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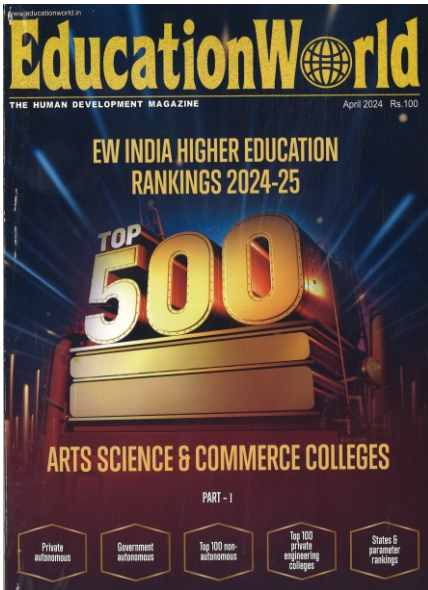


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ACHIEVEMENTS

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MIER College Soars in National and State Rankings



Rank		Jammu & Kashmir	Total score (700)
India 2024	State 2024		
48	1	MIER College of Education, Jammu	493
111	2	Islamia College of Science & Commerce, Srinagar	415

Assessment Criteria					Competence of faculty (200)	Faculty welfare & development (100)	Curriculum & pedagogy (100)	Placements (100)	Infrastructure (100)	Leadership / governance quality (100)	TOTAL SCORE (700)
Rank											
2021	2022	2023	2024								
32	74	30	48	St. Joseph's Degree and PG College, Hyderabad	144	67	71	74	67	70	493
91	56	51	48	MIER College of Education, Jammu	157	64	67	66	72	67	493
27	18	32	49	Wilson College, Mumbai	154	65	70	61	72	69	491
59	56	51	49	Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Sri Anandpur Sahib	152	67	68	70	69	65	491
70	47	35	50	Dr. BMN College of Home Science, Mumbai	158	63	67	62	74	66	490

For the fifth consecutive year, Education World Magazine has ranked MIER College among the country's best institutions. The College has improved its national ranking to 48th from 51st while keeping its top position at the state level. This achievement shows College's sustained commitment in providing quality education.



MIER College ranked among the Top Three Autonomous Colleges in India at the New Code of Education Awards 2023 by Wheebox. The recognition, awarded on November 24, 2023, in New Delhi, was under the 'Top Digital Enablers in Autonomous College Category', honouring the college's pioneering initiatives in digital education.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Chairperson Honoured

State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), J&K honoured Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson MIER in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments, exceptional leadership and inspiring future generations of women to pursue their dreams.



The Government Ayurvedic Hospital presented an award to the College for its outstanding contributions to community welfare and development through outreach and extension activities, and for facilitating a positive social impact.

MIER College of Education has been selected for the prestigious India Elite Education & Institutional Excellence Awards 2024, National Edition. Recognized for its promising profile, the College has been awarded the title "Prominent & Trusted Education Group of the Year 2024" for North India under the "Quality Education & Excellent Administration" category. The College also received another award for "Excellence in Educational Standards Adaptability & Implementation," highlighting its commitment to maintaining high educational standards and innovative practices.

ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

Curriculum Revamp



The School of Education refined its courses based on valuable feedback from faculty and students to address evolving academic needs. Whereas the School of Social Sciences and Humanities developed syllabi for various semesters.



New subjects were introduced, and the Choice-Based Credit System along with Open Book Examinations were implemented offering greater academic flexibility to students in alignment with NEP 2020.

New Programme



A Master's programme in Clinical and Counselling Psychology was launched, the first of its kind in the private sector, to meet the growing demand for skilled mental health professionals.



LinkedIn Learning for Skill Development

The College has established a partnership with LinkedIn Learning to enhance student employability through skill-based courses and MOOCs. This initiative emphasises on blended learning, micro credential skill development and industry-recognized certifications.

EDUCATIONAL LINKAGES

Signing of MoUs

MIER College is expanding its academic horizons through a series of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with esteemed institutions.



A milestone partnership between MIER College and IIT, Jammu on November 10, 2023.

Path breaking international collaboration with Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation, Malaysia on May 15, 2024.



Forging global connections with the School of Education, Curtin University, Perth, Australia on July 16, 2024.

STATUTORY MEETINGS UNDER AUTONOMY



Governing Body



Academic Council

Statutory body meetings of the College were convened to deliberate on critical academic, financial, and administrative matters where important decisions were taken for approvals and furthering the cause of quality education.



Board of Studies

Planning and Evaluation Committee Meeting

A meeting of the heads of Schools, centre heads, unit incharges, and committee conveners was convened by Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson, MIER Group, and Convener of the Planning and Evaluation Committee, from September 18–19, 2024 to review the performance in academics, research, educational technology, and other areas, while strategizing for the upcoming session. Valuable suggestions for enhancing the academic and operational quality of the College were discussed.



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL

International Conference



An international conference on “Open and Digital Learning: Prospects and Challenges” was held on December 16, 2023. The event brought together academicians, policymakers, and scholars to explore trends and challenges in digital education. The Chief Guest was Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs, University of Jammu, and the Guest of Honour was Prof. Ramesh C. Sharma from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi. The conference, conducted in a blended mode, featured keynote addresses by global educationists

Around 40 papers were presented, covering diverse themes. The event concluded with a Fireside Chat moderated by Prof. Adit Gupta, Director and Principal, MIER College of Education, featuring Dr. Jaspal Singh Warwal, Associate Professor, University of Jammu, Dr. Pargat Singh Garcha, Principal, GHG Khalsa College of Education, Ludhiana, and Dr. Amitash Ojha, Assistant Professor, IIT Jammu.



