

# **STATUS REPORT- COVID** 2020-2021

# GOSWAMI GANESH DUTTA SANATAN DHARMA COLLEGE SECTOR- 32 C, CHANDIGARH

#### **Principal's Message**

The world has seen paradigm shifts in the society by unprecedented Covid-19. Without a vaccine for Covid-19, this seems to have become the 'New Normal' for us. Higher education has been impacted in a big way and 'Technology Landscape' has emerged. The biggest and most sudden transition the pandemic has forced is the switch to online education. Education 4.0 is the future of higher education. Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh is innovating its way through Covid-19 and is future ready in various ways. For the young students of emerging India, our institution is a unique place to carve their own path of success. It provides the students space to grow and opportunity to excel by instilling competencies and inculcating values that give them a head start in life.

This is a consolidated report of COVID-19 Preparedness & Measures taken at Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh. It is noteworthy that the college adopted all the quality measures and practices mentioned here in view of COVID-19 pandemic (medical emergency situation).

Dr Ajay Sharma Principal

#### **Quality Initiatives and Measures During Pandemic**

#### **COVID-19 Counselling Cell**

Under the leadership and guidance of the Principal (In-charge), a special cell was constituted for the purpose of providing counselling to students. Members of the College Counselling 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.

#### Maintenance of hygiene practices in the campus

- Hand sanitizers have been placed at various spots for the convenience of staff members.
- All the staff members of the college were advised to avoid handshakes and were requested to frequently use sanitizers, or soaps to clean their hands.
- Mandatory thermal scanning of the staff and visitors at gate
- Compulsory noting of entry of visitors at the gate
- Fumigation and sanitization of hostels, administrative offices, automation cell, laboratories, classrooms, etc.

#### **Promoting online teaching**

As per the directive received from CDC, Panjab University, Chandigarh, vide letter No. 552/DCDC dt. 25.03.2020, the Institution switched to online mode of teaching. The teachers were motivated to take all necessary measures to communicate with their students. To establish firm communication, the teachers used the facility of online teaching through LX module of TCS for the dissemination of e-content/course material of the pending syllabus. The platform was quite

effective in aiding the teaching-learning process. The faculty was advised to keep in touch with the students through telephones, online tools and social media as well.

#### Keeping Teaching in line with Digital Initiatives 2020-21 (Amidst COVID-19)

# **ONLINE TEACHING AND LEARNING**

#### **Teacher's Orientation**

The college in the next year adopted Google platform for the dissemination of information and conduct of teaching and learning in the academic session 2020-21. The Teachers were given orientation on Google Classroom which is a web service developed by Google for educational institutions with an aim to make interaction between teachers and students. This Platform served as complete solution to the teaching-learning process while the college could not be opened for students physically.

**Google Meet and Extensions**- The teachers were also made aware about Google Meet and how classes can be conducted through the integration of Meet and Classroom. They were also informed about several other extensions like Grid View, Attendance, Push to Talk etc which could enhance the student-teacher learning experience and make online teaching manageable for teachers.

**Creating Classes**- Followed by the orientation, the teachers were told to create their classes according to the allotted time table.

**Reporting respective class codes**- Through a college notice the teachers were asked to share their Google classroom and meet code for individual classes with the Principal. They were, thus, compiled and regularly monitored.

**Monitoring of classes-** The online classes were, thus, checked and monitored. The classes were also recorded by teachers.

**Conduct of MST**- The Mid Semester Examinations were also conducted through the Google Classroom and Meet platform.

**Submission of assignments' and conduct of online quizzes**- The teachers also evaluated student's performance through the Google Classroom and graded them accordingly.

**Curb to check menace**- In order to curb the indiscipline individual student Gmail ids were created with the college domain so that no one outside the domain could log into the classes. Anyone outside the domain could not enter the classrooms and create indiscipline.

**Dissemination of Information**- Throughout the session the official email ids were used for the dissemination of information to students as well as teachers.

#### TEACHING-LEARNING-SKILL ENHANCEMENT OF STAFF AND STUDENTS'

- An online webinar titled "Digital Marketing" was conducted by Enactus Club on 6 September in association with **Mr. Madan Singh Thakur**, founder of digital explode.
- On the occasion of **Literacy Day**, on 8 September, the Rotaract club members conducted an event and the Club organized another event which focused on self-development and growth in collaboration with 'Naayaab'.
- A talk-cum-interactive session on "Exploring and cultivating new frontiers of Entrepreneurship" was organised by Ashra club of the college for under graduate and post graduate students on 10 October. Mr Sanjay Aggarwal, President and Founder of Disha (NGO), was key speaker for the session.
- A weeklong **online workshop on Research Methodology** for students of MA English was conducted to acquaint them with the basics of research. The students were made aware about plagiarism, online resources, structuring their research, writing literature reviews and were introduced to MLA Handbook 8th edition. The workshop was conducted from 19 to 27 October by Ms Gaganpreet Walia, Ms Nitika Garg and Mr Pranav Kapil from the Department of English.
- Webinar on "**Patents in Biotechnology**" under the Kalam Program for IP Literacy and Awareness organised by Institution Innovation Cell on 19 October 2020.
- An Online Panel Discussion titled "Ingredients of overall success in Contemporary times in terms of IQ, EQ AND SQ" was organised by Aesthesia Club on 20 October. Panel speakers included Mr. Vivek Attray, is a motivational speaker, Dr. K.K. Ramachandran, Vice Principal, GRD College, Coimbatore, Mrs.Ritu Singal, recipient of a Women Entrepreneur of the year award 2011and Mr.Vikas Bansal, a productivity coach and corporate trainer. A Live Workshop on the topic, "Effective Communication" was, also, organized on 20 November. The key speakers included Surbhi Sarin, Pearl Fotedar, Varisha Ishrat working with edu Velocity (Global Educational Consultants) as senior counsellors and life skills coach.
- Webinar on Entrepreneurship was organized by Rotaract club in collaboration with Lemon School of Entrepreneurship from 22 to 24 October. Mr. Mukesh Ashar, Cofounder at Lemon School, Mr. Krishnkant Chaturvedi CEO - Innopreneurs at Lemon Ideas, Girish Raju, Lead Catalyst Business Acceleration, Startup COHORT and R. Milind Kwatra were the speakers.
- A webinar on "THE CAT COVID CONUNDRUM" was organised by the Rotaract club on 26 October in collaboration with 'EduCorp' where Mr. Amit Hans, Director at EduCorp, a 5 times TEDx Influencer, a guest speaker at IIMs, XLRI, MICA and many top B-schools was the key speaker.
- Dr Kiran Bedi, Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry was the Chief Guest for the 3rd Edition of Prem Bhatia Lecture Series, organised by the Department of Journalism and Mass communication to celebrate National Press Day on 16 November. The virtual event was live streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

- An Interactive session with India Today anchor, **Ms Navjyot Randhawa** on "**Future Issues and Challenges in Media**" was organised by the Department of Journalism and Mass communication on 11 December.
- 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 along with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Raj Kumar and DCDC, Prof. Sanjay Kaushik, Panjab University, Chandigarh were the key speakers of the one day national webinar titled, "HR Conclave: New Recruiting Technologies" organised by PG department of Commerce and Management in association with ICT Academy, Tamil Nadu on 12 December, 2020.
- Mr. Vivek, IAS Academy gave an Introductory Lecture on Preparation of Civil Services on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.
- A webinar on "Why learn Sanskrit?" was organised by Department of Sanskrit on 15 December for the promotion of Sanskrit language. In this webinar, **Prof. Rajeshwar Prasad Mishra**, Ex-Chairperson of the Sanskrit Department of Kurukshetra University presented his address.
- A webinar titled, "Paschatya prabhav ke kaaran bhartiya sahitya aur sanskriti mei parivartan", was organised by Department of Hindi on 16 December 2020. Dr. Harmohinder Singh Bedi, Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh was the guest speaker.
- A workshop on **"The Role of Music in our Lives"** by the Department of Music on 19 December was conducted by **Dr. Supriya Shah**, an acclaimed sitar player and Senior Assistant Professor in the Department of Instrumental Music, Banaras Hindu University.
- BIOVISION Club organized a lecture by Anoop Verma, School of Energy & Environment, Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.
- A workshop by Commerce and Management Club, "Development of Communication Skills" was conducted on 20 December by an expert speaker, Mr. Rajeev Markanday, the Academic Head at Bulls Eye.
- A Webinar on 'In *vitro* propagation, Conservation and restoration ecology in particular reference to Orchids' was organised on 21 December by the Department of Botany. Prof. Promila Pathak from Department of Botany, Panjab University Chandigarh was the key speaker. They also organized a Webinar on 'Impact of biotechnology advances in crop improvement' on 16 December. Dr. Isha Sharma, a Ramalingaswamy Fellow from Agribiotech Foundation, PJTS Agricultural University, Rajendranagar, Telangana State was the resource person.
- A webinar on "**Numbers: Fun & Facts**" was organized by the Department of Mathematics on the occasion of National Mathematics Day on 22 December. **Dr. Ajay Kumar**, Head, Department of Mathematics, IIT Jammu was the resource person for the webinar.

