



# GRIID TIMES



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(GRIID)**

**SILVER JUBILEE YEAR**  
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## Editorial- GRIID Newsletter

The momentous, joyous occasion was finally here- the Silver Jubilee. GRIID has been planning for over a year for the occasion. It was celebrated over a period of one month from 1st August 2023 and concluding on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 on Annual day of GRIID. The whole month was very exciting and eventful for GRIID as a total of sixteen events were organized. Child Development Clinic organized assessment camp in GRIID premises and awareness program for Aanganwadi workers. Workshops were organized for school teachers from Tricity and for parents on legal issues and provisions of National Trust. National conference was organized which saw a huge response.

For enhancing community awareness towards intellectual disability and services available for it, a Nukkad Natak was enacted by college students in Sector 17 plaza. It was very well received by general public.

For students with intellectual disabilities in the Tricity many competitions were organized like Yoga, dance, music and sports. Many students from the institutes of tricity participated in these competitions. To increase awareness for ID among professionals in these fields the judges for all events were trained professionals in their respective fields. A cultural competition was held for college students of the city.

All events were attended by many prominent persons from administration and civic life, including Secretary Medical Education and Research, Director Social Welfare, Chairman Haryana Yog Ayog, Former MP, Mayor, Deputy Commissioner, Director Sports, Home Secretary, Principals of colleges, Professor in Charge Academic, GMCH.

Culmination of month-long celebrations was the annual day when Governor Punjab and Administrator of UT **Sh. Banwari Lal Purohit ji** graced the occasion. Many cultural events were presented and a coffee table book was released. He was very appreciative of the progress made by GRIID and assured the support of administration for future endeavors. Throughout these month-long activities all the staff worked in a perfectly synchronized manner to make the events absolutely memorable and reaching the new heights. I am really grateful to the staff to stretch themselves beyond their working hours and give their best for the sake of the institute.

As we move on to the year 2024 we are eagerly looking forward to holding the first ever convocation of GRIID.

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## **ACTIVITIES OF CLINIC (SERVICES)**

GRIID-Clinic service was remarkable work this silver jubilee year. Clinic team was done marvelous work for the beneficiary of OPD.

### **State Resource Centre Camp**

GRIID & Dept. of Psychiatry GMCH 31 in collaboration with State Resource Centre organized disability camps at various schools and community on 28th July; 25<sup>th</sup> August & 29<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023 at GMSSS, Maloya; Community Centre, Mauli Jagran and GSSS, Khuda Lahora. This camp issued UDID card/ disability certificate and oriented other concession certificate for person with special needs.

### **IQ Assessment Camp**

The clinical psychologist and social worker organized IQ Assessment for children with intellectual disabilities on 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at GRIID on the days 71 students benefited they are from Mohali and Malerkotla, Punjab.

### **"Inauguration Ceremony" of Silver Jubilee Celebrations"**

GRIID celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the year of 2023. In seasons GRIID Clinic organized one day Assessment camp for persons with intellectual disabilities on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at GRIID. The camp inaugurated by **Sh. Yashpal Garg, IAS, Secretary Health, Medical Education & Research** along with Director of GRIID Prof. Dr. Jasbinder Kaur and Joint Director Prof. Dr. Priti Arun. The clinic incharge Dr. Reena Jain explained to him for all section activities under the GRIID clinic.



+All the dignitaries visited Clinic to see various activities performed by Clinic under different Special Clinics. All sections i.e Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychology Section, Optometric Unit, facilitation services, Early Intervention Program were visited by them and they keenly observed the activities performed there.

### **Awareness Program of Anganwadi workers at AWC, Sector-41, Chandigarh**

On August 2, 2023, as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations, GRIID-Clinic organized an Awareness Program on "Early Identification & Early Intervention of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities" at the Anganwadi Center in Sector 41, Chandigarh.

Under the guidance of Dr. Priti Arun, Joint Director, and Dr. Reena Jain Clinic Incharge, the event co.ordinator Mr. Yashvinder Kapil, Incharge of CBR organized Awareness program for the anganwadi workers. **Ms. Palika Arora, PCS, Director of Social Welfare, Women & Child Development from the Chandigarh Administration**, graced the event as the Chief Guest. The program saw the participation of over 50 Anganwadi workers.



