



**MIER COLLEGE OF  
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Autonomous

*UGC Grants the Prestigious Status of  
College with Potential for Excellence  
to MIER College of Education*



*Jubilant Staff Raring to Scale Greater Heights...*

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## ACTIVITIES UNDER MOU

After the signing of historic MoU with the Govt. College of Education, Jammu, many collaborative activities were organised to promote teaching learning, research and professional development during the academic session.

### EDUCATIONAL DELIBERATIONS

Govt. College of Education organised many staff development programmes and invited the faculty of MIER College as the resource persons. Dr. Adit Gupta, Joint Director MIER; Dr. Annie Koul, HoD B.Ed; Dr. Rohnika Sharma, HoD B.Ed. Special Education; Dr. Bharti Tandon, Mrs. Anjela Gadroo, Assistant Professors were invited as resource persons who shared their knowledge and educational expertise with the staff and students of our partner institute on different educational themes.



### STUDENTS' VISITS

Students of Govt. College visited MIER college to comprehend the unique and innovative practices implemented in the college. They also visited Inclusive School set up and interacted with the students with special needs and the staff. Similarly, students of MIER College also visited Govt. College to interact with their faculty and to get educational exposure.

## MESSAGES

### From the Chairman

I would like to share with you the joy and satisfaction at the major achievements of the MIER College. In the first place, the College successfully completed the first year of the implementation of new curricula of B.Ed. and M.Ed programmes. These were perceived as major challenges considering the haste and the urgency in which these curricula were adopted and implemented. The second feather in the cap of the College happened to be the conferment of the status of "College with Potential for Excellence" by the UGC making the College the only private institution with this status. The starting of the two year full time M.A. (Education) programme at the college can be described as another milestone in our journey towards diversification. I would like to express my gratitude to the Principal, Advisers, all faculty members, students, the government and university authorities for their efforts, cooperation, encouragement and support.

All of us need to be conscious of our increased responsibilities, mission and vision to provide high quality education by meeting aspirations of learners and channelizing their multi sided potential. I am confident that the college would extend the range and coverage of its activities and continue to rank among the front ranking institutions of the country.

Blessings and best wishes for all.

*Dr. Arun K. Gupta*



### From the Principal

I am glad we have achieved another milestone in our journey towards quality and excellence. The college has been granted the prestigious status of college with potential for excellence by the UGC. This has given all of us an added impetus to work with greater zeal, enthusiasm and dedication to take our college to greater pinnacles of glory thereby achieving our long term goal of becoming "Deemed to be University" in the future. The credit of thinking and dreaming big goes to our committed team of leaders who are working tirelessly with us to have this dream come true.

I take this opportunity to invite all faculty, staff and students to come forward and march ahead together to make this college as one of the best colleges in the country.

Amen!

*Dr. Renu Gupta*



## STATUTORY MEETINGS UNDER AUTONOMY

Meetings of Statutory Bodies framed under the autonomous Colleges guidelines of the UGC (Board of Studies, Academic Council, Finance Committee and Governing Body) were conducted for effective and smooth functioning of the College.

- Approval of Statutes / Regulations have been accorded by the statutory bodies with respect to M.Ed., B.Ed., B.Ed. Special (MR/ID) and M.A Education courses, besides, Merit-cum-Means Scholarship, Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme, Examinations, Evaluation and College Convocation etc.
- Approval for the commencement of admission to M.A. (Education) programme from the session 2016-18
- The Academic Council of the college approved new syllabus for M.Ed., and B.Ed. programmes of two years' duration programme from the session 2016-18

The college, with the approval of the Statutory Bodies, has constituted the following committees for managing the affairs of the College effectively:

- i. Planning and Evaluation Committee
- ii. Admission Committee
- iii. Library Committee
- iv. Students Welfare Committee
- v. Extra-Curricular Activities Committee
- vi. Academic Audit Committee
- vii. Examination and Evaluation Committee
- viii. Grievance Redressal Committee
- ix. Anti-Ragging Committee
- x. Committee Against Sexual Harassment (CASH)



## INCLUSIVE SCHOOL

MIER College of Education has set up the first Inclusive School under the auspices of the Department of Special Education(MR/ID) at Model Academy. The idea behind setting up of an Inclusive school is to ensure that students with special needs gain access to quality education, knowledge, skills and information.

A wide range of activities for the children with special needs were organised by the Inclusive School. These activities were designed keeping in mind the needs of children with different disabilities ranging from Down syndrome, Autism, Physically Challenged, Mentally Challenged (MR) as well as

Learning disabilities (LD). Special sessions on counselling, physiotherapy, speech therapy, creative strategies to make reading and math easily learnable were also conducted for the benefit of these children. The school arranged frequent visits by specialists in various areas of disability to cater to the special needs of the children.



Two workshops were organised to create awareness and to sensitize the teaching fraternity and parents of children with special needs by the department of Special Education, MIER College.

### RCI SPONSORED THREE DAYS WORKSHOP

A three day workshop sponsored by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) was organized from November 26 to 28, 2015. The purpose was to develop awareness and positive attitudes about the rights as well as abilities of the persons with special needs. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), MHRD along with RCI had sponsored the training workshops for key functionaries dealing with disabilities sector of central and state governments,



local bodies, and other service providers. For the State of Jammu and Kashmir, this responsibility was entrusted to MIER College of Education.

More than 50 participants including principals and teachers from government and private schools in Jammu district participated in the workshop. Madam Priya Sethi, Hon'ble Minister of State for Information, Education and Culture,

J&K was the Chief Guest. Dr. K.R. Arya, Chairperson, North Zonal Coordination Committee, RCI was the Guest of Honour.

There were eight technical sessions on three major themes such as Disability-Life Cycle Approach, Inclusion and Accessibility and Govt. Policies, Schemes, Acts, Rights and Entitlements.

### WORKSHOP ON INCLUSION

A one day workshop in collaboration with MIER College and Babu Jagjiwan Ram Trust, an NGO in Himachal Pradesh was sponsored by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) was organized on April 26, 2016.

The theme of the workshop was "Journey towards Inclusion". About 50 teachers from government and private schools in Jammu district participated in the workshop. Parents of children with special needs from Model Academy also participated in this workshop. Dr. K.R. Arya, Chairperson, North Zonal Coordination Committee, chaired the workshop.

There were three technical sessions on themes namely, Inclusion and Accessibility, Educational Strategies for Successful Inclusion and Screening Tools for Identification of PWDs and Referrals Services. Dr. Rohnika Sharma, HoD, Special



Education Dept., MIER College of Education; Dr. Bharti Tandon, and Mr. Rajendra Praveen, Assistant Professors from the MIER College and Mrs. Harika Singh, Incharge Inclusive School, Model Academy were the resource persons for the workshop.

