

## Government College Solan

### Annual Report 2023-2024

#### The College

Government College Solan was established on August 19, 1959 and is situated in 47 bighas of land to cater to the needs of higher education of Solan district and the surrounding areas in the state of Himachal Pradesh. The college aims at imparting quality education to the students and equip them with the requisite academic and functional skills in professional and social spheres through innovative techniques and practices. The mission of the college is to instill scientific zeal among the students and to prepare and develop human resource which is capable of facing national and global challenges. The college facilitates students with opportunities to hone their ethics and leadership potential for their better future. It sensitizes the students towards inclusive social concerns, human rights, gender and environmental issues and inculcates the multidimensional personality development of the learners that will enable them to fulfill the needs of industry and the community at large.

The college imparts quality education to students in Arts (Humanities/Languages/Education), Sciences (Physical Sciences/ Bio-Sciences), Commerce, Masters in English and Economics, BCA, PGDCA, BBA and B.Voc in Retail Management, Hospitality and Tourism. It aspires to have a transformational impact on students through comprehensive education. It also seeks to inculcate qualities of competence, confidence and excellence among students through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities like Sports, Cultural activities, NCC, NSS, Rovers and Rangers. Faculty members are also encouraged to adopt innovative methods of teaching that will cater to the needs of learners at various levels of study.

#### Category-Wise Strength of the Students

Stream	General		SC		ST		OBC		Handicap		IRDP		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
B.A.	707	996	216	316	60	60	26	41	-	-	-	-	2422

<b>B.Com.</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>00</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>429</b>
<b>B.Sc.</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>541</b>
<b>PGDCA</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>					<b>39</b>
<b>BBA</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>BCA</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>MA</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>B.Voc</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>0</b>					<b>221</b>
<b>Total</b>													<b>4001</b>

### Result for the Session

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Appeared</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Pass %</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>B.A. I</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>55.58</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>B.A. II</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>74.88</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>B.A. III</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>67.16</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>B.Sc. I</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>55.69</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>B.Sc. II</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>71.17</b>

6.	B.Sc. III	139	138	92.28
7.	B.Com. I	132	112	84.84
8.	B.Com. II	132	108	81.81
9.	B.Com. III	134	132	98.50
10.	BCA 2nd Sem.	60	43	71.64
11.	BCA 4th Sem.	55	42	76.3
12.	BCA 6th Sem.	53	49	92.45
13.	PGDCA 2nd Sem.	51	36	70.58
14.	BBA 2nd Sem.	40	33	82.5
15.	BBA 4th Sem.	40	35	87.5
16.	BBA 6th Sem.	37	35	94.59
17.	M.A. English 2nd Sem.	16	16	100
18.	M.A. English 4th Sem.	10	10	100
19.	M.A. Economics 2nd Sem.	07	07	100
20.	M.A. Economics 4th Sem.	07	07	100
21.	B.Voc. Retail Management 6th Sem.	19	19	100
22.	B.Voc. Hospitality & Tourism 6th Sem.	13	13	100

**Budget Allocation:** Total Budget Allocation for Salaries for the Current Session was 11220000 (Eleven Crores Twenty Lakhs), Others- 150000 (One Lakh Fifty Thousand), Office Expenses-200000 (Two Lakh), Travel Expenses- 30802(Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred and Two) and for Medical Allowance- 496374 (Four Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred and Four).

**Scholarships:** 93 fresh students and 88 renewal students were verified in this session for scholarship under various scholarship schemes of the state including IRDP, Kalpana Chawla Chhaatrivrithi Yojna and Post-Matric

Scholarship Scheme for SC, ST and OBC students.

**The Faculty:**

The Institution witnessed a number of arrivals, transfers as well as retirement during the session.

**Arrivals:**

**Teaching: 08** teachers joined the college during the current session: Dr. Ritu Soni Sharma (Public Administration), Asstt. Prof. Mukesh Sharma (JMC), Dr. Bharti Gupta (Political Science), Asstt. Prof. Ravi Ram (Physical Education), Dr. Ishwar (Physics), Asstt. Prof. Sachina (Economics), Dr. Preeti Pal (Mathematics) and Asstt. Prof. Aalisha Chauhan (English).

**Non-Teaching: 04** members of non-teaching staff joined the college: Sh. Manmohan Singh (Supdtt. Grade I), Smt. Sulekha (Supdtt Grade II), Smt. Shanti (Senior Assistant) and Smt. Vipina (Clerk).

**Transfers:**

**Teaching: 04** teachers were transferred to different colleges of Himachal Pradesh: Dr. Laxmi Verma (Public Administration), Dr. Shiv Bhardwaj and Asstt. Prof. Bhuvneshwari (History) and Asstt. Prof. Sujay Kapil (JMC).

**Non-Teaching: 01** member of the non-teaching staff was transferred from the college: Smt. Suman Gandhi (Supdtt. Grade II).

**Superannuation:**

**Non-Teaching: 02** staff members retired during the session after rendering fruitful service in the Department of Higher Education: Smt. Sunita Sharma and Sh. P.C. Mastana (Supdtt. Grade I).

**Death:** We lost a faculty member Dr. Bhopesh Thakur, Asstt. Prof. Department of Zoology.

**Effective Staff Strength:**

**Teaching Staff: 55 Non- Teaching Staff: 26**

**Teaching staff for Self- Financing courses BCA, BBA, PGDCA: 10**

**Non-Teaching staff for Self- Financing courses: 01**

**B.Voc. Teaching Staff: 6 Non-Teaching Staff: 3**

**Promotion of Principals: 03**

Dr. Rajinder Verma, Dr. Rajender Kashyap and Dr. Shivani Sharma were promoted as Principals during the session.

### **The Library**

The college library has approximately 33,885 books. It subscribes to 16 newspapers and 15 magazines. It offers N-LIST facility which includes e-books, e-journals, digital database, CD and videos. Library automation was done by Ms. Sanjana, the Librarian of the college.

