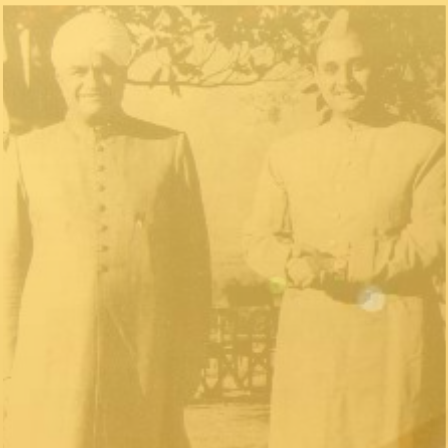
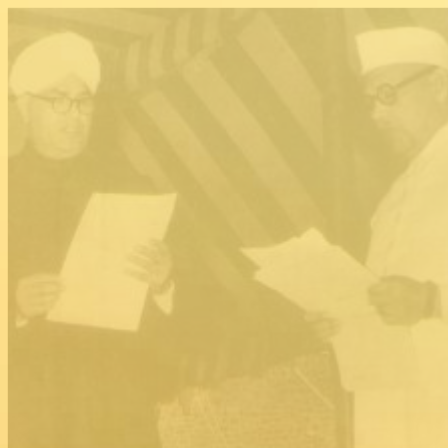


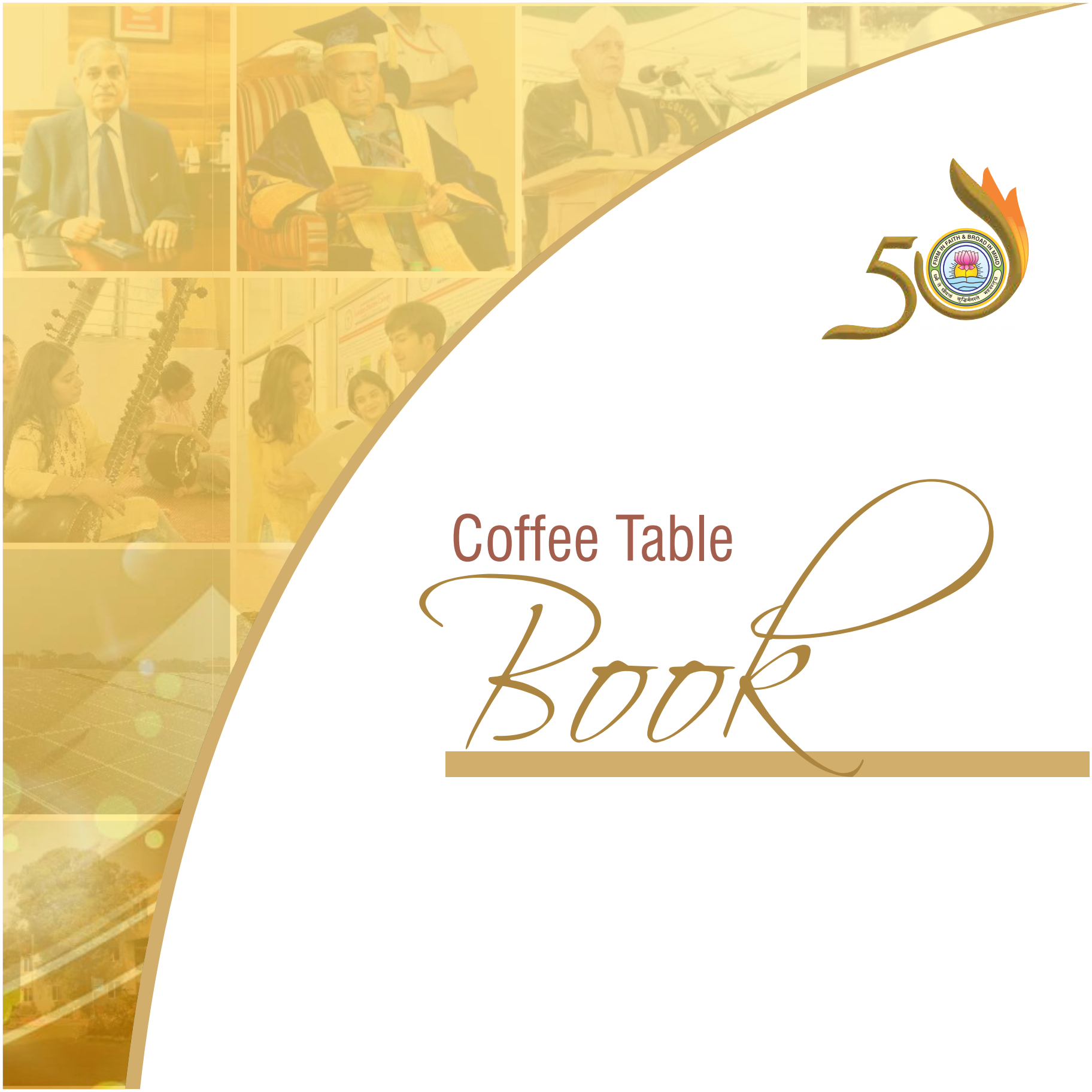
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Delivering Excellence in Education Since 1973





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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

—Dr Anirudh Joshi



I am pleased to note that the college is bringing out its Coffee Table Book. This is an important informative document which gives the details of the glorious fifty year journey of the college.

This college has achieved incredible success since its inception. We have achieved considerable academic heights and aspire for more. Our journey has been marked by the principle of "pursuit of excellence". Our committed management, hardworking principals and dedicated staff have contributed immensely towards the betterment of this institution.

I am sure this Coffee Table Book will prove useful for all those who take keen interest in the activities of the college.

With best wishes!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Dr Ajay Sharma

Having stepped into its fiftieth year of a glorious service to education, Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh, is celebrating its golden anniversary this year. This accomplishment is the result of unmatched commitment, sacrifice and vision of excellence conceived by educationists, philanthropists and intellectuals. Starting from the scratch, the founding team of this college had strived to provide the most advance educational experience to a growing India. Much ahead of their times, they could anticipate the need for a professionally equipped, morally sound and progressive youth to cater to the needs of an evolving nation and stood by their ambition to provide for the same. It is the earnest dedication and selfless contribution of the members of the Managing Society, Principals, staff and students that has yielded gratifying results in all respects across challenges.

The educational landscape has undergone a marked change in the recent decades. The objective of education has transcended from merely producing a generic workforce to creating an aware,

self-sufficient, innovative and resourceful generation. Henceforth, the expectations from Higher Educational Institutions have undergone a further metamorphosis. However, the untiring pursuit of excellence in the field of education which was embodied by Pt Mohan Lal ji, Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma ji and their team continues to be a guiding principle of this institution even in the modern times.

The college stands committed to follow a composite model of education where the most efficient and state-of-the-art educational platform is made available to a current generation of students in a New India besides making them highly responsible individuals, who are adequately sensitive towards valuing and balancing the rich traditions and updating regularly as well.



CELEBRATING PAST NURTURING FUTURE

The Calendar turns to July 2022. An array of sights and sounds fills the air as one walks into the gates of the prestigious Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatam Dharma College, Chandigarh, for the day ushers the Golden Jubilee Year celebrations on the campus.

It was in the revered memory of Goswami Ganesh Dutta ji that the inception of the college took place in 1973. Fifty years on, the College continues to epitomize excellence and uphold ideals while articulating a saga of extraordinary actions and achievements. With a deeply entrenched and solid bedrock of upright ethics, the Institution carries the legacy of its founding stalwarts. Human sensitivity, intellectual vigour, substantial aspirations and mantras of life are the hallmarks of this much-sought-after College that had quite a humble beginning.

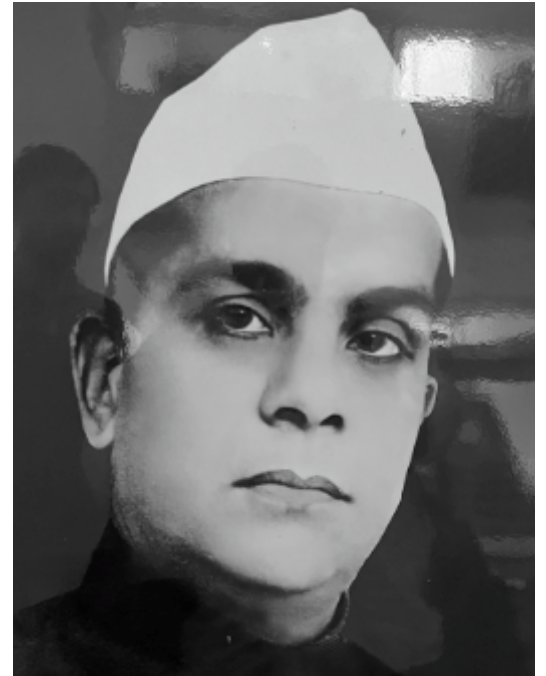
Given the frantic and skeptical character of the contemporary social fabric, our hopes and yearning for ethics, responsible living, rational mindsets through holistic education seems increasingly relevant as well as essentially crucial to our times.

While the sense of being and the experience of the manifest world places one in a state of euphoria, at times, and at others, tosses up challenges to navigate the world, it is imperative to have the backing of a strong value system, conviction and adequate learning in order to have a smooth sailing.

Education in our college is not merely a product but a process in continuum, offering insights, regular updating and leading towards the goals set beyond the tangibles. Hence, to mark the Golden-Jubilee celebrations, these pages endeavour to document the journey and traverses of this Institution through the years...



STORY AT A GLANCE



This gleaming journey of five illustrious decades and the success it has garnered begins with the pious vision of an equally pious individual, Prof. Roshan Lal Verma, who retired as Director of Public Instruction, Public Relations, Punjab. Prof. Verma, an orphan, was looked after by Goswami Ganesh Dutta Ji Maharaj and the Sanatan Dharam Pratinidhi Sabha, Punjab (was the founder of the Sabha, and Shri K K Birla, Chairman, Birla Group, was its President). Inspired by his teacher, mentor, and patron, Goswami Ganesh Dutta ji Maharaj, Prof. Verma wished to spend his life savings of Rs. 1.75 lakhs on the promotion of higher education in the region.



While looking out for support for his mission, Prof. Verma and Shri P. L. Anand, who was a Fellow of Panjab University and the Principal at Evening College, Panjab University, met Pt. Mohan Lal Ji, the President of the Sanatan Dharam Pratinidhi Sabha in Punjab and a former Home, Finance, and Education Minister in the Punjab Government. Before and after the division of Punjab in 1966, Pt. Mohan Lal ji worked closely with Shri Pratap S. Kairon, Chief Minister of Punjab, commanding much respect and influence. Pt. Mohan Lal ji had been elected to the Punjab Assembly and served it for twenty-three long years.

Before he joined politics, Pandit Ji was a well-known lawyer from Batala. In 1952, Shri Pratap Singh Kairon nominated Pandit ji as a member of the Legislative Council for undivided Punjab and Pt. Mohan Lal Ji proved his mettle as a great statesman and visionary who worked with utmost honesty and unflinching commitment to his public duties. He travelled a lot, and on his visits to many destinations, he not only collected donations but also enrolled prominent people as members of the GGDSD College Society.

Pt. Mohan Lal ji committed to take forward Prof. Roshan Lal Verma's plan and approached some eminent scholars and educationists, intellectuals, professionals, legal luminaries, politicians, and businessmen to help open a college under the aegis of the Sanatan Dharam Pratinidhi Sabha in the name of Goswami Ganesh Dutta ji Maharaj in the year 1972. A society was thereby constituted, a number of formal meetings were held under the chairmanship of Pt. Mohan Lal ji, a formal constitution was prepared, which was duly approved by the Registrar, Cooperative Society. Pandit. Mohan Lal ji was unanimously elected as its founder President, the position he held till August 30, 1999, when

he left for his heavenly abode. Pt. Kedarnath Sharma, founder of the Piccadilly Group, served as its Vice President; the General Secretary was Principal P. L. Anand; and Prof. Roshan Lal Verma served as the Finance Secretary. Along with them, some other well-known people of the time joined the team and worked together to prepare a blueprint for the college. These included Dr D.D. Jyoti, Retd. Director, Regional Institute of English; Shri Goswami Girdhari Lal, General Secretary, Sanatan Dharam Pratinidhi Sabha; Shri Chaman Lal Katyal, Finance Secretary, Sanatan Dharam Pratinidhi Sabha; Shri Mulk Raj Mahajan, a Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court; Shri Divan Har Sahai, a Senior Advocate,

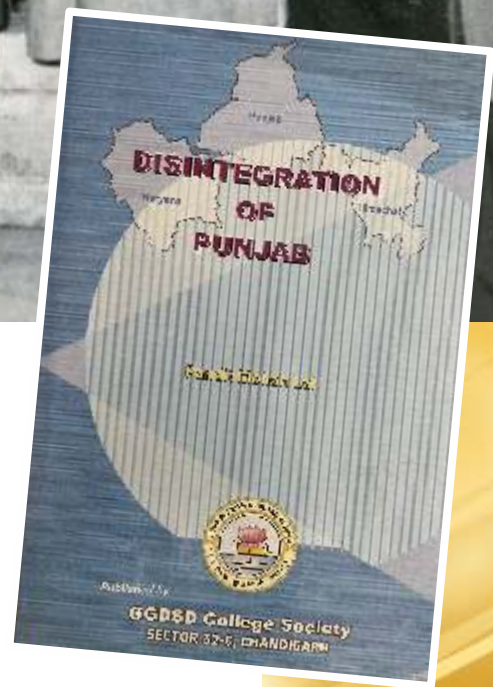


Punjab and Haryana High Court; Shri J. D. Sharma, IAS; and Shri H. L. Vij, Pt. Amar Nath ji, an MLA, social worker, statesman and renowned sanatanist. Some prominent personalities from Batala, the hometown of Pt. Mohan Lal ji, also joined hands; these included Shri Khyati Lal Sarin and Shri J.C. Shukla, both acclaimed industrialists; Shri Lala Barkat Shah, a political luminary and president of the Municipal Corporation of Gurdaspur; Shri Chaudhary Naunadh Rai, a journalist; and Shri Ved Prakash Sharma, an industrialist. Other contributors included Shri A. C. Bhatia, Editor, The Tribune; Shri B.D. Bali, Advocate, Punjab and Haryana High Court; Shri R.P. Abrol, Textile Exporter from Amritsar; Shri Satya Pal, Chairman, Apeejay Group; Shri Lala Des Raj Soni, a larger-scale contractor; and Shri G.D. Joshi, social worker.





Pt. Mohan Lal ji with Giani Zail Singh and other dignitaries at the launch of his book on Punjab's Partition.





After a number of meetings under the stewardship of the President, the college opened on April 10, 1973, in two buildings of a rented four-kanal house in Sector 8, Chandigarh and planned to start Prep-Arts, Prep-Commerce and BA I courses. In the meantime, the team led by Pt. Mohan Lal ji started approaching the Chief Commissioner, Home Secretary, Finance Secretary, and DC cum Estate Officer of the UT Administration

about acquiring a piece of land in the southern sectors of the city. Working with unmatched devotion and diligence, the society succeeded in getting an allotment of 10.5 acres of land in Sector 32 C, Chandigarh. In the meantime, Pt. Mohan Lal ji had also started the campaign to collect donations from Batala, Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Phagwara, Delhi, Karnal, Ambala, Panipat, and various other places.

GOSWAMI GANESH DUTTA
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Prof. R. L. Verma & Mrs. Kaushalya Devi Verma's Magnanimity



Prof. R. L. Verma served as the honorary principal of the college at its inception, but in 1974, after a brief illness, he passed away, and his wife Mrs Kaushalya Devi Verma was inducted into the college management. A lady of great devotion and kindness, she entrusted all her belongings, including a two-Kanal house in Sector 8, Chandigarh, to a trust and bequeathed the same to the college. The trust was put under the chairmanship of Pt. Mohan Lal ji. Members of the trust included Mrs Kaushalya Devi Verma, Pt. Kedarnath, Principal P. L. Anand, Lala Des Raj Soni, Goswami Girdhari Lal, Divan Chaman Lal Katyal, and Pt. Amarnath.



College Moves to Sector 32-C, Chandigarh

In 1975, Shri D. N. Sharma was appointed the first principal of the regular college. Principal Sharma was a very dedicated and honest person and had a long spell as principal, starting from June 26, 1975, till July 16, 1990. The foundation stone of the college was laid down by Shri Giani Zail Singh, the 7th President of India, who announced a colossal grant of Rs 10 lakhs to the college. Pt. Mohan Lal ji's proximity to Giani Zail Singh and various other Chief Ministers from Punjab and Haryana brought much-needed funds and donations. Rs. 5 lakh was donated twice, both by CM Shri Parkash Singh Badal and CM Shri Surjit Singh Barnala; Shri Beant Singh and Smt. Rajinder Kaur Bhattal also donated to the college on later occasions. In addition to the Chief Ministers of Punjab, the 22nd Governor of Punjab, Shri Sidhartha Shankar Ray, also supported the college with a Rs 2 lakh grant. All these funds were instrumental in raising the basic infrastructure of the college.

