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**UNDER PRIVATE AUTONOMOUS ART, SCIENCE
AND COMMERCE (ASC) COLLEGES 2023-24 IN J&K**

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Top Ranked College



Rank		Jammu & Kashmir	Total score (700)
India 2023	State 2023		
51	1	MIER College of Education, Jammu	466
90	2	Islamia College of Science & Commerce, Srinagar	422

Continuing its reign of excellence, MIER College has secured the top spot in Education World Magazine's rankings for the fourth consecutive year. Notably, the college has also made significant progress at the national level, ascending from 56th to 51st position.

India					Competence of faculty (20%)	Faculty welfare & development (15%)	Curriculum & pedagogy (15%)	Placement (10%)	Infrastructure (10%)	Leadership & governance quality (10%)	TOTAL SCORE (700)
2020	2021	2022	2023	Rank							
56	57	56	50	51	135	62	71	85	67	65	466
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Chairperson Honoured

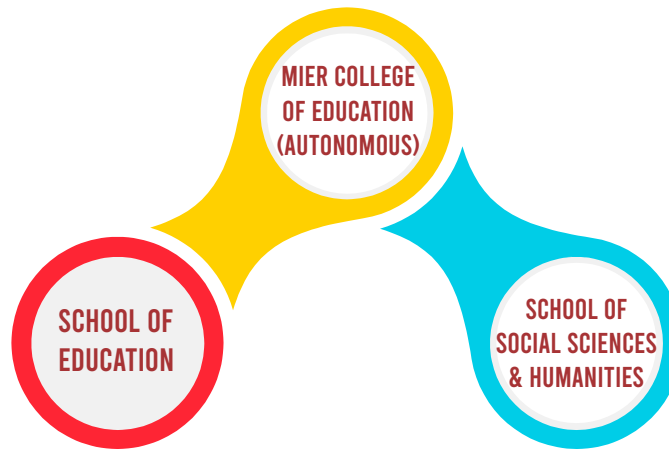
Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson, MIER Group honoured with an award for her valuable contribution and services in promoting Active, Healthy and Productive Ageing by National Institute of Social Defense and Anugrah, NGO, New Delhi.



ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

Establishment of Schools

In consonance with the transformative vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, MIER College has embarked on a significant journey of transition from a teacher education institution to a multi-disciplinary college. This transformation culminated in the establishment of two distinct schools in August 2023: the School of Education and the School of Social Sciences and Humanities.



The School of Education will continue to nurture future educators, upholding its legacy of excellence in teacher preparation. The School of Social Sciences and Humanities will delve into the intricacies of human behaviour, social structures, language, and culture.

The initiative fosters a dynamic learning environment by encouraging flexibility, creativity, and collaboration across disciplines.

Adoption of OBE



The college has adopted Outcome-Based Education (OBE) as its primary pedagogical approach, aligning teaching, learning, and assessment with defined learning outcomes. The faculty has also been trained to create Course and Programme Learning Outcomes for all subjects.

This shift empowers both faculty and students, ensuring shared educational objectives, clear learning expectations and desired outcomes. The OBE framework shall be implemented from the new session 2023-24.



New Programmes

MIER College reached another milestone with the start of first batch of its pioneering M.Ed. Special Education (ID) programme approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi. This has opened new avenues for students to become an expert in this crucial field, gaining the knowledge and skills to make a profound impact on the lives of children with special needs.

ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

Launch of Access Microscholarship Program



Ms Rachna Sharma, Regional English Language Specialist from RELO launched the US Department State funded Program - English Access Microscholarship Program (Access) with a grant of US\$18000 on July 21, 2023.

This programme is being organised for the first time for B.Ed. Students and is aimed at enhancing their English language skills, fostering confidence, critical thinking, and cross-cultural understanding. Beyond mastering English, students will engage in cultural activities and field trips. 25 students from the B.Ed. course have been selected for the programme.

Framework for New Educational Policies

To further enhance operational efficiency, management has framed three new policies. These policies will contribute in enhancing academic quality, improving student outcomes, nurturing a culture of excellence, and strengthening institutional reputation. These reflect the management's commitment to provide a supportive and innovative learning environment that empowers students and faculty to excel.



EDUCATIONAL LINKAGES

Signing of MoUs

MIER College has taken a proactive step in expanding its academic horizons by entering into a series of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with several esteemed institutions. These MoUs aim to foster collaboration, exchanges, research projects, and academic resource sharing, enriching students' learning experiences and exposing them to diverse perspectives and global best practices.

Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College For Women, Jammu during the signing of MoU Ceremony on Oct 10, 2022.



Opening a new chapter of collaboration with Dr. Pargat Singh Garcha, Principal, GHG Khalsa College, Ludhiana on December 24, 2022.



Embarking on a educational collaborative Journey with IDPS, Jammu Centre on January 16, 2023.



MoU with Council for Educational Administration and Management, Thiruvananthapuram on Sep 26, 2023.

STATUTORY MEETINGS UNDER AUTONOMY



Governing Body



Academic Council

The meetings of the statutory bodies were held to address important issues in academics, finance, and administrative matters. These meetings served as a platform for in-depth discussions and decision-making aimed at furthering the College's growth and development.



Board of Studies

Planning and Evaluation Committee Meeting

A meeting of all heads, unit in-charges and committees conveners of the college was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson, Governing body and Convener of Planning and Evaluation committee to strategise and plan academic as well as other activities of different units for the upcoming year on May 24-25, 2023.

All heads and incharges made presentations regarding their respective calendars and highlighted key events and initiatives scheduled for the upcoming year.



