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**“Education teaches us compassion
and kindness, connection to others”**

Dear Students, Faculty members and Staff,

As we reach the midpoint of the academic year at GRT College of Education. I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our collective journey so far. It has been a period filled with growth, learning, and meaningful experiences. To our esteemed faculty members, your passion for teaching and mentorship is reflected in the achievements of our students and the positive impact they create in their communities. To our aspiring teachers, I commend you for your hard work and resilience in navigating the challenges of teacher education. Your dedication to hon your craft and embracing new pedagogical approaches is truly commendable. As we move forward into the second half of the year, let us remain focused on our shared goals of fostering excellence in education, promoting inclusivity and preparing compassionate and competent educators. Let us continue to collaborate, innovate and inspire one another to reach new heights of success. I encourage you all to make the most of the opportunities that come your way, whether it's engaging in practicum experiences, conducting research or participating in professional development workshops. Together, let us uphold the values of integrity, empathy and lifelong learning that define our institution. I am confident that with our collective efforts and dedication, we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the field of education. Wishing you continued success and fulfillment in your journey as educators.

Warm regards,
Dr.Radhika Vidyasagar
Principal

**A library is the delivery
room for the birth of
ideas, a place where
history comes to life**

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Financial Literacy Awareness Programme was organized on 01.11.2023. The overarching goal of financial literacy is to educate individuals on how to earn, spend, save, borrow, and protect their money. It empowers individuals to make informed decisions, develop healthy financial habits, plan for their goals, and navigate economic uncertainties. By cultivating financial awareness, individuals can achieve greater control over their finances, reduce stress and protect themselves from scams. This awareness was given by Mr. Francis Felix Sr. Consultant with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co Limited. In this Awareness Programme empowering future educators various topics such as understanding money matters, enhancing their financial IQ, invest in their financial future, equip themselves for financial independence, smart money habits for educators and ABCs of financial literacy were discussed.

VIGILANCE AWARENESS INTEGRITY PLEDGE was taken on 02.11.2023. This pledge reflects our dedication to upholding honesty, transparency, and accountability in every aspect of our academic and professional lives. By taking this pledge, we affirm our responsibility to promote a culture of integrity and ethical behavior within our institution and beyond. Through continuous education and awareness programs, we strive to instill values of integrity and ethical decision-making in our students. We pledge to lead by example, demonstrating integrity and ethical conduct in our interactions with colleagues, students, and the community. Vigilance awareness empowers us to identify and address ethical dilemmas proactively, ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment. Let us uphold the spirit of the Vigilance Awareness Integrity Pledge every day, making a positive difference in the world around us.



VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK – Integrity Pledge by teaching practicing schools on 03.11.2023. The NSS volunteers visited 23 internship schools associated with practice teaching and administered the pledge against corruption and insisted the students to be vigil. More than 6,000 students took part in this oath taking ceremony. This gave a vast exposure to our NSS volunteers. During the Vigilance Awareness week, our interns embraced the values of honesty, transparency and accountability setting a strong foundation for their teaching careers. The pledge ceremony in internship schools emphasized the importance of ethical conduct and integrity in the education sector, encouraging our future educators to be ethical leaders. We are proud of our interns for taking a proactive stance in promoting vigilance awareness and end ethical behavior, contributing to a culture of integrity in education.



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Students and Faculty members at GRT College of Education came together to raise awareness on Tsunami awareness day. The event featured engaging activities highlighting the importance of disaster Preparedness and community resilience in the face of natural calamities attendees participated in informative sessions led by experts, learning crucial safety protocols and measures to mitigate the impact of tsunamis. Every November 5th, a global community assembles to mark World Tsunami Awareness Day, emphasizing the importance of Tsunami knowledge and awareness. In 2023, we embark on a journey centered on the theme “Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future”. This theme emphasizes the role of equality and inclusivity in building resilient communities and protecting the vulnerable against the impact of Tsunamis. It calls for collective action to ensure that no one is left behind when disaster strikes. Students were made to plant around 75 palm trees in the beds of lakes.