- A webinar titled 'Needonomics for Atmanirbharta' on 22 December was organised by Ashra Club. Former Vice Chancellor and Kurukshetra based Needonomist **Professor M.M. Goel** was the speaker.
- An Economics Hackathon, "Econothon" was organised by the Planning Forum club. The event began on 5 November and concluded on December 23 with a webinar on "Agricultural Bills" by the guest speaker, Shri Raman Kaplish, a renowned agricultural market expert.
- A webinar on "Role of the Supreme Court in the Expansion and Protection of Fundamental Rights of Citizens" was organised on 23 December 2020 by the Department of Political Science. Prof. Vandana Arora, Department of Law, Panjab University, Chandigarh was the keynote speaker.
- An online instrumentation workshop in Chemistry was organized by the Resonance Club under 'DBT Star College Scheme' on 24 December. Technical lectures were delivered by **Dr. Mamta Sharma, Dr. MehakRohilla, and Ms Raveena Thakur.**
- National Seminar on "**Statistics and its Applications**" was organised by the Department of Statistics on 24 December. The resource person was **Prof. Kalpana K. Mahajan**, Department of Statistics, Panjab University Chandigarh.
- "Artist in Me", a Fevicryl online workshop was organised by Trends Moda Club, Department of Fashion Designing with 12 projects on different art techniques from 20 December 2020 to 30 January 2021. The Students learnt various art and craft techniques like fabric painting, 3D outline designs, Patchwork and more. The resource persons for the workshop were Ms Shashi Guleria, a fevicryl instructor and Dr Sumita Sikka.
- Online workshop on "Instrumentation Techniques in Chemistry" was conducted under DBT Star College Scheme by Department of Chemistry on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.
- A webinar on "**How to start your career**" was organised by the Enactus Club on 25 October. It was hosted by Dr. SK Sharma, the founder of SK avenues, Panchkula. An online **intra-team marketing competition**, **Project 'Amal'** was also organised by the club on 27 December to polish the marketing and communication skills of the members
- "MS Excel Workshop for Learners" was conducted by Placement Cell on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.
- Institution Innovation Council and Department of Biotechnology organised a Motivational Session by Successful Entrepreneur Mr Rupinder Singh, Startup Founder, BioHouse Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Head on 8 January. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwYzdNMgjfM&t=459s
- Orientation Session on "National Education Policy with Focus on Innovation and Entrepreneurship" was organized by Institution Innovation Council and Department of Biotechnology on 9 January. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9bzY9Xi1SA</u>
- Webinar on **Basics & Applications of X-ray Spectrometer** by Prof. Devinder Mehta, Department of Physics, Center of Advanced Study in Physics, Panjab University, Chandigarh was organized by Dept. of Physics on 14 January, 2021. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxuYSWxtpxg</u>

- Webinar on "Tips to Prepare for Civil Services Exam" was conducted by Dr. Piyush Singla, IAS on 15 January, 2021.
- Webinar on **Physics Using Machine Learning by** Prof. Kushal K. Shah, Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, IISER Bhopal was organised by the Department of Physics on 16 January, 2021. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvM41S-c424
- Dr Kamana Misra, President, Association for Women in Science New Jersey, USA and Dr Matloob Husain, Associate Professor of Virology (senior virologist) in the Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology at University of Otago, New Zealand were the resource persons for the International Webinar on the theme Virus – Host Interactions, Therapeutics and More organised by the Department of Zoology on 19 January. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXymcEYL1Rw
- Webinar on **Design: from Concept to Consumer** was organised by the Department of Fashion Designing and Trends Moda club of the College, for its faculty and students on 19 January.
- Online National Seminar on Recent Advances in Physics was organised by BOSONS-The Physics Club, Department of Physics under the aegis of Star College Scheme, DBT on 23 January. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TOCC1MvdXQ
- Webinar on National Innovation and Start-up Policy was organized by the Department of Biotechnology and Institution Innovation Cell on 25 January. Dr Parikshit Bansal, IP educator and Industry consultant, in the area of Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology and Life Sciences, was the key speaker. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dA4BgAk1-ZA</u>
- Online Interactive Workshop Fevicryl "Artist in Me" was organised by the Department of Fashion Designing in collaboration with Pidilite Industries from 20 December 2020 to 30 January 2021.
- The Department of Biotechnology of the college in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology, Panjab University, Chandigarh organised webinar on "Contributions and Expectations from Emerging Technologies for the Welfare of Society in the Contemporary Times under the aegis of Chandigarh Forum for Science and Technology Communication (CFSTC) on 7 February. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVKAV5po4VM
- A DBT sponsored special online lecture on **A Revisit to NMR Spectroscopy** was organised on 9February with an aim to provide a platform for exchange of ideas in various fields of pure and applied chemistry and also to enlighten the young minds for the path of research and for infusing a spirit of analytical thinking by Resonance Club. **Dr. Amarjeet Kaur,** Department of Chemistry, Panjab University, Chandigarh was the speaker for the lecture.
- Industry Lecture cum Interaction Programme on "**Retailing and Logistics during the Pandemic and Future Prospects**" was organized on 13 February for the students of B.Voc. (Retail Management and Logistics Management). **Mr Vinod Dhingra**, Manager (HR), Future Retail Limited (Big Bazaar) was the resource person for the lecture.[Press

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- A DBT sponsored online lecture entitled, Advances in Peptide Nanotechnology for Energy and Medicinal Applications was organised by the Resonance Club of the Department of Chemistry on 20 March. The eminent speaker was Dr. K. B. Joshi, Assistant Professor, Dr. Harisingh Gour Central University, Sagar, M.P.
- An online lecture on **Scope of Good Laboratory Practices** was organised to ensure reliability, uniformity and quality of laboratory data in labs. The aim of the lecture was to provide knowledge about the basic principles and other information about GLP. **Dr. Akshpreet Singh**, Assistant Professor, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Sector 32 C, Chandigarh was the speaker for this DBT sponsored online lecture conducted on 20 March by Resonance Club.
- Webinar on Commercialization of Research and Intellectual Property Rights was organized by Department of Biotechnology and Institution Innovation Cell on 25 March. Dr Bijay Kumar Sahu, technology transfer, intellectual property and innovation management professional, and Dr Rahul Taneja, Scientist in Department of Science and Technology, were the resource persons.

