

I. INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Leadership, it is said, is about making others better with your presence and ensuring that the impact lasts in your absence. Under the able guidance of our Principal, Dr Balraj Thapar, the College achieved the 12th rank in BCA, 23rd rank in Commerce, 23rd rank in Science, 18th rank in BBA, and 41st rank in Arts at All-India level survey conducted by 'India Today' in collaboration with MDRA survey in 2020. The College remained the first choice of students in the City for all the courses. Our College is passing on the legacy of brilliance as we move from one year into another. Our college has, over the years maintained the tradition of exceeding its performance. With each passing year, despite many new colleges being included in the survey, our college has continued to maintain its outstanding position.



AUTOMATION THROUGH TCSION

- Digital campus: It is commonly known as Campus Management Systems (CMS). It organises students' information from admissions to the declaration of results. It includes student enrolment, hostel occupancy, fee payment, batch allocation, attendance, application for leave, and viewing results (MST and Final exam results). The students are given login IDs to view their profiles. Faculty Management (HRMS) is also part of the system to mark students' attendance, apply for their leave and entering marks.
- Digital learning: Learning Exchange module (LX) system helps teachers and students to upload and share various contents. This facility proved very useful for students and faculty during the lockdown period. There are two other modules called Finance and Accounting, and Procurement and Inventory which help to reduce the load of administrative staff.
- Google Classroom: All classes were held through online mode by using Google Classroom/ Meet as per the time table during the lockdown period. Teachers were given training for using the Google Meet platform for teaching in online mode. Later on, exams were also conducted through this mode.
- ICT: ICT took various initiatives for faculty and students. All the faculty were encouraged to get registered on the various portals like National Digital Library Swayam Prabha and Swayam portal. ICT academy in association with Tech Mahindra (business process services) organised a virtual placement drive.

LIBRARY

Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College Library is a state-of-the-art academic library in the region. At present, the physical collection of the library includes 70,749 books, 3,520 CD/DVDs, 92 journals and magazines, and 23 newspapers. A college component of the e-Shodh Sindhu consortium has access to 6,000+ journals, 1,64,300+ e-books under N-LIST, and 6,00,000 e-books through NDL (National Digital Library of India).

New resources are added to the collection every year to ensure staff and students have access to the latest quality resources for teaching, research, and study. College Library provides an anti-plagiarism software called URKUND. Information Services like OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue), Reprographic Service, ILL (Inter-Library Loan), Internet Surfing, Current Content Alert, SMS Alert Services, Previous Year Question Papers Alert, Employment News, and New Arrival Books are provided to the users of the library. The library staff conducts user orientation programmes to familiarise the users with library collection and resources.

IQAC

IQAC interaction with faculty on Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF): In-depth deliberations and discussions on RAF (Revised Accreditation Framework) and National Education Policy- 2020 was held by the IQAC of the institute on 16 September 2020; 183 faculty members interacted through the online platform. IQAC Co-ordinator Dr Jasveen Dua gave a presentation on the Revised Accreditation Framework of NAAC and the strategic plan to be applied.

Orientation session on SOPs regarding DVV held by IQAC: An orientation session on revised guidelines and SOPs regarding Data Validation and Verification was held by IQAC on 12 January 2021. Dr Navneet Batra discussed the research achievements of the faculty of various departments. About 141 faculty members benefitted from the session.

II. FACULTY NEWS

Research Project Awarded

- **Dr Samriti Dhawan**, Department of Biotechnology, has been awarded a research project titled "Physio-Chemical Characterization of Effluents and Toxicity - Study of Lead as a Pollutant in Samples Collected from Different Industries in and around Chandigarh" by DST, Chandigarh. A grant of Rs. 1,25,000 was sanctioned.

PhD Completed

- **Dr Jyoti Jindal**, Department of Commerce and Management, completed her PhD from PTU, Kapurthala. She received her provisional degree certificate on 6 January 2021.

Books/Papers Published in Journals/Chapters in Books

Department of Commerce and Management

- **Dr Jyoti Jindal** has published a book, Issues in Indian Commerce, ISBN 978- 93-5181-321-7, Sharma Publications, 2020.
- **Ms Sheetal Sharma** published a paper titled "Employee Perception Towards Training objectives: A study of the Public, Private and Foreign Sector Commercial Banks" in Vol. 44, Issue 01(D), of Sambodhi Journal [ISSN:2249-6661].

Department of Physics

- **Dr Sanjeev Kumar** published two research papers: "Photocatalytic Performances of Stand-alone

Graphene Oxide (GO) and Reduced Graphene Oxide (rGO) Nanostructures in Optical and Quantum Electronics", and "Thickness measurement of low-Z films fabricated on thick substrate using EDXRF technique in Vacuum".

- **Dr Amit Goyal** published a research paper titled, "Generation and Controlling of Ultrashort Self-similar Solitons and Rogue Waves in Inhomogeneous Optical Waveguide" in Optik - International Journal for Light and Electron Optics.

Department of Biotechnology

- **Dr Samriti Dhawan** published two research papers "Purification of a Thermostable α -Mannanase from *Paenibacillus thiaminolyticus* - Characterization and its Potential Use as a Detergent Additive" in Journal of Pure and Applied Microbiology.
- **Dr Ashima Pathak** published two papers: "COVID-19 and Lifestyle Challenges: A Rapid Review" in Research Journal of Pharmaceutical, Biological and Chemical Sciences (2021); and, "Effectiveness of Zinc Supplementation on Lithium Induced Alterations in Thyroid Functions" in Biological Trace Element Research (2020).
- **Dr Avneet Kaur** published a paper titled "Evaluation of Edible Flowers from Northern India as a Rich Source of Phytochemicals with Antioxidant and Phenolic Properties" in collaboration with Kajal Rana, Vandana Thakral, Poonam Dimri, Radhika Suri and Nidhi Mittal, in International Research Journal of Pharmacy, 5(11), 2020.

Department of Information Technology

- **Dr Rina** has published a research paper, "An Analysis of Occupational Structure: A Case Study of Panchkula District" in the UGC CARE-list journal Shodh Sanchar Bulletin Volume 10, Issue 39, ISSN 2229 - 3620, July to September 2020.
- **Dr Pooja Mohan** published two papers: "An Ontological Model, Design, and Implementation of CSPF for Healthcare" in Ontology? Based Information Retrieval for Healthcare Systems, 117-142 (2020); and, "Review of ICT Usage in Disaster Management" in the International Journal of Information technology, 12, 955-962 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41870-020-00468-y>
- **Dr Himani Mittal** published a paper titled "Review of ICT Usage in Disaster Management", in the International Journal of Information Technology, 12, 955-963, (2020) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41870-020-00468-y> (Web of Science).

Department of Psychology

- **Dr Tarundeep Kaur** published two research papers: "Stress at Workplace" published in Journal of Emerging Technologies and Emerging Research, Vol.7, Issue5, May 2020 (Journal No: 63975, ISSN No. 2349-5162); and, "Psychology of Successful Aging" published in Journal of Emerging Technologies and Emerging Research, Vol.7, Issue10, October 20 (Journal No: 63975, ISSN No. 2349-5162).
- **Dr Nidhi Chadha** published three Research Papers: "The Peter Pan Syndrome: Outcome of Helicopter Parenting" published in the International Journal of Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Vol. 24 (06), 9723-9728 [ISSN No. 1475-7192 (SCOPUS, UGC Care List-Group II)]; "Moksha in

Hinduism: Realizing Meaning and Purpose of Life" published in the International Journal of Future Generation Communication and Networking, Vol. 13, (3), 163-166 [ISSN No. 2233-7857 (WEB OF SCIENCE, UGC Care List-II)]; and, "Positive Media fostering Children and Adolescents Well Being" published in the International Journal of Advanced Science and Technology Vol. 29, 7s, 5687-5691 [ISSN No. 2005-4238. (SCOPUS, UGC Care List-Group II)].

- **Dr Minakshi Rana** published a paper titled "Impact of Covid-19 on Mental Health" in Edu Care, a Multidisciplinary International peer-reviewed/refereed journal, Vol IX number-2, Jan - Dec. 2020 [ISSN 2319-5282, APH publishing corporation].

Library

- **Gurpreet Singh** published a chapter titled, "A Review of Scientometric Studies on Economics" in the book Digital Convergence and Innovation in Library Services published by Chandigarh Librarians' Association [ISBN No. 978-81-94936-69-5].

Department of Biochemistry

- **Dr Akhlesh P Singh** published three books: Brief in Biochemistry (Second edition), Brief in Molecular Biology and, Brief in Nutrition and Metabolism, all published by Mohindra Publishing House, Chandigarh. He also published the following chapters: "Genomic Techniques Used to Investigate the Human Gut" in Human Microbiome published by Intech Open, U.K.; and, "Design Functional Foods to Promote the Growth of Beneficial Microflora in Human" in Innovative Research Methods in Food Processing under the series "Innovations in Agricultural and Biological Engineering", published by CRC Press, Taylor and Francis. U.K.

Department of Zoology

- **Dr Indu Mehta** published a paper titled, "Enhanced Orange Juice Production by Enzymatic Treatment", Annals of Agri-Bio Research, 25(1), 135-138.

Department of Botany

- **Dr Supriya Vaid, Dr Anu Sharma and Dr Anita Sharma** published a research paper titled "Phytotoxicity of Citronellol, Eugenol and Linalool against *Bidens pilosa* L. - A Comparative Study" in Wesleyan Journal of Research, Vol. 13 (37), ISSN 0975-1386, October 2020.

Department of Chemistry

- **Dr Shweta Wadhwan and Dr Ayushi Jain** published a research paper titled, "Hematite Dysprosium Oxide Nanocomposites Biosynthesized via Greener Route for Ciprofloxacin Removal and Antimicrobial Activity" in a reputed Journal (Accepted).
- **Akshpreet Singh** published two research papers: "Propargyl-Functionalized Single Arm Allied Anthracene Based Schiffbases: Crystal Structure, Solvatochromism and Selective Recognition of Fe³⁺ Ion" (accepted) and "Schiff Base Derived Bis-organosilanes: Immobilization on Silica Nanosphere and Cu²⁺ and Fe³⁺ Dual Ion Sensing" (accepted).

Papers/Posters Presented in Conferences/Seminars/Workshops

Department of Commerce and Management

- **Ms Sheetal Sharma** presented a paper: "Work-Life Effectiveness: Policies, Practices and Trends in Public and Private Sector Commercial Banks - A Comparative Study" at The International Conference Organized by the University Institute of Applied Management Sciences, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 23 January 2020.

Department of Economics

- **Dr Niharika Sharma** presented a paper titled "COVID-19 and its Impact on the MSMEs in India", at the International Conference held at MDI, Murshidabad from 25 to 26 September 2020.

Department of English

- **Gaganpreet Walia** presented a paper titled "Studying Cyberspace as a Component of Culture with Reference to Dan Brown" in the International Conference on Feminism, Culture, Language & Technology Impact - 2021, organized by IMRF Institute of Higher Education and Research, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh from 29 January 2021 to 30 January 2021.

Department of Physics

- **Dr Sanjeev Kumar** attended and presented three papers in the National Conference in Applied Sciences and Mathematics (NCASM-2020) at Chitkara University Punjab on 25 September 2020.
- **Dr Amit Goyal** presented a paper titled "Modulational Stability Analysis of Constant Amplitude Waves in PT-Symmetric Non-linear Optical Waveguide" in the International Conference on Applied Nonlinear Analysis & Soft Computing organized by the Department of Mathematics, Guwahati University held online on 22-23 December 2020.
- **Dr Shikha Gupta** presented a paper via online mode at the National Conference on Applied Sciences and Mathematics (NCASM-2020) at Chitkara University Punjab on 24- 25 September 2020.
- **Dr Kriti Sharma** presented a paper via online mode at the 5th National e-Conference on Advanced Materials and Radiation Physics (AMRP-2020) from November 9, 2020, to November 11, 2020, organized by the Department of Physics, SLIET, Longowal.
- **Dr Samandeep Sharma** presented a paper at the India International Science Festival, organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, and, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India from 22 to 25 December 2020.

Department of Chemistry

- **Dr Shweta Wadhawan** presented an e-poster at the 14th Chandigarh Science Congress (CHASCON-2020) jointly organized by Panjab University, Chandigarh, and Chandigarh Region Innovation and Knowledge Cluster during 17-19 December 2020.
- **Dr Mehak Rohilla** presented an e-poster on "Spectral Analysis for the Structural Studies of Elymoclavine and Lysergol Derivatives" in CHASCON 2020, 17-19 December 2020.

Department of Biotechnology

- **Dr Avneet Kaur** won the first prize in poster presentation in the two-day National Symposium on "Biotechnology: Trends and Innovation", under the aegis of DBT Star College Scheme organized by the Department of Biotechnology, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College held on 7 February 2020.

Department of Biochemistry

- **Dr Akhlash P. Singh** presented a paper, "Ensure Food Security and Nutrition by Adopting Biobased Economy" in the National Seminar on "Food security in India: Issues and Challenges", organized by the University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, on 22 June 2020.

Department of Botany

- **Dr Shivani Saini and Dr Supriya Vaid** presented a poster titled "Biotechnological Interventions for the Improvement of Salinity Stress in Rice" during a National Symposium on "Biotechnology: Trends and Innovations", organized by the Department of Biotechnology, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Sector 32-C, Chandigarh from 7 February to 8 February 2020.

Department of Zoology

- **Dr Indu Mehta** was awarded the Best Poster presentation for presenting an online poster in the National Webinar on "Environmental Perspective of COVID-19" conducted by Sanatan Dharma College, Ambala Cantt., on 5 June 2020.
- **Dr Parul Dhar** presented an online poster in the National Webinar on "Environmental Perspective of COVID-19" conducted by Sanatan Dharma College, Ambala Cantt., on 5 June 2020.

Library

- **Gurpreet Singh** presented a paper titled "Public Library Services in the Spirit of Five Laws of Dr S.R. Ranganathan in the Technological Era" at the Punjab Library Association International Webinar on 15-16 December 2020.

Notable Achievements, Nominations and Awards

- **Dr Tarundeep Kaur, Department of Psychology**, has been selected as a member of the Undergraduate Board of Studies, Panjab University. She is on the Panel of Oxford University Press, India, and involved in conducting training programs, and workshops for parents, teachers and students. She is also on the Panel of "Committee for Prevention of Sexual harassment of Women at the Work Place" as a Psychological Advisor for NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development). She is also the Life Member of the National Association of Psychological Science (NAPS) and has been selected by the Indian Academy of Health Psychology (IAHP) as a part of the IAHP Task Force to provide free psychological aid and counselling to the public in assistance to COVID-19 from the Northern Zone. She has also reviewed a research paper titled, "Playing and Its Importance in the Child Psychoanalytic Therapeutic Process" (reviewed with certificate number 57782) for the International Neuropsychiatric Disease Journal (INDJ), London, U.K.
- **Dr Indu Mehta, Department of Zoology**, has been appointed as member of the Faculty of "Dairying, Animal Husbandry and Agriculture" till 31 January 2021; Elected as a member of the

Undergraduate Board of Studies in "Zoology" till 31 March 2021; she has become the Member of Editorial Board for Lab Manual of Zoology of B.Sc. I, II and III.

