

**RAJIV GANDHI MEMORIAL GOVT. COLLEGE**



**JOGINDER NAGAR (H.P.)**

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**Chief Guest**

**Sh. Jiwan Thakur**

**(Secretary Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee)**

Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Govt. College Joginder Nagar is celebrating its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Prize Distribution Function today. It is a privilege to welcome **Sh Jiwan Thakur Ji, State Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee** who has kindly consented to grace this occasion. The college family also welcomes all the distinguished guests, parents, alumni, retired teachers and media representatives who have contributed to the growth and progress of this institution and are here with us today.

## **COLLEGE PROFILE**

Owing to the determined efforts of Colonel (Retd) Ganga Ram Jamwal, the college was established in 1989 in a small match-box factory. On 4<sup>th</sup> May 1994 the college was taken over by the government and was shifted to the present building in 1999. New vistas of knowledge and progress were unleashed for the people of our area. After 35 years of evolution, we now have a co-educational institution catering to the needs of some 2258 students, with an indomitable spirit to achieve more. The college is included under Section 2(F) & 12(B) of UGC Act 1956. Situated on the foothills of the Dhauladhar, and surrounded by lush green vegetation, the campus is spread over 5 acres of land, and is located near the civil hospital, the mini secretariat, and a playground. The college fulfills the needs of students, especially from rural areas, providing a conducive atmosphere to instill holistic growth.

Sir, the academic session 2023-24 was marked with many events and achievements of our students and faculty members in different fields. In spite of the shortage of staff and space, we are successfully running multiple courses simultaneously, with the Rashtriya Uchchattar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) emphasizing on Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), post graduate courses and courses under HEIS. The college offers 15 courses in Arts, 6 subjects in the Sciences and a degree course in Commerce. The students can also opt for BCA and BBA under HEIs. In addition to this, the college offers post graduate courses in the subjects of English and Economics. The course of Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application [PGDCA] too has been approved and will be introduced soon. The IGNOU Study Centre offers various courses in distance mode. The college has been affiliated to newly established Sardar Patel

University Mandi since 2022 except the outgoing batch which is registered with HP University Shimla. Now I take this opportunity to present before you a holistic account of activities and achievements of our college during the academic session 2023-24.

### **STUDENTS' ENROLMENT**

A total of 2258 students were enrolled in the current Academic Session 2023-24, out of which 56% students are females. Female students always feel motivated to perform better in academics, sports, cultural and co-curricular activities and they have excelled in each and every activity.

<b>Enrollment at RGM Govt. College Joginder Nagar for the Session 2023-24</b>														
Stream	Class-wise/ Stream- wise/ Enrolment	General		SC		ST		OBC		EWS		Total		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	All
BA	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	139	192	49	74	05	05	83	86	03	01	279	358	637
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	109	171	46	69	03	10	68	80	02	00	228	330	558
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	52	155	17	56	01	09	44	64	00	01	114	285	399
	<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>1594</b>
BSc	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	20	49	13	14	02	00	14	17	02	03	51	83	134
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	25	41	11	07	00	01	12	05	01	00	49	54	103
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	23	33	10	10	01	01	10	09	01	00	45	53	98
	<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>335</b>
BCom	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	17	11	11	04	00	01	05	01	00	00	33	17	50
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	10	06	05	03	00	02	01	04	01	00	17	15	32
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	09	14	02	05	00	00	01	02	01	00	13	21	34
	<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Total (BA, BSc &amp; BCom)</b>		<b>404</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>1216</b>	<b>2045</b>
MA	1 <sup>st</sup> Sem.	01	03	01	00	00	00	00	02	01	01	02	05	07
	3rd	03	11	01	01	00	00	00	00	02	02	05	14	19

	Sem.													
	<b>Total</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>BBA</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sem.	15	07	02	03	00	00	05	01	01	00	23	01	34
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sem.	09	00	01	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	11	00	11
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sem.	09	05	02	01	00	00	00	01	00	00	11	07	18
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>BCA</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sem.	38	09	14	01	01	00	04	03	00	00	47	13	60
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sem.	23	09	03	04	00	00	00	00	02	00	28	13	41
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sem.	21	06	03	00	00	02	00	01	00	00	24	09	33
	<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>												<b>980</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>2258</b>

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Academics comprises the core of any educational institution. The University results for the Academic Session 2023-24 are as under:

S. No.	Class	No of Students Appeared	No of Students Passed	Pass Percentage
1	MA English 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	05	05	100
2	MA Economics 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	15	15	100
3	BA III 3 <sup>rd</sup> year	341	316	92.6
4	B Com III 3 <sup>rd</sup> year	69	66	95.6
5	B Sc III 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	120	120	100
6	BCA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	21	20	95
7	BBA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	08	08	100

Priyanshu, Neha, Avantika, Anu Devi and Anamika Thakur of BSc III secured above 09 CGPA. Priya and Ankit have obtained 8.09 and 8.13 CGPA in Bcom III respectively. Twelve students of BAIII, secured above 08 CGPA. It is a matter of pride for us that we have hundred percent pass results of BSc III,

BBA IIIrd Year, MA English and MA Economics and above 90% pass percentage in others.

## **STAFF STRENGTH AND VACANCIES**

There are 59 sanctioned posts in the college, 37 for the teaching faculty and 22 for the non-teaching staff. The subject/department wise vacancy position is as follows: Physics-03; Chemistry 01; Mathematics 02; Political Science-01; Geography-01; History-01; Economics 01; Botany-01; Commerce 01; Sanskrit-01; JLA-01, LA-02.

## **TRANSFERS & RETIREMENTS**

**Arrivals:** Among teaching-staff: **Ms Mamta Devi**, Assistant Professor Geography; **Ms Bimla Sharma**, Assistant Professor Hindi; **Ms Upma Dhiman**, Assistant Professor Commerce; **Ms Anita Kumari**, Assistant Professor Zoology

Among non-teaching staff: **Sh Manmohan Singh**, Superintendent Grade-I; **Sh Dharam Singh**, Assistant Librarian; **Ms Meena Devi**, Assistant Librarian; **Sh Vipin Singh**, SLA.

