

GOVERNMENT COLLEGE SOLAN (H.P.)



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Government College Solan

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 College

Stream	General		SC		ST		OBC		Handicap		IRDP		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
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B.A.	707	996	216	316	60	60	26	41	-	-	-	-	2422
B.Com.	145	160	48	52	10	10	04	00	-	-	-	-	429
B.Sc.	158	209	63	61	13	19	07	11	-	-	-	-	541
PGDCA	10	14	2	5	1	04	2	1	-	-	-	-	39
BBA	61	33	06	7	1	1	1	2	-	-	2	3	118
BCA	58	65	27	14	2	1	1	6	-	-	2	3	179
MA	12	31	1	4	3	0	1	0	-	-	0	-	52
B.Voc	92	84	10	31	01	01	02	0	-	-	-	-	221
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4001

Result for the Session

S.No.	Class	Appeared	Pass	Pass %
1.	B.A. I	975	542	55.58
2.	B.A. II	625	468	74.88
3.	B.A. III	673	452	67.16
4.	B.Sc. I	237	132	55.69
5.	B.Sc. II	170	121	71.17
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 Two 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 Seventy 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 Chhaatrivriddhi 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 retirements 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 Dutt (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: 03 teachers were transferred to different colleges of Himachal Pradesh:

Dr. Laxmi Verma (Public Administration), Asstt. Prof. Bhuvneshwari (History) and Asstt. Prof. Sujay Kapil (JMC).

Non-Teaching: 03 members of the non-teaching staff were transferred from the college:

Smt. Suman Gandhi (Supdtt. Grade II), Sh. Diwan Chand and Sh. Basant Negi (JLA).

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).

We lost a faculty member Dr. Bhopesh Thakur, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology.

Promotions: 03

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

Effective Staff Strength:

Teaching Staff: 53 posts filled out of 59 sanctioned posts

Non-Teaching Staff: 26 posts filled out of 33 sanctioned posts

Teaching staff for Self- Financing courses BCA, BBA, PGDCA: 07

Non-Teaching staff for Self- Financing courses: 05

B.Voc. Teaching Staff: 05 Non-Teaching Staff: 03

Indira Gandhi National Open University Study Centre (IGNOU)

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.

College Students Central Association (CSCA)

CSCA was constituted in the month of November, 2023. The body was formed 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) and Joint Secretary: Jayesh (B.A. I).

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

PTA was constituted on September 9, 2023 and the following members were elected: President: Sh. Om Prakash Kashyap, Vice-President: Sh. Lagan Singh, General Secretary: Dr. N.K. Verma, Joint Secretary Smt. Sneh Verma and Treasurer: Dr. Raj Kumar.

Old Student Association (OSA)

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 and Chief Advisors: Sh. Kul Rakesh Pant and Sh. Mohinder Nath Sofat.

Foundation Day of the college was observed on August 19, 2023 and the Chief Guest was OSA President, Sh. Rajeev Chopra. Prabhat Pheri by the students and plantation by OSA members was done alongwith a cultural programme in which old students shared their memories of the college with the students. OSA also organized a programme “Mehak Dosti Ki” on December 24, 2023 in Hotel Shagun for old students.

Academic Achievements of the Staff

Throughout the year many of our faculty members carried out research and training activities besides their regular teaching work.

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

Dr. Chandan Chuahan (Sociology), Dr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma (JMC) and Dr. Deepa Bhandari (Hindi) were awarded PhD degrees.

Dr. Chandan Chauhan attended a **National Conference**. While Prof. Renu Bala presented three papers in National Conference, Dr. Lalit Kumar Guleria, Dr. B. N. Kamal, Prof. Katyayni Sharma and Prof. Aarti Negi presented a paper each in National Conference.

Dr. Satish Thakur and Prof. Pramod Thakur attended **International Conference/Workshop**. Dr. Anant Vidya Nidhi and Prof. Renu Bala presented three papers in **International Conference**. Dr. Nivedita Pathak, Dr. B. N. Kamal, Dr. Satish Thakur, Dr. Hira Chettri and Dr. Bharti Gupta presented two papers. Dr. Lalit Kumar Guleria, Dr. Yogesh Kumar, Dr. Chandan Chauhan, Dr. Nek Ram, Prof. Pramod Thakur, Prof. Ankur Sood, Dr. Priyanka Multani, Dr. Ghanshyam Soni, Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Dr. Tanvi Kapoor and Dr. Preeti Pal presented a paper each in International Conference.

