking performance by the music club of MIET under the competent guidance of Ramona, Lecturer MIET. The stage was then taken over by Sa Re Ga Ma Pa fame Master Anmol, his father Surpal and his sister Vidhi.

Faculty Update

Faculty News

A paper was presented on "Teaching Learning Strategies for Children with Dyslexia in Resource Room" by Mr. Rajender Praveen in a two day Calorx-MJ Pherwani 7th annual conference held at Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi from 7th to 8th Oct., 2011.



Dr. Adit Gupta



Dr. B.L. Raina

Dr. Ira Bhan presented a paper on "Save Girl Child" which was organised by Govt. Degree College at Bishnah on 22nd October, 2011.



Dr. H.R. Shaan



Dr. Ira Bhan

Mr. Vinod Kalra presented a paper on "Constitutional Provisions for Promoting Education for Children with Special Needs in India" in an International Conference on 'Learning Community for Global Education Reform'. It was organised by IPS Group of Colleges, Gwalior from 18th to 20th November, 2011.



Dr. Annie Kaul



Dr. Rajendra Praveen

A paper on "Standardization of a Battery of Performance Tests of Creativity for Indian Secondary Schools" was presented by Dr. Annie Kaul in an International Conference organized by World Education Research Association (WERA), Kouhsiung, Taiwan from 15th to 18th Dec, 2011



Dr. Angela Gadroo



Ms. Poonam Soni

Dr. Nishta Rana and Mr. Moolraj Sharma attended a National seminar on "Educational Technology and Instructional Process". They presented papers on the topics 'A Study to Assess the Attitudes of Teacher Educators Towards Technology Integration into Classrooms' and 'Effectiveness of Technology in Instructional Process' respectively. The seminar was organised by Taawish College of Education, Jammu on 25th December, 2011.



Mr. Moolraj



Ms. Nishta Rana

Dr. Shivali Sharma presented a paper on "Quality Assurance in Higher Education" in national seminar organized by Adarsh College of Education, Jammu on 7th January, 2012.



Ms. Komal



Ms. N. Chandra

Mrs. Poonam Soni and Mrs. Komal Sharma attended a national seminar organized by the B.N. College of Education, Jammu on 2nd February, 2012. They also presented papers on "Role of Teacher in Inculcating Human Rights" and "Education for Human Values and Role of Teacher" respectively.



Ms. Nishika Bajaj



Ms. Nishika

A paper was presented by Mr. Rajendra Praveen on "Educational Provision for Persons with Disabilities" at Govt. Degree College, Paloura on 2nd February, 2012.



Mr. Rajendra Praveen



Ms. Suman Gupta

Ms. Angela Gadroo and Ms. Vishali Razdan attended a workshop on "Management and Leadership" at Model Institute of Engineering & Technology, Jammu from 15th to 21st Feb, 2012.



Mr. Vinod Kalra



Ms. Vishali Razdan

Suneel Bhat presented a paper on "Role of Blogs for Extending Library Services" in a National Seminar on "Innovative Challenges in Information Services: Changing Paradigm for Sustenance of Library and Information Centres in Digital Era". It was organised by the University of Jammu from 1st to 2nd March, 2012. Ms. Chitrnanjan Jamwal also presented a paper on "Knowledge Management in Libraries".



Ms. Nisha Verma



Ms. Arpana Koul



Mr. Suneel Bhat



Ms. Chitrnanjan

Ms. Nisha Verma and Arpana Koul attended a workshop on "Macro Teaching – Herbartian Approach" organized by Guru Teg Bahadur College of Education on 18th February, 2012.

Dr. B.L. Raina presented a paper on the topic "Excellence in Higher Education: Concerns and New Opportunities" at a National Seminar which was organised by Divya Shiksha Gurukul College of Education for Women, Mohali from 9th to 10th March, 2012.