**Departures:** Among teaching staff: **Dr Sanjeev Kumar**, Associate Professor of Mathematics, was promoted as Principal; Sh Deepak Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor Geography; Dr Sanjeet Singh, Assistant Professor Chemistry; Dr Diwaker, Assistant Professor Physics were transferred from RGM Govt. College Joginder Nagar to other colleges during the session.

**Retirements:** **Dr Budhi Singh**, Associate Professor of Commerce; **Sh Ravinder Singh**, Associate Professor of Mathematics; **Sh Madan Lal**, Superintendent Grade-I were superannuated.

## **COLLEGE STUDENTS CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (CSCA)**

As per the HP University notification, CSCA was constituted in November 2023. **Four Office Bearers** and **27 other members** were nominated to CSCA on the basis of their achievements in different fields *i.e.* Academics, Sports, NSS, NCC, Cultural Activities, Clubs and Societies. Oath taking ceremony was held on **10<sup>th</sup> November 2023**. An Advisory body to CSCA was

also constituted. CSCA is very cooperative and has actively contributed to the progress of the college.

The following **Office-Bearers** were nominated:

S. No.	Name of Student	Class	Post	Category
1	Abhishek Bhatia	MA English 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem	President	Academic
2	Drishiti	BSc 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Vice-President	Academic
3	Arpita	BA IInd Year	Secretary	Academic
4	Kumari Kanika	BSc Ist Year	Joint Secretary	Academic

### **PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (PTA)**

The Parents Teachers Association is managed under the HP Education Code to enhance interaction between teachers and parents. To ensure the active participation of stakeholders, especially the parents, PTA General House was held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The following members were elected Office Bearers and Members for the session 2023-24:

<b>Patron</b>	Ms Suneeta Singh
<b>President</b>	Sh Nagesh Kumar
<b>Vice President</b>	Sh Vinod Kumar
<b>Secretary</b>	Sh Nageshwar Paul
<b>Joint Secretary</b>	Sh Jai Singh
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sh Naveen Nischal Sood
<b>Advisor</b>	Sh Rajender Kumar
<b>Members</b>	Sh Pawan Kumar, Sh Hem Raj, Sh Pradeep Kumar, Ms Manju Bala, Ms Vidhu Bhardwaj, Mr. Dinesh Kumar

Parents Teachers Association has played a very cooperative and supportive role in the progress and development of this college. During the current Academic Session, 5 teachers and 5 members of non-teaching staff are being employed from the local PTA fund for the welfare of the students.

### **COLLEGE MAGAZINE “HIMANKUR”**

With a view to provide platform to our budding writers, the college magazine “HIMANKUR” is published annually. **Dr Vishal Kumar** is the **Chief Editor** of the magazine . The Staff-Editors and Student-Editors of “HIMANKUR” are as follows:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Staff Editor</b>	<b>Student Editor</b>
<b>English Section</b>	Ms Vidhu Bhardwaj	Ms Priyanka, BA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year, 22ENG025
<b>Planning and Management</b>	Ms Manju Bala	Ms Shivani, BA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year, 2101080
<b>Science and Technology</b>	Ms Arti Sharma	Mr Aryan Thakur, BSc 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year, 21022255
<b>Pahari Section</b>	Ms Neha Sharma	Varsha, BA I, 23MUS002
<b>Sanskrit Section</b>	Mr Lovenish Sharma	Mohit, BA I, 23SKT005
<b>Hindi Section</b>	Ms Bimla Sharma	Pallavi Thakur, BA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
<b>Commerce Section</b>	Sh Naveen Nishchal Sood	Mr Abhinav, B Com I, 23BCM005
<b>Social Science Section</b>	Dr Pernita Kumari Gurdel	Ms Saloni, BA III, 2113402
<b>Faculty and Alumni Section</b>	Sh Atul Kumar	

### **SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS**

Education without sports is incomplete. Games instill a sense of healthy competition, self defence, quick decisiveness, leadership quality, self confidence, team spirit, resilience and keep us physically fit and mentally sound. Many sports activities were carried out throughout the session 2023-24:

- Our college hosted the **HP University Inter College Boxing championship (M)** wef 18<sup>th</sup> November to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023. 164 participants from 34 Colleges participated in this event which was inaugurated by **Dr Harish Kumar, Additional Director HP Higher Education. Sh Krishan Kumar, SDM Joginder Nagar, graced the closing ceremony as the chief guest.**
- It is a matter of great Pride that our **college Cross Country women team secured third position in HP University Inter College Cross Country Championship held at Govt. College Jwalaji. Siya, BA 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, was selected for inter university championship.**
- **The Kho-Kho team (W) won the 3rd position in HP University Inter College Championship held at Government College Lambathatch. Sakshi and Meenakshi were selected for Inter-University Kho-Kho Championship held at Lovely Professional University Jalandhar.**
- The women Judo team participated in the HPU Inter-College Judo championship held at Govt College Solan on 20th&21st November, 2023. **Three bronze medals** in different categories were won by **Monika of BA2<sup>nd</sup> year, Anchal of BA 1<sup>st</sup> year; and Geeta of BA1st year.**
- The athletic team participated in HPU Inter-College Annual Athletic Meet held at Govt College Dharamshala wef 13th to 15th December 2023. Our team earned **one silver and three bronze medals** in different events. **Aastha of BA 3<sup>rd</sup> year won silver medal in 10km race, Shiya Devi procured bronze medals in 5km and 10km race, and Kalpna of BA3rd year secured bronze medal in long jump.**
- **Anish** a student of BScI has won **Bronze Medal** in HP University Inter College Boxing[M] Championship held at our college in November,2023.
- Our sports persons also took part in the different HP University Inter College Sports Championships of Cross Country (M/W), Basketball (M/W), Cricket (M), Football (M), Volleyball (M/W), Kho-Kho (M/W), Kabaddi (M/W), and Athletics (M/W).