A lively interaction was held to identify potential areas for implementation and develop a comprehensive plan to carry out the activities smoothly as per the calendars approved. Valuable suggestions for enhancing the overall quality of the college's academic and general functioning were incorporated.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL

Patents Granted

The College faculty have been granted patents in the field of education. These patents are a testament to the world-class research that is being conducted at the college and it also reflects the dedication and innovation of our faculty in advancing the field of education.



German Patent and Trademark Office

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Prof. Adit Gupta, Prof. Mool Raj & Prof. Nishta Rana

Assessing Digital Media Skills among Different Stakeholders and their Attitudes Towards MOOCs in Higher Education Institutions.

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Prof. Adit Gupta, Prof. Mool Raj & Ms. Savita Manhas

A System of Evaluating and Promoting MOOCs for Student Teachers and Educators.

Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks, India

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Prof. Mool Raj

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Advisory Committee Meeting

The Research and Development Cell of the college convened an advisory committee meeting on April 27, 2023.

Dr. Nishta Rana, Head, RDC presented a comprehensive report highlighting the Centre's achievements and ongoing endeavours. External experts commended efforts of the cell and offered valuable suggestions for further improvement. The meeting was a productive exchange of ideas and expertise.



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL

Elevating Research Expertise



Prof. Adit Gupta delivered a guest lecture on the topic "Technology Usage and Promotion of Research" on November 15, 2022. The lecture discussed the transformative impact of technology on research practices, highlighting how advancements are revolutionizing research methods, dissemination, and utilization.



A guest lecture on "Publishing in High Impact Journals" was delivered by Prof. Santosh Panda, Director of STRIDE at IGNOU Delhi on December 17, 2022. He discussed the key aspects of writing research proposal and paper, including proprietary vs. open-access journals, publication process, common publishing mistakes.

Nurturing Budding Researchers

To nurture research skills among students a diverse array of research activities were organised by the centre. These activities provide students with hands-on opportunities to engage in the research process, from formulating research questions to analyzing data and presenting findings.



Research Mentorship Competition in progress (Dec 21, 2022)



Workshop on SPSS for Data Analysis (April 17-19,2023)



Workshop on the Preparation of Research Proposal (July 20, 2023) and Research Paper (July 28,2023)



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL

Research Colloquium



Dr. Behzad Maqbool
Associate Professor
School of Education,
MIER College of Education
Jammu

**Effect of Manipulative Play
Training Package on the
Development of Selective
Adaptive Skills among Children
with Intellectual Disabilities**

November 24, 2022



Dr. Byron Bunt
Senior Lecturer,
Faculty of Education,
North-West University,
South Africa.

**Nurturing Self-Directed
Learning through an Open
Game-Based Renewable
Assessment Approach**

January 31, 2023



Dr. Tikaram Poudel
Associate Professor,
School of Education,
Kathmandu University,
Nepal

**Research Language Disparity:
A Process of Marginalization
Barring Classroom
Interaction**

August 28, 2023

Orientation on Research Policy



An orientation programme was organised to give a comprehensive overview of the institution's research policy on July 17, 2023. It aimed to equip faculty members with a thorough understanding of the policy framework governing research activities, ensuring adherence to institutional standards and promoting research excellence. Key aspects of

the policy were covered such as research funding, ethical considerations, intellectual property rights, and publication guidelines, empowering faculty members to navigate the research landscape effectively and align individual goals with the institution's vision.

CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Research Studies

Prof. Mool Raj, Head, Centre for Educational Technology conducted two research studies for the implementation of TEL project supported by Commonwealth of Learning (COL).

The first study was conducted with the objective of developing Technology Enabled Learning policy and implementing it with the support of COL.

The second study assessed the effectiveness of blended learning (BL) on the learning performance of the students of MIER College of Education and their perceptions about it.



Grant Received



The Commonwealth of Learning (COL) has awarded a grant of Rupees 9.5 lakh to the college for the development of one year Diploma in ICT in Education and conducting workshops on Moodle administration under the phase three of the TEL project. The COL grant is given in recognition of college's efforts to provide quality ICT education and training to educators. The grant will enable the college to develop and deliver high-quality programmes that will benefit educators and students across the region. The Diploma in ICT in Education shall be started in the 2024 session.

Orientation on TEL Policy



An orientation programme on the Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Policy framed in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) was organised on September 18, 2023. The orientation was aimed at familiarizing staff members with the policy guidelines and preparing them for its effective implementation.

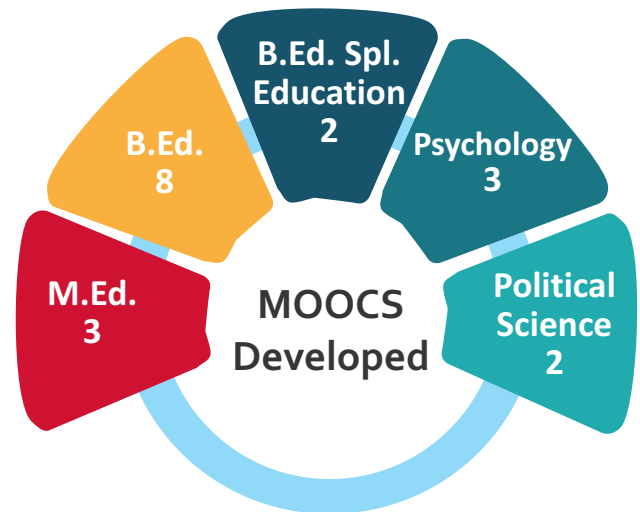
Prof. Mool Raj, Centre Head highlighted the key features of the new TEL Policy and outlined the institution's approach for effectively integrating technology in the teaching learning process.

CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

MOOCS

The faculty of the School of Education and School of Social Sciences and Humanities have developed MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) of their teaching subjects under different programmes offered by the college. This initiative will provide students with greater flexibility, allowing them to access course materials at their convenience.

MOOCS are developed as per the criteria given by the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada by incorporating engaging multimedia content, interactive activities, and regular assessments for enhancing student engagement and comprehension.



Cutting - Edge Learning Tools



Launched MCE Open Access Repository, an online platform for sharing of digital learning resources developed by the College, connecting learners and educators beyond boundaries.

Keeping pace with innovation, the college has upgraded the teaching and learning facilities with cutting-edge technology, by installing state-of-the-art LED interactive panels and high-resolution projectors thereby creating an immersive and dynamic educational environment.

Advisory Committee Meeting

The Advisory Committee meeting of the centre was organised on April 28, 2023. During the meeting, Dr. Mool Raj, Head, CET presented a comprehensive overview of its activities over the past year, highlighting key initiatives, projects, and workshops conducted.

External members of the Advisory Committee, provided valuable feedback for further enhancing the centre's impact. They commended the CET's efforts in staying abreast of emerging technologies and translating them into practical applications for the educational sector.



CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Workshop / Training Programmes



The Centre for Educational Technology organised training programmes on the three key areas during the session namely, Using Interactive Panels, Preparation of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), and the new College Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. These programmes reflect the CET's commitment to equipping faculty with the latest tools and techniques to enhance teaching and learning experiences.

Technology Day Celebrated



The Centre organized various activities to commemorate National Technology Day, including broadcasting the Prime Minister's address, content development workshops, and artificial intelligence videos. Students from various disciplines also enrolled in the Commonwealth Digital Education Leadership Training in Action course.



INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Students Induction Programme

The college hosted an engaging induction programme for its incoming students of UG and PG departments. The programme featured a variety of interactive sessions, including students' introductions, talent sharing through fun games, orientation to the course curriculum, centres and committees, and insightful experiences shared by esteemed alumni of the College.



Staff Induction Programme



The IQAC conducted an induction programme for the newly recruited staff members of the college on October 18, 2022. The programme aimed to familiarize them with the college's vision, organizational structure, academic policies and procedures. They were also oriented about service rules and Facto HR-the Leave and Attendance Software, ensuring a smooth transition into their new roles.

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Open Forum Interactions



In a commitment to fostering a student-centric learning environment, the IQAC conducted the open forum interactions with third-semester undergraduate and postgraduate students on December 6-7, 2023 to gather unfiltered feedback from students on various aspects of their academic experiences,

examinations, faculty interactions, and extracurricular activities. The interactive session encouraged students to voice their honest opinions and concerns, creating a platform for open dialogue and constructive feedback.

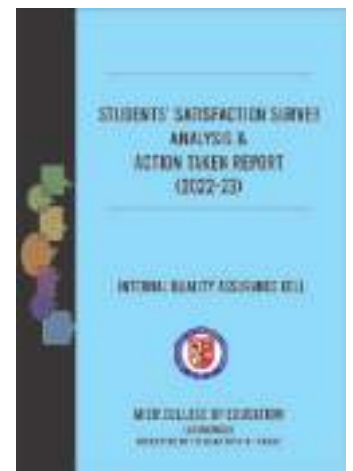


Interaction with Parents

In a proactive measure to strengthen parent-college collaboration, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized an interactive session with parents of students to gather their valuable feedback on various aspects of the college's functioning. The session aimed to foster open communication and address parental concerns while seeking their insights on enhancing the overall learning experience for students.

Stakeholders Feedback

In the academic year 2022-2023, the IQAC conducted a comprehensive feedback survey of students and faculty to gather their opinion on the on the curriculum's relevance, adequacy, and effectiveness. The feedback was analyzed and an action taken report was prepared in consultation with the Principal. Additionally, a separate survey assessed overall student satisfaction with their academic experience.



INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Advisory Committee Meeting

Ms. Jasleen Mohial, Coordinator, IQAC presented a comprehensive review of the performance of the cell and sought valuable suggestions from external experts during the Advisory Committee Meeting on April 26, 2023.

The meeting served as a platform for valuable recommendations aimed at enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations of the cell.



Meeting with MoU Colleges

In a strategic move to strengthen academic and professional collaboration, a meeting was held with representatives from MoU colleges to discuss a plan of action for conducting joint activities and exploring opportunities for collaboration in the areas of consultancy and student exchange programmes.

Students' Orientation

To equip students with valuable digital tools, the IQAC organized orientation programmes on P1360 data analytics software and LinkedIn. Students received comprehensive briefings on features, functionality, and the capabilities of these platforms for their professional development. Additionally, individual accounts were created for each student for using these platforms in an effective manner for their professional growth.



INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Life Skills Programmes

DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS



STRESS MANAGEMENT

ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS



LEADERSHIP SKILLS

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Training Programmes

The IQAC organised different training programmes for the non-teaching staff:



Professional Ethics
October 20, 2022



Transition to G-Suite
March 18, 2023



Effective Utilisation of Office Resources
March 31, 2023



Unleash the Power of AI
September 30, 2023

SMT. SHANTI GUPTA CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

The centre undertook different programmes related to Gender Sensitization, Women Empowerment and Advocacy through diverse activities such as celebration of days, sharing of experiences, competitions, lectures, and panel discussion, etc.