To understand the new curriculum introduced at the B.Ed., B.Ed. Special and M.Ed. levels by the NCTE and RCI, a series of subject specific extension lectures were organized for the benefit of faculty and students.

## ACTION RESEARCH

Dr. G.S. Sodhi, Former Professor, Department of Education, Punjab University, Chandigarh was invited to deliver lecture on “Action Research” to the students and the staff of the college on September 21, 2015.

Prof. Sodhi explained the process of action research as a process of systematic inquiry that enables the teacher to find effective solutions to real problems encountered in day-to-day teaching. Deliberating upon the importance of action research, Prof. Sodhi highlighted that action research helps the educator to critically investigate the process of teaching and learning for quality outputs, improve school practices and policies. He shared common problems related to teaching-learning process that are faced by teachers and discussed the interventions that could be used to overcome those issues.



## PHILOSOPHY AND HIGH LEVERAGE PRACTICES

Dr. Harish Sharma, Former Professor, Punjab University, Chandigarh delivered a series of lectures to the staff and

Students of the college on the theme “Philosophy and High Leverage Practices” on September 21, 2015.



Prof. Sharma deliberated on the topic extensively and brought out clearly the connection and utility of the terms of metaphysics, epistemology, axiology, logic and ethics. He expanded upon the concept of core or high leverage practices in teaching and focussed on the disjoint between theory and practices. The disconnect between the pre-service teacher preparation programmes and the problems in the real classroom were also discussed by the resource person. He observed that acquainting teacher-trainees with core practices help them become well-started beginning teachers who are able to engage in the work of teaching with integrity.

## INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Dr. Sushma Sharma, Professor, Department of Education, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra was invited as a resource person to deliver a lecture on the theme “Inclusion and Inclusive Settings” on September 23, 2015. Dr. Sharma explained that Inclusive education happens when children with and without disabilities participate and learn together in the same classes and deliberated on the importance of educating children with exceptionalities in an appropriate way without hurting their self respect. Dr. Sharma also expanded upon the teaching strategies that could help in implementing inclusion at different school levels. In addition, she highlighted the progress in the special education field in the global context. Dr. Sharma provided ample examples that could help



in promoting inclusive education at different levels in the school.

## CHALLENGES OF TEACHER EDUCATION

A lecture on the theme “Challenges of Teacher Education in Present Scenario” was delivered by Professor R.G. Kothari, Professor, M.S. University, Vadodra on December 16, 2015. He deliberated on the importance of professionalization of teaching and teacher education programmes for ensuring quality in teacher education. He further emphasized that higher education institutions have an important role to play in developing effective partnerships with schools and other stakeholders to ensure that their teacher education courses are based upon research evidences and good classroom practices. Prof. Kothari also explained the concept of teacher effectiveness, its determinants, characteristics and significance of research activities in teacher education.



## COMPARISON BETWEEN AMERICAN AND INDIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM



In keeping with the rich tradition of the college to invite luminaries in the field of education, Dr. Gurucharan Singh Bhalla, Former Professor, Bronx University, New York, USA was invited to deliver a lecture on the theme “Comparison of American and Indian Education System; How to Improve Indian Schools” to the staff and students of M.Ed. department on February 25, 2016. Dr. Bhalla interacted with the teacher trainees and acquainted them with the system of school education prevalent in America especially the public schools and also compared teacher education in both countries. He elaborated upon the American system of schooling and teacher preparation programmes. He informed that in U.S. educational institutions could have different mission statements but common goals.

## ENDEAVOUR SCHOLARSHIP ORIENTATION

Dr. Adit Gupta, Joint Director, MIER and Ambassador, Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships, oriented the faculty of the college about the Endeavour Scholarships on May 23, 2016. These scholarships are the Australian Government's competitive, merit-based scholarships and fellowships providing opportunities for both Australians and international scholars to undertake study, research or professional development programmes in Australia and in other countries. He explained about the criteria of these programmes in addition to application process and its deadline. Dr. Gupta also shared his experiences and benefits as an awardee of this scholarship.



## CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH (CER)

### RESEARCH AWARDS

MIER College of Education(Autonomous) in collaboration with Model Institute of Engineering and Technology (MIET) organized a Research Award Function at MIET campus on April 30, 2016. The Research Awards are a unique initiative by the MIER Group to encourage research by providing financial incentives and recognition to faculty members for producing quality research output.

Prof. Jigar Mohammed, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion, while Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Chairman, MIER Group presided over the function. Twelve faculty members of the college were felicitated and provided cash incentives of Rs.76, 500/- at the event for publishing 30 research papers at various prestigious fora.



### STANDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS



The centre conducted standing and advisory committee meetings and presented the review of the activities conducted during the session. Dr. H.R. Shan, Centre Head apprised the members about various steps taken for the promotion of research among the faculty. A brief overview was also presented about the future plan of action. The members discussed all issues in detail and gave suggestions to strengthen the working of the centre.



### MJESTP - SIXTH EDITION PUBLISHED

The sixth edition of MIER Journal of Educational Studies, Trends and Practices (MJESTP) has been published. It is a bi-annual international peer reviewed indexed journal.

It provides a platform for researchers, practitioners, innovators and policy makers to share their research findings, new innovations, trends and developments in the field of education. The Journal is indexed with WorldCat, Google Scholar, Educational Research Abstracts and The University of Illinois OAI-PMH Data Provider Registry. The prestigious Thomson Reuters Indexing has also recently included MJESTP in its list of indexed journals. Scholars and Researchers are invited to contribute their research papers for publication in the bi-annual journal.

## CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH (CER)

### RESEARCH COLLOQUIA

Conducting research colloquia is a regular feature of the centre. Three research colloquia on different topics were organised for the benefit of the staff and students.

Research findings of the major research project sponsored by the UGC were shared with the faculty of the college and students of M.Ed. department on October 21, 2015. The theme was "Education Facebook: A Community Network for Stakeholders in Education". The principal investigator was Dr. Arun Gupta while Dr. Ankur Gupta was Co-investigator. The project team also included Dr. Nishta Rana and Dr. Moolraj Sharma. They presented a comprehensive project report. More than 4000 subjects comprising students and teachers in institutions of higher education were involved in the study in the Jammu region. The results indicated both students and teachers favoured the use of social networking and technology supported classrooms to improve the quality of higher education in India. An Educational Community network was also created during the course of the study which was easy to access and provided 24x7 connectivity between different stakeholders.



