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International Youth Day

Gandhi Memorial College of Education celebrated International Youth Day on 12th August in the conference hall. The principal, along with faculty members and students, actively participated in the program.

The primary aim of organizing the event was to inspire and empower young people to contribute positively to the society, express their talents, and work towards achieving their dreams. The program emphasized supporting youth by providing access to high-quality education and resources.

On this day, students from B.Ed. and UG programs highlighted the significant role of youth in society. They presented case studies on topics like “Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development”, focusing on digital adoption and technology. Additionally, they discussed how innovation can bring about positive change and create effective solutions for societal problems using their incredible potential. The event concluded with a motivational speech encouraging students to harness their talents for personal growth and community welfare. It was a day filled with inspiration and empowerment, celebrating the boundless potential of youth.



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav



The 78th Independence Day, celebrated as "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav," was marked with immense enthusiasm and patriotic zeal at Gandhi Memorial College of Education, Raipur, Jammu, on August 15, 2024. The campus came alive with the spirit of unity and nationalism as the celebrations unfolded.

The highlight of the event was the ceremonial hoisting of the Tricolour by Prof. Virender Rawal, General Secretary of HESK, accompanied by key dignitaries, including Member Finance Sh. S.K. Raina, Member Education Prof. G.L. Koul, and Executive Body Members Sh. M.K. Jalali, Sh. Virender Raina, Prof. Savita Raina, and Prof. Satish Talashi. Principal GMCEJ joined the gathering, adding to the grandeur of the occasion. The resounding notes of the National Anthem filled the air, sparking a wave of pride and unity among all present.

The event wasn't just about ceremonial proceedings; it was a heartfelt tribute to the nation's rich heritage and the sacrifices of its freedom fighters. Prof. Rawal delivered an inspiring address, emphasizing the relevance of Independence Day and urging everyone to honour the legacy of our national heroes. The local Sarpanch, Mr. Kulvinder Singh Jamwal, energized the audience with his pledge of unwavering support to the college, while Panchayat Chairman Mr. Chaman Lal's speech reinforced the community's commitment to education and growth.

The day's events were a perfect blend of emotion and celebration, meticulously coordinated by the dedicated faculty and staff of the college. The vibrant atmosphere, the fluttering tricolour, and the collective spirit of patriotism made the event truly unforgettable, leaving everyone inspired to contribute to the nation's progress and unity.



Sports Day

The highly anticipated Sports Day at Gandhi Memorial College of Education was celebrated on August 29th with immense enthusiasm and energy. The event was inaugurated by the principal, Prof. Satish Talashi, who emphasized the critical role of sports in fostering holistic education. He underscored how engaging in physical activities helps build character, discipline, and teamwork, complementing academic growth.

The day began with a lively and colourful parade led by the students, showcasing their unity, discipline, and team spirit. The students marched in synchrony, displaying a sense of pride and excitement for the upcoming events. This was followed by a series of thrilling athletic competitions, including badminton, long-distance races, shot put, and a variety of other events such as the carrom board tournament, which proved to be a crowd favourite.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the competitive sports events, where participants named Shubam Raina, Arjun, Neetu Dhar and Dyawanti displayed exceptional determination and sportsmanship. Each student gave his/her all in order to prove their strength, aiming not only for personal success but also to bring pride to their respective teams.



Overall, Sports Day at Gandhi Memorial College of Education was a grand success, leaving everyone excited and motivated for future events. It was a day that reinforced the importance of balancing academic pursuits with physical well-being, promoting a sense of community and teamwork among students and faculty alike.

Teacher's Day



Teacher's Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at Gandhi Memorial College of Education by both students and faculty, honouring Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a renowned scholar, diplomat, and educator who championed the value of education. His contributions to teaching and his belief in the transformative power of knowledge continue to inspire generations. This day serves as a reminder of the essential role teachers play in shaping individuals and society.