- **Dr Samriti Dhawan, Department of Biotechnology**, reviewed research papers for international journals, Preparative Biochemistry, and Biotechnology Current Research in Microbial Sciences.
- **Dr Himani Mittal, Department of Information Technology**, served as a reviewer in Prestigious International Journal of Applied Artificial Intelligence, Taylor and Francis. She reviewed 2 research papers at AIRCC Conference in Zurich, Switzerland Sep 2020. She has been selected as a member of the Post Graduate board of studies and Under Graduate Board of Studies till 31st March 2021.
- **Dr Virender Singh, Department of Information Technology**, has been selected as a member of the Post Graduate board of studies till 31st March 2021.
- **Dr Pooja Mohan, Department of Information Technology**, has been selected as members of the UG board of studies till 31st March 2021.
- **Dr Sanjeev Kumar, Department of Physics**, reviewed the following papers: "X-ray Film Reject Analysis in Radiology Departments of Port Sudan Hospitals submitted to the International Journal of Radiology and Imaging Technology, and "Influence of Bi-Alkali Metals Doping over Al₁₂N₁₂ Nanocage on Stability and Optoelectronic Properties: A DFT Investigation" (Manuscript Number: RPC-D-20-00097) submitted to the Journal of Radiation Physics and Chemistry.

Lectures Delivered/ FDP/ Workshops Organized

- **Dr Monika Khindri, Department of Commerce**, delivered an online lecture on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, at M.R.P.D. College, Talwara, Mukerian on 2 October 2020.
- **Dr Indu Mehta, Department of Zoology**, organized a National Webinar on the topic "Laboratory Safety Measures and SOPs during COVID-19" on 20 July 2020. She also organized an International Webinar on the theme "Virus-Host Interactions, Therapeutics and More" on 19 January 2021.
- **Dr Shailja Agnihotri, Department of Information Technology**, conducted and coordinated an online Lecture Series "Gamification, Machine Learning, IoT & Security", at Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College College, Chandigarh, from May 25, 2020, to 26 May 2020.
- **Dr Sanjeev Kumar, Department of Physics**, delivered an invited talk at the National Conference in Applied Sciences and Mathematics (NCASM-2020) at Chitkara University Punjab on 25 September 2020 on the topic "Basics and Applications of X-ray Spectrometry".
- **Dr Vikram Sagar, Department of Physics**, delivered an invited talk at the 4th Asia-Pacific Conference on Plasma Physics (AAPPS-DPP2020) conducted from 26 to 31 October 2020 as a remote e-conference.
- **Dr Akhlesh P Singh, Department of Biochemistry**, organized a National Webinar on the topic "SARS Covid2: Origin, Pathogenesis, and Management Strategies" on 21 June 2020. Dr Binod Kumar from the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Loyola University Chicago, was invited as the resource person.
- **Mr Gagandeep Singh, Department of Geography**, organized a webinar on the topic "Green

Revolution and Agrarian Crisis in Punjab".

- **Ms Seema Kumari, Department of Political Science**, gave a speech on the topic "Contribution of Sardar Vallabh Patel to the Unity and Integrity of India" during the Unity Day celebration activity by the NSS unit on 31 October 2020. She was also the key speaker in a webinar organized by the NSS unit on Constitution Day i.e., 26 November 2020.

Workshops/FDP/ Courses Attended

Department of Psychology:

- **Dr Tarundeep Kaur** attended a National level Faculty Development Program on "Managing Virtual Classrooms and Open Educational Resources" organized by the Centre for Academic Leadership and Education Management (CALEM), under the Aegis of PMMMNMTT, MHRD, Govt. of India, in collaboration with SWAYAM Cell, Institute of Educational Technology, and Vocational Education, University Business School, Panjab University, Chandigarh from 24 to 29 June 2020. She also attended a Faculty Development Program on "Perspectives in Mental Health and Psychotherapy Post Covid-19" organized by Amity Institute of Psychology and Allied Sciences, Amity University, Kolkata from 13 to 17 July 2020.

In addition, she also attended a Seven Days Online Faculty Development Course on "Spirituality: The root of Mental Health and Cognitive fitness from 5 December 2020 to 11 December 2020 conducted by the Department of Psychology, Panjab University, in collaboration with UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Panjab University, Chandigarh under RUSA 2.0 grant.

She also participated in a Winter course from 20 January 2021 to 2 February 2021 on "Yoga, Meditation & Stress management" organized by UGC HRDC Centre, Guwahati University.

- **Dr Minakshi Rana** attended two online National Workshops conducted by Mangalore University Commerce Teachers' Associations: "Confidence and Technology Enabled Teacher-Part I" on 21 July 2020, and "Confidence and Technology Enabled Teacher- Part II" on 27th July 2020. She also attended an online Workshop on "Creative Problem Solving" by Louise Publications, Mangaluru on 18 July 2020.

She attended three FDPs: "Perception in Mental Health and Psychotherapy Post Covid-19" organized by Amity University, Kolkata from 13 -17 July 2020; "Gender Concerns in Education" (Online Mode) conducted by Dibrugarh University, Assam from 26 May-1 June 2020; and, "Effective Educator for Professional and Institutional Excellence" conducted by Government College Kavour, Mangaluru from 8 -13 June 2020.

Department of Chemistry

- **Dr Jasamrit Nayyar** participated in an online Short-Term course on "Renewable energy" held from 18 June 2020 to 20 June 2020, organized by UGC-HRDC, Osmania University.
- **Dr Shweta Wadhawan** attended a one-week National Faculty Development Program on "Developing Multimedia enriched Powerful Presentations" from 11-16 August 2020 organized by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi, under the

Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMNTT) of MHRD. She also attended an online workshop on "Behavioural Changes Amid COVID-19: Issues & Redressal" organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of D.A.V. College, Jalandhar on 1 June 2020.

- **Dr Jyoti Kataria** attended three FDPs: "eSim- A Free and Open-Source EDA Tool" conducted by the Department of EEE in association with Spoken Tutorial IIT Bombay, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMNTT), MHRD, Govt. of India from 15 June to 19 June 2020; a one week National Faculty Development Program on "Developing Multimedia Enriched Powerful Presentations" from 11-16 August 2020, organized by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, SGTB Khalsa College, the University of Delhi under the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMNTT) of MHRD; and, a National one-week online faculty development program (FDP) on "Effective Teaching and Learning" from 14 to 19 September 2020. She also attended an online short-term course on "Material Characterisation Techniques" from 24 August 2020 to 28 August 2020, and a Refresher Course in "Environment Studies" from 24 December 2020 to 6 January 2021.
- **Dr Neha Dhiman** participated in the following workshops: an online "Research Methodology Workshop" conducted by SHoDH Haryana in collaboration with the School of Business and Management Studies, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh and Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi as knowledge partner from 3 to 9 July 2020; "Virtual Workshop on Nanotechnology and Pharmaceuticals" organized by the Department of Biotechnology, Karpaga Vinayaga College of Engineering and Technology, Chengalpattu from 3 to 6 August 2020; and, "Refreshing Concepts of Classical Statistical Thermodynamics- A Numerical Approach" organized by the Department of Chemistry, Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai from 13 to 14 August 2020. She also participated in the TEQIP-III Sponsored One Week Online Short-Term Course on "Effective Tools and Techniques in Qualitative Research" organized by the Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, Dr B R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar from 10 to 14 August 2020.
- **Dr Akshpreet Singh** participated in a six-day online workshop on "Research Ethics and Quantitative Techniques for Research and Publications" organized by College Library, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College, Chandigarh from 25 to 30 April 2020.

Department of Commerce and Management

- **Dr Nidhi Choudhary** attended two 7-day FDPs: on "Freedom of speech and Expression: Some Socio-Political and Legal Dimensions" organized by HRDC, PU Chandigarh from 11 to 17 March 2020, and on "Self-Reliant India: Policy and Challenges" organized by HRDC, PU Chandigarh from 24 to 30 November 2020.
- **Dr Jyoti Jindal** attended two 7-days FDPs: on "The Root of Mental Health and Cognitive Fitness" from 5 to 11 December 2020 conducted by Panjab University in collaboration with UGC- HRDC, Panjab University; and, "Freedom of Speech and Expression: Some Socio-Political and Legal Dimensions" organized by UGC-HRDC, Panjab University, Chandigarh from 11 to 17 March 2020.
- **Ms Sheetal Sharma** attended two 7-days FDPs: on "The Root of Mental Health and Cognitive Fitness" from 5 to 11 December 2020 conducted by Panjab University in collaboration with UGC- HRDC, Panjab University; and, "Freedom of Speech and Expression: Some Socio-Political and

Legal Dimensions" organized by UGC-HRDC, Panjab University, Chandigarh from 11 to 17 March 2020. She also attended an online workshop organized By ICT Academy Titled "Leadership Skills" from 20 to 24 October 2020.

- **Dr Shallu Sharma** attended the following FDPs: one week National Online Faculty Development Program on "Research Methodology: Tools and Techniques" from 5 to 11 June 2020 organized by ARSD College, in collaboration with Ramanujan College, University of Delhi; and, a 14-day National Online Faculty Development Program on "Data Analysis for Research in Social Sciences" from 17 to 30 June 2020 organized by Ramanujan College, University of Delhi. She attended the two National Workshops: "Technology and Instructional Reforms with reference to Online Teaching, Learning & Evaluation" from 15 to 20 July 2020 organized by the Centre for Academic Leadership & Education Management (CALEM), Department of Education, Punjab University, Chandigarh; and, "Evaluation & Assessment in Teaching- Learning Process" on 23 and 24 January 2021 organized by the University Institute of Teachers Training and Research, Chandigarh University. In addition, she attended a Refresher Course on "India Studies: Thinking Through India: Intellectual Traditions in India Contemporary Challenges" organized by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Panjab University, Chandigarh from 9 to 22 February 2021.
- **Dr Monika Khindri** attended the following FDPs: "Self-Reliant India: Policies & Challenges", organized by the Department of Economics, Panjab University, Chandigarh in collaboration with UGC-HRDC, Panjab University, Chandigarh from 24 to 30 November 2020; "Spirituality: The Root of Mental Health and Cognitive fitness" organized by the Department of Psychology, Panjab University in collaboration with UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Panjab University, Chandigarh under RUSA2.0 grant from 5 to 11 December 2020; "Research Methodology: Tools and Techniques" under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Training Scheme of MHRD, Govt. Of India Organized by Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, New Delhi in Collaboration with Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from 5 to 11 June, 2020; "Data Analysis for Research in Social Sciences" under Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Training (MMMNMTT) organized by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, New Delhi from 17 to 30 June, 2020; "FDP on Stress Management & ICT Tools for Effective Teaching Learning" organized by Wellness Gurukul Academy, New Delhi from 29 June to 5 July 2020; "Technology and Instructional Reforms with Reference to Online Teaching Learning and Evaluation" organized by the Centre For Academic Leadership & Education Management (CALEM), Department of Education Panjab University, Chandigarh under the Aegis of PMMMNMTT, MHRD In Collaboration with SWAYAM CELL & Institute of Educational Technology & Vocational Education Panjab University, Chandigarh from 15 to 20 July 2020; and, "Enhancing Digital Proficiency: A Platform for Refining the Research and Teaching Skills Organized by IQAC Trinity College Jalandhar Affiliated to GNDU from 20 - 26 July 2020. She also attended a Four-Week MOOC Course, "Cooperative Learning Pedagogy" organized by GHG Khalsa College of Education, Gurusar Sadhar, Panjab (Under UNESCO's OE4BW online Mentoring Program 2019) from 22 May to 18 June 2020; and, a One-Week online Certificate Course on "Digital Teaching Techniques" organized by ICT Academy from 29 June to 4 July 2020.

Department of Sociology

- **Dr Rinku Kalia** attended a short Certificate Course on "Digital Teaching Techniques" organized by ICT Academy from 7 to 12 December 2020.
- **Ms Tarminder Kaur** participated in a 5-day International Workshop on "Breaking the Stereotypes: A Paradigm Shift in Gender Studies" organized by the PG Department of Sociology & PG Department of English from 2 to 6 November 2020.

Department of Biotechnology

- **Dr Ashima Pathak** attended the following FDPs: "Presentation Skills" organized by ICT Academy (6-11 May 2020); "Novel Materials for Energy and Biomedical (COVID-19) Health Care Applications" organized by M Kumarasamy College of Engineering, Karur (11-16 May 2020); "Data Science Using Python" organized by Jeppiaar Institute of Technology (18-22 May 2020); "Biological Sciences" organized by Nallamuthu Gounder Mahalingam College, Tamil Nadu (25-31 May 2020); and, "Skilling Teachers for Online Education" organized by Uka Tarsida University (2-6 June 2020). She attended the following workshops: "Nutrient Management Options for Boosting Organic Agriculture" organized by Mata Gujri College, Fatehgarh Sahib (28-30 May 2020); "Tangled Bank" (31 May-5 June 2020) and "Blue Planet" (7-9 June 2020) both organized by the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda.
- **Dr Avneet Kaur** attended the following FDPs: "Data Science & AI" organized by Mangalmai Institute of Engineering & Technology, Greater Noida held from 25 to 29 May 2020; "Artificial Intelligence", organized by Sri Devi Women engineering College, Hyderabad from 22 to 25 May 2020; "Innovation in Drug Delivery Systems", organized by Baptala College of Pharmacy, Andhra Pradesh from 31 May to 5 June 2020; "Cyber Security" hosted by the Departments of Electronics and Communication Engineering, in association with ISTE and INDIAN SERVERS, Anuraj University from 3 to 5 June 2020; "The Role of Advanced Materials & Nanotechnology in Present Scenario" organized by the Vemana Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, from 22 to 26 June 2020; and, "International Faculty Development program on Biological Sciences" organized by the PG and Research Department of Botany, Nallamuthu Gounder Mahalingam College, Pollachi from 25 to 31 May 2020. She also attended the following workshops: an online workshop on "Research ethics and Quantitative Techniques for Research and Publication", at Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College, from 25 to 30 April 2020; an INYAS-CUPB Lecture Workshop "Tangled Bank" organized by the Indian National Young Academy of Sciences and Department of Botany, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, India in connection with World Environment Day from 31 May to 5 June 2020; an online workshop on "ICT Based Teaching-Learning Toolshed" on 31 May 2020; an INYAS-CUPB Virtual Workshop, "Blue Planet" organized by the Indian National Young Academy of Sciences and Department of Geology, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, India in connection with World Ocean's Day held between 7 to 9 June 2020; "Interdisciplinary Research Methodology - ICT Application Innovations in Teaching Learning Process" organized by St. Francis De Sales College, Nagpur, from 8 to 12 June 2020; DAVCB-CUPB-INYAS Lecture Workshop "Zero Waste" organized by DAV College, Bathinda, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda and Indian National Young Academy of Sciences, New Delhi from 16 to 18 June 2020; and, "Current Innovations and the Future of Therapeutic Developments" (CIFTD-2020) organized by the Centre for Biomaterials Cellular & Molecular

Theragnostic at Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore, India and Swansea University, the United Kingdom from 1-3 June 2020.