The classes were shifted to Sector 32-C in 1976. Eight rooms with a toilet block were constructed on the ground floor of Block I in the first phase, which included the college library and staff room in one room. In another room, the principal's office and the administrative office were set up.



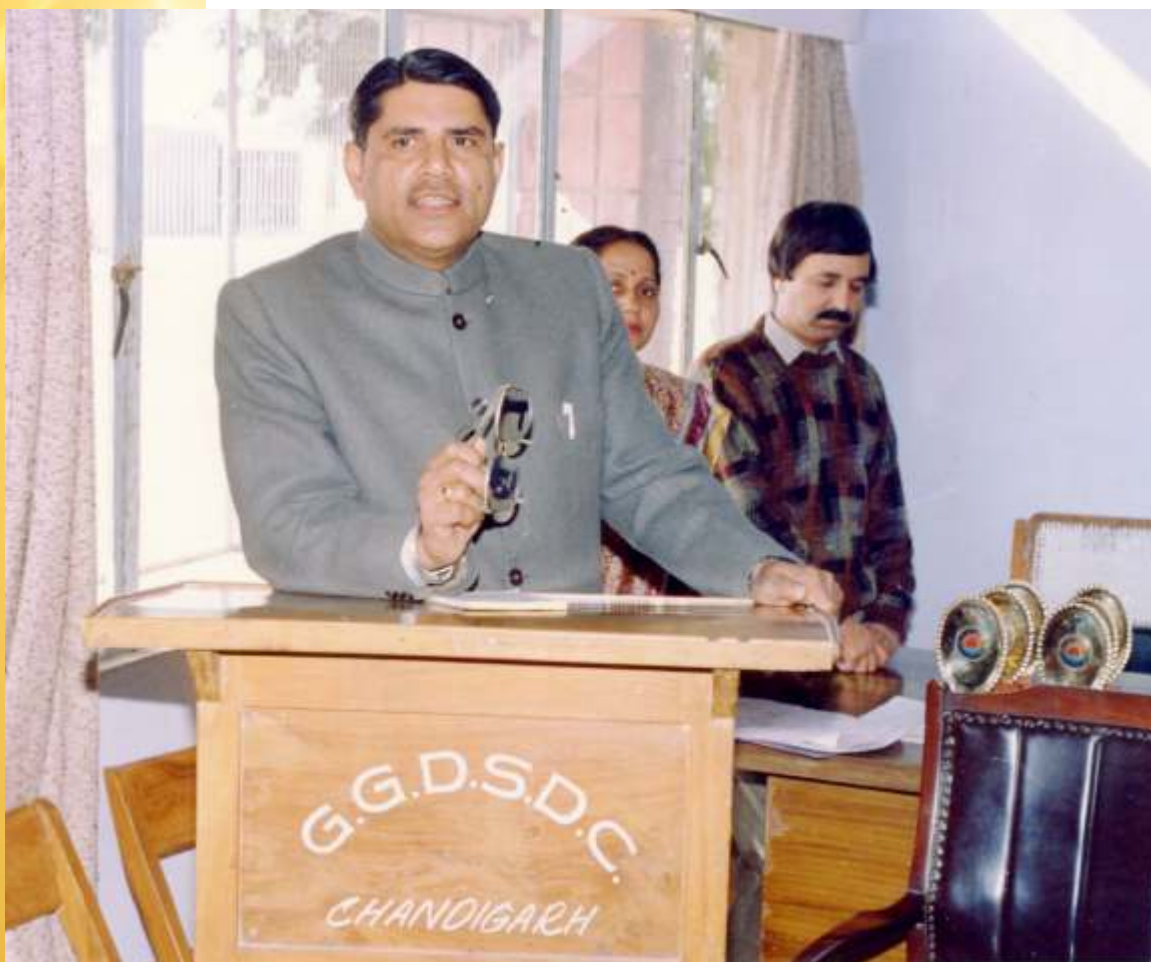


Punjab Chief Minister Giani Zail Singh does the honours as Pandit ji looks on

Principal D.N. Sharma faced a significant challenge because the college was still in its early stages, but its commerce department had begun to thrive. The first batch of B.A. students graduated in 1976. The first B.Com. batch graduated in 1979.

Pt. Mohan Lal ji, along with Principal P. L. Anand and Dr D. D. Jyoti proposed adding science classes in 1979. So in the first year, SD College Ambala Cantt both donated and borrowed some equipment for running Prep-Science (Medical and Non Medical), Pre-Engineering, and Pre-Medical classes. In 1985, the college decided to add B.Sc. classes.





Shri Umesh Chander Sharma took over as the principal in 1990 and worked till June 30, 1995. He proved himself as a very dynamic leader and was also a nominated Fellow in the Panjab University Senate.

During his principalship, in 1994–95, the University Grants Commission invited proposals under the title "Vocalization of Education." Dr A. C. Vaid and Dr P. N. Pandit were assigned the task at the behest of the college. This was a first-time opportunity in India, and GGDSD College bagged the maximum number of courses

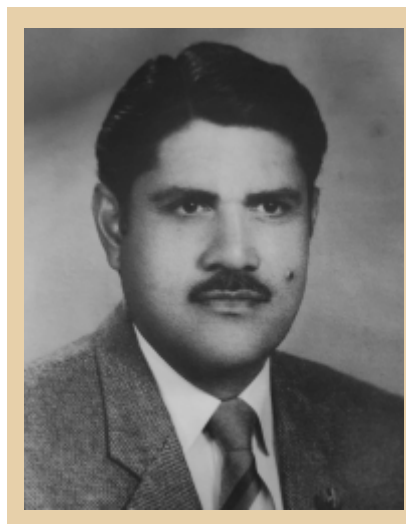
(three). The Science Department offered B.Sc. Biotechnology, the Commerce Department introduced Advertising, Sales Promotion, and Management, and the Humanities Department introduced Computer Applications.

Following Principal U. C. Sharma's tenure, Smt. Laxmi Mehta from the Sanskrit Department served as an officiating principal from July 01, 1995 to September 24, 1995.

Former Principal's Message

Umesh Chandra Sharma

I am passionately elated to know that GGDSD College, Chandigarh, is going to celebrate its Golden Jubilee in the year 2023. I had the pleasant privilege of serving the institution as principal on a five year (1990–95) deputation from Government College, Hoshiarpur, when my services were requisitioned by Revered Pt. Mohan Lal Ji, President of the College Managing Committee, through the good offices of His Highness, S. S. Ray, the then Governor of Punjab.



In those days, the college was acknowledged far and wide for the surprisingly excellent and unbeatable results of the Commerce Department. Our students of commerce used to bag top-notch positions in the Panjab University examinations. The college is now among the premier institutions affiliated to the Panjab University, running as many as nine postgraduate classes such as M.Com, M.A. Economics, M.A. English, M.A. Sociology, M.Sc. Bioinformatics, M.Sc. Biotechnology, M.Sc. Physics, M.Sc. Applied Chemistry and M.Sc. IT. Another conspicuous feature was the emergence of boxers of national and international repute, churned through university, inter-varsity and interstate competitions; virtually making it a nursery of boxers. The college was initiated into the field of wrestling and it remained a reigning champion for five years in succession during my stint in the college and subsequently as well. Thus, in tandem with academic excellence, the institute was rendered vibrant with sports as well as extra-curricular activities to realise the ideal goal of education because the importance of an educational institution is not rated and recognised by its brick and mortar, but by its fine and finished product of sterling qualities consecrated to the churning of great oceans of life.

It is my bounden duty to express my heartfelt gratitude to Pt. Mohan Lal ji, the seer statesman, the secular leader, and a legendary figure of our times. My regards flow unabated and unbridled to Dr. D. D. Jyoti, who did his PhD in Linguistics from the Oxford University and contributed a lot to English language while serving as Director, Regional Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Chandigarh. I am deeply grateful to Dr. Ajay Sharma, the present Principal of the college, for keeping me apprised of the current activities and achievements of the college in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities.

To me, it is a matter of legitimate pride that the college sustains its victorious positions in all fields and thus goes on scaling new heights and exploring new horizons to reach the pinnacle of glory. On this occasion, I felicitate the bright students, the capable and competent members of the Teaching Faculty, and the true visionaries of the College Managing Committee. I wish the institution to continue rising to wuthering heights and advise the enthusiastically aspiring students to arise, awake and stop not, till the goal is reached.



Dr A.C. Vaid was selected as the next principal, and he took over on September 25, 1995. His term as principal saw the college reach new heights and marked a quintessential phase in the college's success story. Dr A.C. Vaid was an ardent educationist, known for being an astute, untiring, and visionary leader. While in the chair, he pledged to ensure complete commitment towards the college and raise the level of academics and also regulate financial inflows with all sincerity.

During his tenure, the college applied for and received a number of Government grants of prestige. After being awarded Rs 31 lakh as a grant for vocational courses, in a span of three years, the college provided well-equipped laboratories, as well as books and journals to students. It laid the foundation for future computer sciences and computer applications courses, under the Department of Information Technology in the college. Additionally, in 1996, the college started a B.A. in Functional English/Communicative English (self-financed) under the UGC vocational courses scheme. After implementing UGC vocational courses in 1998, the college took the initiative of starting B.B.A. and B.C.A. courses, which were not even on the map of the university at that time. It was the faculty of GGDSD College who created a curriculum better than those at many other universities.

Later in 1999, our college was the first to launch M.Com. among Panjab University-affiliated colleges. This course was an instant success. In the M.Com. course, the college got a clean sweep in the top ten merit positions of the university examinations. Also, GGDSD College had almost a complete monopoly in vocational courses, and furthermore all the top positions were annexed in the B.B.A. and B.C.A. courses in the university examinations.



Former Principal's Message

Dr A. C. Vaid

It is my privilege to write a message for GGDSD College, which has completed an excellent 50 years to enjoy its Golden Jubilee year. I joined the college in 1978 as a lecturer in Economics and had the opportunity to work under the towering personality of President Pt. Mohan Lal Ji. During my 34-year stay at the college, I worked closely and diligently for the development of the college, having the honour of working with eminent personalities such as Shri Vinod Sharma, Swami Swaroopanand Ji Maharaj, principal P. L. Anand, Dr D. D. Jyoti, and later with Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma, Dr Anirudh Joshi, Shri Jatinder Bhatia, Shri Upinder Sharma, Shri Ramesh Shukla, Shri Hira Mani Aggarwal, Shri Vijay Sharma and their teams. I had the chance to work with the devoted principal, Shri D.N. Sharma, from 1975–1990, and for the next five years, I served the college under a dynamic and staunch disciplinarian, principal Shri U. C. Sharma. I was appointed principal of the college in 1995 and served in that capacity for 17 years till 2011, when I joined Apeejay Satya University, Gurgaon as its first Pro Vice Chancellor.

In 1995, the college was offering only three courses, but during my time, the college grew to a multi-faculty Post Graduate Institution offering a number of self - financing courses at both UG and PG level, including postgraduate programs through the University Grants Commission's (UGC) innovative scheme and vocational courses, funded by the UGC. This could be done with the help of grants received from the UGC for construction, and the introduction of vocational and career-oriented courses, innovative courses, PG courses, etc. It was during this phase that the college became first in North India to be given the “Potential for Excellence” status. The college also earned the status of "Star College" from DBT, New Delhi, with a series of big grants. Also, the Department of Biotechnology of the Indian government chose the college under FIST, which had only been given to universities up until that point.

Our whole team worked hard to make sure that every student got the best education possible, without any bias. All this was done by giving out big scholarships, free sets of books, and other forms of help. A student-centric approach was adopted to scrutinise the potential of the students and ensure their employability. Cultural and sports activities were also organised regularly for the students' overall development. Also, the highest level of discipline was maintained on the college campus, and it was ensured that students and teachers, along with management, worked harmoniously and in coordination.

It makes me happy to see the present principal Dr Ajay Sharma work with pragmatism and a thorough comprehensive approach to work on various aspects of administration, academics and further progress. I believe that like all venerable institutions the college will continue to uphold its high value system by offering full participation and accomplishment to all its stakeholders, including students, staff and management. May the college scale more heights of success through regular up gradation of systems and introduction of new market friendly courses, besides a steadfast commitment to the cause of higher education. I bow my head in obeisance to the college to express my gratitude and best wishes and also pray to the Almighty that the college and its associated institutions may make tremendous progress so that its flag may always fly high and touch the sky. In all my humility, I acknowledge that the college has given me so much in return, including my present status, accomplishments, and recognition. I am indebted to the college and its founders. My best wishes to the GGDSD family.

Jai Hind.





After the first five years of running these innovative courses, the University Grants Commission changed the nomenclature of vocational courses to "career-oriented courses." Over time, GGDSD College offered 24 career-focused courses, since it was allowed to offer between 3 and 5 courses per notification. Every Arts graduate was required to take at least one of these free courses, with Panjab University awarding Certificates, Diplomas, and Advanced Diplomas in the first, second, and third

years respectively. This impacted the overall quality of education and employability of the students in the region. Big companies like GMoney, Wipro, Infosys, Mackenzie, Doordarshan, Maya Group, Daksh, etc. came to the college and hired high-appointment students.

Subsequently, a number of postgraduate courses were introduced, including M.Sc. (IT), PGDMM, PGDPM & LW and PGDCA. The college took the unique initiative of starting a B.Sc. Honours in Bioinformatics and was also granted an M.Sc. in Bioinformatics and the college was the first one in North India to start these courses. In addition to these two courses, the college introduced B.Sc. Biotechnology and M.Sc. Biotechnology. After Panjab University, it was the first college to offer B.Sc. and M.Sc. Biotechnology. In 2007, the college was chosen under the innovative UGC scheme to run M.Com. (EFB) and was awarded Rs 50 lakhs. Under the innovative UGC scheme, the college was selected in 2008 to run an M.Sc. (Applied Chemistry) programme and received Rs 50 lakhs for the same. Many Honours courses in B.A. were also introduced during the tenure of Principal Dr A. C. Vaid. The Girls' and Boys' hostels, as well as the Auditorium, were built during this period. Furthermore, the college was conferred the status of 'Potential for Excellence' and also 'Star College' status, a rare twin honour to be bestowed on a single college by the University Grants Commission.

Principal Dr A.C. Vaid retired as the principal of the college on July 13, 2011, and went on to become the Pro Vice Chancellor of Apeejay Stya University, Gurgaon. Later, Mrs. Meena Prabhakar took over as officiating principal and served the office until January 24, 2013.





Dr Bhushan Kumar Sharma assumed the office of college principal on January 25, 2013, and worked till July 1, 2019. A man of high scholarly achievements and credentials, Dr Bhushan was known as a seasoned administrator and a progressive leader who led the college ahead during his stay.

In 2017, the college was awarded an A+ Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the 3rd cycle of the institutional assessment by the NAAC peer team. The college had the best ICT-enabled teaching and learning infrastructure in the area, and all courses were in high demand. The college continued making its mark on a national level by bagging a high rank in the National Institutional Ranking Framework, MHRD, Government of India. This period also saw the college shine on various fronts. Establishing the college as a perennial contender for the Overall Trophy at the Panjab University Zonal Youth and Heritage Festival was one such achievement. During his tenure, the college also started Doctoral Research Centres in Chemistry and Biotechnology and meanwhile launched two innovative courses funded by the UGC, namely, B.Voc. Retail Management and B.Voc. Food Processing and Preservation.

In July 2019, Dr Balraj Thapar took over as officiating principal and rendered his diligent services during the challenging times of COVID-19 pandemic.



Dr Ajay Sharma took over as principal of GGDSD College on July 19, 2021. Dr Ajay Sharma has been an illustrious member of the teaching community with over 22 years of experience and has won numerous awards and recognitions for his academic and scholastic acumen. He has distinguished himself as an able administrator and has also worked as the principal of Sri Aurobindo College of Commerce & Management, Ludhiana, before joining as the principal of GGDSD College, Chandigarh.

Known as a thorough administrator with unmatched qualities of knowledge and skill set, Principal Dr Ajay Sharma is steering the institution ahead. In his current tenure the college has already paced up and is

progressing with leaps and bounds. The college won the overall trophy in PU Zonal Youth and Heritage Festival for the 8th consecutive year in 2022. In sports, the college lifted the Shadi Lal Overall Trophy (Men) and was declared the Best College in Sports among all the colleges affiliated with Panjab University. A front runner in world class education, the college featured sixth time in a row on the National Institutional Ranking Framework of Ministry of Education, Government of India. In the All India Ranking 2021, the college was ranked among the top 100-150 rank band. Outlook ICARE Survey-2021 ranked the college 24th in commerce, 13th in B.C.A., 18th in BBA, and 43rd in Arts on an all-India basis in its August 2021 issue. Earlier in July

2021, the India Today magazine ranked the college 17th in B.C.A., 23rd in Commerce, 23rd in Science, 18th in B.B.A. and 38th in Arts in the list of 'The Best Colleges of India.' The college has achieved yet another milestone and was ranked among the 'Best Private Colleges of North India' by India Today 2021 in its September 2021 issue. The college was ranked 1st in B.C.A., B.B.A., Commerce and Science and 3rd in Arts in the list of Best Colleges of India in the Northern region (except NCR) by India Today- MRDA Best Colleges Survey. Furthermore, the College was ranked 5th in B.C.A., 6th in B.B.A., 12th in Commerce, 14th in Science and 16th in Arts at the All India Level in the list of Best Colleges of India by the same survey.