Elimination of Violence Against Women



16-days of activism campaign on the occasion of the "International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls" was launched on November 25, 2022. A series of events were organized under this campaign. The students and staff joined the clarion call given by the UN with an aim to reflect, renew, amplify, and strategize to achieve commitments to eliminate violence against women by 2030.



International Women's Day



To commemorate the International Women's Day, a one-day seminar titled "Achieving Gender Equality for Transformative Change by 2030" was organised on March 9, 2023. Dr. Kr. Ritu Singh, Founder Chairperson-Maharaja Hari Singh Social & Education Foundation, Jammu & President FICCI FLO, JKL was given 'Nari Shakti Puruskar' for her contribution to the society. In keeping with the seminar's theme, a panel discussion was also held. Educationists, administrators, entrepreneurs, and social workers attended the seminar.



Health Talk

Dr. Kanav Padha, Consultant Orthopedics, Trauma and Joint Replacement Surgeon, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu raised health awareness on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis on July 31, 2023

Mother's Day



Gender Champions Club organised an interactive session with the students of Model Academy on the theme "The Relevance of Celebrating Mother's Day in Today's Society". A women centric movie "Nil Batey Sannata" was also screened for the students of College on May 15, 2023.

Awareness Programme on Menstrual Health and Hygiene

SSGCWS along with FICCI FLO, JKL and the Niine Foundation, Gorakhpur, organized a panel discussion to raise awareness about menstrual health and hygiene and break the taboo and stigma attached to it on June 8, 2023. Sanitary napkins were also distributed among the students of the MIER College and Model Academy.



Adolescent Education Programme

A two-day Adolescent Education Programme, focussing on developing different life skills, was organised for the students of classes 9th to 12th of Model Academy on August 1-2, 2023. Mrs. Shashi Rattan, Ex. Vice-Principal, JK Public School, Jammu, was the resource person.



Sharing of Experiences

Mrs. Neetu Bali, Founder of Sunder Gems & Jewels and Ms. Suvidha Jain, Brand Manager, Ambrosia Nuts shared their entrepreneurial journey on August 29, 2023. The programme was organised by the centre under the series "Sharing of Experiences".

Advisory Committee Meeting

The advisory committee meeting of the centre was held on April 29, 2023. Mrs. Rupa Gupta, Director, SSGCWS highlighted its activities and accomplishments through a presentation. External experts provided valuable feedback and recommendations, commending the centre on its efforts and suggesting areas for improvement. The meeting facilitated a fruitful discussion on the centre's future plans and strategies, focusing on its continued growth and impact.



Research Study

A collaborative research study titled "High School Girl Students' Perceptions Related to Cyberbullying: An Exploratory Study" is being conducted by the Centre in partnership with GHG Khalsa College of Education, Ludhiana. This study delved into the perceptions and experiences of high school girls regarding cyberbullying, along with the underlying factors that contribute to this phenomenon. The study's sample comprised 200 students enrolled in 9th grade across Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab.

ENVIRONMENT UNIT

GREEN INITIATIVES

MIER College has implemented a rainwater harvesting system as part of its College Environmental Policy, promoting eco-friendly living practices and environmental sustainability.

The water is collected from rooftops, diverted, and stored in a 2000 litre tank. The water is then used to irrigate the college lawns, gardens and to wash down the pathways and parking lot.

The College aims to harvest and store large quantity of water by installing more such set ups in a phased manner.



To promote the use of solar energy, three solar lights were installed in the college campus to brighten pathways, parking areas, and ground. This initiative aligns with the college environmental policy and demonstrates a proactive approach to promoting renewable energy.

A webinar on the theme "Plastic Waste Management" and an awareness session on the theme "Solid Waste Management and Vermi-Composting" was organised on December 20, 2022.



The "Best Out of Waste" inter-departmental competition organized in the college showcased creativity, innovation, and a commitment to sustainability among students on January 30, 2023.



ENVIRONMENT UNIT

Students visited Tawi Herbal Eco Park in Sidhra to get familiarised with the flora and fauna of the region and discovered different ways and means to protect and conserve the natural environment and biodiversity on February 21, 2023.



A symposium on the Topic “Cultural Practices for Sustainable Environment” was organised in collaboration with the Dept. of Information and Public Relations, Jammu. Mrs. Parul Khajuria (KAS) Cultural Officer, Department of Information and Public Relations was the Chief Guest on February 02, 2023.

Tawi River Cleaning Campaign organised on World Water Day to remove pollutants, debris, and waste from the river banks, contributing to its cleanliness, protecting water bodies and maintaining ecological balance on March 22, 2023.



World Earth Day
Thought-provoking reels were prepared by the students on preserving Eco System on Earth day on April 21, 2023

ENVIRONMENT UNIT



Students participated in a walkathon on the theme "Say No to Polythene" in collaboration with Jammu Municipal Corporation to create awareness about the impact of plastic on environment on May 29, 2023.

Fruit bearing and medicinal plants were planted in the institution in collaboration with Jain Sanghatan and officials from J&K Forest Department on June 5, 2023.



Mr. Suraj Kapoor, Assistant Manager, Karo- Sambhav Private Limited, Jammu was invited for the E-waste disposal of obsolete and discarded electronic products on August 4, 2023.

Nukkad Natak on the theme 'A World without the Ozone Layer' was organised to create awareness on World Ozone Day at Bahu Plaza, Jammu on September 15, 2023.



EXTENSION UNIT



Three computers were donated to the Govt. Primary School and two computers to the Anganwadi Centres at Birpur village adopted by the college on November 16, 2022.