- **Dr Samriti Dhawan** completed the following courses: "How to Teach Online" by Future learn, from 23 April to 10 May 2020; a MOOC course "COVID-19: The pandemic" organized by RK University from 10 to 15 May 2020; "Next Generation Biosecurity: Responding to 21st Century Bio risk", organized by University of Bath, and Bio Secure England from October 2020 to December 2020; and a virtual course on "Vaccine Production: Basics, Pitfalls and Troubleshooting" organized by PKC in partnership with Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd, Pune from 15 January to 5 February 2020.
- **Mr Abhinashi Singh** attended a six-day online workshop on "Research Ethics and Quantitative Techniques for Research and Publications" organized by College Library, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College, Chandigarh (2020).

Department of Bioinformatics

- **Mr S Michael Durairaj** attended FIMSA Immunology Course-2020, "A Virtual School: From Basic to Advanced Immunology" organized by Indian Immunology Society and PGIMER, Chandigarh from 8 to 10 October 2020.

Department of Botany

- **Dr Jasveen Dua** attended a seven-day online FDP on "Online Class Management: Tools and Techniques" organized by the Department of Economics, HGDC, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh from 23 to 29 July 2020. She also attended 'NAAC Vaarta' organized by NAAC Bangalore on 19 February 2021.
- **Dr Supriya Vaid** attended a 7-Day Online Faculty Development Program on "Deliberations on NEP 2020: Strategy for Implementation" organized by the Department of Community Education and Disability Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh in collaboration with UGC-HRDC, Panjab University, Chandigarh from 7 to 13 October 2020. She also attended a 14-Day Online Refresher Course on Environment Studies conducted by the Department of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh in collaboration with UGC-HRDC, Panjab University, Chandigarh from 24 December 2020 to 6 January 2021.
- **Dr Shivani Saini** attended two FDPs: "e-Learning and Techno-Pedagogy" organized by Guru Teg Bahadur National College, Dakha, Punjab from 20- 26 July 2020; and "Teaching Techniques with Gamification" conducted by ICT Academy from 6 - 11 May 2020. She also attended the following workshops: an INYAS-CUPB online Lecture Workshop "Tangled Bank" organized by the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda from 31 May to 5 June 2020; and, a National Online Workshop on "Nutrient Management Options for Boosting Organic Agriculture" organized by Mata Gujri College, Fatehgarh Sahib from 28 - 30 May 2020.
- **Dr Anuprabha** attended the following workshops: an INYAS-CUPB online Lecture Workshop "Tangled Bank" organized by the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda from 31 May to 5 June 2020; and, a National Online Workshop on "Nutrient Management Options for Boosting Organic Agriculture" organized by Mata Gujri College, Fatehgarh Sahib from 28 - 30 May 2020.

Department of Information Technology

- **Dr Rina** attended the following FDPs: "Hands on FDP: Data Science Using Python" organized by the Dept. of IT, Jeppiaar Institute of Technology from 18 to 22 May 2020; "Artificial Intelligence" organized by the Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Sridevi Women's Engineering College, Hyderabad from 22 to 26 May 2020; and, "Python" organized by the International Institute of Professional Studies, Devi Ahilya University in Association with Spoken Tutorial by IIT Bombay held from 1 June to 5 July 2020. • **Dr Pooja Mohan** attended the following FDPs: "Fundamentals of Machine Learning (Online Live FDP)" with ICT Academy from 6 to 12 May 2020; "Data Science Using Python", organized by the Jeppiaar Institute of Technology, Sriperumbudur, from 18 to 22 May 2020; "Artificial Intelligence" organized by the Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Sridevi Women's Engineering College, Hyderabad from 22 to 26 May 2020; and, "Research Methodology: Tools & Techniques" under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Training Scheme of MHRD, Govt. of India, held at ARSD College, University of Delhi, from 5 - 11 June 2020.
- **Dr Shailja Agnihotri** attended the following FDPs: "Mobile Application Development", by ICT Academy, from 6 to 12 May 2020; "Intellectual Property Rights", conducted by S.A. Jain College, Ambala, on 19 May 2020; "Learning Through Gamification" conducted by PSNA College of Engineering and Technology, Dindigul, on 30 April 2020; and "Python" in association with Spoken Tutorial Project, IIT Bombay from 1 to 5 June 2020. She also completed the following courses: "Python for Machine Learning" from IIT Roorkee, May 2020; "Understanding Machine Learning with Python" from Pluralsight on April 08, 2020; and, "AWS IoT: The Big Picture" from Pluralsight on April 10, 2020.
- **Dr Himani Mittal** attended two FDPs: "Emerging Technologies for Education and Research in CS and IT" at BVICAM, Delhi from 13-25 July 2020; and, "Stress Management" organized by ICT Academy from 8 to 12 December 2020. She also participated in an online ICT Academy Certificate Course on "Digital Teaching Techniques" from 29 June to 4 July 2020, and an online capacity building Workshop on "Outcome Based Education and NBA Accreditation Process" from 27 - 31 July 2020, at BVICAM, Delhi. She also participated in a 3-day Online Stock Market Master class organized by Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College, Kheri Guna, from 15 to 17 May 2020.

Department of Physics

- **Dr Sanjeev Kumar** participated in a one week (online) Short Term Course on "Advanced Energy Materials" organized from 12 to 16 October 2020 organized by the Department of Physics, Dr B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar, Punjab (India). He also attended a National e-workshop on "Wonder of Physics Experiment" organized by the Post Graduate Department of Physics, Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozepur on 17 December 2020.
- **Dr Shikha Gupta** attended a Faculty Development Program on "Effective Online Teaching and Learning" organized by SSBUICET, Panjab University, in collaboration with Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering and Technology, Assam under TEQIP-III (MHRD, Govt. of India) from 14 to 19 September 2020. She also attended the following short-term courses: "Quality in Higher Education" organized by UGC - Human Resource Development Centre, Gujarat University,

Ahmedabad from 7 to 13 December 2020; "Advanced Functional Materials (AFMAT-2020)" organized by the Department of Physics, Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Longowal. held from 28 September to 2 October 2020; and, "Recent Advances in Optical and Magnetic Materials" sponsored by TEQIP III jointly organized by the Dept. of Physics, NIT Uttarakhand and Dept. of Physics, SLIET Longowal from 14 to 18 December 2020.

- **Dr Neelu Mahajan** participated in the following short-term course on "Advances in High Energy Physics" organized by the Department of Physics, Dr B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar, from 18 to 22 September 2020; and "Advanced Functional Materials (AFMAT-2020)" organized by the Department of Physics, Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Longowal. held from 28 September to 2 October 2020
- **Dr Kriti Sharma** attended a Faculty Development Program on "Effective Online Teaching and Learning" organized by SSBUICT, Panjab University, in collaboration with Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering and Technology, Assam under TEQIP-III (MHRD, Govt. of India) from 14 to 19 September 2020. She also attended the following short-term courses: "Quality in Higher Education" organized by UGC - Human Resource Development Centre, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad from 7 to 13 December 2020; "Advanced Functional Materials (AFMAT-2020)" organized by the Department of Physics, Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Longowal. held from 28 September to 2 October 2020; and, "Recent Advances in Optical and Magnetic Materials" sponsored by TEQIP III jointly organized by the Dept. of Physics, NIT Uttarakhand and Dept. of Physics, SLIET Longowal from 14 to 18 December 2020.
- **Dr Samandeep Sharma** participated in the short-term course on "Advances in High Energy Physics" organized by the Department of Physics, Dr B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar, from 18 to 22 September 2020

Department of Zoology

- **Dr Indu Mehta** attended the following FDPs: "Presentation Skills" conducted by ICT Academy from 6 to 11 May 2020; and "E-learning and Techno Pedagogy" organized by the Indian Teacher Education Community and Guru Teg Bahadur National College, Dakha, Ludhiana from 20 to 26 July 2020. She also attended the INYAS-CUPB Lecture Workshop "Tangled Bank" organized by the Indian Young Academy of Sciences and Department of Botany, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda from 31 May to 5 June 2020.
- **Dr Jyoti Joshi** attended a Faculty Development Program on "E- Learning and Developing MOOCs for Teaching Process in Higher Education" organized by the Department of Statistics & IQAC, Hindu College University of Delhi, held from 14 - 20 December 2020. She also attended FIMSA Immunology Course-2020, "A Virtual School: From Basic to Advanced Immunology" organized by the Indian Immunology Society and PGIMER, Chandigarh from 8 to 10 October 2020.
- **Dr Parul Dhar** attended the following FDPs: "Virtual Learning Creative Tools" organized by Rayat Institute of Management, Ropar Campus, on 9 June 2020; "E-Learning and Techno-Pedagogy", organized by Indian Teacher Education Community and Guru Teg Bahadur National College, Dakha, Ludhiana, from 20 to 26 July 2020; and "Inclusive Education", organized by Indian Teacher Education Community and MCSE, Sector-9, Ujjain, from 14 to 20 October 2020. She also attended a one-day online National Workshop, "Flipped Learning Approach - A Novel ICT Empowered Pedagogy for

21st-century Learning Needs" organized by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, SGTB Khalsa College, the University of Delhi on 26 November 2020.

Department of Microbiology

- Dr Shivani Ghai attended the following workshops: an online workshop on "Research Ethics and Quantitative Techniques for Research and Publications" organized by College Library, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh from 25 April to 30 April 2020; and a two-day MS-Excel workshop organized by Indian Youth Development Council, (IYDS) India from 18 to 19 July 2020.

Department of Library

- Gurpreet Singh participated in the online Refresher Course on "Library & Information Science" held at the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Guwahati University, Guwahati, held from 28 December 2020 to 10 January 2021. He also attended the "Nordic Workshop on Bibliometrics and Research Policy" (NWB2020), organized by the Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education and Oslo Metropolitan University, from 15 to 16 October 2020.

Department of Economics

- Dr Arvuda Sharma attended an FDP on "Spirituality: The Root of Mental Health and Cognitive Fitness" by HRDC, Panjab University, Chandigarh from 5 to 11 December 2020.
- **Dr Niharika Sharma** attended a one-week online certificate course organized by ICT Academy on "Digital Teaching Techniques" from 7 to 12 December 2020.

Department of Mathematics

- **Dr Sargam** Wasu attended an FDP on "Spirituality: The Root of Mental Health and Cognitive Fitness" by HRDC, Panjab University, Chandigarh from 5 to 11 December 2020.

Department of Political Science

- **Ms Seema Kumari** attended an online FDP "Teaching Techniques with Gamifications" organized by ICT academy from 14 to 19 May 2020.
- **Dr Monika Soni** attended a one-week online certificate course organized by ICT Academy on "Digital Teaching Techniques" from 7 to 12 December 2020. She also attended a UGC sponsored Refresher Course (online) in Environmental Studies (interdisciplinary) organised by the HRDC of Panjab University, Chandigarh, from 24 December 2020 to 6 January 2021.
- **Akhil U S** attended a Faculty Development Programme cum National Workshop on "Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning - Basics and Applications" organized by the Centre for Academic Leadership and Education Management (CALEM), Panjab University, Chandigarh, under the Aegis of PMMMNMTT, MHRD, Govt. of India in collaboration with Department of Computer Science and Applications (DCSA), Panjab University, Chandigarh, from 22 to 28 December 2020.

Department of English

• **Ms Gaganpreet Walia** participated in the following workshops: "Online Teachers' Training Workshop" organized by the Department of Youth Welfare, Panjab University from 9 to 10 May 2020; "Online Workshop cum Awareness Program on Ethics and Plagiarism" organized by RUSA, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women on 7 January 2021; and, "Online Workshop cum Awareness Program on Open Educational Resources" organized by RUSA, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women on 22 January 2021. She also participated in the Orientation Program conducted by Teaching Learning Center, Ramanujan College, the University of Delhi from 4 June 2020 to 1 July 2020.

III. STUDENT NEWS

Many students from various departments participated in various activities (Quizzes, Essay writing, workshops and presentations) under the guidance of teachers and brought laurels to the college.

Student Name	Class	Activities
Dikshita Aggarwal	BCA- III year	IBM Professional Certificate Course on Data Science by Coursera (3 months)
		Social Media Subhead & Himalayan Xpressions Head at Rotaract Club Chandigarh Himalayan
		Organized an open mic with Rotaract Club Chandigarh Himalayan
		Team Leader at Rotaract Club Chandigarh Himalayan
		Guided First Python Project by Coursera
		Social Media Manager at Innoventure
		Facebook certification on Marketing Science
Shivam Ahuja	BCA	Completed course by TCS and Udemy
		Completed online quiz on Covid-19 and National level science quiz

Shubham Gupta	BCA	Cloud workshop by Edureka
		AI workshop by Accenture
		Workshop by Spittle AI
		HTML 5 by LearnVern
		Covid 19 awareness programme
		Training by TCS
		Won a photography contest
		Digital Marketing by Google
Anjali		Completed courses on WordPress, Bootstrap, Javascript, Python, Elementor, WooCommerce, Tutor LMS
		Worked as an intern at Unschool (online)-Built a portfolio website using Bootstrap
		Live project Contributions Intern at Web Feenix and worked on many projects like 1. https://eymockup.com 2. https://99effect.com 3. https://ayaanconstruction.in
Jasleen	BCA Semester V	Certificate from GOOGLE for completing their Python Crash Course via Coursera.
		Internship with Digital360 for Content Writing and Social Media Marketing.
Sonalika Ray	M.Sc. Bioinformatics II	Internship in Pine Biotech; a US-based Research Company in the area of Applied Learning and Analytics. <small>She has also received full scholarship for "Genetic Data Analytics" training.</small>
		Online Certification on 'Algorithms for DNA sequencing, Bio-conductor for Genomic Data Science, Statistics for Genomic Data Science & Python for Genomic Data Science' from Coursera conducted by John Hopkins University.
		Online certification on 'Tools for Data Science' from Coursera conducted by IBM.

Purvi Malhotra	B.Sc (H) Bioinformatics Semester I	3 rd position in Poster making competition organised by Resonance Club- Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College on 28 December 2020.
Ritika Jaggi	B.Sc (H) Bioinformatics Semester V	Internship at World Youth Council as a teacher and taught under-privileged children during the COVID-19 pandemic.
		Social Work intern at INDIA Redefined
		Participated in 14 th Chandigarh Science Congress (Chascon-2020) organised by Panjab University and Chandigarh Region Innovation and Knowledge Cluster (CRIKC) on 17-19 December 2020.
Students of BioinformaticsSemester I		Participated in Chemistry Quiz Organised by Resonance club Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College on 21.December 2020
		Participated in Physics Quiz organised by BOSONS club Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College on 17 December 2020.
Yatin Saneja	Department of Botany	Admitted to M.Sc. Life Sciences from NIT, Rourkela through JAM 2020.
Karuna Verma	Department of Botany	GATE 2020 – Got admission in DBT supported PG Programme in Biotechnology and bagged an All India Rank 62 and went ahead to pursue M.Sc. (Hons.) Biotechnology from GNDU, Amritsar.
Riya Swami	Biochemistry Semester III	Member of student organisation ABVP.
		3rd prize in poetry recitation competition.
Sanchita Tiwari, Kritika Sharma, Siddhant, Ansh	Biochemistry Semester V, Biochemistry Semester III	Attended various webinars conducted by national and international universities.

