



# GRT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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### PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNIQUE



**THE MIND IS NOT A VESSEL TO BE FILLED BUT A  
FIRE TO BE IGNITED."**

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

As we step into another dynamic academic year at GRT College of Education, I am filled with immense pride and optimism about our collective journey. Our institution has always been dedicated to nurture excellence in education; we continue to build on that legacy with renewed vigor. The diverse range of activities and programmes we have undertaken recently, from our International Yoga Day celebrations to the insightful workshop on Child Rights, reflects our commitment to holistic development. These events not only enhance our academic pursuits but also enrich our understanding of global issues and personal well-being. Our students' participation in various competitions and field trips exemplifies their enthusiasm and drive for learning. Whether it's the 19th Intramural Sports, International Chess Day or the engaging workshop on teaching aids, these experiences are integral in shaping well-rounded future educators. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated faculty members who continually strive to provide the best learning environment. Your efforts in attending workshops and staying abreast of the latest educational practices are commendable and crucial for our collective success. As we move forward, let us embrace every challenge as an opportunity for growth. I encourage each of you to remain committed to excellence, foster a spirit of collaboration and contribute to our vibrant academic community. Together, we will continue to make strides in our educational journey, supporting each other and celebrating our achievements. Here is to a productive and fulfilling year ahead.

Warm regards,  
Dr. Radhika Vidyasagar  
Principal,  
GRT College of Education

**"Teachers can open  
the door, but you  
must enter it  
yourself."**

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**"Motivation is what  
gets you started.**

**Habit is what  
Keeps you going."**

**- Jim Ryun**

**Celebrations**



The National Service Scheme (NSS) Inauguration Ceremony was held on the 8th of May, 2024, at the GRT College of Education, Seminar Hall. The event commenced at 10:00 am. Dr. Radhika Vidyasagar, Principal of GRT College of Education. The ceremony began with traditional lamp lighting, symbolizing the dispelling of ignorance and the dawn of knowledge. The event was inaugurated with a welcome speech by the NSS Programme officer Mr.B.Venkatathanam, who highlighted the objectives and importance of the NSS in fostering a spirit of community service and leadership among students. The coordinator emphasized the role of NSS in holistic student development and community engagement. Dr. RadhikaVidyasagar delivered the presidential address, inspiring the students with her words of wisdom and experience. She spoke about the significance of social responsibility and the impact of service on personal and professional growth. Dr. RadhikaVidyasagar emphasized the value of empathy, teamwork, and proactive involvement in addressing social issues. Her speech resonated deeply with the audience, motivating them to contribute actively to society. After the Inauguration Ceremony the NSS (National Service Scheme) Orientation Programme was conducted by Dr. S. Suthakar was likely designed to introduce students to the core values, objectives, and activities of the NSS.

On the 9th of May, 2024, the National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers from GRT College of Education participated in a commendable community service initiative involving tree plantation and temple cleaning at the historic Arumugaswami Temple in Tiruttani. The primary objectives of this initiative were to promote environmental sustainability through tree plantation and to preserve the cultural heritage of the Arumugaswami Temple by undertaking a thorough cleaning drive. The day began with a tree plantation drive in the temple premises and surrounding areas. The NSS volunteers gathered at the site early in the morning, equipped with saplings, tools and an unwavering spirit of service. Following the tree plantation drive, the volunteers proceeded with the cleaning of the Arumugaswami Temple. This activity was aimed at maintaining the sanctity and cleanliness of the temple, which is a significant cultural and spiritual site for the local community.



On the 10th of May, 2024, the National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers from GRT College of Education organized a rally to raise awareness about the "Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat" initiative, followed by a buttermilk distribution drive in Illupur Village. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Sekar, the Panchayath President, who was honored by the NSS Programme Officer Mr.B.Venkatathanam for his support and dedication to the community. The event commenced with a vibrant rally aimed at promoting cleanliness and health under the "Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat" campaign. The NSS volunteers, equipped with banners, placards, and slogans, marched through the main streets of Illupur Village, spreading the message of cleanliness and hygiene. In keeping with the spirit of service and care, the NSS volunteers organized a buttermilk distribution drive for the villagers. The buttermilk, a traditional and refreshing beverage, was distributed to provide relief from the scorching summer heat.