A public awareness rally on the importance of using Helmet and Seat Belt was organized on December 13, 2022.



The unit with the collaboration of NSS unit organised a Swachhata Abiyan in the Govt. Middle School at Birpur village on February 15, 2023.



To commemorate the World Health Day, a free health camp and a sensitization lecture for its students and villagers of adopted village at Birpur, Parmandal Morh was organized on April 7, 2023.

EXTENSION UNIT



A computer training programme for the children of Kabir Basti, a slum area was organized on May 9 to May 12, 2023.



The unit adopted a new village Purkhoo near Domana and a need-based survey was conducted to carry out extension activities on July 26, 2023.



A team of doctors from Ayush Department, Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital Jammu, delivered a lecture on "Millet Promotion and Anemia Screening" on August 8, 2023 .



Dr. Manju Bhat, Medical Officer, Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital educated students at the adopted village about tuberculosis, its causes and treatment on August 17, 2023.



Mr. Rahil Gupta, Manager, Punjab National Bank provided an overview of digital transactions and warned support staff against online scammers September 6, 2023.

NSS UNIT

National Integration Week

A Tiranga rally was organized on November 23, 2022 to encourage communal harmony among the community. The volunteers also performed Nukkad Natak on November 24, 2022 on Communal Harmony and National Integration, in the Govt. Primary School at the adopted village-Birpur.



Human Rights Day

A panel discussion on the topic "Civic Literacy and Engagement" was conducted on December 23, 2022. Dr. Bindu Sangra, Assistant Professor, The Law School, University of Jammu, Dr. Monika Narang, Associate Professor, Dept. of Law, University of Jammu and Dr. Sumit Nayyar, Advocate, J&K High Court were the panelists.

National Youth Day

On birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, NSS Unit celebrated National Youth Day on January 12, 2023 with the theme 'Viksit Yuva Viksit Bharat'. The students were educated about Swami Vivekananda's teachings and were inspired to dedicate their lives to humanity and service of the nation.



NSS Camp



The NSS unit organized a seven-day camp from February 15 to 23, 2023, focusing on environmental protection and cultural heritage preservation. The camp included various activities such as lectures on values and work ethics, an orientation on the "Ladli Beti Scheme" for slum dwellers, an environmental awareness campaign, and visits to historical sites and old age homes. The camp concluded with a vibrant cultural programme.

NSS Volunteers participated in a 3 day Save Tawi Campaign organised by JMC from 28th March to 30th March, 2023.

NSS UNIT

Awareness Session

The National Institute of Social Defence, in collaboration with Anugraha NGO, hosted an awareness programme on fostering stronger bonds between generations at MIER College on March 14, 2023. Dr. Abha Chaudhary, Chairperson, Anugraha conducted the programme in collaboration with Dr. Hema Gandotra, NSS Coordinator, University of Jammu.



G20 Event



38 NSS volunteers from the College participated in an event "Youth 20 Consultation on Peace-Building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War" organised by the University of Jammu in collaboration with Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports from April 18 to 19, 2023 as part of the G20 programme.

International Literacy Week



The Unit observed International Literacy Week by organizing a "Literacy Talk" on 17th July 2023. The renowned author, columnist, journalist and social activist, Dr. Javid Rahi was the speaker on the occasion.

NSS DAY



The NSS Day was celebrated on September 25, 2023 by organizing a guest lecture and demonstration on the theme "First Aid and Casualty Management". Mr. R.D. Sahini, Manager, Civil Defense Organisation and his team were the resource persons.

Poshan Mah



A month-long health programme, Poshan Maah, was organized in the month of September. NSS volunteers conducted a door-to-door nutrition and health awareness campaign, educating residents about the benefits of eating a healthy and balanced diet.

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni Interaction

The Alumni Committee of the College organized following alumni interactions in the session:



Dr. Pooja Johri, Associate Professor, PDM University, Bahadurgarh, (B.Ed. Batch 2000) interacted with students. The interaction delved into various topics such as career, industry trends, and personal growth.



Mr. Mukesh Sharma (B.Ed. - Batch 2014-15), Director and Principal of Bright Life School in Jodhpur, Rajasthan and Ms. Megavika, a Special Educator and the founder of Blessings Intervention Centre, Jammu (B.Ed Spl Batch 2018-20) shared their experiences on different professional approaches for would be teachers.



Alumni Visits



Ms. Abha Chaudhary (B.Ed.- Batch 1988-89) and Mrs. Bhawan Sharma (B.Ed. - Batch 1987-88), former students of the College of Education, visited their alma mater and engaged in discussions with the management. During their visit, they reminisced about their college days, shared anecdotes about their teachers, and reflected on their experiences as students. It is noteworthy that Ms. Abha has since become a life coach, while Mrs. Bhawan currently serves as a school principal in Govt. Senior Secondary School, Dharamshala.

Almashine

The college procured Almashine, the alumni management software to seamlessly manage alumni relationships using automation and digitization. The database of 938 alumni has been created. Regular communications is being done to strengthen and enhance the engagement levels with the alumni.



PLACEMENT NEWS

College to Career Programme



A workshop on the theme "Interview and Group Discussion Skills" was organised for semester IV students under the 'College-to-Career' programme on August 21, 2023. The resource person was Ms Geetika Kohli, Founder of Thinksta, a government-recognized Edutech start-up. The workshop aimed to focus on enhancing the interview and group discussion skills of the students to equip them with the necessary tools which are crucial for successful job interviews and group discussions.