Suhas	Biochemistry Semester V	Got a cash prize in essay writing completion.
		He also attended various seminars and participated in various quizzes.
Samridhi Wadhwa	BiochemistrySemester V	Prize in Quiz on International Biodiversity Day.
		Completed workshop on Nutritional Analysis.
		Participated in various events during the pandemic period.
Jasman Brar		Rotract Club of Bombay Film City (Best Dancer)
		First in Poster making competition by NSS unit of Govt. College of Commerce and Business Administration, Sector-50, Chandigarh.
		Second in Inter-college poster making competition for Plastic-free India organised by Govt. College of Commerce and Business Administration, Sector- 50, Chandigarh.
		Second in slogan writing competition organised by NSS Unit of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College, Chandigarh
		First in slogan writing competition organised by NSS Unit of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College, Chandigarh .
Priyanshi Saini		Third in online poem recitation competition by NSS Unit of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College, Chandigarh
Shruti	Biochemistry Semester I	1st prize in Quiz organised by Department of Zoology Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College, Chandigarh .
Surubhi Singh and Sahil Bajaj	Biochemistry Semester I	Participated in various quizzes and attended webinars.

Sahaij Pratap Singh Sekhon, a student of BA 1 was a member of the Senior Indian Basketball team that participated in the FIBA Asia Cup Qualifier (Window 2) held at Manama, Bahrain from 24 November- 1 December 2020. He is a member of the Indian Basketball team that is participated in the FIBA Asia Cup Qualifier (Window 3) held in Bahrain from February 20 - 22, 2021.



IV. PLACEMENT

The College has an active placement cell that invites reputed companies to hold on-campus placements every year. This session saw a good number of companies offering profiles in various domains. A total of 93 students from different streams got selected in the companies mentioned below.

Company	No. of Students	Average Package (Rs.)
L&TConstructions	11	425000
ICICIBank	9	653000
DeloitteInc	25	590000
CheggIndia	46	550000
AlgomillTechnologies	2	350000

V. ALUMNI MEET

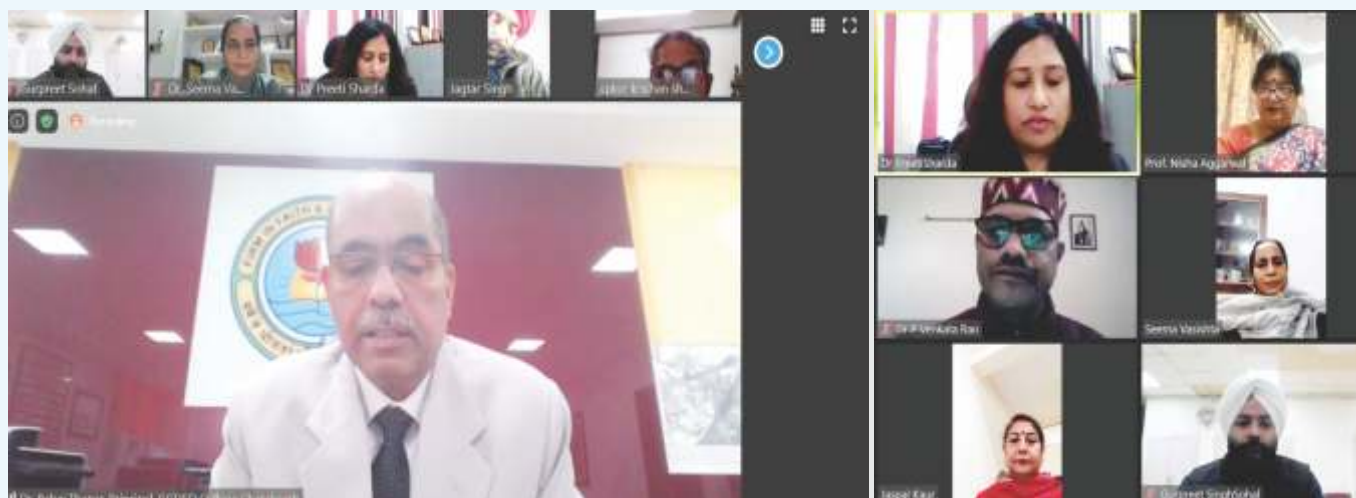
The college celebrated the alumni meet in both online and offline mode on 26 January 2021. Keeping in view the pandemic guidelines, the meet was live-streamed on YouTube, wherein old students from India and abroad joined through Google Meet. Many alumni were also present to share their experiences and the event was followed by high tea. SDAAC helped in organising the meet successfully.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Library

International Conference on "Digital Convergence and Innovation in Library Services"

Chandigarh Librarians' Association in collaboration with Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh and Post Graduate Government College for Girls-42, Chandigarh organized the 7th International Conference (online) under the contemporary theme of "Digital Convergence and Innovation in Library Services" on 12 December 2020. Dr Preeti Sharda, Librarian, Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector 42-C, Chandigarh and Mr Gurpreet Singh Sohal, Librarian, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Sector 32, Chandigarh were the organizing secretaries of the conference. Dr Jaspal Kaur, a Senior library professional welcomed the guests and the participants. Keynote speaker of the conference, Prof M. K. Weeresinghe, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, shared his views about the importance of Libraries in the digital era. About 60 papers received for the conference were planned to be published as the conference proceedings and about 100 library professionals participated in the conference.



Six-Days Online Workshop on Research Ethics and Quantitative Techniques

Teaching faculty and library professionals from Chandigarh and Punjab and Malaysia took part in the six-day online workshop on "Research Ethics and Quantitative Techniques for Research and Publications" organized by the College Library, from 25- 30 April 2020. The online learning initiative aimed to engage and empower the faculty during the lockdown. The Guest of Honour, Dr Akhtar Parvez, University Librarian, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, during the valedictory address, highlighted the importance of adhering to ethical standards and procedures for research. Eminent resource persons like Dr Neeraj Kumar Singh, Dr Kutty Kumar, Dr Sridhar Gautam, Senior Scientist ICAR, Dr Sandeep Kumar Pathak, Dr Anup Kumar Das of JNU, Delhi and Dr Nirmal Singh delivered lectures on the online platform.



Department of Botany

Webinar on Conservation and Restoration of Ecology

Department of Botany organized a webinar on 'Conservation and Restoration of Ecology - in Particular Reference to Orchids' on 21 December 2020. Prof. Promila Pathak, Department of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh was the key speaker in the webinar. The webinar was attended by 155 participants through Google Meet and YouTube streaming. The attendees were from various colleges of Chandigarh and Punjab.



Webinar on Impact of Bio-technology

Department of Botany organized a webinar on 'Impact of Bio-technology: Advances in Crop Improvement' on 16 December 2020. Dr Isha Sharma, a Ramalingaswamy Fellow from Agri-biotech Foundation, PJTS Agricultural University, Rajendranagar, Telangana State was the resource person. Dr Sharma emphasized the use of various biotechnological tools for crop improvement.



Green Campaign on Safe Diwali

Botany department of the college organized a Green Campaign (Jan Sandesh) on the eve of Diwali to create awareness among the students to celebrate safe and pollution-free Diwali at their homes on 13 November 2020. The students were sensitized about the importance of celebrating pollution-free Diwali, especially amidst the COVID pandemic.



Grow with the Trees - A Tree Plantation Programme

Students were sensitized to plant trees at their homes and near their vicinity as a part of a tree plantation programme- 'Grow with the trees' on 14 November 2020.



Department of Zoology

Slogan Writing & Quiz Competition

Department of Zoology, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh organized an online Slogan Writing and Quiz competition on World Biodiversity Day i.e. 22 May 2020. 318 students from different colleges participated in this event.

Online Competition

Department of Zoology organized an online competition on 'Concept Submission on Locust Attack in India' on 6 June 2020. 111 students from different colleges participated in this event.

National Webinar on Laboratory Safety Measures during COVID-19

Department of Zoology organized a National Webinar on the theme 'Laboratory Safety Measures and SOPs during COVID 19' in which Dr Veena Bhalla, Assistant Professor, DAV College, Chandigarh delivered a lecture on 20 July 2020. Around 93 participants got registered. The talk was also attended by the non-teaching staff of the college.

Slogan Writing Competition

Department of Zoology conducted an online Slogan Writing competition on 14 December 2020 to celebrate National Energy Conservation Day. The topics included Solar energy, Conserve water; Save electricity and other related topics. 53 students from different colleges participated in the event.

International Webinar on Virus-Host Interactions

Department of Zoology organized an International Webinar on 19 January 2021 on the theme 'Virus-Host Interactions, Therapeutics and more' in which Dr Kamana Misra, President, Association for Women in Science New Jersey, USA and Dr Matloob Husain, Associate Professor of Virology (Senior Virologist) in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at University of Otago, New Zealand were the resource persons. Around 199 participants got registered.

Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College
Sector 32-C, Chandigarh, India

Zoology Department organizes an International Webinar on
Virus-Host Interactions, Therapeutics and more
on 19.01.2021, at 9:00 AM (IST)

Dr. Indu Mehta
HOD, Zoology Department
GGDSD College
Chandigarh

Dr. Kamana Misra
President,
Association for Women in Science
New Jersey, USA

Dr. Matloob Husain
Virologist
University of Otago
New Zealand

Dr. Balraj Thapar
Principal
GGDSD College
Chandigarh

E-Certificate will be given to all the participants
Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/3QjrT2opN9xL3v2z7>

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Slogan Writing Competition

Zoology Department of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College conducted an online Slogan Writing competition on 19 February 2021. 50 Students from different colleges participated in the event.

Quiz Competition

Zoology Department of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College conducted an Online Quiz competition on 22 February 2021. 29 students from different colleges participated in the event. E-certificates were given to all participants during these events.

Department of Bioinformatics

Webinar on Reading Scientific Literature

Department of Bioinformatics in association with NCCS (National Centre for Cell Science) and IISER, Pune and Persistent Systems conducted a webinar on 'How to read Scientific Literature and Introduction to MANAV - The Human Atlas Initiative', on 22 May 2020. Student and faculty from various departments, colleges and universities attended the webinar.

Department of Biotechnology

Webinar on Intellectual Property

PG Department of Biotechnology organized a webinar on 'Creativity and Intellectual Property: Creating a Seamless Linkage' on 4 June 2020. The key speaker was Dr Naresh K. Sahajpal, former "Scientist H" and Head, Human Resource & Development Centre/ Division of Research Planning and Business Development, CSIR.

Webinar on Combating COVID-19 using Nano-technology

PG Department of Biotechnology organized a webinar on 'Combating COVID-19 using Nano-science and Nano-technology' on 25 June 2020. Dr Priyanka Sabherwal, National Centre for Nano-Science & Nanotechnology, Mumbai University was the key speaker.

Webinar on Bio-risk Management

PG Department of Biotechnology organized a webinar on 'Bio-risk Management: Appropriate Use of Personal Protective Equipment for Good Lab-work Practices' on 29 June 2020. Prof. Prince Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh and President, AMI (Chandigarh Unit) and Prof. Neena Capalash, Department of Biotechnology, Panjab University, Chandigarh were the distinguished speakers.

Webinar on COVID- 19

PG Department of Biotechnology organized a webinar on 'COVID-19: Transformation of Life System' on 7 December 2020. Prof. R.C Sobti, Former VC, Panjab University, Chandigarh and BBAU; Prof. N.K. Ganguli, Former DG, ICMR; Dr Vikas Suri, PGIMER, Chandigarh; Dr Varidmala Jain, Trishla Foundation, Prayagraj; Prof. Santosh Kumar, Kumaun University; and Prof. S.K Malhotra, Allahabad University were the distinguished speakers.

Department of Physics

Webinar on X-ray Spectrometer

Department of Physics organized a webinar on 'Basics and Applications of X-ray Spectrometer' on 15 January 2021. Prof. Devinder Mehta, Department of Physics, Centre of Advance Study in Physics, Panjab University, Chandigarh was the key speaker.

Department of Biochemistry

Webinar on SARS- CoV2

Department of Biochemistry organized a webinar on 'SARS-CoV2 Origin, Pathogenesis and Management Strategies' on 21 June 2020. Dr Binod Kumar, Sr. Research Associate, Department of Microbiology, Loyola University, Chicago, USA was the key speaker.

PG Department of Information Technology

National Lecture Series

PG Department of Information Technology conducted an Online National Lecture Series on 'Gamification,

Machine Learning IOT and Security' from 25- 26 June 2020. Mr Ganesh S., CEO Campus Levers, Chennai; Dr Manoj Chaudhary, DATA Scientist, IIT Roorkee; and Dr K.R. Ramkumar, Associate Professor, Chitkara University were the speakers.

PG Department of Economics

Workshop on Financial Service

PG Department of Economics organized a workshop on Financial Services on 13 June 2020.

Department of Fashion Designing

Webinar on 'Design: From Concept to Consumer'

A webinar on 'Design: From Concept to Consumer' was organized by the Department of Fashion Designing and Trends Moda club on 19 January 2021. Mr Siddhartha Bansal, who is a renowned designer in the fashion industry, was the guest speaker. As many as 95 students from the department attended the event, which for a one-hour duration.

Department of Mathematics

Webinar on Numbers

Department of Mathematics organised a webinar on 'Numbers: Fun & Facts' on 22 December 2020. Dr Ajay Kumar, Head, Department of Mathematics, IIT Jammu was the Resource Person for the webinar. The webinar was held on the occasion of National Mathematics Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.

Department of Statistics

National Seminar on Application of Statistics

Department of Statistics organized a National Seminar on 'Statistics and its Applications' on 24 December 2020 under the supervision of Dr Ram Niwas, Head, Department of Statistics. The resource person was Prof. Kalpana K. Mahajan, Department of Statistics, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Department of English

Workshop on Research Methodology

Department of English conducted a weeklong online workshop on 'Research Methodology' for students of M.A. English to acquaint them with the basics of research. The workshop was conducted from 19- 27 October 2020. Mr Pranav Kapil, Ms Nitika Garg and Ms Gaganpreet Walia were the resource persons for the workshop.

Department of Hindi

Hindi Divas Celebrated

Department of Hindi celebrated 'Hindi Divas' online by organizing a play and poem recitation on 'Importance of Hindi Bhasha' on 14 September 2020.

Webinar Organized

Department of Hindi organized a webinar on the topic "Pashchatya Prabhav ke Kaaran Bhartiya Sahitya aur Sanskriti mei Parivartan" on 16 December 2020. Chancellor of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dr Harmohinder Singh Bedi was the speaker.

Power Point Presentations

Power Point presentations on Guru Nanak and Kabir Das were given by the students of BA I and BA III in December 2020.

Department of History

Webinar on Honour Killing

Department of History organized a webinar on 'Honor Killing and its Social Implications' on 17 December 2020. The resource person, Prof. Anju Suri, Department of History and Dean, International Students, Panjab University, Chandigarh, talked about the reasons for the heinous crime of honour killing like female foeticide, girl infanticide, hypergamy, caste system, dowry and poverty.

Department of Geography

Webinar on Agrarian Crisis in Punjab

A webinar on 'Green Revolution and Agrarian Crisis in Punjab' was organized by the Department of Geography. Prof. Simrit Kahlon, Department of Geography, Panjab University, was the key speaker. She gave a historical perspective of the agricultural crisis that India is facing today.



Department of Journalism and Mass Communication

Celebration of National Press with Dr Kiran Bedi

To celebrate National Press Day, the Department of Journalism and Mass communication organised the 3rd edition of the Prem Bhatia Lecture Series on 16 November 2020. Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, Dr Kiran Bedi was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The virtual event was live-streamed on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/gEzRc9Tf0Q0>) and Facebook.