**Celebrations**



On the 11th of May, 2024, a special session on Skill Development focused on Life Skills, followed by a demonstration of Socially Useful Productive Work (SUPW), was organized for the NSS volunteers and students at GRT College of Education. The event was facilitated by Mr. E.M. Logamani, an expert in life skills training, and Mr. B. Ragu, a specialist in SUPW. The event commenced with an engaging orientation session on life skills conducted by Mr. E.M. Logamani. The session aimed to equip students with essential skills necessary for personal and professional development. The session was highly interactive, with various group activities and role-playing exercises designed to reinforce the skills being taught. Students actively participated, sharing their experiences and engaging in discussions. Following the life skills orientation, Mr. B. Ragu conducted a demonstration on Socially Useful Productive Work (SUPW). This session aimed to provide practical skills that contribute to societal well-being and personal development.

On the 12th of May, 2024, GRT College of Education hosted an educational and hands-on event focused on Seed Ball Making Techniques and Jewelry Making Training. The session was led by Ms. I. Thenmozhi, who demonstrated the techniques for making seed balls, and Mrs. V.K. Kavitha along with Mrs. G. Sangeetha, who provided training on jewelry making. The event aimed to equip students with practical skills that promote environmental conservation and entrepreneurship. The first part of the event featured a demonstration on seed ball making. Participants actively engaged in making seed balls. This hands-on experience helped students understand the practical aspects of seed ball making and its importance in promoting greenery and biodiversity. Following the seed ball making session an intricate training session on jewelry making was conducted. This training aimed to impart creative and entrepreneurial skills to the participants. The interactive nature of the session allowed students to explore their creativity and learn valuable skills that could be turned into a hobby or business opportunity.



On the 13th of May, 2024, the NSS volunteers and staff from GRT College of Education visited RASS Old Age Home in Tiruttani. The visit was part of a community service initiative to provide care and support to senior citizens. The day included providing lunch and fruits to the residents of the old age home, followed by a yoga demonstration by Mr. N. Babu, Assistant Professor in Physical Education, at the college seminar hall. The NSS volunteers and staff arrived at the RASS Old Age Home in Tiruttani in the morning. The visit aimed to spend quality time with the senior citizens, provide them with nutritious meals and spread joy and companionship. After the visit to the old age home, a yoga demonstration was held in the GRT College of Education seminar hall. Mr. N. Babu, Assistant Professor in Physical Education, led the session, showcasing various yoga techniques beneficial for physical and mental well-being.

## Celebrations



On the 14th of May, 2024, GRT College of Education concluded its seven-day NSS special camp with a series of enriching activities, including First Aid Training, a Cultural Programme, and a Valedictory Ceremony. The event featured demonstrations by the GRT College of Nursing faculty member Mrs P.Thilagavathy, Clinical instructor. The 7 day Special camp was summarized by the Mr. B. Venkatarathanam, the NSS Programme Officer. The day began with an essential First Aid Training session conducted by the faculty from GRT College of Nursing. The training aimed to equip students with vital life-saving skills and knowledge to handle emergency situations effectively. Interactive Session: Participants actively engaged in the training, practicing CPR on mannequins and applying bandages. The hands-on experience ensured that the students could effectively grasp and apply the first aid techniques. Following the first aid training, the seminar hall buzzed with excitement as the Cultural Programme began. This segment showcased the diverse talents of the NSS volunteers and students, providing a platform for them to express their creativity and cultural heritage. Traditional and contemporary dance routines captivated the audience, reflecting the rich cultural diversity of the participants. Students performed various musical pieces, including classical, folk, and modern songs, demonstrating their musical prowess. The programme began with a warm welcome address by B.Ed first-year student Mr. Deeran Chinnamalai. His words set a positive and enthusiastic tone for the day, acknowledging the efforts of all participants and guests who contributed to the success of the camp. Dr. Radhika Vidyasagar delivered an inspiring speech, praising the dedication and enthusiasm of the NSS volunteers. She emphasized the importance of community service and the role of youth in nation-building. Mr. Raju B.Ed First year student concluded the event with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants, facilitators, and guests for their support and involvement.