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- International lecture series on Shakespeare titled "Unravelling the Bard: Through Global Perspectives" from 15 20 April. The event hosted brilliant Professors and scholars of English from around the world namely Dr Michael Saenger (Southwestern University), Dr. Katherine Gillen (Texas A&M University), Dr Vivek Sachdeva (GGSIP University, New Delhi), Andrew James Hartley (Robinson Professor of Shakespeare Studies, UK) and David Lee Miller (University of South Carolina).
- A virtual **creative writing workshop** was conducted for students of M.A. English from 20-29 April. The workshop was convened by **Professor Deepti Gupta**, Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University. Interactive discussions were hosted with **Mrs Sakoon Singh**, author of 'In the Land of Lovers', **Mr Alok Joshi**, author of '12 sweet and sour years in China, **Mrs. Anita Kapoor**, an entrepreneur turned writer and **Ms Rhea**, a budding poetess.
- A National Webinar on "NMR Solution Structure of an Antimicrobial Resistance Target: Peptidyl-tRNA Hydrolase" was organised by the department of zoology on 07 May. Dr. Ashish Arora, Senior Scientist, Biochemistry and Structural Biology, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow, delivered the lecture.
- International Lecture series on Shakespeare Part II titled "Unravelling the Bard: Through Global Perspectives" 19 - 25 May. The lecture series hosted brilliant Professors and scholars of English Literature from around the world namely Dr Ronan Paterson (Teesside University, England), Dr Carla Della Gatta (Florida State University), Dr Anthony Guy Patricia (Concord University in Athens, USA), Dr Kimberly Anne Coles (University of Maryland, US) and Dr Thea Buckley (Queen's University, Ireland).
- Lecture on **"The Life of a Protozoal Invader: What We Learn from its Successes and Failures"** was jointly organized by Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) (Chandigarh Chapters), Department of Biotechnology, and Chandigarh Forum for

Science and Technology Communication (CFCTC) on 24 May. The speaker on the occasion was Prof. Chandrima Shaha, President, Indian National Science Academy. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDOx8P56RxQ

- The College organized a Three Week Certificate Course on "Soft Skills Training and Personality Development" with an aim to augment the communication skills and character traits of the students, to help them adjust and adapt well in academic and vocational settings. The 30-hour course was successfully organized online from 17 May to 8 June and employed an active mix of traditional and innovative methods with focus on student-centered reflective learning.
- National Webinar on Financial Awareness: A Key to Financial Well-Being organized by PG Department of Commerce and Management, in association with Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) on 28 May.
- A Virtual Tour of Merck High End Skill Development Center, Imtech Sector 39 Chandigarh was organized by Biovision Club, Department of Biotechnology on 2 June.
- Enactus Club organised the third edition of **BASH: Business Associates Social Hour** virtually, a platform to promote and encourage creative, innovative and entrepreneurial skills amongst students. The event took place from 01- 07 June. A series of 4 activities were organized:

1. **BIZTANK - 'Better Today for a Better Tomorrow'-** The activity comprised of two rounds: First, a classic business crisis on 01 June after solving which, participants were promoted to the showdown, in which they had to mainly work around one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals allotted to them and present a business model. The second and final round was on 06 June and was conducted via Google Meet. The judges were **Prof J.P.S. Sibia**, a management speaker, consultant, motivator and recipient of Punjab Rattan Award by All India Council of Intellectuals; **Mr. Nitin Rai Chaudhary**, the Founder and CEO of Digital Series and **Mr. Somveer Singh Anand**, co-founder and CEO of Pindfresh.

2. **BIDWAR - ''Your price, your way''** - This activity was based on the concept of IPL auction. Prelims were conducted on 03 June via google forms and the final round was held on 07 June via google meet.

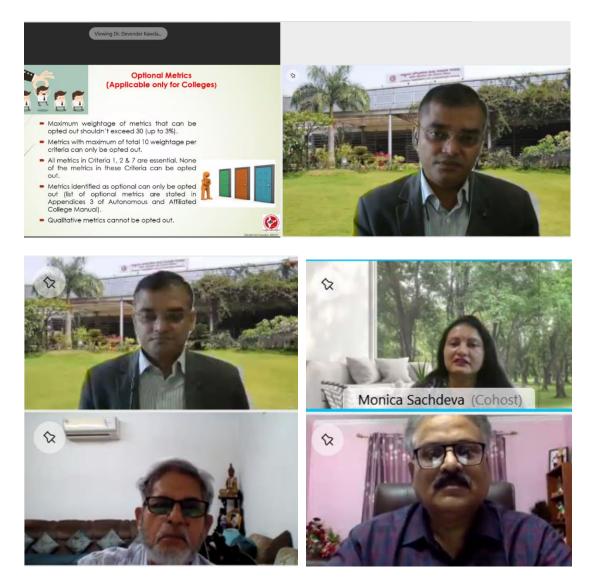
3. **BUZZFLIX** - This was an innovative and unique version of Ad Mad incorporating all the buzz of movies and web series and a chance to market products while being in the character, this was held via Instagram.

4. **ON THE HUNT - 'EAT, SLEEP, HUNT'-** This activity was for all the people who love to chase, discover and solve a riddle. This was a modified form of Treasure Hunt conducted via google forms and Instagram. Main Activity Day: 04 June.

Registrations for Bash'21 were taken through google forms as well as Dare2Compete platform. We hosted 1000+ participants from various cities forming 500+ teams spanning over 4 activities. The result has been an enthralling and successful journey. We were

delighted to extend a learning platform to all the young minds to showcase their talent and maintain their competitive spirit during such difficult times of COVID-19.

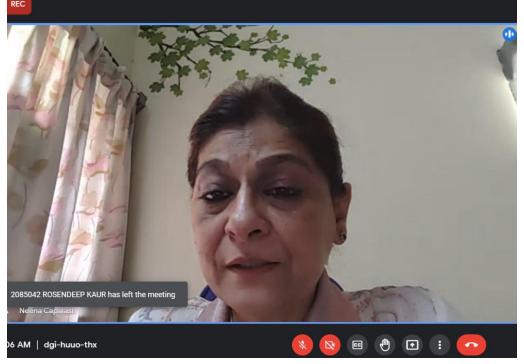
 National Webinar on Revised Accreditation Guidelines of NAAC for Quality Enhancement in Affiliated Colleges was organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell in academic collaboration with NAAC, Bengaluru on 12 June. Dr Devender Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC was the guest of honour and delivered the keynote address on "Assessment & Accreditation Process of NAAC". Dr Dalip Kumar, member convener, State Level Quality Assurance Cell, Mission Coordinator (RUSA), Department of Higher Education, Chandigarh Administration spoke on the "Status of Accreditation of Higher Institutions in UT Chandigarh amidst COVID -19 pandemic."



• International Seminar series by Prof Satya P. Mohanty- The English Literary Club concluded its seminar series "Pitfalls of Postmodernist Theory and How to Avoid Them" held on 01 June, 08 June, 15 June and 22 June. The seminar series was held online

and featured Professor Satya P. Mohanty, a stalwart of English literary theory and an accomplished Translator, who teaches at New York's Cornell University.

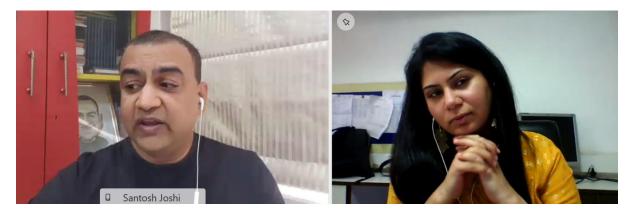
• A webinar on **"Honing Skills in Scientific Writing"** was organized by the Department of Biotechnology, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 18 June. **Prof. Neena Cappalash** was the resource person.



- Trends Moda Club organized Resilience Programme-Capability Enhancement and Development Programme for stress management- 3 sessions/week were held in collaboration with SpARC, Rajayoga Education and Research Foundation, Mount Abu from 26 April to 19 June.
- Department of Psychology (Aesthesia club) organized an online counselling and mentoring webinar on "Careers in Psychology" for the final year students of the department of psychology. The keynote speaker was Ms. Aashna Narula, Founder Director of Psychopedia, a renowned research trainer and mentor of psychology students and recipient of Women Achiever and Women Entrepreneur Award in 2018.