The event began with the lighting of a lamp in front of Maa Saraswati, symbolizing the arrival of knowledge and prosperity. General Secretary, Prof. Virender Rawal, EB Member, Prof. Savita Raina, Principal of GMCEJ, Mr. Satish Talashi, and other faculty members offered floral tributes to Dr. Radhakrishnan, honouring his legacy. This gesture reflected the deep respect and admiration for his contributions to education.

Ms. Meenu Khazanchi, the event's host, highlighted the vital role of teachers as guides who instil confidence, provide direction, and encourage students to dream big. The program concluded with insightful remarks from Prof. Savita, leaving the audience with a deeper appreciation for the impact of educators on shaping the future.

Inter-School Debate Competition

Gandhi Memorial College of Education organized an inter-school debate competition on September 12th, promoting critical thinking and public speaking among students. The event, cENTRED on the theme “Is India Heading Towards Becoming an Economic Superpower?”, provided a platform for engaging discussions on the nation’s economic future.

Principal Mr. Satish Talashi welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of youth engagement in shaping India’s economic path. Students from various schools presented well-researched arguments, leading to dynamic and insightful debates that captivated the audience, offering deep analyses of India’s economic landscape.

Prof. Virender Rawal, Secretary of the Hindu Education Society of Kashmir (HESK), addressed the impact of artificial intelligence on the job market, highlighting a 20% reduction in employment opportunities. He suggested that strategic population management could reverse this trend and create a stable employment landscape. He also praised the high participation of female students, viewing it as a reflection of women’s empowerment.

BL. Zutshi, President of HESK, spoke about India’s potential, drawing on the country’s historical prosperity and current economic challenges. He emphasized the advantage of India’s young population, which could help the nation overcome obstacles and rise as a global leader.

A panel of judges, including Sushma Ma’am and Savita Raina, evaluated the participants. Veerta Bhutyal from BSF Senior Secondary School secured first place, followed by Mandeep Kour from Government Higher Secondary School, Kot Bhalwal in second while Mitali Bhardwaj from Dewan Devi Higher Secondary School stood third in rank.



Quiz Competition on Gandhi Jayanti



The Cultural Committee of Gandhi Memorial College of Education celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with a quiz competition in the conference hall, encouraging students to reflect on Mahatma Gandhi's teachings. Ms. Meenu Khazanchi delivered the inaugural speech, highlighting Gandhi's principles of non-violence, truth, and social justice. The event was hosted by Ms. Seema Bhat and Mrs. Anshu Koul, with scores managed by Ms. Hema Koul and Mr. Pradeep Pandita.

Five teams from the B.Ed., Commerce, and Mass Communication departments participated in a three-round quiz on Gandhi's life and philosophy. The rounds included direct questions, competitive responses, and a fill-in-the-blank segment on Gandhi's contributions and ideals. Team "C" scored 25 points, while Team "E" earned 20. Mr. Pradeep Pandita invited the principal to share insights on Gandhi Jayanti.

Prof. Satish Talashi, Principal Gandhi Memorial College stressed the continued relevance of Gandhi's teachings in today's world. He highlighted Gandhi's principles and importance of Nai Talim. Principal explained that Gandhiji's 1937 vision for education, known as Nai Talim, promoted a system rooted in self-reliance, practical skills, and moral development, with a strong focus on the dignity of labour. The principal and the staff then presented the winning team, "TEAM C" (Ragni Suri, Puneet Dhar, Payal Thapa) with an award for their outstanding performance, while all other participants received certificates recognizing their efforts and active participation. The report of the programme was prepared by Ms. Meenakshi Safaya and Ms. Honey Sharma while Geo Tag Photographs were taken by Mr. Ankit Zaroo.



Inauguration of Mata Saraswati Auditorium



Gandhi Memorial College of Education, Raipur Bantalab, Jammu, inaugurated the Mata Saraswati Auditorium on 31st October 2024, a landmark addition to its infrastructure. Hon'ble Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the PMO, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, highlighting the Kashmiri Pandit community's pivotal role in preserving Kashmir's cultural heritage.

