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Mehkama-E-Taleem,

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About the Department

The department teachers and students continued to work with full fervour under the inchregeship of Dr. Gagandeep Bajaj.

The academic session saw over hundred admissions in B.Ed and B.El.Ed courses. The admissions took place through a centralised entrance test in both courses. The college, along with the University, shifted towards a more automated system of admissions, including online college allocation. Usual policy on reservation was followed towards building a more inclusive setup of education.

Students admitted in the courses belong to diverse backgrounds. In B.El.Ed I year, 34 students are from Humanities, 10 from Commerce, and 04 from Science backgrounds. Further, 12% students are from outside Delhi, including states Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, and Bihar.

In B.Ed, the distribution of seats is across Science, Social Science, Language, and Other Subjects including Commerce. Students have completed graduation and post graduation from many universities across the country including, Bihar, Rohtak, IGNOU, and Amity.

Besides academics, the students have also been actively involved in many co-scholastic activities. Ms. Deepti, B.El.Ed has been a state level athlete. Some students in B.Ed have also learnt French and Spanish. Another is a trained dancer in Bharatnatyam and one in Kathak.

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Recognising the Accomplishments of Students

Academic Achievements for the session 2015-16

	B.El.Ed First Year	B.El.Ed Second Year	B.El.Ed Third Year	B.El.Ed Fourth Year	B.Ed First Year
I	Ms. Shuchita Tuli	Ms. Himani	Ms. Kiran	Ms. Jasmeet Kaur	Ms. Ria Kalra
II	Ms. Vaishali	Ms. Pooja Solanki	Ms. Vani Rana	Ms. Sheetal	Ms. Garima Chandel
III	Ms. Ashmeet Kaur Bindra	Ms. Aditi Tiwari	Ms. Nidhi	Ms. Vijeta Yadav	Ms. Pooja Arora

Ms. Ria Kalra also stood third in the University.

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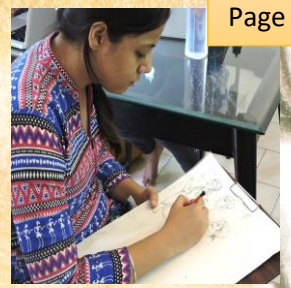
Ms. Neeru, of B.El.Ed, II year, participated in elections for the college Students' Union and became the unopposed Vice President of the college for the session 2016-17.



Ms. Poorvi Ahuja, B.El.Ed II year completed a two month internship with the Language Learning division of Macmillan Publishers. Her work involved editing and proof reading books in English Communication.



Ms. Ashmeet Kaur Bindra, B.El.Ed II Year, started working with Happy Hands Foundation as Youth Educator for teaching Cheriya Art to students at Tarang Kala Kendra.



Ms. Mansi Garg, B.El.Ed II year and Ms. Khushbu, of B.El.Ed I Year, participated in the theatre festival Udaan at the University level. Ms. Garg was selected for further workshops by National School of Drama.



Ms. Bhavya Popli, B.El.Ed IV year interned at Angel Heart, with focus on developing content for the website's educational platform and managing its social media.



Ms. Sofiya Parveen of B.El.Ed IV year interned with Dr. A V Baliga Memorial Trust for a month, working in the area of Child Protection and Participation.

NSS and our Department initiated a collaborative effort, 'Beyond the Classroom', with neighbouring government schools. The programme aims to share knowledge and expertise with the students of these schools. The purpose of the initiative was to bridge the gap between the rhetoric and praxis. In addition, it also strengthened community interface with the college, in turn providing enriching exposure to school students. In the first phase, B.El.Ed III and IV year students engaged with students of our college to prepare them to conduct activities with school students. In the second phase, activities are being conducted throughout the 2016-17 academic year with school students towards helping them with homework, promoting gender sensitization, and spreading environmental awareness, through art and craft activities and puppet shows.