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

Participation in co-curricular activities plays an important role in the all-round development of personality. Our students have performed at various cultural events:

- Our students took part in HP University Inter-College Youth Festival Group II at Govt. College Rampur Bushehar in October 2023. They participated in Classical Instrumental Sitar, Group Song (Indian), Western Group Song, Folk Song (solo), and Western Song (solo).
- The students participated in HP University Inter-College Youth Festival Group III at Govt. College Nadaun in November 2023.
- The students of Music Department performed at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Inter College Boxing Championship, National Education Day, National Seminar on Inclusive Society and Basant Panchami celebrations.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

All the scholarships are processed online. The scholarship schemes awarded for the session 2022-23 are: SC/ST/OBC/IRDP Scholarship Schemes, Kalpana Chawla Scholarship, Minorities Scholarship Scheme and Dr Ambedkar Scholarship Scheme for economically weak Students. Female students were benefited more than the male students.

<b>Scholarships for the Session 2022-23</b>	
<b>Scheme</b>	<b>No of Students</b>
<b>General Category</b> ( <i>Kalpana Chawla Scholarship</i> )	<b>38</b>
<b>Mukhyamantri Vidyarthi Kalyan Yojna (IRDP)</b>	<b>07</b>
<b>SC Category</b> ( <i>SC Scholarship Schemes</i> )	<b>26</b>
<b>ST</b> ( <i>ST Scholarship Schemes</i> )	<b>06</b>

<b>OBC</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>EBC</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>85</b>

## **COLLEGE LIBRARY**

The library is considered the brain of an educational institution. There is a collection of 13282 books on different subjects. Local Area Network (LAN) has been installed for internet facility. Our library has the subscriptions to 11 newspapers and 20 magazines. Database (Soul 2.0) of books, Photostat and high-speed printout facilities are also available. The new reading room has seating the capacity of 250. These reading rooms are monitored by 08 CCTV Cameras. An amount of 6000 is spent annually on N-List e-journals and E-books which are sponsored by INFLIBNET, Ahmadabad.

## **IGNOU STUDY CENTRE**

The IGNOU Study Centre (**Learners Study Centre 1136**) offers Post-Graduate Programs in Hindi, English, Public Administration, History, Political Science, and PG Diplomas in Rural Development and Disaster Management. Bachelor Degree Programs in Arts, Commerce, Tourism Studies, and many Certificate Programs and Diploma courses can be pursued from this LSC. Total enrollment to different programs for the session 2023-24 is 1163.

## **CAREER COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE CELL**

Career Counseling and Guidance Cell conducts many sessions for the students to provide them various opportunities and guidance for higher studies and future job perspectives. Under the able leadership of **Mr. Naveen Nischal Sood** (Assistant Professor of Commerce), the following events were organized:

- ❖ A webinar on "**Strategies to Crack Competitive Examinations**" was conducted in association with the Institute for Advance Studies Pune on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2023. It was attended by 150 students in two consecutive sessions.
- ❖ One day comprehensive guidance program on various **career opportunities after graduation** was organized on 21st September 2023. Dr Dharamveer

Singh, Associate Professor of Chemistry, the key speaker of the program, delivered a very informative and inspiring speech to some 160 students.

- ❖ Mr Rajiv Kumar, Director of Nimbus Academy Chandigarh, interacted with students at a one day workshop on the **Preparation for Competitive Examinations** like Administrative Services, group 2 and group 3 services, central recruitment of various posts as armed forces and Air force services on .
- ❖ A **personality development program** was organized on 25th October 2023. Sh Nageshwar Paul, Superintendent Grade II, guided the students in a very effective way.
- ❖ One day **career orientation program**, in collaboration with SBI life, was organized by the placement cell on 4th November 2023. Mr Saurabh, Area Training Manager, and Mr Rakesh Dogra, Branch Sales Manager, interacted with the students.
- ❖ The Placement Cell, under the aegis of HCL technologies, organized a seminar for the students of mathematics on 29th November 2023. Mr Balvinder Singh, state local head of HCL technologies, was the key speaker of the program.
- ❖ Dr Arun Chandra, Director of Regional cum Facilitation Centre, Northern Regional Center of Medicinal Plant Board Himachal Pradesh, delivered a lecture on **“Medicinal Plants based Courses”** and showed a way towards self reliance to the students on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
- ❖ Dr NN Sharma, Pro Vice Chancellor Sri Sai University Palampur addressed the students on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. He spoke about **Communication Skills: Change & Challenges** in a very motivating way.
- ❖ 87 students of the college are attending **90 hours training from Tata Consultancy Services.**
- ❖ 20 students are getting **free coaching from Nimbus Academy** Chandigarh for IAS, HAS, Allied Services and for other state cadre services.
- ❖ It is a matter of immense pride that **23 students were placed in various private banks, 06 were selected in Excelo Hunt Infotech Pvt Ltd, other 06 were appointed for W-Techy and 01 student was placed in Nath Outsourcing Solutions Pvt Ltd.**

## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

The NSS unit of the college provides a platform to the students for community work and developing a sense of involvement in nation building. Following activities have been carried out by **Program Officers Dr Shrawan Singh and Ms Aarti Sharma** through out the session:

- ❖ **World Environment Day** was celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023 in which declamation and poster making competitions were organized to create awareness about the importance of environment protection and conservation.
- ❖ The NSS volunteers undertook a **Mega Tree Plantation Drive** on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at DPF Siyuri, in which about 120 saplings of BlackBerry, Pomegranate and Guava were planted.
- ❖ The volunteers took "**Panch Pran Pledge**" under *Meri Mati Mera Desh* campaign on 9th August, 2023.
- ❖ **NSS Foundation Day** was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the volunteers on 27th September, 2023. Declamation contest and cultural activities were organized to mark this day.
- ❖ Plastic waste was collected by the volunteers on 13th October 2023 under "**Swachhta Hi Seva Program**"
- ❖ "**Amrit kalash Yatra**" was carried out in college campus on 14th October 2023 to inculcate a sense of patriotism among college students.
- ❖ 80 volunteers participated in **Fit India Run** on 14th October 2023.
- ❖ 4 NSS volunteers participated in state level **NSS mega camp** at Government College Banjar wef 17th December to 23rd December 2023.
- ❖ NSS volunteers actively participated to make the **CSCA oath taking ceremony** a successful event on 10th November 2023.
- ❖ Two female volunteers participated in **Pre-RD Selection Camp** of Mandi District at Vallabh Govt College Mandi on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2023.
- ❖ NSS volunteers participated in **Road Safety Rally** on 8th February 2024.
- ❖ Following the annual tradition, **7 Days NSS Special Camp** was held wef 11th February to 17th February, 2024. 71 volunteers carried out a **cleanliness drive** all around campus and laboured to build an **NSS park**. Many eminent personalities from different departments were invited as resource persons. Sh

Maneesh Chaudhary, SDM Joginder Nagar; Prince Dhiman, Tehsildar Joginder Nagar; Sh Ashwani Kumar, ACF Joginder Nagar; Sh Pankaj Thakur SEBPO ; Sh Jindu Ram Deputy Manager PNB Joginder Nagar and Dr NN Sharma, Pro VC Sri Sai University visited the campus to interact with the volunteers.