Department of Political Science

UN Day Celebrated

Department of Political Science celebrated UN Day to mark the 75th Birth Anniversary of the United Nations on 24 October 2020.

Webinar on Constitutional Studies in India

Department of Political Science organized a webinar on 'Generations of Constitutional Studies in India' on 26 November 2020. The speakers were Prof. K.K. Kailash, Department of Political Science, Hyderabad Central University, and Prof. V.R. Sinha, Dean, Research, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Webinar on Role of Supreme Court

Department of Political Science organized a webinar on 'Role of Supreme Court in the Expansion and Protection of Fundamental Rights of Citizens' on 19 December 2020. Resource Person of the event was Prof. Vandana Arora, Department of Law, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Department of Public Administration

Quiz Organized

Department of Public Administration organized an online Public Administration Quiz on 22 December 2020. 173 students of Public Administration from all classes participated in the quiz.

Department of Sociology

Virtual Talk on Minority Rights Day

Department of Sociology of the college organised a virtual talk on 'Current Socio-Legal Status of Minorities in India' on the occasion of Minority Rights Day in India on 18 December 2020. Mr Mahavir Singh, Additional District and Sessions Judge cum Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh was the Chief Guest.

Department of Music

Workshop on the Role of Music in our Lives

Department of Music organized a workshop on 'The Role of Music in our Lives' on 19 December 2020. Dr Supriya Shah, a renowned sitar player and Senior Assistant Professor in the Department of Instrumental Music, Banaras Hindu University was the speaker. The workshop started with Saraswati Vandana.

Department of Punjabi

Essay Writing Competition Held

Department of Punjabi organized an Essay Writing Competition on Guru Teg Bahadur Ji on 20 July 2020.

Webinar on Philosophy of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji

Department of Punjabi organized a webinar on 'Life, Ideology and Philosophy of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji' on 20 August 2020.

Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birth Anniversary Celebrations

Department of Punjabi celebrated Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birth Anniversary by organizing a webinar on the topic "Mitti Dhund Jag Chanan Hoa" on 28 November 2020. Many student activities like poem recitation, speech and poster making competitions were held on the occasion.

Department of Sanskrit

Webinar on the Need to Learn Sanskrit

Department of Sanskrit organized a webinar on "Sanskrit Kyun Sikhen" on 15 December 2020 for the promotion of the Sanskrit language. Prof. Rajeshwar Prasad Mishra, Ex-Chairperson of Sanskrit Department, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra presented his address as the keynote speaker. More than 100 participants attended the webinar.

Department of Commerce and Management

Webinar on Plastic: Invest or Divest

Department of Commerce and Management organized a webinar on Plastics: Invest or Divest. The resource person was Mr Avinash Kumar Singh, Business Unit Head, PPC Head, Customer Service Max Head, Speciality Films Limited.

Webinar on the Impact of NEP 2020

Department of Commerce and Management in collaboration with PML SD Business School organized a webinar on the Impact of New Education Policy 2020 on Undergraduate/ Postgraduate Colleges on 8 August 2020. Prof. Roshan Lal Raina, VC, JKLD University, Jaipur, Dr N.C. Wadwa, IAS, Director General, Manav Rachana Education Institute, Faridabad, Dr Manjula Chaudhary, Dean, Academic Affairs, Kurukshetra University, Dr Sanjay Kaushik, DCDC, Panjab University, Chandigarh were the eminent speakers.

Webinar on New Recruiting Technologies

PG Department of Commerce and Management, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College organized One day National Webinar on HR Conclave: New Recruiting Technologies in association with ICT Academy, Tamil Nadu on 12 December 2020. The eminent personalities from Academia included PU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raj Kumar, and DCDC Prof. Sanjay Kaushik, P.U, Chandigarh. The eminent speakers from the Corporate sector were Mr C. S. Sudheer, CEO, IndianMoney.com; Mr Kenneth Jeyseelan R B, Assistant Vice President-HR, TCS; Mr Collin Bruno, HR Talent Acquisition, HCL Technologies; Ms Julie Krubhavathi, Senior Manager-HR, EC Group Datasoft (P) Ltd; Mr Vinoth Kumar, HR-Manager, Mcwane India (P) Ltd; Mr Debasis Satpathy, General Manager-HR, NBCC; Mr Vijayan KA, Head Academic Operations and Mr Anand Babu, Senior Manager, ICT Academy.

Department of Psychology

Webinar on Managing Stress during COVID- 19

Live webinar on the topic, 'Managing Stress and Self-care during COVID-19' by Mrs Bharti Kapoor (Consultant Psychologist & Healer) was organized by the Department of Psychology in collaboration with the Aesthesia Club on 29 June 2020.

Panel Discussion on Ingredients of Overall Success

Department of Psychology organized an Online Panel Discussion entitled 'Ingredients of Overall Success in Contemporary Times in Terms of IQ, EQ and SQ' on 20 October 2020. The topic was discussed by four eminent panel speakers: Vivek Attry, a motivational speaker; Dr K.K. Ramachandran, Vice-Principal, GRD College, Coimbatore; Mrs Ritu Singal, recipient of the prestigious award of Women Entrepreneur of the year, 2011; and Mr Vikas Bansal, a productivity coach and corporate trainer.

VII CLUBS

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Workshop on Effective Communication

A live workshop on the topic, 'Effective Communication' was organized in Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College, Sector 32, Chandigarh by the Department of Psychology (Aesthesia Club) on 20 November 2020. As many as 150 students attended this workshop. The key speakers of this workshop were Surbhi Sarin, Pearl Fotedar, Varisha Ishrat working with EduVelocity (Global Educational Consultants) as senior counsellors and life skills coach.

ARISTOTLE CLUB

World Tourism Day Celebrations

Aristotle Club of Zoology Department, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh, organized an online Inter-college Concept Submission competition on 'The Impact of COVID-19 on Wildlife Tourism-Pros and Cons' to celebrate World Tourism Day on 27 September 2020. 55 students participated from different colleges across the country. E-certificates were given to all the participants.

International Science Day Celebrations

Aristotle Club of Zoology Department, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh, organized an online Inter-college Quiz Competition to celebrate the International Science Day held on 10 November 2020. 99 students participated from different colleges across the country. E-certificates were given to all the participants.

ASHRA CLUB

Interactive Session on Entrepreneurship

The Ashra Club of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh, organized a talk cum interactive session on 'Exploring and Cultivating New Frontiers of Entrepreneurship' for under-graduate and post-graduate students of the college on 10 October 2020. Mr Sanjay Aggarwal, President and Founder of Disha (NGO) was the guest and key speaker of the session.

Webinar on Needonomics

The Ashra Club of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh, organized a webinar under the supervision of Dr Meenu Gupta, titled 'Needonomics for Atmanirbharta' on 22 December 2020 for post-graduate and under-graduate students of the college. Former Vice-Chancellor and Kurukshetra based Needonomist Professor M.M. Goel addressed the participants.

COMMERCE & MANAGEMENT CLUB

Workshop on Communication Skills

The Commerce and Management Club of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh, organized a workshop titled 'Development of Communication Skills' on 20 December 2020 under the supervision of Dr Amit Mohindroo. The speaker Mr Rajeev Markanday, the Academic Head at Bulls Eye gave the students a brief about how communication skills are the backbone of a person's personality.

ENACTUS CLUB

Webinar on Digital Marketing

Enactus Club of the college, under the supervision of Dr Niharika Sharma, conducted a webinar titled 'Digital Marketing' on 6 September 2020 in association with Mr Madan Singh Thakur, founder of Digital Explode. The event was a huge success. Mr Thakur shared valuable information about the importance of digital marketing and its impact on the world.

Online Recruitment for the Club

Enactus Club also initiated the first time online recruitment process on 28 September 2020 where they released an online application for anyone who wanted to be a part of the organisation. Enactus Club executed the recruitment process of this tenure by an opportunity to the fresh batch of the college to be part of Enactus. A preliminary online orientation session was organised on 6 October 2020 to make students familiar with the organisation and its motive. More than 250 students appeared for the recruitment process.

Webinar on Career after Education

On 25 October 2020, a webinar titled 'How to Start Your Career' was organised by Enactus Club. It was hosted by Dr S. K. Sharma, the founder of SK avenues, Panchkula. He covered a wide area of career counselling during this session and answered questions related to corporate grooming, how to get a job according to the core competency, various options after graduation etc. The webinar was attended by more than 100 students who were highly benefited by his guiding words.

Fund-raiser Comedy Event

An online stand-up comedy event, 'The Comedy Virus', was organised on 8 November 2020. It brought enthusiasm and entertainment to the work culture of the organisation. This event aimed to raise funds for the production of our project 'Ambika'. Parvinder Singh and Raunaq Rajani, two big names of the comedy world were invited to grace the event.

Poetry and Art Competition

An online poetry competition and art competition was organised, where participants were given a chance to

show their creativity and win exciting prizes. As a result of the dedication and hard work of Enactus Club and the team under the supervision of Dr Niharika Sharma, the event was a huge success and was attended by more than 200 people. It received highly positive reviews from the audience.

Intra-team Marketing Competition

On 27 December 2020, Project 'Amal' under Enactus Club organised an online intra-team marketing competition to polish the marketing and communication skills of the members where they were asked to select a product of their choice and try to sell it through innovative pitching.

ENGLISH LITERARY CLUB

Opening Session & Sonnet Writing Competition

The English Literary Club of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh convened the first full-body online meeting for the session 2020-21 on 28 October 2020. The meeting was hit off on an introductory note by Dr Poorva Trikha, the Teacher-in-Charge of the Club. The members were intimated about the topic of discussion: "The House of Asterion" by Jorge Luis Borges, an Argentine postmodernist writer. This was followed by a warm introduction by the newly elected Board for this tenure in the following order: President-Abhishek, Vice President-Ameesha, Secretary- Valentina, Editor-in-Chief- Parneet, Technical Head- Shobit, and last but not the least Graphic Designer- Aryan. An Inter-college Sonnet Writing Competition was conducted by the Club on 28 October 2020.

Conference on Essay "Against Interpretation" & International Photography Competition

The English Literary Club on the 20 November 2020 discussed the essay "Against Interpretation" by the American critic Susan Sontag. Members of the club put forth their views on what Sontag says in her essay that "Interpretation is the revenge of the intellect upon art" and excessive interpretation ends up destroying a work of art. Mr Pranav Kapil declared the results of the International Photography Competition based on the theme of Ruckenfingur, an art form that invites the viewer to look at the scene from the perspective of the subject in the photograph. An International Photography Competition was held online by the club on 20 November 2020.

Muse Ink

The English Literary Club of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh hosted its most awaited event: "Muse Ink", an ice-breaking session on 14 December 2020. Despite staging the session online, the members of the literary community found themselves closer to each other than before.

Story Writing Competition

An Intra-college story writing competition giving its winner "The Hemingway Prize" was held on 19 December 2020 by the English Literary Club in association with Asia Book House, Sector 17, Chandigarh. Students from all streams participated in the competition.

HARITIMA- THE ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY

Eco- Rangoli Making and Diya Painting Competition

COVID-19 pandemic has somewhat changed the usual scenario and the way the competitions were

conducted. To bring out the creative talents of students and celebrate the Festival of Lights in its true spirit Eco- Rangoli Making and Diya Painting competition were organized through online mode from 11-13 November 2020. About 35 students participated enthusiastically in these competitions. The students were sensitized on the issue of celebrating Pollution-free Diwali.



Bird Day Celebrated

As a part of the sensitization programme on Environment Society 'HARITIMA' celebrated Bird Day on 5 January 2021 and activities like a bird feeder or birdhouse installation were held. Awareness regarding many bird species under threat due to the illegal pet trade, disease, habitat loss and climate change. About 20 students participated in the event.

LEGAL AWARENESS SOCIETY / LEGAL LITERACY CLUB

Talk on Minority Rights

The Department of Sociology, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh organized a virtual talk on 'Current Socio-Legal Status of Minorities in India' under the supervision of Dr Mona Arora, on the occasion of Minority Rights Day in India on 18 December 2020. Mr Mahavir Singh, Additional District and Sessions Judge cum Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, U.T. Chandigarh was the Chief Guest.

RED RIBBON CLUB

Webinar on A. I. D. S. Awareness

Red Ribbon Club in collaboration with the NSS unit of the college organized a webinar on the theme 'A. I. D. S. Awareness' under the supervision of Dr Mahak Sharma on 23 December 2020. The guest speaker was Mr

Sunil Kumar Panghal, Assistant Director (Youth Affairs) State AIDS Control Society, U. T. Chandigarh. More than 40 volunteers attended the webinar.

Quiz Contest

A state-level Quiz contest was also organised by Chandigarh state A. I. D. S. Control Society on 23 December 2020. The students participated in the quiz, they put forward their experiences and views on the topic and two students of the college, Akshita(B.A. Semester I) and Gauravi Walia (B.Com. Semester I) stood first in the contest and earned a cash prize worth Rs. 10,000.

RESONANCE CLUB

Awareness Regarding COVID- 19 through Competitions

Department of Chemistry organized article writing, poster making and PowerPoint presentation online competition based on the theme'COVID- 19: An opportunity to Learn' in June 2020. The topics included-protecting our planet through Chemistry, stages of the development of Corona vaccine and pandemic crisis: lessons for the future.





Quiz Competition

An online Quiz competition in Chemistry for UG and PG students was organized by the Resonance Club of the Department of Chemistry, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh under 'DBT Star College Scheme' on 23 December 2020.

Instrumentation Workshop

An online instrumentation workshop in Chemistry Part-1 for final year students & faculty was organized by the Resonance Club of the Department of Chemistry, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh under 'DBT Star College Scheme' on 24 December 2020. In this online workshop, the students were made aware of two instrumentation techniques i.e. IR and UV- Visible Spectrophotometer through technical lectures which were delivered by Dr Mamta Sharma, and Dr Mehak Rohilla, respectively. After the lectures, the students were given demonstrations by Ms Raveena Thakur about the principle and applications of these instruments.

Poster Making & Slogan Writing Competition

An online Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competition on the topic 'Chemistry in Everyday Life' was organized by the Resonance Club of the Department of Chemistry, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh under 'DBT Star College Scheme' in December 2020.



Alumni- Mentorship Programme

The Resonance Club, Department of Chemistry, organized an Alumni-Mentorship Programme on 30 January 2021 wherein interaction between the college alumni and the current students was facilitated. The aim was that through knowledge, experience and insight of the alumni, the students could maximize their academic experience and get a sense of the opportunities and challenges they will face post-graduation. Dr Simran Bawa, Postdoctoral Research Associate at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; Ms Megha Kapoor, Deputy Head of Secondary and Head of Science, Gems Education, Dubai; Dr Harjeet Kaur, PhD in Pharmacology, Department of Pharmacology, PGI, Chandigarh; and Mr Arvind Chauhan who is currently pursuing PhD from CSIR-IHBT, Palampur participated in this programme and exchanged their views with the students.

