

MIER College of Education Organizes First Edition of Research Awards



MIER College of Education, J&K's first ISO 9001:2000 certified and NAAC Accredited College, today organized the first edition of its Annual Research Awards. Director, MIER group of institutions, Dr. Arun K. Gupta was the Chief Guest on the occasion, while Principal, MIER College of Education, Dr. Renu Gupta and Registrar MIER, Dr. S. Sapru presided over the function. 5 faculty members were felicitated with the "Build for the Future Awards" under the Research Promotion Scheme (RPS) of the institute which serves to recognize and reward outstanding contribution of faculty members in achieving the research related objectives of the institute. During last year, faculty members of the institute have produced many research papers, some of which have been presented at prestigious National/International conferences and published in reputed journals. Considering that research is not an

integral component of the undergraduate programme in education, this is indeed a significant achievement.



Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Gupta greatly appreciated the faculty members for having put MIER on the International stage by having their papers published in various national and international journals. He stressed that higher education without research is not relevant and exhorted the faculty members to take up research activities in a big way, since the journey is extremely challenging, but immensely rewarding. He felt that the faculty was doing an excellent job in preparing the ground for the start of M. Ed. and other higher education programmes in the institute, which would further boost the research activities. He reiterated the commitment of the management in establishing MIER as a centre for research and development and highlighted the research facilities available for the staff members like availability of DELNET services, dedicated Internet connection, statistical analysis software and a rich library of tools and tests etc. for the researchers.

Earlier, Dr. Renu Gupta welcomed the august gathering and hoped that the initial groundbreaking success achieved by the faculty

members would result in the development of interest and aptitude towards research in the young faculty of the institute. She congratulated the faculty on busting the myth that research happens only in expensive research laboratories in institutions and Universities of higher learning. Basic curiosity and a will to undertake research is all that is needed to get started and facilities can be created gradually. She also emphasized the role of Women in Research as a part of women empowerment.

Research awards were given for the work done in areas like ICT for Enhancing Quality of Teacher Education, Technology Supported Learning Environments, Enhancing Quality Through Student Participation, Students Feedback for Quality Assurance, Mainstreaming the Disabled, Socio Economic Status of Women, Research Studies on Creativity in India, Learner Centered Teacher Education and Teacher-Student Interactions. The faculty members who received the awards were Dr. Renu Gupta, Dr. D.R Kapoor, Mrs Annie Koul, Mr Moolraj and Mr Adit Gupta.

A formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. D. R. Kapoor, Convener of the Research Committee of the College.