

Excursion to Sahyog - A residential school for Special Children

Educational excursions not only enhance the knowledge of students but also broaden their outlook towards the outside world. They allow students to explore the world beyond their books, gain valuable knowledge and skills and form memories that will last a lifetime. An excursion was, therefore, arranged for the students of B.A. third year of Education Department, VGC Mandi to Sahyog which is a residential school for special children located at Naagchala, Mandi (HP). This school is run by Sahyog Bal Shraavan Viklang Kalyan Samiti which is an NGO located in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. This institute specifically cater to the needs, education and vocational training of mentally challenged children. The main objectives of the school are early intervention, education, rehabilitation, vocational training and manpower development of these children. Therefore, the institute have special curriculum in order to cater to the various needs of these special children as well as have specialist teachers and routines. 43 students from the Education department VGC Mandi visited the institute on 06/11/23.



The Department planned the visit/ excursion for the students as first-hand experience at such an institute would enable them to recognize, comprehend and learn about a variety of aspects related to children with special needs which is also part of their curriculum. Students had a memorable, educative and challenging interaction with those children. Students also got to interact and communicate with their special educators.



Special educators narrated about the training/ education imparted to those children and the measures that are being adopted by the institute in educating them. During this visit, students not only got a thorough understanding of various behavioural aspects of those children but also got acquainted with issues like their vocational training, problems faced by them and their recreational aspects.



This visit was followed by a brief report writing by the students regarding the entire visit and their experience. Students deemed this educational excursion as a worthwhile exposure.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sonia', is positioned above the printed name of the principal.

**Principal
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