Keynote Speakers



Prof. Som Naidu
Principal Associate of
Technology, Education &
Design Associates,
Australia



Prof. Abtar Kaur
Asia Pacific University of
Technology & Innovation
Malaysia



**Prof. Shironica
Karunanayaka**
Sr. Prof., Open University
of Sri Lanka



**Prof. Morten Flate
Paulsen**
CEO, Open Online
Academy, Norway

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL

Patents Granted

Electronic Personalized Learning Device for Student-Teacher Engagement"

Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, UK

1

Dr. Nishta Rana, Dr. Reeta Dwivedi, and Mrs. Eesha Sharma

Interactive Learning Device with Gamified Educational Resource Integration

Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, UK

2

Dr. Bharti Tandon

Smart Classroom Device for Optimized Teaching and Learning Experiences

Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, UK

3

Dr. Monika Bajaj

Scale for Measuring Teacher Trainees' Attitude towards Collaborative Teaching Strategy

Controller of Patents, Design and Trademark, Govt of India, New Delhi

4

Dr. Bharti Tandon
Ms. Shikha Sharma,
Prof. Mool Raj & Dr. Bindu Dua

The faculty of the College demonstrated their research skills through the acquisition of patents in the field of education. These intellectual property achievements reflect their dedication to advancing teaching and learning practices through innovative solutions.

Research Colloquium



A research colloquium on "Gender Equity of Women Teachers in Jammu District" was held on October 22, 2024.

Dr. Komal Sharma presented the findings of her thesis involving 101 teachers and 507 students, highlighting how administrative workload and family responsibilities impact female teachers' growth. The session concluded with an interactive discussion.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL

Building Essential Research Skills



A Research Mentorship Competition, aiming to inculcate research skills, was organised for M.Ed. Semester III students, on January 30, 2024. Participants were chosen based on the quality of their submitted research proposals. Among them, Ms. Sonika Devi, Ms. Amanpreet Kour, Ms. Dhawani Sharma, and Ms. Anchal Mahajan were selected for this mentorship programme.

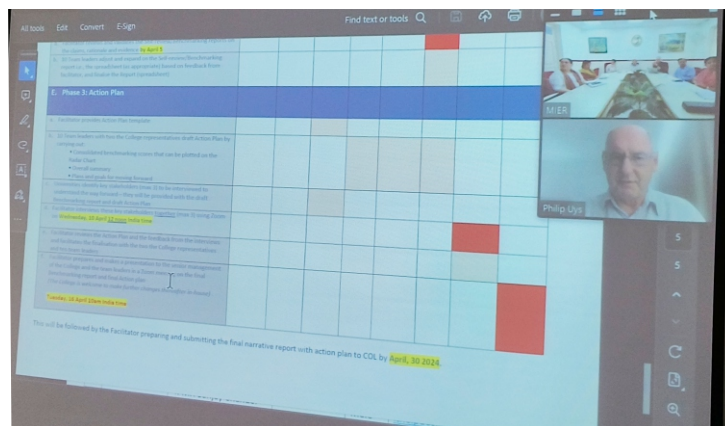
A workshop on "Using Mendeley for Reference Writing" was held on February 28, 2024, for M.Ed. Semester III students at MIER College of Education. Led by Prof. Nishta Rana, the session provided students with hands-on training in using Mendeley for organizing references, enhancing their research skills and academic writing proficiency.



A workshop on "How to Write a Research Paper" was organized for M.Ed. students, focusing on essential research writing skills on September 3, 2024. The session guided students through each step of the research paper process, including topic selection, structuring, citation, and editing, equipping them with valuable techniques to produce well-organized, impactful academic papers.

CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Global Benchmarking in Technology-Enabled Learning



The College has been benchmarked at the international level by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada, for its technology-driven education, earning global recognition with a distinguished score of 4.1 out of 5 after evaluating the

College's performance against set criteria. The Centre for Educational Technology has played a pivotal role in leading and coordinating TEL initiatives, ensuring excellence in digital learning.

Diploma in ICT in Education



A Diploma in ICT in Education has been launched in hybrid mode, designed for in-service teachers and students seeking to upgrade their ICT knowledge. Developed in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada, the course includes recorded lessons, providing comprehensive training.