### Assessment Camp for Children with Special Needs

"Silver Jubilee Celebrations" program of GRIID the "ASSESSMENT CAMP " was organized on 18th August 2023 in the Clinic premise. The camp was inaugurated by the **Prof. Sudhir Kumar Garg, Medical Superintendent of GMCH Sector-32** as chief guest of the camp. This camp total 29 students were assessed and issued I.Q assessment certificates for availing other benefits of Disability pension, concessions etc., They are from Malerkotla, Distt., their parents were thanks to the team. Prof. Dr. Priti Arun, Joint Director, GRIID honored the Guest. The chief Guest was appreciated the team works.



### NIOS Practical Exams for Children with Special Needs

GRIID IT section involved to conduct the NIOS Final Practical examination for the secondary course for subject **Data Entry Operations** and **Basic Computing** for children with special needs on 22.09.2023 and 28.09.2023.





## ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL

### Special Olympics Bharat young athletes'

#### baggo event

Special Olympics Bharat Chandigarh organized Baggo event for the students with Intellectual disabilities under 8 years at Sorem Special School, Sector 36, Chandigarh, GRIID Special School School 20 students were participated in the event. Ms. Sheetal, Sports Coach and Ms. Alpana, Special Educator coordinated this



event.

### GRIID- SILVER JUBLIEE CELEBRATION INAUGURATION ON 1ST AUGUST 2023.

Government Rehabilitation Institute for Intellectual Disabilities (GRIID), sector 31, Chandigarh started its silver jubilee celebrations. Shri. Yashpal Garg, Secretary of Medical Education and Research (SMER), Chandigarh was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the program with lightening of lamp. He congratulated GRIID for its excellent work, Dr. Jashbinder Kaur, Director-Principal GMCH cum Director GRIID, facilitates the guest and said that staff of GRIID works with students at an emotional level. Dr. Priti Arun, Joint Director GRIID spoke about GRIID's journey from a small classroom to a large set-up as envisioned by late Director Prof. Dr.

B S Chavan and also gave the overview of various activities planned for the month-long celebrations. She said that parents express their satisfaction after receiving therapies from GRIID which are usually expensive in the private set-up. Other officers; officials, faculties and staffs of GRIID were also present during the inaugural function.

### GRIID ORGANIZED TRICITY YOGA



### COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

GRIID organized tri-city yoga competition for children with intellectual disability (ID) and associated conditions on the second day of its silver jubilee celebrations. It was organized at Govt. College of Education, sector 20, Chandigarh. About 39 children with ID participated in the competition from 9 institutions and special schools of the tri-city. The Programme chief guest Dr. Mahendra Singh, Principal, PGCYE&H, sector 23. Chandigarh and Dr.

Priti Arun, Joint Director, GRIID, inaugurated the program. Dr. Attri, HOD, Dept. of Surgery & Dr. Sidana, Asso. Prof in Psychiatry, GMCH-32 and Smt. Vandana, officiating Principal GRIID, involved the valedictory function of the program. This events Boys and girls performed various yogasanas the category of below and above 14 years.

### **SECOND DAY OF TRICITY YOGA COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY**

Six special schools/institutes 55 students participated in the fusion group performance on the second day of tri-city yoga competition. The second day Dr. Jaideep Arya, Chairman Haryana Yog Aayog, Panchkula as chief guest, Dr. Sapna Nanda, Principal Govt College of Education sector 20 was guest of honor, Prof.Priti Arun, Joint Director GRIID honor the guests and Smt. Vandana, Principle (i/c) proposed the vote of thanks. Ms. Manisha & Ms. Parineeta, yoga therapists at GRIID, were the co-ordinators of this two-day yoga event.



### **WORKSHOP ON LEGAL PROVISIONS AND RPWD ACT FOR PARENTS OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY (PWID) OF GRIID SPECIAL SCHOOL**

GRIID organized a workshop on legal provisions under National Trust Act and RPwD Act schemes and benefits in Chandigarh for parents of persons with intellectual disability (PwID) of GRIID special school. Parents of about 140 PwID have participated in the workshop. Justice S. D. Anand, former judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court was chief guest of the workshop. Mr. U K Shukla, Former Program Director and Assistant Legal Advisor, National Trust, Delhi and Dr. Hemant Kumar Chandrachud from GRIID were the resource persons of the workshop. Prof. Jasbinder Kaur, Director, GRIID & Director-Principle, GMCH. Welcome the guest, Prof. Priti Arun, Joint Director GRIID was overview the workshop. Mrs. Vandana Singh, Officiating Principal, proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Anil Kumar

was co-ordinate the workshop. This Workshop enlightens the parents to legal provision and schemes, benefits of their children through Govt. of India.