### **Indira Gandhi National Open University Study Centre**

Since 1987, Indira Gandhi National Open University Study Centre is functional in the college campus. Presently Dr. N.K.Verma (Associate Professor Sociology) is the coordinator of the IGNOU centre. It offers over 200 programmes dealing at undergraduate, postgraduate, Doctoral, Diploma and P.G. Diploma levels. A total number of 2878 students are registered with it for the current session.

### **CSCA**

The College Students Central Association (CSCA) was constituted in the month of November, 2023. The body was founded on the nominations based upon the merit of students in academics, sports and cultural activities. Four office bearers, twenty-one class and departmental representatives and ten nominated members from Sports, NCC, NSS, Rovers & Rangers and cultural activities were nominated to represent the students' concerns and welfare. The Oath taking Ceremony of CSCA was held on November 17, 2023. The new Office-Bearers are:

**President: Vipasha Thakur (B.Sc. III)**

**Vice-President: Ashwani Kashyap (B.A. III)**

**Secretary: Kashish Joshi (B.Com. II)**

**Joint Secretary: Jayesh (B.A. I)**

### **PTA**

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) was constituted on September 9, 2023. Following members were elected:

**President: Sh.Om Prakash Kashyap**

**Vice-President: Sh. Lagan Singh**

**General Secretary: Dr. N.K. Verma**

**Joint Secretary Sh. Sneh Verma**

**Treasurer: Dr. Raj Kumar**

**OSA**

The Old Student Association (OSA) of the College comprises the following members:

**President: Sh. Rajeev Chopra**

**Vice-President: Sh. Manmohan Singh**

**General Secretary: Dr. Priyanka Bhardwaj**

**Joint Secretary: Ms. Madhu Gupta**

**Treasurer: Sh. Ashwani Verma**

**Chief Advisor: Sh. Kul Rakesh Pant and Sh. Mohinder Nath Sofat**

**Academic Achievements of the Staff**

Throughout the year many of our faculty members carried out research and training activities besides their regular teaching work and assisting college for various administrative affairs.

**Shanknaad Media selected Dr. Chaman Sharma for “Sirmaur Gaurav Award-2024.”**

**Dr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma was awarded PhD degree in Journalism and Mass Communication.**

**Attended National Conference**

Dr. Chandan Chauhan

**Paper Presented in National Conference**

Dr. Lalit Kumar Guleria (01), Prof. Renu Bala (03), Dr. B. N. Kamal, Prof. Katyayni Sharma and Prof. Aarti Negi

**Attended National Seminar**

Dr. Satish Thakur, Prof. Pramod Thakur, Prof. Ankur Sood and Dr. Ishwar Dutt

**Paper Presented in National Seminar**

Dr. Nek Ram, Dr. Geetika Thakur, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma (2) and Dr. Ishwar Dutt

### **Attended International Conference/Workshop**

Dr. Satish Thakur, Prof. Pramod Thakur

### **Paper Presented in International Conference**

Dr. Lalit Kumar Guleria (01), Dr. Chandan Chauhan, Dr. Avant Vidya Nidhi (3 papers), Prof. Renu Bala (03), Dr. Nivedita Pathak (02), Dr. B. N. Kamal (2), Dr. Nek Ram, Dr. Yogesh Kumar, Dr. Satish Thakur (02), Dr. Priyanka Multani, Dr. Ghanshyam Soni, Dr. Hira Chettri (2), Dr. Bharti Gupta (02), Prof. Ankur Sood, Prof. Pramod Thakur, Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Dr. Tanvi Kapoor and Dr. Preeti Pal

### **Refresher Course**

Dr. Lalit Kumar Guleria, Dr. Nek Ram, Dr. Yogesh Kumar, Dr. Satish Thakur, Dr. Priyanka Multani, Dr. Bharti Gupta, Dr. Nisha Manta, Prof. Aarti Negi, Prof. Jeena Gupta, Prof. Pramod Thakur, Ms. Ritika Paul and Dr. Tanvi Kapoor

### **Faculty Development Programme**

Dr. Lalit Kumar Guleria (02), Dr. Avant Vidya Nidhi, Dr. Nek Ram (02), Prof. Renu Bala, Dr. Minu Kundi, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma, Dr. Nisha Manta, Dr. Ghanshyam Soni (02), Prof. Ankur Sood, Dr. Hira Chettri and Ms. Ritika Paul

### **NEP Orientation 2020**

Dr. Ghanshyam Soni, Dr. Vandana Devi and Prof. Aarti Negi

### **Resource Person**

Dr. Chaman Sharma at GC Arki and Prasar Bharti Shimla, Dr. Anil Thakur at SCERT (2), Dr. Deepak Thakur at SCERT, Dr. Satish Thakur at SCERT (2), Dr. Priyanka Multani at SCERT, Dr. Geetika Thakur at SCERT and HPS Handicraft and Handloom Corporation Ltd Solan, Dr. Hira Chettri at GC Pajhota, Dr. Tanvi Kapoor at SCERT, Dr. Ishwar Dutt at SCERT and Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma at SCERT (2)

### **Research Publications**

Dr. Avant Vidya Nidhi published three papers in international journal, Prof. Renu Bala published a paper in international journal, Dr. Satish Thakur published a paper in International E-Publications, Dr. Bharti Gupta published article in HPU Journal, Dr. Preeti Pal published in

Arabian Journal of Mathematics and Dr. Ishwar Dutt published paper in Journal of Radio Analytical and Nuclear Chemistry.