Infrastructure Upgraded

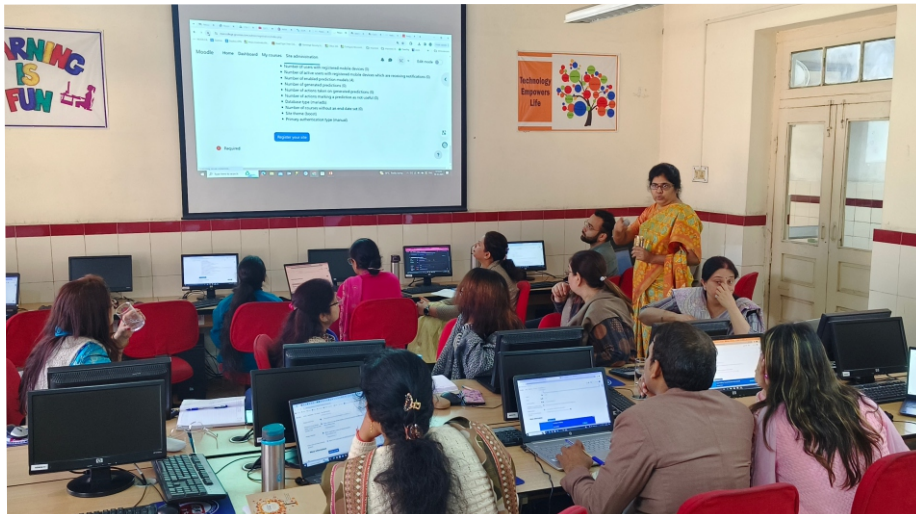
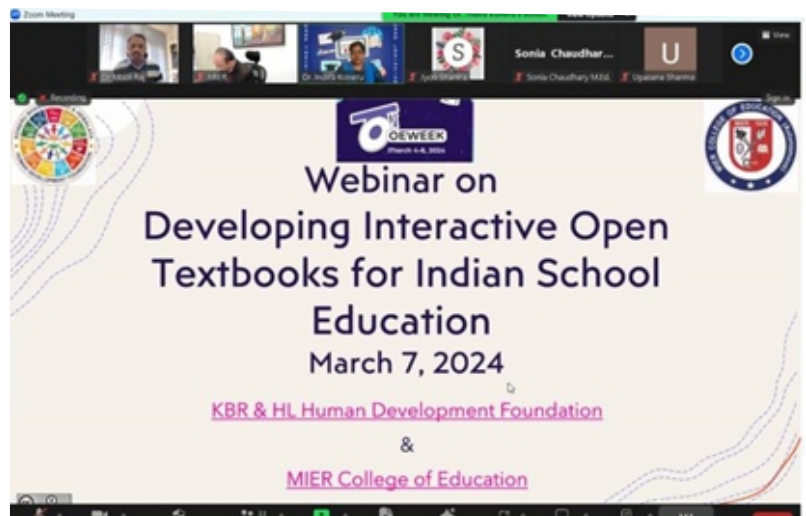
The digital infrastructure has been upgraded with a state-of-the-art recording studio to facilitate lecture recordings for digital content creation, enhancing teaching and learning. Additionally, CCTV cameras have been installed to strengthen campus security. New faculty members have been provided with essential IT resources, ensuring seamless integration into the institution's technologically advanced academic environment.



CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Workshop / Training Programmes

A collaborative webinar titled "Developing Interactive Open Textbooks for Indian School Education" was hosted by KBR & HL Human Development Foundation and Centre for Educational Technology on March 07, 2024. The webinar aimed to explore innovative approaches to creating interactive educational resources for Indian school students.



Under Phase III, COL project, a two-day workshop on Moodle Learning Management System for Effective Blended Learning was held on March 18-19, 2024. Dr. Indira Koneru, was the resource person. The workshop aimed to enhance the administration and management skills of educators in blended learning environments.

A 2-day workshop on SPSS, held on April 15-16, 2024, trained M.Ed. Semester III students in data analysis techniques like descriptive statistics, correlation, and regression.



CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Workshop / Training Programmes



A workshop on the College ERP system, Radical Logix, was organized on September from 12 to 13, 2024, where faculty members from both the School of Education and the School of Social Sciences and Humanities received comprehensive training. The sessions covered various modules, aiming to streamline administrative tasks and enhance overall efficiency in academic management.

The Centre organized an online session, Canva Amplified: Level 1, on September 20, 2024. Ms. Vrushali Sheth, Co-Founder & Head of Product at OrangeSlate, Pune assessed faculty skills for integrating Canva into teaching.

This was followed by a hands-on workshop on September 25, 2024, where Ms. Sheth trained faculty in advanced Canva tools, enhancing their design skills for educational and professional purposes.



A two-day workshop on Google Classroom was organized for the new batch of BA (FYUP), MA Psychology, and MA Political Science students from October 22–23, 2024. Dr. Monika Bajaj conducted the enrollment sessions, while Prof. Mool Raj and Mr. Sanjay Chandel led sessions on Google Classroom features and hands-on practice.

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Students Induction Programme

The College hosted an engaging induction programme for new students from the School of Social Sciences and Humanities and the School of Education. The event included expert lectures and interactive sessions such as student introductions, talent-sharing activities, and engaging games. New students were oriented to the course curriculum, various centres, and committees. College alumni shared their experiences, offering insights and inspiration.



Staff Induction Programme



On April 4, 2024, the IQAC organized an orientation programme for newly appointed College staff. The session provided an overview of the College's mission, organizational structure, academic guidelines, and procedures. New employees were also introduced to the College's service rules and the Facto HR leave and attendance system to facilitate a smooth onboarding process.

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Open Forum Interactions



In its commitment to creating a student-centric learning environment, the IQAC conducted the open forum interactions with third-semester undergraduate and postgraduate students on December 18, 2023 to gather unfiltered feedback from students on various aspects of their academic experiences, examinations, faculty interactions, and extracurricular activities. The session encouraged open dialogue, allowing students to share honest opinions and concerns.

Interaction with Parents

The "Tea with Principal" programme held on October 19, 2024, provided an opportunity for parents of students of the College to engage in meaningful dialogue with the management. During the session, parents discussed a range of curricular and co-curricular matters, raising suggestions, questions, and concerns. The event facilitated a constructive exchange of feedback and ideas.



Stakeholders Feedback

The IQAC conducted a Student Satisfaction Survey and collected curriculum feedback from students of the School of Education (Batch 2022–2024) and the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (Batch 2022–2026) using PI 360 Data Analytical software. The survey provided valuable insights into their academic experiences. The collected data identified areas of concern, highlighted strengths, and served as a foundation for developing an action plan to address the issues effectively.

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 offered a platform for valuable recommendations aimed at enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations of the cell.



NAAC Orientation

The orientation sessions were conducted for faculty and students to familiarize them with the NAAC re-accreditation process in the month of February, 2024. The sessions addressed the evaluation criteria and the importance of accreditation for the institution. Faculty learned about the assessment parameters, while students were informed about the accreditation process and their role in the student satisfaction survey.



Internal Audit

The College conducted a comprehensive internal audit to assess adherence to its quality management system and prepare for the upcoming NAAC 4th cycle reaccreditation on March 29 to April 1, 2024. Identified non-conformities were communicated to relevant departments, who were tasked with implementing corrective actions to meet established standards.