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

PRINCIPAL'S

S.No.	Name	From	To
01.	Prof. R.L. Verma Founder	01.07.1973	25.06.1975
02.	Sh. D.N.Sharma	26.06.1975	16.07.1990
03.	Sh. U.C.Sharma	17.07.1990	30.06.1995
04.	Mrs. Laxmi Mehta Officiating	01.07.1995	24.09.1995
05.	Dr. A.C.Vaid	25.09.1995	13.07.2011
06.	Mrs. Meena Prabhakar Officiating	14.07.2011	24.01.2013
07.	Dr. Bhushan K. Sharma	25.01.2013	01.07.2019
08.	Dr. Balraj Thapar Officiating	02.07.2019	18.07.2021
09.	Dr. Ajay Sharma	19.07.2021	



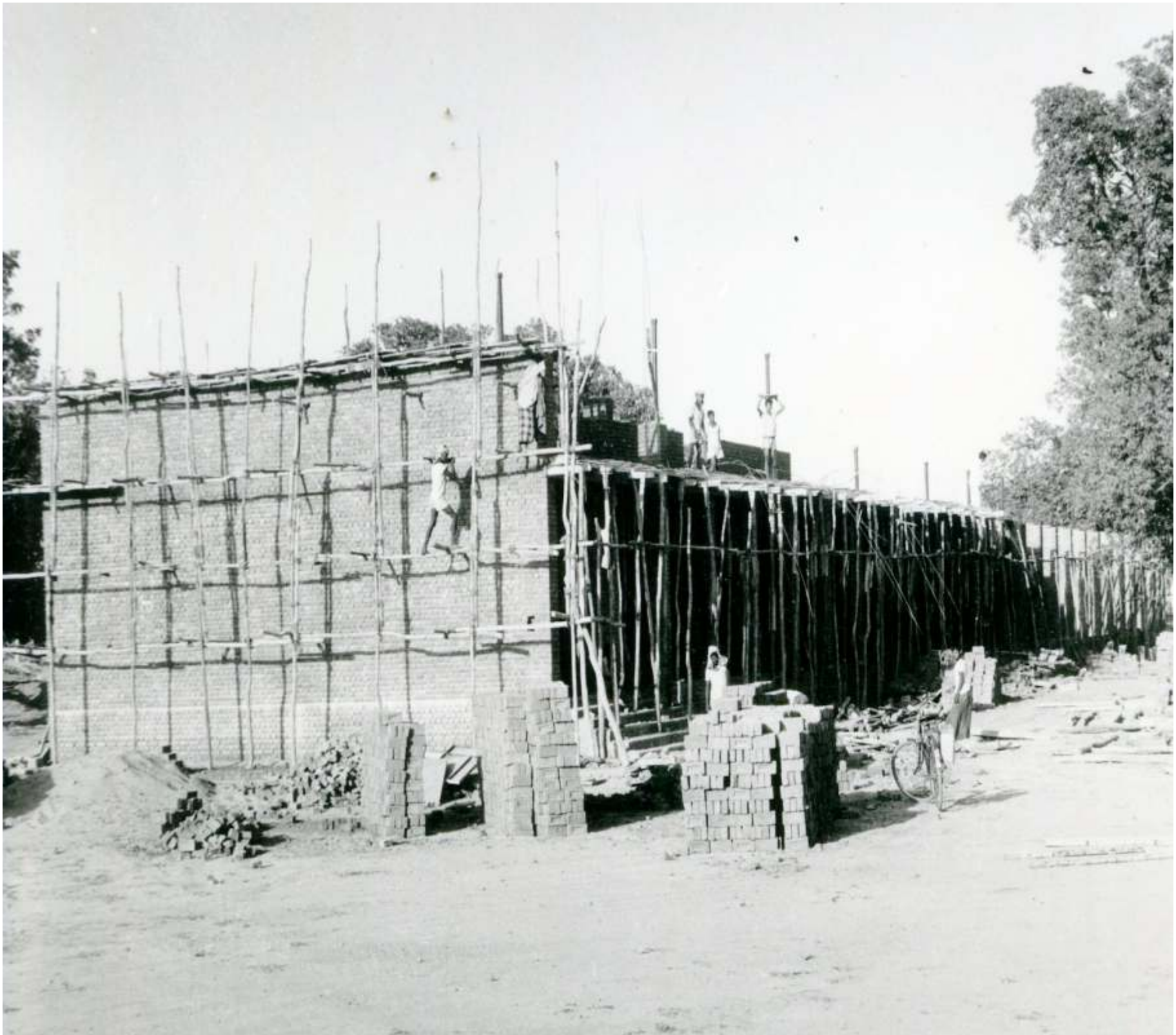
Striving for perfection and excellence, the principals have put in more than their best to take the institution where it stands today

BEYOND BRICKS AND MORTAR



The physical infrastructure of a college is a significant launchpad for all academic endeavors and activities, the working environment, besides walls and roofs includes appropriate facilities and paraphernalia for the teaching learning process to take the desired shape. This college began in a house in sector eight of Chandigarh and from there it has come to span across about 16.5 acres today. The present-day picture of the college is the result of constant tilling of labour over the years. With an

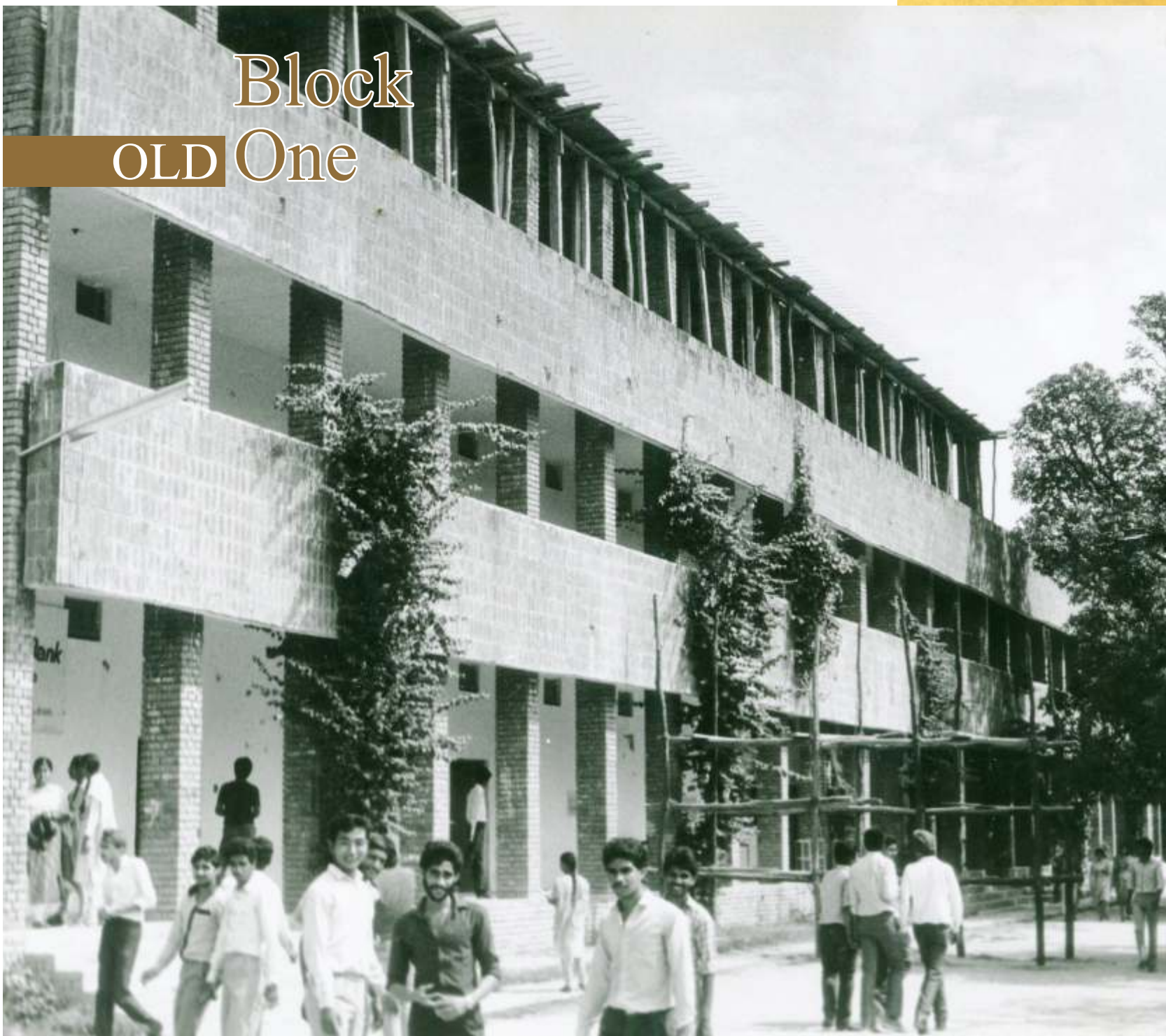
impressive, spacious and ultra-modern administrative block, the college boasts of state-of-the-art mini auditorium in the same building. Moreover, the college infrastructure also includes smart classrooms, updated laboratories and a well-equipped library to cater to the growing needs of the present generation of the students. The entire campus, besides being green and clean, is under e-surveillance.



The first classrooms of the college being constructed in 1972



Block OLD One



Top Floor of Prof. Roshan Lal Verma Block under construction



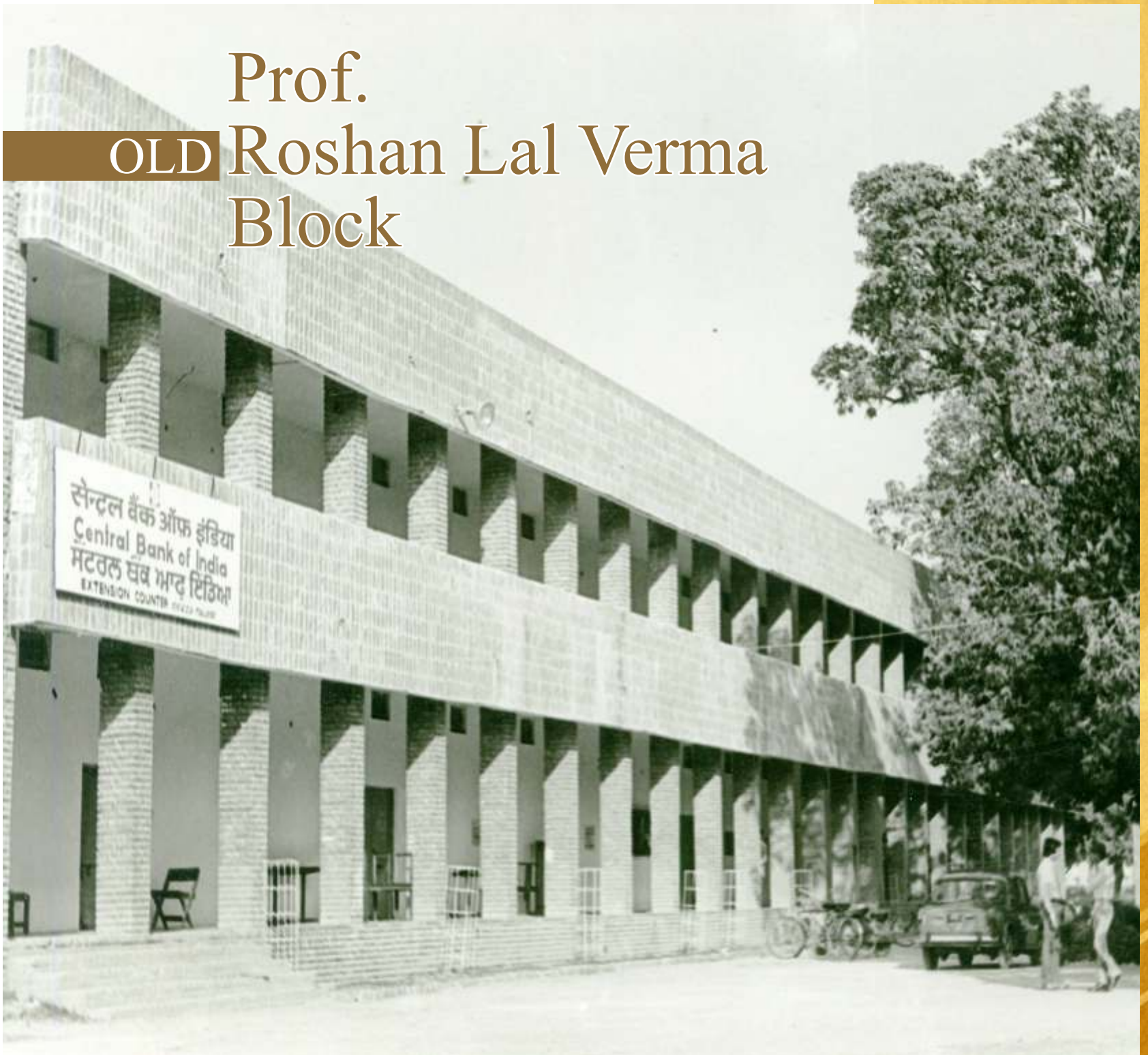
Admin OLD Block



The Administration Building, the locus of the college from its infancy, has housed the office of the Principal, the President and other functionaries of the college for years. The building manifests a tradition of honesty and integrity that has sustained itself over years of evolution towards excellence.



Prof. OLD Roshan Lal Verma Block



College OLD Canteen



The pentagonal college canteen was constructed under the reign of Principal Shri D.N. Sharma



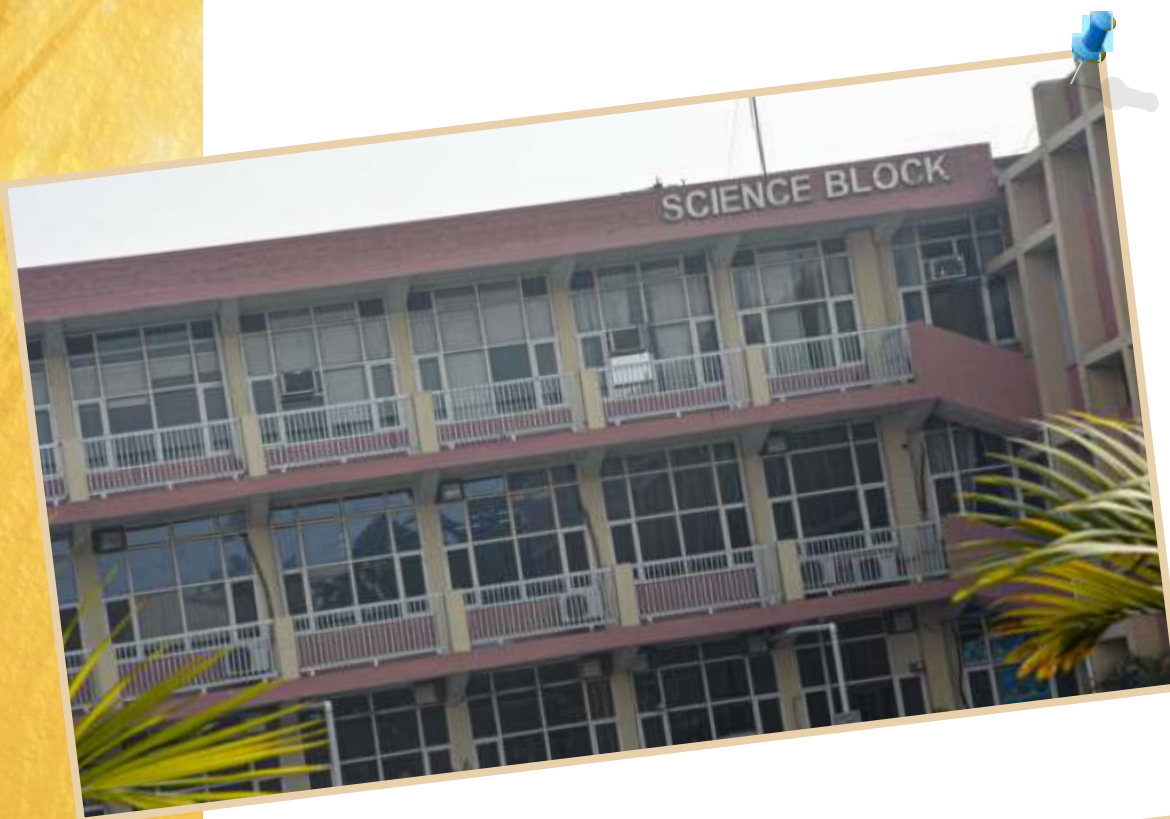


Admin NEW Block









The names of the founding members remain etched, reminding of the selfless commitment and vision that scripted the path the college treads on today.



