

Institutional Distinctiveness

A unique feature of the Institute is the elaborate celebration of the subject pedagogy days. The objective of this activity is to enrich the teacher trainees with knowledge of different subject pedagogies other than their own. The teacher trainees of each pedagogy, plan and present off stage and on-stage programs on their day under the guidance of their respective method masters. These celebrations include backdrops, competitions, exhibitions, bulletin board displays, photo booths, PowerPoint presentations, fashion shows, quizzes, dances skits and songs. These celebrations help the teacher trainees to put the theory of Multiple Intelligences into actual practice. They use their talents and develop their creative abilities. The description of the days is as follows:

Hindi Day: Nirmala Institute of Education celebrated the 'Hindi Day' on September 16, 2017 in the institute as a mark of acknowledgement of Hindi as the National language. The programme commenced with a welcome dance by Utkarsha Raikar followed by the ceremony of lightning the traditional lamp by the principal and faculty members. The hall was decorated with inspirational quotes and pictures of great Hindi authors and poets. A short presentation on the significance of Hindi as the official language of India was presented. Two skits titled 'Idgah' (ईदगाह) and 'Chief Ki Dawat (चीफ की दावत) were enacted to highlight the works of great Hindi writers, 'Munshi Premchand and 'Bhisham Sahni respectively. The dance which was performed by the students was one depicting the culture of India. The programme concluded with the Nirmala Anthem.

Mathematics Day: It was celebrated in Nirmala Institute of Education on 22 nd December 2017 from 10.15am to 11.00am with great enthusiasm. The programme was organized by S.Y. B. Ed Trainees. The programme started with a power-point presentation through which the Trainees explained why 22 nd December is celebrated as Mathematics Day all over India. The day is

commemorated in honour of Shri. Srinivasa Ramanujan, the great genius who made a great contribution to Mathematics. A brief biography of his life was screened. This was followed by a very entertaining musical skit based on different mathematical shapes. Through the skit the S.Y. B. Ed Trainees depicted the features of different mathematical shapes such as square, rectangle, quadrilateral, parallelogram, hexagon etc. In between there were spot prizes awarded to the audience. As a finale there was a hands-on activity conducted based on Ramanujan's magic square. The B. Ed Trainees participated in this activity with great zeal and enthusiasm.

English Day: 'This Language Is for Everyone' (LIFE) was the theme chosen for celebrating the English Day on the 28th of January, 2018. The day began with a reflection on God's love. Various programmes such as reverse spelling bee, quiz, commonly mispronounced words, audio-visual presentations, and two skits: 'The Shakespearian Paradox' and 'Fairy-tales Unbound' mesmerised the audience. The programme concluded with everyone swaying to the action song 'Boondiyaara'.

Geography Day Celebration; Geography Day was celebrated on 22nd February, 2018 from 11.15 am. to 12.45 pm. in Nirmala Institute Hall. The theme of the Geography Day was 'Geography the Queen of all Subjects'. The formal function started with a power-point presentation on the importance of Geography, followed by a skit based on correlation of Geography with several other subjects. An informative video was shown on how Eratosthenes (the Father of Geography) calculated the circumference of the Earth. A song was sung by Elvin Cardozo and Ana Fay on latitude and longitude, followed by planet song sung by the F.Y. B. Ed Teacher Trainees. A Mime was presented by S.Y. B. Ed Teacher Trainees on the topic 'Kids for Saving the Earth'. India's Unity in Diversity was showcased through a very energetic amalgamation of traditional dances of various states in India.

Science Day: The Nirmala Institute of Education celebrated the National Science Day on the 28th February 2018 as a mark of respect to the most eminent scientist of India, Dr. C.V. Raman. As a part of the celebration, various competitions and programmes were conducted. The function commenced at 11.15 am in the presence of Dr. Delia Antao, the Officiating Principal of Nirmala Institute of Education, the Teaching and the Non-Teaching Staff and the Teacher Trainees. The theme for the day was "Explore to Know Science" The programme began with an enactment on superstitions. Various competitions were held for the students, out of which one was the 'Mock Talk'. The Trainees had to put on a persona and represent an influential scientist. Another competition was the quiz played in group on Kahoot. The first place was bagged by the Opinion Poll Day group and the second place was

bagged by the Peace and Human Rights Day group.

Konkani Day: Konkani day was celebrated at the Nirmala Institute of Education on 3rd February, 2018. The theme of the day was 'Goykaranchi Miraas Konkani Bhaas'. There was an exhibition of locally available Goan fruits, vegetables, spices, condiments, garden tools, cookware and artefacts. The on-stage performances included a skit on Portuguese Inquisition, humorous enactments on

common Konkani idioms, phrases and proverbs. Then followed a splash of kaleidoscopic Goan songs, folklore and traditional Goan dances.

History Day: was celebrated on 23rd March, 2018. The day began with a classical prayer dance. Professor Prajal Sakardande was the Chief Guest of the day. The highlight of the day was the enactment of a saga on the life of the prominent freedom fighter and revolutionary Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. A very informative exhibition was held of all the historical facts and places documented by the History students.