## PLANTED SAPLINGS IN GRIID PREMISES

GRIID organized tree plantation event in its premises. **Mayor Sh. Anup Gupta** and Additional Solicitor General of India **Sh. Satyapal Jain** graced the event with their presence.

Sh. Anup Gupta and Sh. Satyapal Jain appreciated the efforts of GRIID. They invited suggestions from GRIID for schemes, training and placements for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (PwID's).

Dr. Jasbinder Kaur, Director, GRIID & Director & Principle, GMCH presented a memento the guests. Dr. Priti Arun, Joint Director GRIID briefly explains the GRIID functions and needs the guests. The Chief guests and faculties, staff and special and HRD students planed the tree in the GRIID campus.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS 2023

Independence Day was celebrated with enthusiasm by GRIID students and staff.

Dr. Jaswinder Kaur, Director, GRIID cum Director Principal GMCH, hosted the National flag. She extended her heartfelt greetings of Independence Day to all the students, parents, and staff of the institute and gave an overview of the various activities conducted by the institute and awarded commendation certificates to the students and staff of GRIID special school and college for excellence in their work.





GRIID special and HRD's students involved the events. Ms. Sheetal Negi; Ms. Anisha and Mr. Vickle were coordinate the events.

### YOGA DEMONSTRATION WITH INCLUSION

GRIID Special Students and College students participated the Yoga Demonstration at Government College of Yoga and Education, Sector 23-A, Chd. Ms. Parineeta Jindal, yoga therapist co.ordinate the events and Ms. Manish Chopra and Ms. Usha involved the events. College students well cooperated with do this yoga along with special children Dr. M. Karuppasamy coordinate with HRD's. Demonstrating the theme of Inclusion children with special needs in the all events, our children with wheel chair participated, NO barrier for the talents expose.



### CELEBRATIONS AT PARADE GROUND- 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023

GRIID school students participated in march past, dance and yoga demonstration at Parade Ground, Sector 17, Chandigarh on 15th August, 2023. UT Administrator **Sh. Banwarilal Purohit** was the chief guest of the occasion.



### "AT HOME" FUNCTION-16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023

GRIID were invited for "AT HOME" function by His Excellency **Sh. Banwari Lal Purohit ji** at Punjab Governor House. Students enjoyed the cultural program and the High Tea. Special students and staffs on duty at



parade ground given participation certificates for the event.



### **TRICITY SPECIAL CHILDREN DANCE COMPETITION**

GRIID organized tricity special children dance competition. In the events 11 special schools and 31 special children were participated at Sarai Building, GMCH, Sector 32, Chandigarh. Ms. Nickita, choreographer, Punjabi film industry, was the chief guest of the events. The events divided to four categories in the age group. The judges from various institutions for evaluated the children performance. Director, Joint Director & Chief Guest issued the prizes and finally chief guest performed the dance to motivate the children.

### **TRICITY SPECIAL CHILDREN SONG COMPETITION**

GRIID organized tricity special children song competition. In the events 11 special schools and 49 special children were participated at Sarai Building, GMCH, Sector 32, Chandigarh. , **Dr. Sudhir Kumar Gupta, Medical Superintendent GMCH-32**, was the chief guest of the events. The special children performed on new and old songs with group. The events Bhavan Vidyalaya, SOREM & GRIID special Schools won the prizes. The Director, the Joint Director & Chief Guest honor the winners.



### **TRICITY UNIFIED SPORTS MEET**

GRIID Special School organized Tricity Unified Sports Meet at Gymnasium Hall, Panjab University, Chandigarh today as a part of its ongoing silver jubilee celebrations. The sports meet was also organized in view of celebrating National Sports Day which was on 29<sup>th</sup> August. Persons with intellectual disabilities were partnered with persons having no disability to play unified badminton and table tennis matches. Mr. Mukesh Bansal, Plant Head, Swaraj Engines Limited, Mohali was the Chief Guest. Dr. Dalwinder Singh, Director of Physical Education and Sports, Panjab University, Chandigarh was the guest of honour. Dr Priti Arun, Joint Director of the Institute welcomed the guests with mementos. The winners were awarded certificates and mementos. Coordinators: Mr. Kumud Giri, Mr. Ravinder Singh, Ms. Anisha Ahuja, Ms. Sheetal Negi, Ms. Priyanka Saini, Ms. Rina and Mr. Mahinder and All GRIID member present the events.