## Celebrations



Blood screening and TB identification through sputum tests and X-rays camp was conducted for 20 days from 08.05.2024 to 27.06.2024 the compassionate NSS students from GRT College of Education dedicated their time to serve the community at the Blood Screening & TB Screening Camp. Their selfless efforts are making a real difference in promoting health and well-being. Comprehensive medical camp was offering vital health services. The aim of the Blood screening camp was to sensitize the general public about the importance of undergoing regular blood check- up so as to detect the chronic diseases such as Diabetes, Creatinine, BMI and Hypertension at the early stage itself for the better control on such chronic diseases. During the camp, blood glucose testing and blood pressure measurement were carried out. A total of around 2000 people were monitored. During the Blood screening, 580 people were found with elevated blood glucose level and 420 people were found with elevated levels of blood pressure. All those people who were identified were suggested to consult a doctor for further screening and possible diagnosis. The blood screening was conducted in association with Rotary Club of Tiruvallur, Muthoot Group (அன்பின் நிழல்) and National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) - தேசிய காசநோய் ஒழிப்பு திட்டம். This mega medical camp was conducted in Muslim Nagar, Tirutani, Sreenivasapuram, Arungulam, Valarpuram, Koramangalam, VCR Kandigai, Sirugumi, Bagavathapuram, Illupur, Naththam, Veeraganallur, Velanchery, S. Agraharam, Thazhavedu, D V Puram, Kasinathapuram, Pattabiramapuram, Vinayapuram, Agoor and Methinipuram.

**Celebrations**



GRT College of Education recently hosted an engaging debate on the topic, "Family Culture: Deteriorating or developing?" Students from various departments passionately discussed the impacts of family traditions on individual growth on 15.05.2024 as Mother's day on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 fell on Sunday. The event was a testament to the vibrant intellectual environment at our college, fostering critical thinking and communication skills. Participants highlighted diverse perspectives, from the importance of preserving cultural heritage to the need for evolving family practices in modern society. The debate concluded with a lively Q&A session, reflecting the audience's keen interest. Winners were awarded certificates and all participants were lauded for their insightful contributions. This event underscored our commitment to holistic education, encouraging students to explore complex social issues and develop their viewpoints.

On June 5th, our NSS students commemorated World Environment Day with an impactful event in Illupur village. The day was marked by a series of activities aimed at raising environmental awareness and promoting sustainable practices. Students led a village cleanup drive, planting saplings and educating villagers on waste management and water conservation. Their enthusiasm and dedication were evident as they engaged with the community, emphasizing the importance of preserving our natural resources. Workshops on recycling and eco-friendly practices were conducted, sparking insightful discussions among participants. The event concluded with a pledge to continue these efforts, ensuring a greener future for all. This initiative reflects the spirit of service and environmental stewardship that GRT College of Education strives to instill in its students.



On June 21, 2024, GRT College of Education celebrated International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm. The event featured a special yoga training session conducted by Mr. Babu, a renowned yoga trainer. Students gathered in large numbers to participate, eager to learn various yoga asanas and meditation techniques. Mr. Babu emphasized the importance of incorporating yoga into daily routines for physical and mental well-being. The session included demonstrations of breathing exercises and postures aimed at reducing stress and enhancing flexibility. Participants enjoyed the interactive format, with Mr. Babu addressing their queries and providing personalized tips. The event concluded with a collective meditation session, fostering a sense of calm and unity among the attendees. This celebration underscored our commitment to promoting holistic health and wellness within the college community.

## Celebrations



On June 26, 2024, GRT College of Education NSS Unit actively participated in the observance of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The event was organized in collaboration with the District Collectorate of Thiruvallur and various other stakeholders including District Child Protection Unit, NGOs, and the District Child Welfare Department. A rally organized by the District Collectorate Thiruvallur, aimed to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and illicit trafficking all students and faculty members gathered in the college campus to take a pledge against drug abuse. At the Collectorate campus, a rangoli was intricately drawn to visually depict the message of awareness against drug abuse. A significant highlight of the day was a public meeting presided over by Dr. T. Prabushankar, I.A.S, the Collector of Thiruvallur, and Mr. R. Srinivasa Perumal, Superintendent of Police. Students actively participated in this meeting, where discussions centered around strategies to combat drug abuse and the importance of collective action. Students were engaged in Slogan Creation, Selfie Booth, Mime Enactment Campaign Procession: The event concluded with a campaign procession organized by the District Child Welfare Department. Students from GRT College of Education actively participated alongside students from other schools and colleges. The procession served as a symbolic representation of solidarity in the fight against drug abuse.