# STRENGTHENING SOCIO-PSYCHOLOGICAL COMPETENCY

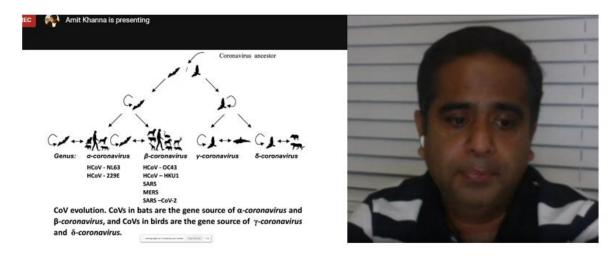
• A mentoring session on 'How to Manage Emotions during Pandemic' was organized on 23rd April, 2021 for the students through online platform to boost up mental health and wellbeing of students and the staff. The session was delivered by Mr. Santosh Joshi, a new-age Mentor and Life Transformation coach and founder of Sky healing based in Mumbai. He mentored the students through various real time examples and narrations and shared various tips to overcome anxiety and fear in the current situation.



 An interactive session on "Women Empowerment and Calm in Crisis" was organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell in collaboration with Department of Hindi on 8 March, 2021 to mark women's day celebrations. On the occasion, divine sisters B.K Anita and B.K Preeti were the guest speakers. Women empowerment and its dire need during the prevailing period was highlighted. They, also, emphasized on calm in crisis during the pandemic times.



An interactive session on 'COVID 19 - Health and Safety Challenges' was organized on 01 May, 2021 for the students and staff with a message to take all necessary measures to counter the spread of corona virus and take up vaccination as early as possible for the safety of self and those around us. The session was delivered by Dr. Amit Khanna a US based Senior Scientist of Indian origin with about 15 years of experience in the field. COVID 19 – Health & Safety Challenges



- Webinar on "Building Resilience-A virtue in COVID times" was held on 22 May by the Department of Psychology. The key speaker was Dr Shilpa Suri, co-founder of S.N.M. IAS Academy, a positive psychology practitioner, career consultant and life skills trainer. It was an initiative to build resilience among college students in this pandemic situation so that they can learn how to adapt well during adversity, trauma or tragedy.
- **Telephonic Counseling** by HUMDUM Club run by Department of Psychology has been working round the clock as an outreach to the society since the beginning of the second wave. The College COVID Counselling Cell, constituted as per UGC/MHRD guidelines, has also been catering to the emotional outburst and anxieties of the students.
- Webinar on Psychological Support for COVID Pandemic condition was organised by NSS in collaboration with MGNCRE on 29 May, 2021
- **Two Week Online Yoga Camp** was organized from 14 to 27 June, 2021 to enhance the physical and mental health of students and staff.



• To meet the challenges posed by the pandemic a session on **Spirituality and Stress Management** was organized by Department of Psychology on 24 July, 2021. Ms. Ritu Singal, a life coach and Mr. Ankur Malhotra, founder director TRINITI enlightened the staff and students on enhancing life through spirituality and mindfulness.

# **HEALTH AND WELLNESS MISSION**

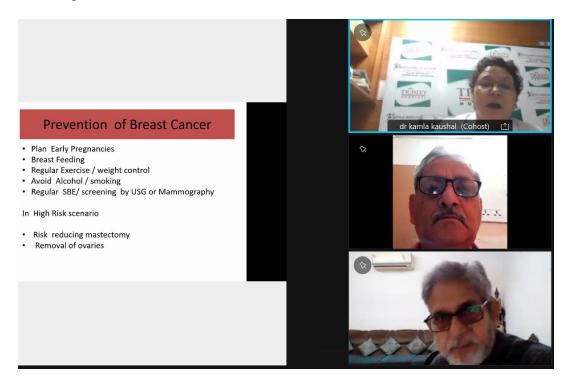
• A **COVID Testing Drive** was organized in the campus for members of the staff on 7 April, 2021. 216 staff members were tested by a team from GMCH, Sector -16, Chandigarh.



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- Prof. N.K Ganguly, Former DG, ICMR, Dr. Vikas Suri, PGIMER, Chandigarh, Dr. Vardimala Jain, Trishla foundation, Prof. Santosh Kumar, Kumaon University and Prof. S.K Malhotra, Allahabad University were the resource persons in the webinar on "COVID -19: Transformation of Life Systems" held on 7 December 2020.
- IQAC conducted a webinar on "Understanding Gynecological Cancers" by Dr Kamla Kaushal from Trinity Hospital on 19 June 2021. The possible risk factors like lifestyle changes, obesity, PCOD, hormonal imbalance, viral infections that can cause cancer of reproductive organs in women and their preventive measures were discussed by the speaker.

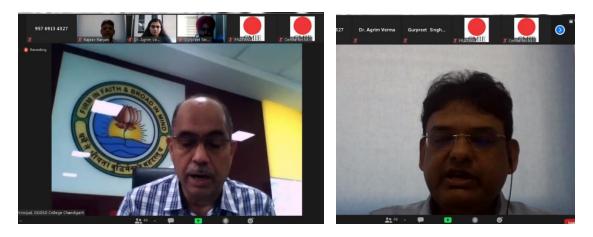


- Lecture on "Eye involvement in Covid-19" was organized by the Department of Biotechnology, under the aegis of Chandigarh Forum for Science and Technology Communication (CFCTC), in collaboration with ISCA (Chandigarh Chapter) Punjab Academy of Sciences on 31 May 2021. Dr Amod Gupta, Former Dean, PGIMER, Chandigarh was the resource person.
- Lecture on "PGIMER in Covid-19 Pandemic" was organized under the aegis of ISCA (Chandigarh Chapter), in collaboration with Chandigarh Forum for Science and Technology Communication (CFCTC) hosted by Department of Biotechnology on 01 June 2021. Prof. Jagat Ram, Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh was the resource person.
- Lecture on "Covid-19 and Comorbidities" was organized under the aegis of ISCA (Chandigarh Chapter), in collaboration with CFCTC jointly hosted by Department of Biotechnology, and Centre for Medical Physics, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 17 June 2021. Prof. Sanjay K. Badada, Department of Endocrinology, PGIMER, Chandigarh was the resource person.



# ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

- 7th CLA International Conference on "Digital Convergence and Innovation in Library Services" was organized in virtual mode by Chandigarh Librarians' Association in collaboration with Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Sector-32 and Post Graduate Government College for Girls-42, Chandigarh. Keynote speaker of the conference, Prof. M K Weeresinghe, Professor at Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka shared his views about the importance of libraries in the digital era.
- Online training on 'PROWESS IQ Database' was organized for faculty. Mr. Rajeev Ranjan from Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi gave an online training on application of database to enable research work in different fields for the faculty and research scholars on 9 July 2021.



• EBSCO eBook Academic collection and EBSCO Mobile App Training Session was organized for the faculty. Mr. Gurpreet Singh Sohal, Librarian and Nodal Officer IRINIS took the initiative to apprise the faculty with an online training on EBSCO eBook Academic collection and EBSCO Mobile App Training Session on 12 July 2021. The resource person for the occasion was Mr. Ritesh Kumar, Senior Training Manager for EBSCO Information Services.



Virtual Seven Day National Faculty Development Programme

• A virtual 7-Day National Faculty Development Programme was organised by HRDC, PU in collaboration with Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh from 22-28 July 2021. The theme of the faculty development programme (FDP) was 'Reengineering the Role of Teachers as Mentors'. A total of 17 sessions were conducted with an aim to enable faculty from institutions of higher education to act not only as disseminators of knowledge, but as mentors to their students.



# **ECO-SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES**

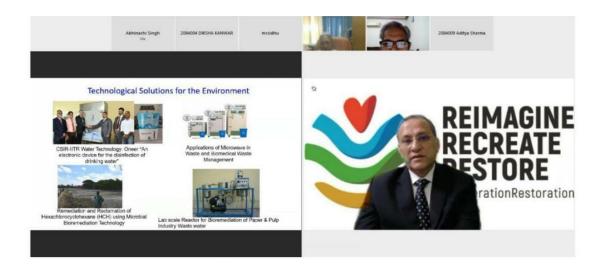
- **"The Impact of COVID-19 on Wildlife Tourism- Pros and Cons",** an Online Intercollege Concept Submission Competition was organised by the Department of Zoology to celebrate 'World Tourism Day' on 27 September 2020.
- Advocating the celebration of "Harit Diwali", the College Environment Society-'Haritima' organised an online Eco- Rangoli Making and Diya Painting competition from 11 to 13 November. Environment Sensitization Programme (Jan Sandesh) was organised on the eve of Diwali, 13 November 2020, to create awareness on safe and pollution free Diwali by Department of Botany. Green Campaign, "Grow with the trees", a tree plantation programme was also organised on 14 November 2020 where students were sensitized to plant trees at home and in their vicinity.
- The NSS Unit of the College promoted the celebration of sustainable Deepavali by making, selling and burning **cow dung diyas**.
- Project "SRIJAN", an initiative to promote 'Zero Waste Diwali' by the Rotaract Club, was successfully carried out from 15 to 17 November 2020 under which a total of 50 kgs of waste flowers were collected and dumped at Fragrance Garden, Sector 36, Chandigarh and 125 kgs of used diyas/huts were handed over to 'Recycle Aastha', a Delhi based start-up with a vision to recycle residue for a better and clean environment.
- 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.