## INCLUSIVE PROGRAM

Inclusive program was organised in GRIID school by St Joseph Senior Secondary School on 29 August 2023 in which 40 students from GRIID and St. Joseph School participated. Students had one interactive session and they did painting, dance, music and also celebrated Raksha Bandhan.



## JOB PLACEMENT OF GRIID STUDENTS AT HOTEL HOMETEL.

On August 29, 2023, a screening process for job placement was conducted for ten adults with intellectual disability from GRIID special school. The screening was administered by the

Mr. Sunil Khera General Manager, Mr. Mohit Rana, HR Manager, and Ms. Sheetal Sharma Training Manager Hotel Homtel, Dr. Priti Arun Joint Director GRIID, Mrs Vandana Singh Officiating Principal & Mr Yashvinder Kapil Job Placement Officer from GRIID. The September 11, 2023, two students have successfully commenced their service delivery their best. In future they also assured to select more adults with intellectual disabilities enrolled in GRIID and

place them in their hotels. This is remarkable milestone in the history of GRIID and their placement in the hotel industry.



## JOB PLACEMENT OF GRIID STUDENTS AT SWARAJ ENGINES LTD

Fifteen GRIID students got employment with M/s Swaraj engines limited, Mohali under the provisions of RPwD act 2016. They went through 21-days on job training programme. They are placed various posting dependents upon their abilities and interest. They will be given benefits like food, transportation, uniform, safety shoes, caps, PPF, ESI, medical insurance Rs 1 lac cover with intermediate snacks, etc. Co-ordinated efforts of Ms Anisha from GRIID and Ms Gurpreet from Swaraj Engines made the above-mentioned employment.





## TRI-CITY MUSIC COMPETITION

one-day tri-city music competition on thursday for persons with intellectual disabilities at Sarai Building, Govt Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), sector 32, Chandigarh. It was the last event of the ongoing silver jubilee celebrations of GRIID. A total of 50 persons with intellectual disabilities from GRIID Special School, SOREM, Discover Ability, Asha School Chandi Mandir, Government Model Senior Secondary School from Sector 38 and 15 showcased their vocal and instrumental music competition. **Sh. Nitin Kumar Yadav, IAS, Home Secretary**, was the Chief Guest of the program. He praised GRIID for celebrating silver jubilee. He emphasized on the need to raise awareness in society about differently abled for which the social welfare organization, media and public should come forward to work together with UT administration. Dr Jasbinder Kaur, Director-Principal, Govt Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), sector 32 cum Director GRIID welcomed the Chief Guest with the momento. Dr Priti Arun, Joint Director GRIID gave the overview of activities organized during silver jubilee celebrations. Mrs Vandana Singh, Officiating Principal proposed vote of thanks.



## CELEBRATED TEACHERS DAY ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Teachers' day was celebrated in GRIID school. Students conducted the assembly and they also acted as teacher and took the responsibility of the class in the supervision of the teacher and attendant. Everyone enjoyed the day.





## ACTIVITIES OF COLLEGE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION (HRD'S)

### **BLOOD DONATION IN EMERGENCY**

College D.EdSpl.Edn students Mr. Narayan and Mr. Kuldeep donated the blood for the emergency surgery at Sohana Hospital, Mohali and PGI, Chandigarh. College appreciated the students for their volunteer's service. The Course Co.ordinator Dr. Ravi K M and NSS program Dr. M. Karuppasamy and all faculties honor the students in the assembly.



### **NSS activity Meri Maati Mera Desh- 8.08.2023**

All the NSS volunteers honor the mother land, it was part of took the sand from their own place and read the slogan (Meri Maati Mers Desh). Everyone understands the importances of nature and its contribution. Our college students did this work and upload the picture and video to the Govt.of India website [www.merimaatimersdesh.org](http://www.merimaatimersdesh.org) after participants received the certificate from the GOI. Ministry of youth welfare.



