

Departmental Activities: Child Development

Child Development department focuses not only on building knowledge but also providing hands on experience to students to imbibe and reflect their understanding in innovative ways. Child Development professionals play an important role in society with a significant impact on children. To ensure that our graduate students are well prepared professionals, department conducted following activities in the academic year 2016-17.

Achievements

- Team of second and final year students won *second* and *consolation prize* at *intercollegiate puppet competition* respectively.
- Research team of department secured *third position* in "*Intercollegiate Research Competition*"
- Faculty awarded "*Best research paper*" in *National Conference*, Mumbai.
- *Three Students* got job offer in preschools as head-teacher and preschool teacher during their internship programme

Guest Lectures

- *Ms Yogita Khanna, Main co-ordinator of MVM international school* conducted a session on Planning, implementation and utilization of resources in preschool classroom for second year students on 20th august, 2016.
- *Ms. Namrata Johar, Principal, The Growing Tree* conducted an interactive session on how to start a preschool: planning resources, budgeting and challenges on 2nd February, 2017.
- Our in-house experts, *Dr. Cicilia Chettiari, Dr. Rita Patil & Ms. Shama Chavan* in the field of behaviour management and Nutrition conducted interactive sessions for second and first year students in the month of December and February.

Workshops

- *Shri Katta babu* conducted **two days Puppet Workshop** for first year students to use indigenous waste material to develop attractive puppets on 28th and 29th January, 2017. They also learnt the art of storytelling using puppets by writing their own script, which students can use during their internship with the preschools.
- **Student led workshop** conducted on 5th October, wherein each activity was interactive. Workshop included technology, music, best practices in preschool education.
- *Ms. Jaya Rajdev, Sr Manager, Arya Global School* conducted a workshop on **Time Management and Motivation** for first year students on 24th November, 2016. It helped students to adjust to new environment of college and technique to manage time and deal with exam anxiety.
- *Muskan Foundation* conducted an **awareness program** for first and second year students on multiple disabilities on 14th December, 2016. Students were also exposed to educational material used for these children and how it is different from what they are designing for normal children.

Higher Order Thinking

- "*Nil Battey Sannata*" movie was screened on adolescent development for first year students. It helped to understand interaction pattern of adolescents in family and also reflecting on it by writing their own perspective in light of their course curriculum. Final year students wrote their perspective on match making and marriage after watching film "*Two states.*"



- Visit to *Creative fun Fair* to understand emerging creative work done with young children at **St. Xaviers Institute of Education**, Marin Lines.
- Organised one day “*Summer camp- Shades of spring*” for 30 preschool children in MVM international school to expose students to hands on planning and designing.
- Making and presenting posters to converge the diverse issue in one poster to reflect the core idea of course curriculum.

Research Skills

- Four students have attended national seminar on “Unlocking potential in early childhood education” to acquaint with recent pedagogy in early childhood years.
- Two students have attended International Conference on music education for early years.
- First year and final year students were rigorously involved in research activities like reviewing the research papers, conducting intergenerational interviews to understand the dynamic perspective of course curriculum.
- Faculty has presented papers in national and international conferences.

Social Responsibilities

- To reciprocate with society, department celebrated “**Joy of giving week**”. Students distributed creative and 3 R’s files and other material to needy Preschools for quality classroom practices.
- Students organized **street play** to sensitize other students on adolescent’s issues.

Field Visits

Final year students visited different disability centers to broaden their horizon about classroom teaching.