

REPORT OF THE 'YOWZA 2021' (RETREAT PROGRAMME) DATED 6TH & 7TH DECEMBER 2021 ORGANISED BY THE SCHOOL OF PEDAGOGICAL SCIENCES (SPS), MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY (MGU)

Culture plays an important role in the development of any nation. It represents a set of shared attitude, values, goals and practices. Culture and creativity manifests themselves in almost all economic, social and other activities. When students walk together to develop an artistic project, they learn about team work. Arts and Culture allow learners to stay together in harmony, making school safer and creating excellent environment for learning. Keeping the spirit of harmony in mind, School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University conducted a meet and greet programme for learners of MEd Semester I and MEd Semester III on 6th and 7th December 2021.

Day 1 (6 December 2021): The day's events began at 2pm. Ms. Reshma Rosh compered the programme. The programme commenced with the rendering of prayer song by SPS choir comprising of Ms. Maria George, Ms. Jain Ann Chacko, Ms. Rinchu Mariam Varkey, Ms. Vinny Catherine Sam, Ms. Sheeba Rose Mary and Ms. Sebin Joseph. The programme was chaired by the faculty members of SPS, M.G. University. Mr. Ebenezer PV of MEd Semester III welcomed the gathering. Professor Dr Jaya Jaise felicitated the meeting and expressed her joy in addressing the gathering. She expressed her gratitude in being invited and wished the students well for the conduct of the rest of the program. To mark the beginning of the auspicious occasion, a candle lighting ceremony was observed wherein Head of the Department, Professor Dr. Minikutty A lit a candle which then was passed on to the entire gathering.



MEd Semester III students had an ice breaking session planned for both Semester I and III students which comprised of a variety of games like Dumbcharades, Story weaving, Mutual Introduction through group formation etc. The end of day 1 was marked with National Anthem lead by SPS choir at 5:00 pm



Day 2 (7 December 2021): The programme began at 10:30 am in the morning with the prayer song lead by SPS choir. Mr. Sijo Joseph, MEd semester III welcomed the gathering and reminded us the importance of such cultural events and how it helps in the strengthening of communities. Teaching and non-teaching staffs of SPS MGU introduced themselves. In her introduction Head of the Department, Professor Dr Minikutty A expressed her heartfelt wishes to the students and organizing committee. Professor Dr Jaya Jaise shared her experiences of her college life. Dr Ismail Thamarasserri inspired the gathering with his memorable stories of his life. Dr KV Mohammad and Dr Sibiu G Netto also reminisced their days of hard work while they addressed the gathering. The students also got to know more about administrative staff members of the school, Section Officer Mr Satheesh Kumar and Assistant Section Officer Mr Saran Dev. The inaugural function concluded with Fr Bijo Mathew's felicitation speech.





Cultural events commenced with Folk song by Ms. Sumi AM, Ms Shinu Scharia, Ms Soumyamol CA, Ms Sheeba Rosemary, Ms Elizabeth K Lukose, Ms Soorya P of 1st semester MEd. Followed by Group dance by Ms. Athira VV, Ms Revathy Madhusoodhanan, Ms

Parvathy Madhusoodhanan, Ms Karthika Rajeev, Ms Vanisree V, Ms Sruthy S Nair and Ms Jasmin J Thuruthel of 1st semester MEd. The next programme was a Poem Recitation by Mr. Ebenezer PV of MEd semester III and he recited the poem Renuka written by Sri Murukan Kattakada. MEd semester III students Ms. Minna Payas, Ms. Meenu K Baby, Ms. Ardra Krishna, and Ms. Reshma Lal graced the stage with a wonderful dance performance. Ms. Bency Benny, Ms. Julie Jacob, Ms. Uthara Prasad Ms. Joshny Jose, Ms. Soney Thomas, Ms. Ajitha T A, of M.Ed semester I presented Group Song.



The next cultural event was a fusion dance by Ms. Neethu Maria Mathew, Ms. Amalu Kattunilam, Ms. Jeeva S Kumar, Ms. Greshma Joyal, Ms. Soney Thomas, Ms. Reshma Rosh, Ms. Neelanjana G of M.Ed semester I. Students and teachers of SPS then gathered together for lunch organized at the examination hall at 1 pm.