Spreading Light and Awareness: GRT College of Education hosted Diwali Awareness Programme conducted on 10.11.2023 not only to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Diwali but also emphasized the need for mindful and responsible celebrations, ensuring a safer and healthier festive season for all. GRT College of Education celebrated Eco friendly green Diwali by organizing an awareness rally with placards more than 120 students and faculty participated, showing slogans like “Green Diwali, Clean Diwali & Pollution Free”. Students chanted slogans regarding Green & Pollution Free Diwali in order to spread awareness. On this occasion, students also took a pledge for a clean and green Diwali, to motivate the people for tree plantation and to stop the use of plastic. Principal Dr.RadhikaVidyasagar addressed the students and gave tips to them for celebrating green Diwali & to avoid bursting of crackers, to make use of diyas over electricity & sharing gifts with the needy ones etc.



GRT College of Education marked National Education Day with a series of events and activities dedicated to acknowledge the importance of education in shaping our society on 11.11.2023. National Education Day is an annual observance in India on 11 September 2008 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of independent India by recalling his contribution to the cause of education in India. The College organized seminar and interactive session focused on the theme of “Education for All”, highlighting the role of Education in fostering inclusive growth and development. Students and faculty members actively participated in discussions on the challenges and opportunities in the education sector, aiming to contribute to the nation’s goal of achieving universal education. The day concluded with a renewed commitment from the college community to continue striving for excellence in education and to work towards creating a brighter future through Knowledge and learning.



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The International Day of Peace, observed by GRT College of Education on 21st September 2023, aims to promote global peace and unity. The United Nations General Assembly has designated this day as an opportunity for individuals, communities and nations to come together in the spirit of peace. The college organized a series of activities aimed at promoting peace building conflict resolution skills among students and faculty members. Participants were engaged in discussions on global issues such as human rights, environmental sustainability and social justice, exploring ways in which education can contribute to build a more peaceful and equitable world. The International day of peace celebrations at GRT College of Education is a testament to the belief that education is a powerful tool for creating more peaceful and harmonious society.

27. 11. 2023 on Fit India Movement Week – Pledge of Fitness was administered. “I promise to myself that I will devote time for physical activity and sports every day and I will encourage my family members and neighbors to be physically fit and make India a fit nation.” The oath taking activity was carried out and students were given a brief knowledge about Fit India Movement which was insisted to be adhered in the educational institutions. As a part of celebrations, a special pledge ceremony was conducted where students and staff members pledged their commitment to lead an active healthy life. The pledge emphasized importance of saying physically active eating nutritious food, avoiding harmful substances and promoting a culture of well-being within the college community.



On the Journey of health and fitness during the fit India movement week on 28.11.2023 Yoga Mani N. Babu, Assistant Professor gave awareness regarding physical and mental well-being and trained them to do simple asanas such as Ustrasana, Padmahasthasana, Pachimothasana, virichigasana, padmasana, tirikonasana etc. and gave breathing practices such as nadisudhi pranayama, basthrika pranayama, bramari and chakra meditation. Students took part in all the activities and gave feedback that they felt refreshed and rejuvenated. They also promised to do regularly in their day to day life the asana that they learned in the fitness week. Along with the Yoga sessions, sports, tournaments, fitness challenges and informative workshop on nutrition and wellness were conducted. These activities were designed to inspire participants to embrace regular exercise, balanced diets and holistic health practices.

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Vaikkom Nootrandu Celebrations-29.11.2023

Centenary Celebration of Vaikom Satyagraha: A Historic Milestone at GRT College of Education. GRT College of Education proudly commemorates the 100th year anniversary of the Vaikom Satyagraha, a significant moment in India's freedom struggle and a testament to the power of nonviolent resistance. The college has planned a series of events and initiatives to mark this momentous occasion. These include seminars, panel discussions, documentary screenings and cultural programmes highlighting the historical significance and relevance of the Vaikom Satyagraha in today's context. The Vaikom Satyagraha centenary is not just a historical milestone but also a call to action for a more just and equitable society.

Fit India Movement Week – Poster Making was conducted on 30.11.2023. Poster making event was planned to be conducted in the college campus on the above mentioned date but due to Michaung cyclone the classes were suspended so the students were instructed to stay at home and participate in the poster making event through online and they were asked to submit the posters on the next working day and they demonstrated it to the other student teachers. The three best posters were selected and prizes were distributed to them. All the aspiring artist and fitness enthusiasts showcased their talent and commitment to health through the Fit-India Movement –Poster making Competition. This existing event, held as part of our dedication to promote fitness and well-being, encouraged participants to combine creativity with the spirit of fitness. Winners of the competition received to recognition and exciting prizes, motivating everyone to stay enthusiastic about fitness and artistic expression.