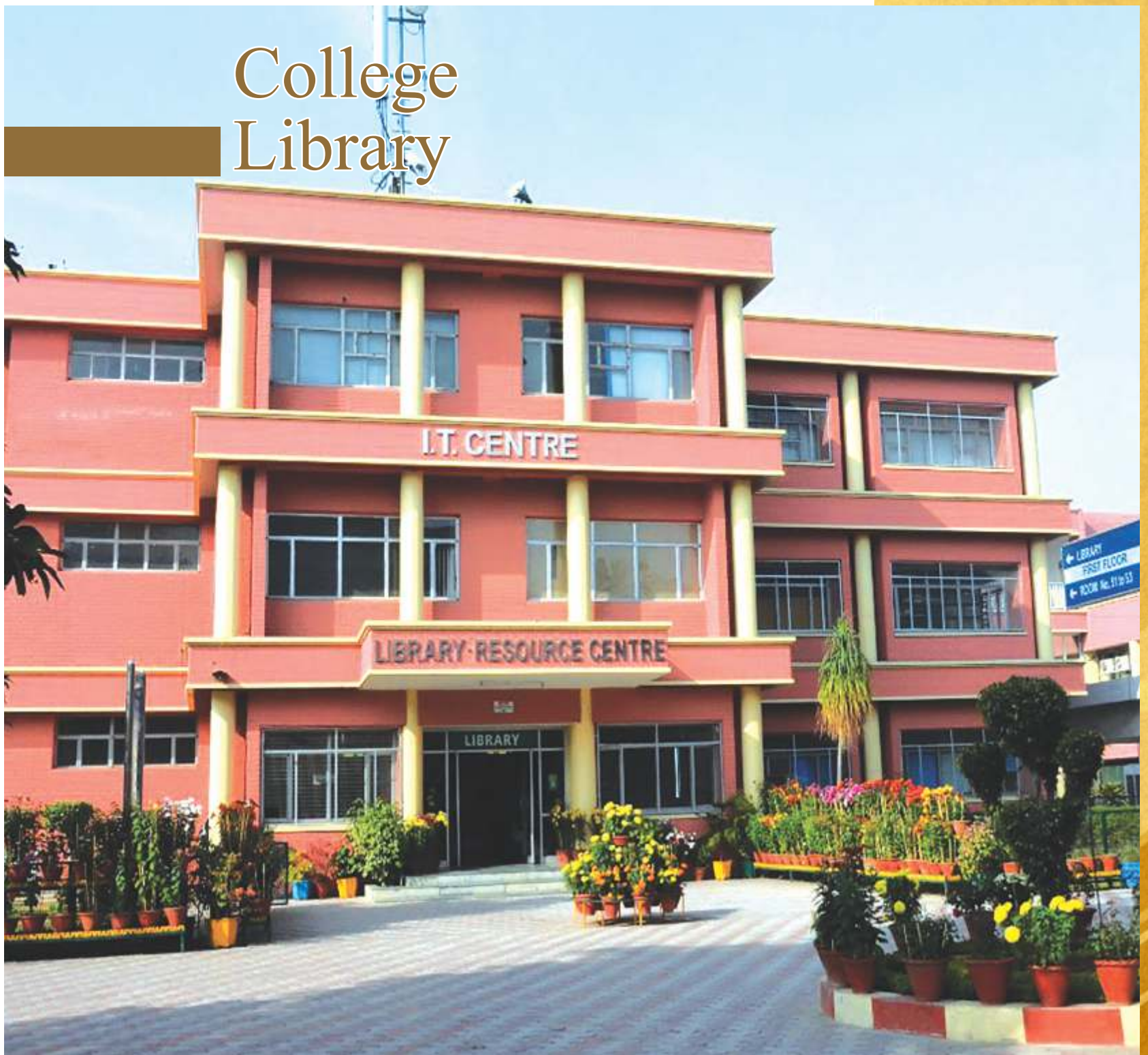


PML SD Business School, Chandigarh

Boys Hostel



College Library





Since the inception of the college, the library has been a perpetual fountain of knowledge. It has been catering to the information needs of users tirelessly. The RFID-enabled state-of-the-art college library is enriched with a carefully built collection of resources.

College MAIN Auditorium



College MINI Auditorium



TELEVISION STUDIO

RADIO STUDIO



Underground Reservoir (3 Lakh Litres)



Mr. Vinay Pratap Singh, IAS, Inaugurated a 200KW Solar Power Plant at the college.



With a 200KW Solar Power Plant at the college, GGDSD College remains dedicated towards a sustainable energy vision for India

Academic Alacrity



Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College has exemplified academic excellence since its inception. Started in a Sector 8 house, the college began in 1973 with only Prep Arts, Prep Commerce, and BA I. Today, the college is a premier multi-faculty co-educational institution that offers sixteen graduate-level courses, thirteen add-on courses for undergraduates from various disciplines, thirteen postgraduate courses, and four research centres that offer PhDs. The college has been accredited with an A+ grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) during the 2016–17 session and has been bestowed with the status of “A College with Potential for Excellence” by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The Department of Science and Technology, Government of India has also chosen the college for the "FIST Programme." GGDSD College has also been granted “KAUSHAL Kendra” status by the UGC to run B.Voc. courses and sanctioned ‘Deen Dayal Upadhyay Knowledge Acquisition and Upgradation of Skilled Human Abilities and Livelihood’.

The college is the most sought-after institution by students in the region and has built a name for itself owing to its unwavering commitment to providing the best education and values to its students.

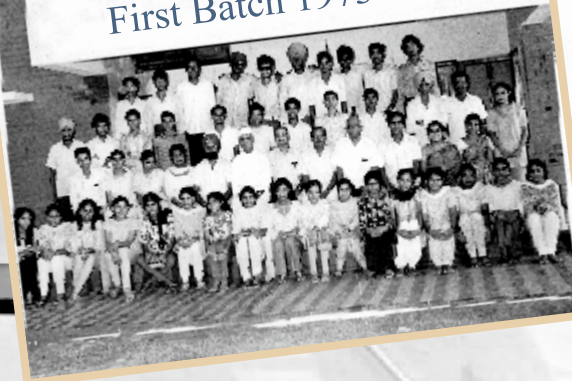
The rich academic achievements of the students are honored every year at the Convocation and the Annual Prize Distribution ceremony.

GOSWAMI GANESH DUTTA SANATAN DHARAMA COLLEGE CHANDIGARH

On the eve of the farewell party given to the students of B.A. III
1975-1976

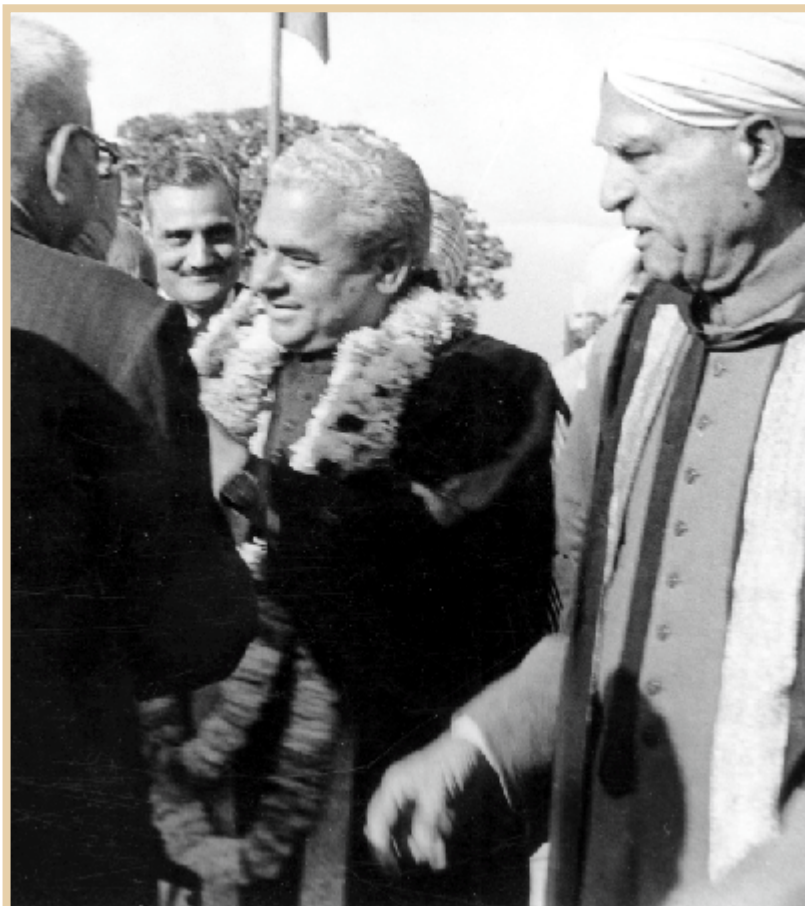


First Batch 1973-74



Sitting L to R : Prof. Jaswant Singh, Prof. D. K. Chattorjee, Vijay Chopra, Prof. C. K. Jerath, Prof. D. V. Vinayak, Principal D. N. Sharma, Prof. S.C. Agarwal, Prof. (Mrs) Laxmi Mehta,
Prof. (Miss.) Meera Sehgal, Mrs. Madhu Sharma
Standing L to R) Gurdashan Singh, Deepak Mehta, Lehu Ram, Surinder Kumer, Prabha Asthana, Kiran Sarwal, Jyoti Arora, Reena Tandon, Indu Paulastya, Sarita, Taggar, Sunita Sharma,
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B.A. Final Students 1980-81



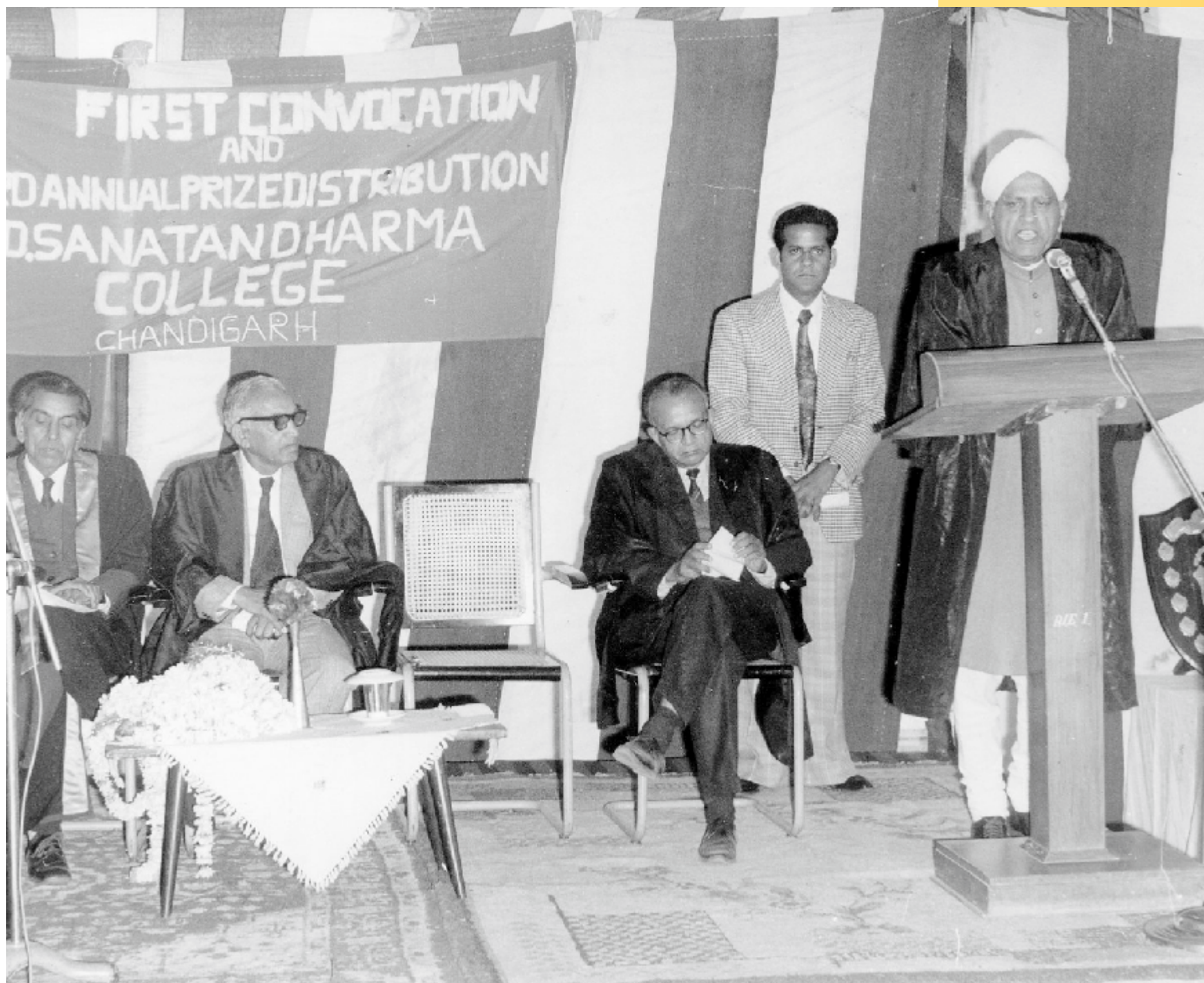
Sitting :— Kalpna Rani Dass, Sushma Sharma, Sushma, Suman.

Chairs :— Gurpal Singh, Harjinder Singh, Padam Singh, Prof. B S. Moondi, Prof. Vijay Chopra, Principal D. N. Sharma, Prof. Parkash Sharma, Prof. N.P. Manocha, Prof. C. K. Jerath, Vijay Kumar.

Convocations and Prize Distribution Ceremonies



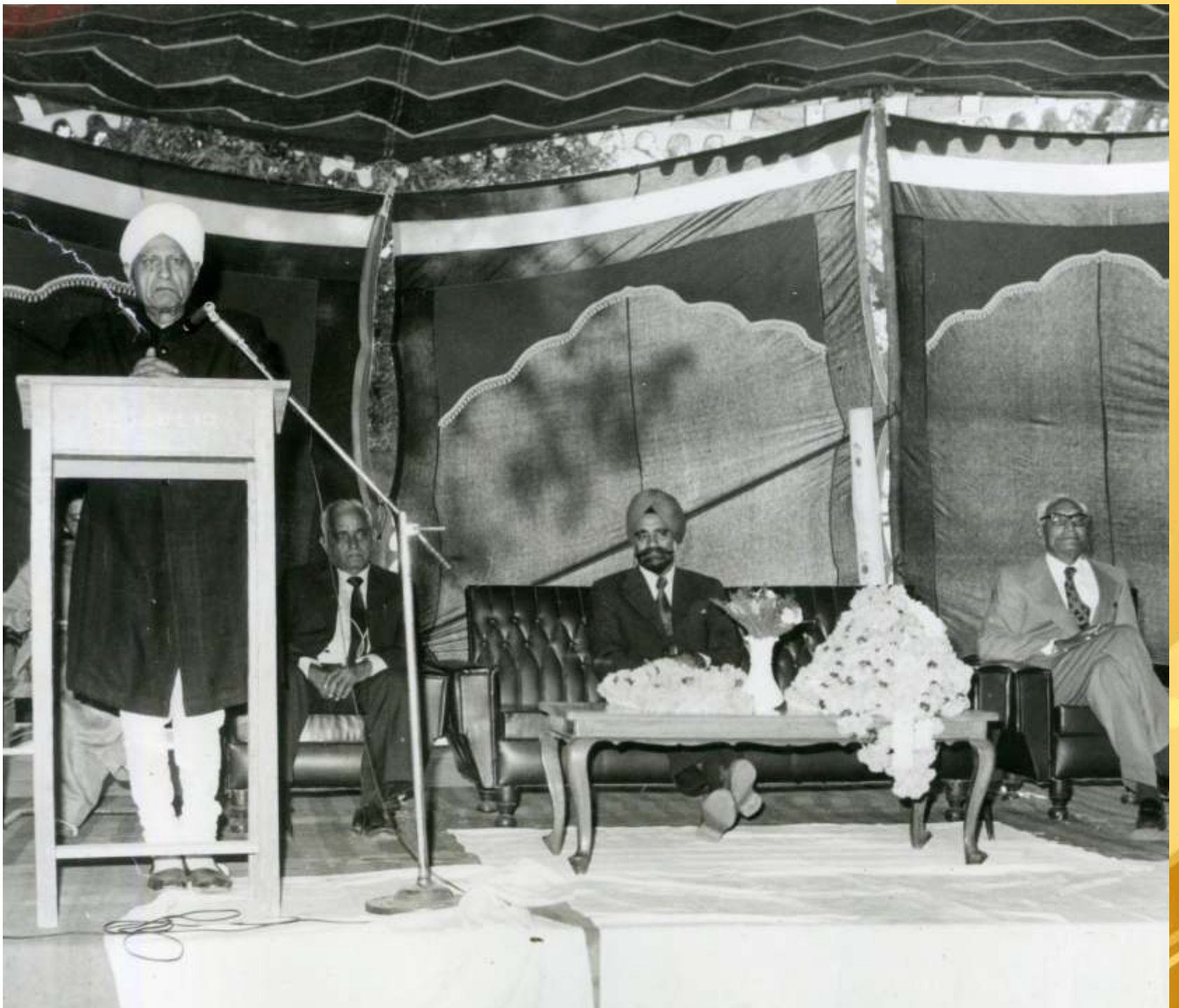
Convocation is a grand capstone celebration recognizing the scholarly circle of degree awardees. It is a revered event at the college. In fact, it is that day in the academic life of the students when all their hard work, dedication, commitment and enthusiasm pays off. It usually marks the end of a student's academic life and the beginning of his or her working life. Annual convocations at GGDSD College are celebrated with rich tradition and ceremony.