### **NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)**

The NCC provides exposure to the cadets in a wide range of activities, with a distinct emphasis on social services, discipline and adventure training. The NCC is open to all regular college students on a voluntary basis. The students have no liability for active military service. The NCC aims at developing character, comradeship, discipline, a secular outlook, the spirit of adventure, and ideals of selfless service amongst young citizens. **Lt Dr Smriti Thakur** is the Associate NCC Officer (ANO) of our NCC unit who carries out the various activities with NCC Cadets throughout the year to motivate them for the welfare of society and self development. With 63 Senior Division Cadets (SD) and 37 Senior Wing Cadets (SW), the total enrolment of NCC for the present session is 100. The following activities were conducted and performed by the NCC Cadets in 2023-24:

- ❖ **CEE Certificate Exam** has been qualified by 30 cadets with 18 cadets securing A Grade. In addition to this 27 cadets have cleared **BEE Exam** with 18 cadets obtaining A Grade.
- ❖ **05 NCC Cadets** have **donated blood** voluntarily in the session 2023-24. 02 NCC Cadets donated blood to the needy at Vivekananda Hospital Palampur on 12 May, 2023 and on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. 03 NCC Cadets (02 SD; 01 SW) donated blood to the needy persons at Regional Hospital Palampur on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.
- ❖ An Awareness Movement "**Say No to Tobacco**" was launched through Poster-Making by 60 NCC Cadets on **Anti Tobacco Day on 31st May, 2023**.
- ❖ An Awareness Program "**Save Plants Save Earth**" was organized through Poster-Making by 54 NCC Cadets on **World Environment Day, 5th June 2023**.
- ❖ *YogKriya* and *Yogasans* were performed by 43 NCC Cadets, the then ANO Lt. Dr. Samjeet Singh Thakur, Dr. Dharamvir Singh, Associate Professor of

Chemistry and Sh Om Prakash Kapoor, Associate Professor of Economics, on **9th International Yoga Day with the theme of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2023.**

- ❖ 52 NCC Cadets and ANO took pledge **“Say Yes to Life, No to Drugs”**: a Govt of India initiative under the Narcotic Control Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, to save the youth against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, on **World Drug Day on 26th June, 2023** to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving a world free of drug abuse.
- ❖ 39 NCC Cadets and ANO participated in **Plantation Drive** on 9th July, 2023.
- ❖ **Kargil Vijay Diwas** was celebrated on **26th July, 2023**. Speeches on the Freedom Fighters and Martyrs of the Kargil War were delivered and a Poster Making session was conducted.
- ❖ **Independence Day Flag Hoisting** was performed in the campus by 26 NCC Cadets (16 SD; 10 SW) on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
- ❖ **Rank Ceremony** for awarding ranks to the final year NCC cadets was performed by the Principal Prof Suneeta Singh and ANO, Lt Dr Samjeet Singh on **26<sup>th</sup> August, 2023**.
- ❖ **Swachhta Pakhwada** was carried out by launching **Anti Pollution Drive** in Joginder Nagar under **Swachh Bharat Mission on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.
- ❖ 09 Cadets participated in a **Swachh Bharat Mission Marathone** of 1800m which was performed under the **Swachh Bharat Campaign on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**.
- ❖ 75 NCC Cadets celebrated the **NCC Day on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2023** in which they performed **Guard of Honour**, Group Dance, Solo Song, and Group Song. The Principal delivered a lecture on the History, Evolution and Establishment of NCC in India.
- ❖ **AIDS Awareness Programme** was held on **1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**, in which 51 NCC Cadets participated in the Poster Making session.
- ❖ **Republic Day Parade** was carried out by the local administration in the Ram Leela ground Joginder Nagar in which 42 NCC Cadets participated. A play was also performed by NCC cadets on **26th January, 2024**.
- ❖ **Sergeant Pooja Devi** was selected for **All India Girls Expedition Trekking Camp “HIM-TREK”** held at **Dharamshala**.

- ❖ **04 CADETS: Sergeant Aryan Katwal, Corporal Anchal Thakur, Corporal Kritika, Corporal Anshul Thakur** were selected for the “**Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat-II**” camp held at **Ropar, Punjab** where they represented **Shimla Group** and performed *Himachali Folk Dance*.
- ❖ **Senior Under Officer Arjun Katoch** was selected for **intergroup competition** and **Pre RDC-I** held at **Ropar, Punjab**.
- ❖ **15 SD Cadets**, representing Shimla NCC Group, were selected for “**Army Attachment Camp**” held at Mamun Cantt.

## **ROVERS AND RANGERS**

With the objective of enabling young people to attain their full physical, intellectual, and spiritual potential, the Rovers and Rangers Unit has undertaken the following activities under the able guidance of **Ms Manju Bala and Dr Vishal Kumar**:

- “**World Scarf Day**” was celebrated on 01st August 2023. This day was marked with tree plantation, poster making and slogan writing.
- **State level Nipun Testing Camp** was organised by the State Headquarters, Bharat Scouts and Guides Shimla for Rovers and Rangers in the month of September. 6 Rangers and 7 Rovers participated in this camp held at State Training Centre Rewalser.
- **Campus cleanliness and beautification drive** was launched on 14th October, 2023.
- Foundation day of the Bharat Scouts and Guides was celebrated on 7th November, 2023. On this occasion, **Flag Hoisting Ceremony** was performed by the Principal Prof Suneeta Singh and it was followed by a cultural program.
- 12 Rangers and 5 Rovers attended the Pre Republic Day preparation camp organised by the State Headquarters Shimla at the State Training Centre Rewalser. **Rover Raj Veer Thakur, BAI and Ranger Anu Devi, BAI have participated in State Level Republic Day Celebration Camp** at The Mall, Shimla.