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Life Skills Programmes



A four-day personality development workshop was held for the students of School of Social Sciences and Humanities from December 19 to 22, 2023. Led by a master trainer, Mrs. Abha Chaudhary, alumna of the College the workshop focused on communication, self-confidence, etiquette, and personal branding. Through interactive sessions and practical exercises, students gained essential skills for personal and professional growth.

A workshop was organised on the theme “Life Skills Training and Academic Skills Development” from January 15 to January 19, 2024 to empower future educators with effective problem-solving strategies, techniques to enhance mental health and wellbeing. Mr. Sumit Dutta, a distinguished counselling psychologist and health trainer from Kolkata was the resource person.



As part of the Life Skills Programme, workshops on Communication Skills and Digital Skills were organized for College students to enhance students’ proficiency in effective communication and equip them with essential digital competencies for academic and professional success.

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Workshops/Training Programmes



A transformative three-day workshop on "Digital Skills and AI Tools" was held from October 21–23, 2024, for the students (2022–26 batch) of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities. Organized by the IQAC in collaboration with the Centre for Educational Technology, the workshop was conducted by Techible, an initiative by IIT Jammu alumni.



An orientation session on Performance Insight 360 (PI 360) analytics software was conducted for the College faculty by HR Manager, Ms. Palak Kapoor Sagotra. The session provided a detailed overview of Pi360 and effectively addressed numerous doubts and challenges for better clarity and understanding.

On October 19, 2024, the support staff from all departments attended a training session conducted by Ms. Palak Kapoor Sagotra, HR Manager. Work ethics, professional behaviour, and adherence to the roles and responsibilities were the key aspects of the session.



POCSO Orientation

An orientation on the POCSO Act was organised on January 22, 2024. Ms. Saniya Mahajan from The Rakshin Project raised awareness on child sexual abuse, prevention strategies, legal responsibilities, and support resources to comprehensively deal with the protection of children.



Sharing of Best Practices

Seven colleges from four states participated in a hybrid session on Best Practices for Promoting Gender Equality in Higher Education on February 8, 2024. The participants shared effective strategies to advance gender-sensitive education and also shared best practices and gender-sensitive policies promoting inclusivity, diversity, and empowerment across campuses.

Visit to NIMBARK

The Gender Champions from the Centre visited the NIMBARK organic food plant in Bari Brahmana, Jammu on March 4, 2024. During their tour of the rice processing facility, they engaged in discussions about sustainable practices, organic farming, and entrepreneurship.





International Women's Day

The Gender Champions Club organized a nukkard natak on the theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress" in its adopted village, Domana, Jammu on March 8, 2024. The focus of the nukkard natak was on the education and vocational training opportunities for women and girls, as highlighted in different government schemes.

Awareness Lecture

An awareness lecture titled "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace: Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal" was organised on April 9, 2024. Resource person, Mrs. Neeta Verma, Supreme Court Advocate, meticulously delineated preventive strategies, stressing the importance of clear communication of policies, promoting a respectful work culture, and establishing robust reporting mechanisms.



Adolescence Education Programme

Dr. Rajinder Kumar, Psychiatrist Consultant at Pulse Hospital, Jammu, conducted a session on "Mental Well-being: Challenges and Strategies" for 9th and 10th-grade students of Model Academy school on August 16, 2024. The session was organized under the Adolescence Education Programme of the Centre, aiming to address key mental health challenges and effective strategies for well-being.

Women's Equality Day

To commemorate Women's Equality Day, a hybrid mode event of plays was organised on the theme "Unseen Architects: Women Shaping India's Future" on August 22, 2024. The event brought together students from four prestigious colleges, both within and outside Jammu. The thought-provoking plays highlighted women's contributions across various fields, leaving a lasting impact on the audience.

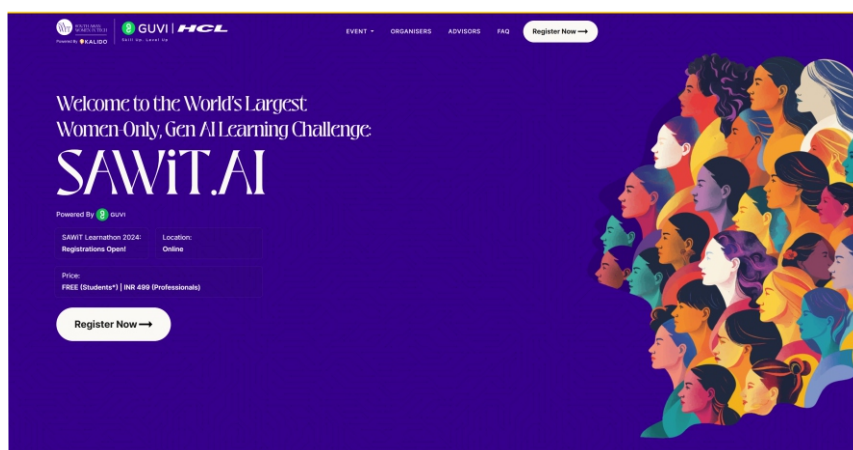


Health Talk

Dr. Shiwani Deswal, Pediatric Gastroenterologist, Narayana Hospital, Gurugram delivered a health talk on "How to keep your Gut Healthy" on August 29, 2024 for the students of Model Academy under the Adolescence Education Programme.

Enhancing AI Skills Through Learnathon

SAWiT.AI and FICCI FLO organized the SAWiT.AI Learnathon, the world's largest groundbreaking Gen AI programme for women, on September 21, 2024. A total of 156 students participated and received Google certification upon completion. The programme aimed to empower female students by equipping them with advanced AI skills, thereby enhancing their professional profiles and future career prospects.