A research colloquium on the topic "Factors Influencing Emotional Intelligence among B.Ed. Students of Himachal Pradesh" was organised on February 4, 2016. The resource person was Dr. Atul Thakur, Assistant Professor, MIER College of Education. Dr. Thakur emphasized that despite the recognition of the importance of promoting emotional intelligence in schools, teacher curriculum has been slow to incorporate emotional literacy into their structure. Furthermore, for emotional intelligence to have relevance for education, students need to be educated to become knowledgeable, responsible, and able to deal effectively with their emotions and teacher educators could guide them in doing so rather than providing basic instructions in traditional areas.

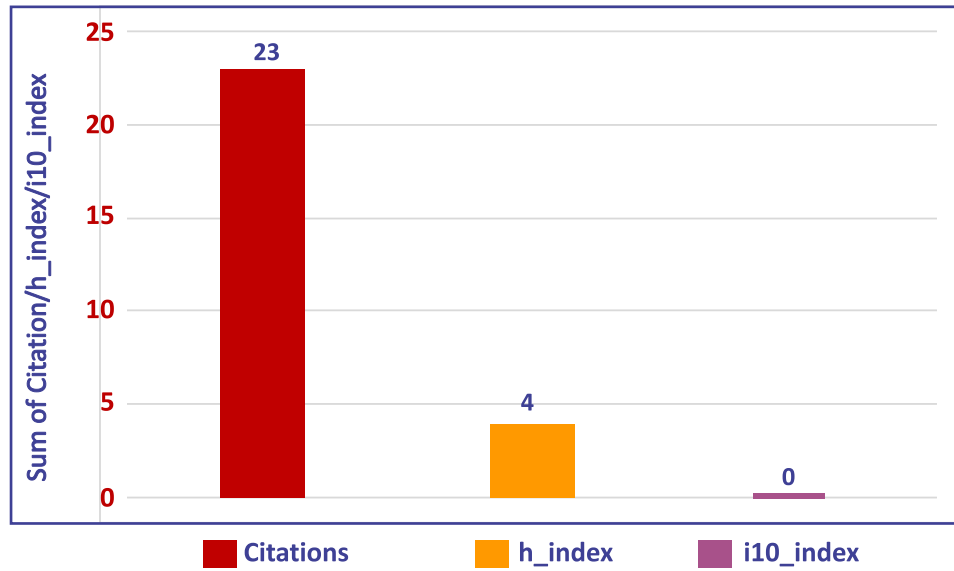
Dr. Bharti Tandon, Assistant Professor, MIER College of Education, dwelt upon the topic "Exploration of a Special Educator's Contributions to Co-teaching in Relation to Content and Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK)" in a research colloquium organised on March 22, 2016. The results indicated that the special education teacher contributed both in planning and in teaching. The study provided fine grained analysis of these contributions. Dr. Tandon highlighted that in recent years the Government of India has strongly advocated for teaching children with different abilities in the same classroom with their non-disabled peers. An interactive session was held at the end.



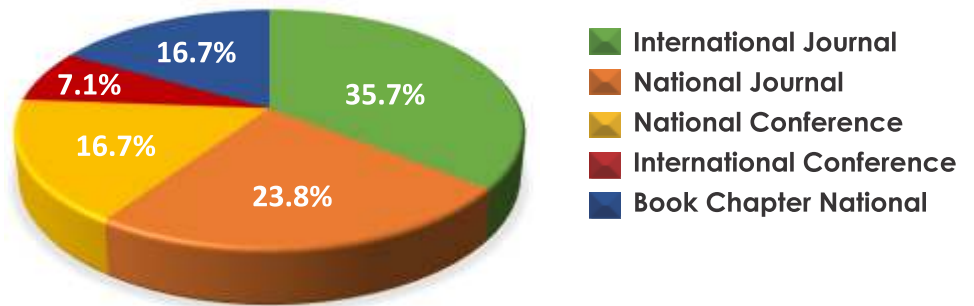


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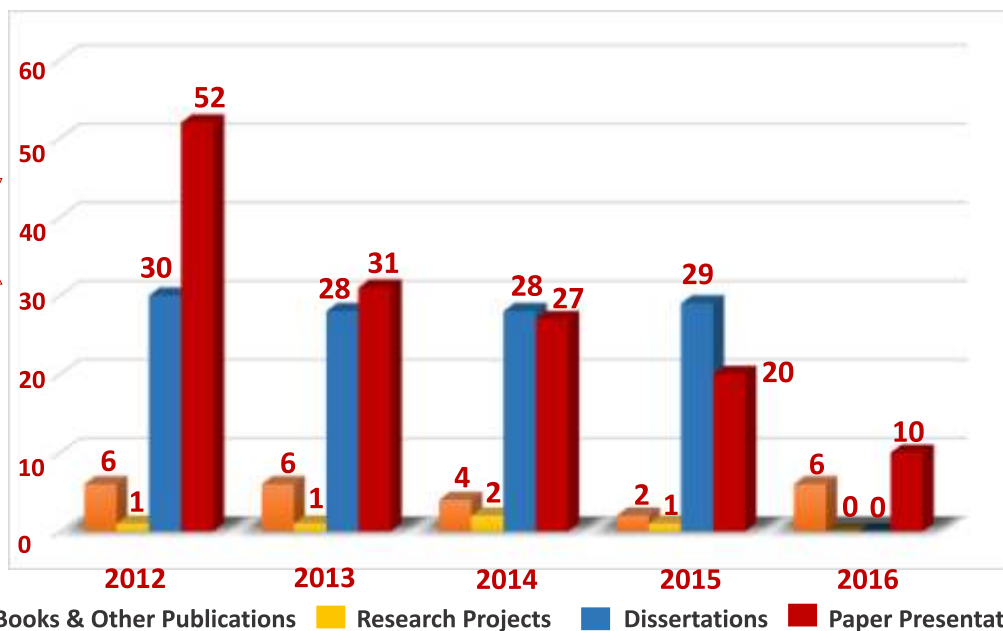
College Research Citations



Research Papers Published Over the Last Five Years



Research Snapshot



## **CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (CET)**

CET is the backbone of the college for improving the quality of instructions and teaching learning process by disseminating information and providing training about new and modern technologies and their use in classroom. It is also making efforts to popularize practices like E-learning (both online and offline) and educational use of mobile, social media and satellite technologies.

