



# GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, JAMMU

(A constituent college of Cluster University of Jammu)

# THE TEACHER

NEWSLETTER

— December 2025 —



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## *Message From The Principal's Desk...*



Our institution has always strived to maintain the highest standards in teacher education, preparing future educators who are knowledgeable, compassionate and committed to nation-building. We are delighted to welcome the second batch of ITEP. Teaching is not merely a profession; it is a lifelong commitment to learning, guiding and inspiring others.

Our college faculty plays a vital role in shaping this vision. They are not only masters of their content areas but also innovators who integrate creativity, research orientation and digital literacy into their teaching practices. Through continuous professional development they ensure that our students are prepared to meet the dynamic needs of the 21st-century classroom.

Our institution is proud of its many achievements and facilities as we have well-equipped smart classrooms, ICT and language laboratories, a rich library and an environment that nurtures academic excellence and holistic development. Through rigorous training our students evolve into confident educators, critical thinkers and empathetic leaders. The teaching profession entrusts you with the noble responsibility of shaping young minds and building a better tomorrow. Let your passion for learning light the path for others.

Dr. Jyoti Parihar  
Principal,  
Government College of Education,  
Jammu

# *A Landmark Achievement: GCOE Jammu Pioneers the ITEP Course in the Region -----glimpses of the maiden batch*

ITEP 1<sup>ST</sup> Batch GCOE Jammu, has achieved a significant milestone by securing permission from the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) to introduce the prestigious four-year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP). This achievement is a landmark for the Jammu Division, as GCOE was the only government institution in the region to offer this pioneering course in the year 2023, marking a pivotal step in aligning teacher education with the transformative vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.



ITEP is a flagship program of the NCTE, designed to professionalize the teaching sector and ensure that high-quality candidates enter the profession. It is a dual-major, holistic bachelor's degree that integrates education with a specialized subject, preparing teachers for the Foundational and Preparatory stages of the new 5+3+3+4 school structure. For students, ITEP offers the benefit of saving one academic year compared to the conventional B.A./B.Sc. and B.Ed. route. GCOE Jammu has been granted recognition for two ITEP programmes: B.A./B.Ed. Foundational Stage and B.A./B.Ed. Preparatory Stage, each with an intake capacity of 50 seats.

# *“S*napsots of creativity, curiosity and growth.”

First visit of Honble Vice Chancellor Cluster University of Jammu,  
Prof. (Dr.) K.S Chandrasekar



The significant efforts to ensure the successful implementation of this vital program, despite the inherent challenges that come with pioneering a new educational initiative. The initial phase involved navigating administrative hurdles, including the finalization and adoption of the ITEP curriculum in under the aegis of Cluster University of Jammu, to which it is a constituent college. The inaugural batch for the academic session 2024-25 commenced with 16 students, a modest but meaningful start that even includes students from other states like Bihar, adding a layer of diversity to the learning environment in Jammu region.

constraints in infrastructure and resources, which are common when new programs are launched in public institutions. However, the GCOE administration and its highly qualified faculty are committed to overcoming these initial constraints. The college has planned and implemented several strategies to ensure the course maintains high academic standards aligned with NEP 2020 guidelines.

The successful running of the ITEP program at GCOE Jammu signifies the institution's dedication to shaping competent educators grounded in Indian values yet well-versed in 21st-century pedagogy, ultimately contributing to nation-building efforts. The college's proactive approach in tackling challenges ensures a bright future for the ITEP, positioning GCOE as a torchbearer of modern teacher education in the region.

Challenges persist, including potential



# *'A glimpse into the stories that shape us'*

## *From Regional To National: GCOE Jammu's ITEP Soars With Stellar Second Batch in 2025*



Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) at GCOE Jammu, has rapidly established itself as a pioneering force in teacher education, marking a significant success story in its initial two years. The program, designed in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, aims to transform the landscape of teacher preparation and increasing demographic diversity are a testament to its effectiveness and burgeoning reputation.

The journey began with a modest yet determined start. The inaugural batch, though small in number, successfully established the program's foundation, with students, including some from Bihar, Orissa, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh demonstrating the initial reach beyond the immediate region. Their successful progression through the curriculum, which prioritizes cutting-edge pedagogy, practical training and foundational literacy/numeracy skills, proved the viability and demand for this innovative four-year integrated course.