### **One Day Orientation Programme / Workshop**

Dr. Yogesh Kumar, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma, Dr. Nisha Manta, Prof. Jeena Gupta and Dr. Ramesh Kumar

### **Induction Training Programme**

Dr. Tanvi Kapoor, Prof. Aalisha Chauhan, Prof. Ishwar Dutt, Prof. Preeti Pal and Prof. Sachina Sharma

### **Book Publication**

Dr. Yogesh Kumar (chapter in book), Dr. B.N. Kamal, Dr. Ramesh Kumar (02), Dr. Tanvi Kapoor (01) and Dr. Ishwar Dutt (chapter in book)

### **Judges/ Jury**

Dr. Chaman Sharma and Dr. Vandana Devi were invited as a judge in Youth Festival at Dr. YS Parmar University, Nauni.

Dr. Manju Thakur was invited as Jury Member at SCERT.

Dr. Chaman Sharma was invited as jury member at Kendriya Vidyalaya Jakhu Shimla.

### **Activities of Various Departments**

#### **Department of English**

A Literary Quiz was organized on October 13, 2023 in which students were given guidance for competitive examinations and a quiz was conducted on General English and English Literature.

A literary talk on Artificial Intelligence and Post Humanism was organized on November 9, 2023 by Dr. Amar Raj Singh Suri from Shoolini University Solan. Students of MA English and undergraduate students participated in this literary talk. The talk was followed by a literary quiz for MA English students featuring questions related to the history of literature, grammar and literary terms to enhance their knowledge and provide insights for NET examination.

#### **Department of Hindi**



On September 14, 2023 Hindi Diwas was celebrated in the hall of Government College Solan in which various activities such as Quiz competition, Declamation etc. were organized. In this activity 90 students took part.

### **Department of Painting**

22 students from Government College Solan participated in Poster Making competition on October 4, 2023 which was organized by the Animal Husbandry Department on the eve of World Animal Day. Sandli, BAIII, Sonam, BAI and Aman, BAIII secured the first, second and third position respectively.

Pawan Kumar, student of BA I Painting Department, was selected by the Camlin Art Foundation for Jaipur Art Camp in the month of December, 2023

Annual Art Exhibition was held on 4-5 December, 2023 in the Gallery of Painting Department in which 150 paintings were displayed. In this exhibition art works worth rupees 52000/- were sold. Bestselling art works were created by Deepak, Pawan, Sargam, Ketan, Khushnuma, Pallavi, Ambika and Bhanu.

### **Department of Music**

Students of the department prepared Indian group song, Gazal, Himachali folk song and Western solo song for Youth festival. They performed Saraswati Vandana, group songs on many occasions in the college.

With the collaboration of Bhasha and Sanskriti Vibhag Solan and Sargam Kala Manch Nauni, Department of Music organized a seven days music workshop from August 29 to September 4, 2023 on the topic "Folk Instruments of Himachal Pradesh." On this occasion Shri Jiyalal Thakur, famous artist of Himachali Lok Sangeet, delivered a very informative lecture on the local instruments and folk music of Himachal Pradesh which helped enhance the knowledge and technical skill of the students.

### **Department of Political Science**

Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) was constituted in the college by convenor Dr. B.N. Kamal, members Dr. Priyanka Multani & Dr. Bharti Gupta. About 45 members were added to the club from different streams of the college. Prajjwal from BA III and Anjali from B.Com III were Elected as Campus Ambassador through voting system.

ELC organized declamation competition, poster making competition, slogan writing competition and power point presentation competition on voter's awareness on October 21, 2023. About 42 students participated in the competition.

On February 17, 2024, a competition on voter's awareness was organized in the conference hall which included poster making competition and slogan writing competition. Worthy Principal Prof. Rita Sharma was the chief Guest of this competition in which 25 students participated. Other member students of the club performed Nukkad Natak on voter's awareness at the Mall Solan on the same date.

31 students of the Department along with Dr. Bharti Gupta visited HP Vidhan Sabha on February 27, 2024. Students observed the process and procedure of budget session of HP Vidhan Sabha. Under the guidance of Dr. Bharti Gupta students interacted with the Honourable Speaker of HP Vidhan Sabha.

25 students of ELC participated in online State Level contest which included video making, song making and poster making competition on the theme 'Greater Participation Stronger Democracy.' March 1, 2024 was the last date to upload entries online. Results of the contests are still awaited.

### **Department of Geography**

Ozone Day was celebrated by the Department of Geography in collaboration with Eco Club. PowerPoint Presentation and Poster Making Competitions were organized. The prizes were distributed by Principal, Prof. Rita Sharma. The winner of PowerPoint Presentation Competition, Ashima Kanwar, student of B.Sc. III then represented Government College Solan in PowerPoint Presentation Competition at the seminar on 'Disasters in Himalayas' organized by Department of Geography, G.C. Sanjauli on September 20, 2023 and bagged 1st position

International Disaster Risk Reduction Day was celebrated on October 13, 2023. A seminar was organized wherein the research work done by the students of the department was presented on 'Various Natural Disasters in Himachal Pradesh, their Causes, Consequences and Management.'

Field Survey on various socio-economic issues was conducted by the students of BA III of their respective localities and the Project Reports were prepared in the months of October and November.

Renovation of Geography lab was done with modular furniture in February 2024.

### **Department of Tourism**

World Tourism Day with Chief Guest, Prof. Rita Sharma, Principal of our college and Mr. Amit Negi, Member Mountaineering Federation was organized. The event began with honouring the chief guests, followed by a skit on the theme “Atithi Devo Bhava” alongwith cultural programmes, such as songs and naati. Mr. Amit Negi interacted with the students and guided them about adventure, tourism and mountaineering. He further briefed about niche tourism and guided them further towards environment conservation and protection. More than 500 students of the department participated in the event.

### **Department of Education**

On November 2, 2023 Department of Education organized “Edufest” to commemorate National Education Day. The celebrations began with painting competition on the theme “The Power of Knowledge,” slogan writing competition on the theme “Education: A Key to a Bright Future,” and declamation contest on the topic “Role of Education in Developing 21st century.” Various competitions showcased the artistic, creative and oratory talents of the participants. The celebration concluded with a Cultural Function organized by the department on November 8, 2023 which served as a tribute to the fusion of knowledge and creativity. A total of nearly hundred students participated in these week-long festivities.