- To celebrate **National Energy Conservation Day** on 14 December 2020, the Department of Zoology organised an online slogan writing competition on topics like 'Solar energy', 'Conserve water', 'Save electricity' and any other topic related to the theme.
- With the aim to encourage bird habitat conservation and rescue of captive birds, **Bird Day** was celebrated by Haritima, the Environment Society of the college on 05 January 2021. The students were motivated to set up bird feeders and bird houses in their vicinity.
- A **Tree Plantation Drive** was conducted by Haritima in collaboration with NSS Unit of the college to celebrate the **International Forest Day-2021** on 20 March 2021 with the focus on 'Forest Restoration'.
- To mark **World Sparrow Day** on 20 March 2021, an **interactive talk** on **Bird watching: An Integral step to support our Ecosystem** by Dr. Ravneet Kaur, Department of Zoology, Panjab University, Chandigarh was organised by Haritima, the Environment Society of the college. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHkmfaNP8Dg</u>
- To mark the occasion of **World Water Day** on 22 March 2021, an **Online Quote writing competition** was held by the Department of Zoology. Also, **Inter-college competitions** comprising **paragraph writing and e-Card making** were organized on the theme "Save water to save life (valuing water)" by Haritima, the Environment Society of the college.
- A sensitization program was initiated to celebrate World Earth Hour on 27 March 2021 by the Botany Department wherein more than 110 people across various cities participated in the campaign and took a pledge to save Mother Earth and to switch off all the extra lights and other electrical appliances from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm at their respective places.
- The Environment Society- *HARITIMA* organised a webinar on "Present Status and Future Strategies for the Production of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants" as a part of World Earth Day celebrations on 22 April. The speaker, Dr. Meenu Sood, Professor and Head, Department of Forest Products, College of Forestry, University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan addressed the students. Webinar on Medicinal Plants marks Earth Day Celebrations
- An inter-college **Slogan Writing Competition** was organized by the Aristotle Club on 22 April to celebrate World Earth Day.
- 'Click a photo Contest' was organized by *HARITIMA* to celebrate International Biodiversity Day on the Theme 'We're part of the solution #ForNature' on 22 May.
- A Webinar was organized on the theme "Biological Diversity: Scope and Challenges" by the Department of Botany on 22 May. The speakers, Ms. Bhawna from Edinburgh Napier University; Ms. Shruti from Banaras Hindu University; Mr. Nihar and Mr. Jasdeep from Panjab University and Ms. Vidyotma from PGIMER, Chandigarh interacted with the students. Biological Diversity Scope & Challenges on the Occasion of International Biodiversity

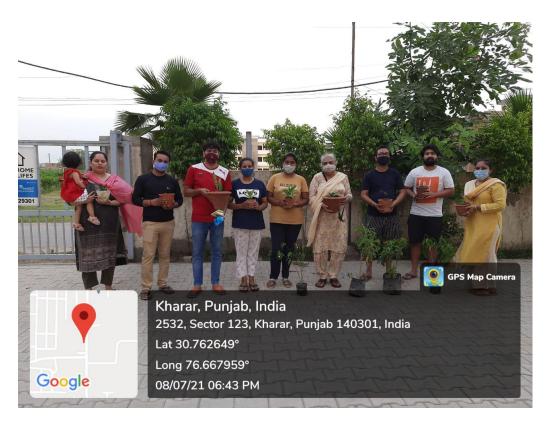
- The Department of Botany sensitized Youth on Drug Abuse on **World No Tobacco Day** on 31 May by showing them a video tutorial on effects of tobacco on health.
- To mark the occasion of **World Environment Day** on **5 June**, several inter-college competitions were conducted by *HARITIMA* to motivate participation of students in environment awareness activities. Students from various colleges in and around Chandigarh participated in these events. The events included PowerPoint Presentation on the theme **'Dwindling Corona with oxygen fabricating environment'**; Words to your Thoughts Article writing on the theme **'Life of a Plant in the 21**<sup>st</sup> Century'; **'Selfie with a Plant'** and Picture Perception contest.



- The Aristotle Club organized another online Slogan Writing Competition to celebrate World Environment Day on 5 June.
- A Lecture on "Innovation, A Key Driver to Rejuvenate the Environment" by Prof. Alok Dhawan, Director, Centre for Biomedical Research, Lucknow was also organised on the occasion of World Environment Day, 5 June under the aegis of ISCA (Chandigarh Chapter), in collaboration with CFCTC and Department of Biotechnology and Institution Innovation Cell of the College.



- A DBT sponsored special online lecture on "Rediscovering Post Pandemic Urban Lifestyle Changes with Innovative Nature Based Solutions" was organized by Resonance Club on 12 June. The eminent speaker was Dr. Chirashree Ghosh, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Delhi, New Delhi. Dr. Ghosh focused on ecosystem enrichment in urban areas including the concept of green cities, green roofs, urban farming, etc. He also guided the students to improve the environment globally by reducing pollution at personal level and by acknowledging their responsibility towards the mother nature.
- **Tree Plantation Drive** was organized by 'HARITIMA' Environment Society of the College at Nav City Kharar on 8 July, 2021 as an outreach activity in the community. Dr. Anuprabha initiated the drive and also discussed the need of green cover on the occasion.



Tree Plantation and Plant Donation outreach activity held on 16 July 2021 at the onset of monsoons



Plantation Drive in collaboration with State Bank of India held on 23 July 2021



# **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

- With an aim to raise funds for the production of the project "Ambika", the Enactus Club organised an online stand-up comedy event, "The Comedy Virus" on 8 November. Parvinder Singh and Raunaq Rajani, two big names of the comedy world were invited to grace the event.
- NSS volunteers of the college implemented several programmes as part of moral and civic responsibility. NSS Head boy, Gurpinder Singh and the NSS team of the college distributed 700 food kits to underprivileged children at Sector 38 and Sector 25, Chandigarh on 23 September. To mark the auspicious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on 2 October, Gurpinder Singh with his team conducted a Cleanliness drive at village Kishangarh, Chandigarh.
- A donation drive under the project "Spreading Smiles" was executed on 31 August and
  1 September by the Rotaract club of the college in collaboration with Rotaract club
  Chandigarh Himalayan. A virtual webinar on "Autism Awareness" was conducted by the
  club on 27September in collaboration with SOREM School and Bhavan Vidyalaya,
  Chandigarh. A vital initiative during the pandemic, eight week long "Peaceful Weekend
  Series" was conducted by the club in collaboration with 'SUKOON' from 4 October to
  29 November, under which 8 workshops were held online to help people attain calmness,
  composure and a peaceful heart. The inaugural session was graced by Ms.JankiRavani,
  owner of 'House of Happiness', a TEDx speaker and a happiness coach. The fifth session

on 'Forgiveness' was conducted on 8 November. The event culminated with an amazing session on "How to love yourself" by the guest of honor, Ms.JankiRavani. United for a noble cause - "**PAYITFORWARD** ", the members of the Rotaract club of the college along with Rotaract club of UIET, distributed and gifted essentials to the needy as an act of kindness from 11 to 14 November.