The success of the pioneers paved the way for a remarkable expansion in the subsequent year. The ITEP Second batch has witnessed an extraordinary surge in enrolment , with student numbers rising sharply from 16 to 43.

This three-fold increase highlights the growing trust and interest in the quality of education and the future prospects the ITEP offers, as recruitment from 2030 onwards will exclusively be through this program according to NEP 2020 guidelines.



## *“Glimpses of smiles, success and student spirit.”*



More impressive than the numbers alone is the vibrant national diversity that the ITEP Second batch brings to the campus. GCOE Jammu has transformed into a melting pot of cultures and perspectives, attracting students from a wide array of states, including Bihar, Orissa, Haryana, Delhi, Himachal and Punjab.

This rich mix fosters a unique, pan-Indian learning environment, encouraging cultural exchange and broader professional networking. This diversity is crucial for developing well-rounded educators with a national perspective.

GCOE Jammu is committed to providing an exceptional learning experience, preparing teachers for Foundational and Preparatory. The program saves students a valuable year compared to the conventional five years for separate B.A./B.Sc. and B.Ed. degrees, making it a highly attractive option.

The remarkable expansion and the influx of students from across the country underscore the significant impact the ITEP program at GCOE Jammu is making, solidifying its position as a premier institution in the national teacher education ecosystem. The future looks bright for these aspiring educators and the institution alike.

*“Curiosity is the spark that lights the path of knowledge.”*



STEP  
1<sup>ST</sup> BATCH

*“The first steps that shaped our path forward.”*

STEP  
2<sup>ND</sup>  
BATCH

*“The next chapter of dedication and progress.”*



STEP  
1<sup>ST</sup>  
AND  
2<sup>ND</sup> BATCH

*“Two Batches, one united Journey - Captured in a Single Frame”*



## Campus Highlights



Dr Rajinder Kour (B.Ed & M.Ed Coordinator) and Dr Rakesh Bharti (ITEP Coordinator) attended Regional Consultative Meet at NCERT, New Delhi.



Dr. Jyoti Parihar (Principal) and Dr Rakesh Bharti (ITEP Coordinator) attended National Conclave 2025 : Transforming Teacher education 2047 in collaboration with Haryana State Council Education and Kurukshetra University on 28-29<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## *“Highlights that reflect our journey of learning.”*

**June 2025**



11<sup>th</sup> June 2025, Placement Drive organized by IQAC and Placement Cell of the college in which renowned schools of Jammu region were invited to take interviews of pass out batch of B.Ed.

*International Yoga Day observed on 21.06.2025*



International Yoga Day celebrated with great enthusiasm on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025. Students and staff actively participated in a mass yoga session organized in the college campus. The celebration concluded with a pledge to promote yoga awareness among the community.

*“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”*

July 2025



Admission of Second Batch of ITEP commenced from 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025.



Dr Rakesh Bharti Coordinator ITEP represented Govt. College of Education, Canal Road Jammu on the occasion of the 5th Anniversary of the launch of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, organized by the Directorate of School Education, UT of Jammu and Kashmir on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

*“In learning, we grow; in growing, we shine.”*

August 2025



Essay Writing Competition on the theme "Role of Youth in Achieving Viksit Bharat @ 2047 organized by Literary Club to Commemorate fortnightly Independence Day Celebration on 4<sup>th</sup> of August, 2025. The top three winners were Deeksha Sharma (1st), Salma Khatoon Dar (2nd), Sheetal Devi (3rd) and Priyanka (3rd).

### *Guest Lecture organised by IQAC*



Major General (Retd.) S.K. Sharma, a decorated army veteran addressed the second batch of students of (ITEP) on 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2025 during Two Week Induction Programme.

*“Stand up, speak out—stop ragging.”*



Anti- Ragging Week observed from 12<sup>th</sup> August to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025.



Anti-Ragging Pledge Ceremony organised by GCOE Jammu as part of the ongoing Anti-Ragging Week on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025.



Intercollegiate Interactive Session organised during Anti-Ragging Week on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 chaired by Prof. D. S. Manhas, Dean Student Welfare Cluster University of Jammu.