Lecture on NMR Spectroscopy

Department of Chemistry organized a DBT sponsored special lecture on 'A Revisit to NMR Spectroscopy' on 9 February 2021. The eminent speaker was Dr Amarjeet Kaur, Department of Chemistry, Panjab University, Chandigarh. The lecture was intended to provide a platform for the exchange of ideas in various fields of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

ROTARACT CLUB

Donation Drive

Rotaract Club of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh in collaboration with Rotaract Club Chandigarh Himalayan organized a Donation Drive on 31 August and 1 September 2020 under the project "Spreading Smiles". A team of Rotaractors donated books, packed eatables and clothes to the underprivileged people who needed them the most.

Meeting with Rajasthan Rotary Club

On 6 September 2020, the Rotaract Club of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh had a meeting with the Honourable President Rtn. Parmod Singal, Rtn. Jagnandan Singh Khosa, Rtn. Shayam Kanda and Rtn. Ashok Kataria, Rotary Club of Sriganganagar, Rajasthan.

Interaction with Hyderabad Rotaract Club & Awareness Campaign

An introductory meeting was organized with Rotaract Club of Hyderabad 3150 on 9 September 2020 where the rotaractors established a bond of friendship with the members of the respective club. The main highlight of the event was the interaction among the members of the two clubs. The adverse impact of COVID-19 pandemic on peasants (marginal farmers) was discussed in the meeting.

Literacy Day Celebrated

On the occasion of Literacy Day, our club members conducted an event on 8 September 2020 where rotaractors helped develop certain skills of their loved ones. They learnt various skills and expanded their skill-set. Club Members shared their experiences as to how they felt teaching skills to their loved ones.

Personal Development Activities

Rotaract Club of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh in collaboration with Naayaab organized an event that focused on self-development and growth. The process that went on for 11 days, brought about much-needed positivity and enhanced the way of life. 11 different personal development activities were taught.

Webinar on Autism Awareness

Rotaract Club of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh in collaboration with SOREM School and Bhavan Vidyalaya, Chandigarh organized a webinar on Autism Awareness on 27 September 2020. Dr Rajat Gupta, Dr Shivangi, Dr Birgurman Singh and Advocate Sameer Ahmed Wani graced the event by sharing their valuable knowledge with us.

8 Workshops to Build a Happy Heart

Inauguration Ceremony of Peaceful Weekend Series was conducted in collaboration with Sukoon on 4 October 2020 under which eight workshops were conducted to help people build a peaceful heart. To grace the event, we had Mrs. Janki Ravani, who is the owner of House of Happiness, a TEDx speaker and a happiness coach. The event ended on a beautiful note with a mesmerizing music performance.

Awareness about Breast Cancer

The club took an initiative to raise awareness and reduce the stigma around breast cancer through various virtual fun activities conducted from 9 October to 14 October 2020. Four events-Virtual Walkathon, Bonafide Gesture, Art competition and Poetry competition -were conducted.

Three-day Webinar on Entrepreneurship

Webinar on 'Entrepreneurship' was organized by our club in collaboration with Lemon School of Entrepreneurship from 22- 24 October 2020. The topics discussed were: New Age Entrepreneurship, My first step towards starting up and "Money Matters" for Entrepreneurs. Mr Mukesh Ashar, Co-founder at Lemon School; Mr Krishnkant Chaturvedi CEO - Innopreneurs at Lemon Ideas; Girish Raju, Lead Catalyst Business Acceleration, Startup COHORT; and Milind Kwatra were the speakers for the three-day-long webinar.

Webinar on Cat-COVID Conundrum

Our club in collaboration with EduCorp organized a webinar on 'The Cat- COVID Conundrum' exclusively for the students of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh on 26 October 2020. The webinar was graced by Mr Amit Hans, Director at EduCorp. He is an MBA mentor, a five-time TEDx Influencer, multiple times IIM Call Getter, a guest speaker at IIMs, XLRI, MICA and many top B-schools.

Peaceful Weekend Series on Forgiveness

Rotaract Club of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Sukoon, organized its fifth segment of 'Peaceful Weekend Series' on 'Forgiveness' on 8 November 2020.

Donation Drive

Rotaract Club of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh and Rotaract Club of UIET collaborated for a noble cause 'Pay It Forward', under which people distributed and gifted essentials to the needy as an act of kindness from 11- 14 November 2020. People gifted stuff to their house help, security guards, poor people, orphans, elders who are out of home and many other needy.

Zero- Waste Diwali

With an initiative to save the environment and promote 'Zero-waste Diwali', Rotaract Club of Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh successfully carried out its project 'Sirjan' from 15- 17 November 2020. A total of 50 kgs of waste flowers and 125 kgs of waste diyas and huts were collected. Flowers were dumped at Fragrance Garden, Sector 36 and the other items were received by Recycle Aastha, a Delhi- based Start-up formed in 2019 with a vision to recycle residue for a better clean environment.

Peaceful Weekend Series Closing Ceremony

The eight- week long Peaceful Weekend Series, in collaboration with Sukoon came to an end on 29 November 2020 with an amazing session on "How to Love Yourself" by the Guest of Honour, Ms Janki Ravani. It was a closing ceremony filled with emotions and joy which included live singing performances.

Breast Cancer Awareness Talk

To raise awareness about Breast Cancer and its prevention, a talk with Dr Seema Sharma, a senior gynaecologist at Cloud 9 Hospital was organised. She shared certain key points on how to prevent the disease, what can be our contribution to decrease the ratio of breast cancer patients and how to cure it.

SD MUN

Debate Competition

Debate competition on various burning issues was held on 19 December 2020. It included several participants from different streams and they presented their views on various topics like one nation one election, should national anthem be played in cinema halls, should political activities be allowed on university campuses, the impact of demonetization etc. Muskan Sheer, Anushka and Hrithik Kashyap bagged the first, second and third prize respectively.

TEDx

The Sixth Edition of TEDx Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharam College 2020 held on 25 September 2020. It was the first real-time operational, digitally hosted edition. It was an addition to the exceptional legacy of TEDxGGDSDCollege. Following the theme 'Constructive Chaos', distinguished speakers from around the nation were invited to present their take on the theme, giving a constructive way out of their chaos.

The event covered the speakers from a wide spectrum of professions ranging from: the passion stories of travel & lifestyle photographer - Aman Chotani; an inspirational lead woman, founder and director of 17000ft Foundation - Sujata Sahu; an experienced architect/designer and co-founder of Hexpressions - Abhimanyu Singh; a powerful actor and influencer who rose to prominence through his hard work and perseverance - Taher Shabbir; a man who didn't shy away from following his dreams into the world of acting after getting an MBA from Panama City - Mahesh Thakur; and last but not the least a renowned actor in the world of television and Bollywood - Rohit Roy.

TrendsModa CLUB

Ten- days Online Workshop

As creativity can better be explored by working practically, so Fevicryl 'Artist in Me' online workshop was organised by TrendsModa Club Department of Fashion Designing on 1 February 2021.

Under this curriculum, there were 12 projects on different art techniques. The workshop had started on 20 December 2020 and continued till 30 January 2021. There were 12 sessions of one-hour duration, which were held on Saturdays and Sundays. The curriculum was specially designed for students of Fashion Designing.

The Fevicryl instructors, namely, Ms Shashi Guleria, who is well trained in the latest industry trends from biophilic, sustainability, art styles like Monet Pointillism, Cubism, Surrealism, Contemporary art, and Dr Sumita Sikka, Head, Fashion Designing were resource persons.

In the workshop, students learnt various art and craft techniques like fabric painting, 3D outline designs, Patchwork and more. The workshop was attended by 48 students. It was an enriching experience for all the students. The efforts of students were appreciated by the principal Dr Balraj Thapar.

VIII COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

Drafting of a COVID-19 Code of Conduct

The College drafted a special Code of Conduct which was strictly followed on the campus during the COVID period with effect from 18 March 2020. This Code of Conduct laid Standard Operational Guidelines to be followed by the faculty/staff, students and visitors for the safety, health and well-being of all the stakeholders. It also included the precautions to be taken while using the library, laboratories and classrooms, to ensure the safety of all, as per the guidelines and advisories issued by UGC, MHRD and DHE (Chandigarh). The work culture SOPs on a college campus during the COVID period was drafted to limit the spread of the disease while ensuring the continuity of college activities.



Billboards & Banners

Billboards and banners were displayed at the entry gate and frequently visited places on the campus. The display boards conveyed a clear message regarding proper wearing of masks and maintenance of hand hygiene and social distancing rules as per the instructions issued by the government of India.



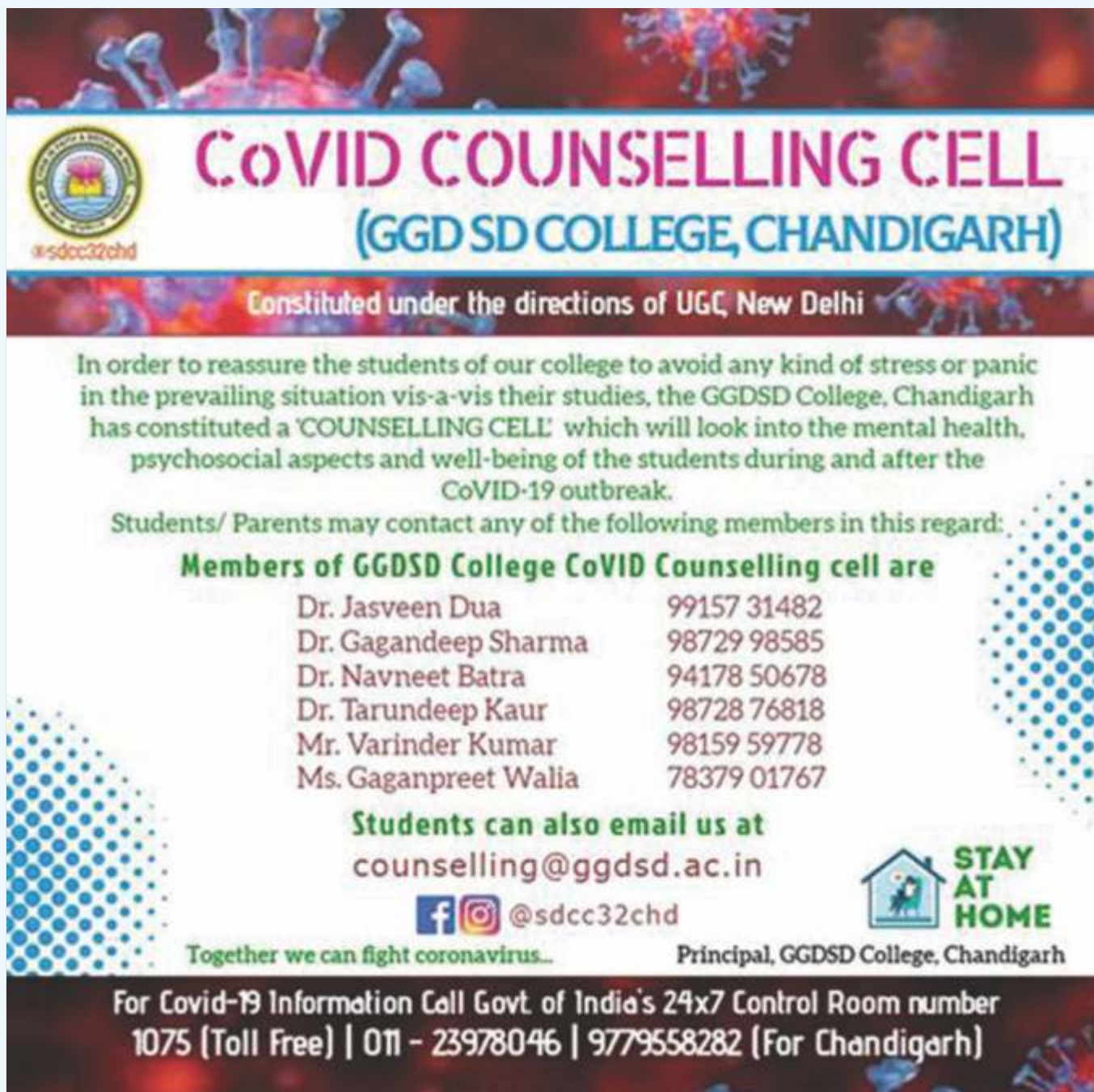
Contribution to PM CARES FUND by Staff

To strengthen the efforts of the Government to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in a time of national distress, the teaching and non-teaching staff of the institution contributed Rs. 10 lakhs to the PM Cares fund.



Creation of COVID-19 Counselling Cell

Under the leadership and guidance of Principal Dr Balraj Thapar, a special cell was constituted to provide counselling to students. Members of the College Counseling Cell guided the students during the COVID-19 pandemic period through their helpline numbers and e-mail IDs created for this very purpose. About 50 students were counselled in their time of need and their problems were solved through proper advice.



CoVID COUNSELLING CELL
(GGDSD COLLEGE, CHANDIGARH)

Constituted under the directions of UGC, New Delhi



In order to reassure the students of our college to avoid any kind of stress or panic in the prevailing situation vis-a-vis their studies, the GGDSD College, Chandigarh has constituted a 'COUNSELLING CELL' which will look into the mental health, psychosocial aspects and well-being of the students during and after the COVID-19 outbreak.