### **TRAINING PROGRAMMES**



The centre organised following training programmes for the staff of the college:

A training programme was organised on October 27, 2015 for using new technology enabled classrooms set up by Teach Next to enhance the ICT based teaching skills and to familiarize the faculty with the latest trends in educational technology.

Skill enhancement training for using the various features of Academia ERP software was conducted on May 6, 2016. During the training the different modules of the software such as admission, student information system, declaration of result etc. was provided to both the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college. The software is now being used by the staff on regular basis in the day to day functioning of the college.

The centre also conducted training programmes for teacher trainees on Use of Educational Technology.



### **ONLINE ADMISSION PORTAL**

Taking initiative from the UGC directive regarding online admissions to universities, the MIER College has created an Online Admission Portal for admissions to all courses from the session 2016. The portal provides many features to facilitate seamless admission process. This facility has made the admission process effective, accurate and convenient for the candidates as well as for the college. The process of admissions right from advertisements, e-brochure, submitting of online forms and payments, downloading of admit cards, declaration of results etc. have been provided on this portal.

### **STANDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**



The standing and advisory committee meetings were held in which detailed review of the activities of the centre were done. Dr. Mool Raj Sharma, Centre Head presented a comparative analysis of the progress of the centre since its inception and gave a glimpse of the future projects of the centre. The members appreciated the efforts of the centre in promoting the use of ICT among the students and the staff and also gave suggestions for further improving the functioning of the centre.

### **TECHNOLOGY DAY**

An orientation programme on "Free Online Courses" was organised by the centre on May 11, 2016 to celebrate National Technology Day. Dr. Atul Thakur was the resource person. Dr. Thakur apprised the faculty members about the various online courses related to use of ICT in Education from UNESCO, Microsoft and other foreign universities. He also explained the process and procedure for enrolling in these courses. The programme concluded with an interactive session.

## INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) being the integral part of the college works towards realizing the goals of quality enhancement by developing a system of conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in different aspects of functioning of the college. The IQAC assures the stakeholders i.e. students, parents, teachers and would be employers to create accountability and transparency in the quality management system of the institution and its concern for ensuring quality of education being imparted.

### QUALITY AUDITS

To evaluate the effectiveness of the quality management system of the college, internal and external audits were conducted as per the ISO 9001:2008 standards. A team of internal auditors audited the processes and the procedures of the College and gave valuable suggestions for the continual improvement of the system. Dr. Sunil Thaman from STSERVICIO, Chandigarh conducted the external audit on October 7, 2015 and also provided training on the ISO 9001:2015 standards to apprise about the latest changes in the ISO standards.

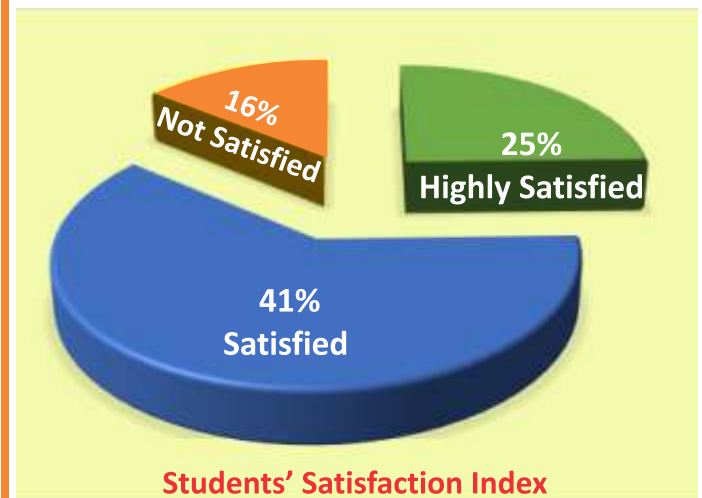


### VALUE ADDED PROGRAMMES



To enhance the capacities of the learners and to develop their skills, IQAC organized programmes namely, "Competency Building for Personality Development", "Training on Utilization of Library Resources" and "Communication Skills Development". These value added programmes made students learn new skills and enhanced their employability skills. There was a considerable improvement in the placement after implementation of value added programme in the college.

### 360 DEGREE FEEDBACK



The IQAC collected the online feedback from trainees, faculty and non teaching staff. The trainees give their feedback regarding curriculum, teachers facilities and services in the college whereas the faculty members gave their opinions about different aspects of college functioning and about their Peers. The feedback was analysed to arrive at conclusions regarding different aspects with the purpose of bringing further improvement in the functioning of the college.

### INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

#### ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

The centre organised a month long orientation programme on various topics to upgrade the professional competencies of the faculty members and prepare them for the new academic session.

The topics covered were New Syllabi for the Session 2016-18, Preparation of Teaching Plans, Online Library

Resources, New Committees of the College, Pi360, MS Office and Troubleshooting and using Internet in Teaching Learning.

Orientation of Drivers, Sweepers, Peons and Security Staff was also conducted to acquaint them about their roles and responsibilities as per quality management system of the college.



#### STANDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS



The advisory committee meeting was convened on June 3rd, 2016. Ms. Angela Gadroo, Centre Head highlighted the achievements of the centre through a presentation. She also updated the members about various quality initiatives taken by the centre and their impact for

ensuring quality assurance and quality control in the college functioning. A detailed discussion was held to make the centre more effective and productive. Earlier a standing committee meeting was also conducted to review the functioning of the IQAC.

#### INTERNATIONAL LINKAGE - APQN

In order to strengthen the quality assurance system, the college has forged a linkage with Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN). APQN functions as a regional network of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE). The aim of this tie up is to get benefit from the vast



experience, expertise of APQN programmes related to quality assurance for improvement of quality of education. The faculty of the college will now be benefitted from the latest trends in higher education through various seminars and conferences organised by the APQN.

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

The Centre is committed to work in tune with the objectives of the National Policy for Empowerment of Women. It undertakes programmes related to gender awareness, advocacy and sensitization of women through a myriad activities such as lectures, celebration of days, performing arts etc. Glimpses of the activities organized by the centre during the year:

### WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY



A symposium was organized on the topic "Role of Women in the Present Society" to mark the occasion of 'Women's Equality Day' on September 1, 2015. Ms Enu Sharma, Ms Savita and Mr Rohit from M.Ed. clinched the first, second and third positions respectively.

### EXTENSION LECTURE



Dr Arti Bakshi, HoD, PG Department of Psychology, University of Jammu was invited to deliver an extension lecture on the topic "Developing Self Esteem Among Young Women" on September 29, 2015.