### **Department of History**

A programme to commemorate the 117th birth anniversary of Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar was organized. Mrs. Bhuvaneshwari Kashyap, Head of the Department, paid tribute to Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar and shared his views on his life, political experience and ideals. Organizer Dr. Pramod, Assistant Professor in History, told the students that by paying tribute to Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar, he was encouraged to incorporate his ideals and vision in his life. About 150 students of BA third year, second year and first year of History Department participated in this programme.

One day Educational Tour for BA III students was organized at Himachal State Museum Shimla and Indian Institute of Advance Study Shimla on October 11, 2023. Forty one students, 30 girls and 11 boys participated in this tour.

Five students of BA I participated in three days 105th Annual Conference of Numismatic Society of India held at Himachal State Museum Shimla from 27-29 October, 2023.

Two girls of BA III participated in one week International Brahmi Script (as a part of traditional knowledge system) organized by Government College Dhami in collaboration with Himachal State Museum Shimla from 22-28 November, 2023.

## **Department of Journalism and Mass Communication**

On the occasion of World Stroke Day on October 30, 2024 the students participated in a national-level programme titled “Stroke Awareness through Media: Shaping Perceptions, Overcoming Challenges and Promoting Disability Advocacy.” This event was organized by the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan) Mumbai, a certified organization by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi in collaboration with M.S. Panwar Institute of Communication and Management Solan, Himachal Pradesh.

An Open-Mic programme was organized on December 3, 2023 in the college hall. The programme was organized in association with Radio Hills. The primary objective of this program was to provide a platform for students of the college to showcase their diverse talent in the areas such as poetry music, beatboxing, mimicry and standup comedy. About 40 students of Government College Solan participated in this programme and showcased their talent. This type of programme was organized first time in the college.

In an effort to enhance the journalistic skill and practical knowledge about media the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organized a media workshop on the topic ‘Challenges in Print Media and Social Media in Present Scenario, on March 1, 2024 in the conference hall of the college. The resource persons at the workshop were senior journalist Mr. Yashpal Kapoor and social media expert Mr. Sanjeev Awasthi. Addressing the media students Mr. Kapoor underscored the various aspects of reporting, editing and feature writing. Mr. Sanjeev Awasthi shed light on the growing influence of social and online media. He urged students to verify the information before forwarding and disseminating and to uphold a balanced approach in every situation.

In order to impart practical knowledge about media and hands on training in radio studio, a visit to the first community radio of Himachal Pradesh Hamara MSPICM 90.4 was organized on March 4, 2024. The students of JMC observed the functioning of radio and got firsthand experience of radio studio. The station director of community radio Dr. B.S Panwar also interacted with the students.

## **Department of Commerce**

Zonal Level Quiz Competition on Goods & Service Tax (GST) was conducted by the State Taxes & Excise Department at Government College Solan on December 4, 2023. District Level Quiz Competition was organized on 25.11.2023 at Jaypee University of Information Technology,

Solan. Winning teams from five revenue districts, namely Shimla, Solan, Sirmaur, Kinnaur and BBN (Baddi, Barotiwala and Nalagarh) participated in the quiz. The quiz was chaired by District Commissioner Solan, Sh. Manmohan Sharma. A team of two students, Anurag (B.A. III) and Tanya (B.Com. III) brought laurels to the college by winning the 1st prize in a District Level Quiz and 3rd prize in the Zonal Level Competition.

### **Department of Zoology**

Awareness Lecture by Dr. Amit Ranjan Talwar, District Health Officer, Solan, on World Hepatitis Day observed in collaboration with Family and Welfare Department on August 2, 2023.

Visit of students of B.Sc. III to Veterinary Polyclinic Kotlanala on October 31, 2023 accompanied by Dr. Manju Thakur and Dr. Bhopesh Thakur.

World Sight Day 2023 was organized by the Department of Zoology and Physics in which the Guest Speakers were Dr. Namita and Dr. Abhiraj. Theme for the day was “Love your Eyes.” The programme included a talk followed by an eye camp in which 110 people got their eyes tested.

National Science Day was celebrated on February 28, 2024. A competition was organized in which students of B.Sc. presented PowerPoint presentations on ‘Role of Science in Sustainable Development.’

### **Department of Botany**

Education trip cum exposure visit to Directorate of Mushroom Research, Chambaghat, Solan on October 26, 2023 was conducted for BSc. III (SEC) students who were accompanied by Dr. Prem Prakash Negi and Prof. Aarti Negi.

### **Department of Physics**

Dr. Anil Thakur conducted National Graduate Physics Examination in January 2024 in collaboration with Indian Association of Physics Teachers.

### **Department of Chemistry**

A quiz competition on Pesticides Management and Mitigation was organized on September 6, 2023. Intra-Department Seminars/ PowerPoint Presentations were held during the entire session.

A lecture on ‘Career in Petrochemicals Engineering and Plastic Mould Technology’ was delivered on February 16, 2024 by Dr. N. Ramesh Rao, Head CIPET (Central Institute of

Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology) under the Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers. In this lecture 80 students of science stream actively participated.

20 students of Chemistry Club (Lavoisier) along with their Professor visited Corona Remedies Private Limited Pharmaceutical Company on February 23, 2024.

Field trip /Laboratory visit /National Science day Celebration on February 28, 2024 by students of the department in Jaypee University, Wagnaghat. One of the students won 3rd prize in Poster Making competition.

### **Department of Physical Education**

The academic session 2023-24 shows commendable achievement in sports under the Department of Physical Education headed by Prof. Ravi Ram. The men and women teams of Shooting, Cross Country, Wushu, Basketball, Kho-Kho, Football, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Judo, Table Tennis, Wrestling, Badminton, Chess, Taekwondo, Boxing, Hockey, Cricket and Athletics participated in various events organized by Himachal Pradesh University. A total of 35 teams (men & women) participated in Inter-College championship.