Pt. Mohan Lal ji accompanied by high dignitaries, addressing students, staff and achievers at the First Annual Convocation and Third Annual Prize Distribution ceremony organized by the college



Pt. Mohan Lal ji accompanied by high dignitaries, at the Second Annual Convocation and Sixth Annual Prize Distribution ceremony organized by the college



Pt. Mohan Lal ji accompanied by high dignitaries at the Third Annual Convocation



Pt. Mohan Lal ji accompanied by high dignitaries,
at the Fourth Annual Prize Distribution ceremony organized by the college



Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma, President of India, along with Pt. Mohan Lal ji, Principal Shri D.N. Sharma and other dignitaries at an annual convocation organized at the college



Pt. Mohan Lal ji, Smt. Kaushalaya Devi Verma and Principal Shri D.N. Sharma
with other dignitaries at the 8th Annual Prize Distribution Function



Maharani Parneet Kaur
gracing the occasion as the
chief guest at an
Annual Convocation
organised at the college

Pt. Mohan Lal ji,
Principal Shri D.N. Sharma
accompanying the chief guest,
Maharani Parneet Kaur and other
dignitaries at the Annual Convocation
organised at the college





S. Beant Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab, lauded the academic excellence and efforts of GGDSD College and its students at the Annual Convocation on March 24, 1993



The Members of the Managing Committee, Principal, Staff and Students of
GOSWAMI GANESH DUTTA SANATAN DHARMA COLLEGE
 Sector 32-C, Chandigarh
 cordially invite you to the
COLLEGE CONVOCATION
 on Wednesday, the 22nd of February, 1995, at 2-00 p.m. on the college campus.
 His Excellency Lt. Gen. B. K. N. CHHIBBER
 PVSM, AVSM, VSM
 Governor, Punjab & Administrator U.T. Chandigarh
 has very kindly consented to deliver
 the convocation address.
 R. S. V. P.
 ☎ : 600090
 Please be in your seats by 1.45 p.m.

His Excellency Lt. Gen. B.K.N. Chhibber, Governor Punjab & Administrator U.T. Chandigarh, encouraging students at the Annual Convocation on Feb. 22, 1995 at GGDSD College, Chandigarh



The convocation for the year 1999 was held on April 12, 1999. It was graced by Dr (Mrs) Kiran Bedi (IPS, IGP, UT Administration, Chandigarh) as the Chief Guest. It was also attended by the venerable Pandit Mohan Lal Ji (Former Home, Education, and Finance Minister Punjab, President of the College Managing Committee). In the year 1999, a total of 1792 students were enrolled in the college. This year, the college also began offering a range of professional courses, namely BBA, BCA, and MCOM. The year's Annual Prize Distribution Function was graced by Mrs Anuradha Gupta, (Secretary, Home Education and Finance, UT Chandigarh) who felicitated around 400 college students with prizes for their varied achievements.

Principal Dr A.C. Vaid with Chief Guest, Dr (Mrs) Kiran Bedi at the Annual Convocation Ceremony organised by the college on April 12, 1999.





Pt. Mohan Lal ji honouring the Chief Guest, Dr (Mrs) Kiran Bedi
at the Annual Convocation Ceremony on April 12, 1999.

The 2000-2001 session saw the college rolls exceed their previous record by enrolling a whopping 2104 students. Prof. K.N. Pathak, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh, graced the convocation with his presence as the Chief Guest.



Chief Guest, Prof. K.N. Pathak Vice Chancellor, Punjab University, Chandigarh, with Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma Ji, President of the College Managing Committee, Dr A.C. Vaid, Principal and other dignitaries at the Annual Convocation in 2001

The Prize Distribution Ceremony for the years 2003-2004 was held on March 14, 2004. The event was a success thanks to the guidance of the esteemed Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma Ji. Shri R.S. Gujral, Home and Education Secretary, UT, Chandigarh, who was the event's distinguished Chief Guest, praised the students and wished them great success.

Every year, the institution's popularity is confirmed by a consistent increase in the number of admission-seekers. As a result, the college admitted 2,781 students in different streams for the session 2003-2004.

As a step towards offering students more skill-oriented courses, the college introduced 6 Add-on courses at the undergraduate level. These courses in Biotechnology; Computer Application; Information Technology; Functional English; Advertising, Sales, Promotion and Sales Management; and Computer-based Accountancy were a huge success among the students.



The Convocation Function for the 2004-2005 session was convened successfully on March 28, 2005, and was honoured by the celebrated Prof. K.N. Pathak, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh. This year also heralded the inauguration of the 2-year MSc Bioinformatics programme.



The convocation for the institution was held on March 12, 2007. It was graced by the attendance of honourable Prof. R.C. Sobti (Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh). This year, the college offered students various innovative courses, including MBE (Masters in Business Economics).

The Annual Prize Distribution Function for the same session, conducted on March 19, 2007, was delightfully accomplished owing to the presence of the eminent Chief Guest, Dr A.R. Kidwai, Governor of Haryana. This year, the college opened its gates to 2664 students who were admitted to both the undergraduate and postgraduate programs offered by the college.

The Annual Prize Distribution Function for the years 2007-2008 was organised on March 13, 2008. The award winners were bestowed with prizes by Shri Pradip Mehra, I.A.S. (Adviser to the Administrator, U.T., Chandigarh).

The college enrolled a total of 2815 students for the 2007-2008 session, with more than 350 students registered in the various postgraduate programs of the college. This year the college enriched its offerings through the addition of six innovative add-on courses to facilitate the comprehensive growth of students. The courses introduced were: Animation and Graphics, Journalism, Human Rights and Value Education, Computer Hardware and Maintenance, Security and Portfolio Management, and French.



Shri Pradip Mehra, I.A.S. Adviser to the Administrator, U.T., Chandigarh
at the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony organised by the college on March 13, 2008

The Annual Convocation for the session 2008-09 was conducted on March 5, 2009, and the eminent Mrs. Sheila Dixit honoured the event as the distinguished Chief Guest.

The college broke academic records by being the only educational institution in India to be granted a third innovative program in a row by the UGC—M.Sc. in Applied Chemistry (Pharmaceutical). The college also augmented its offerings by supplementing them with two new Add-on courses keeping in mind the needs of modern Indian students. The college began running two professional add-on courses in Video Reporting and Electronics and its Equipment Maintenance. This year, the college crossed its previously held threshold by admitting 3280 students, proving that GGDSD College remained the top choice for students in the region.



Mrs. Sheila Dixit at the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony organised by the college on March 5, 2009

The college Convocation was held on May 9, 2010 and was embellished by the distinguished presence of honourable Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal, Union Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Affairs and Water Resources; Lok Sabha MP, Chandigarh.



Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal, Union Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Affairs, and Water Resources; Lok Sabha MP, Chandigarh, at the Annual Convocation organised by the college on May 9, 2010

A total of 3342 students were enrolled in the 2010–2011 academic session. Shri Upkar Krishna Sharma, President, GGDSD College Governing Body, graced the Annual Prize Distribution on April 24, 2011.



Distinguished Chief Guest, Prof. G.K. Chadha, President, South Asian University, New Delhi; and Emeritus Professor and former Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi at the Annual Convocation held at GGDSD College on April 13, 2012

The Annual Convocation of the college for the year 2011–12 was held on January 23, 2012, and Mr. Rajeev Shukla, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, conferred degrees upon 954 graduates as the Chief Guest. The occasion was decorated with eminent personalities like Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma, President, GGDSD College Society, the Principal, Mrs Meena Prabhakar; and Dr Anirudh Joshi, General Secretary of the College Society.

The College Convocation for the session blossomed successfully on April 13, 2012, in the presence of the distinguished Chief Guest, Prof. GK Chadha, President, South Asian University, New Delhi; and Emeritus Professor and former Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

The college was still the best place for students to go, as it took in a total of 3,456 of them during the academic session.



Mr. Rajeev Shukla, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, at the Annual Convocation held on January 23, 2012

In the year 2012, a total of 3630 students were granted admission to the college. The college held its Annual Prize Distribution ceremony on March 26, 2013. The distinguished Chief Guest for the ceremony was Shri Arvinder Singh Chawla, Registrar, Punjabi University.

Inspired by its tremendous academic growth, the college witnessed a steady increase in the number of students seeking admission. During this session, a total of 4,405 students were granted admission in various streams. Moreover, two new courses were started this year: the M.Sc. in Physics and an MA in Economics.

Dr Narayanasami Sathyamurthy was invited as the college's honorable chief guest to address the annual convocation and inspire young graduates.



Shri Mool Chand Sharma, Chairman, University Grants Commission
gracing the Annual Convocation at GGDSD College Chandigarh



Dr Narayanasami Sathyamurthy as the college's honorable chief guest at the annual convocation 2013-14

Owing to the rising popularity of the college and the increasing demand for admissions in various streams, the college added three new courses to the vast range of existing courses in 2014. These included Diploma in Medical Lab Technology, Diploma in Retail Management and Bachelor in Vocational Science (B.Voc) in Food Processing. The college held its Annual Convocation Ceremony, for which Prof. Ashok K Ganguli, Director, Institute of Nano Science & Technology, Mohali was invited to grace the occasion with his presence.

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IAS Vijay Kumar Dev as the esteemed Chief Guest
at the Annual Convocation organised by the college in 2015

During the session 2016-17, as many as 6486 students were granted admission in various courses. Keeping in mind the rising demand amongst the students, the college introduced the course of Masters of Arts in English. Not only this, another unit of MCom was also introduced under the self-financing scheme during the same session.



Prof. Paramjit S Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law
as the Chief Guest at the Annual Prize Distribution ceremony organised by the college in 2017

With its consistent growth and development in the various streams and excellent academic performance, the college had been granted a Research Centre in Commerce leading to a successful PhD in the year 2018. Moreover, a total of 6843 students were granted admission during this session. The Annual Convocation Ceremony for the year was hosted by honouring the distinguished Chief Guest Prof (Dr) Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Vice Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University.



Chief Guest Prof (Dr) Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Vice Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University gracing the occasion at the Annual Convocation Ceremony 2017-18



Prof. Arun Grover, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, gracing the occasion at the Annual Convocation 2018

For the given session, the total number of students that were granted admissions was increased to 6919 from 6843 in the previous session. The college also started a new course on B.Voc Logistic Management the same year. Apart from this, subjects like Geography, and Honors in History and Political Science in B.A. were introduced. For the session 2019-20, as many as 7034 students were given admission.

The College introduced 4 new courses from the academic session 2021-2022. These included B.Voc Medical Lab Technology, B.Voc Media and Entertainment and M.Voc Fashion Technology and Apparel Design. A certificate course in NSE Smart Simulated Market Trading Lab was also started by the college in association with the National Stock Exchange.



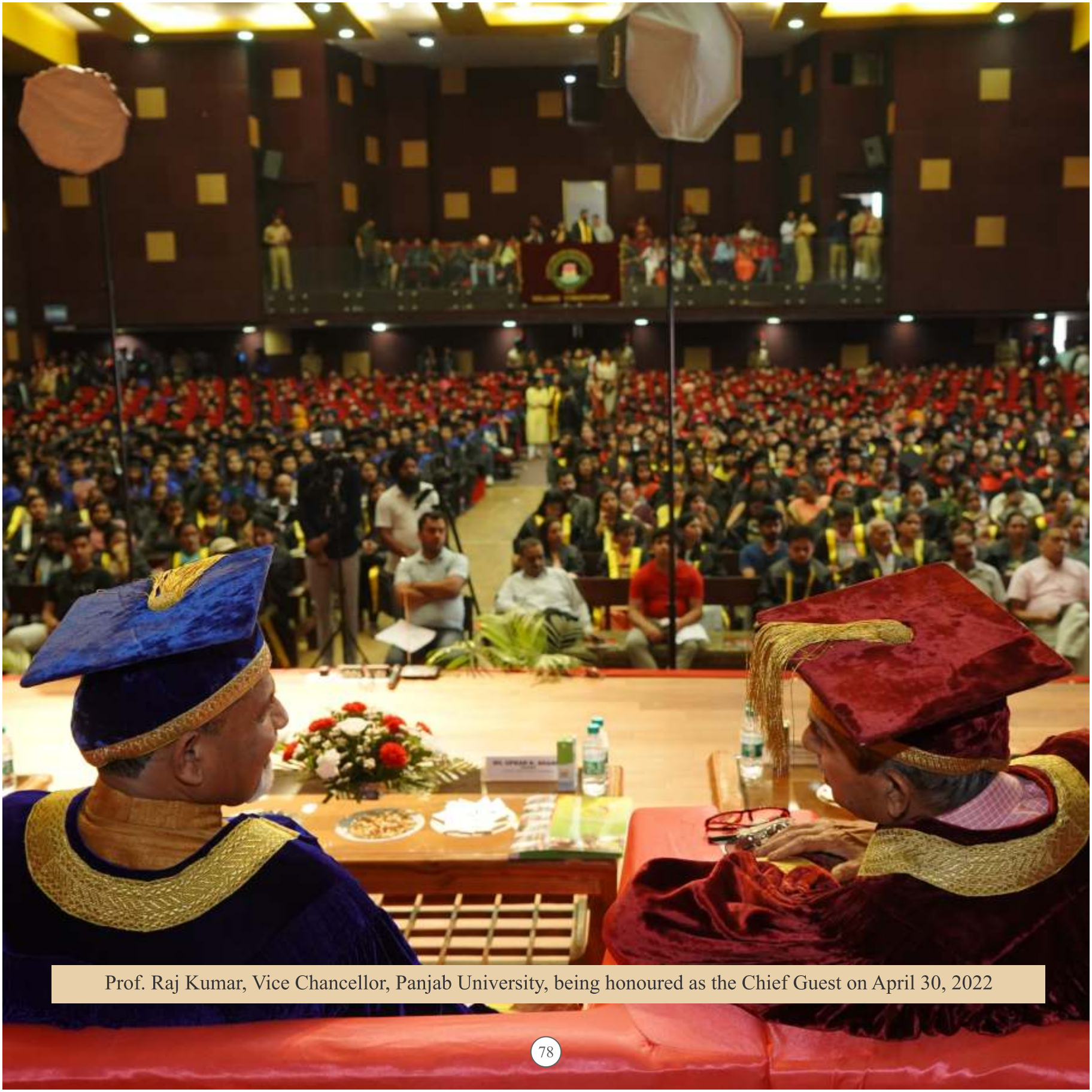
Prof. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, as the Chief Guest at the Annual Convocation, 2019

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The college held the Convocation Ceremony for this year and invited an eminent educationist, a renowned social activist and a progressive national thinker Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh, as its chief guest.



His Excellency Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & Administrator of Chandigarh being honoured as the Chief Guest on April 19, 2022



Prof. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, being honoured as the Chief Guest on April 30, 2022



Hon'ble Sh. Dharam Pal Advisor, U.T. Administration gracing the occasion at the Annual Prize Distribution ceremony of GGSDS College in the year 2022

Conferences, Seminars and Contests

Conferences, seminars, special lectures and workshops are an integral part of academic life, providing an opportunity to students, scholars and the faculty not only to meet and have ground-breaking interaction with peers and professionals but also to enhance academic knowledge, to seek guidance in making careers and discover one's own hidden skills and talents. The college, through its various departments and clubs, keeps organizing national and international seminars and conferences, workshops and training sessions with local, national and international resource persons, participants and distinguished guests.