### GENDER SENSITIZATION



A Gender sensitization programme was organized by the Centre on the topic "Sexual Harassment at Workplace" on October 17, 2015. Dr Poonam Dhawan, Dean Academic Affairs, University of Jammu was the resource person.

### ADOLESCENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME



A six day adolescent education programme was conducted in two phases from October 15 - 21, 2015 and November 23 to December 1, 2015 by the centre for the students of Model Academy.

### COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS



A function was organised to award certificates to the students of UGC sponsored course on Human Rights and Values. Jenab Mir Tariq Ali, Special Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., J&K. was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

### EXTENSION LECTURE



An extension lecture was organized on the topic "Cyber Crime - A Threat to Young Women" on January 20, 2016. Mr Musadiq Basu, Dy S.P. Crime Branch, J&K, was the resource person.

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



To commemorate International Women's Day, an inter-college Nukkad Natak competition was organized on March 10, 2016.

### MOTHER'S DAY



Mother's Day was celebrated in full enthusiasm and zeal by the centre along with Model Academy, the prestigious school of MIER on May 10, 2016.

### COMMITTEE MEETING



The meeting of Standing and Advisory Committee was held on May 30, 2016 to review the functioning of the centre.

### TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

To commemorate the “World Ecology Day”, students from all departments of the college along with faculty members participated in the “Tree Plantation Drive” organized on November 9, 2015. Medicinal plants like Kaner, Gulmohar, Harsingar and Amaltas were planted.



### NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

To commemorate the “National Science Day” and to create awareness among students about the eco friendly teaching aids an exhibition was organized on March 3, 2016. The entries to the exhibition included a variety of teaching aids on different school subjects. Eco-friendly teaching aids comprised two and three dimensional models both static as well as working, flip–charts, graphic models

### EARTH DAY



“Earth Day” was celebrated by the Environment Unit of MIER College and Eco-Club of Model Academy in collaboration with Municipal Corporation on April 25, 2016. Madame Mandeep Kaur, IAS, Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Jammu was the Chief Guest. Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Veterinary officer, Jammu Municipality was

the Guest of Honour. Innovative utility objects made out of the waste materials and posters on the theme “Clean and Green Environment” were exhibited. A tree plantation drive was also conducted in which students enthusiastically participated in planting sapling on the approach road to the institution.

## EXTENSION UNIT

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

### EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

An awareness programme on the theme 'Effects of Domestic Violence' was organized at West Colony on November 9, 2015. Mrs. Suman Devi, Unit Incharge deliberated upon the causes of domestic violence. The students with the help of posters, slogans and pictures highlighted the effect of domestic violence, physical, sexual, emotional, economic, psychological, unemployment, alcoholism or psycho-social issues. In addition, a free medical camp was organized for the slum dwellers.



### SWACHH ABHIYAN

100 students participated in the cleanliness drive at Krishna Nagar, Simbal Camp and Bajighar Basti, Akhnour which were organized by the college on November 16, 2015. The students cleaned the designated areas and disposed the garbage. They also educated the residents about keeping their community clean and not throwing their domestic garbage outside their homes.

### HIV AWARENESS PROGRAMME

A lecture on the theme 'Causes and Prevention of HIV Aids' and the display of posters on HIV Aids was organized on January 27, 2016. During the programme, the slum dwellers were given orientation regarding various causes of HIV aids such as infected body fluids, infected needles, through broken skin and also from the mother to the child during pregnancy. The posters made by the students on the topic highlighting symptoms, causes, treatment, and prevention regarding the disease were also displayed.



### WORLD HEALTH DAY

To commemorate the World Health Day a free medical camp was organized by the Extension Unit of the college in collaboration with the I.S.M. Dispensary, Dansal Block, Jammu and World Women Awakening Organization (WWAO) at West Colony, near Railway Station, Jammu on April 8, 2016. General medical check-up of the residents was done in which 50 inhabitants were diagnosed with various ailments such as anaemia, skin diseases, flu, gastric issues etc. Free medicines were distributed at the camp.

The NSS unit of the college organized a number of outreach activities in collaboration with the University of Jammu during the year.

### QUOMI EKTA WEEK

A Fund-raising Campaign, a Rangoli Making Competition, Swachhta Abhiyan (cleanliness drive) and On the Spot Poster Making Competition marked the celebrations of “National Integration Week” from November 19 to 24, 2015. NSS volunteers participated in all the events with great fervour and zeal.



### NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

The NSS Unit celebrated “National Youth Day” to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on December 1, 2015. Four short documentaries on the contribution and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda were shown to the students followed by a panel discussion.



### CELEBRATION OF AIDS DAY

To mark “World AIDS Day”, an awareness programme on the theme ‘Getting to Zero’ was organized on January 12, 2016. A presentation highlighting the causes, symptoms and prevention was followed by a discussion in which many doubts and queries were addressed.

### EXTENSION LECTURE

A lecture on the topic “The Adverse Impact of Corruption on Society” was organized by the NSS Unit on April 16, 2016. The resource person was Dr. Koshal Sharma, SSP Vigilance, Jammu, J&K. Dr. Sharma highlighted the adverse impact of corruption on the society like lack of quality in service, increase of crime, depletion of national wealth and elaborated on various ways to curb this social evil. He emphasized that there are legal provisions to minimize corruption incidences in the community only if people are made aware of them. The resource person urged the audience to report such incidences to the concern authorities for the necessary action.



### YOGA- HANDS ON EXPERIENCE

In the series of healthy practices a lecture and a hands-on activity on the topic ‘Yoga and Life Style Modifications’ was organized by the NSS Unit, MIER College on 18th April, 2016. The resource person was Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Yoga Instructor, University of Jammu. Mr. Kumar elaborated upon various forms of “Asana” and “Pranayam” and also about Do's and Don'ts. This was followed by hands-on practice of yoga “Asanas” and “Pranayam” in small batches for students and faculty, which was thoroughly enjoyed.





### TEACHERS' DAY

Teachers' Day was celebrated on September 5, 2015 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

Students presented bouquets to all the teachers to show their gratitude and regards. A colourful cultural programme comprising a dance,



musical presentations and a skit based on the theme "Journey of a Teacher" was presented by the students. Students also shared their views on the role of a teacher. At the end, the staff and the students took a solemn pledge to rededicate themselves to the noble profession of teaching.

### DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

A Disaster Management programme was organized by the college on October 3, 2015. J&K State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and Regional Civil Defense Control Centre were the resource agencies. Students and staff witnessed the programme with great interest. The personnel from



SDRF exhibited various Disaster Management techniques such as evacuations from the buildings in case of emergencies. They also showed how to provide First Aid to the victims. They also showcased fire extinguishing method by creating real situation. An interactive session was also held at the end of the programme.