Ms. Shivani Gauniyal, Ms. Priya Sharma, Ms. Bhavya Popli and Ms. Vani Rana, B.El.Ed III year completed a three month internship with Inspiring Minds, a training and career guidance organisation in the field of education. Ms. Shivani and Ms. Priya visited Ballistics Vidyalaya, Chandigarh and conducted a presentation on 'Communication Strategies and Goal Setting' with 150 students of classes VIII to X. Ms. Bhavya and Ms. Vani conducted a workshop on 'Fun at Work' at Central Academy School, Ajmer. The workshop was conducted with about twenty teachers teaching in primary, secondary and senior secondary



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Events and Activities in our Department

Students of B.El.Ed I year and Pedagogy of Science of B.Ed I year visited National Science Centre, Pragati Maidan on 27 March 2016 and 21 January 2016 respectively. The visit was enriching in providing insights into application of everyday science activities in teaching practice. Students also learnt the importance of developing a scientific temperament.



Pedagogy of Commerce students of B.Ed I year went for field visit to National Accountancy Museum of India, Noida on 11 April 2016. The visit helped students to understand the socio-historical context of Accountancy. They also visited Gowardsons Printing Press, Mayapuri with an aim to link a rhetorical understanding of Business Studies with real world practices. Mr. Deepak Kapoor, the entrepreneur of the press, also focussed on the relevance of Commerce education for promoting ethical business practices.

Students of Pedagogy of Social Science of B.Ed I year visited Gandhi Samriti in the month of March, 2016. The educational visit was an enriching experience as students understood the relevance of museums in developing a historical perspective and built a stronger understanding of the vision of Gandhi.



Mr. George Abraham, founding chairman of World Blind Cricket Council and Association for Cricket for the Blind in India, talked about how disability is seen as a handicap. He critiqued the education system on grounds of its inability to provide a platform to everyone. While narrating incidents from his own life, he highlighted the importance of caregivers and right timing in helping overcome the toughest challenges of life.



A workshop was organised on "Fabric Painting" for the students on 29th July 2016. Ms. Hema Mehra, the resource person from Pidilite, organised and conducted the session. The students of B.Ed. and B.El.Ed. courses showed high participation in the same. Ms. Hema, who is also an entrepreneur owning her own line of artistic clothing, oriented the students to the art of Fabric Painting with the help of various techniques.

An Interactive session was organised 'Feminism and Capitalist Patriarchy' with Mr. Ashwin Bajaj, Assistant Professor, Gargi College. He helped us to understand what feminism can mean, the various movements of feminism and how capitalism plays a major role in perpetuating patriarchy. The interaction also dealt with how Capitalism not only exploits the productive labour but also completely devalues reproductive labour.



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Pedagogy of Mathematics Students of B.Ed I year attended a session with Ms. Rashmi Kathuria at Kulachi Hansraj Model School. The visit was fruitful in the exposure it provided to an innovative Maths Lab. Ms. Kathuria also discussed the role of teachers in conducting project work. She also discussed the use of technology to teach abstract concepts till secondary level, enhance mathematical thinking, and promote collaborative and cooperative learning.



A workshop on teaching learning aids in Science was conducted by Anweshika, a teachers' collective that works towards bringing innovation in Physics teaching. The workshop was successful in providing hands on experience to students and compelling them to think about applying theoretical concepts in practice.



A workshop on 'Lexical approach to English Language teaching' was conducted by Prof. Rama Meganathan from NCERT for Pedagogy of English students of B.Ed and Pedagogy of Language students of B.El.Ed on 22nd August, 2016. The workshop involved the students in various activities that they could conduct in their classes at the primary and secondary levels. It included activities on information gap, word association and building compound words.



A Self Defence Workshop was organised on 29-30 August 2016. The chief instructor was Ms. Erum Nsim Khan, Judo and Self Defense Coach by profession. The event was divided into three hourly slots per day including specific sessions for students. The workshop was a positive step towards developing self-reliant women in the Indian society who react instead of panic, in case of assault.



On 12th September 2016, Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Associate Professor, CIC,DU oriented B.Ed students on the relevance of maintaining profiles for enriching teaching learning process and assessment. A learner's profile includes knowing about the learner, accessing their existing learning records and managing them.

A guest lecture on Errors in Second Language Learning was held for B.El.Ed II year, on 26 February 2016. Mr. Chetan, MPhil Linguistics, used Touchie's work for emphasizing the significance of understanding learner's errors in second language learning. He discussed types and sources of errors and general guidelines for teachers for correcting errors.



