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An overview of teacher education institutions in Kashmir

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Abstract

Jammu and Kashmir has been an important educational hub from ancient times. The Teacher Training Institutions in Kashmir have been important centers of imparting teacher training courses to the aspiring student teacher trainees as well as Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programmes for the newly recruited teachers and in-service teachers. These institutes have contributed immensely for effective teaching-learning discourse at the grass-root level. District Institutes of Education and Training have been the nerve centers for implementing the educational policy at School Education level. The research article presents an over-view of some of the important Teacher Education Institutions in Kashmir Division.

Keywords: Kashmir Division, Continuous Professional Development, teacher education institutions

Introduction

Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE), MA Road, Srinagar

The Institute is situated at Moulana Azad Road Srinagar, Kashmir. It was established as a Teacher Training School in Srinagar, Kashmir in 1937. In 1948, it was upgraded to a Teachers Training College (Seru, 1973)^[2]. It was designated as Govt. College of Education in 1968 and upgraded to the rank of Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE) in the year 2016. Presently, it is a constituent College of Cluster University, Srinagar, Kashmir. It was NAAC re-accredited with CGPA (3.24) in 2022. The institute is a prominent Teacher Education Institution and offers various teacher education courses like Bachelor of Education (B. Ed), Master of education (M. Ed), Integrated B.Ed., M.Ed., Master of Arts (M.A) Education & 4 Years Bachelor of Arts (B.A) in Education (Honors) as per the recommendation of Justice Verma Committee Report, 2012 and the recommendations of National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education (NCFTE-2009) and NEP-2020. There is a Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) pattern for post-graduation courses. The institute also participates in Continuous Professional Development Programmes: Orientation programs, Induction and Training programmes etc. for Assistant Professors, School Teachers, Teacher Educators, Educational Administrators, Zonal Resource Persons, Cluster Resource Persons from the Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir. A UGC sponsored Women's Studies Centre was also established in the Institute in 2006. The institutional linkages of the Institute are with APQN (Asia Pacific Quality Network) since 2011 and Indian Association of Teacher Educators since 2016. It has regional linkages with other Teacher Education Institutions like SCERT, DIETs etc.

State Council of Educational Research and Training

SCERT was established in Kashmir in 2020, by upgrading the State Institute of Education at Srinagar, Kashmir in 2020. It is registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. It was e-inaugurated by the Honourable LG of J&K Shri Manoj Sinha in 2020. J&K SCERT consists of one Central Move Office and two non-move Divisional Offices each at Jammu and Srinagar. There are 20 associated District Institute of Education and Training (DIETs) working under the control of J&K SCERT. The organizational structure of JKSCERT consists of One Director and three Joint Directors managing the Divisional and Central Offices.

The Divisional Offices are designated to carry out various activities in the areas of Art Education, Vocational Education, Humanities, Language Education, Educational Research Survey and Assessment, Curriculum Development and Studies, Population Education, Girl Child Education, Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, ECCE, Science and Mathematics Education, Teacher Education, Health and Physical Education, Guidance and Counseling, Social Science Education, Commerce, Educational Communication Technology and Computer Science, Educational Planning, Monitoring and Management, Library Sciences etc.

Formerly, there were two State Institute of Education (SIEs) in Jammu & Kashmir respectively. The Joint Review Mission-Teacher Education, 2013^[1] stated that, "The State Institutes of Education (SIEs) are seen as nodal agencies in the teacher education system at the elementary level. The SIEs are under Administrative Control of Director School Education and therefore recruitment, transfers, budget allocations of SIEs are determined by the Directorate. The SIEs work closely with DIETs, the Block Resource Centers (BRC), Zonal Resource Centers (ZRC) and Cluster Resource Centers (CRC). The core functions of the SIEs include designing and implementation of in-service teacher training programs for elementary and secondary school teachers, providing support to DIETs in the region, and conducting the class VIII state wide examination in collaboration with the J&K BOSE and the DIETs. The SIEs also conduct orientation programs for teacher educators and are expected to undertake research, evaluation and monitoring. SIEs are expected to provide resource support for curriculum design and review and to initiate and support extension activities. The institutes comprise of nine wings: 1) Science 2) Language 3) Mathematics wing 4) Social Science wing 5) Monitoring & Planning wing 6) Non formal & Adult wing 7) Work Experience wing 8) Publication wing 9) Educational Technology wing. Between them the two SIEs support the 22 DIETs in the state".

The important functions of SCERT, Kashmir, are to provide academic resource support in terms of policy and planning to District Institutes of Education and training (DIETs), School Education Department (SED) and J&K Board of School Education (JKBOSE). It frames Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programmes for teachers, conducts Teaching Learning Material (TLM) development workshops for the teachers and students, and carries research studies related to Teacher Education. It also develops methods and techniques for effective teaching-learning as per NEP-2020 Gul (2022)^[3].

District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) In Kashmir

Presently, there are ten District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) in Kashmir. With the inauguration of SCERT on 5th -September, 2020, by Honorable Lt. Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, the associated DIETs have been categorized into three Academic Units - Academic Unit I- (DIET Anantnag, DIET Kulgam, DIET Shopian), Academic Unit II (DIET Pulwama, DIET Budgam, DIET Ganderbal) and Academic Unit III- (DIET Bandipora, DIET Baramulla, DIET Kupwara). The Academic Unit I has been allotted the academic branches of inclusive & special education, art education and vocational education, humanities; education in languages (English) and Schedule Language. Academic Unit II has been allotted the subjects

of Educational Research, Survey and Assessment; Education in Science & Mathematics; Health & Physical Education; Guidance and Counselling. The Academic Unit III have been allocated the branches of Educational Communication Technology and Computer Science (ECT and CS); Educational Planning, Monitoring and Management; Library and Documentation Cell.

The Academic Unit I-DIET Anantnag is located at Khanabal, Anantnag. It was established in 1979 and works from its own building. DIET Kulgam, located at Bongam, Kulgam, was established in 2008. DIET Shopian is located near Bus-Stand, Batpora, Shopian and was established in 1991.

The Academic Unit-III-DIET Bandipora, is located at Kaloosa, Bandipora. It was established in 2007. It works from a make-shift Arrangement-Government High School at Kaloosa and its building is under construction at Watrina, Bandipora. (Greater Kashmir, 2021)^[6]. DIET Baramulla is located at Hathlangoo, Mapan, Sopore. It was established in 1988, upgraded from a District Institute of Education to DIET. DIET Kupwara was initially established in 1976 as a Teacher Training School, upgraded to a District Institute of Education in 1985 and DIET in 1995.

The Academic Unit-II-DIET Pulwama is presently located at Kadlbal, Pampore. The DIET was established in 2008 and its building is under construction. It operates from Boys Higher Secondary School, Pampore. DIET Budgam is located at Sonpah, Beerwah, Budgam. It was established in 1986 and has been designated as 'DIET of Excellence' by the Ministry of Education in 2023-24. DIET Ganderbal was established in 2008 and is presently located at BRC building, Dudarhama, Fatehpora, Ganderbal. Its own building situated at Nunar was taken over by Central University of Kashmir in 2018-19, following the official orders (Greater Kashmir, 2018)^[5]. DIET, Srinagar is associated with SCERT, J &K, with the Central Office. It was established in 1989. It is presently operating from a Government Boys High School, Sonwar, Srinagar (Greater Kashmir, 2023)^[7]. It was previously located at Bemina, Srinagar.

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