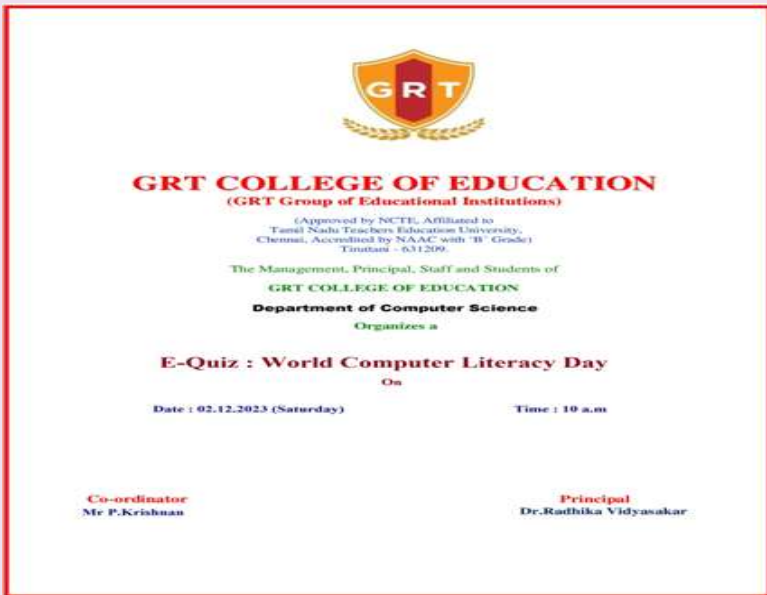


Uniting Against HIV: GRT College of Education observes World AIDS Day celebration on December 1, 2023:

This day serves as a reminder of the ongoing fight against HIV, the importance of prevention and the need for compassion and support for those affected by the virus. The theme for the event was "LET COMMUNITIES LEAD!". The programme took place in the Seminar hall. It aimed to raise awareness about AIDS and promote the end of inequalities related to the disease. The event included various activities, possibly educational sessions and outreach programmes to engage students and promote understanding about HIV/AIDS prevention and care.



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World Computer Literacy Day on 02.12.2023 was observed to promote digital literacy and technological competence, GRT College of Education organized a vibrant computer literacy day quiz, followed by a certificate issuing ceremony. The event aimed to enhance students understanding of computer skills while recognizing their achievements in this domain. The quiz featured a range of questions covering topics such as basic computer operations, software applications, internet safety and emerging technologies. Participants enthusiastically showcased their knowledge and problem-solving abilities, fostering a competitive yet collaborative learning environment. This reflects the College's commitment to equip students with essential digital skills, empowering them to navigate the increasingly technology driven world with confidence and proficiency.

Saluting our Hero's: GRT College of Education observed Armed Forces Flag day on 07.12.23 to pay tribute to martyrs in Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force, and other defense forces who lost their precious lives while serving the country. Mrs. G. Sangeetha, Asst. Professor, Co - ordinated the programme with the support NSS volunteers. Which helped everyone to realize the value of those heroic personalities. This day served as a solemn reminder of the courage, dedication and selflessness displayed by our armed forces in safe guarding security and integrity. Students and faculty members actively participated in discussions about the role of our armed forces, their contributions to national defense and the challenges they faced. The day was also an opportunity to educate the college community about the importance of supporting our troops and recognizing their sacrifices.



The day emphasizes the fundamental rights and liberties of people worldwide, promoting the principles of equality, justice, and dignity for all. In 2023, a year-long initiative leading up to a high-level event in December marked the celebration, focusing on universality, progress, and engagement. The 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was a significant milestone celebrated on December 11, 2023, with global events and discussions. Additionally, in 2024, a Universal Human Rights Day Celebration was scheduled for January 13th, emphasizing the ongoing commitment to human rights awareness and advocacy. Awareness was given based on it to our student teachers. Human Rights Day at GRT College of Education was a reminder of our collective responsibility to protect and uphold the fundamental rights and freedom of every individual, fostering a culture of dignity, equality and respect for all.

