MIER CELEBRATES GLORIOUS PAST, POISED TO SCALE GREATER HEIGHTS

Completes 72 years of excellence in Education



To commemorate the completion of 72 glorious years of dedicated service in the field of education, Model Institute of Education and Research (MIER) celebrated its foundation day on 4^{th} February. An impressive and colourful function was organized by the institute at its B.C. Road campus on this occasion.

Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, ARI and Trainings, Th. Gulchain Singh Charak was the Chief Guest for the function. The function was presided over by **Dr. Arun K. Gupta** Director, MIER. Other distinguished guests present on the occasion were the members of the board of directors,

high ranking government officials, social activists, prominent citizens and large number of parents of the students of various wings of the institute.

On his arrival the Chief Guest was accorded a warm reception by the Director and senior officers of the Institute. He was presented a guard of honour by the smartly turned-out NCC Naval Cadets and the scouts and guides of Model Academy. Two tiny tots of Model Academy presented bouquets to the Chief Guest. Thereafter, the Chief Guest paid rich homage to the Founders of MIER late **Prof. H.L. Gupta** and Prof. **Shanti Gupta** by laying floral wreaths at their portrait.



Dr. Arun K. Gupta formally welcomed the Chief Guest and described him as a son of the soil and a true representative of Dogra traditions, heritage and culture. He is true leader of the masses of Jammu and Kashmir State who had brought about revolutionary changes in the public works department of the state and being an educationist himself has now been handed over the responsibility of the higher education department by the Hon'ble Chief Minister which is a matter of great pride for all of us. He thanked the public and parents for giving full support to MIER for the last over seven decades in the achievement of its noble educational objectives. He also thanked the government, university and board authorities for reposing confidence in the programmes offered by the institute. Dr. Gupta also highlighted the achievements of the institute and recounted its glorious journey since its inception as a small school with 2 students to its

transformation as a renowned centre of higher learning, research & training catering to the learning needs of 4000 learners. He felt that the institute is well poised to scale greater heights in future and plans to introduce several professional programmes in higher education, especially in the fields of technology, management and education to better cater to the requirements of the youth of the state. He announced amidst loud cheers the starting of the MBA and M.Ed programmes in MIET and MIER this year.

On this occasion a cultural extravaganza was presented by the students of the Institute. The audience enjoyed the well organized programme which included a number of innovative and interesting items which were a unique mix of both modern and traditional items such, as Vandana, Ladakhi dance, Musical Fusion, scintillating display of karate, Punjabi Dance, English plays depicting the fairy tale world of snow white and court scene from the famous Shakespearean play The Merchant of Venice. All the items were superbly executed and enthralled the audience who applauded the performance of the students with loud cheers.

The Chief Guest Th. Gulchain Singh Charak in his address lauded the role of MIER in spreading quality education and for producing enlightened citizens equipped with the necessary skills to assume leadership role in all walks of life. An impressive list of alumni, including 2 out of 3 Chiefs of the armed forces, Ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India and the Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission, among many other celebrated luminaries, bears ample testimony to this fact. He further described the yeoman service rendered by MIER to the society and state as exemplary and observed that the institution had become mature enough to function as a university. He lauded the efforts of the students and teachers in the organization of cultural programmes and winning top prizes in several curricular areas. He also extended heartiest congratulations to MIER on the occasion and wished all the best for its future endeavours.

Vote of thanks was presented by **Prof. Adit Gupta Principal Model Academy** expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Guest on behalf of the students, staff and management of the institute for providing the much needed encouragement and assured that the institute will continue to serve the society with greater verve and enthusiasm. He was also thankful to all the dignitaries, honoured guests and parents for having graced the occasion and appreciated the role of dedicated team of staff members for making the function a grand success.