### **Silver Jubilee Celebrations: Role of College**

On completing the glorious 25 years, GRIID has observed a month long Silver Jubilee Celebrations from 1.8.2023-1.9.2023. GRIID College of Special Education has organized a series of programs which were as follow:

1. 4.8.2023-Workshop for the general school teachers on Early Identification and Education of Children with Disabilities
2. 11.8.2023-Inter college group song and group dance competition
3. 22.8.2023-Nukkad Natak on awareness about intellectual disability
4. 24.8.2023-A special lecture was conducted on the topic "Specific Learning Disability" by Dr. Jayanti Narayan
5. 25.8.2023-International Conference on "Accessible and Equitable Intervention for Persons with Intellectual Disability."
6. Concluding ceremony of Silver Jubilee Celebration on 1.9.2023

### **Workshop for the Government School teachers for Orientation about Disabilities and hands on training of Early intervention.**

On 4th August 2023, a workshop on "Early Identification and Education of Children with Disabilities" was held for general school teachers. The event was attended by 28 delegates and featured:

Chief Guest: Mrs. Renuka Garg, wife of Secretary Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh. Smt. Renuka Garg as special Educator. She did a Special Education Professional known for providing vocational placements to 25 children with Intellectual Disabilities.

o Dr. Opinderjeet Kaur: Presented on " Identification of Children with Disabilities at the Primary Stage," including the PRASHAST tool developed by NCERT for student assessment. Prof. Dr. Priti Arun, Joint Director, welcomed guests and highlighted the importance of teacher roles in integrating students with disabilities. The workshop included a group activity to assess the participants' knowledge and was noted for its interactive and productive nature.



### Inter college group song and group dance competition

The inter-college group song and dance competition, held on 11th August 2023 at the GMCH auditorium, was a grand celebration as part of GRIID's Silver Jubilee. Key highlights include: The event began with GRIID Director, Professor. Jasbinder Kaur lighting the lamp, accompanied by the Chief Guest, Ms. Anita Pal, & Joint Director Prof. Dr. Priti Arun and other dignitaries. A Ganesh Vandana performance by M.Ed. student Ms. Anjali Rawat was a highlight. Introduction: Dr. Shivangi Mehata provided a brief history of GRIID, followed by Professor Jasbinder Kaur's introduction of the Chief Guest.

Group Song Competition Participants: 8 colleges from the tricity, including GGDS College, DAV College, MCM College, Dev Samaj College, and others. Judges: Dr. Arun Kant, Mr. Satvinder Singh, and Mrs. Sapna Chaudhary. Winners: 1st Place: MCM DAV College for Women, Sec-36 ;2nd Place: Post Graduate Govt. College for Girls, Sec-11 and 3rd Place: Post Graduate Govt. College, Sec-46

Group Dance Competition: Participants: Similar colleges, with notable performances from DAV College, MCM College, and others. Judges: Ms. Ankita, Ms. Nikhar, and Ms. Neha. Winners: 1st Place: Post Graduate College for Girls, Sec-11 ;2nd Place: Govt. College of Commerce & Business Admin., Sec-50 and 3rd Place: GRIID College, Sec-31. Closing: Ms. Anita Pal W/O. UT Administer Shri.Dharampal, praised the participants for their efforts and awarded trophies and medals. The event was celebrated as an exhilarating experience, showcasing talent and unity.





### Nukkad Natak on awareness about intellectual disability

On 22nd August 2023, GRIID College of Special Education organized a Nukkad Natak performed by B.Ed. 1st year and D.Ed. 2nd year students. Held in Sector-17 Plaza, Chandigarh, the performance focused on societal attitudes towards the rights and treatment of disabled individuals. The events inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Priti Arun, Joint Director along with Course coordinator Dr. Ravi K M & NSS Prog Officer Dr. M. Karuppasamy, Asst.prof. and other faculties member were present. The Nukkad Natak effectively conveyed a powerful message about the challenges faced by disabled individuals and the need for societal change. Dr. Priti Arun, Joint Director of GRIID, commended the students and teachers for their dedication and successful execution of the event. The event highlighted the college's commitment to raising awareness and promoting inclusivity.