## Celebrations



The 19th Intramural Sports event at GRT College of Education from 26.06.2024 to 28.06.2024 was a grand success, showcasing the athletic talents of our students. The event featured a wide array of games, individual track events and both indoor and outdoor activities. Students competed fiercely in sports such as throw ball, Kho-kho, Tennikoit and volleyball, alongside track events like sprints and relays. Indoor games like chess and table tennis added to the excitement, ensuring there was something for everyone. The spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie was evident as participants cheered each other on and celebrated their achievements. Medals and trophies were awarded to the winners, recognizing their dedication and hard work. This event not only promoted physical fitness but also fostered teamwork and leadership skills among our students. It was a memorable occasion that highlighted the vibrant sports culture at GRT College of Education.

## Awards & Achievements



On July 12, 2024, our B.Ed students embarked on an enriching field trip to Mahabalipuram and Vandalur Zoo. This educational excursion aimed to combine learning with leisure, offering students a unique experience. At Mahabalipuram, students explored the ancient architectural marvels, gaining insights into India's rich cultural heritage and history. Guided tours provided in-depth knowledge about the significance of the monuments and sculptures. The visit to Vandalur Zoo was equally exciting, as students observed various wildlife species in their natural habitats. Interactive sessions with zoo staff offered valuable information on wildlife conservation and the importance of biodiversity. This trip not only enhanced the students' understanding of historical and environmental studies but also provided a refreshing break from their academic routine. The experience was both educational and enjoyable, creating lasting memories for all participants. Students engaged in lively discussions, connecting their observations to classroom lessons. The trip fostered a sense of curiosity and wonder, inspiring future educators to incorporate experiential learning in their teaching. Overall, the field trip was a remarkable blend of education and adventure, leaving a lasting impact on all attendees.

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

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In GRT College of Education on July 20<sup>th</sup> celebrated International Chess Day with great enthusiasm on campus. Students and faculty members participated in a series of chess matches, showcasing their strategic skills and love for the game. The event featured friendly competitions and workshop on chess strategies. Prizes were awarded to the top performers, encouraging a spirit of healthy competition. This celebration highlighted the importance of chess in developing critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. It was a day filled with intellectual excitement and camaraderie, reflecting our college's commitment to fostering diverse talents and interests among students.



On July 10, a workshop on Child Rights and Protection was held at CSI Newbegin College of Education, organized by Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University in collaboration with UNICEF and the NGO Thozhamai. The event aimed to enhance faculty members' understanding of child rights and strategies for child protection. Our esteemed faculty member, Mrs. G. Sangeetha, proudly represented GRT College of Education at the workshop. She engaged in insightful discussions and gained valuable knowledge on safeguarding children's rights. The workshop featured expert speakers and interactive sessions, providing attendees with practical tools and resources. Mrs. Sangeetha's participation was recognized with a certificate, acknowledging her commitment to this crucial aspect of education. This initiative underscores our college's dedication to continuous professional development and the well-being of children in educational settings.





Agastya International Foundation conducted an engaging orientation programme on 26.07.2024 for our 1st year B.Ed students, focusing on the preparation of impressive teaching aids. The programme aimed to equip future educators with innovative tools and techniques for effective teaching. Students learned to create visually appealing and educational teaching aids, which will be invaluable during their internship teaching practices. The hands-on workshop encouraged creativity and practical application of theoretical concepts. Experts from the foundation provided guidance on various methods to enhance classroom learning and keep students engaged. The orientation was well-received, with students eager to implement their new skills in real-world teaching scenarios. This programme highlighted our commitment to provide comprehensive training for our B.Ed students, ensuring they are well-prepared to make a positive impact in their future classrooms.





GRT College of Education commemorated on July 26, 2024, Kargil Vijay Diwas with a heartfelt ceremony. The event honored the bravery and sacrifice of the soldiers who fought in the Kargil War. Students and faculty members gathered to pay tribute, with speeches and presentations highlighting the significance of this historic day. Patriotic songs and poems added to the solemn atmosphere, reflecting deep respect and gratitude for the heroes. A special documentary screening provided insights into the war and its impact on the nation, fostering a sense of pride and patriotism among attendees. The ceremony concluded with a moment of silence to honor the fallen soldiers. This celebration served as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made for our country's security and inspired a renewed sense of national pride within the college community. The event also featured a display of historical artifacts and personal stories from veterans, offering a deeper connection to the sacrifices made. Students engaged in thoughtful discussions about the values of courage and resilience exemplified by the soldiers. Overall, the celebration was a powerful tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national unity.