Dr. Satish Thakur, Prof. Pramod Thakur, Prof. Ankur Sood and Dr. Ishwar Dutt attended **National Seminar** whereas Dr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma presented two papers in **National Seminar**. Dr. Nek Ram, Dr. Geetika Thakur and Dr. Ishwar Dutt presented one paper each.

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

Dr. Lalit Kumar Guleria, Dr. Nek Ram and Dr. Ghanshyam Soni attended two Faculty Development Programmes. Dr. Anant Vidya Nidhi, Prof. Renu Bala, Dr. Minu Kundi, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma, Prof. Ankur Sood, Dr. Nisha Manta, Dr. Hira Chettri and Ms. Ritika Paul attended one **Faculty Development Programme** each.

Dr. Ghanshyam Soni, Dr. Vandana Devi and Prof. Aarti Negi attended **Orientation Programme** on NEP 2020. Dr. Yogesh Kumar, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma, Dr. Nisha Manta, Prof. Jeena Gupta and Dr. Ramesh Kumar attended One Day Orientation Programme / Workshop.

Dr. Tanvi Kapoor, Prof. Aalisha Chauhan, Dr. Ishwar Dutt, Dr. Preeti Pal and Prof. Sachina Sharma attended Induction Training Programme and Ms. Vipina Thakur, Ms. Tarun Bala, Smt. Kiran and Sh. Basant Negi from non-teaching staff also attended one week Orientation Programme at SCERT.

Dr. Anil Thakur, Dr. Deepak Gupta, Dr. Satish Thakur, Dr. P.P. Negi, Dr. Priyanka Multani, Dr. Geetika Thakur, Dr. Tanvi Kapoor, Dr. Ishwar Dutt and Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma were **invited as a Resource Person** in different training programmes at SCERT. Dr. Chaman Sharma was invited as a Resource Person at GC Arki and Prasar Bharti Shimla. Dr. Geetika Thakur acted as a Resource Person at HPS Handicraft and Handloom Corporation Ltd Solan and Dr. Hira Chettri at GC Pajhota.

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

Dr. Yogesh Kumar and Dr. Ishwar Dutt **published a chapter** in a book in their respective subjects. Dr. Ramesh Kumar published two books whereas Dr. B.N. Kamal and Dr. Tanvi Kapoor published one book each.

Dr. Chaman Sharma and Dr. Vandana Devi were **invited as a judge** in Youth Festival at Dr. YS Parmar University, Nauni. Prof. Rekha Gupta and Dr. Priyanka Bhardwaj were invited as judge in District Level Youth Festival at GC Pajhota, Sirmaur. Dr. Chaman Sharma was also invited as jury member at Kendriya Vidyalaya Jakhu Shimla. Dr. P.P. Negi and Dr. Manju Thakur were invited as Jury Member at SCERT.

A workshop of NAAC Cluster Colleges of Solan was organized on December 27, 2023 to discuss the status of NAAC accreditation and institution wise strategy adopted for the process and future action plan.

Activities of Various Departments

Induction Programmes for first year students of B.Sc., B.Com. BCA and BBA were organized in which students were introduced to the Choice Based Credit System and rules and regulations of the college.

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 by Dr. Amar Raj Singh Suri from Shoolini University Solan on Artificial Intelligence and Post Humanism was organized on November 9, 2023. 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 regarding NET examination.

Department of Hindi

Hindi Diwas was celebrated on September 14, 2023 in which various activities such as Quiz competition, Declamation, Play, etc. were organized.

Department of Painting

Twenty Two students 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, BAII 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 participation in 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 Rs. 52000/- were sold. Bestselling art works were created by Deepak, Pawan, Sargam, Ketan, Khushnuma, Pallavi, Ambika and Bhanu.

Department of Music

The Department organized seven days music workshop from August 29 to September 4, 2023 on the topic "Folk Instruments of Himachal Pradesh" in collaboration with Bhasha and Sanskriti

Vibhag Solan and Sargam Kala Manch Nauni. On this occasion Shri Jiyalal Thakur, famous artist of Himachali Lok Sangeet, delivered an informative lecture on the local instruments and folk music of Himachal Pradesh which helped to enhance the knowledge and technical skills of the students.

