



ENABLING UNIT

Enabling Unit of the Institute conducted the following events during session 2020-21

During the academic year 2020-21, The Enabling Unit of the college worked in collaboration to advocate and stand for the inclusion of all learners in the institute by following praxis-based approach, integrating theory with practice. All the events had to be organized through online mode given the constraints posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following were the main activities conducted by Enabling Unit, IHE during session 2020-21.

Orientation Day: The session started with an orientation programme for the first-year students of the college. Dr. Smriti Singh, Coordinator of The Enabling Unit, Kamla Nehru College, was the guest for the event. She oriented students to various schemes, scholarships and other programmes of Delhi University for the benefit of students with disability/ies.

Accessible Education: On 12-04-2021, The Enabling Unit organised an event in collaboration with the SCORE foundation. This foundation is actively working in Delhi and other states of the country to ensure inclusion of persons with disability in various domains. Mr. George Abraham, founder of the foundation, was invited to speak on the topic “Technology as an Enabler” for persons with disability in classrooms. He not only spoke about the theoretical aspects of inclusion, but also shared the practical steps that can be taken to ensure inclusivity in centers of learning. Technology, he advocated, is the most effective tool to accomplish this in the modern era. Students and teachers across different courses were the beneficiaries of this event.

Ensuring Inclusion: In order to address the special needs of students with disability in the college, Enabling Unit also organized weekly and monthly counselling sessions with students. To ensure the inclusive curriculum, Enabling Unit also contacted teachers for suitable changes and modifications in the curriculum and examination to accommodate students with disability. Coordination with exam superintendents and invigilators was carried to overcome any possible challenges due to online mode of examination. Throughout the year, students were assisted in all kind of paper works whenever required and were informed of various circulars and schemes expected to be of their relevance.

Enabling students to deal with COVID-19

The students with disabilities were one of the most affected population group due to the pandemic as a result of the changed educational and social scenarios. To support the students with disabilities in dealing with these challenging times, the enabling unit conducted several counselling sessions. Utmost efforts were made by the unit to help students at academic as well as emotional and psychological level. Several virtual sessions were conducted with individual students to resolve their challenges of participation in online classes as well as for appearing for online open book examinations. All the needed information and circulars were shared with staff members to ensure the inclusion of students in all academic activities happened during the online education phase.