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MEMORIAL CONTESTS**









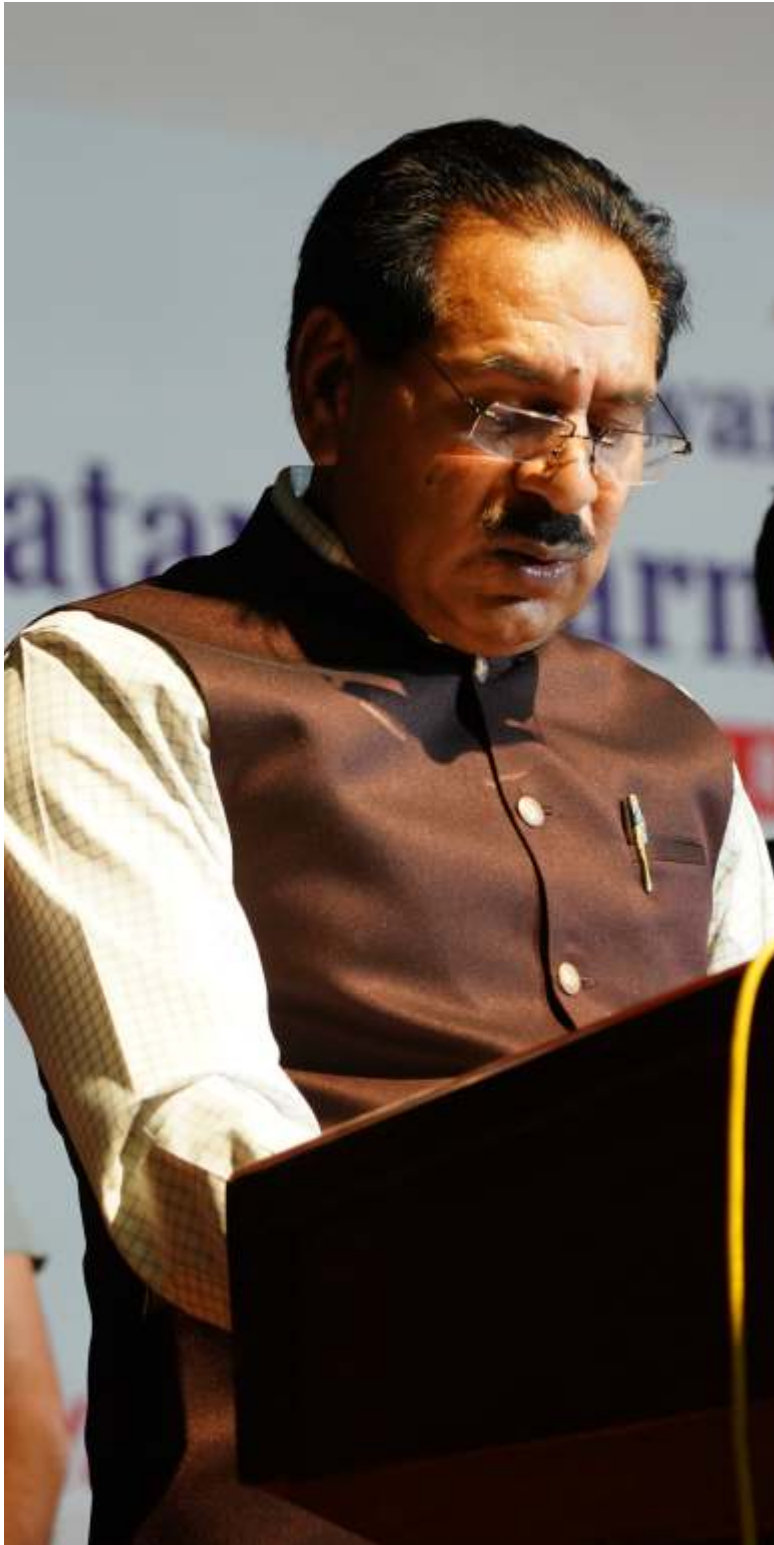








The placement cell of the college plays a crucial role in locating job opportunities for undergraduates and postgraduates passing out from the college





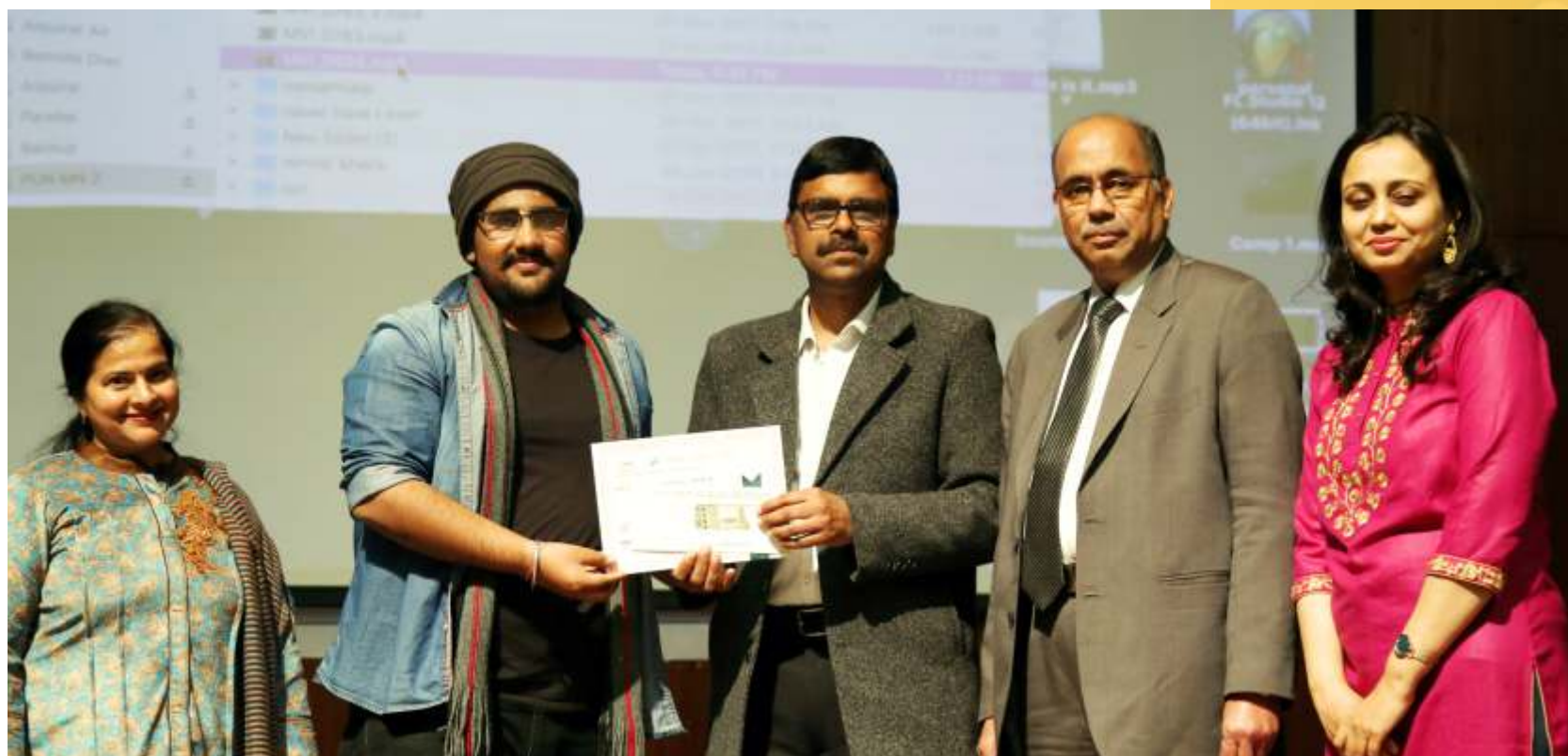


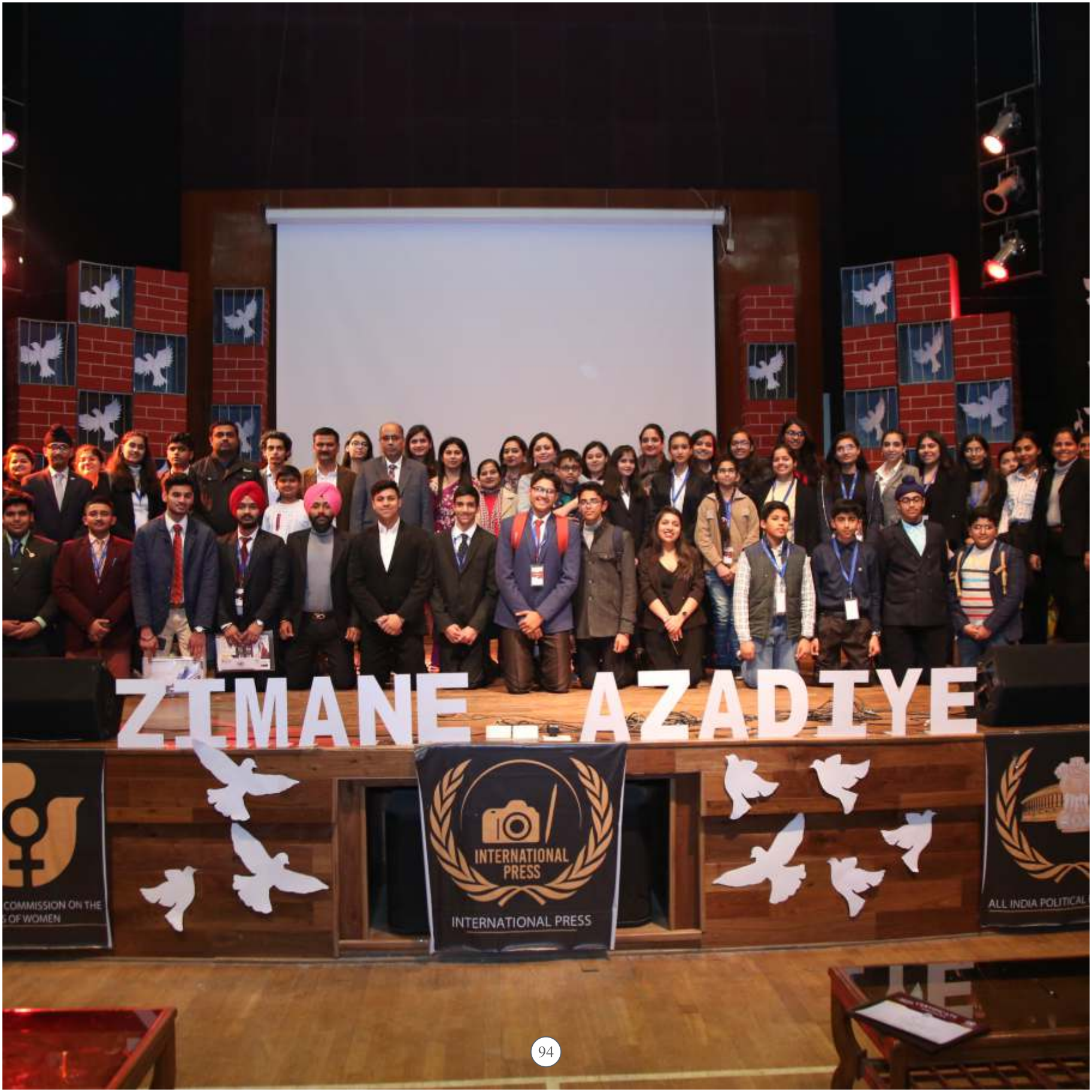


Classroom teaching has remained the foundation of education even after the modernisation of teaching pedagogies over the last 50 years. At the college, classroom teaching has continued to imbibe interactive learning features, intelligent discourse and creative impetus. The college always makes it a priority to offer the most cutting-edge facilities to our students. It is because of this commitment that when the Covid-19 pandemic pushed teaching to online platforms, our college was one of the best prepared to handle the challenge. Additionally, the college offers new advanced infrastructure to meet the present demands.



The SD Model United Nations (MUN) is an annual international conference which seeks participation from across the globe. To date, nine SD MUNs have been successfully held. At the SD MUN conference, students take on the role of a country, organisation, or individual and collaborate with other delegates from across the world to find a solution to a problem. The SD MUN teaches members critical thinking, collaboration, and leadership skills in addition to research skills, public speaking, debating, and writing abilities.







BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Co-curricular activities on campus complement the college's academic curriculum and boost students' educational experience by providing a platform to showcase their diverse talents. These activities also add excitement, colour and vibrancy to the life on campus.



G. G. D. S. D. College, Chandigarh

Cultural Team

1979—80



Sitting L to R ; Sh. Keshav Chandra, Prof. Parkash Sharma, Sardar Waryam Singh, Director, Public Relation, Tourism hospitality and Cultural Affairs Chandigarh Administration, Principal D. N. Sharma, Dr. Lesh Bandhu, Prof. A.S. Paul, Sh. Sardara Singh

Standing 1st Row, Mukesh, Vijinder Dabhu, Tulsi Dass, Ashwani Sharma, Kapil, Sanjeev Mogla, Sanjeev Joshi, Miss Usha Choudhary, Banani, Usha Shah, Prithvi Vasudeva, Bhavnesh Kaushik

Standing 2nd Row ; Balwinder Singh, Harmohinder Singh, Avninder Singh, Ishwinder Singh, Rajan Sharma, Manjit Singh Harpreet Singh, Rajesh Rasila, Amarjeet Singh

Fine Studio Sec. 15, Chandigarh.

YOUTH SERVICE CLUB

(1979-80)

G. G. D. S. D. College, Chandigarh



Sitting Left to Right : Prof. N.P. Manocha, Principal D.N. Sharma.
Incharge, Youth Service Club Patron, Youth Service Club.

Standing 1st row Left to Right : Satinder Paul Manchanda, Sunil Aggarwal, Sushma Sharma, Kamlesh Ragu, Manisha Mathur,
Parmod Gupta, Tarun Bhalla.

Standing 2nd row Left to Right : Naresh Garg, Gurjeet Singh, Harjeet Singh, Pardeep Kumar, Sunil Mehta, Harjeet Singh Malhotra
Fine Studio, Chandigarh.



G. G. D. S. D. College, Chandigarh
Dramatic Club
1979—80



Sitting L to R : Sh. Keshav Chander, Prof. Prakash Sharma, Sardar Waryam Singh Dhotian Director, Public Relation, Tourism, Hospitality and Cultural Affairs Chandigarh Administration, U.T. Principal D.N., Sharma, Dr. Desh Bandhu, Mr. Sardara Singh.

Standing L to R : Tulsi Das, Ashwani Kumar, Sanjeev Mogla, Sanjeev Joshi, Usha Choudhary, Usha Shah, Bhavnesh Kaushik, Prithvi Vasudeva, Rajesh Rasila

Fine Studio Sec. 15, Chandigarh.





Leading by example, Pt Mohan Lal ji inspired in people around him the same commitment to values of integrity, honesty and an untiring pursuit for excellence. The team that worked with Pandit Ji in the early days of the college are always replete with tales of his outstanding demeanour and inspirational outlook. With such a visionary forebearer, the college continues its march towards excellence into a new age





Panjab University Zonal Youth Festival Overall Trophy, 2014

College Fests

The fests are the affairs of college students, under the supervision of teachers, are trained to manage it all, right from collecting funds, finding sponsors, putting up stalls and then scheduling and preparing events and making it all happen culminating into a grand build up on the final days of the events as Virasat, the college fest.

Panache, organized by the Department of Commerce, is the oldest department fest of the college. With its first edition having been launched in 2000, the fest since then has been popular not only among our students but also among others in the city. The fest is a grand affair with events ranging from business games to public-speaking competitions.

Vivacity is the fest of the Humanities. Implying good spirits and high energy, the fest brings

together varied shades and nuances of life on stage through a variety of cultural performances and competitions that include folk as well as contemporary items.

The fest of the Sciences, called Biorhythm, metaphorically represents the daily rhythmic cycles of life, succession and growth, prominently manifested in the range of activities, displays and competitions organized. The students of IT stream present Phoenix meaning rising from the ashes their department's Cultural fest, known to outshine its standards with every passing edition.

Along with fun and frolic, the focus is also on inculcating practical knowledge of planning, organizing and marketing skills among the students and giving them a hands-on experience for the same.















Literature Festival



A confluence of thoughts, ideas, ideologies, words and narratives... for the first time, a literary festival was organized on campus. While celebrating the contemporary prose and poetry, the fest offered a space for intellectual discourse and rendezvous.

Padma Shri Awardee Punjabi poet, Dr Surjit Patar
addressing the audience at the Literature Festival organised by the college





Education Secretary, Ms. Purva Garg, IAS, being honoured by Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma, President, GGDSD College Society, Prof. Anirudh Joshi, General Secretary and Principal Dr Ajay Sharma at the Literature Festival organised by the college



The growth of a healthy society depends on the availability of a variety of creative and cultural avenues of expression, which also enhances students' overall academic performance and social well-being. With this view in mind, the college continues to encourage students to engage in creative and cultural activities.





The sciences have been the backbone of innovation and technological advancement in the 21st century. In order to encourage scientific temperament among students, the college has continued to host a number of science-oriented activities and festivals. To bring the current issues and challenges of the global scenario to the attention of young scientist, the college organises a science fest annually and its aim is to incorporate creativity and scientific temperament.





The tradition of beginning each new session with a havan is intrinsic to the cultural ethos of the college. From time to time, ceremonies and practices are carried out to seek the divine blessings. Be it the paath of Sri Sukhmani Sahib on Guru Nanak Dev ji's birth anniversary, or making an offering to Goddess Saraswati, the goddess of learning, on Basant Panchami, the college students and staff exhibits a special fervour towards all faiths.







G. G. D. S. D. College Chandigarh

(Outstanding Sportsmen & Sportswomen)
1978-79



Sitting left.— Dinesh Kumar, (Boxer) Bhabnesh Kaushik, (Boxer) Dinesh Chatrath, (Boxer) Prof. A.C. Vaid, (President Volley-Ball Club) Prof. C.K. Jerath, (President Boxing Club) Prof. D. V. Vinayak, Sh. G. K. Chatrath (Member P. U. Syndicate and Sennate) Principal D. N. Sharma, Manjit Singh, (Soft Ball) Gurcharan Singh, (Soft-Ball) Harjit Singh, (Boxer) Narinder Kumar, S. D. College Boxing Secy.) Harjinder Singh. (Best Athlete)

Standing left;—Rachpal (Volley-Ball) Balbir Singh, (Volley-Ball) Harden Singh, (Boxer) Miss. Darshna, (Soft-Ball) Miss. Varsha, (Soft-Ball) Miss. Harbinder, (Soft-Ball) Miss. Usha, (Soft-Ball and Athletic) Miss. Anupam, (Soft-Ball) Miss. Amarjeet, (Soft-Ball)

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Sporty Spirit

A sport unifies the mind, body, and soul, enabling one to let go of the negativity, and therefore empowering oneself. With this in mind, the college's sports environment has addressed the monumental shift that sports have witnessed in the last few decades. Sports have evolved from a simple and fun group activity to a thriving, professional, multimillion-dollar enterprise. Today, the college is home to some of India's most accomplished sports persons.