Students/ Parents may contact any of the following members in this regard:

Members of GGDSD College CoVID Counselling cell are

Dr. Jasveen Dua	99157 31482
Dr. Gagandeep Sharma	98729 98585
Dr. Navneet Batra	94178 50678
Dr. Tarundeep Kaur	98728 76818
Mr. Varinder Kumar	98159 59778
Ms. Gaganpreet Walia	78379 01767

Students can also email us at
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Together we can fight coronavirus...  **STAY AT HOME**

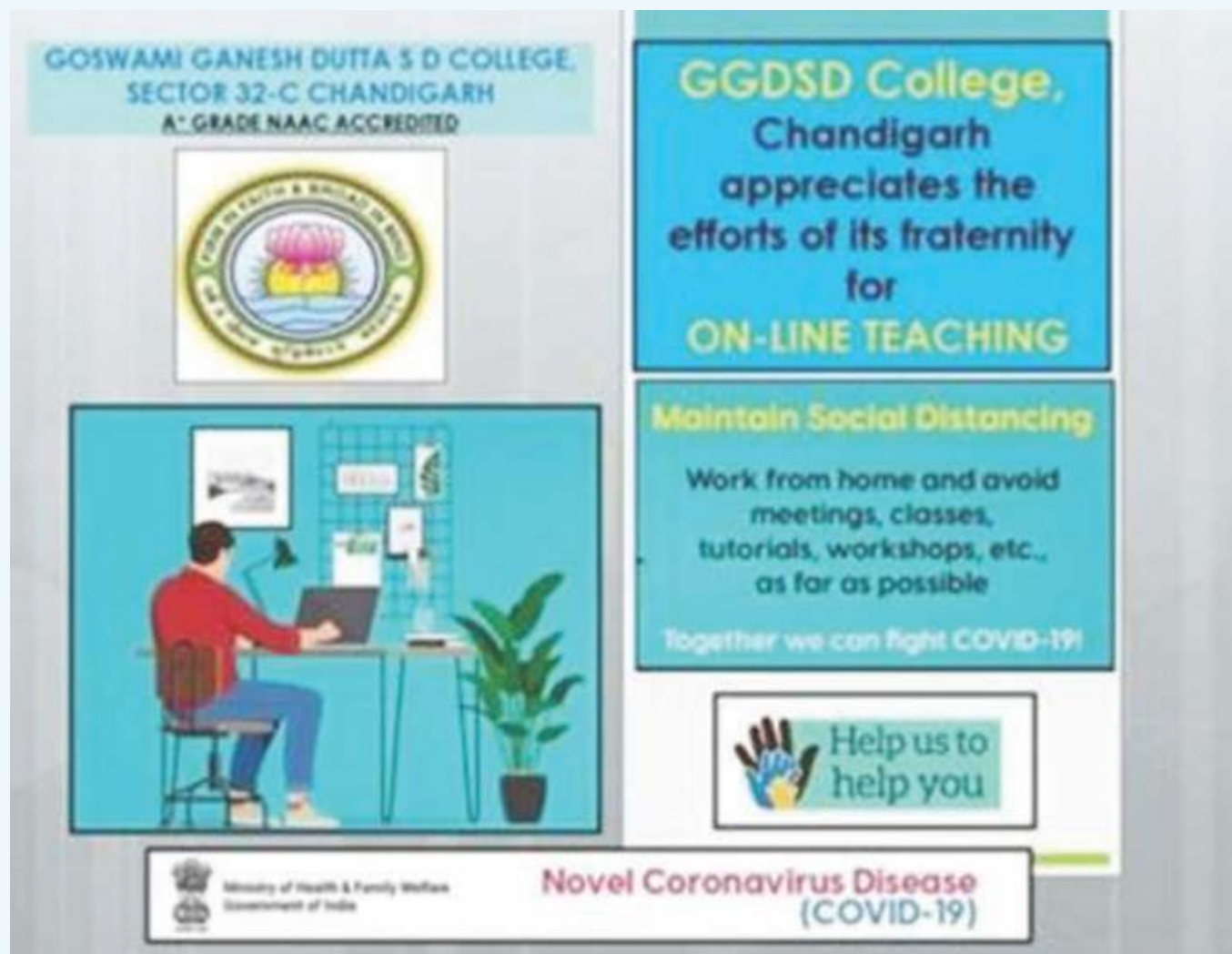
Principal, GGDSD College, Chandigarh

For Covid-19 Information Call Govt. of India's 24x7 Control Room number
1075 (Toll Free) | 011 - 23978046 | 9779558282 (For Chandigarh)

Manasuday Cell of Department of Psychology engaged in counselling of the students during the lockdown period.

Effective use of Social media and College Website during COVID-19

To tackle the mental health and well-being of students and faculty/staff during the COVID- 19 period, encouraging messages were duly displayed and circulated on social media and college website. To ensure that any kind of medical emergency is tackled safely, a general advisory was issued to all staff members and students.



There was the dissemination of information regarding downloading of Arogya Setu App to all the staff members (Teaching and Non-Teaching) and students. To facilitate students during the lockdown and providing them information regarding Examination and Admission, a helpline number was circulated amongst the staff & students. A provision of taking advance claim under Para 68L(3) of the EPF Scheme, 1952 for relief in COVID-19 lockdown was circulated amongst the staff. A recommended advisory for COVID-19 was issued to the staff and students. This included sharing a video on the use of reusable face cover and sharing of a document, released by Ayush, on measures to boost immunity.

Special duties performed by faculty/staff during COVID-pandemic

Dr Tarundeep Kaur of the Department of Psychology was a member of a team constituted by the

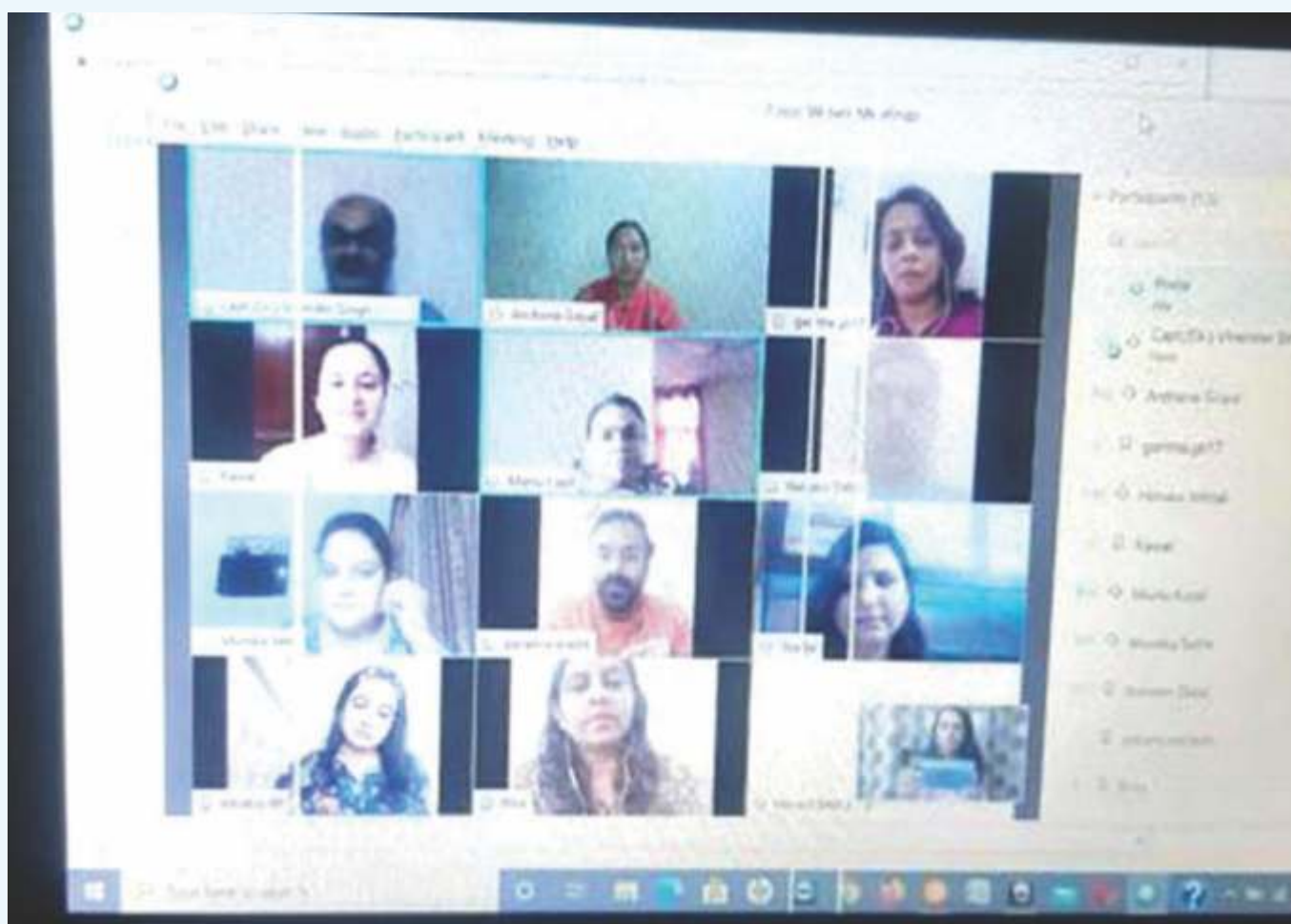
Indian Academy of Health Psychology (IAHP) for combating the psychological problems arising due to the pandemic. She performed the duty of a Psychology Consultant.

Dr Mehak Sharma and Dr Mani Parti attended training on COVID-19 safety measures and guidelines on 25 April 2020.

Ten staff members of the college performed special duty in containment zones during the COVID-19 period. They reported for their duties to Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Sector-42, Chandigarh.

Teacher's Training for Online Teaching: In an attempt to keep up with the challenging times, the College utilized remote online learning and eventually moved to a blended concept of off-line cum online teaching, for the session 2020-21. An Online Teacher's Training on Google Classroom and Google Meet was conducted for the faculty members from 20- 23 July 2020 to help them develop a working understanding of successful online teaching strategies and to integrate online technologies into their teaching. 95 teachers attended the training and were trained by 13 trainers from the PG Department of Information Technology.

Adopting ICT Initiatives of Teaching and Learning: Circular of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (GOI)- letter No. j-11013/5/2020-MUC.I dt.6 April 2020 was disseminated to all faculty members and students. The said circular motivated both the teachers and the students to use e-learning resources such as SWAYAM, E-PG Pathshala, etc.



Engaging Students & Faculty during Lockdown Period: It was important to engage the students in some productive activities for their well-being during the lockdown. Using a digital interface to break the isolation barriers and facilitate an environment of interaction, collaboration and communication to sharpen the skills of young learners, several activities and programs were conducted through online mode. These were aimed at integrating domain-specific knowledge with life skills to enhance critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity and innovation, decision making and participative learning amongst the learners. Each department tried its best to help students cope with the adverse conditions.

Initiatives undertaken by the Institution

- Motivating students to join **1 week Online Training Workshop on Personality Development by Panjab University, Chandigarh** from 16 April 2020.
- **Student Satisfaction Survey** on COVID-19 carried out to review the efforts being done by the Institution.
- **Video of Advisory Message from Principal** of the Institution in Lockdown period shared through our YouTube channel.
- **Interaction and virtual feedback from International students** who were stuck at their respective places during the lockdown.
- The faculty was motivated to attend **webinars organized by NAAC (Bangalore)**.
- Students motivated for **ICT webinars on employability skills** (7 and 8 May 2020)
- **Online meeting of faculty** was held on 14 May 2020, wherein the President, Sh. Upkar Krishan Sharma, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College Society, addressed the listeners. The address was followed by Principal Dr Balraj Thapar's address on safety guidelines issued by the government.
- **Online meeting** of Heads of Departments was conducted by the Principal on 21 July 2020 through Google Meet.

Training Programme for Online Admissions: The Automation Cell of the college conducted an online training program for the faculty on 16 August 2020 to apprise them of the steps to be taken for online centralized and non-centralized admissions for the academic session 2020-2021.

Independence Day

The Tri-colour fluttered proudly in the lush green college campus on 15 August 2020. The college celebrated Independence Day while strictly adhering to the social distancing norms. Principal, Dr Balraj Thapar unfurled the national flag to the melodious tunes of the national anthem and slogans. (photo- Independence Day) He shared his thoughts that we all should be proud of being a part of a country that is known for unity in diversity. Several faculty members attended the event and took a pledge to serve their motherland. The program concluded on a high crescendo with the planting of saplings on the campus and distribution of sweets.

Founder's Day: Pt. Mohan Lal Ji Remembered

Online Prarthana Sabha


The College organized the Pandit Mohan Lal Memorial Virtual Lecture cum Prarthana Sabha to pay homage

to revered Late (Dr.) Pandit Mohan Lal Ji, Former Home, Finance and Education Minister of Punjab and our Founder President on his 21st Death Anniversary, on 30 August 2020.

In the memory of Pandit Ji, students of the institutions run by Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College Society rendered melodious devotional songs.

Invite

**Pt. Mohan Lal Memorial Lecture
&
PRARTHANA SABHA**
to commemorate the memory of


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**Revered Late (Dr.) Pandit Mohan Lal Ji
on his 21st Death Anniversary**

Memorial Lecture by
Dr. Ashwani Kumar
Former Minister for Law & Justice, Govt. of India
Ex Member of Rajya Sabha and
Former Solicitor General of India
On The Topic
"Leadership in the New World"
Sunday, August 30, 2020 at 11:00am followed by Bhajan

Join Using Google Meet Link:
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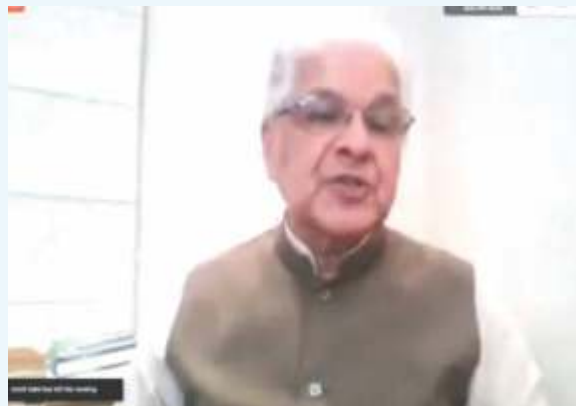
Blood Donation Camp on August 31, 2020 at 10:00am
Venue: GGDSD College, Chandigarh

Dr. Bala J Thepar
Principal, GGDSD College, Chandigarh

Sh. Utkar Krishan Sharma
President, GGDSD College Society, Chandigarh

Pt. Mohan Lal Memorial Lecture

A virtual memorial lecture was delivered online by Dr Ashwani Kumar, Former Minister for Law & Justice, Govt. of India, Ex-Member of Rajya Sabha and Former Solicitor General of India on 30 August 2020. Dr Ashwani paid tribute to the late Pandit Ji and applauded his role as amongst the distinguished post-independence leaders who played a stellar role in evolving a politics based on values, striving for political stability and contributing largely to the spread of education in the country. Dr Ashwani delivered a lecture on 'Leadership in the New World'.



Blood Donation Camp

A blood donation camp was held on the college campus in memory of Pt. Mohan Lal Ji on 31 August 2020. With all safety measures and norms in place, a total of 100 units of blood were collected during the camp. Students, staff and alumni of the college participated in the event. The camp was conducted by a team of doctors from GMCH, Sector- 32 in collaboration with SD College Alumni Association Chandigarh (SDAAC), Central Bank of India, Sector- 32, Lions and Lioness Club, Panchkula Central, and Lions Club, Solan. They were assisted by the NSS volunteers of the college.



Annual Fests

In an attempt to ensure that the students don't miss out on extra-curricular activities as per the college calendar, even with the lockdown in force, all the annual fests of the college were organized completely online.

BioRhythme-20: Science Fest: During the pandemic period, the Department of Bioinformatics took initiatives to promote the participation of students in extracurricular activities via online mode. The annual Science-cum-Cultural Fest- BioRhythm -was organized under the aegis of DST, Chandigarh Administration, from 27-30 May 2020. The department optimally utilized the social media platform wherein the official Instagram account @biorhythm2020 received over 2 lakh Impressions and got a reach of 32812 unique users in four days! Student showcased their music, singing, acting, writing and artistic, innovative talent while staying safe at their home. The panel of Jury for BioRhythm e-20 included: Mr Chetan Rana, a well-known celebrity singer; Mr Siddhant Issar, Model, Actor & Writer; Mr Ritik Raj Saxena, Dance Choreographer/ Actor at Artistik Academy of Dance Mumbai; Ms Smriti Dixit, Textile & Multimedia Artist; Ms Parul A. Ghaghada, Head of Visual Arts, Podar International School, Mumbai; Ms Anuradha Upadhyay, RJ, Voice Over Artist & Emcee, Vividh Bharti, Akashwani, Mumbai; Ms Neena Majumdar, Chief Photographer and Founder, Piamony Photography Mumbai; Ms Navneet K. Sharma, Internationally Certified Makeup Expert/ Educator and Dr Rinku Kalia, Singer and Performer. All the winners were awarded cash prizes and food discount vouchers.