Our college team of Taekwondo (Women) and Table Tennis (Men & Women) fetched 1st position, team Judo (Women) and Wushu (Men) were Runners up and Judo team (Men) and Hockey (Men) secured 3rd position in Inter-College championship.

**National Sports Day** was celebrated in the college campus on 29.08.2023 to commemorate the birthday of hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand. On this occasion inter-faculty volleyball championship for men/women and the teaching staff was organized. Department of Physical Education won this event in both categories.

**Inter-Faculty Kabaddi Championship** (Men/Women) was held in Government College Solan on 14.09.2023. Total ten teams both men/women participated in this event. Department of Physical Education won this championship for both men and women.

One day friendly cricket match of male staff members of our college was organized at Thodo Ground Solan on February 17, 2024. Out of the two teams A and B, team B under the captainship of Dr. A.V. Nidhi won the match.

### **North Zone Inter-University and All India Inter-University Players**

Yamini (B.Sc. I) won Gold medal in inter-college wrestling championship and was selected for North Zone Inter-University wrestling championship held at MDU Rohtak.

Abhishek and Gunjan, students of BA I won Gold Medal in inter-college Judo championship and were selected for North Zone Inter-University Judo championship held at Kanpur University.

Srishti (BA III), Parul (B.Sc. III) and Yamini (BA III) won Gold Medal and were selected for North Zone Inter-University Taekwondo Championship held at LP University Jalandhar.

Ranvijay Singh (BA III) won Gold medal and was selected for North Zone Inter-University Wushu Championship held at Jammu University.

Three hockey players Raj, Jaswinder and Shubham, students of B.A.I were selected in the North Zone Inter-University Hockey championship held at Maharaja Bhupinder Singh University Punjab.

Two Hockey women player Pranchal and Khushbu (BA I) were selected in the North Zone Inter-University Hockey championship held at Punjabi University Patiala and two Football players Rajat Mehta and Akshit (BA II) were selected in the North Zone Inter-University Football championship held at GNA University Punjab.

Sarvjot (BA III) was selected in the North Zone Inter-University Basketball Championship held at Amity University Gurugram and Pankaj (BA III) was selected in the North Zone Inter-University Kho-Kho Championship held at LPU Jalandhar.

Three Table Tennis players Dipanshu (BA III), Sahil (BCA) and Akshita (MA I) were selected in the North Zone Inter-University Table Tennis Championship held at Rohilkhand University Bareilly.

### **Inter-College Medalist Players**

Two wrestler of the college Bhawna and Lakshita won bronze medals at the H.P.U. Inter-College wrestling championship held at Sanskrit College Sunder Nagar.

Six Judo players Vanshika, Jatin, Kushal, Lakshita, Yamini and Vanshika won silver medal, and Bronze medals respectively at the H.P.U. Inter-College Judo Championship and four Wushu players Anil, Sagar, Shubham and Rakshita won silver and bronze medals respectively at the H.P.U Inter-College Wushu championship held at Government College Solan.

Five Taekwondo players Anil, Yamini, Megha, Pariksha and Sumit won silver and bronze medals respectively at the H.P.U Inter-College Taekwondo championship held at Government College Dhama.

### **H.P.U. Inter-College Championships**

## **Judo Championship**

H.P.U. Inter-College Judo (Men & Women) Championship was held in our college from 20-21 November, 2023 which was inaugurated by Prof. Rita Sharma, Principal Government College Solan and the closing ceremony was presided over by Dr. Hari Singh, Director Sports HP University. More than 21 teams (both men and women) of different colleges of Himachal Pradesh comprising around 150 students participated in the competition. Our college women team bagged the 2nd position and men team bagged 3rd position.

## **Wushu Championship**

H.P.U. Inter-College Wushu (Men & Women) championship was held in our college from 24-25 November, 2023 which was inaugurated by Dr. Parmod Chauhan, Retired Additional Director, Higher Education and the closing ceremony was presided over by Sh. Manmohan Sharma (IAS), Deputy Commissioner Solan. More than 26 teams (both men and women) of different colleges of Himachal Pradesh comprising around 150 students participated in the competition. Our college men team bagged the 2nd position.

Both the tournaments were a huge success and all the visitors appreciated the hospitality extended by the college.

## **Annual Athletic Meet**

Annual Athletic Meet was organized on February 22, 2024 in Thodo Ground Solan in which several track and field events were held for boys and girls including Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw, Long Jump, High Jump, besides race in different categories of 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, 10000m and Relay Race. Principal, Prof. Rita Sharma was the chief guest for the event. Kartik (BCA II) and Sushma (BA I) won the titles of the Best Athlete in Men and Women categories respectively. Tug of War and 100m race was organized for college teachers.

## **HPU Youth Festival Group 1**

A team of 13 students represented the college at The Inter-College Youth Festival at GC Nalagarh from September 28-30, 2023; wherein they brought laurels to the college by bagging the following prizes: Khushnuma - 1st Prize in Rangoli Making, Pallavi - 1st Prize in Poster Making Competition and Ambika - 2nd Prize in Cartooning.

## **HPU Youth Festival Group 4**



Government College Solan secured first position in mime show during Inter-College Youth Festival at GC Seema, Rohru from October 17-21, 2023. These students also represented H.P.U. in Inter-University competition held at Punjabi University Patiala from January 31, 2023 to February 4, 2024.

**Mentor-Mentee Programme** is an excellent step taken by Government College Solan for the overall development of the students. The programme is started with a goal to help the students to strengthen their varied capabilities and to build an interpersonal relationship between the faculty members and students.

The Programme is a brain child of Dr. Manju Thakur (Assistant Professor Zoology) and has been started with first year students of Science Faculty from the session 2023-24 in which each faculty member is assigned with the task of mentoring about 10-15 students as Mentor who will play a vital role in nurturing students and has a positive impact on their accomplishments. The mentees can approach their mentor for both educational and personal guidance.