- The unit played a significant role in the Blood Donation Camp organised by the joint efforts of Himalayan Blood donors, an NGO and Red Cross Society of the college.

### **PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STAFF MEMBERS:**

- **Principal Prof Suneeta Singh** has been selected for the membership of Executive Council, Sardar Patel University, Mandi. She attended an International Conference cum Conclave for College Principals and Senior Professors from Himachal organized by Chitkara University on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. She also took part in “Leadership Conclave for College Principals and Faculties” held at HIPA Shimla in November, 2023.
- **Sh Prakash Chand**, Associate Professor of Public Administration participated in FDP on Advanced Research Methodology jointly organized by Mahatma Gandhi Vidya Mandir Loknete Vankatrao Hiray College Nasik and Guru Angad Dev Malvia Mission Teacher Training Centre, Khalsa College, Delhi University wef 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023 to 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. He has attended FDPs on “Open Source Tools for Research” from Ramanujan College in November, 2023 and on “Research Methodology: Tools & Techniques” from SCVB Govt College Palampur in December, 2023. He has taken part in a Refresher Course on “Managing Online Classes & Co-creating MOOCS” conducted by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi in January, 2024. He presented the following papers titled “Role of Organization in Advancing Sustainable Development in Business” in the International Conference on Business, Sustainable Development & Indian Society organized by Govt College Dehri in November, 2023; “Navigating Water Resilience Strategies for Climate Responsive Management & Sustainable Futures” in International Conference on Resilient Futures Adapting to Climate Variabilities held at SCVB Govt College Palampur on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2023; “Media Tech Nexus: Navigating Biodiversity Challenges for Sustainable Development” in International Conference on Emerging Issues of Biodiversity and Environment for Sustainable Development conducted by Vallabh Govt College Mandi in February, 2024. He has chaired the

sessions and presented the following papers entitled “Freedom Struggle of India:A Psychological Approach” in national seminar on Unsung Heroes of Himachal Pradesh:Freedom Struggle&Patriotism during Independence organized by Deptt of Social Work,CUHP and sponsored by ICSSR New Delhi in November,2023and “Digital to Developed India” in national seminar on Viksit Bharat conducted jointly bySchool of Social Sciences& Deptt of Economics CUHP,Dharamshala on 22<sup>nd</sup> December,2023.He co authored a paper titled “Domestication and Conservation Practices of Dioscorea deltoidea Hedychium spicatum,Polygonatum verticillatum,Angelica glauca and Dactylorhiza hatagirea for Boosting Health,Sustainability&Rural Prosperity” published in World Journal of Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences 2023,Vol 9,Issue 11[85-96].

- **Dr Dharamvir Singh**,Associate Professor of Chemistry,attended Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on “Cultural and Value Education” from UGC HRDC HP University Shimla in August,2023 and FDP on “Open Source Tools for Teaching&Research” from Ramanujan College,University of Delhi in September,2023. He has presented the following papers- “Ethics in Scientific Research” in National Seminar on Ethics in Society:Issues & Challenges”organized by Govt College Bilaspur in September,2023; “Role of Artificial Intelligence in Medicinal Chemistry” in National Conference on Global Perspective on Science&Technology for Sustainable Future conducted by Govt College Hamirpur in September,2023; “Future Softwares in Chemical Educational Research:A Review” in International Conference on Recent Trends in Science&Technology for Environment Conservation and Sustainable Development held at Sidharth Govt Utkrisht College Nadaun and also chaired the session there in September,2023; “Environmental Radiations in the Dwelling and Their Health Effects:A Case Study in Shivalik Group of Himalayas” in International Conference on Tribal Identity in India:Issues,Challenges&Road Ahead organized jointly by GC Pangri and Himalayan Council for Scientific Research in October,2023;“Business Skills in Pharmaceutical&Chemical Industry and Impact on Sustainable Development”in International Conference on Business,Sustainable Development and Indian Society held at GC Dehri in

November,2023; “Unsung Heroes of District Mandi of Himachal Pradesh:An Analysis” in National Seminar on Unsung Heroes of HP:Freedom Struggle&Patriotism during Independence conducted by Deptt of Social Work CUHP and sponsored by ICSSR,New Delhi in November,2023.

- **Dr Deepak Mohan Sharma**, Associate Professor of Botany, attended an International Conference on "Science and Technology for Sustainable Future" organized by SPU Mandi and presented a paper titled “Toxicological Impact Analysis of Diclofenac through NATIVE PAGE" on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023. He chaired the Technical Session in the International Conference on "Recent Trends in Science and Technology for Environment Conservation and Sustainable Development” organised by Govt College Nadaun and also presented a paper on "Diclofenac toxicity in Mammalian systems: a Review.” He has presented a paper entitled “Decline in vulture Population as a Consequence of Diclofenac Toxicity” and also chaired the inaugural technical session at the International Conference on “Recent Trends and Innovations for a Greener Future”conducted by Govt College Hamirpur on 9<sup>th</sup>& 10<sup>th</sup> February,2024. His work related to Ph.D. has been accepted for publication by Lambert Academic Publishing House, Germany.He has also taken part in one week FDPs on "National Education Policy" organized by Ramanujan College, New Delhi, and on “Research Methodology” organized by G.C. Palampur. He has been selected in the **Editorial Board of EDWIN INC: an Elsevier Journal**.
- **Dr Smriti Thakur**, Assistant Professor of Botany,has published a paper: “Ethno botanical Survey of Plants used in Magico-religious practices in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh, India” in Ethnobotany Research & Applications Vol 25[1-18] 2023. She has attended one week Faculty Development Programme on “Academic Research Writing” wef 1<sup>st</sup> January to 7<sup>th</sup>January, 2024 from Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi. She presented a paper on “Exploring Plant Therapeutics for Supporting Women’s Reproductive Wellbeing and Vitality in Shiwalik Hills" in the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on

Science and Technology for Sustainable Future organized by SPU, Mandi on 25<sup>th</sup>& 26<sup>th</sup> November,2023and a paper titled “Indigenous Plants Used for Management of Rheumatism and Joint Pain Relief in the Lower Shivalik Belt of Himalaya”in the International Conference on “Emerging Issues of Biodiversity and Environment for Sustainable Deveopment organized by Vallabh Govt College,Mandi on 14<sup>th</sup>&15<sup>th</sup>February 2024 .Moreover, she hasattended 10 days NCC CATC CAMP at Pandoh wef 28<sup>th</sup>November to 7<sup>th</sup>December, 2023.