Resume Building Workshop



An online workshop was organised for the students of B.Ed., B.Ed. Special and M.Ed. Semester IV of School of Education on the theme "Resume Building" on August 28, 2023. Mr. Ankur Singhal, Co-founder CV Owl, provided insights and skill in creating impactful resumes that highlight their strengths, skills, and experiences.

Placement Drive



On and off campus drives were conducted for facilitating student placements in different schools of Jammu.

Placements 2023



Neha Sharma
M.Ed. 2021-23
TGT Social Studies
Shemford Futuristic
School Jammu



Pooja Bhat
B.Ed. 2021-23
TGT Science
Model Academy
Jammu



Arpana Saini
B.Ed Special (ID)
2018-20
Special Educator Mount
Litera Zee School
Jammu



Surya Khajuria
B.Ed. Special (ID)
2021-23
Special Educator-Child
Development Center

LIBRARY NEWS

Orientation Programmes

The library committee organised a number of programmes for students during the session.



Book Talk was organised on November 10, 2022 to familiarize students with a diverse range of books directly related to their respective curricula. Faculty members presented key texts and resources that align with the subjects covered in their syllabi.



Prof. Mool Raj, Head Centre for Educational Technology facilitated a session on MOOCs related to Library studies on Swayam and NPTEL platforms on August 22, 2023, highlighting the benefits of MOOCs for upskilling and enhancing knowledge in Library Studies for professional development.

Orientation on N-List

Mr. Ashok Kumar Rai, Scientist F from INFLIBNET Centre orientated the college librarians on N-LIST resources on September 21, 2023.

Over 60 librarians from different colleges of Jammu Division attended the session. The session was aimed at keeping them updated on the latest N-LIST resources and promoting communication, information access, and collaboration for learning and research.



Dr. Reeta Dwivedi and Ms. Nandini Puri presented the insightful review of two books "Wings of Fire," and "Ignited Minds" penned by Dr. Abdul Kalam on October 16, 2023.



The library committee organized an informative session to introduce students to the National Digital Library of India (NDLI)-a treasure trove of digital resources on October 30, 2023.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Virtual Exchange

The virtual exchange programme, themed "Thinking Globally: Global Perspectives in the English Language Classroom," facilitated an insightful collaboration between students from MIER College and South Korean students. The primary focus was to address and dispel cultural stereotypes prevalent in India and South Korea. Through engaging discussions and interactive sessions, students explored and exchanged ideas, fostering a deeper understanding of each other's cultures.



Autism Day

The B.Ed. Special Education dept. observed World Autism Day on April 02, 2023. The theme of this year's observance is "Light It Up Blue." A short film "Duke" highlighting the lives of individuals with autism and their families was screened. Students expressed their understanding through vivid posters, all contributing to a day of learning, reflection, and inclusivity.

Educational Trip

A two-day educational tour was organized to the institutions specializing in Rehabilitation and Special Education, aiming to provide practical insights to students in this field.

They visited the Department of Special Education, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar and All India Pingal Wara Charitable Trust at Amritsar. During their visit, students attended lectures, explored libraries, resources and therapy centers, engaged in discussions with special educators to gain insights into various challenges and practices within the special education domain.

The experience proved invaluable for all participants, offering a unique blend of theoretical knowledge and practical exposure. Additionally, the students also visited the iconic Golden Temple, enhancing their overall educational and cultural experience.



ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Guest Lectures: Level up the Learning



On December 9th, 2022, UGC conducted an online lecture titled "Best Practices in Higher Education." This insightful session focused on two key pillars of student success: internships and placements. Participants gained valuable knowledge about crafting impactful internship programmes, understanding the placement process and best practices employed by renowned institutions.

A guest lecture on the theme "Mental Health: A Holistic Approach to Health" was organised on January 20, 2023. The resource person was Dr. Gurmeet Kour, Psychiatry and De-Addiction Expert, Govt. Gandhi Nagar Hospital, Jammu. The session ended with a lively discussion and insightful questions.



An interactive session on the theme "Personality Disorders" was organised on July 25, 2023. The resource person was Dr. Rachna Devi, Assistant Professor, Govt. Degree College, Kathua. She delved into the various types of personality disorders, exploring their defining characteristics and causes. Students actively engaged with Dr. Devi, seeking clarification on complex topics and sharing their own perspectives.



Dr Rajinder Kumar, Consultant Psychiatrist, Sankalp Manorog Clinic Jammu delivered a lecture on "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right." on the World Mental Health Day on October 20, 2023. Students of B.A. Honours Psychology and Diploma in Guidance and Counselling programme attended the lecture.



ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Access Activities



The International U.S. Microscholarship programme introduced students to various activities aimed at developing English language skills, developing appreciation for U.S. culture and personal development projects.

The programme focused on enhancing language proficiency through various tasks, such as technology descriptions, classroom discussions, and presentations. Students explored American values and assumptions through presentations, blog posts, and video creation.

Cultural comparisons were facilitated through a visit to the Amar Mahal Museum, Jammu and a virtual tour of Smithsonian Museum in the U.S. They also celebrated Halloween Day to promote U.S. culture and values. The program emphasized practical applications of English in real-life scenarios and encouraged students to express themselves confidently and actively engage in the learning process.



Guidance and Counselling

The second batch of the one-year Diploma in Guidance and Counselling started on November 5, 2022.

The faculty interacted with the newly admitted students, providing them with valuable insights and advice. They were also briefed about programme's structure, curriculum and diverse career paths open to counsellors.



FACULTY UPDATE

GUEST LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Renowned experts from across the globe shared their insights with faculty through lectures and workshops as part of the college's faculty development initiative.