ENVIRONMENT UNIT

GREEN INITIATIVES

In a significant stride towards sustainability, the College has installed 10 MW solar panels on campus, reinforcing its commitment to renewable energy. These panels generate electricity efficiently, helping the institution reduce its carbon footprint while promoting eco-friendly practices.

Beyond self-sufficiency, the solar energy system allows the College to save on electricity costs and contribute excess power back to the grid, supporting a cleaner and greener future.



On November 6, 2023, the Environment Unit, in collaboration with Jammu Municipal Corporation, organized a Swacchata Abhiyan at Purkhoo village. The cleanliness drive raised awareness about cleanliness and discourage open defecation. Students educated residents on waste management, segregation, disposal, and personal hygiene.

A visit to Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu was organised on December 7, 2023 to educate students on sustainable agriculture, innovative methods, and the importance of vermi composting in modern farming practices.



The students of the College visited the Botanical Garden at the University of Jammu on February 28, 2024. The visit enhanced students' understanding of plant diversity, conservation, and sustainable practices. They were able to observe a wide range of plant species, including rare and endangered ones.

ENVIRONMENT UNIT

GREEN INITIATIVES

A tree plantation campaign, "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam," under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan was organised on August 14, 2024. Students planted trees as a tribute to mothers, blending environmental conservation with heartfelt gratitude in a meaningful initiative.



Mr. Suraj Kapoor from Karo Sambhav Pvt. Ltd. led an E-Waste Management Drive on August 23, 2024. He discussed e-waste impacts, illegal recycling, and emphasized the 4R's—Rethink, Repair, Reuse, Recycle—to promote sustainable practices. The college disposed of its e-waste during this campaign.

A symposium on "Invest in Clean Air Now" was held on World Clean Air Day, September 6, 2024, in collaboration with J&K's Department of Ecology, Environment, and Remote Sensing. Experts discussed air pollution risks, mitigation strategies, and government initiatives.



World Animal Day was celebrated by organising a lecture on "Animals and Environment" on October 18, 2024. Ms. Namrata Hakhoo, Chairperson of Hakhoo Street Animals Foundation, emphasized the importance of protecting animals and their habitats for environmental conservation.

ENVIRONMENT UNIT

GREEN INITIATIVES



On World Water Day, students visited the Government Middle School in Purkhoo, Domana, to create awareness about the concept of "Citizen Action for Water Conservation and Preservation" on March 22, 2024. A water purifier was also donated to the Govt. School to facilitate access to clean, safe drinking water for students.

On World Earth Day, an inter-college symposium on the topic "The Impact of Over Tourism on the Environment" was organized on April 22, 2024. The event featured 17 participants from nine colleges across Jammu & Kashmir and beyond, fostering insightful discussions on environmental challenges posed by over tourism.



On World Biodiversity Day, students participated in a debate competition on "Be the Part of the Plan of Biodiversity" organised by the J&K Biodiversity Council and National Biodiversity Authority. B.Ed. student Ms. Almita Katoch secured 3rd prize.

The Environment Unit in collaboration with the Urban Forest Department Jammu, organized a plantation drive to combat deforestation and promote reforestation from July 22-25, 2024. Over 65 students from the College planted more than 100 trees, enhancing environmental sustainability.



EXTENSION UNIT



A Nukkad Natak was organized on December 6, 2024, focusing on raising awareness about AIDS, promoting prevention measures, and addressing the stigma surrounding HIV within the community.

A sensitization programme on “Importance of Voting and Rights of a Voter” was conducted on February 21, 2024, highlighting voting as a civic responsibility, a means of empowerment, and essential for accountability and democratic strength.



Mr. Ketan Sharma, Common Service Centre, State Health Agency, Jammu highlighted the benefits of Ayushman Bharat Schemes, particularly the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), during a programme organized by the Extension Unit on March 22, 2024.

To mark World Health Day, a free health camp was organised in collaboration with the Directorate of Ayush, J&K on April 06, 2024. Residents underwent check-ups, received medical advice from doctors, and were provided with free medicines.



EXTENSION UNIT



Under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Independence Day was celebrated to instill a sense of national pride and unity among villagers and students on August 15, 2024. A Gram Sabha was also organised to discuss the village's development needs.

The World Women Awakening Organisation (WWAO) and MIER College of Education, in collaboration with Sharp Sight Eye Hospital, Jammu, organized a free eye awareness camp and sensitization lecture on August 31, 2024, promoting eye health among villagers.



The Extension Unit conducted two key activities under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan: a needs assessment of Purkhoo village residents and an awareness campaign on common rainy season diseases and their prevention.

NSS UNIT

National Integration Week

National Integration Week (November 19–25, 2023) was observed by organizing diverse events, including an inter-college poetry recitation competition, an interdepartmental patriotic dance contest, and a cultural attire competition, promoting unity and creativity.



Blood Donation Camp

The NSS Unit, in collaboration with J&K Thalassemia Welfare Society, organized a Blood Donation Camp on December 4, 2023. Over 50 volunteers, including College staff and students, participated and received blood donation certificates from GMC.

National Youth Day

The unit organised an essay writing competition on January 12, 2024, commemorating National Youth Day. The event focused on the topic 'Relevance of Swami Vivekananda's Philosophy in Present Times.'



NSS Camp



A seven-day NSS camp (Feb 16–24, 2024) was organised on "Rural Reconstruction and Ecological Development." NSS volunteers engaged in yoga, shram daan, environmental drives, and community sensitization in Purkhoo and Domana villages. The camp concluded with a cultural programme showcasing NSS spirit and creativity.

NSS UNIT

Awareness Session

Dr. Komal Sharma, NSS Programme Officer, oriented students on the voter registration process on April 24, 2024. Through an engaging presentation, she explained eligibility, procedures, and the significance of voting, clarifying misconceptions and inspiring active democratic participation.