Dr. Nishta Rana, Monika Bajaj, Monika Marwaha and Rajendra Praveen attended a two day National Seminar on "Lifelong Learning and Higher Education". Dr. Nishta presented a paper on Role of 'ICT in Lifelong Learning' whereas Mr. Rajendra presented his views on the topic 'Lifelong Learning for Equity and Social Cohesion: a New Challenge for Higher Education'. Ms. Monika Bajaj and Ms. Monika Marwaha jointly presented a paper on 'Students' Perception of Learning with Multimedia in Web Based Authentic Learning Environment'. The seminar was organised by the University of Jammu from 9th to 10th March, 2012.

A Paper "Comparative Study of the Learning Environments of Secondary Science Classrooms in Government and Private Schools", written by Dr. Adit Gupta, was presented at the 2012 NARST Annual International Conference at Indianapolis, USA.

Dr. Nishta Rana presented a paper 'Credit Based Evaluation System: Perceptions of Teacher Trainees' at a National Seminar on "Credit Based Evaluation System in Higher Education: Issues and Challenges" organized by Deptt. of Education, University of Jammu on 28th March, 2012.

Dr. Nishta Rana, Ms. Monika Bajaj and Ms. Suman Gupta attended a National Seminar at R.M. College of Education, Jammu on 18th April, 2012. They also presented papers on 'The Role of Education in Creating Environmental Awareness to Ensure Healthy Living, and 'Literacy as the Fundamental Tool in Building Sound Personality' respectively.

Dr. H. R. Shan and Dr. Nishta Rana presented papers on 'Professional Development of Teachers through Distance Mode' and 'Reviving Old Ethical Values in Teacher Education' respectively in a one day National Seminar held at Khalsa College of Education, Amritsar on 5th September, 2012.

Mr. Rajendra Kr. Praveen and Ms. Rohnika Sharma attended the two day workshop on "Effective Implementation of FCED Programmes Online" conducted by RCI, New Delhi from 10th & 11th September, 2012.

Dr. Nishta Rana attended annual International Conference on "Media, Education and Women Empowerment" held at University of Jammu from 10th to 12th October, 2012.

Papers presented at UGC Sponsored National Conference on "Transforming Teacher Education: Issues, Practices and Future Strategies" organised by MIER College of Education from 23rd to 24th March, 2012.



- Quality Assurance in Teacher Education: Role of IQAC by Dr. Annie Kaul
- Practices and Techniques to Improve the Quality of Teacher Education by Ms. Arpana Koul
- Teacher Education -Current Scenario in India by Ms. Angela Gadroo
- Teacher Education for Inclusion by Mr. Rajendra Kumar Praveen
- Specific Areas of Teacher Education which Need Modification and Intervention by Ms. Poonam Soni
- Role of Information and Communication Technology to Transform Teacher Education System by Ms. Nisha Verma
- Student Teachers' Perceptions Towards Inclusive Education by Dr. Nishta Rana
- A Survey of Research Studies in Teacher Education in India Since 2001 onwards by Ms. Monika Marwaha
- A Study of Confidence Towards Technology Usage Among B.Ed. Students in Technology Supported Classroom by Ms. Monika Bajaj
- Quality Teacher Education: Techniques and Practices by Dr. Ira Bhan
- Current Scenario of Teacher Education: Challenges and Opportunities by Dr. B.L. Raina
- Status of Special Education Teachers in India: Career Perspective by Rohnika Sharma
- Reforming Teacher Education through Multiple Assessment by Dr. Surinder Kour
- Use of ICT in Libraries to Transform Teacher Education by Mr. Suneel Kumar Bhat
- Techniques and Strategies to Improve Quality of Teacher Education by Ms. Suman Gupta
- Use of ICT to Transform Teacher Education System by Ms. Vishali Razdan
- Use of Libraries for Enhancing Capabilities of Teacher Educators in the 21st Century by Ms. Chitraranjan

Papers presented at RCI Sponsored Workshop on "Sensitizing Judiciary Officials in the Field of Disability" , organised by MIER College of Education on 31st July, 2012.