After the lunch the teachers and the students gathered back at the seminar hall for a group photograph.



The cultural events then resumed at 2:00 pm with Mimicry performance by Mr. Manu Joseph of MEd semester III. This was followed by a duet song sung by Ms. Surumi Nazar and Ms. Anjusha Anil of M.Ed semester I. Mr. Lijo Babu showcased his talent of Puzzle solving skill by solving a Rubik's cube in front of the entire audience.



The next event was a group song by Ms. Nimisha P U, Ms. Archa C A, Ms. Dona Mary Jacob, Ms. Anju K S, Ms. Anju C S, Ms. Anit S George, Ms. Deepa Mariam Joshua, Ms. Rajana Mathew, Ms. Anjaly K Raj, Ms. Sebin Joseph, Ms. Mariya George, Ms. Aleena Thampi, Ms. Darly Sijo, Ms. Divya Mohanan, and Ms. Chaithanya Vijayan of M.Ed semester III. This was followed by an energetic cinematic dance by Ms. Amalu Kattunilam, Ms. Greshma Joyal, Ms. Sonia Cyriac, Mr. Paul Joseph, Mr. Febin Jose, Mr. Sajo Sabu Joseph and Fr. Bijo Mathew. Ms. Sumi A M of M.Ed semester I stepped forward with an impromptu dance performance.



Group song by Ms. Soumyamol CA, Ms. Deepthi Baby, Mr. Vishnu Nandakumar, Ms. Lis Cherian, Ms. Parvathy Rajan, Ms. Vanisree V, Ms. Shalini Joseph, Ms. Christy Santhosh, Ms. Maria Joy and Ms. Sheeba Rosemary of M.Ed semester I was the next event. Followed by a Cup Song by Ms. Jain Ann Chacko and Ms. Rinchu Mariam Varkey of 1st semester M.Ed. They used cups as props to create a melodious rhythm to sync with their song.



Ms. Soumya Simon, Ms. Rincy Joy, Ms. Christy santhosh, Ms. Sheeba Rose Mary, Ms. Maria Joy, Ms. Soorya P, Ms. Sumi AM and Fr Bijo Mathew of M.Ed semester I performed an interesting and fun dance. This was followed by a solo song by Mr. Jaison P Sunny of M.Ed semester I. The closing of the cultural event was marked by mind blowing Ganamela by Semester I and semester III students. The day's events came to a conclusion with the singing of National Anthem lead by SPS choir.



The proper conduct of the program was possible with the initiative taken by programme subcommittee consisting of Professor Dr Minikutty A as the patron, Dr KV Mohammed and Dr Ismail Thamarasseri as coordinators. Also the efforts taken by students – Mr Ebenezer PV, Ms. Rinchu Mariam Varkey as convenors, sub convenors Fr. Bijo Mathew and Ms. Sebin Joseph, Ms. Reshma Rosh and Ms. Minna Pius as anchors. Stage managers were Ms. Deepa Mariam Joshua, and Ms. Darly Thomas. Mr Akhil Abraham and Ms. Parvathy Madhusoodhanan handled photography and documentation. Stage and hall decoration was undertaken by Ms. Soney Thomas, Ms. Neelanjana G, Ms. Julie Jacob, Ms. Uthara Prasad, Ms. Neethu Mariam Mathew, Ms. Christy Santhosh, Ms. Maria Joy, Ms. Kukku K Abraham, Mr. Githin John George, Mr. Jyothis Joy, Ms. Anjana Nair, Mr. Shibin K Varghese.



Efforts taken by Mr. Manu Joseph, Ms. Athira V.V, Ms. Sonia Cyriac, Fr. Shyju Xavier, Mr. Jestin Samuel, Mr. Akhilesh Nath, Ms. Rincy Joy, Ms. Salini Joseph, Ms. Soumya Simon, Ms. Karthika Rajeev and Ms. Revathy Madhusoodhanan in arranging the reception, refreshments and logistics helped in the smooth conduct of the program. The harmonious functioning of the technical aspects of the programme was managed by Ms. Tisha Abraham, Ms. Divya Rani Pius, Mr. Febin Jose, Mr. Lijo Babu and Mr. Jithin T Kurian. All the students, administrative staff and non-teaching staff of the department did their parts well for making the event possible and memorable as a great success.