• Orientation training by UNICEF on the #Young Warrior Movement of NSS Volunteers- On 22 May 2021UNICEF organized orientation training on the #YoungWarriorMovement for NSS across Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Chandigarh . #YoungWarrior is a youth led movement to engage five million young people across the country to address the ongoing COVID-19 crisis launched by UNICEF (United Nation Children's Fund), the ministry of youth affairs (MoYAS).



# **Our Corona Warriors** Service to society by students during COVID crisis:

- **Prerna Yadav,** B.Voc.FTAD, stitched 400 fabric masks for distribution during COVID pandemic.
- Farheen Sheikh, B.Voc. FTAD, shared a video on @feeljoy.in about mental health and its importance during lockdown to help the people cope with stress and anxiety. She also gave a Facebook live singing performance during lockdown, to raise funds for NGO 'Prerna', based in Himachal Pradesh.
- Manik Dhawan, B.Voc. FTAD, distributed food to the needy for some days during pandemic.
- **Ritika Jaggi,** B.Sc (H) Bioinformatics, did internship at 'World Youth Council' as a teacher and taught under-privileged children during COVID-19 pandemic. She was also a 'Social Work intern' at "INDIA Redefined".
- **Piyush Khurana**, B.Voc. Retail Management along with his family, was engaged in cooking food for around 400 people during COVID crisis and he received the 'corona warrior' appreciation certificate from Shaheed Bhagat Singh Brigade.

- Abhinav Rampal, B.Voc. Logistics Management, regularly gave food to stray animals during the pandemic.
- Shivam Nagpal, B.Voc. Retail Management, prepared a short video film "Kuch bhi ho Sakta hai" on safety measures and precautions during COVID crisis. The film won Jury Appreciation Award from Science City, Kapurthala.
- **Sarabjeet Singh**, B.Voc. Hardware & Networking, as a member of Lion's Club, distributed food parcels to slums dwellers and provided them masks and sanitizers.
- Nikhil Rana and AnkitModgil, B.Voc. Hardware & Networking, distributed ration to the poor and needy during the pandemic.
- Rotaract Club volunteers under an event named "VIDYA" collected and donated around 50-60 NCERT books and 100 notebooks to '*HAMARI KAKSHA*'- A nonprofit organization based in Chandigarh. The event was organised on 19 January by Rotaract club in collaboration with NGO- HELPING BOOTH.
- Rotaract club in association with Society for the Rehabilitation of Mentally Challenged (SOREM), Chandigarh organised **Movie Day at SOREM** on 29 January to teach these students how to be more comfortable in movie theaters.
- On the occasion of **National Youth Day**, NSS volunteers of the college along with NSS programme officers, Dr. Pratibha Kumari and Dr. Mahak Sharma distributed packets consisting of popcorn, *gachak*, peanuts, biscuits and *ravedhi* along with blankets and clothes at Chandi Kusht Ashram Society, Chandigarh and celebrated lohri with the inmates on **12 January**.
- NSS Volunteers of the college, in their attempt to sensitise the general public and spread awareness, performed Street play, *nukkad natak*, on the themes of COVID-19 awareness and Road Safety measures at Mauli Jagran village, Chandigarh on 11 February. The event was held in collaboration with the Chandigarh Police Inspector, Traffic Incharge, Mr. Baldev Kumar and his team. A Donation drive was also undertaken wherein soaps, masks and sanitisers were distributed to the audience.
- **Donation cum Awareness drives** on pandemic protocols were conducted in Mauli Jagran basti and Burail area on 23 March and 24 March respectively. The volunteers along with **NSS** programme officers, Dr. Pratibha Kumari and Dr. Mahak Sharma and teachers, Dr. Nidhi Chadha and Ms. Ritika Sinha donated eatables, clothes, masks and sanitisers to the residents and constructively educated them about the coronavirus. Also, E-waste collected by the volunteers was given to MC team, Chandigarh for the proper disposal of the same.



• **Project Annapurna of Rotaract Club-** The event started on 7 July, 2021 and involved donation of wheat flour and Rice from Rotaract Club to 'Roti Bank'- an organization dedicated to satiate the hunger of the poor by collecting food from the privileged households and distributing it amongst the needy. Feeding stray animals was also a part of the project.





• **Project HOPE**- The event was organized in collaboration with Association of Microbiologists of India Chandigarh unit from **9 to 14 July 2021**. The event aimed at educating people about COVID safety such as maintaining social distancing, importance and correct method of wearing face masks, and use of sanitizers.



# STRENGTHENING MENTOR-MENTEE RELATIONSHIP

• Alumni meet was held on 26 January, both online and in an offline mode in the college premises. The Alumni meet was organised in collaboration with SDAAC, the alumni association of the college. While many alumni were present in person to share their experiences, the meet was also live streamed on YouTube, wherein old students from India and abroad joined through Google Meet.

You Tube Link- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGpWnnW3u98

- Online Alumni Student Mentorship Program on the theme "Alumni have the power to • inspire, motivate and support the students" was organised for post graduate students by Resonance Club, Department of Chemistry on 30 January with an aim to facilitate interaction of the current students of the college with our Alumni so that the knowledge, experience and insight of the Alumni helps the students to maximize their academic experience and get a sense of the opportunities and challenges they will face after postgraduation. Our Alumni, 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, Ph.D. in Pharmacology, Department of Pharmacology, PGI, Chandigarh; Mr. Arvind Chauhan who is currently pursuing Ph.D. from CSIR-IHBT, Palampur; Mr. Varun, Research Associate-1, Ind Swift R and D Mohali; Ms. Tamanna, CSIR-NET, Research Scholar, P.U., Chandigarh; Ms. Deepika, Patent Research Associate, Winsome IP and Ms. Kanwaldeep Kaur, Assistant Manager, Ind Swift R and D Mohali participated in this program and exchanged their views with the students.
- An **academic counselling and mentoring session** was also organised by the Department of Botany on 10 April. The mentors included, Ms. Kriti from Thapar University, Patiala; Ms. Karuna Verma, G-BAT qualified and Mr. Yatin, GATE qualified, the speakers counselled the students by sharing their real life experiences. Academic Counselling & Mentoring Session
- Online Alumni Mentorship Program for undergraduate students was organised on 13 June by the Resonance Club under 'DBT Star College Scheme'. In this online mentorship program, the students were provided a platform to interact with the college alumni who have excelled in different fields. The mentors shared their expertise and experiences for enhancing the knowledge of the students. The mentors, Ms. Diksha Singla and Ms. Tamanna enlightened the students about the post-graduation options in different colleges and universities along with the UGC-NET preparation and career opportunities in the area of research. Mr. Shivam, Flight Lieutenant, Indian Air Force, steered the students towards various career options and job placements in the air force via CSD and SSB. One of the mentors, Mr. Mayank, guided the students regarding the field of pharmaceutical industries.
- Series of Counselling and Mentoring sessions were organised by the Aristotle Club of the Department of Zoology for the final year students on 28 and 31 May.
- The Department of Geography organised an **online Mentoring and Counseling session** for students wherein an informative lecture was delivered by **Dr. Vishwa Bandhu Singh** from Dept. of Geography, Panjab University on 18 June.

