

MIER College of Education (Autonomous)

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Report of the Activities under Functional MoUs 2023-24

Commonwealth of Learning Canada

1. 2-Day Workshop on Moodle Administration March 18 & 19, 2024

Under Phase III of the **Commonwealth of Learning, Canada** -MIER Project, a Workshop on the Administration and Management of Moodle Learning Management System for Effective Blended Learning was held on March 18 & 19, 2024. Through the workshop about 21 teachers were able to: explore the main administration settings, site admin presets, reports and basic file management; customise the site's look and feel; create and organise courses and categories; manage user accounts, enrolments and roles; configure activity plugins; manage filters and site badges; & create certificate templates.



Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu

1. Communication Skill Development Workshop February 1, 2024

On February 1, 2024, 25 students from the English Access Micro scholarship Program visited IIT Jammu for an educational experience focusing on language learning and critical thinking. The visit included an orientation on Action Research projects, emphasizing their academic and practical importance, and guiding students on methodologies and structuring. A workshop on critical thinking skills engaged students in activities and discussions to enhance their analytical abilities, highlighting its significance in both language learning and broader contexts. An introduction to various language tools demonstrated practical resources such as dictionaries, language apps, and online platforms to aid language proficiency. Additionally, a lecture on effective speaking skills provided techniques for improving oral communication, including voice modulation, body language, and persuasive speaking, with interactive exercises for practice. This visit offered valuable insights and practical skills, contributing to the holistic development of the student's academic and personal growth.



2. Guest Lecture on Stress Management November 6, 2023

A guest lecture on "Stress Management" was organized for the students of the college on November 6, 2023. Prof. Noam Shpancer from Otterbein University, currently on sabbatical at IIT Jammu, led the session. Attendees included key faculty members from MIER College and IIT Jammu. Prof. Adit Gupta introduced Prof. Shpancer, highlighting his expertise in clinical psychology and anxiety disorders. Prof. Shpancer emphasized the importance of mental well-being alongside physical health, explaining that good mental health practices are essential for life satisfaction and quality of life. He outlined three key skills for mental well-being: facing challenges, managing emotions through acceptance and consultation, and cognitive appraisal. The lecture concluded with an engaging Q&A session, where students addressed their specific concerns about stress management. This event reinforced the college's commitment to supporting students' mental health.



3. One Day Faculty Development Programme October 14, 2023

The Centre for Essential Skills at IIT Jammu organized a one-day faculty interaction program for the faculty of the College . Faculty members from both institutions engaged in thought-provoking activities that highlighted their extensive expertise and experience and promoted a cooperative learning atmosphere. The interaction program included discussions on initiatives by the Centre for Essential Skills, the impact of truth and knowledge on learning, the significance of undergraduate project work, and assessment styles for measuring learning outcomes. Sessions also covered creativity and neurocognitive limitations, as well as challenges and strategies for effective technology-enabled learning.



GHG Khalsa College of Education, Ludhiana

1. Student Exchange programme at GHG Khalsa College of Education, Ludhiana 19th to 21st February 2024

In a ground-breaking initiative, MIER College of Education (Autonomous), Jammu, and **GHG Khalsa College of Education, Ludhiana**, successfully concluded their inaugural three-day student exchange programme from February 19-21, 2024. This holistic and enriching experience showcased the two esteemed institutions' collaborative spirit and cultural diversity. The exchange highlighted athletic and sports events, cultural performances, student interactions, visits to historical sites, and celebrations of International Mother Tongue Day. The students of MIER College excelled in sports, winning numerous medals and bringing laurels to their institution.



2. FDP on Open Educational Resources: A Catalyst for Innovations in Education November 29, 2023 to December 07, 2023

MIER College collaborated with **GHG Khalsa College**, **Ludhiana** to be a part of a Faculty Development programme on Open Educational Resources (OER) which was conducted from November 29, 2023 to December 07, 2023. This Faculty Development Programme was designed as a collaborative activity to enhance the intellectual and professional development of collaborating institutions. The main themes were - Concept of Open Educational Resources (OER), Open Educational Resources in Higher Education: Trends and Scenario, Types of Open Educational Resources, Tools And Techniques For Creating Open Educational Resources.