*“Education is the key that unlocks the golden door to freedom.”*



Ms Shefali Gupta, Sr. Lecturer, School Education Department demonstrated teaching methods through Puppets and Toys to second batch of ITEP on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2025

September 2025

*“Teachers plant seeds of knowledge that grow forever.”*



Hindi Pakhwada observed by Department of Hindi. A number of events were organised as a series of engaging events, including a Poetry Recitation and Slogan Writing Competition. The program commemorated on 15th of September, 2025.



“Decoding Gandhi: A Book Talk on My Experiments with Truth event organized by Literary Club on 15th September, 2025. Award winners were Kusum Jamwal, followed by V. Suraja Lakshmi and Shriya. Mr Sourav, Ms Lakshmi and Ms Khushi also presented their analysis on the book by Gandhi.

*“Step in with dreams, step out with opportunities.”*



Placement Drive With Maruti Suzuki organized on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2025



Slogan writing Competition on Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan organized under the guidance of the NCORD Committee of the college on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 the winners of the program were Miss Muskan Sawhney (1st), Meenakshi Sharma (2nd) and Miss Janvi Gupta (3rd).

*“Your education is your superpower.”*



GCOE Jammu organized Induction-Cum-Orientation for fresh batch of B.Ed. students from 25th September to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.



*“Curiosity is the spark that lights the path of knowledge.”*

**October 2025**

A photograph of a man in a white shirt and dark vest speaking into a microphone at a podium. To his right is a banner for a mental health awareness program. The banner text includes:

GOVT. COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, CANAL ROAD,  
JAMMU  
Presents  
*“Man ki Baat, Chai ke Saath”*  
On Mental Health Awareness Week.  
Theme: “Access to Services – Mental Health in  
Catastrophes and Emergencies”  
Chief Patron : Dr. Jyoti Parhar, Principal, GCOE Jammu

**Organizing Committee**  
Prof. Anuradha Choudhary  
Dr. Shalini Rana  
Prof. Balwan Singh  
Prof. Kiran Thapa  
Dr. Suraj Prakash  
Dr. Sonam Gantotra

**Organizing Secretary**  
Dr. Ambica Kumari (Convenor Psychological Counselling Cell)

MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2025  
Time : 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
At Conference Hall

Man Ki Baat Chai Kay Saath: Rejuvenating Program Organized By Psychological Cell on 08.10.2025

## *“Empowering Minds, Supporting Women”*



Dr. Abhishek Chowhan Renowned Psychiatrist and De-Addiction Specialist conducted a seminar focussing on mental health issues in women-filled with learning, participation, and collective reflection on 9<sup>th</sup> of October, 2025 organised by Psychological Counselling Cell



Integrity Pledge Taking Ceremony during Vigilance Awareness Programme held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025



POSH Committee of the college organized Movie Screening on “Gender Sensitivity” on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025



## November 2025



Institutional Herbal Garden has been established under the project sanctioned by Minister of AYUSH, Government of India inaugurated on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025





Shranya Sharma student of ITEP Sem 3rd secured 2nd position in Debate competition in Yuvtrang on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

GCOE, Jammu declared as Green Champion under the Green Campus Initiative by JMC, Jammu on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025.



Bidding farewell to Mr Pardeep Singh Bali

*“Sports build strength, spirit, and success.”*



GCOE Yoga women team won silver medal in Inter college Yoga competition organised by GCOE.



Team GCOE volleyball women beat MAM P.G. College and G.G.M. Science College by 2-0 and reach final of inter college Volleyball tournament organised by GCE Gandhi Nagar

## Media Bites







Prof Satish Sharma observing paintings made by the students for the contest on the theme, " Rhymes in Colours: A Creative Fusion of Art and Poetry. The event was organized by Literary Club GCOE Jammu.

Ms Manvi Choudhary of ITEP won the first prize. Ms Surjalakshmi and Ms Nirdosh bagged the second and third prize while Miss Priyanka won the special prize for depiction of Panchtantra Tales.