### Lecture on Specific Learning Disability

A special lecture was conducted on the topic "Specific Learning Disability: An Overview" in GRIID on 24th August 2023. Dr. Jayanthi

Narayan, Former Deputy Director of NIEPID was the resource person for this Seminar. She spoke about the PwD and briefed on the topic Specific Learning Disability as an invisible disability as it is mostly detected only when the child starts his academic learning.



### International Conference on "Accessible and Equitable Intervention for Persons with Intellectual Disability."

As a part of the GRIID Silver Jubilee Celebrations, an International Conference was organized by HRD on "Accessible and Equitable Intervention for Persons with Intellectual Disability." The Chief Guest for the Conference was Sh. Vinay Pratap Singh – IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh. The Conference was inaugurated with the lighting of lamp by all the dignitaries, followed by the Saraswati Vandana sung by HRD students. The welcome speech was given by Prof. Priti Arun, the Joint Director GRIID. The keynote speakers of the Conference were Dr. Jayanthi Narayan, former Dy. Director of NIEPID and Dr. Himangshu Das, former Director NIEPMD, Chennai and NIEPVD, Dehradun. Dr. Jayanthi Narayan briefed the audience on empowering learners with Intellectual Disability and changing the role of education. Sessions: Legislative Provisions for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Dr. Himangshu Das: Detailed legislative measures and support systems. Inclusion of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in Higher Education - Global Scenario. Prof. Kannamah Mottan (SEGI



University, Singapore): Discussed challenges, academic concerns, and SDGs' impact on higher education. Early Intervention Practices for Persons with Developmental Delay Dr. Reena Jain (Clinic-in-charge, GRIID): Emphasized early intervention, identification, and assessment tools. Creating Inclusive Classrooms Prof. Richard Rose (University of Northampton, UK): Explained the concept of inclusion, necessary support, and inclusive teaching strategies. Status of Inclusion in Schools of Chandigarh. Ms. Ruby (Principal, GMCH-32, Chandigarh): Highlighted conditions, needs, and inspirational stories of students with disabilities. Employment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities: Lived Experiences. Panel Discussion moderated by Dr. Ravi K. M.: Featured testimonials from special employees, their families, and employers, emphasizing the role of UMEED Society Chandigarh. Paper Presentations: 48 presentations, 12 online. Chairpersons: Dr. Sapna Nanda, Dr. Shivangi Mehta, Dr. Saifur Rahman. Conclusion: Certificates of participation distributed. Closing remarks by Prof. Priti Arun, Joint Director, GRIID.

Overall Experience: The conference offered valuable insights and discussions, enriching the understanding of accessible and equitable interventions for persons with intellectual disabilities.



### Teacher's Day

The day was filled with lively activities and heartfelt moments. It began with a live song performance and a ramp walk by teachers, followed by a touching poetry reading by

Anchal from B. Ed 1st year. The highlight was a playful mimicry session where students imitated teachers, which everyone enjoyed immensely.

The celebration continued with a vibrant Himachali dance, 'Nati,' performed by B. Ed 1st and 2nd year students, with teachers joining in at the end. This was followed by an energetic bhangra dance by D. Ed 1st year students. Fun games ensued, including dares for teachers and a talent showcase.

Dr. Ravi K.M., the course coordinator, delivered an inspiring speech, boosting students' morale. An interactive session by Anil from B. Ed 1st year kept the engagement high. The day concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony to honor the teachers, followed by memorable photo sessions.



### GRIID as Exam and evaluation centre 9.9.2023-15.10.2023

It looks like GRIID served as both an examination and evaluation center for RCI and NBER diploma programs between September 9, 2023, and October 15, 2023. Specifically, it was involved in administering exams for the Diploma in Hearing Impairment (HI) and also in the evaluation process for these diplomas.

### Hindi Diwas

Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> September of every year. It is a day dedicated to our National Language, Hindi. It marks the day on which Hindi Language was declared as the official language of Union of India. The first Hindi Day was celebrated in the 1953. Hindi is considered as one of the most important languages in India and to celebrate the importance of Hindi language GRIID,

Chandigarh has celebrated Hindi on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Any language can only be acquired when we learn to, speak and write so that one can connect with the people around. In this connection, College of Special Education, GRIID, has organized different activities to commemorate and celebrate the popularity of Hindi Language. Two programmes namely slogan writing and essay writing were organized.