3. An Ongoing Research Study in collaboration with GHG Khalsa College of Education, Ludhiana on "High School Girls Students' Perceptions related to Cyberbullying: An Exploratory Study"

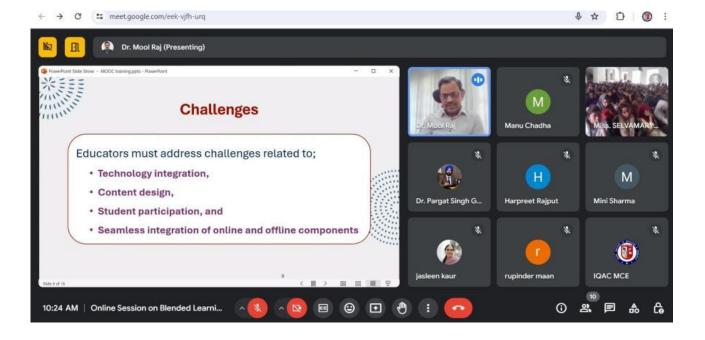
GHG Khalsa College of Education, Ludhiana, and MIER College of Education, Jammu, have initiated a collaborative research study to investigate High School Girl Students' Perceptions and Factors related to Cyberbullying. The research methodology involves an exploratory design aimed at comprehensively understanding the phenomenon of cyberbullying from the perspective of high school girl students. The proposal meeting for the research study was held on December 12, 2022, marking the initiation of the collaborative effort. A questionnaire has been developed specifically for this study to gather data regarding students' perceptions and experiences related to cyberbullying. The questionnaire is designed to capture nuanced insights into the prevalence, nature, and contributing factors of cyberbullying as perceived by the participants. Partial data collection has been done.



Activities with participation from different colleges under MoU

1. Online session on "Blended Learning and MOOC Development April 22, 2024

The IQAC in collaboration with Centre for Educational Technology (CET) oragnised an online session on "Blended Learning and MOOC Development" on April 22, 2024, for the faculty and students of MoU Colleges namely Christopher's College of Education (Autonomous), GHG Khalsa College of Education and Govt. College of Education, Jammu. Dr Mool Raj, the Head and Professor at the Centre for Educational Technology, served as the resource person, bringing a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the discussion. Dr. Mool Raj delved into the intricacies of blended learning methodologies and the development of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). The session fostered collaboration and knowledge sharing among esteemed faculty members from various institutions, furthering the collective understanding of these innovative educational approaches.



2. Best Practices Exchange Programme February 8, 2024

The Shrimati Shanti Gupta Centre for Women's Studies at the College organised a session on sharing best practices for promoting gender equality in higher education institutions in collaboration with MoU colleges. Through a hybrid format, seven colleges from four states actively participated. This initiative is geared towards nurturing inclusivity, diversity, and equal opportunities for all genders within academic settings. The best practices were shared by Mrs. Rupa Gupta, Jt. Director MIER and Director SSGCWS from MIER College of Education (Autonomous), Jammu, Dr. Sunil Rajpurkar, Associate Professor from Smt. Kapila Khandvala College of Education (Autonomous), Mumbai, Dr. Seema Malpotra, Associate Professor and Convener CWS and Dr. Isha Sharma, Assistant Professor from Govt. College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu, Dr. Manu Chadha, IQAC Coordinator and Convener CWS, from Guru Hargobind Khalsa College of Education, (GHG) Ludhiana, Dr. Irvinder Kour, Officiating Principal from Govt. College for Women Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, Mrs. J. Jasmine, Assistant Professor, St. Christopher's College of Education, Chennai, and Dr. Shalni Rana IQAC Coordinator from Govt. College of Education, Jammu. All the best practices had great takeaways from the perspectives of women empowerment through gender-sensitive and friendly policies introduced in different colleges across pan India. Some of these were the 'gender champions club', 'hosting open at clubs', featuring 'regional women writers', and running 'gender studies courses' thereby building a community of learners to raise awareness nationally and globally.



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