### **Hostels**

Tribal Girls Hostel has crossed yet another successful year from its inception in 2008. Fifty nine students of undergraduate courses from Tribal and other categories have been accommodated in the hostel in the academic year 2023-24. Mrs. Nitika Negi, Assistant Professor English, is the Hostel Warden presently. A talk on Road Safety was organized in the hostel on September 23, 2023. V.S. Negi, DSP Shimla was invited as a chief guest. A cleanliness drive was organized in the hostel on October 2, 2023.

Tribal Boys Hostel is running under the supervision of Prof. Pramod Thakur.

### **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**

NCC cadets (boys/girls) participated in International Yoga Day, Kargil Vijay Diwas, Independence Day, Tree Plantation, Cleanliness drive, Anti-Pollution Drive, Prabhat Pheri, G20, Drug Addiction Drive, Garbage Free India, Rank Ceremony, Nukkad Natak, Unity Day, NCC Day, Swaccahta Pakhwada and Republic Day Parade.

### **NCC (Boys Unit)**

NCC boys unit of the college comprised of 53 cadets for this session headed by Dr. I. D. Sharma, Assistant Professor Physics. Following are the achievements of the boys unit:

Senior Under Officer Ashwani Kashyap attended rock climbing and training camp (National) held at 80 U.K B.N Pithoragrah (Uttarakhand) from June 18-23, 2023.

Under Officer Akshay Chauhan attended All India Sports Shooting Camp (inter-directorate) at Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram) from July 3-16, 2023 and got 7th position all over India.

Cadet Vijay attended the “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” held at Malerkotla (Punjab) from July 10-21, 2023. Thirty four cadets attended Annual Training Camp held at UHF Nauni from July 10-19, 2023.

Under Officers Rajat Verma and Akshay Chauhan attended Pre-TSC in firing (inter group firing competition) held at NCC Training school Rupnagar (Ropar) from August 7-16, 2023.

Under Officer Rajat Verma attended Republic Day Camp held at New Delhi in field of “HALL OF FAME” from January 1-30, 2024 and he also got D.G NCC Medallion by DG NCC for his achievements as best cadet of Shimla Group on June 6, 2023. CQMS Aryan Thakur attended Inter-Group Drill competition held at NCC training school Ropar (Rupnagar) Punjab.

Four cadets (cadet Ankush, Keshav Sharma, Robin and Vaibhav Gautam) attended Army Attachment Camp held at Pathankot with 16 Punjab Regiment from November 20 to December 1, 2023. Sergeant Anurag Thakur attended Indian Military Attachment camp at Indian Military Academy Dehradun from December 17-28, 2023.

### **NCC (Girls Unit)**

NCC girls unit of the college included 60 cadets for this session headed by Ms. Preeti Pal, Assistant Professor Mathematics. Following are the achievements of the girls unit:

Senior Under Officer Neetu and Under Officer Arushi attended Pre-TSC (inter-group OT competition) held at NCC training school Rupnagar (Ropar) from August 7-16, 2023.

Thirty-six cadets attended Annual Training Camp held at Himalayan Group of Professional Institution from December 21-30, 2023 and won Best Institute Award.

Two Cadets (Rishita and Nidhi Thakur) attended Army Attachment Camp held at Pathankot from January 15-25, 2024.

### **National Service Scheme (NSS)**

A total number of 214 students got enrolled as NSS volunteers in this session with Dr. Ghanshyam Soni and Dr. Priyanka Multani as Programme Officers. Following activities were performed by NSS volunteers during the year:

NSS unit celebrated World Environment Day on June 5, 2023 by planting twenty five trees as well as by cleaning the nearby areas.

On the occasion of International Yoga Day on June 21, 2023 NSS volunteers along with NCC cadets and Scouts and Guides celebrated yoga day by performing various yoga poses and exercises.

On June 26, 2023 NEET survey was conducted by 25 NSS volunteers of their adopted village Damrog. Data of about 100 people was taken in this survey.

A Function was organized in the honour of our Veer Freedom Fighters by 70 volunteers on July 12, 2023. On this occasion Veer Surender Singh (Ex-Army Officer) was honoured with a memento. Along with various cultural activities a pledge of “MERI MATTI MERA DESH” was also taken by NSS Volunteers. A herbal plantation drive was done and an “Amrit Vaatika” was made by NSS volunteers in honour of Veer Freedom Fighters.

50 NSS Volunteers took part in Plantation Drive on August 28, 2024 at “Ashray Gaushala” in which 100 plants were planted. Colonel Dhani Ram Shandil, Honorable Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Social Justice and Empowerment, Labour and Employment, was the chief guest for the drive.

NSS unit of our College celebrated Teachers Day on September 5, 2023 in the memory of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan by cutting cake and performing various cultural activities for the respected teachers of the college.

NSS Volunteers participated in Swachhata Rally on September 16, 2023 under “Indian Swachhata League 2.0” organized by M.C. Office Solan and also took the Swachhata oath in which they ensured that they will help in making India clean and will also encourage other people in their surroundings to do the same.

On September 21, 2023, 7 NSS Volunteers went to the adopted village Damrog and spread awareness about consequences of using plastic bags and also distributed cloth bags as a substitute to polythene.

NSS Unit of our college organized a function on September 25, 2023 on NSS day. Mrs. Kalpana Parmar (International Athlete and Social Worker) was invited as the chief guest on this occasion. Various cultural activities were performed by the volunteers on this day.