World Environment Day



To commemorate World Environment Day on June 5, 2024, a slogan writing competition on the theme "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience" was organised.

Van Mahotsav Week



Van Mahotsav Week was celebrated from July 1 to 7, 2024, with a plantation drive across public parks, schools, hospitals, and community areas. The initiative promoted environmental awareness and enhanced green spaces.

Swachhata Abhiyan



Under the Unnat Bharat Campaign, a Swachhata Abhiyaan was organised on August 14, 2024, in Domana village, involving students in cleanliness drives and awareness efforts through thought provoking slogans and placards.

Poshan Mah



'Poshan Maah' was observed on September 12, 2024, with an awareness program at Purkhoo's Anganwadi Centre, educating pregnant and lactating mothers on essential health and nutrition practices for better well-being.

ALUMNI NEWS

Sharing of Experiences



Under the "Sharing of Experiences" series, alumni Ms. Ritima Manhas (APS Rakhmuthi), Dr. Aksa Chaman Rao (Govt. Degree College Akhnoor), and Ms. Kirtie Manhas (Chenab College of Education) reflected on their formative years at the College, highlighting how the enriching learning environment laid the foundation for their successful careers. They inspired and motivated the current students by sharing invaluable insights and encouraging them to strive for excellence.

Alumni Support to Curriculum Delivery



As part of the Alumni Support to Curriculum Delivery programme, alumni- Mr. Ashish Anand, Special Educator, APS, Jammu Cantt and Madhu Choudhary, Assistant Professor, Lal Bahadur Shastri College, delivered curriculum-aligned lectures enhancing students' understanding of key educational topics.



Alumni Association Meeting



The meeting of the Alumni Association was convened on March 29, 2024 to review progress and strategise future initiatives, with members actively contributing to meaningful discussions and collaborative planning.

Panel Discussion



A panel discussion on "Curriculum Review: Enhancing Internship and Project Components in the B.Ed. Programme" was held on October 25, 2024. The college alumni discussed strategies to strengthen the curriculum.

PLACEMENT NEWS

College to Career Programme



A mock interview session was organised on November 30, 2023, for the students of School of Education to enhance their interview skills, boost confidence, and familiarize students with employer expectations through simulated experiences and peer learning.

Resume Building Workshop

An online session on "Resume Building" was organised on August 16, 2024. Mr. Ankur Singhal, Co-founder of CV Owl guided students on crafting impactful resumes with expert insights. He also shared templates to help students make their resumes concise and effective.

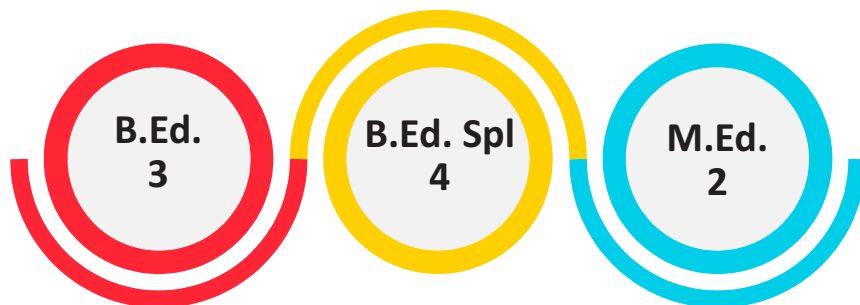


Placement Drives

To facilitate student placements, both on-campus and off-campus recruitment drives were organized, connecting aspiring educators with reputed CBSE and J&K Board schools in Jammu. These initiatives provided students with valuable career opportunities, enhancing their employment prospects.

Placements Overview 2023

Several students secured placements in reputed schools with an annual package of ₹2.5 lakh, reflecting their readiness for the education sector. Additionally, around 40 students chose to pursue higher education, further enhancing their academic and professional qualifications for future opportunities.



Library Week Celebrated

Library Week was celebrated from November 14-20, 2023. It featured varied activities including a Book Jacket Designing Competition, a visit to Dhanvantri Library and an Orientation on Zotero-A Reference Management Tool by Dr. Manorma Tripathi, Librarian, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The week concluded with a Declamation Competition on "Today's Reader, Tomorrow's Leader".



Orientation Programmes

A series of informative sessions were organized to familiarize students with Open Educational Resources (OER) and the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), enhancing their access to vast digital learning platforms and tools.

Book Talk

Students discussed inspirational books like Eat That Frog, The 48 Laws of Power, The Power of Habit, and Like the Flowing River during the Book Talk Programme held on October 16, 2024.



Rich tributes were paid to Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, the father of Library Science in India, on Librarian Day, by reminiscing his invaluable contributions to the field.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Educational Tour & Visits



Special Education students undertook an educational tour from September 8 to 10, 2024, visiting Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, where they attended lectures and explored inclusive teaching practices. At Pingalwara, they learned about the



rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities. The tour concluded with visits to the Wagah Border and Golden Temple, offering students valuable insights into education, social responsibility, and national pride.



Psychology students visited a Drug De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre, where they engaged with patients, interacted with their counsellors and explored psychological interventions in the rehabilitation process. Meanwhile, students from the School of Education visited the Centre for Invention, Innovation, Incubation and Training, gaining valuable exposure to creative and entrepreneurial initiatives.



The students of Psychology department visited Pulse Hospital, Jammu. Dr. Rajinder Kumar, Psychiatrist talked about mental status examinations, psychiatric disorders, and treatment modalities through real-life case studies. Students gained valuable career insights, engaged in interactive discussions, and deepened their understanding of Clinical Psychology's practical applications.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Guest Lectures



Constitution Day was observed on November 23, 2023, with a series of events organized for the students of Political Science, including a guest lecture by Dr. Ellora Puri, Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Jammu, participation in a nationwide online quiz, and a documentary screening.



