International Seminar On Higher Education: Emerging Trends, Challenges, And Innovations

Representatives of P. K. M. College of Education, Madampam participated in the International Seminar on 'Higher Education: Emerging Trends, Challenges, and Innovations' organised by St. Josephs's College of Education, Mysuru in collaboration with International Gandhian Initiatives for Non-Violence and Peace (IGINP) on 28th and 29th of July 2022.

The student-teachers who presented papers includes Ahana Thomas, Anand Ravi, Arya K I, Anjana Chandran, Ann Kurian, Christeena Raju, Elsitta Raju, Maneesha P, Niha Padmanabhan, Vaishakh K, Aswathi V, Karishma Suresh, Alen Maria Binny and Jahna T V along with the alumini Anulakshmi P and the faculty Ms. Minimol George.

28th July 2022:

The opening ceremony began at 10:00 am with a welcome dance followed by technical sessions of Dr. Jagnnath Dange, professor and chairperson of P. G. Department of Education, Kuvempu University, Karnataka and Dr. Jill Carr-Harris, lead coordinator of International Gandhian Initiatives for Non-Violence and Peace (IGINP) on 'Challenges and Emerging Trends of Higher Education' and 'Non-violence and Peace Education in Higher Studies' respectively. The sessions were held at multipurpose hall with the latter being online. Dr. Dange enumerated various challenges faced by higher education while Dr. Harris threw light on the significance of peace in education. Paper presentations of Anjana Chandran, Arya K I and Karishma Suresh took place in the scheduled halls after the talks of resource persons.













The evening witnessed the student - teachers of P. K. M. College of Education, actively participating in the Culture Exchange Programme jointly organised by St. Joseph's College of Education, Mysuru and P. K. M. College of Education, Madampam. The event aimed to share a slice of the cultures of the states of Kerala and Karnataka through cultural performances to extend academic sessions. The participants exhibited both native dance forms and folksongs along with a brief PowerPoint presentation on an overview on the land of Kerala. The programme began with a Kerala folk dance followed by oppana, a Muslim wedding dance form. The presentation was intermittently led by Ann Kurian and Karishma Suresh. The highlight of the Kerala culture exchange session was margomkalli, an energetic Christian dance form performed with agility, zest and grace. Nagapattu, serpent worship song was sung by all the 14 participants of the college bringing an end to the Kerala culture exchange programme. The student-teachers of St. Joseph's College of Education performed Bharatnatyam, Kannada folk dance, Coorg dance and Yakshagaana that thrilled the audience to shake their leg and actively join the event. The programme culminated with both the colleges exchanging certificates for student exchange programme and taking a group photograph.

29th July 2022:

The second and the final day of the international seminar began with paper presentations at different halls. Ms. Minimol George, Jahna T V, Alen Maria Binny, Maneesha P, Elsitta Jose, Aswathi V and Anulakshmi P presented papers in the morning session while Ann Kurien, Vaishakh K, Niha Padmanabhan, Anand Ravi, Ahana Thoma and Christeena Raju in the noon session. The technical sessions were handled by Dr. K. Thiyagu, assistant professor at Central University of Kerala on 'Techno Pedagogy Skills' and Dr. Sony Mary Varghese, assistant professor at Peet Memorial Training College, Kerala on 'Preparing Prospective Teachers for 21st Century Inclusive Classrooms'. The former talk introduced interesting tech based learning activities to make classrooms active while the latter mentioned the necessary qualities of a 21st century teacher. The valedictory function began at 03:30 pm and the curtains of the programme came down at 04:30 pm. Faculty exchange programme was held at the threshold of the college at 05:00 pm between P. K. M. College of Education and St. Joseph's College of Education. At evening, the team along with Ms. Minimol George visited science park in Regional Institute of Education, Karnataka.

30th July 2022:

The student – teachers toured the Mysore city visiting the important destinations that represent the historical, cultural and authentic elements of the state. The trip began at 09:00 am hitting the first stop at Ranganathaswamy temple. The temple accommodated the believers of all religions representing the spirit of the nation. The next place of worship Jamia Masjid at Srirangapatanamtoo showcased this characteristic, enabling all people of faith to embrace togetherness. The historical town house the tomb of the first freedom fighter of India Tipu Sultan, who is known for his bravery in resisting the invasion of East India Company. The visit to Tipu Sultan's summerpalace and museum exposed the team of 15 student-teachers to the Indo-Islamic architecture andrich treasure of historical artefacts and knowledge. The final destination of the trip was to the majestic Mysore palace to which the team wave goodbye and returned at 06:00 pm.