

Enabling Unit and Equal Opportunity Cell, IHE

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The Enabling Unit and The Equal Opportunity Cell of the Institute of Home Economics advocate and stand for the complete inclusion of learners with disability/ies in the institute. To work on this objective, Enabling Unit and Equal Opportunity cell took a praxis-based approach, integrating theory with practice in the session 2020-21. All the events during this year had to be organized through online mode given the constraints posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The session started with an orientation programme for the first-year students of the college. Dr. Smriti Singh, who is the coordinator of The Enabling Unit, Kamla Nehru College, was the guest for the event. She oriented students to various schemes, scholarships and other beneficiary programmes of Delhi University for students with disability/ies. 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, who is the founder of the foundation, was invited to speak on the topic “Technology as an Enabler” for persons with disability in classrooms. Mr. George Abraham not only spoke about theoretical aspects of inclusion, but also shared the practical steps that can be taken to ensure inclusivity in centres of learning. Technology, he advocated, is the most effective tool to accomplish this in the modern era. Students and teachers across the courses were the beneficiary of this event.

In order to address the special needs of students with disability in the college, Enabling Unit also organised 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 superintends 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.