A guest lecture on 'State of Democracy in South Asia' was delivered by Prof. Baljit Singh, Head, Department of Political Science, University of Jammu on October 24, 2024. He discussed democracy's trajectory, challenges, and solutions.



Workshop on Theatre and Acting

A theatre and acting workshop conducted by renowned theatre expert, Mr. Rajneesh Gupta, on April 12, 2024, introduced students to voice modulation, body language, and stage presence. Emphasizing the discipline and creativity, he guided students through engaging activities on improvisation, character development, and scene analysis. The workshop concluded with short plays in Dogri and Hindi.

Guidance and Counselling

A Diploma Distribution Ceremony was held on August 9, 2024, for the Guidance and Counselling programme students from the 2021-22 and 2022-23 batches. Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson, MIER, encouraged and blessed the students. Students also shared their experiences and expressed gratitude to the faculty and management for their support and guidance.



ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

English Access Programme Concludes



The English Access Microscholarship Programme, funded by the US Department of State, concluded with a ceremony on April 9, 2024. Launched on July 21, 2023, it involved 25 B.Ed. students to enhance English proficiency and cultural understanding.

Mr. Micah Risher, Regional English Language Officer from the American Center New Delhi, was the chief guest. The event featured a group song, student experiences and a comedy skit. The event concluded with an interactive session and certificate distribution.

Literary Club Launched



The college inaugurated its Literary Club with a vibrant function on May 2, 2024, featuring a one-act play, storytelling, book reviews, and insights on authors. Dr. Adit Gupta praised the initiative for developing appreciation for literature, creativity and inspiring future literary pursuits.

Book Fair

The Literary Club organized a visit to a book fair on May 4, 2024, offering students an enriching experience. They explored a diverse collection of books, from timeless classics to modern best-sellers, which broadened their literary horizons and discovered new interests.



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.



Prof. Noam Shpancer from Otterbein University, USA delivered a lecture on Stress Management on November 4, 2023. He highlighted the importance of mental well-being, effective stress management techniques, and the need for daily mental health practices.

An enlightening interactive session on the "Impact of AI on the Creative Thinking Process" was conducted for the faculty at the College. The session, held on 28th August, 2024 featured the esteemed resource person, Professor Bipin Indurkha, from Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland.



An orientation session on 'Sensitization and Pedagogical Integration of the Indian Knowledge System' was organized on October 29, 2024. Prof. J. N. Baliya from Central university, Jammu discussed IKS's rich traditions, its role in NEP, challenges in implementation, and strategies for integrating it into higher education through diverse pedagogies and curricula.

FACULTY UPDATE

Principal's Engagements



Prof. Adit Gupta attended eLearn 2024, organized by the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE) in Singapore, and presented a research paper on Blended Learning in Indian Higher Education, co-authored with Prof. (Dr.) Mool Raj Sharma. Prof. Gupta also participated in insightful keynotes, AI workshops, and discussions with global experts, fostering valuable connections and potential collaborations.

Presented a Keynote on "STEM Education: Challenges in the Teaching-Learning Process" at the One Day International Symposium on STEM Education organised by the West Guwahati College Of Education, Guwahati on December 18, 2023.

Faculty Achievements

Dr. Reeta Dwivedi and Ms. Jyoti Sharma, Assistant Professors in the School of Education, won the Best Paper Presenter award at the International Conference on "Brain Health and Mental Health Management" at KAHER, Belagavi, on March 27–28, 2024. Their paper, "A Study of Mental Health of Adolescents in Relation to their Family Environment," received acclaim from global scholars and practitioners.



Ms. Eesha Sharma, Librarian conferred with a prestigious "Lib-Tech Award-2024" from Manav Rachna International School, Gurugram, in collaboration with Dr. O.P. Bhalla Central Library MRIIRS, Faridabad, Haryana, in recognition of her contributions in the field of library and information sciences.

FACULTY UPDATE

Faculty Achievements



Dr. Nishta Rana, Head, School of Education has been nominated as a reviewer for the Current Research Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities.

Dr. Behzad Maqbool, Associate Professor, has been appointed as a Subject Expert in the Local Screening Board at Army Public School, Jammu Cantt.



New Appointments



Dr. Sahil Bhagat
Assistant Professor



Dr. Palavi Mangotra
Assistant Professor



Mrs. Ayushi Grover
Assistant Professor



Mr. Narender
Assistant Professor



Mr. Ashwani Kumar
Dy. Controller of Examinations

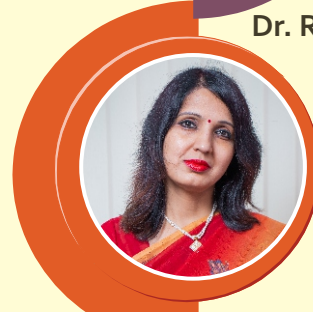
Professional Development



Mrs. Komal Sharma
awarded
Ph.D.



Mr. Suneel Bhat
awarded
Ph.D.



Dr. Reeta Dwivedi
completed
M.Ed.



Dr. Bharti Tandon
completed M.A.
Psychology



Mrs. Arpana Koul
completed M.A.
Psychology

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Student Exchange Programme

MIER College of Education, Jammu, and GHG Khalsa College of Education, Ludhiana, successfully conducted their first three-day student exchange programme from February 19-21, 2024. The students participated in various academic, sports, and cultural activities and won prizes in different events. They also visited prominent historical sites for cultural exposure. The programme concluded with an appreciation ceremony.