Using Open Educational Resources in Higher Education

**Professor Dr. Ebba Ossiannilsson,
Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand**

March 20, 2023



Mapping and Measurement of Programme and Course Outcomes

Mr. Ajay Bhagwat, Director, Inpods India Private Ltd.

March 23, 2023



Introduction to Consultancy in the Educational Space

Dr. Anirban Sengupta, Professor & Dean, School of Management Studies, Mody University

March 28, 2023



AI in Education

Dr. Deepti Malhotra, Department of Computer Science and IT, Central University of Jammu

September 2, 2023



Financial Management

**Dr. Arti Modi,
Certified BSE Financial Modelling, Trainer**

December 20, 2023

FACULTY UPDATE

Principal's Engagements



Prof. Adit Gupta attended the Tenth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF10) organised by the Commonwealth of Learning in Calgary, Canada, from 14 to 16 September 2022. He presented the findings of the Technology Enhanced Learning Project at MIER College of Education and also chaired a technical session on Blended Learning during the conference. He engaged with prominent experts from diverse countries, built valuable connections and potential collaborations.

Appointed by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) as a member of the Peer Team for conducting accreditation-related visits at Chhattisgarh and Ajmer in May and July 2023.

Faculty Achievements

Three faculty members were felicitated with awards and certificates for their outstanding contribution in the field of Education by different external agencies.



Prof. Rohnika Sharma
HoD, School of Education



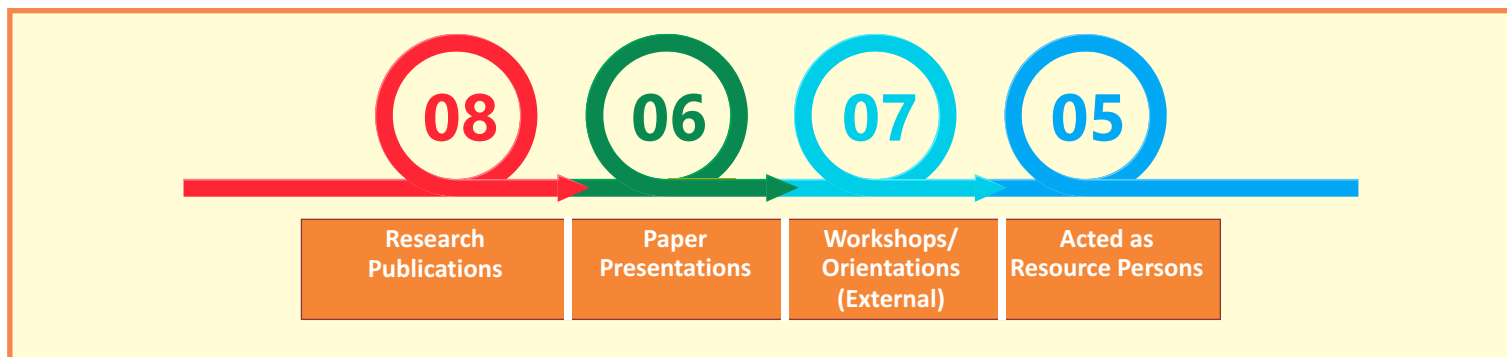
Dr. Monika Bajaj
HoD, School of Social Sciences & Humanities



Prof. Nishta Rana
Dy. HoD, School of Education

FACULTY UPDATE

Faculty Development: Research, Training and Outreach



Completed Ph.D.



Dr. Taniya Raina, Assistant Professor, completed her Ph.D. in Psychology from Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar.

Pursuing M.Ed.



Dr. Reeta Dwivedi, Assistant Professor, pursuing M.Ed. from Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana

Pursuing M.A.



Mrs. Arpana Koul Assistant Professor, pursuing M.A. in Psychology from IGNOU

New Appointments in School of Social Sciences & Humanities



Dr. Priya Choudhary
Assistant Professor



Dr. Taniya Raina
Assistant Professor



Ms. Nandini Puri
Assistant Professor



Ms. Sonika Kumari
Assistant Professor



Ms. Davleen Kour
Assistant Professor



WARM FAREWELL

A warm farewell was accorded to Prof. H.R. Shan, Controller of Examinations on May 31, 2022. He retired from the active service after serving for over eleven years in various capacities in the College. A memento was presented to him as a token of appreciation.

FACULTY UPDATE

Career Advancement



Under the Career development scheme three faculty members have been promoted to the position of Professor from Associate professor. Prof. Mool Raj, Prof. Rohnika Sharma and Prof. Nishta Rana successfully faced a rigorous selection process that included comprehensive reviews of their research, teaching, and service achievements followed by an interview with the selection committee comprising eminent educationists.

Building a Thriving Academic Community through Training

Dr. H.R. Shan conducted a session on “Guidelines For Paper Setting and Evaluating the Answer Scripts”. This session equipped faculty with valuable tools and techniques to enhance their paper setting and script evaluation skills.



A workshop on Outcome Based Education (OBE) was held in collaboration with Model Institute of Engineering and Technology on May 20, 2023. Dr. Sahil Sawhney, General Manager, Strategic Initiatives, MIET guided faculty in designing outcomes and calculating attainment levels efficiently.



On October 14, 2023, the Centre for Essential Skills at IIT Jammu organized a one-day faculty interaction program, packed with expert insights and practical tools. A dynamic team from IIT shared their knowledge on a range of crucial topics, empowering faculty to further optimize their teaching and student engagement.

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

Collaborative activities with external agencies sparked a wave of engaging programmes on campus during the session.