- **Dr Shrawan Singh**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, participated in a National Seminar at Government PG College Bilaspur and presented a paper on the topic “Ethics and Politics in India”on 16<sup>th</sup> September,2023. He has presented a paper on “Constitutional Provisions and Government Initiatives in India” in the International Conference on “Recent Trends in Science and Technology for Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development” held at Sidharth Govt College Nadaun in September,2023.He has attended a one week Faculty Development Programme on “Research Methodology: Tools and Techniques” organised by Government College Palampur in December,2023 and a UGC sponsored Refresher Course from Punjabi University Patiala in January,2024.
- **Sh Dinesh Kumar**, Assistant Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication, participated in international virtual short term program organized by Mindanao State University Sulu, Philippines in June 2023. He has attendeda 7 days national level FDP on “Advanced “Teaching, Learning and Research Pedagogy”conducted by IOT Academy Coimbatore, in July 2023; also took part in one day National level FDP on stress and time management organized by IOT Academy on 25<sup>th</sup>July 2023; participated in ICSSR sponsored two days national seminar on “Opportunities and Challenges of Goal of Developed India” organized by Arul Anandar College, Madurai on 3th and 4<sup>th</sup>August 2023; attended two days national level virtual FDP on Innovative Teaching and ICT tools for Teaching in Higher Education Institutions organized by IOT Academy on 25<sup>th</sup>and 26<sup>th</sup>August 2023; has taken part in 7 days national level FDP on Personality Development for Teachers organized by IOT Academy in October 2023; participated in national webinar on Academic Bank of Credits organized by KLB DAV College for Girls, Palampur on 17<sup>th</sup>October 2023;

participated in 7 days national level FDP on Innovative and Quality Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Institutions organized by IOT Academy in December 2023; and has attended a Refresher Course on E Content Development and Online Pedagogy” organized by UGC HRDC Patiala University in January 2024. He has completed the course of “Canva Graphic Designing-Basic to Advance” from Skill Tech in September, 2023.

- **Dr Vishal Kumar**, Assistant Professor of English, has presented a paper on “Role of Education in the Cultivation of Ethics” in a National Seminar on “Ethics in Society: Issues & Challenges” conducted by Govt College Bilaspur on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. He also participated in an International Conference at Sidharth Government College Nadaun and presented a paper on “Ecocritical Concerns in Indian English Literature: A Select Study” in September, 2023. He has also attended a Faculty Development Programme on “Research Methodology: Tools and Techniques” organized by Government College Palampur in December, 2023.
- **Sh Naveen Nischal Sood**, Assistant Professor of Commerce, has attended a Two weeks UGC sponsored refresher course on "Commerce and Management" from UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre Himachal Pradesh University Shimla wef from 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 to 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2023; participated in a Faculty Development Programme on "Research Methodology - Tools and Techniques" held at SCVB Govt. College Palampur wef 20<sup>th</sup> December to 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. He also **took part in a live debate on inflation as a subject expert in the Channel News 18. A certificate of appreciation was awarded to him by the Institute for Advanced Studies Pune** for management skills. He has presented a paper on “Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Data Analysis, Business Operation, Decision Making Process, Commerce & Industry” in International Conference on Business, Sustainable Development and Indian Society, held at Wazir Ram Singh Govt. College, Dehri.
- **Ms Aarti Sharma**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, has qualified the Departmental Exam held in April, 2023. She presented a paper on “Synthesis of Biodegradable Polymers and their Sustainability in Human Life” in the International Conference on Integrative Chemical Science for Health &

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Environment organized by Deshbandhu College, Delhi University held from 6<sup>th</sup> October to 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. She also presented a paper entitled “Anthropogenic Activities, Environmental Degradation & Sustainability” in the International Conference on Recent Trends in Science & Technology for Environment Conservation & Sustainable Development conducted by Sidharth Govt Utkrisht College Nadaun in September, 2023. She has presented a paper titled “Anthropogenic Effects : Climate Change” in International Conference on Resilient Futures: Adapting to Climate Variabilities in Agriculture, Economy and Environment at SCVB Govt College Palampur on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. She has co-authored a book entitled “Atomic Structure and Bonding” [Inorganic Chemistry], RD Publications, Jalandhar, in August, 2023.

- **Sh Surender Kumar**, Assistant Professor of English, attended the Faculty Orientation Programme wef 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 from Ramanujan College, University of Delhi.
- **Dr Pernita Kumari**, Assistant Professor of Education, has qualified the Departmental Exam held in April 2023. She has completed an online Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on “Advance Research Methodology” organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College New Delhi in June, 2023. She presented a paper titled “National Education Policy: Issues and Challenges in Teacher Education” in the International Conference on “Tribal Identity in India: Issues & Challenges and Road Ahead” organized by Govt. College Pangi; has attended a Short Term Course on NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Program held under Malviya Mission Teacher Training Program of UGC organized by Himachal Pradesh University Shimla in December, 2023. She has acted as **paper setter in HPU UG Exam 2023-24**; and has participated in the workshop on Curriculum Framework as per NEP 2020 organized by Department of Education, HP University Shimla.
- **Ms Mohini Devi**, Assistant Professor of Music [Instrumental], has attended the UGC sponsored Interdisciplinary Refresher Course conducted by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar wef 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024 to 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.
- **Ms Kaumudi Sharma**, is a **member of Board of Studies for framing curriculum as per NEP**. She has acted as paper setter for Agriculture University

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Palampur in October,2023 and has attended FDP on “Research Methodology: Tools&Techniques” organized by SCVB Govt College Palampur in December,2023.