The state-of-the-art auditorium, funded by donors Dr. Ashok Raina and Mrs. Santosh Raina from Maryland, USA, is dedicated to Mata Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge. This facility will serve as a hub for academic conferences, cultural programs, and student activities, reflecting the institution's commitment to fostering learning and creativity.

Key dignitaries in attendance included Padma Shri Dr. K.N. Pandita, Dr. Ashok Bhan, Sh. U.K. Jalali, and former MLA Mr. Ajay Bharti, among others. Scholarships were also awarded to outstanding students in B.Ed., Mass Communication, and B. Com (Honours) programs, with Dr. Jitendra Singh presenting certificates and full-fee cheques.

Messages of congratulations were received from Dr. Rashmi Singh (IAS), the Vice Chancellor of Kashmir University, and Dr. Archana Kokroo, President of the Kashmir Overseas Association. The event was coordinated by Executive Body members, including Prof. B.L. Zutshi and Sh. V.K. Raina, with faculty and staff playing a vital role in its success. The new auditorium symbolizes the college's dedication to academic and cultural excellence, marking a significant step forward in its educational mission.



Guest Lecture on Time Management



On 19 November, Gandhi Memorial College of Education hosted an enlightening guest lecture on Time Management, delivered by the distinguished Professor Romi Rani from SPR College. A renowned expert in the field of commerce, Professor Rani brought her vast knowledge and practical experience to inspire students to manage their time effectively.

The event commenced with a warm welcome note by faculty member Meenakshi Razdan, who introduced Professor Rani and highlighted her remarkable contributions to the academic and professional world. She emphasised the importance of time management as a critical skill in today's fast-paced environment. In her lecture, Professor Rani underscored the value of prioritizing tasks, setting realistic goals, and avoiding procrastination. She shared actionable strategies for productivity, including creating structured schedules, breaking tasks into manageable steps, and maintaining a healthy work-life balance. Her relatable examples and interactive approach made the session highly engaging and impactful.

Adding to the discussion, faculty member Mr. Pradeep Pandita addressed the time students often waste on activities like scrolling through social media reels. He urged them to adopt the disciplined practices outlined by Professor Rani.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Anshu Koul, who expressed gratitude to Professor Rani for her thought-provoking insights and to the participants for their enthusiastic involvement. This event demonstrated Gandhi Memorial College's commitment to fostering learning opportunities by bringing accomplished professionals to guide students in building essential life skills. Professor Romi Rani's session left a lasting impression on all students and faculty members altogether.

Guest Lecture on Income Tax

Our college organized a guest lecture by Mr. Sunil Tiku, Associate Professor (Retired). The lecture covered fundamental concepts of income tax, including different heads of income, tax slabs, deductions under various sections like 80C and 80D, and the process of filing income tax returns. Mr. Ticku also discussed recent amendments in tax laws and shared practical insights into tax planning and compliance. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A segment, where students actively participated and clarified their queries. The lecture was highly informative and appreciated by all attendees



Guest lecture by legendary radio broadcaster & renowned writer Mr. Brij Nath Betab

Gandhi Memorial College of Education had the honour of hosting celebrated radio presenter and State Award-winning writer Brij Nath Betab, in an event that inspired both students and faculty.

The program began with a soulful Saraswathi Vandana, followed by a warm welcome from General Secretary Prof. Virender Rawal and Principal Prof. Satish Talashi, who presented Mr. Betab with a bouquet as a mark of respect. The session was eloquently anchored by Prof. Pradeep Pandita.

In his address, Mr. Betab emphasized the importance of respecting teachers, sharing a touching memory of his mother, his first teacher, who nurtured his love for Kashmiri language and culture. He also urged students to take environmental conservation seriously and highlighted the relevance of media ethics in today's world. Mr. Betab further enlightened students on emerging media beats, encouraging them to explore dynamic opportunities in the evolving media landscape. Prof. Rawal expressed heartfelt gratitude, calling Mr. Betab's visit a moment of pride for the college. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and a renewed commitment among students to uphold values of ethics, respect, and lifelong learning.



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