MIER Fiesta

MIER Fiesta 2023, first annual festival, was organised on December 28, 2023, offering a vibrant blend of talent, entertainment, and fun. Inaugurated by Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson MIER, the event featured electrifying dance performances, beatboxing, and a mesmerizing concert by Mr. Ricky and his band. A lively DJ evening brought students and faculty together, while food and game stalls, including student-run ventures, added to the festive spirit.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Inter-College Symposium was organised on the topic "The Future of Education: Technology, Equity and Inclusion" on November 7, 2023. Twelve colleges from within and outside Jammu and Kashmir participated in the symposium through hybrid mode.

A Folk Dance Competition themed "The Incredible India" was organized on the Republic Day, featuring solo and paired performances. Students showcased vibrant cultural expressions through mesmerizing dance performances.



An Inter-Departmental Quiz Competition on "Atmanirbhar Bharat in Defense Production" was organized on Independence Day to enhance students' understanding of India's progress in self-reliant defense production and its journey toward becoming a global powerhouse.

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on September 5, 2024. The event featured cultural performances, including soulful singing, energetic dances, and a captivating rap performance, showcasing the students' talent and creativity.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



The Fresher's Party for the School of Education and School of Social Sciences was organized for different batches, welcoming new students with enthusiasm. Senior students presented spirited cultural performances and engaging games, creating a lively atmosphere. The event concluded with the selection of Mr. Fresher and Ms. Fresher, making it a memorable celebration of talent, camaraderie, and excitement.

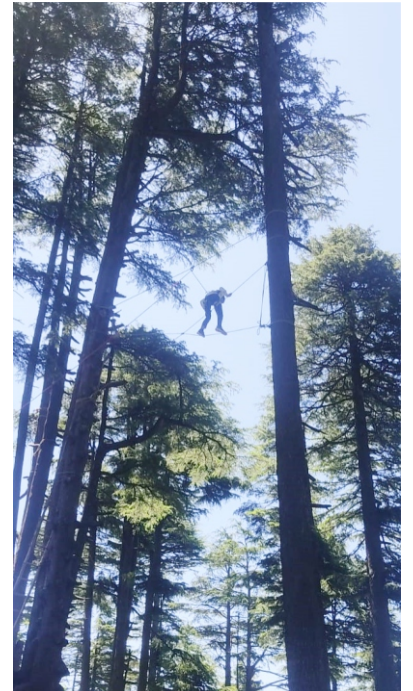


A heartfelt Farewell Ceremony for the outgoing students of the School of Education was organised on September 13, 2024. The event featured lively performances, interactive games, and emotional tributes. Principal Dr. Adit Gupta wished them success in their future endeavours, inspiring them to pursue their dreams with passion and perseverance.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Adventure Camp

A two-day "I Survive Adventure Camp" was organized from May 14 to 15, 2024, offering an innovative life skills training experience for College students by blending adventure with personal growth. Set at a breathtaking campsite in Patnitop, 7,800 feet above sea level, the camp featured diverse activities such as hiking, meditation, and introspection, all guided by expert certified trainers. This unique programme provided students with transformative experiences.



Picnic

The College organized a fun-filled picnic to a water park on April 5, 2024 where students enjoyed thrilling rides, games, and bonding activities, creating joyful memories and strengthening camaraderie.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Participation at National-Level NSS Camps



Mr. Nirbhey Khajuria participated in NSS camps held in Faridabad and Himachal Pradesh, while Mr. Sudhanshu Pandoh attended the Sikar, Rajasthan camp. Both students demonstrated exemplary performance across various activities, earning recognition for their commitment to community service and teamwork.

Students Shine in Culinary and Clay Modelling Events



MIER College Team won 2nd Prize in Culinary Art Competition organized by the Food & Art Institute, Jammu.



Ms. Aditi Verma, B.A. Psychology won consolation prize in Clay Modelling in Display Your Talent Competition 2023-24 organised by the University of Jammu.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Annual Prize Distribution

The College hosted its Annual Prize Distribution Function on September 7, 2024, with Prof. Rajeev Rattan Sharma, Director, Colleges Development Council, University of Jammu, as the chief guest.

The event began with the College Tarana by the Rag Group and recognized excellence in academics, co-curriculars, research, NSS, sports, and technology.

Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson MIER, blessed the achievers, while the Principal applauded their accomplishments. Prof. Sharma commended the College's progressive approach, highlighting its integration of technology and holistic development. A memento was presented to the chief guest as a token of appreciation.



National Level Achievements

Qualified
UGC NET

M.Ed.
03

M.Phil.
01

A number of Students from across departments of the College qualified national level competitive examinations NET and also cleared the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) in this session.

M.Ed.
01

B.Ed.
11

Qualified CTET

STUDENT ACHIEVERS



Mr. Nirbhey Khajuria, B.A. (Hons.) Psychology won second position and a cash prize of Rs.10,000/- in the event Kalpana Katha Carnival organised by IIM, Jammu under the Annual Fest Emphyrean 24 from March 3 - 5, 2024.

Ms. Samvedna Bharti, Ms. Aditi and Ms. Anchal from B.Ed. won third prize in the district level National Anthem Singing competition organised by the Govt. College for Women Parade on August 12, 2024.



Ms. Vandana Thakur B.A. (Hons.) in Psychology, a promising theatre artist performed in number of plays organised by Natrang, Jammu.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Women's Badminton Champions



College players Naman Mansotra, Khushi Jhanavi, and Maanya Bakshi delivered stellar performances, securing the overall trophy at the Intercollegiate Women's Badminton Championship hosted by the University of Jammu, outshining over 40 competing teams.



Palak Sharma B.A. (Hons.) in Political Science, won Green Belt in a Judo competition organised by the J&K Judo Federation.



Aryan Langeh, B.A. (Hons.) Political Science won Gold Medal in Power Lifting Championship organised by Jammu District Power Lifting Association.

Ms Tabasum Nusrat Ali, B.A. (Hons.) in Political Science, won gold medal in Taekwondo competition organised by the University of Jammu.