# VALUE INCULCATION AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- On the occasion of Minority Rights Day in India a virtual talk on "Current Socio-Legal Status of Minorities in India" was organised by the Department of Sociology on 18 December. Mr. Mahavir Singh, Additional District and Sessions Judge cum Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, U.T. Chandigarh was the Chief Guest.
- Chandigarh State Aids Control Society in association with the Red Ribbon Club organised the State Level Quiz Contest on 23 December.
- To emphasise the teachings and values of Guru Nanak and Kabir Das power point presentations were made by the students of Department of Hindi.
- The Department of Punjabi celebrated Guru Nanak Dev Ji birth anniversary by conducting a Webinar titled "*Mitti Dhund Jag Chanan Hoa*". They also conducted various student activities like poetry recitation, speech and poster making competition on 28 November.
- United Nations (UN) day celebration was held on 24 October by organising an online declamation contest by the Electoral Literacy Club. The club also organized an online poster making competition on 26 November to celebrate the Constitution Day.
- Debate competition was held on 19 December on topics like one nation one election, Should national anthem be played in cinema halls, Should political activities be allowed on university campuses, Impact of demonetisation etc by SDMUN Club.
- A webinar on "Honor Killing and its Social Implications" was organized on 17 December by the Department of History in which **Prof. Anju Suri** from Department of History and Dean of International Students, Panjab University, Chandigarh was the resource person.
- To commemorate NSS Day on 24 September a quiz was organized for the NSS volunteers. To mark the auspicious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on 02 October, NSS unit organised a webinar to acquaint volunteers with the path of non-violence. Dr. Vinay Sophat narrated the ideals of truth on which Mahatma Gandhi lived his life and how he has been the torch bearer of inspiration for future generations. Volunteers also participated in the Fit India Run. NSS volunteers administered pledge against COVID-19 on 08 October and Joined JAN Andolan for COVID19 appropriate behaviour. Mr.Ramnik Bansal, Senior faculty of the Art of Living Organisation delivered an **online interactive session** on **drug addiction** on 14 October. On the occasion of National Unity Day, to pay a tribute to the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhai Patel a pledge taking ceremony was organised by National Service Scheme on 31 October. It also encouraged the students to take part in Run for Unity. Vigilance Awareness Week was conducted from 27 October- 02 November for creating awareness and eradication of corruption. Events like poster making and slogan writing were organised with the theme ' Eradicate corruption- A new built India' and 'Integrity A way of life'. 'Speak Out Loud' was a poetry recital event for the young budding poets' on the theme 'Satark Bharat, Samridhh Bharat' (Vigilant India, Prosperous India). NSS unit celebrated Constitution Day on 26 November.
- The Rotaract Club had a meeting with the Honorable President Rtn. Parmod Singal, Rtn. Jagnandan Singh Khosa, Rtn. Shayam Kanda and Rtn. Ashok Kataria (Rotary club of

Sriganganagar, Rajasthan) on 6 September. The **impact of the pandemic COVID-19 on peasants** (**Marginal farmers**) was discussed. The club took an initiative to **raise awareness** and reduce the stigma around **breast cancer** through various virtual activities conducted from 9 to 14 October which included an address by Dr. Seema Sharma, a senior gynaecologist at Cloud 9 hospital.

- Red Ribbon Club in collaboration with NSS unit organised a webinar on the theme **Aids Awareness** on 23 December. The guest speaker was **Mr. Sunil Kumar Panghal**, Assistant Director (Youth Affairs) State Aids control Society, UT Chandigarh.
- During this quarter, the NCC cadets, participated in various activities like Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, Traffic Rule Awareness Rally, Traffic Rule Police Attachment Duties, Tree plantation campaign, celebration of NCC day with ADG Maj. Gen R.S Mann and other NCC officers at NCC group headquarters, Chandigarh, Sector 31.
- The 72nd **Republic Day** was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotism in the college campus on 26 January. The national flag was hoisted and the campus reverberated with the national anthem. The students, staff and alumni sang patriotic songs and took a pledge to serve their motherland.
- Keeping the tradition alive, the College Library celebrated **Basant Panchami** with fervour and devotion on 16 February. 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.
- The **8th International SD MODEL UNITED NATIONS (SD MUN)** 2021was held on 16 & 17 January on the theme '**Soz-e-Yaqeen**' meaning '**passion-of-belief**'. The ceremony of the event was graced by Mr. Rajiv Chandra, Director and Office In-charge, UN Information Centre for India and Bhutan.
- National Voters Day was celebrated by organizing an online PowerPoint (PPT) Presentation competition on the topic "Ballot is Stronger than Bullet" on 25 January by the Electoral Literacy Club of the Department of Political Science. It was judged by Dr. Rinku Kalia and Ms Gaganpreet Walia.
- Rotaract Club of the college paid a heartfelt homage to the heroes of our nation who sacrificed their lives for the pride of the people of our country on the occasion of Shaheedi Divas / Martyr's day on 30 January. The students shared real life stories of some of the unsung heroes by highlighting their unforgettable bravery and sacrifices.
- Rotract club of the college released an epidode of frequency 3080, a podcast based on "Child labour" on 11 Februrary. Another podcast by the Club threw light on "Mercy Killing; Euthanasia", released on 20 March.
- A Seven Day Special NSS Camp was organised from 18 24 March on the theme *"Swasth Bharat Swachh Bharat"*. The Camp was attended by 73 NSS volunteers and was coordinated by NSS programme officers Dr. Pratibha Kumari and Dr. Mahak Sharma. Several interactive sessions were organised over the period of seven days - session on

'Healthy body and Mind' by **Dr K Babu**, MD Paediatric; session on 'E-waste and plastic waste management' by representatives of '*Action for clean and Green Chandigarh*'; seminar on 'Happiness' and 'Stress Management' by a team from **ISKCON**; session on 'Gender Sensitisation' by **Ms Shivangi Kaushik**; Yoga sessions; sessions on 'Self defence' conducted by **Manjeet Kumar and Ms Balwinder Kaur** of the Swayam team from Sector 17 Mahila police station, Chandigarh; sessions on 'Healthy Diet' by **Ms Geetika** a session on 'Rain water harvesting' by **Dr Supriya Vaid**. Furthermore, donation-cum- awareness-drives were conducted on COVID protocols and cleanliness drives, E-Waste and Plastic Drive were also undertaken. The Volunteers were engaged in various recreational activities, speech contests, essay writing, poster making, slogan writing, poetry recitation, declamation competition and treasure hunt.

Dr Sanjeev Kumar, Dr Navneet Batra, Ms Monika Sethi, Ms Seema, Ms Gaganpreet Walia, Dr Nidhi Chadha, Ms Ritika Sinha, Dr Kamna Singh participated as a nonstudent volunteer.

- Dr. Mahak Sharma, attended online conference "AIDSCON-10" organized by Chandigarh SACS in collaboration with Indian Medical Association on 5 and 6 March 2021. He, also, attended a Seminar as a coordinator Red Ribbon Club, organized by Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society to felicitate all the Red Ribbon Clubs working all over Chandigarh on 1 March 2021 at the auditorium of IMA Complex, Sec-35, Chandigarh.
- Mother Language Day (*Vishav Maat Bhasha Diwas*) was celebrated on 20 February by the Department of Punjabi by organizing an online story telling competition. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmNdWuPg-gg</u>
- Aesthesia Club (Department of Psychology) organised an **Online Workshop** on "**Emotional Freedom Technique**" on 31 March to educate students of seven steps involved in Emotional Freedom Technique which reduces stress, anxiety, emotional distress, pain, fears and phobias and helps to lead an emotionally strong, happier and fulfilling life. The key speaker of this workshop was **Navneet Grewal**, a renowned Internationally Certified EFT Practitioner and Breakthrough Coach in Canada.
- A podcast of **Rotaract Club** presented a series on **Mental Health** "**FARHAT**". *Farhat* refers to calmness, satisfaction, happiness and most importantly, mental peace. The eminent speaker for this event, held on 23 April, was **Mrs Rajni Aggarwal**, CEO and Textile Engineer of Ruishi Far East Limited.
- On the occasion of *Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji* 400 birth anniversary, an **online painting competition** was organised by the Department of Punjabi on 21 April.

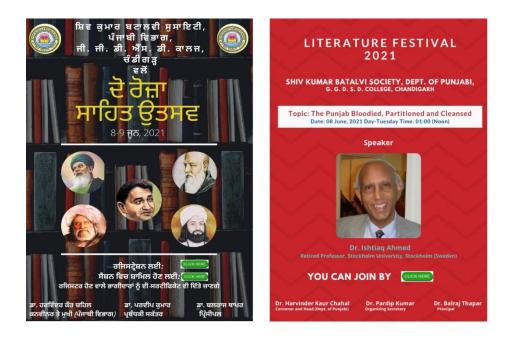
# HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF LEARNERS

• An online '**Quiz competition in Chemistry**' for UG and PG students was organized by the Resonance Club, Department of Chemistry under 'DBT Star College Scheme' on 23

December. They also organised an online poster making and slogan writing competition on the topic '**Chemistry in Everyday life**'.