4 NSS Volunteers Pragya, Vanshika, Kiran and Sakshi participated in state RD Camp selection held at Government College Bilaspur on October 11, 2023. Volunteer Pragya was selected for the North zone Pre-Rd camp. She participated in North zone Pre- RD (Republic Day Parade) Camp from October 25, 2023 to November 3, 2023. Due to her outstanding performance she was selected for the RD camp to represent NSS unit of Himachal Pradesh. She attended RD camp at Delhi from January 1-30, 2024. She represented Himachal Pradesh on January 26, 2024 at Kartavya Path. She was further selected as the first row Volunteer for republic day parade. She also visited PM house and President House during her camp.

NSS unit celebrated National Unity day on October 31, 2023 in the memory of our great leader Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel by taking the pledge of national unity. They also watched a documentary on Sardar Patel.

NSS unit took an initiative to help the poor slum people and make their life better. On December 9, 2023, 20 NSS Volunteers visited the slum area and distributed ration and sweets.

Four NSS Volunteers Prajjwal, Santri, Jatin and Lakshita attended the 5th state Mega NSS Camp at Government Degree College Banjar, District Kullu from December 18-22, 2023.

25 NSS Volunteers took an initiative to collect old clothes from people to be distributed among poor slum people on December 29, 2023. About 70 kg of clothes were collected from the nearby areas of the college. On December 30, 2023, 10 NSS volunteers went to the adopted slum near Chambaghat, Solan to distribute the collected 70 kg of clothes among the poor people so that they can survive this winter too.

4 Volunteers of our unit Nidhi, Vanshika, Vikrant and Abhinash attended National Adventure Camp at RASC Hatkoti Shimla from January 9-18, 2024. In this camp they were trained in various aspects such as causality evacuation, Jumaring, river crossing, rock climbing etc. They also received a Tracking Kit worth Rs 2000/- during this camp.

Volunteer Prajjwal of our unit was selected to represent Himachal Pradesh at National Youth Festival 2024 held at Nashik, Maharashtra from 12-16 January 2024. He represented Himachal in youth summit / debate. He also attended one day youth sports climbing course during this time and was awarded with 'A' grade level 1 certificate after the completion of the course.

NSS Unit of our college organized 7 days special annual camp from 13-19 February 2024 at Government College Solan in which 100 Volunteers along with 2 programme officers took part. The closing ceremony of 7 days Annual Special Camp was organized at College Hall. The chief guest on this occasion was Dr. Hemant Kumar (Principal SCERT). He encouraged the volunteers and appreciated the efforts put in by them in the 7 days special camp.

### **Rovers and Rangers**

The Rovers and Rangers unit of the college consisted of 48 boys and girls in this session. Following are the achievements and activities of the unit:

The Bharat Scouts and Guides Himachal Pradesh State Headquarters organized state specialized courses on various subjects of scouting including State Level First Aid Course, State Level Mapping Course, Star Gazing Course, State Level Pioneering Course, State Level Signaling Course etc. from 15-19 June 2023, in which 3 Rovers and 3 Rangers of our college participated.

To increase the wide variety of plants and make the college campus environment healthier Rovers and Rangers unit of our college worked on the land nearby our college to prepare a botanical garden from July 27-31, 2023 and planted various plants and also secured the place with bamboo sticks.

Considering the importance of forests the Rovers and Rangers unit of our college participated in tree plantation drive on August 6, 2023 at nearby village Seri, which was conducted by Gram Panchayat Seri. A total of 100 trees were planted during this programme.

World Scout Scarf day is celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> August every year which is a way to show unity among scouts worldwide. The Rovers and Rangers of our unit celebrated this day with great joy and enthusiasm. The unit organized flag ceremony in which Group leader-cum-Principal Prof. Rita Sharma, Rangers leader Prof. Rekha Gupta and Rovers leader Dr. Nek Ram were present. After the flag ceremony a session was conducted on the importance of scarf and its uses in first aid.

As per the annual action plan of 2023-24 the Bharat Scouts and guides Himachal Pradesh state headquarters organized Nipun and Rajya Puraskar testing camp for Rangers w.e.f. September 21-24, 2023 and for Rovers w.e.f. September 26-30, 2023. In this 13 Rangers and 8 Rovers participated and qualified Nipun Testing and 2 Rangers and 3 Rovers participated and qualified Rajya Puraskar testing.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides Himachal Pradesh state headquarters organized Rajya Puraskar Rally of Rovers and Rangers from November 4-8, 2023 in which 3 Rovers and 2 Rangers participated from our unit who qualified Rajya Puraskar Testing. These Rovers and Rangers were honoured with highest state award, Rajya Puraskar in Raj Bhawan, Shimla. This was a proud moment and great achievement of our unit and the college.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides State Headquarter launched Project Nishchaya: Beyond Addiction - A Drug Free Vision on October 17, 2023. Rovers and Rangers unit of our college also registered and worked actively for this project. Our unit is performing Nukkad Natak and other project concerned activities at various places of Solan city for spreading awareness on drugs abuse. This Project is still going on.

### **Women Empowerment Cell**

A lecture for generating awareness among girl students regarding significance of maintaining personal hygiene in women was organized on September 20, 2023.

On September 30, 2023 short documentaries on the theme gender equity and women empowerment were screened for B.A., B.Sc. and B.Com students. This was followed by an open discussion.

A lecture on “Prevention of Sexual Harassment Act 2013: An Overview” was organized on October 13, 2023 for which resource person was Dr. Seema Kashyap, Associate Professor Law, Institute of Legal Studies, HPU Shimla.

International Women’s Day was celebrated on March 5, 2024 (8<sup>th</sup> being a gazetted holiday). Dr. Shivani Sharma, Principal Government College Pajhota was the Guest of Honour as well as Keynote Speaker on ‘Women Empowerment.’ Principal, Prof. Rita Sharma, was the Chief Guest. The programme included Yoga session by NSS volunteers, Group song on the theme of ‘Women Empowerment’ by the students of Music Department, Nukkad Natak by NCC cadets, Expressions by students in the form of poetry and prose and a musical performance.