Virtual Panache-2020: Commerce & Management Fest: Held in the month of June amidst the pandemic, the Commerce and Management Club organized its first-ever online fest- Virtual Panache 2020. In the four flagship events - 'Business Tagline', 'Business Discussion', 'Business Meme' and 'Business Crisis'- over 100 students participated. All the competitions were held in a completely digital manner. The closing ceremony was hosted on 3 June 2020. Dr Sumit Aggarwal, CEO of Soberbio Consulting gave a keynote address on 'Academia as Catalyst to Foster Enterprise and Innovation'.

Phoenix-2020: IT Fest: PG Department of Information Technology conducted their annual fest, Phoenix-2020, online with the same enthusiasm, with approximately 150 college students participating from around the country, making the outreach of the fest nationwide for the first time. The event began with Photography Competition on 9 June 2020 and the entries were posted on social media and were ranked based on the number of 'Likes'. A similar judging criterion was followed with other events in the series like e-poster designing, slogan writing and presentation making. Phoenix 2020 ended with a "Quizathon" on 12 June 2020. The IT Quiz was conducted live on YouTube where 20 participants from across the tri-city were asked 20 questions. The winners were declared on the same day.



Vivacity-2020: Humanities Fest: The Faculty of Arts conducted their annual fest, Vivacity 2020, online with the publication of an e-magazine titled 'The Lockdown Times' which was released on 12 June 2020. The magazine contained several articles by faculty members and students, most of which reflected on how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected their lives and work.



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Principal

Orientation-cum-Induction Programme

The College welcomed its first-year students with an online induction program to apprise them of the strengths of the college and to familiarize them with the rules, regulations and value system of the college. Principal, Dr Balraj Thapar addressed the students on the occasion and explained the rules of Panjab University regarding attendance, examination system and other aspects of a college education. The students were told about the online teaching strategies adopted by the college, innovating its way through COVID-19.



Republic Day Function

The 72nd Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotism on the college campus on 26 January 2021. Principal, Dr Balraj Thapar hoisted the national flag and shared his views on the importance of the constitution. The campus reverberated with the national anthem. The students, staff and alumni sang patriotic songs and took a pledge to serve their motherland. The function concluded with the distribution of sweets among students and staff.





Alumni Meet

The College in collaboration with SDAAC, its alumni association, held the alumni meet in both online and offline mode on 26 January 2021. Keeping in view the pandemic guidelines, the meet was live-streamed on YouTube, wherein old students from India and abroad joined through Google Meet. Many alumni were also present to share their experiences and the event was followed by tea.



Basant Panchmi

Keeping the tradition alive, the College Library celebrated Basant Panchami with fervour and devotion on 16 February 2021. College Management Society Members, Principal and staff members, all gathered in the college premises to worship Maa Saraswati, Goddess of Knowledge, Wisdom, Art, and Music. While adhering to all the safety norms, the attendees paid obeisance to the almighty. Yellow sweet rice, a dish specific to the occasion, was offered to the goddess and then distributed as Prasad. Kites of various hues and colours took to the sky as many enthusiastic students and staff participated in kite flying to mark the festival of spring.



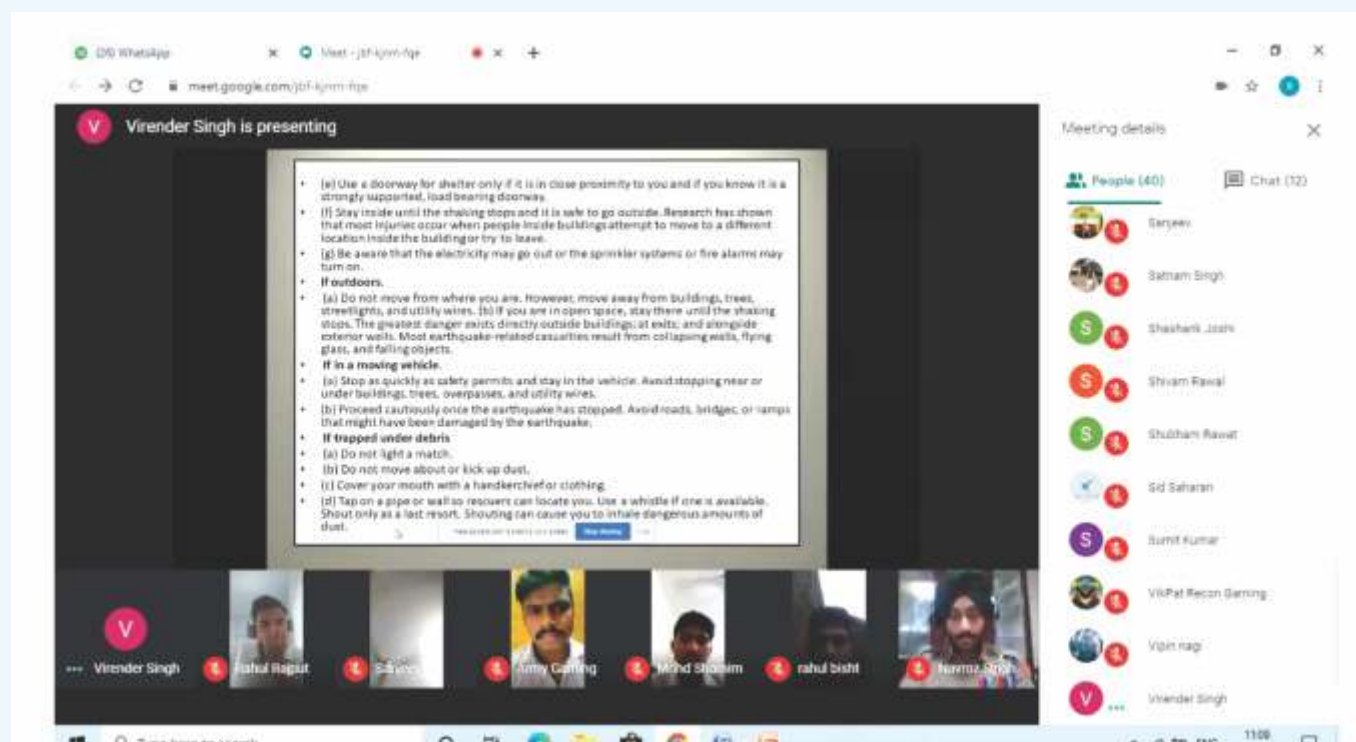
NCC



The College has been granted 2 NCC platoons comprising 70 cadets each. During each session, NCC cadets attend 32 parades and 96 periods for the award of the certificate. To specialize or train himself for a career in the armed forces, it becomes mandatory for cadets to attend two camps during the three years of their stay in the college and participate in certain service achievements, as decided by the authorities. Cadets are also groomed for a regular commission in the army and paramilitary forces. Besides these, the cadets are also offered opportunities to participate in additional service training programmes like the Republic Day Parade at Delhi, Basic and Advanced Leadership camps, etc. As part of these training programmes, the cadets are provided with a complete kit catering to all their needs.

This year total of 65 first-year students was recruited as cadets in NCC via an online interview conducted by ANO Sir and SUO of the college. The total strength of NCC this year was 155 cadets in total. This year the cadets participated in various activities like Blood Donation Camp, Traffic Rule Awareness Rally, Traffic Rule Police Attachment Duties, Celebration of NCC day with ADG Maj.Gen. R.S. Mann and other NCC officers at NCC group headquarters CHD sector 31 etc. All the activities took place under the supervision and guidance of Capt. Varinder Singh(ANO) and Senior Under Officer (SUO) Brijesh Kumar, Under Officer (UO) Sameer Ghana, Under Officer (UO) Vishal Chauhan, CQMS Ayush Singh, CQMS Sidhant Nayyar, CQMS Jobanjeet Singh, Sgt. Jagdeep Singh, Sgt. Goldy Kumar, Cpl. Sahil Kanet, Cpl. Saksham Sain, and L.Cpl. Aakash Kapoor.

COVID-19 Impact on NCC



All the NCC Cadets were made to undergo training on 22 July 2020 to deal with any emergency brought by the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown. At the later stage, the NCC classes started in online mode. All the cadets were made to learn the syllabus of NCC via PPTs made by ANOs, P.I. Staff and Officers. During this, the various camps were called off till further notice. The Republic Day Camp was organized with less

strength; a few online camps were organized at the National Level in which various Cadets of our college participated.

Blood Donation Camp

2 CHD BN NCC also organized the blood donation camp on 14 November 2020. NCC cadets of the college also contributed to this noble cause. A total of 15 Cadets of our college donated blood in the camp organized by the NCC Headquarters. On this occasion Commanding Officer Col. Rohit Thakur appreciated all the donors and also encouraged other cadets to go for the same in future and told them the benefits of doing so.



Passing on the Legacy



SUO Brijesh Kumar took a lecture on 2 December 2020 and the experience on the journey of NCC and lessons learnt during NCC. He also shared his journey from being a cadet in the first year and to hold the highest rank appointment of SUO in Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College NCC. He attributed his success to his hardworking and sincere attitude.

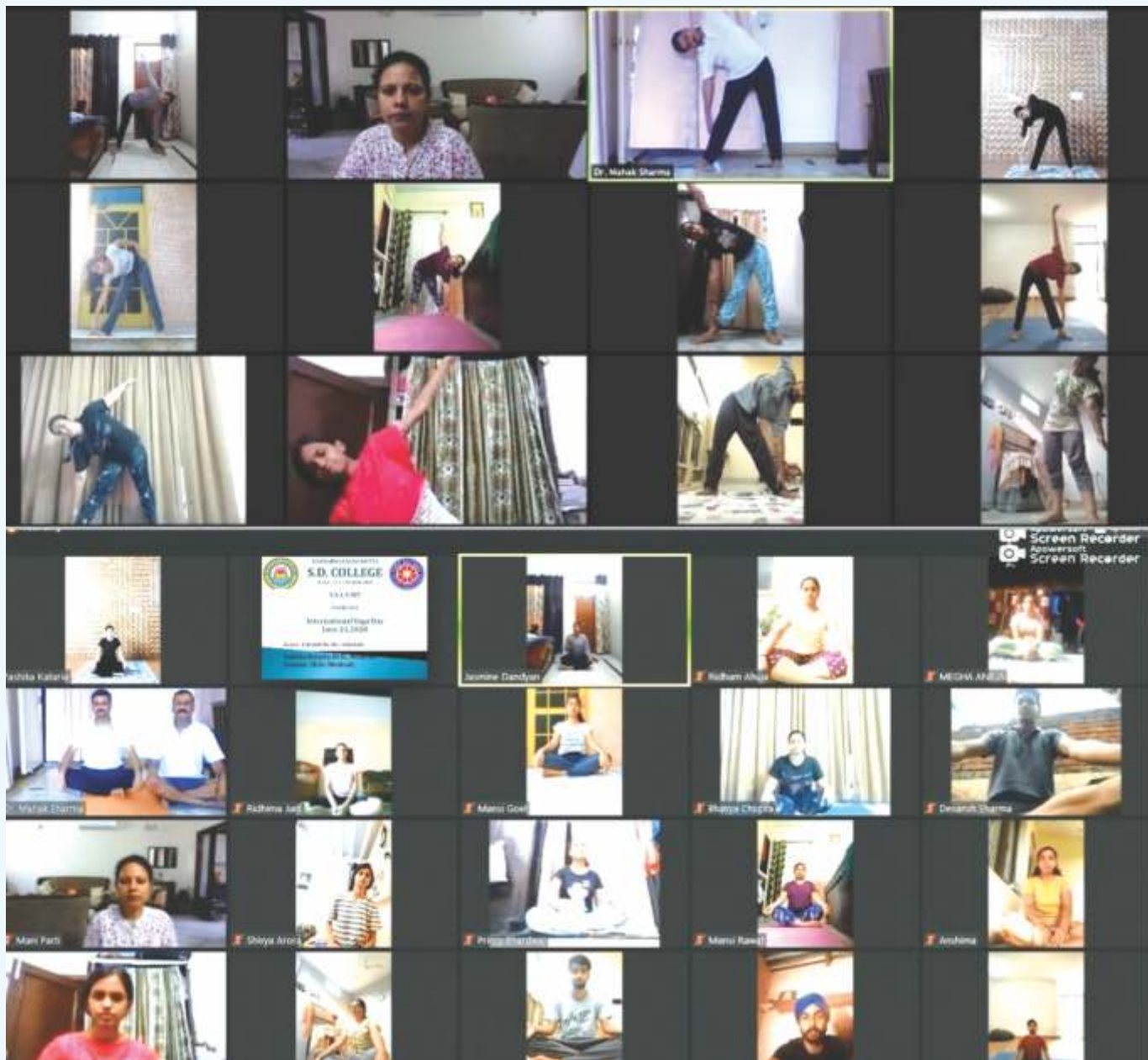
NSS

Volunteer Work during Pandemic

NSS unit of the College joined the GOI campaign to counter stigma and discrimination and made posters, composed messages to encourage frontline warriors on 16 May 2020. More than 150 NSS volunteers made digital posters, audios and videos related to COVID-19 and spread awareness to combat the disease. NSS volunteers made Face Masks and distributed the same to the needy ones. NSS volunteer **Talvinder Singh** with his team made 'langar' for more than 45 days and distributed the food to the needy.



NSS unit of the College observed International Yoga Day on 21 June 2020 and this year being different because of the spread of COVID-19, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, had issued common Yoga protocol wherein it was stressed that the common Yoga protocol shall be performed individually or with the family within the confines of their homes on 21 June 2020 from 7.00 a.m. to 7.45 a.m., followed by any suitable and customized 15-minute programme on Yoga. To mark the same, a YouTube link was shared with all the staff members seeing which they could perform various yoga asanas virtually. NSS unit of the college also organized various other activities on the occasion of Sixth International Yoga Day 2020. **Inter-college Slogan Writing Competition** was held. The theme was- Inhale Courage and Exhale Fear through Yoga. NSS Unit also held an **Inter-college Poster making Competition** on the theme of Yoga at Home with Family.



World Environment Day and Say No to Plastic Campaign

NSS unit of the college celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2020. More than 50 NSS volunteers participated in the same by making digital posters and planting trees nearby their homes. Volunteers also spread awareness about the harmful effects of using plastic by making posters. The volunteers made bags out of cloth/paper and spread awareness among the public to discourage using plastic.



Production and Donation of Face Masks

More than 60 NSS Volunteers made Face masks of cotton clothes. NSS Programme officers and volunteers of the college donated more than 550 face masks to State NSS cell Chandigarh for further distribution of the same to the needy ones on 23 July 2020. Dr Balraj Thapar, Principal of the College applauded the efforts of the volunteers during the pandemic.



Tree Plantation Drive

NSS Unit of the college organized a Tree Plantation Drive in College Campus on 15 August 2020. More than 8 NSS volunteers participated in the event. Dr Balraj Thapar, Principal of the College along with 8 senior faculty members and 2 NSS Programme Officers planted trees on the campus.



Blood Donation Camp

Blood Donation was organized on the college campus in collaboration with GMCH-32 Chandigarh on 31 August 2020. 10 NSS volunteers put their efforts into the smooth conduct of the same whereas 17 students donated blood.



Food Kits Distributed

NSS Head Boy Gurbinder Singh and his team distributed 700 food kits to underprivileged children in Sector-38 and Sector-25 Chandigarh on 23 September 2020.

Quiz for Volunteers

On NSS Day, a quiz was organized for the volunteers on 24 September 2020. More than 150 volunteers participated in the Quiz.