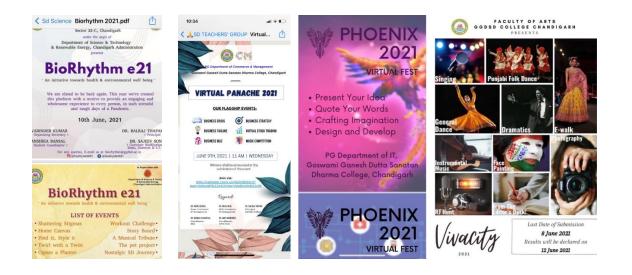
- **'BOSONS**-The Physics Club' under aegis of DBT Star College scheme organized online National Level Physics Quiz on 17 December. They also organized National level online Poster Making Competition on 22 December.
- To celebrate the International Science Day, an Online Inter college Quiz Competition, was organised on 10 November by the Department of Zoology.
- To celebrate Hindi Divas, a virtual poem recitation competition, was organised and the students also enacted a play online.
- An online Public Administration Quiz was organised on 22 December.
- An online poetry and art competition was organised by Enactus club.
- 'Lines that Speak Future', a debate cum discussion competition, which required every participant to choose a line/phrase/slogan of any international or national political leader or party and to further critically analyze the same was organized by the **Electoral Literacy Club** on 18 December.
- The English Literary Club organised a discussion on the short story "The House of Asterion" by Jorge Luis Borges on 28 October. On 20 November the members discussed the essay "Against Interpretation" by the American critic Susan Sontag. The Club also hosted its most awaited event "Muse Ink" on 14 December. An Inter college sonnet writing Competition was conducted on 28 October. An International Photography Competition was held online on 20 November. 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.
- The NSS unit organised Poster Making, Slogan and Poem writing competition on 2 October. The volunteers had a brain teasing event called 'TI EVLOS' where they solve riddles and had great fun.
- Road Safety week was celebrated by organizing the Inter-College Online Slogan writing competition on 19 February by the Department of Zoology. An Inter-College Online Quiz competition was also conducted on 22 February.
- Rotaract club conducted the fourth episode of the podcast series on the theme "Story of Elections India Vs USA" on 17 January.
- An **Interactive workshop** was also organized by the Rotaract club in association with 'CURIOUS MINDS' on 24 January where participants were taught various tools and techniques in Photoshop. Furthermore, the Rotaract club presented an episode of frequency 3080, a podcast based on "**National Education Policy 2020**" on 2 February followed by another episode of frequency 3080, a podcast on the "**Union Budget 2021-22**" on 24 February.

- Rotaract club initiated a project "PODCAST- ESCAPE IN SPACE: GRAVITY" in the month of March. On 13 March, Frequency 3080, a podcast was released with the first episode of this project with an episode on "Gravity". Another episode of Frequency 3080, A podcast on "News You Might Have Missed" was released on 3 March.
- **Project Ambika of Enactus Club** launched its Online Marketing Campaign **#My Periodsaviour** where stories of Participants regarding their period saviors were reposted. Also, **'Flash the Change'**- Online Photography Competition organized by Enactus Club received a response of more than 55 participants.
- Photography competition was also organized to celebrate World Sparrow Day.
- Rotaract Club released several podcasts in the month of April and May, an episode on 15 April of the *Escape in space series* talked about 'Mars: our second home?' On 03 May, a podcast of the Club on important happenings in the month of April was released followed by another episode on *Escape in space series* - 'Space Bucket list'. Another Podcast was released on 28 May and it shed light on the conflict between Israel and Palestine.
- The Rotaract club organised '**SKILL UP WEEK**', a 6-day online event from 19 24 April to provide the Rotaractors with the knowledge that could be beneficial to them as well as to society and to give them an opportunity to exhibit their skills, creativity and experience.
- Online Elocution Competition was organised on 30 April by the Department of Political Science on the theme, 'Federalism in India'. Dr. Richa Gaind and Dr. Mani Parti judged the event and encouraged the students.
- A declamation competition on the theme "Online learning: A blessing or a bane", was conducted by the Department of History on 11 June. The Department organised an online Counselling and Mentoring session for the students on 07 June.
- Webinar on "Career Counseling" was organised by PG Department of Information Technology on 03 June.
- **Two-day literary festival** was organized by *Shiv Kumar Batalvi Society* on 08 and 09 June.



- Online **Statistics Quiz Competition** was organised by the Department of Statistics for B.A./B.Sc. final year students on 13 June.
- Virtual 'PANACHE 2021' by P.G. Department of Commerce & Management was organised on 09 June.
- Annual IT Fest, '**Phoenix 2021**' was conducted online by PG Department of Information Technology from 8 June to 11 June.
- Vivacity 2021, an E-fest of the Humanities Department, was held on 12 June. The fest hosted twelve events like Folk Singing, Solo Singing, Punjabi Folk Dance, General Dance, Instrumental Music, E-Walk, Face Painting, RJ Hunt, Dramatics, Mime, Monologue and Photography competitions.

These fests had an overwhelming response with students participating from across all the departments and showing their zeal and gusto, sending in their entries via e-mails, audio clips, video files, photographs and essays.



# STUDENT PLACEMENT AND PROGRESSION

The Placement Cell has successfully helped in locating job opportunities for the students. During September -December 2020, a total of 25 students have been finally selected by Deloitte Inc. at a package of Rs. 5.90 lakh per annum. These included 16 B.Com. and 9 M.Com. students who have been offered profile of Audit Assistant and Tax Consultant.

- Sonalika Ray, a student of M.Sc. Bioinformatics has been selected for internship in 'Pine Biotech'; a US based Research Company in the area of applied learning and analytics. She has also received full scholarship for "Omics Data Analysis" training. She has completed online certifications on:
  - Algorithms for DNA sequencing, Bio conductor for Genomic Data Science, Statistics for Genomic Data Science&Python for Genomic Data Science from Cousera conducted by John Hopkins University.
  - > Tools for Data Sciencefrom Cousera conducted by IBM.
- Shivam Sharma, a student of B.Voc. (Retail Management) participated in Quiz on Padma awards 2020 and received certificate of excellence from MyGov. He successfully completed online internship with 'Internshala' and another internship with 'Unschool'.
- Naman Mittal, student of B.Voc. (Retail Management) worked with 'Bigrox media CIIS venture pathway program' for 4 months. He also worked with 'Altessa digital marketing'; he was able to garner interested leads and accelerated sales of these companies.
- Sugandh Jain, a student of B.Voc. (Retail Management) completed Covid-19 training for NCC Cadets and received e-certificate from diksha.gov.in. She also participated in "Be Vocal", a local campaign and received e-certificate from Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Govt. of India.

- Malika Bhasin, aB.Sc. student was awarded Certificate of Appreciation in 'Painting during lockdown as a Corona Warrior', organized by Smt. Ram Sagar Sharma Memorial Charitable Trust.She also successfully completed an online course on 'High Speed Vedic Math'.
- Bhavya Ahuja of B.Sc Medical cleared M.Sc Biotechnology entrance exam of Delhi Technological University (DTU) with an AIR of 112.
- Sonali Garg of B.Sc Medical qualified IIT JAM (AIR 331), GATE -XL(AIR -588), GATE BT (AIR -1195) and TIFR exams.

# **Student Achievements**

- Seerat Brar of B.Sc Medical participated in 'Be a Friend' of *TRIBES INDIA* Quiz organized by Ministry of Tribal Affairs (GOI); participated in Water Quiz conducted as part of 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch The Rain' campaign of National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti (GOI).
- Sonali Garg of B.Sc Medical got 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Picture Perception, Inter-college competition organized by '*HARITIMA*' on World Environment Day.
- Jassmn Brar of B.Sc Medical got 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in declamation contest organized by BIOVISION club in collaboration with AMI; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in face painting competition of VIVACITY; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in 'Words to Thoughts', Intercollege competition organized by HARITIMA on World Environment Day.

# Social Distancing Norms being followed in College







COVID-19 Norms being followed in Staff meetings (Meeting held on 30 January 2020)



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# **COVID -19 Outreach Activities by Staff Volunteers**







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