GOSWAMI GANESH DUTTA S.D. COLLEGE, GHANDIGARH

Soft Ball Club (1977-78)

(Winner Chandigarh open Soft Ball Championship Runners up Panjab University Women Soft Ball Championship)



- Sitting L. to R. : Sardara Singh (Member State Team for National), Baljinder Singh (Capt. State Team for National), Prof. C.K. Jerath (President Sports Board), Principal D.N. Sharma, D.V. Bhatia (President, Chandigarh Soft Ball Association), J.P. Sharma (Secretary, Chandigarh Soft Ball Association), Inderjit Singh (Vice Capt. State Team for National), Miss Genta Chowdhary (M.S.T. for National), Miss Brenda Loernie (M.S.T. for National).
- Standing 1st L. to R. : Pyram Kaul, Veena Sharma, Sarita Rawat, Rita Gupta, Merna Kaul, Anupam, Harvinder Kaur, Usha Chowdhry, Amarjit Kaur, Vinoo Pathak, Darshna.
- Standing 2nd L. to R. : Padam Singh, Pardeep Bansal, Prithvi Vasudev, Satish Julka, Kamaljit Mehta, Ashok Bahal, Harinder Singh, Ashok Kumar, Narinder Kumar, Arun Aggarwal.

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(Winner Chandigarh Area Soft Ball Championship Runners up Panjab University Women Soft Ball Championship)



Winning Coach -

Surinder Singh (Member State Team for National), Baldev Singh (Capt. West Team for National), Prof. C.E. Joshi (President Sports Society, Principal D.N. Sharma, D.V. Bhatia (President, Chandigarh Soft Ball Association), J.P. Sharma (Secretary, Chandigarh Soft Ball Association), Jyoti Singh (Vice Capt. State Team for National), Mrs. Ganga Chatterjee (M.S.T. for National), Mrs. Sharda Lachan (M.S.T. for National)

Standing 1st L. to R. -

From Left, Yash Sharma, Gurtej Kaur, Anu Singh, Mohan Kaur, Anshu, Harinder Kaur, Hitesh Choudhary, Anurag Kaur, Vinod Pabla, Dinesh

Sitting 1st L. to R. -

Vishal Singh, Preet Singh, Preeti Vardan, Satish Singh, Kewal Singh, Anshu Singh, Harinder Singh, Anshu Kaur, Harinder Kaur

G.G.D.S.D. College Chandigarh.

BOXING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (1978-79)

Winner 1st Chandigarh Junior Boxing Championship (1st Time)

Runners up 2nd Time Senior B S.D. State College Boxing Match

3rd in Panjab University Boxing Championship



Winning Coach -

Harish Chander (F.O. Winner M.T. Night)

C.E. Joshi (President Sports Club)

G. K. Grewal (Member P.T. Society & Sports)

Assistant Co. Co. Sharma (Former National Club)

State Coach (Winners 82 P.T. Pabla Singh)













G. G. D. S. D. College, Chandigarh

Outstanding Sportsmen & Sportswomen

1979-80



Sitting : Miss Brenda Lornie, Sardara Singh, Prof A.C. Vaid (President Boxing & Soft Ball Club), Prof. C.K. Jerath (President Sports Board), Sh. S.P. Sharma I.A.S., Deputy Secretary Home, Chandigarh & President, Chandigarh Soft Ball Asso., Principal D.N. Sharma, Bhavnesh Kaushik, Narinder Kumar, Harjinder Singh

Standing 1st Row : Manjit Singh, Prithvi Vasudeva, Anita, Banami, Sushma, Anupama, Manisha, Meena Kaul, Usha Choudhary, Prem Kaul, Neelam Dutta, Indu, Neena, Poulina, Pardeep Ransal, Balvinder Mehta.

Standing 2nd Row : Rajiv Ahuja, Vinod Kumar, Ashwani Bhatia, Vajinder, Sanjeev Mongla, Vikram, Harpreet, Manoj Sharma, Hariender Brar, Padam Singh, Lajja Ram, Madhu Sudan, Gurlal Singh.

Fine Studio Sector 15-C, Cdh.



BEING SELFLESS...

The college has separate National Service Scheme units for men and women. Each unit is made up of 100 volunteers. Through community service, NSS primarily aims to instill a sense of social responsibility in students. It also simulates the division of volunteers into useful activity for the betterment of society.







PRARTHNA DIWAS





Pay Homage to Revered Pt. Mohan Lal
On Nineteenth Death Anniversary
G.G.D.S.D. College Society organises
an Lal Memorial Lecture by Sh. Manpreet Singh
& Devotional Songs

ALUMNI OF THE COLLEGE



Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College is firmly rooted in its commitment to serve the students of the region by providing them with the best, most holistic education. It is this commitment of the college that is reflected in the alumni's regard for the institution and its endeavours. To ensure sustained and fruitful interaction with former students, an Alumni Association was formed and it has since played a key role in maintaining the enthusiastic relationship of the alumni with the college. Through its Annual Alumni Meet the college not only recognises the accomplishments and achievements of its former students but it also offers an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new connections. The SD College Alumni Association Chandigarh (SDAAC) also organises an annual blood donation camp in the college.





Members of the Sanatan Dharma Alumni Association Chandigarh with Shri Upkar Krishna Sharma, President, GGDSD College Society and Principal, Mrs Meena Prabhakar at the Alumni Meet in 2012



Principal Dr A.C. Vaid and Dr P.K. Bajaj donating blood during the Blood Donation Camp organised by the Alumni Association in 2003



Shri Upkar Krishna Sharma, President, College Managing Committee being honoured by Shri Sudhir Ghai, the first President of the college's Alumni Association at the Alumni Meet held in 2004



Folk Dance Performance by students during the Virasat Alumni Meet Festivities in 2009.
The Alumni Meets of the college often showcase a celebration of the culture and heritage of the region.
Giving alumni an opportunity to reminisce about their days participating in the youth festival



CS R.P.S. Khurana, Mr Jatinder Bhatia, Mr Alok Jain, Ms Ragini Modi, Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma, President, GGSDS College Society and the Chief Guest, Mr Manoj Modi, lighting the lamp at the Alumni Meet 2016



Dr Bhushan Kumar Sharma, Principal; Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma, President, Shri Jatinder Bhatia, Finance Secretary, GGDSD College Society, with the Chief Guest, Mr Manoj Modi, at the Alumni Meet 2016



Dr Balraj Thapar, Mr Tarun Sureja, Shri Krishan Juneja, Dr Bhushan Kumar Sharma, Principal, Justice Alok Jain with the Chief Guest, Justice Arun Palli, at the Alumni Meet 2018



Shri Kumar Gaurav Dhawan (IRS), Deputy Director, PGI, and the Guest of Honour Mr Charanjeet Singh Virk, DSP Chandigarh, honouring alumni of the college at the Alumni Meet 2020



Shri Kumar Gaurav Dhawan (IRS), Deputy Director, PGI and an eminent alumni of the college being honoured by Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma, President GGDSD College Society; Dr Ajay Sharma, Principal, GGDSD College, and other member of the SDAAC at the Alumni Meet 2022



My College days are unforgettable and in fact those days are the happiest & fruitful days in my life. I proudly feel that I cherished every moment of my college. The dedication shown by our teachers to teach and the passion which you all showed to learn at that time earned a name for our college.

I believe our college has become one of the best institutions of north India and ranked top positions. To achieve greatness our college has all the important prerequisites like good campus, experienced faculty, financial resources, etc. I would like to appreciate all the effort that is done by you all for the development of this institution.

Our college has established a tradition to stay with their contacts. To continue the tradition, our college has again organised an alumni meet on the golden jubilee. This day is very important, it provides an opportunity for everyone to meet each other after so many years. It also provides a chance for every graduate from the previous years to meet their former teachers and other staff members.

Last but not least I would like everyone to participate. Hope you all like the arrangement made for your reunion. Wish you a wonderful evening. Have a good time ahead.

Rajeev Mehan

BERKELEY INSURANCE BROKERS LTD.



I am happy to know that GGDSD College is celebrating its Golden Jubilee.

During the last five decades of its existence, the College has provided quality education and experience to thousands of students. Generations of students who have passed through the college portals have made the institution proud with their outstanding achievements.

On this memorable occasion, as a proud alumnus of the 1986 Batch, I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to all those associated with the College and wish the Golden Jubilee celebrations all success. I am sure that the college will continue to maintain its excellence and character with great distinction.

Ranjeev Dahuja

Director
Berkeley Group



Warm greetings to all!

As a fellow alumnus and secretary of the alumni association SDAAC, it is my great honour to extend a warm welcome to the alumni of SDAAC. The event is scheduled for 24th, December 2022. I am extremely elated that we will be able to meet in person. Seeing you all here makes me remember my days at SD College. The main objective of the alumni association is to foster a rich culture among alumni, which will lead to the development of a strong and committed network.

Under the association, we have provided financial aid to meritorious, needy students. We conduct a blood donation camp every year on the campus in association with college management on the death anniversary of our late president of the SD College Society, Pandit Mohan Lal Ji. I am pleased to report that, in collaboration with my coordinators, we made our best efforts to strengthen the association by providing a platform for the alumni to interact with the faculty and fellow alumni. We are extremely delighted to present the 1st edition of the coffee table book and membership Directory of Alumni on the occasion of GGDSD College celebrating its 50th year since its inception. As a part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the management, principal, HODs, faculty, and staff who have all been a constant support in facilitating the alumni at every stage. I believe that giving back to the institution brings a true sense of achievement to every alumni, and I look forward to many such distinguished contributions from all.

Tarun Kumar Suneja

**General Secretary
SDAAC**



It's a privilege to be an alumnus of the prestigious College GGDSD College Sector 32 Chandigarh. I remember my Golden Days at this Institution a few years ago when it began with its humble state. I'm extremely happy that GGDSD College Chandigarh celebrates the Golden Jubilee of its Foundation. Congratulations.

It is my pleasure to wish the management, all the past & present Principals, lectures, Students and Parents. Education doesn't mean learning, writing or collecting Knowledge but according to Swami Vivekananda Ji, it is achieving the development of the students from all angles. To bring out the real talents of students is the real meaning of education. During the past 50 years, the college has lit the light of knowledge to thousands of students. It is a matter of great celebration and a Stepping stone in the history of the college. May this college reach further heights in the days to come.

I pray to the Almighty God that this GGDSD College Chandigarh grows and becomes the Beacon of light to all the students who Study in this college. HAPPY GOLDEN JUBILEE !!!!

Sudhir Ghai

**Proprietor
Abhishek Constructions**



*Congratulations on completing 50 years!
GGDSD seemed to be the place where I could learn
and grow the most. The college gave me lasting friendships and the
strength and knowledge that I am able to achieve my goals no matter
the obstacles faced. My experience here has taught me true strength.*

Kumar Gaurav

Deputy Director
PGI



Greetings!

*It is indeed a pleasure and an enriching experience to
coordinate the Alumni Relations, here at GGDSD College.*

*As the college completes its 50 years of service to society, we are
thankful for its outreach to its alumni in order to allow us to relive our
cherished memories and share our experiences with new students.*

*A great college experience happens by taking advantage of the many
opportunities available both on and off campus. This includes taking
advantage of the programmes, activities, and events made possible by
the hard work of our teachers, administration, and fellow students.*

Amit Mohindroo

Dean (Alumni Relations)
GGDSD College



I take great pride in my alma mater, SD College, since it is widely recognized as one of the premier educational institutions in the country. The teaching staff at this institution is very committed to assisting students in all aspects of their educational experience, including academics, sports, and extracurricular pursuits. The time I have spent at this college is paving the way towards a fruitful and enriching career.

Uma Kant Mehta

Chartered Accountant,
U.K. Mehta & Associates



We are grateful to the principal, teachers, and members of the alumni association of GGDSD College for its engagement with its alumni, which enables us to relive our cherished memories and share our experiences with a new generation. As the college celebrates its golden anniversary and marks five decades of service to the community, we wish the college and its stakeholders unparalleled success.

Bhagatjit Singh

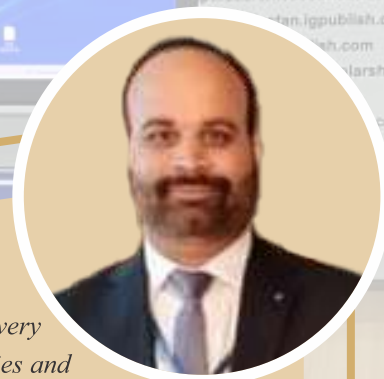
Director,
Chawala Publications



I am pleased with my involvement with GGDSD College. I have a deep attachment to my alma mater. The best institutions maintain close connections with their alumni, and the college has maintained excellent ties with its former students. I am thrilled to tour the campus and am proud of all the new developments achieved by the college. I wish the college well in its future endeavours.

Krishan Juneja

**Chartered Accountant,
KJMA and Associates**



The world gets more complicated with every passing day. We get involved with our families and work, and suddenly we've lost touch with those outside that close circle. The events organised by the college and its alumni association can help one stay connected to those friends and to the unforgettable memories we created in this college. We are thankful to the faculty that taught and guided us to the libraries, seminars, symposia, and programs designed to help us grow.

I wish the college good luck on this new chapter of its story!

Aditya Bissa

**Associate Vice President
Federal Bank**



GGDSD College is not a college, it is a brand. It is unique in its field. Discipline is the very air of its environment. I am so fortunate to have been a part of this college. The college offered me so many opportunities to develop my personality be it cultural activities, literature competitions and many more. It was a golden phase of my life. I got a lot of love and support from my teachers and it made my 3 years a memorable time for me.

Rahul Juneja

BA English Honours with Journalism, 2012 Batch
Country Manager
Mahindra Holidays & Resorts India Limited, Oman



The college has the best campus and the best auditorium in the region. I have received infinite love and lessons from my teachers, the teachers who made me “Work Hard”, prepared me for the path to success.

Tanvi Gupta

BSc. Biotechnology, 2008 Batch
Curriculum Development Manager
Lead School



To have been a part of the dauntless culture of excellence and enrichment, I felt blessed and continue to hold a sense of pride for my alma mater. The college has shaped my personality to one which poses a clear vision of the future. I am very grateful to GGDSD College for providing me with the guidance and motivation to achieve my goals.

Mehak Kanwar

B.Sc. Medical 2014 Batch
Advocate
Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh



Achievements & applause, opportunities and ideas, this is what I gained from my College, a shining star in the study of commerce. In my student life, some days I won and some days I learned. The college gave me the platform that made me who I am today.

Sahil Singla

B.Com 2014-2017
Managing Director
DBC International Institute & Consultants
(Chandigarh | Sangrur | Ratia)



This is the most reputed college in the city, in the region. It has some of the best teachers and a talented crowd of students. I built strong connection not only with fellow students but also teachers. I almost cried on my last day in college! I have lots and lots of memories of my college days, I cherish each one of them.

Pawandeep Kaur

B.Com-Honours, 2013 Batch

Section Officer

Department of Finance, Punjab Government, Chandigarh



My fondest memory is of being on stage, performing Bhand for the first time, and winning the first prize in youth Fest. Nescafe kiosk and having uncountable plates of Maggi under the mango tree, I just miss that. The time we spend in college remains the best time of life, so make the most of it...

Manik Grag

B.Com-Economics Honours, 2013-2016

Director

Avon Aviation Pvt Ltd and Proprietor, Avon Travels



SD College has given me a lot - lifelong friends, academic excellence and ethics.

One of the most interesting stages in life is the Student Life. It gives you an opportunity to explore the “college phase”. My experience at college has taught me one important lesson - life is unpredictable. It might be extraordinary, it might be trying, it could be difficult to understand, and it might not interest you, but you can expect life to show you all its myriad colours. It is the perfect blend of happiness and hardship.

Rashmi Nagpal

B.Com. Honours, 2004 Batch

Head

Legal Global CMO Business and Biotechnology,
Novartis Technical Operations, Novartis (Germany)



I had made meaningful connections with my batch mates and I am friends with them even after 25 years. AT the time, the college was known for its Commerce stream but even the Humanities was doing very well. We had some of the best lecturers. Perhaps, the college should promote its Ars side as well. The best aspect of the college is that complete freedom of expression is allowed on the campus. Also, the cultural activities that are organized from time to time during an academic session would break the monotony of studies.