### BOOK EXHIBITION

To cater to the new M.Ed., B.Ed. and B.Ed Special curricula, a book exhibition was organized on November 2, 2015. The exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Anita Sacher, Assistant Librarian, University of Jammu. About 6000 books were exhibited on various subjects like education, special education, research, women education and



human rights etc. General books and books written by foreign authors were also displayed. The Staff and the students of the college showed keen interest in the books displayed. The exhibition was organised by the chief librarian, Mr. Suneel Bhat. Many books were selected on spot for the college library.

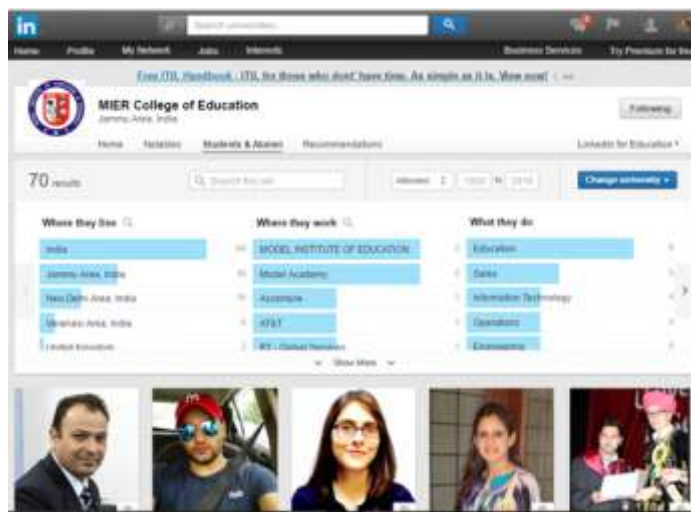
### NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

National Education Day was celebrated on November 11, 2015 to celebrate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of Independent India by recalling his contributions to the cause of education.



An inspiring documentary on the life and contributions of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was screened for the students and the staff of the college. An interactive session on "Themes for Consultation on Higher Education" was also held in which participants presented their views.

The Alumni and placement committee of MIER college provides a platform for the alumni to share, interact and get involved in the college events. It also organizes different activities for the current students to get equipped to get placed in the professional world.



### LINKEDIN PAGE

Nowadays, Social media is a powerful tool to engage alumni and build a network of professionals with a shared affinity for the institution. In this context, a LinkedIn page was created to connect with the alumni, know their whereabouts and track their professional journey. Approximately 100 alumni have connected through this page till now. They are actively promoting the achievements of the college and proving to be effective online ambassadors of the institute. Moreover, this would enable the existing students to draw inspiration from the success stories of the college alumni. They can also seek guidance and support in various educational and professional matters through this online interactive platform.

### WORKSHOP ON “CAREER GUIDANCE”

To prepare the teacher trainees for their placement, the Alumni and Placement Committee of the College organized a two day workshop on the topics “Preparing an Effective Resume” and “How to Face Interviews” on February 2 and 9, 2016.

The resource person was Mr. Pranav Gandotra, HR Manager, MIER. The students were oriented about different aspects of preparing an effective resume. Mock Interview sessions were also conducted to instil confidence in students. They were also given important tips to handle questions effectively during interviews.



### ORIENTATION ON “CENTRAL TEACHER ELIGIBILITY TEST”

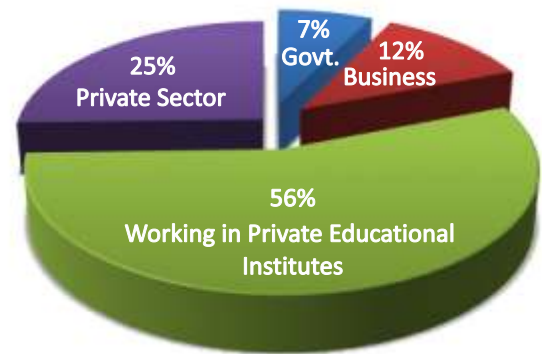
An orientation programme on Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) for B.Ed. and M.Ed. students was organized on July 16, 2016. The resource person was Dr. Atul Thakur, Asstt. Professor MIER College.

The aim was to make the budding teachers aware about the process, eligibility and the pattern of CTET examination. Dr. Thakur informed that clearing this examination will bring them at par with national standards and benchmark set for ensuring quality of trained teachers. Hands-on experience was provided to them regarding on filling of the form. Later, the resource person addressed the queries of the teacher trainees.



**PLACEMENTS**

The Placement cell of the college successfully placed a number of students during the session. The Placement cell reaches out to the students via college website and its Facebook page and informs them about the various job opportunities on regular basis. Special sessions were also conducted to register students for placements and to apprise them about the placement procedures. Various training programmes and workshops were also conducted for preparing students for job interviews. Students were placed in various reputed private institutions as well as in the Government sector.



**Graphical Representation of the Students Placed in Different Sectors**

**EDUCATIONAL VISITS**



Students of B.Ed. Deptt. visiting educational institutions as part of their field work outlined in the curriculum

Visits organised by Deptt. of Special Education to increase awareness about latest trends and techniques in the field of special education

Students of M.Ed. Department at Pushpa Gujral Science City, Jalandhar

**NAAC VISITS BY FACULTY**



- Dr. Adit Gupta, Vice Principal visited Nabagram Hiralal Paul College, Hoogli, West Bengal from January 7 to 9, 2016 as the Member Co-ordinator of the NAAC Peer Team.
- Dr. Renu Gupta, Principal visited Guru Kripa College of Education and Research, District Thane Maharashtra as a Member of NAAC Peer Team on March 28, 2016.

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi granted extension to impart instructions in B.Ed. Special Education (MR/ID) programme for another five years from the academic session 2016-17 to 2020-21 on the recommendations of the inspection committee which visited college on March 16, 2016.
- M.A. (Education) The first batch of two years M.A. Education programme for the session 2016-18 was successfully started in the college. This is the first course that has been started after attaining autonomous status by the college. In the first batch 25 students ve been admitted in the course.
- The college upgraded its physical infrastructure by renovating the auditorium with modern furniture, fixtures, lighting and high end audio and video projection system.
- New toilet block has also been upgraded for the female faculty.
- New air conditioners have been installed in the girls hostel of the college to provide better amenities to the hostellers.



## REMEMBRANCE



MIER College of Education pays rich tributes and homage to eminent educationist Prof. Abdul Aziz Bhat on his sad demise on August 7, 2016. He died at the ripe age of 100. The passing away of Prof. Aziz has taken from our midst a towering

educationist with great qualities of head and heart and a role model for all the academic fraternity.