### Ozone Day

The day began with an Oath-taking Ceremony led by Dr. Preeti Arun, Joint Director of GRIID, followed by a Tree Plantation Ceremony. The event featured two main competitions: a Poster Making Competition and a Speech Competition, both centered on the theme "Ozone Day." Many students participated, sharing their insights on the topic. The Speech Competition was emceed by Ms. Kashish Chauhan and Mr. Aditya from B Ed 1st Semester, while the Poster Making Competition took place concurrently in another room. Participants included students from B Ed 1st and 2nd Year, D Ed 1st Year, and M Ed 2nd Year.



### World Peace Day and Alzheimer Day

On World Alzheimer's Day and World Peace Day, GRIID College of Special Education hosted a special event to mark the occasion. The day's activities included a lecture on "Dementia: Risk Factors and Risk Reduction," delivered by Dr. Manoj Kumar Bajaj and Dr. Prinka Arora from the Department of Psychiatry at GMCH-32. Dr. Arora, who leads the Geriatric Mental Health Clinic, began by discussing the 2023 theme, "Never too early, never too late," which emphasizes the importance of addressing risk factors and employing preventive strategies to delay or prevent dementia. Dr. Bajaj then provided practical advice on risk reduction, highlighting the benefits of engaging in mentally stimulating activities such as board games and puzzles. The session was skillfully anchored by Ms. Gauri and Ms. Anchal from the B.Ed. 1st year, contributing to a thoughtful observance of both days.



## Sign Language Day

On September 22, 2023, GRIID College of Special Education celebrated International Day of Sign Language to highlight the critical role of sign language in ensuring the human rights of deaf individuals. The event began with a Morning Assembly where students from the B.Ed., M.Ed., and D.Ed. programs performed the National Anthem in Sign Language. The orientation program, led by Prof. Priti Arun, featured Ms. Phoolmati from the Haryana Welfare Society for Children with Hearing & Speech Impairment and Ms. Anjali, an interpreter from the same institute. Ms. Phoolmati introduced basic sign language and teaching strategies for students with hearing impairments, with Ms. Anjali providing interpretation. The session was marked by active student participation and valuable one-on-one interactions, making it a rewarding learning experience.



## Lecture on Swachh Bharat

In observance of the 9th Year of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, GRIID-31 hosted a special lecture on September 27, 2023, featuring **Mr. Rohit Kumar** from Swarmani NGO, Ministry of Youth Welfare Association. Dr. Ravi K M, Course Coordinator, welcomed the speaker, who addressed the pressing issues of plastic pollution and the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Mr. Kumar emphasized that while many blame the government and municipal authorities for waste management failures, individuals also contribute to the problem by not following proper waste disposal practices and neglecting to use reusable bags. He shared examples, including improper garbage disposal and the challenges faced by vegetable sellers in moving away from plastic despite regulatory efforts. Concluding his talk with a music video, "Tik Tik Plastic," Mr. Kumar inspired attendees to take responsibility for change starting from their own homes. The session ended with a vote of thanks from Dr. M Karuppasamy, NSS Program officer of GRIID.



## Cleaning in GRIID CAMPUS



NSS – GRIID unit organized a cleanliness drive in campus on 28th September, 2023 under the supervision of Dr. M. Karuppasamy, Asst. Prof. & NSS PO, GRIID. The students of D.Ed, B.Ed and M.Ed courses were actively participate in this drive. Students were cleaned their classes, corridors and other rooms of College along with faculties.



during the workshop. Girls with ID involved in the activities during workshop and got to know about menstruation hygiene.



### **Workshop on Menstruation Hygiene for girls with Intellectual Disabilities**

M.Ed. S.E. (ID) 2ND Year trainees of college of special education GRIID were conducted a workshop under the supervision of Ms. Niharika, Asst. Prof. GRIID on menstrual hygiene for the girls with disabilities of secondary and vocational class of GRIID school, Chandigarh in the presence of Dr. Ravi KM, Course Coordinator. M.Ed trainees gave demonstration on how to use sanitary napkin during menstruation time and showed a video to the girls related to menstruation. Important points were explained to girls with ID like to wash the stain from undergarments, proper disposal of sanitary napkin and timely change of the napkin to avoid rashes and odour. They stress on proper hand wash after every activity. Importance of hygiene were explained nicely

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