Parvinder Kaur

BA Honours (Public Administration), 1993 Batch

Social Worker

The International Association of Lions Clubs and
Founder of Humanity Charitable Trust



My fondest memory is being in laboratory with friends - it usually was the last period every day and we would do experiments together and sometimes when the product was bad, we used to laugh and have such a good time. The best thing about the college is, well, everything. From teachers to fellow mates, classrooms, labs, canteen, and oh the food!! I liked every bit of my college life. All I would like to say is that the college has a lot to offer. Go explore!

Komal Preet Kaur

B.Sc-Non-Medical, 2010 Batch

Marketing Clerk

Confections and Salty Snacks, The North West Company,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada



My fondest memory is winning the inter-college cricket championship in 2014-15 and 2015-16 and being honoured and appreciated by the then principal Mr. Bhushan K. Sharma, my teacher and mentor Dr Safri, the head of Physical Education, and Mr Vineet Jain, my cricket coach. The college offers excellent atmosphere for study, sports and, of course, for fun. I have great good memories of my college. I would say: follow your dreams, work hard and strive for excellence. Though the college is already the first choice, but I want to see GGDSD college to excel more in sports. May SD be above the reputed colleges of Delhi as well.

Karan

BA, 2014 batch

Director

Dronacharya Academy of Commerce, Mohali



I have had the privilege of being the founding member the Model United Nations Club and of conducting the first MUN Conference of SD college in 2014 as the Convenor. It gave me an opportunity to grow and discover myself. I have seen SDCC grow by leaps and bounds and I envision a future where the college will be at par with the best in the country, with a vibrant student community.

Siddhant Das

BA Economic (Hons), 2014
Managing Partner
Soul Bowl



The memories of classes held under the mango tree are still afresh in my mind. Perhaps, those were the best. The commitment and dedication of the teaching staff at SD College can have no parallels. To the new generations I would say focus is the key to success.

Rajinder Arora

B.Com, batch 1984
Ex CFO
Swaraj Engines Ltd



Longevity of Life doesn't necessarily have to be gauged by the length of it, but by perspective. One that is formed as a result of experiences.

Similarly while Money is important it isn't the end. An accommodative approach underlined by positivity is what truly adds value to not only oneself but also to those around.

None of us earn a livelihood or stay busy to complicate things. Though we end up doing the same. The life lesson to be learnt here is to live life in a simple, transparent and sensitive manner.

Easier said than done, these virtues gain prominence as one ages. The earlier one gets it, the better it is....

Amit Mutnejaa

**Proprietor,
Car Riders**



To be penning a few words on this momentous occasion is truly overwhelming. It's like reeling under a deluge of emotions pulling you back to your academic roots!

Had there been a 'Rewind' button most of us would be seen rushing to park our vehicles, sprinting on the bricked road, sipping Shikanji and sauntering the vast expanse in between classes.

Those five years! Each time I pass by the college, I pause in my mind!

Looking for a piece of myself that's intrinsically embedded somewhere within that boundary wall.

Proud as one should be of being an alumni, I sincerely wish and pray that our SD college continues to prosper by creating significant benchmarks and by making meaningful societal difference.

Manmeet Singh Khurana

**Head Retail Distribution,
SBICAP Securities**

HALL OF FAME

Our Prominent Alumni

Ever since the first batch of the college, the alumni of this college have played a pivotal role in spreading the values they picked during their education on campus. They continue to play a key role as mentors to present students and help in the embodiment of the spirit of excellence. The college has produced students who have become trailblazing figures in varied professional fields and arenas, be it defence, politics, business, law, education, medicine, science, and the humanities. The Hall of Fame enshrines the prominent alumni of the college who have achieved great success not just as students of the college but also in their careers and the life they have pursued. The Hall of Fame, thus, stands as a great source of inspiration for those who will shape the future of the college.

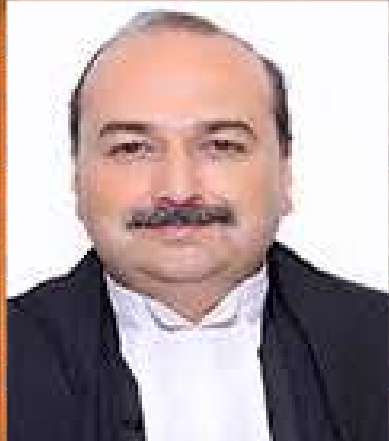




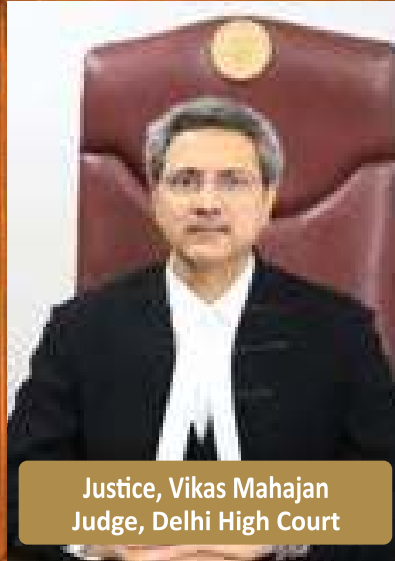
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Judge, Delhi High Court





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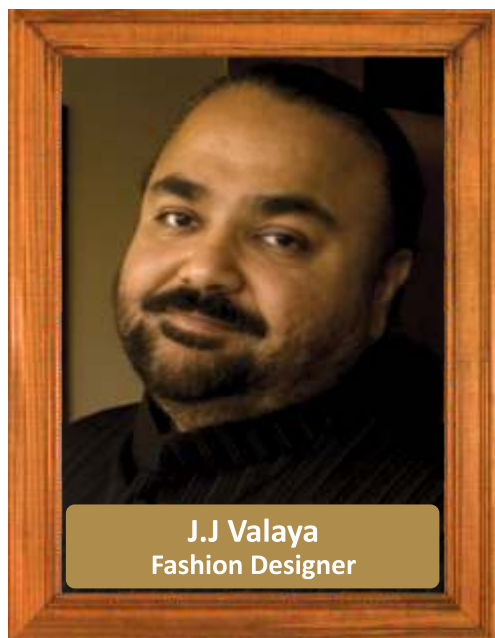
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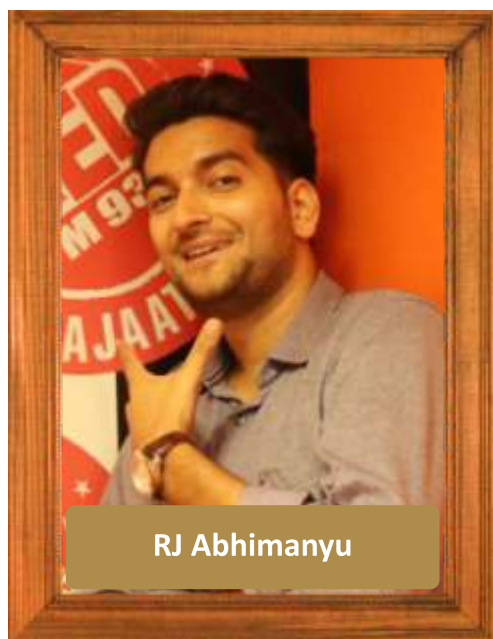




Sunil Grover
Bollywood Artist



VRV Singh
Cricketer



RJ Abhimanyu



RJ Manav



Prince Narula
Indian Model



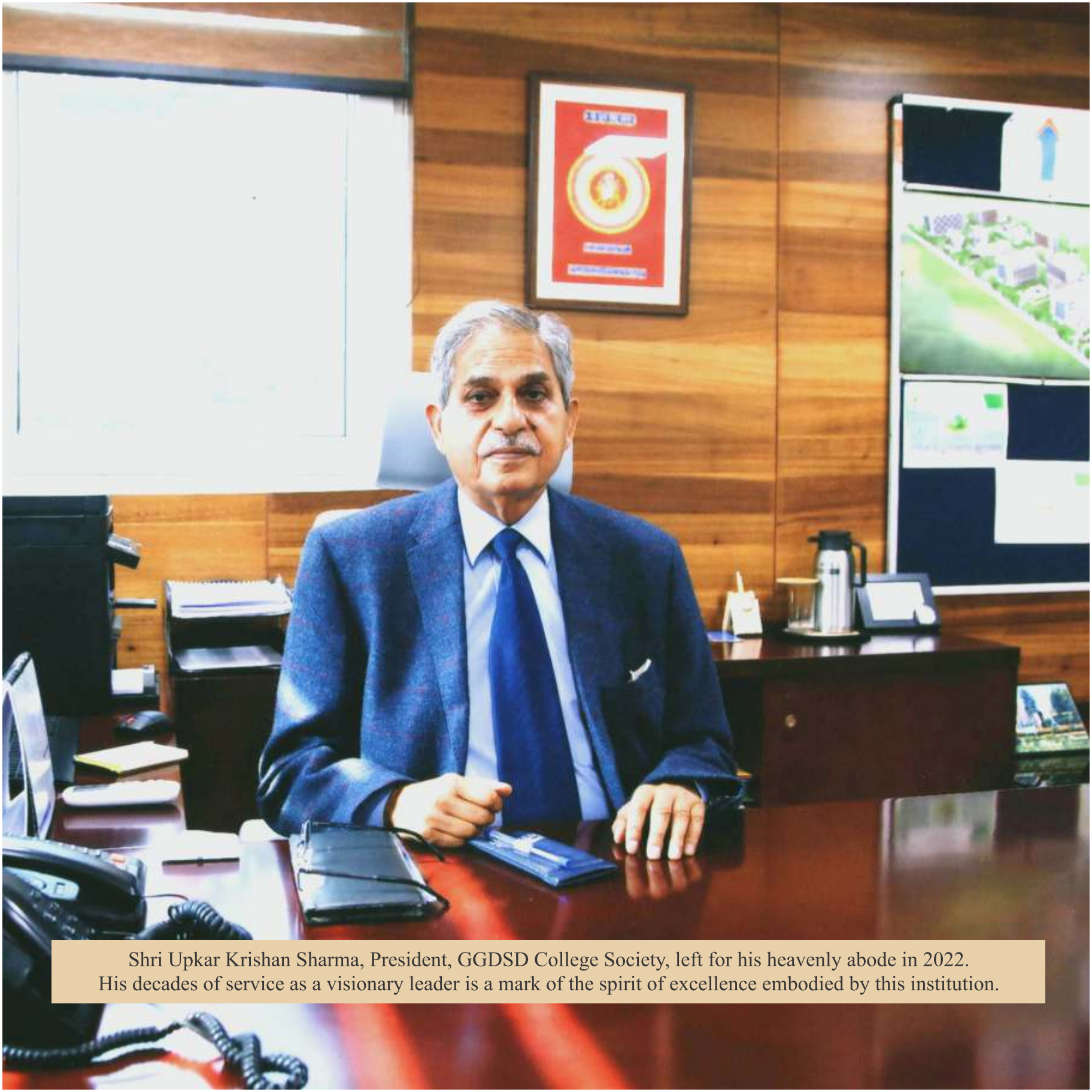
Tahira Kashyap
TV Actress



Krishna Beuraa
Playback Singer



Surilie Gautam
TV Actress



Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma, President, GGDSD College Society, left for his heavenly abode in 2022. His decades of service as a visionary leader is a mark of the spirit of excellence embodied by this institution.

Pradhan Ji's Nonpareil Contribution

"The True Torchbearer: Pradhan ji and The Vision for The Future"



At 11 a.m. sharp, the "White Ambassador" wittingly or unwittingly, the metaphor of Pt. Mohan Lal ji's legacy would come to a halt outside the Administrative Block of the college. The gentleman with silver hair, dark shades, and sophisticated attire would step out and walk to his office with grace, determination, and self-assurance.

As president of the SD College Managing Society, he would have his to-do list ready on his desk, day in and day out. In 1999, he was a freshman in an educational setting after a lifelong stint in the corporate world. He retired as vice-president Manufacturing, Eveready Industries India Limited. Being accountable for the manufacturing operations of

10 factories and in charge of 4000 employees, besides 70 managers, rendered not only rich experience in leading establishments but also inculcated a structured and disciplined approach towards work in order to achieve high quality standards. Having worked in a matrix organisation, and also having served as the director at Kilburn Chemicals, his interactions and engagement with the industries and related trajectories positioned him well in the high office of an educational institute, founded by his father. In spite of his poor health, Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma ji would continue to actively participate in college affairs, including the day-to-day planning and execution of tasks. He would very keenly follow the growth and running of the college on a regular basis. He ensured that inviting statesmen and esteemed personalities from different professions was a regular feature of campus life and believed that the interactions with such personalities could enhance the level of goal-setting for young students. He emphasised the importance of valuing the public's perception of the college as much as the hard work done to build up the institution.

He was very passionate about the national and regional ranking of the college, and to motivate us, he would often pronounce his wish to see the college among the top ten in the country. He made the time and effort to show up at every event, both academic and cultural, that the college hosted and organised. He assured care and sound counsel always, to everyone. With his pioneering ideas and positive outlook, he always served as a guiding force for the college staff.



Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma ji
during a college event in the early 2000s

It is under his leadership that the college achieved a majority of its rare distinctions. These include being accredited with an A+ grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) during the 2016–17 session and being bestowed the status of "A College with Potential for Excellence" by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, also chose the college for the "FIST Programme" under his tenure. The college was additionally granted the "KAUSHAL Kendra" status by the UGC to run B.Voc. courses and sanctioned 'Deen Dayal Upadhyay Knowledge Acquisition and Upgradation of Skilled Human Abilities and Livelihood' while under his leadership. It was his vision that foresaw the requirements of an evolving education system. He often shared his vision for new educational facilities that would help students achieve their dreams.

Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma took over as president of the GGDSD College Society in 1999. He brought with him a new sense of energy and a futuristic thinking that helped this institution keep up with contemporary trends and challenges. In his decades of service to this institution, Pradhan ji, as he was fondly called, ensured that this institution committed to continue to scale new heights.



Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma ji encouraging the staff at a
Faculty Development Programme in June 2022



Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma ji addressing an
event organized to celebrate the growing placements
of college students



On the occasion of the inauguration of the 200 KW Solar Power Plant at the college, Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma ji presents a token of appreciation to Mr Vinay Pratap Singh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of Chandigarh

Under the capable guidance of Pradhan Ji, the college made significant expansion and updated its infrastructure and systems. This resulted in GGDSD College becoming the first college in the area to be fully automated and to offer the most advanced internet and network facilities on campus. The development of self-sustaining power regeneration was also a part of Pradhan ji's vision and resulted in the installation of the 200 KW solar power plant at the college. He also worked for a completely smart campus with the most modern technical facilities available for cutting-edge education.

Always encouraging staff and students, Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma was a towering personality who always kept his door open to all and any who sought his counsel. He regularly attended faculty events to encourage staff and share his vision for excellence, expressing his desire for the institution to make its place notable on the national education map. He regularly interacted with the alumni of the college, motivating them to share their experience and wisdom for the growth of the institution.



Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma ji along with other members of the College Managing Society at the Alumni Meet 2022

Pradhan Ji's nonpareil contribution not only resulted in the success of GGDSD College, Sector 32, Chandigarh, but also resulted in the smooth working of the Mrs Kaushalya Devi Verma Institute for Women, Sector 32, Chandigarh; the PMLSD College for Girls, Fatehgarh Churian, in 2002; the GGDSD College, Kheri Gurna, Banur, in 2012; the Pandit Mohan Lal Global School, Fatehgarh Churian, in 2014; and the PMLSD Business School, Sector 32, Chandigarh. As he left for his heavenly abode on July 14, 2022, his legacy of excellence continues to act as a guiding beacon in aeternum, leading the institution to a path of further success and glory.



Shri Upkar Krishan Sharma ji receiving a guest at a seminar organized by the college



Acknowledgement

It is a story of sweat and wit, about vision and passion, self-effacing endeavours yet fulfilling accomplishments. The story of SD College's 50 years unfurls in these pages of the Coffee Table Book. The attempt is to trace the contours of this narrative through visuals, with each picture articulating a context, a thought, an emotion and a dream.

The Coffee Table Book is the brain child of Late Sh. Upkar K. Sharma, Former President, GGSDS College Society, Chandigarh. Putting this story together wouldn't have been possible without the direction of Dr Anirudh Joshi, President; Sh. Jatinder Bhatia, Finance Secretary; Dr S.C. Vaidya and Dr P.K. Bajaj, General Secretary, GGSDS College Society, Chandigarh.

I am grateful to former principals, Dr A.C. Vaid and Shri U.C. Sharma for sharing their invaluable experience and message for this book.

I acknowledge the efforts of Coffee Table Book Committee; Dr Manisha Gangahar, Mr Pranav Kapil and Dr Gurpreet Singh for meticulously compiling the glorious journey of GGSDS College. The college library staff has been immensely helpful in procuring the photographs, in particular Mrs. Reema Devi. I express my gratitude to the members of the staff, especially Dr Madhu Sharma, the Registrar and Mr Bajrang, Caretaker, who have shared helpful anecdotes and information to put together this collage. Thanks is also due to Ms Prakirat Kooner, Department of English for her contributions to this endeavour.

May the story of the pursuit of excellence at SD College continue, turning many new pages...

Dr Ajay Sharma

Principal

GGSDS College, Chandigarh





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