Prof. Aziz along with the founders of MIER helped lay the foundations of the MIER College of Education more than 34 years ago and was also the founder Principal of the College. He was also an esteemed member of the Board of Directors of the MIER Group of Institutions for over 30

years. His rich legacy shall continue to nourish the roots of the MIER group and keep it true to its founding ideals forever.

The life of Prof. Aziz is a testimony to the fact that determination, hard work, honesty and integrity are the pillars of a true educationist. He believed that education had the potential to transform society and teachers play a key role in shaping the future of this country. He was an epitome of love and followed the motto of service before self. His valuable contributions shall be long cherished by the educational fraternity.

The management has instituted an award in his honour to recognize the efforts of individuals in the field of teacher education.

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS

1. Dr. Adit Gupta presented a paper “An Assessment of the Technology Supported Learning Environments and Attitude Towards Technology in NAAC Accredited Colleges of Education” in the Eighth International Conference SMTE, held at Jakarta, Indonesia from November 21 to 24, 2015.
2. Dr. Bharti Tandon presented a paper “The Stress level and Coping Strategies in Women Teacher at the High School level: A Pilot Study” while Mrs. Angela Gadroo presented a paper “Holistic Health, Yoga, Spiritual and Religious Practices” in an International Conference – ICIAHP, organised by the University of Jammu, from December 6 to 8, 2015.
3. Dr. Rohnika Sharma and Dr. Bharti Tandon presented papers “Status of Rehabilitation Services for Children with Intellectual Disability in the State of J&K: A Comparative Situational Analysis” and “Attitude of Parents towards Inclusion of Children with Disabilities: A Literature Review” respectively in an International Conference on ‘Education for Sustainable Development: Empowering Individuals with Multiple Disabilities’ organised by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Delhi from February 28 to 29, 2016.



DR. ADIT GUPTA



DR. BHARTI TANDON



DR. ROHNIKA SHARMA



DR. NISHTA RANA



DR. ATUL THAKUR



MS. ANGELA GADROO



MS. SUMAN GUPTA



MS. ARPANA KOUL



MR. SUNEEL BHAT

4. Mr. Suneel Kumar Bhat presented a paper “Emergence of Cloud Computing: A Boon to Modernize Libraries” in the ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on ‘Future of Libraries – Trends, Issues and Challenges’ organised by the University of Jammu from March 15 to 16, 2016.
5. A paper entitled “Challenges before RUSA” was presented by Dr. Atul Thakur while Dr. Nishta Rana presented a paper “Improving the Quality of Higher Education: Role of RUSA, in a National Seminar on ‘Rashtriya Uchcharat Shikshan Abhiyan’ organised by Vishwa Bharti College of Education, Jammu on April 23, 2016.
6. Dr. Atul Thakur presented a paper “Trends and Practices in Education: Global Cues for India” in the International Conference on ‘Global Trends in Teacher Education’ organised by Lovely Professional University, Punjab from April 15 to 16, 2016.
7. Dr. Nishta Rana presented a paper “Factors Facilitating the Spread of Innovations in Teacher Education” and the paper on “Innovations in Teacher Education” was presented by Ms. Suman Gupta and Ms. Arpana Koul in the National Seminar on ‘Changing Scenario of Teacher Education in India’ held at KC Gurukul College of Education, Jammu on April 4, 2016.

## PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Dr Adit Gupta, Joint Director, MIER was appointed as an Endeavour Awards Ambassador by the Australian Government at a glittering ceremony on March 11, 2016 in New Delhi. The award was presented by Ms. Harinder Sidhu,



Australia’s High Commissioner to India. Dr. Gupta himself is a recipient of the prestigious Endeavour Executive Award in the year 2009 for undertaking research at Curtin University, Perth, Australia. He would be volunteering his own time to this role and will share his experiences under an Endeavour Award with leading higher education and research institutions in the northern region. The aim is to make other high achieving Indians aware about the opportunities available to them under this prestigious scholarship programme.

## Conferment of Ph.D. Degree



DR. ROHNIKA SHARMA



DR. MONIKA BAJAJ

Ms. Rohnika Sharma and Mrs. Monika Bajaj were awarded Ph.D. degrees during this session.

Ms. Sharma completed her Ph.D. on the topic “Comparative Situational Analysis of the J&K and other Selected States of India with Reference to Special Education and Rehabilitation Services for Persons with Intellectual Disability” from the Ramakrishna Mission Vivekanand University. Mrs. Bajaj did her Ph.D. from the Banasthali Vidyapith University on the topic “Learning Environments of Technology Supported Classrooms in Teacher Education Programme”.

● **Suneel Kumar Bhat**

“ICT Based Services in Automated Libraries” published in *Education and Welfare - An International Journal of Education & Humanities*, Vol. IV, No.1, Jan-Dec, 2015. ISSN 2320-1762.

“Emergence of Cloud Computing: A Boon to Modernize Libraries” published in the Proceedings of the National Seminar on *Future of Libraries – Trends, Issues & Challenges*, Dept. of Library & Information Science, University of Jammu. March 2016. ISBN 978-93-84556-02-0.

● **Dr. Rohnika Sharma**

“Status of Rehabilitation Services for Children with Intellectual Disability (CWID) in the State of J&K: A Comparative Situational Analysis” published in the Proceedings of the International Conference on *Education for Sustainable Development: Empowering Individuals with Multiple Disabilities*. February, 2016. ISBN 978-93-82884

● **Dr. Bharti Tandon and Mrs. Monika Rathore**

“A Pilot Study about the Status of Dalit Women Working in Urban Educational Settings” published in the *Online International Interdisciplinary Research Journal*. Volume-VI, Special Issue, March, 2016. ISSN 2249-9598.

● **Dr. Atul Thakur**

“Trends and Practices in Education: Global Cues for India”, published in the Proceedings of the International Conference on *Global Trends in Teacher Education* held at Lovely Professional University, Punjab from April 15 to 16, 2016. ISBN 978-9385503-33-7.