- A paper on "Different Acts for Person with Disabilities" was presented by Mr. Rajendra Praveen
- A paper on "Centrally Sponsored Social Schemes and Benefits for Person with Disabilities" was presented by Vinod Kalra
- A paper on "Introduction to Various Disabilities" was presented by Ms. Rohnika Sharma

Professional Update



Mrs. Monika Marwaha cleared the NET UGC test conducted in June 2012.



Nishta Rana was awarded Ph.D. degree by Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.



Ms. Rohnika Sharma completed the M.Ed Special Education course from RKMVU, Coimbatore.

Paper Presentations by Students

- Ms. Vishalakshi Badyal presented a paper on "Impact of Globalisation on Indian Women with Particular Reference to J&K State" at State level seminar at GGM Science College, Jammu.
- Mr. Anil Kumar Verma and Mr. Shashi Paul presented a paper on "Enhancing the Quality of Teacher Education: Current Challenges to Teacher Education" at a National Level Seminar at Aggarwal College of Education, Jaipur.
- Mr. Sajad Ahmed Daing and Mr. Shashi Paul presented a paper on "Shaping the Future Classroom :A Global Perspective" at First World Conference of GERA at Department of Education and Humanities, Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab.
- Ms. Vishalakshi, Mrs. Neelam Sharma and Ms. Kanchan Rajput presented a paper on "Quality Assurance in Teacher Education" while Mr. Sajad Ahmed Daing, Mr. Shashi Paul and Mr. Anil Kumar presented a paper on "Impact of ICT on Teacher Education" at UGC Sponsored National Conference on Transforming Teacher Education: Issues, Practices and Future Strategies, organised at MIER College of Education.

Students Corner

Annual Sports Meet

The Annual Sports Meet of MIER College of Education was held at its campus. The meet was inaugurated by Dr Adit Gupta, Joint Director MIER Group of Institutions. Various events like Volleyball, Kho-Kho, Badminton, Tug of War were organized during the meet in which students from all the wings of the college participated in large numbers. All students and staff members witnessed the sports meet and encouraged

the participants. In all 206 students from different wings participated in the events. Refreshment was also provided to all the participants at the end of the sports meet. The prizes were distributed by Dr Renu Gupta, Director, MIER who gave away the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and certificates to the winners.



Prize Distribution Ceremony

A prize distribution ceremony was organized in order to recognize the achievements and efforts of the students. The Chief Guest was Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman MIER Group of Institutions where as the Guest of Honour was Dr. Renu Gupta, Director and Principal MIER. The students who had excelled in different areas during the session were honoured and

awarded with certificates. Among the awardees were the best NSS volunteer, 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. to mark different days.



Organisation of Picnic



A picnic was organized to the scenic "Country Inn Resorts", Katra. There was a provision of D.J for the students and students enthusiastically rocked on the floor. A section-wise dance and singing competition was organized. Breakfast, lunch and tea were served to the students to tickle their taste buds and energize them.



A tour was organized to the Amar Singh Palace Museum, Jammu. Students interacted with the experts, explored the painting gallery (NAL DHAMYANTI) and the library where, 25000 books are stored. Students were also amazed watching 120kg of throne with golden lions embodied on it.

Students Achievers



Meenakshi Dutta, Masoom Bhattacharya, Sonali Magotra, Isha Suri and Sheetal Sharma, winners of Inter-collegiate Symposium, Debate and Painting competitions held at different colleges posing for photograph with college authorities



Anjali Sharma won 2nd Prize in Symposium at Sai Shyam College of Education whereas Meenakshi Jamwal was winner of 2nd prize in Debate Competition held by K.C. Gurukul College of Education



Sushma bagged 3rd position by securing 70.6% marks in the univ. exam of M.Ed. course.



Suram Singh, Monika Parihar, Namita Thakur won 1st prize in Quiz Competition whereas Farheen Akhtar bagged 2nd position in a seminar in Science Awareness Mela in collaboration with J&K Students Welfare Society.



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