A two day workshop was organised on Storytelling and its Pedagogical Uses on 16-17 August, 2016 for B.El.Ed IV years. Story Selection, Story Experience, Story Presentation, Student Involvement, Story Telling Aids, Class Set up and follow up activities were some of the facets which were focussed upon by Ms. Rituparna Ghosh.



A workshop was conducted by JODO GYAN. Ms. Pooja and Ms. Deepika presented materials for teaching Mathematics in primary classes. This included Rangometry Kit, Ganitmala, Fraction Kit, etc. The discussion also addressed the use of multiple resource materials to teach one concept.



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A cultural programme was organised on 1 September 2016 to welcome the first year students of B.El.Ed and B.Ed. The programme started with a Welcome song by B.El.Ed II year students, Ms. Mansi and Ms. Meenakshi. It was followed by an address by the Head Of Department, Dr. Gagandeep Bajaj and Dr. Sudipta Ghose. Ms. Shivani (B.El.Ed II year) and Ms. Anshul (B.Ed II year) welcomed freshers with their welcome speech.

The programme was marked by phenomenal group dance performances by B.El.Ed III year (Fusion), B.Ed II year (Fusion) and B.El.Ed II year (Indian Folk Fusion) students. Two group plays were also staged by B.El.Ed III year and B.El.Ed II year students to sensitize students about Terrorism and Swacch Bharat Abhiyan respectively. Another group play was also staged by B.Ed and B.El.Ed II year students based on the works of Tagore.

Miss Freshers' contest for B.El.Ed and B.Ed first year students was also held. Five students each from B.El.Ed and B.Ed, who were selected through auditions, got to participate in the contest. The first round was Introduction round followed by Talent round. The final round was Question-Answer round. Daisy Mathew and Santushti Nangia were crowned as Miss B.Ed and Miss B.El.Ed respectively while Varsha Meena and Apporva Chand as runner ups.

The programme concluded with a thankyou song by B.Ed and B.El.Ed first year students.



On 18th April, 2016, a farewell was organised by the students of B.El.Ed III year. The day began with lamp lighting. Students of B.El.Ed participated enthusiastically in all the events and gave wonderful performances like Monoacting, Gidda dance, Kashmiri dance, a yoga based solo dance, among others. Folk performances infused the environment with cultural spirit. The day also hosted by games for seniors, and titles were given to the graduating students. Prize distribution was filled with moments of pride and motivation. The finale play based on Cinderella by students of III year won everyone's heart. The farewell concluded with sharing of nostalgic memories through photographs of the final year batch.



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The annual Departmental Cultural Festival, 'Abhivyakti' was organised on 4 February 2016. Mr. Siraj Kesar spoke on the topic 'Sustainable Development: Issues and Challenges' linking his experience at the grass root level to foster an understanding of community development. He spoke about challenges related to land, health and hygiene caused by contamination of water, air and the environment whereby models of development are designed for the advantages of a few causing a threat to the basic human rights of citizens living in the periphery. His talk drew attention to the need for linking school knowledge to the community wherein children are sensitized to take responsibility for developing their environment sustainably.

Besides the lecture, the event was also marked with competitions for students, viz. Documentary Screening of 'I Wonder' by Anupama Shrinivasan, Poster Making, and Best Out of Waste. The documentary screening was followed by a reflection session on the topic 'Children traversing through life, school and home: What do you think schools should and should not be?'.

Winners of Best Out of Waste:

- I. Richa Gulati & Ananya Bhardwaj
- II. Jasmeet Kaur & Garima Dahiya
- III. Vaishali & Sakshi Khari



Winners of Poster Making:

- I. Ashmeet Kaur Bindra and Nirmalpreet Kaur
- II. Vijeta and Renu Pal
- III. Ayushi and Ayushi Aggarwal



Winners of Documentary Screening:

- I. Poorvi Ahuja
- II. Anjali Chhabra
- III. Akshita Luthra



A National Seminar on 'Emerging Trends in Education: New Paradigms' was organised on March 10-11, 2016. The department invited papers for presentation spread across various sub themes - Emerging trends in Learning and Teaching, Emerging trends in Education for Sustainable and Development, Emerging trends in Communication and Mass Media, Emerging trends in Human Development and Quality of Life, Emerging trends in Economy, Global Marketplace and Employment, Emerging trends in Promoting Peace and Solidarity. Prof. Sadhna Saxena, Head and Dean, Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi was Guest of Honour and Keynote address was presented by Prof. Namita Ranganathan, CIE. Dr. Nita N Kumar, Principal, SPM College and Chairperson of the seminar welcomed all the guests and dignitaries wishing for two days of engaging experience. The inaugural address was presented by the Convenor of the seminar, Dr. Sudipta Ghose. Prof. Ranganathan talked about analysing the issue at hand critically and brought her varied life experiences to the forum to highlight issues such as the unnecessary stress parents are laying on their children nowadays. Thirty seven papers were accepted for presentation at the seminar with the paper presenters ranging from teachers, faculties and scholars from various universities and institutions, such as University of Delhi, JNU, NCERT, Amity University.



Feature on some of our Alumni

Like the ever expanding sky, our alumni are touching new heights in diverse areas. While many have taken up the profession of teaching, there are others who have found their passion in creative and performing arts. We feel proud, not just of what they have achieved, but also in their discovery of themselves and their courage to pursue their dreams, despite the pressures of a competitive world.

In this issue, we are acknowledging those who have discovered their passions during their journey at SPMC and are flourishing in diverse fields.

Ms. Charu Mittal (B.El.Ed, 2014) was passionate about Art and Craft since her first year in the course. She eventually pursued the same with her Craft teacher from the college. She worked extensively as a resource person, conducting workshops at school and college level. She is now working as an Art teacher in a school in Delhi.



Ms. Kirti Verma (B.Ed, 2015), disillusioned with the school system chose to work with passion in the aviation industry. She is a cockpit scheduler with SpiceJet and still reminisces about her B.Ed days with fondness.



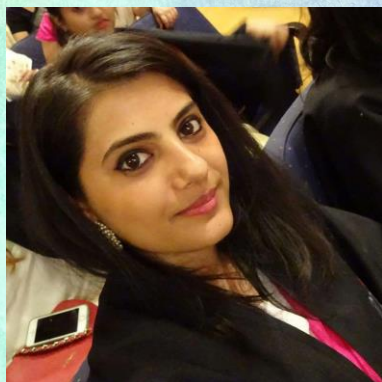
Ms. Jyotsna Arora (B.El.Ed, 2013) has always been a passionate dancer. Teaching primary grades in a private school has not stopped her from pursuing her passion further and she is now a certified Zumba instructor. She was a regular participant in Raahgiri and was frequently featured in Delhi Times.



Ms. Manisha Dabas (B.El.Ed, 2014) chose to work further in the field of security and joined CISE, as a Sub Inspector.



Ms. Shailen Singh (B.El.Ed, 2013) discovered her passion for design and went on to pursue Masters in Design from the prestigious NIFT. This was followed by a course in Fashion Design at YMCA. Currently working with a designer at the designer's hub, Shahpur Jat, Shailen looks forward to starting her own label of contemporary and ethnic women's wear soon.



Ms. Neha Sharma (B.El.Ed, 2014) was active in the political life of the institution even during her college life. Neha is currently also a member of State Working Committee, Delhi State of ABVP and has led many campaigns from the front.



Ms. Bharti Ghai (B.El.Ed, 2009) found her calling in the performing arts. Subsequent to graduating, she trained extensively with National School of Drama and has been active with the premier institute's Sanskar Rang Toli. She has been in regular contact with the department and comes back with stage performances of educational relevance.



Placements

This year was the first for the new two year B.Ed programme. Therefore, we had only B.El.Ed Fourth Year students for placements. The committee, constituting Mr. Ritesh and Ms. Neeta, approached about 10 private schools of repute. Three of the Presidium School professionals addressed the students. A few schools needed B.Ed students or did not have vacancies this year, including Laxman Public School, and Basava International. Students were asked to apply online to GD Goenka School and K R Mangalam School. Many students were called for more than one round for selection. Two students, Ms. Shivani and Ms. Eesha, of the final year batch were placed in campus in Presidium School and Bharat National Public School.

The Department celebrated its second Edu_Selfie Day on its Facebook page. This time the theme was people, places and sources of learning. Here are some memorable shares:



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