● **Dr. Nishta Rana**

“Technological Change: Implications For Teacher Education” published in the book *Improving Higher & Teacher Education through ICT*, April, 2016. ISBN 9789352586448

## PAPERS PUBLISHED

● **Arpana Kaul**

“Role of ICT in Teaching and Learning” published in the book *Improving Higher & Teacher Education through ICT*, April, 2016. ISBN 9789352586448

● **Dr. Arun K. Gupta & Dr. Nishta Rana**

“Social Networking in the Context of Higher Education: Scope and Challenges” published in the book *Improving Higher & Teacher Education through ICT*, April, 2016. ISBN 9789352586448

● **Chitranjan Jamwal**

“Role of Libraries in Information and Communication Technology Era Vis A Vis Teacher Education” published in the book *Improving Higher & Teacher Education through ICT*, April, 2016. ISBN 9789352586448

● **Rajendra Kumar Praveen**

“Special Education, Education Technology and Teacher Education” published in the book *Improving Higher & Teacher Education through ICT*, April, 2016. ISBN 9789352586448

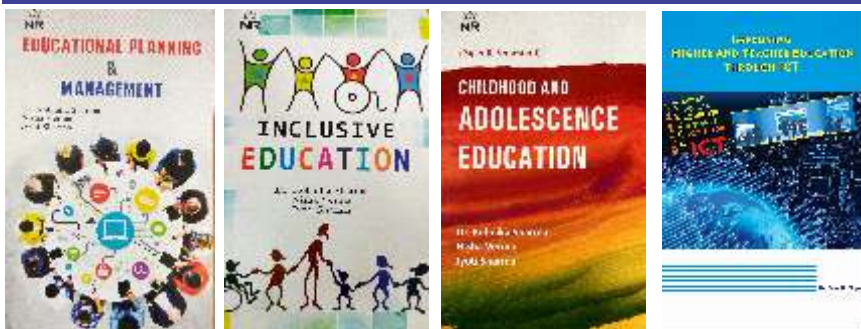
● **Dr. Bharti Tandon**

“Attitude of Parents Towards Inclusion of Children with Disabilities: A Literature Review” published in the Proceedings of the International Conference on *Education for Sustainable Development: Empowering Individuals with Multiple Disabilities*. February, 2016. ISBN 978-93-82884

“Critical Look at the Contributions of a Special Educator in Co-teaching Settings in a US Secondary School: A Case Study” published in the *MIER Journal of Educational Studies Trends and Practices*, Volume 6, No. 1, May 2016. ISSN 0976-8203.

## BOOKS PUBLISHED

Following books were published by the faculty of the college during the session on various themes such as Educational Management, Inclusive Education and Educational Technology.



Educational Planning & Management

Inclusive Education

Childhood and Adolescence Education

Improving Higher and Teacher Education Through ICT

Dr. Rohnika Sharma, Nisha Verma and Jyoti Sharma

Dr. Arun Gupta

## UPCOMING EVENT

One day National Seminar is being organized on October 1st, 2016 on “Strengthening Teacher Education: Challenges and Strategies” in collaboration with Council of Teacher Education (CTE). The aim of this seminar is to bring practitioners, thinkers and scholars in education on a common platform to deliberate upon different challenges that stand in the way of effective implementation of the revised and updated B.Ed. and M.Ed. curriculum.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Dr. Rohnika Sharma participated in two days orientation programme cum course coordinator meet organized by RCI in collaboration with National Institute for Visually Handicapped (NIVH) Dehradun, August 17-18, 2015.
- Mrs. Suman Devi attended one day workshop on “Nagri Lipi” organized by J.K College of Education, September 2015.
- Mr. Ashish Anand attended a three day RCI sponsored workshop on “Awareness and Sensitization of In-service Principal and Teachers of Jammu District” at MIER College of Education, Jammu, J&K, November 26-28, 2015.
- Mrs Anjela Gadroo, Mrs Poonam Soni and Mrs Komal Sharma, Assistant Professors, MIER College attended a three week Teacher Refresher course organized by the Department of Education at the University of Jammu, January 2016.
- Mr. Ashish Anand attended one day RCI sponsored workshop on “Journey towards Inclusion” organized by the B.Ed Special Education Department of MIER College of Education, Jammu, in collaboration with Babu Jagjwan Ram Trust, Una, H.P., April, 2016.
- Mr. Ashish Anand attended a 5 day workshop sponsored by RCI on “Group Education Programme for Children with Special Needs” organized by Karam Manovika Sansthan, Alwar, May 23-27, 2016.
- Dr. Nishta Rana attended a week long workshop on “Research Methodology” using SPSS at Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, June 1st-7th, 2016.
- Dr. Rohnika Sharma, attended one day RCI sponsored workshop organized by North Zonal Coordination Committee (ZCC) on “Capacity Building of Potential NGO/GO,” Shimla, H.P. July 5th, 2016.
- Ms. Rohnika Sharma selected as Subject Matter Expert by the Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities for providing support and guidance in preparation of resource material for Skill Training Programmes.

### Ph.D. Guided

Dr. Adit Gupta, Professor, PG Deptt of Education successfully guided Mrs. Monika Bajaj, his first Ph.D. student for attaining her doctorate degree from the Banasthali Vidyapith University as a Co-guide.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

The annual sports meet was organized in the campus from April 2 to 3, 2016. . More than 80 students from different departments of MIER College of Education participated in various games like Volleyball, Badminton, Kho-Kho and Tug of war which were organized by the Sports and Games Unit of the college.



## STUDENT SCHOLARS

Ms. Ragini Sharma student of M.Ed. Department presented a paper “The Stress level and Coping Strategies in Women Teacher at the High School level: A Pilot Study” in an International Conference – ICIAHP, organised by the University of Jammu, on December 6-8, 2015.



Ms. Sheetal Sharma, student of M.Ed. Department, batch 2013-14 received Gold Medal during 16th Convocation of University of Jammu held on April 2, 2016.

## STUDENT ACHIEVERS



Ms. Meenakshi Sharma and Monika Gill bagged 2nd prize in an inter-college slogan writing competition organized at Chenab College of Education, Jammu.



Ms. Divya Jamwal and Ms. Enu Sharma won 1st and 2nd prize respectively in an inter-college debate competition held at Govt. College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu.



Ms. Enu Sharma bagged 2nd prize in an inter-college symposium organized at N.S.M College of Education, Jammu



Ms Heena Jamwal and Ms Jigmet Padma jointly clinched 2nd prize in inter-college slogan writing and poster making competition organized by K.C College of Education.



Ms. Heena Verma and Ms. Shivani clinched 1st and 2nd prize in all India essay writing competition by organised by Shri Ram Chandra Mission.



Winners of inter college Nukkad Natak receiving trophy from the eminent theatre personality Padamshree Balwant Thakur



3rd Prize winners in debate, painting, poster making and group dance competitions in "Cultural Fest-Resurgence-2016" organised at SMVDU, Katra.