The World Women Awakening Organization (WWAO), in collaboration with the MIER College of Education, organized a seminar on the theme "Bhartiyata Mein Asheelta ka Atikraman". Eminent speakers from different walks of life addressed a crucial issue affecting Indian values on February 20, 2023.



Hon'ble Mayor Mr. Rajinder Sharma delivered a lecture on the pertinent issues of plastic waste management, drug trafficking and de-addiction in a programme which was organised in collaboration with FICCI FLO, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh on May 2, 2023.

Women Do Ride Club, J&K's first women's cycling club conducted an awareness session on Mental Health and Fitness. The resource persons Ms. Payal Jain, Dr. Ritu Ahal, Ms. Kanupriya Garg and Ms. Harsha Malhotra talked about emotional health issues, role of hormones in mental and physical health and importance of yoga in achieving well-being on September 9, 2023.



Punjab National Bank hosted a financial awareness session to familiarize the staff of the college with PNB's diverse range of saving schemes, investment options, and mutual funds, tailored to meet their financial needs and goals on February 24, 2023.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



An awareness Lecture on the theme “Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav” was delivered by Dr. Urvashi Kotwal, Dept. of Transfusion Medicine and Blood Bank, AIIMS, Jammu on October 01, 2022.

Students showcased their creativity during the Poster making competition on the theme “Changing Course, Transforming Education” on National Education Day on November 11, 2022.



The College in collaboration with different colleges under MOU organized a symposium on the theme “Constitutional Values in Contemporary Indian Politics” through hybrid mode on November 24, 2022.



Students enthusiastically participated in various online competitions organised by Govt. of India on the MyGovt portal and received certificates on Parakram Diwas and Republic Day on January 26, 2023 .

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A picnic was organized to the scenic Blue Wave Water Park, Barhi Brahamana, Jammu. It was an enjoyable, rejuvenating and memorable experience for the students on May 06, 2023.



Four students from the College performed Gojri and Bhaderwahi folk dance forms in G-20 cultural event organised in Srinagar on June 1, 2023.

To celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Jammu, a photography competition on the theme "Jammu: The Land of Cultural Heritage" was organised on July 24, 2023.



To mark the momentous occasion of the 77th Independence Day, the College organized a visit to Balidaan Stambh, Jammu on August 16, 2023.



The College celebrated Teachers' Day with enthusiasm, paying tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and showcasing cultural items like songs, dance, poems, gidda, and bhangra performances. The event highlighted the heartwarming relationship between teachers and students on September 9, 2023.



SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Yoga Camp



A yoga camp was organized by the unit in collaboration with the Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital, Jammu in the month of June. Dr. Amardeep Kour and Mr. Ishan Mansotra were the resource persons, along with their team of supervisors and instructors.

Inter-departmental matches for chess and carom competition were organised by the Sports unit.

Inter-Departmental Matches



Participation at University Level



Students of the college participated in different sports competition organised by the University of Jammu and performed exceedingly well in Cricket, Kho Kho and Chess.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Annual Prize Distribution 2023

The college organized its Annual Prize Distribution Function on August 23, 2023 to recognize student achievements across various categories. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar of the University of Jammu and an alumnus of Model Academy, was the chief guest.

The event emphasized the college's commitment to holistic development and excellence. The ceremony included the presentation of awards in categories such as Academic Achievement, Most Regular Student, Budding Researcher, Gender Champions, Best NSS Volunteer, Co-curricular Excellence, and Regular Student. Faculty members who developed Blended Learning Courses also received the EdTech Award.

Prof. Gupta praised the use of technology, innovation, and holistic development at MIER College. The chief guest was presented with a memento as a token of appreciation.

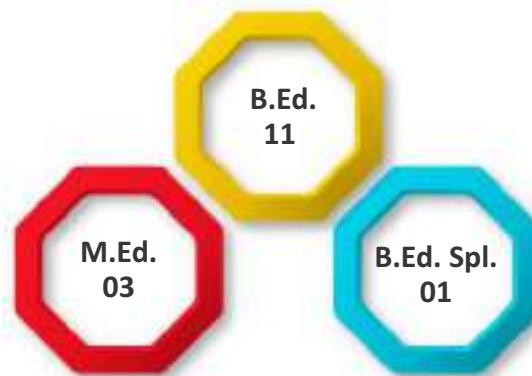


National Level Achievements

Qualified UGC NET



Qualified CTET



A number of Students from across departments of the college cleared the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) in this session.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS



Ms. Preet Uppal, B.A. Psychology Hons. won second prize in inter college symposium organised by Govt. College of Education, Jammu on November 30, 2022.

Ms. Sheetal Thapa (M.Ed), Kriti Singh Thakur, Arti Thakur (B.Ed.) and Shavi Sharma (B.A., Honours Political Science) were honoured for their performance in G-20 Event



Students participating in Display Your Talent Competition organised by University of Jammu



Ms. Vandana Thakur B.A. (Hons.) in Psychology, performing in a play organised by Natrang, Jammu

STUDENT ACHIEVERS



College Cricket Team won the 7th National School Games 2023 organised by the Sports and Cultural Activities Federation, India -SSCAF -UK on June 2, 2023

Tabasum Nusrat Ali B.A. (Hons.) in Political Science, won Gold Medals in North-West Zone Qwan Ki Do Championship-2023 and 26th District Taekwondo Championship 2023-24



Ms Tabasum Nusrat Ali selected in North Zone Inter-University team of Kho-Kho and Taekwondo and participated in these events organised by Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar

