

MERC pays tributes to AASIYA JEELANI

The students of Media Education Research Center (MERC), organized a program on 20th April, in memory of Aasiya Jeelani on her 8th death anniversary, in which glowing tributes were paid to the deceased.

Speaking on the occasion, the Head of Department MERC, Prof Mufeed Ahmad said: "Aasiya was a journalist with courage who stood firmly on the principles and ethics of journalism without any compromise. She is indeed a pride of our nation particularly for the journalistic fraternity."

Apart from faculty members and students, the function was attended by Aasiya's family members and some of her classmates and friends who also spoke on the occasion.

While paying tributes to Aasiya a senior faculty member Nasir Mirza said: "Aasiya was a journalist with a difference".

"Unlike dominance of male reporters in journalism, Aasiya was unique by parting from tradition to become a successful female reporter thus a source of inspiration for many," Nasir remarked.

Later on, HoD MERC presented a memento to Aasiya's mother and lauded Aasiya as "a pride of MERC".

Aasiya Jeelani was a pass-out of 1998-99 batch of MERC. She was killed in a mine blast at Chandigarh, Lolab in 2004 while monitoring the election exercise.