

## ALUMNAE MEET 2021

The Department of Elementary Education , Mata Sundri College for Women (University of Delhi) organized the annual Alumnae Meet on June 24, 2021. Amidst the covid situation, it was a virtual meet via Facebook Live and Google Meet. Alumnae of Bachelors of Elementary Education became a part of the online event.

The speakers were Alumnae of B.El.Ed. who shared their experiences from their journey of four years in college and how the learnings from the course shaped their lives. Babita Maher who works with Ahvan Trust presently spoke first. She shared how being a B.El.Ed. graduate made her know the difference between a teacher who works for a bulky salary and the one who works to bring a change. She's been working on expanding and implementing the pedagogy of a new curriculum that she has created for early learners, in collaboration with SCERT. She concluded by expressing gratitude to the teachers and B.El.Ed. for giving her career such strong roots.

The next speaker Ms. Akanksha Rajore said that the ability to work hard, that she acquired through the course has been helping her at her workplace too. She has worked at a government school that started from scratch, under ARK foundation (a London based NGO) and has planned the curriculum of 'Hindi' along with her other B.El.Ed. colleagues, for that school. She has been working on the execution of the content of the curriculum at other schools and improving it. She concluded her talk by saying that B.El.Ed. isn't just limited to teaching, rather it opens multiple paths.

Third speaker Ms. Ritika Madan mentioned how the attributes of critical thinking, planning, articulation of ideas etc. that developed in her through discussions related to various subjects of B.El.Ed. became a major support for working as a content creator. She also said that working with children throughout four years of graduation, helped her deal with a non – judgemental approach with children who've been sufferers of sexual abuse or toxic relationships at her workplace. Finally, she advised the fresh graduates that they must have faith in themselves to excel in future.

Ms. Bhawna Chandra, fourth speaker, began her talk by accepting that she never wanted to be a teacher. She has been working as a social mobiliser and has been interested in the issues related to gender equality and education for the girl child. She believes that B.El.Ed. had a major role in shaping up her personality and thoughts and building up the base for her work field.

After the completion of the talks by respective speakers, a Q&A session was initiated. The queries were answered by the speakers, giving significant details. The speakers also provided details regarding the projects they are working on presently. They also shared the scopes and roles for B.El.Ed. graduates in their work organisations gave information regarding the application process as well.

The event came to closure with the vote of thanks, followed by a chit-chat session amongst the alumnae and teachers, nostalgically sharing memories and experiences.