

B.EL.ED. Department (2019-20)

Yet another eventful year for the department of Education (B.El.Ed). The first and the second positions of the university were bagged by the 4th year B.El.Ed. department students, Ms. Pooja Siwach and Ms. Shikha Sehrawat. The fourth year students began their school internship program in August 2019 and completed their middle school internship in December 2019. Different workshops were conducted by many experts from different fields. For the first year students, the craft and theatre workshops were held and the students gained experience and learned new ways of transacting with in the group. Ms. Harpreet and Mr. Manish were the resource persons for these workshops. The students also completed their school contact program successfully where theatre activities were performed on the last day of their visit. The B.El.Ed. 2nd year students completed their story telling sessions with experts from different organizations like “Talent hunt” and guests like Dr. Prachi from Gargi College (D.U) was also invited over to deliver special lectures on story telling. For self-development workshops, Dr. Pearl Drego from Tacet Academy and Mr. Gaurav Prakash conducted the self development sessions for the students and students benefited a great deal from these sessions. The 3rd year students completed their innovative school visit in the month of January 2020 from 14th to 17th, whereby they visited Mirambika Free Progress School, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, New Delhi, for their observations. The 3rd year theatre workshops were conducted by Mr. Himmat Singh Negi a renowned theatre personality. The third year successfully completed its block teaching module in the month of November, 2019. The B.El.Ed. 2nd year students participated in events organized by the students in the Gargi college Annual B.El.Ed. Department fest titled, “Being a teacher: to know and to be,” which was held on 26 sep 2019 on their campus.

The Department of Education (B.El.Ed.), celebrated the National Education Day on the 11th of November 2019. The staff and students of the department participated in the programme with much zeal and enthusiasm. The principal of the college Dr. Mamta Sharma presided over the program and congratulated the faculty and students for their wonderful performances. She addressed the students and told them about the importance of this day and why it was celebrated. Also, she discussed the importance of knowledge and requested the faculty members to initiate an “Education Conclave” in the college in order to discuss the new education policy and its relevance.

The students from different years of B.El.Ed performed beautifully. There was a yoga performance by Ms. Sonam Ekka, from the B.El.Ed. 1st year, followed by the Kathak dance by Ms. Khushbu of 4th year B.El.Ed. There was a play enacted by the B.El.Ed. 2nd year students, “Ladki Padh Kar Kya Karegi.” It highlighted the importance of education of girls. Ms Vidhi from 2nd year B.El.Ed. recited a poem on education written and composed by her. There were group and solo dance performances by students.

Science Society and Department of Education organized 4 days Seminar cum workshop for B.El.Ed students from Jan 7 to Jan 10, 2020 on the Theme – Women, Science and Teacher Education. The programme began with a keynote address on the theme by Prof Anita Rampal (Former Head and Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Delhi, Delhi). She highlighted the role of women scientists in contribution towards scientific knowledge and research by using examples of Marie Curie and Rosalind Franklin. In her address she drew examples from indigenous knowledge by mentioning that scientific knowledge is not limited to institutes. It is there in our daily life practices by using how traditional knowledge of cure of chicken pox was there even before Edward Jenner discovered it.

The panel discussion with panelist Prof Gurjeet Kaur (Jamia Millia Islamia) and Dr Kalyani Akalamkam (Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi) was organized on Jan

8th, 2020. Both the panelists built the perspectives on why there are fewer women scientists and how women find science alienated. They shared data and examples of women discrimination in Higher Education in Science. Further, they discussed how teachers and pre service teachers bring change in their pedagogic strategies to bridge the gap between science and women. On that day another special lecture of Prof Vandana Saxena (Department of Education, CIE, University of Delhi, Delhi) was organized. Her talk focused on gender representations in textbooks and pedagogy-based research evidence to bring gender equity in Science Education.

Ms Nisha Sharma, (an Alumna of the college) TGT Science with Directorate of Education, Delhi conducted a Lecture cum Demonstration with students on Jan 9th, 2020. She demonstrated classroom activities for number of scientific concepts like acid – base indicators, magnets and magnetic lines of forces, light – reflection and refraction.

Three workshops on the topics from Physics (Static Charge, Current flow and Electricity), Chemistry (Matter – Solid, liquid and Gas; Electrolysis and electricity conduction in salts) and Biology (Digestion, Nutrition and Respiration) were organized on 7, 9 and 10th Jan, 2020. The resource persons for the workshops were Ms Anshumala Gupta, Mr Vikas Saini and Mr Hitesh Khatwani from the Joy of Learning Foundation. During these workshops students had hands on experience of number of activities in science.

In the event poster-making competition and quiz competition on the theme of the seminar were organized by the student body of Science Society (Ms Ojsvi, Ms Muskaan and Ms Priya from B.El.Ed. IVth year). For the Poster Making Competition students were given an hour to make poster on A3-size paper. The winners of the competition were:

Ist Prize: Unnati Rana (B.El.Ed. IVth Year)

IInd Prize: Pranjal Priya (B.El.Ed. Ist Year), Kajal (B.El.Ed. Ist Year)

IIIrd Prize: Harshita (B.El.Ed. Ist Year), Aakriti Gupta (B.El.Ed. IIIrd Year)

Quiz Competition was organized in three rounds. The winners of the competition were:

Ist Prize: Pallavi (B.El.Ed. Ist Year)

IInd Prize: Jyoti (B.El.Ed. IVth Year)

IIIrd Prize: Priyanka (B.El.Ed. Ist Year)

Dr Subhash Chander from Department of Education (CIE), University of Delhi, Delhi delivered the valedictory address for the seminar. He raised few concerns for pre-service teachers (B.El.Ed. students) like removing ‘fear of science’ and encouraging the skill of ‘asking questions’ among children at primary and elementary school levels. He appreciated the efforts of students and teachers of the department for organizing mega event on the theme.

On the 21st January 2020, a workshop for the 3rd year students was organized on “Stories as stimulating agents in understanding Mathematical concepts” by Katha Manch, with the aim to teach students as to how stories could be used as pedagogical tools.

On the 30th of January 2020, the Geography option students from B.El.Ed. 2nd year went for their field survey to Rithala Sewage Treatment Plant, Rohini, Delhi.