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On the auspicious occasion of Christmas, a festive program has been organized by the NSS Unit in the college seminar hall. The seminar hall was decorated with lights, Christmas trees and Christmas toys. All the students and teachers of the college were wearing new clothes. The performance started one by one, first, a group of students presented a drama scene in which they highlighted some social messages like light on darkness, the importance of education, raising awareness about the environment and many more. This was followed by a dance performance by the girls. Then a student gave speech during all this, tea and snacks were being served to the students and teachers by the college staff members. After that Dr. Radhika Vidyasagar, Principal spoke few words about the Christmas celebration after that she wished everyone a very happy Christmas and a New Year 2024. She also prayed to God for the well-being of each student and teacher. 20.12.23

GRT College of Education celebrates Mathematics day: igniting minds, inspiring discovery. GRT College of Education proudly commemorates Mathematics day, a day dedicated to honor contributions of mathematicians and promote the importance of mathematics in Education and society. Observed on 22.12.23, this day serves as a platform to celebrate the beauty, creativity and practical application of mathematics. To mark this special occasion, the college organized a series of engaging activities and events that showcased the diverse facets of mathematics. Students and faculty members enthusiastically participated in various activities, exploring the fascinating world of numbers, patterns and logic. The day was filled with intellectual stimulation, collaboration and a spirit of curiosity and discovery. Through these initiatives GRT COE aimed to instill a deeper appreciation for mathematics, inspiring critical thinking and analytical skills and encouraged the lifelong love for learning in the realm of mathematics.



Embracing tradition and unity: GRT College of Education's Pongal Celebration. The college joyously celebrated Pongal on 13.01.2024, a vibrant and culturally significant festival that symbolizes gratitude, abundance and unity. Pongal is a harvest festival widely observed in Tamil Nadu. The college organized a colorful and festive Pongal celebration, bringing together students, faculty members and staff members to honor this auspicious occasion. The festivities included traditional Pongal cocking competitions, rangoli, folk dance performances and cultural showcases highlighting the rich heritage of Tamil culture. Participants dressed in traditional attire added to the festive spirit, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere.

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GRT College of Education Commemorates National Voters Day: Empowering Democracy, Inspiring Participation. GRT College of Education proudly observed National Voters Day, an important day dedicated to promote voter awareness, participation, and the democratic values upheld by the electoral process. Celebrated on 2024 January 25th, this day encouraged citizens, especially youth, to understand the significance of voting and actively engage in shaping the future of our nation. Students were encouraged to register as voters and understand the electoral process, including the importance of casting informed votes based on issues and policies. Through these activities, the college aimed to empower students with the knowledge and confidence to exercise their democratic right responsibly. National Voters Day at GRT College of Education served as a platform to foster a culture of democratic participation, civic responsibility, and political awareness among the youth, ensuring that they become informed and engaged citizens who actively contribute to the democratic fabric of our nation.

Saluting the Spirit of Democracy: GRT College of Education proudly commemorates Republic Day, a significant milestone in India's history that marks the adoption of the Constitution and the establishment of a sovereign, democratic republic. Celebrated on 2024 January 26th, Republic Day is a time to reflect on the values of democracy, freedom, and unity that define our nation. The college organized a grand celebration to honor Republic Day, bringing together students, faculty members, staff, and guests to pay tribute to our democratic heritage. The festivities included flag hoisting ceremonies, patriotic songs and performances, speeches highlighted the significance of the Constitution, and cultural programmes showcasing the diversity and unity of India. The celebration also provided an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of India's democratic institutions, governance structures, and the role of citizens in nation-building. Through educational activities and interactive sessions, the college aimed to instill a sense of civic responsibility, patriotism, and pride in our democratic values.



Valuable insights about road safety was gained by the participants on Traffic awareness day which fell on 29.01.2024 through demonstration and simulations attendees of GRT College of Education experienced the consequences of unsafe driving behaviors firsthand. These eye-opening experiences underscored the importance of responsible driving and highlighted the potential dangers of risky behaviors such as speeding and driving under the influence. Special thanks were rendered to the organizers, volunteers, speakers and participants who made traffic awareness day a success. Their commitment to promote road safety and creating a safer community is truly commendable. The programme ended with an oath taking ceremony.