#### **RIGHT TO LEFT:-**

Row 1: Dr Rakesh Bharti, Prof Balwan Singh, Dr Suraj Parkash, Saurabh Mehta,

Row 2: Prof Anuradha Chaudhary, Dr Shalini Rana, Dr Rajinder Kour, Dr Ambica Sharma,

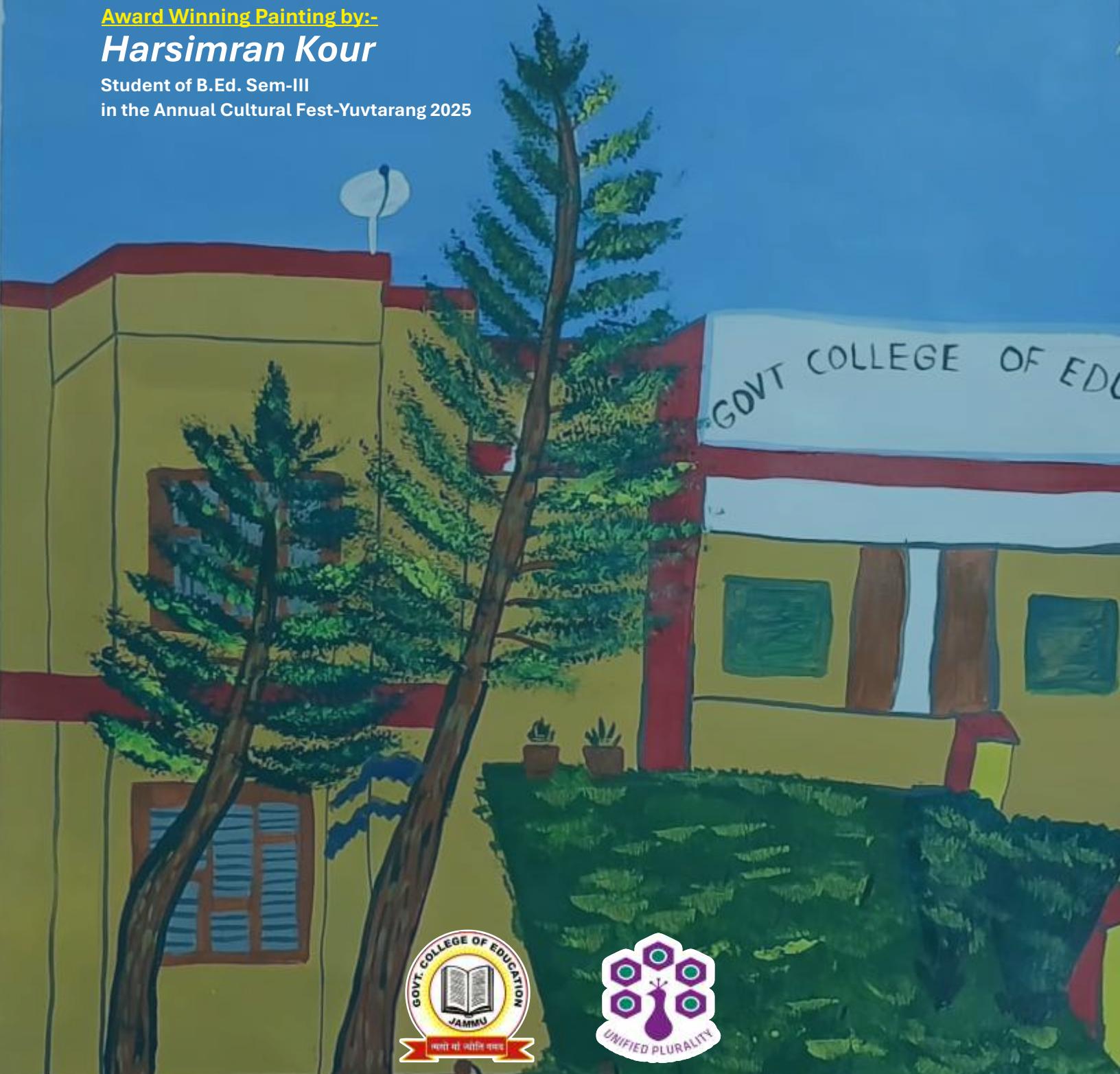
Row 3: Salma Khatoon Dar, Muskan Gupta, Purnima Sharma, V Surjalakshmi Pradhan, Shiwali Sharma, Chandrika Verma

Award Winning Painting by:-

**Harsimran Kour**

Student of B.Ed. Sem-III

in the Annual Cultural Fest-Yuvtarang 2025



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