- **Sh Atul Kumar**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, participated in National FDP on "Advanced Teaching, Learning and Research Pedagogy in HEIs" organized by IOT Academy under the aegis of Bharti Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University, Pune in July,2023;has attended online Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on “MOOCS 31.0”wef 7<sup>th</sup> October,2023to 21<sup>st</sup>October, 2023 from Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi; has taken part in “Leadership Conclave for College Principals and Faculty” in November, 2023 at Himachal Institute of Public Administration, Shimla; and has attended online FDP on “Research Methodology- Tools and Techniques” organized by SCVB Govt. College, Palampur in December,2023.
- **Dr Naveen Kumar**, Assistant Professor of Music [Vocal], attended Teachers Induction Training Programme held at GCTE Dharmshala in May,2023; has participated in onlineFaculty Orientation Programme conducted by Ramanujan College, University of Delhi wef 22<sup>nd</sup> July,2023 to 20<sup>th</sup> August,2023; and has taken part in “Leadership Conclave for College Principals and Faculties” held at HIPA, Shimla in November,2023.He was member of jury for Inter College Poetic Recitation and Folk Song Competition conducted by Govt College Palampur on 13<sup>th</sup> December,2023.
- **Ms Vidhu Bhardwaj**, Assistant Professor of English,attended two days’ workshop conducted by Transport Department on Road Safety at Fairlawns HIPA, Shimla on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
- **Ms Mamta Devi**, Assiatnt Professor of Geography, attended Induction Training Program at GCTE Dharamshala wef 31<sup>st</sup>July to 5<sup>th</sup>August 2023.
- **Ms Bimla Devi**, Assistant Professor of Hindi, **attended** Induction Training Program at GCTE Dharamshala wef 25<sup>th</sup>September to 30<sup>th</sup>August 2023.
- **Sh Nageshwar Paul**, Superintendent Grade II, NSS State Resource Person and motivational speaker, was invited by the Carrier Counseling and Guidance Cell of the college to brief the students on personality development.He has been

entrusted with the responsibility of education management for “Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas: an NGO for National Educational and Cultural Development.”

### **DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

- ❖ The Geography Department organized “Geography Awareness Week” wef 06<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023. During this week, various activities like tree plantation, speech competition, exhibition, poster making, quiz competition, awareness rally, GI tagging of trout fish, mahasheer fish, finger millet and a cultural program were organized. This department also celebrated Ozone Day on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and “World Soil Day” on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- ❖ The Department of Commerce conducted a webinar on “Financial Literacy Awareness” in collaboration with the Board of Industry Academia Partnership Mumbai on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. The deptt also organized another webinar on “Financial Awareness Program” under the aegis of “Ambition Learning Solution” in October, 2023.
- ❖ The Department of Hindi celebrated Hindi Diwas on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Declamation contest, poetry composition, poetry recitation and poster making were conducted to mark this day. The students also performed folk songs and folk dances.
- ❖ The students of science faculty celebrated Teachers Day on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- ❖ The Department of Sociology organized a National Seminar on “Social Inclusion: Living with Diversity” 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 to sensitize the college students about the human rights of transgenders. Prof Vinod Kumar, Head of the Sociology Department, Punjab University (PU) Chandigarh and Mx Dhananjay Chauhan, Research Scholar of Department of Human Rights, and the first transgender student of PU, Chandigarh were the keynote speakers on this occasion. It was unique in being the first ever seminar in the area on transgender issues.
- ❖ The Department of Education celebrated National Education Day on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in which various events like quiz competition, slogan writing, speech competition, solo songs, and pahari nati were organized.

- ❖ The Department of Political Science celebrated Constitution Day on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Dr Sharwan Singh as resource person briefed the volunteers and students on theoretical and practical aspects of Indian Constitution.
- ❖ The BBA department organized a Business Fair on 4<sup>th</sup> October,2023.Our young entrepreneurs setup 11 stalls of eateries,games and juice etc.The fete aimed to make the students learn about how they can earn maximum profit by managing their business well.
- ❖ Book Banks have been established by the departments of English,Economics,Political Science,Commerce and Chemistry.Books have been issued to more than 300 needy and meritorious students in the session 2023-24.

### **SKILL COURSES UNDER HIMACHAL PRADESH KAUSHAL VIKAS NIGAM (HPKVN)**

HPKVN is a State Government Corporation incorporated on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 to bolster the employability skills and livelihood potential of the state's young generation and equip them for continuous growth and entrepreneurial environment. The wage force thus produced will bridge the skill deficit and enhance the economic growth of Himachal Pradesh. This year **English Employability and Entrepreneurship (EEE)**, with the enrolment of 86 students, has been run by HPKVN for the third consecutive year.

During the last academic session 2022-23, Shivani Thakur (BSc III) was placed in Teleperformance, Chandigarh. Astha (BSc III) was selected in Fusion, Chandigarh and Anamika, (BSc III) got an opportunity to serve at V3 electronics, Joginder Nagar.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- **A Blood Donation Camp** was organized by the **Red Cross Society** of the college, in collaboration with **The Himalayan Blood Donors (NGO)** ON 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 in which **60 units of blood** was collected.
- **A drive to promote AIDS prevention** was led by the **Red Ribbon Club** on 1<sup>st</sup> December,2023.The event was chaired by Dr R L Kaundal,SMO,Civil Hospital

Jogindernagar. The members of the club took part in Rangoli, Declamation Contest, Poster making and Face Painting to spotlight the preventive measures.

- A **workshop on Road Safety** was held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in which the students were made aware of the Road Safety Rules. On 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024, an **awareness rally** was taken out by the members of Road Safety Club in the marketplace of Joginder Nagar. A **Nukkad Natak** was enacted at the local bus stand to sensitize the public on the need to follow Road Safety Rules. **The pamphlets with Golden Rules of Road Safety** were distributed among college students, bus & taxi drivers, shop keepers and the masses.