### **Eco Club**

With the aim of creating awareness among the students regarding climate change and its impact, Ozone Day was celebrated on September 20, 2023 in collaboration with the Department of Geography. A Solid Waste Management Project was approved and was financed by HIMCOSTE, wherein a structure for solid waste management was constructed near the staff quarters.

## **Red Ribbon Club**

Students of the Red Ribbon Club of our college participated in reel making competition through online mode on the themes Promotion of HIV Testing, Routes of Transmission, Benefits of NACO AIDS app or 1097 toll free number and Stigma and Discrimination. Suhani, student of B.Sc. II secured second position in district level competition.

Ten students (5 girls & 5 boys) participated in the district level Marathon competition organized by Health and Family Welfare Department, Solan on the occasion of International Youth Festival. Boys of our college secured first and second position while girls secured 3rd, 4th and 5th position.

Students of Red Ribbon Club celebrated World AIDS Day on December 1, 2023. On this occasion declamation, poster making and quiz competition were organized.

## **Literary Club - Expressions**

A workshop was organized on September 1, 2023 in which students took part and presented their creative work in Hindi and English.

A poetry recitation competition was held on November 15, 2023 in which the students presented their poems in Hindi and English and further received guidance from the club members to hone their art.

The formal inauguration of the club took place on December 04, 2023 in which the Principal of the college Prof. Rita Sharma was the chief guest. The club organized Debate, Poetry Recitation and Story Telling competition in which the students showcased their creative talents.

## **Road Safety Club**

Lectures on “Road Safety” and “Drug Abuse” were organized on December 2, 2023. An interactive session between Dr. Amit Ranjan, District Health Officer Solan, Sh. Bhupinder Justa, Assistant Sub-Inspector from Kotlanala Police Station and the students was organized. The theme for this year was “Parwah Kareng, Surakshit Rahenge.” Dr. Ranjan informed the students about the increasing rate of use of drugs, its causes, consequences and the changing dynamics of youth because of drugs. However, Sh. Justa brought awareness about road safety and traffic rules.

Inter-College Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competition was organized on December 4, 2023 on the theme “Road Safety.” In total 70 students participated from Government College

Solan, Kandaghat, Dharampur and Rajgarh. The winners of this competition were awarded mementos and received prize money.

A rally was organized on February 15, 2024 from main gate of the college to Children Park at Mall Road Solan. 100 volunteers ensured their participation to bring awareness towards road safety. Volunteers were divided into five groups out of which two groups performed two skits. It was followed by an interactive session with key speaker, ASI (traffic) Chandra Mohan Sharma who guided students regarding traffic rules. This event was organized in collaboration with NSS unit of the college.

### **Research and Development Cell**

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Government College Solan and Shoolini Institute of Life Science and Business Studies on July 20, 2023.

“Careers of Future” talk was organized on September 15, 2023 by Prof. Ravichandran, Finance professional with more than 30 years of work experience in India, Middle East and Europe.

A programme “For the Teachers by the Teachers” was started by this cell where teachers of various disciplines sit together and discuss new ideas and learn from each other. In this Dr. Satish Thakur gave lecture as resource person on title “Secret Sharing” on August 25, 2023.

To acquaint the faculty with Advanced Reference Management Tool for Effective Research Writing an invited talk was delivered in Conference room on September 29, 2023 by Dr. Ramesh Kumar.

A guest lecture was organized on October 6, 2023 for the teachers by Mr. Sukant Pal Chauhan, International Faculty of Art of Living, who gave advice to the teachers on ‘How to Stop Over-Thinking?’ He elaborated how small little things in daily life cause stress on which we have no control. He emphasized how yoga and meditation can help relieve stress and lead to a better mental health.

### **Yoga Club**

On the occasion of International Yoga Day on June 21, 2023 members of Yoga Club performed various Yoga Poses along with NSS & NCC units of G.C. Solan.

A one day Training Programme on Yoga, Meditation and Art of Living was organized on September 19, 2023. On this day two yoga tutors Ms. Prabha and Ms. Shagun were invited as the resource person.



Yoga Club along with NSS unit of G.C. Solan performed Yoga early in the morning for a better life style from February 13-19, 2024. NSS Volunteers were made aware of the benefits of yoga asans by the members of Yoga Club. They also participated in Art of Living lecture given by Prof. Pramod.

A Yoga Poses Competition was organized on March 3, 2024 in which about 20 club members took part. Chief Guest on this occasion was Yoga trainer Minakshi.

On the occasion of International Women's Day that was celebrated on March 5, 2024, 8 members of Yoga Club along with yoga trainer Minakshi participated in the event and performed yoga poses.

### **BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS (BIS)**

On October 17, 2023, the BIS Club of Government College Solan, in collaboration with the Bureau of Indian Standards, Branch Office Parwanoo, hosted an awareness programme in the conference room on subjects pertaining to quality and standards, such as product quality, services, the BIS Care App, standards-setting, product certification, hallmarking, laboratory services, training and consumer affairs initiatives. This awareness campaign focuses on the significance of these issues for enhancing living quality, boosting economic development and guaranteeing that consumers have access to high-quality, trustworthy, safe products that pose few health concerns. By raising awareness of product quality in society, this awareness programme encouraged students to become thoughtful consumers and play an active role in the nation's progress.

34 students participated online in Quality Connect Campaign to make common consumers aware of quality products, BIS Care App, standards-setting and activities of Bureau of Indian Standards through Android application BIS Quality Connect App for Manak Mitra from October 17-30, 2023. These volunteers received cash prize worth Rs. 1,500/- from the Bureau of Indian Standards, Branch Office Parwanoo in their bank accounts.

35 students participated in National Level Quiz Competition organized by Bureau of Indian standards, Parwanoo Branch under the aegis of Department of Consumer affairs in the last week of February 2024.

### **Prospective Plan for the Upcoming Session**

The plan includes Digitization of the Library, Installations of CCTV cameras in hostels, Establishment of computer labs in B.Voc. department and whitewash of the college building.