### **PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE :**

- As a **green initiative** to save power, the proposal for the installation of **On Grid Solar Power Plant with the capacity of 15KV** and at the estimated cost of Rs 7,08,750 has been sent to the Directorate of Higher Education.
- Negotiations with the Forest authorities are being conducted **to adopt a Forest** in near future, which will be maintained and taken care of by the students themselves.
- The College intends to establish a **Botanical Garden** in which Herbal and Medicinal Plants will be reared to make the students aware of their commercial aspects. The dialogue between the college administration and Dr Arun Chandra, Regional Director, National Board of Medicinal Plants, Govt of India has already taken place in this regard.
- The institution is all set for the status of a **Model College**. The proposal has been sent to the Directorate of Higher Education under the PM USHA scheme.
- The college intends to install an **Outdoor Gymnasium** for the physical wellbeing of the students.
- A **Memorandum of Understanding [MOU]** will be signed with Sri Sai University and Chanakya Academy, Chandigarh for Student Exchange Programs and Lab visits etc.
- With the objective of augmenting sports infrastructure, a **synthetic basketball court** will be constructed at the cost of Rs 31,79,416 and this amount has been deposited with the HPPWD.

- With the purpose to flourish the hidden potential of students;to channelize their energies towards positive pursuits and to provide platforms for students to exhibit their artistic talents&skills in order to boost their confidence and thus develop their personalities,the following clubs have been constituted recently-

**1. The Drug De-addiction Club-** With the membership of 80 students,the club intends to offer a safe and supportive environment where afflicted students will be guided to join rehabilitation centres and support groups and will be helped overcome addiction and build a brighter future.

**2. Cultural Club-** This club will help students keep in touch with the rich traditions,customs and cultural values of the state.It will also promote opportunities for everyone to experience culture,participate in diverse programs and develop their creative abilities.93 students have been enrolled in it so far.

**3. Arts&Crafts Club-** With the enrolment of 56 students,this club is for promoting fine arts,painting,poster making,craft from waste material or any other creative activity.

**4. Indoor/Outdoor Sports Club-** The main goal of this club is to maintain physical and mental well-being of the students.75 students have joined this club.

**5. Drama Club-** With 50 students enrolled,the Drama Club intends to inculcate a love for theatre and offer students a chance to express their creativity,build confidence and develop their acting skills.

**6. Book&Debate Club-** With the membership of 106 students,this club is constituted to improve oratory skills of students and develop the passion for debating in order to create an active debating culture in the institution.

**7. Foreign Language Club-** The club will provide students exposure to different cultures,customs,languages,foods and traditions of the world.It will enhance communication and collaboration,foster creativity and innovation.It has a membership of 75 students.

**8. Photography Club-** With 65 members, the main objective of this club is to create an atmosphere for the students to discover, develop, deploy and express their creativity in photo & video, capturing & editing skills.

**9. Yoga & Fitness Club-** To help the students have better body, fitness, flexibility, stamina, better memory, sharp mind, increased working efficiency and health, the college has a Yoga & Fitness Club with 40 students and 12 teachers as its members.

Before I conclude, it is submitted that our college has an enrolment of 2258 students with 33 Assistant/Associate Professors. In view of this, there is an urgent need for the creation of additional posts or the transfer of posts from the surplus pool so that the student-teacher ratio is adequate for effective teaching. **I wish to draw your kind attention towards the following points:**

- *All the three posts of Physics and two posts of Maths are lying vacant at present that need to be filled immediately in the students interest. In view of the popularity and heavy strength of students in the subjects of Political Science, English, and Hindi, there is an urgent need for the creation of new posts.*
- *In the ministerial staff, the college has 5 posts. The college also runs BBA, BCA and IGNOU courses. Two additional ministerial/clerical posts must be created to meet the high enrolment strength.*
- *There are only 6 posts of class IV which are insufficient to meet the requirements of this institution. At least 6 additional posts of class IV are urgently required.*
- *Keeping in view the popularity of subjects like Hindi, Political Science, History and Commerce, PG Courses in these subjects should be offered.*
- *The students have to reach the college from far flung areas with limited public transport. Students, especially the girl students, from families with limited resources have to rent private rooms. So there is an urgent need for hostels.*

- *The road leading to the main gate of the college is too narrow for the huge strength of students, staff and IGNOU students. Along with this, the parking lot needs to be expanded.*
- *The college needs an additional 40 Bighas of land for the construction of a new academic block, a playground, student parking and hostels.*
- *The problem of thoroughfares passing through the college campus needs to be addressed.*
- *This is for the kind consideration of our worthy chief guest that keeping in view the heavy strength of students, we need to setup additional toilets to cater to students demands. Secondly, the NAAC PEER TEAM had recommended putting up the statues of Ma Saraswati, an epitome of wit & wisdom, and of former Hon`ble Prime Minister of India Late Sh Rajiv Gandhi ji in the campus, as the college itself is titled after his name. PWD has provided an estimate of approximately 2 lacs for raising the pedestals for statues. So your goodself is requested to make some provision for the same.*

Sufficient human resources and infrastructure will definitely benefit the students and people of the region. The NAAC Peer Team also emphasized the need for new PG programs in Science, Arts and Commerce along with the creation of additional posts in teaching and non teaching staff. As per the **National Education Policy 2020** and the **NAAC Peer Team recommendation**, it is imperative to develop physical infrastructure, filling of the vacant posts of teaching and non teaching staff, and introduce add-on courses.

In the end, I express my sincere thanks to our Chief Guest **Sh Jiwan Thakur ji** who has been kind enough to grace the occasion and to be with us here today. I am equally thankful to all other distinguished guests, citizens, parents and guardians. I also extend my thanks to Office Bearers and members of the PTA and student organizations for maintaining an ideal academic environment in the campus.

We are grateful to the SDM Jogsinder Nagar, Presidents of the PTA and OSA, Principals of the Senior Secondary Schools of the area, Chairperson, Municipal Committee Joginder Nagar, BDO of Drang and Chauntra Block,

PWD, Revenue, Health, Police, Forest, IPH, Postal, Electricity and Telecommunication Departments and Office Bearers of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Local Bodies, Members of Press and Media and the people of Joginder Nagar for their cooperation from time and again.

I congratulate all the prize winners and do hope that they will inspire those who just missed the mark on the journey to success to get back on track. I wish all the best to our students for their forthcoming examination and future endeavors.

**Ms. Suneeta Singh, Principal**

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