Department of Political Science

Thirty one 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.

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 winner of PowerPoint Presentation Competition, Ashima Kanwar, student of B.Sc. III also represented the college in PowerPoint Presentation Competition on 'Disasters in Himalayas', a seminar 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.'

Renovation of Geography lab was done February 2024.

Department of Tourism

World Tourism Day was celebrated on September 21, 2023 in which Mr. Amit Negi, Member Mountaineering Federation, 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. A skit on the theme "Atithi Devo Bhava" alongwith cultural programmes, such as songs and naati were performed.

Department of B. Voc.

World Tourism Week was celebrated from September 24-27, 2023 in which various competitions including Painting, Mehendi, Quiz, Best out of Waste, Caption Writing, Dance, Singing, Vlogging and Declamation were organized.

Department of Education

“Edufest” was organized by the Department of Education on November 2, 2023 to commemorate National Education Day. Painting, Slogan Writing and Declamation competitions were organized. 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.

Department of History

A programme to commemorate the 117th birth anniversary of Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar was organized. The students were encouraged to incorporate his ideals and vision in their life.

One day Educational Tour of 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 Dhamsi 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, 2023 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, in collaboration with M.S. Panwar Institute of Communication and Management Solan, Himachal Pradesh.

An Open-Mic programme in association with Radio Hills was organized on December 3, 2023 with the primary objective 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 in which about 40 students participated.

In an effort to enhance the journalistic skill and practical knowledge of the students, a media workshop was organized on the topic 'Challenges in Print Media and Social Media in Present Scenario,' on March 1, 2024. The resource persons at the workshop were senior journalist Mr.

Yashpal Kapoor and social media expert Mr. Sanjeev Awasthi.

In order to impart 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 observed the functioning of the radio station and Director of Community Radio, Dr. B.S Panwar 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 November 25, 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. 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 District Level Quiz and 3rd prize in Zonal Level Quiz Competition.

Department of Zoology

An awareness lecture by Dr. Amit Ranjan Talwar, District Health Officer, Solan, on World Hepatitis Day was organized in collaboration with Family and Welfare Department on August 2, 2023.

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

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. Twenty students of Chemistry Club (Lavoisier) visited Corona Remedies Private Limited Pharmaceutical Company on February 23, 2024.

To celebrate National Science Day on February 28, 2024 a field trip was organized for the students of the department to visit 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 achievements 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 August 29, 2023 to commemorate the birth anniversary 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-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 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 Dhami.

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.

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 organized for boys and girls. 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 were organized for college teachers.

HPU Youth Festival Group I

A team of thirteen students represented the college at the Inter-College HPU 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 II

Fifteen students participated in Inter-College HPU Youth Festival at GC Rampur Bushahr from

October 14-17, 2023. Uday Kashyap, student of BA I bagged first position in Himachali Folk Song.

HPU Youth Festival Group III

A team of fourteen students participated in Inter-College HPU Youth Festival at GC Nadaun in the category of Folk Dance.

HPU Youth Festival Group IV

Twenty one students participated in Inter-College Youth Festival at GC Seema, Rohru from October 17-21, 2023 and secured first position in Mime. Winners of Mime also represented H.P.U. in Inter-University competition held at Punjabi University, Patiala from January 31, 2024 to February 4, 2024.

Mentor-Mentee Programme is an excellent step taken by the college 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 running under the supervision of Mrs. Neetika Negi has crossed yet another successful year since its inception in 2008. Fifty nine students of undergraduate courses from Tribal and other categories have been accommodated in the hostel.

A talk by V.S. Negi, DSP Shimla was delivered on Road Safety on September 23, 2023. 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)

Various events were organized by NCC units of the college which include 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, Swacchahta Pakhwada and Republic Day Parade.

NCC (Boys Unit)

NCC boys unit headed by Dr. I. D. Sharma, Assistant Professor Physics enrolled 53 cadets.

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 secured 7th position all over India.

Cadet Vijay attended the “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” programme 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 under the charge of Dr. Preeti Pal, Assistant Professor Mathematics enrolled 60 cadets. 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.

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 “Amrit Vaatika” was set up by the NSS volunteers in honour of Veer Freedom Fighters.

50 NSS Volunteers in association with Saarthi Foundation took part in Plantation Drive on August 28, 2023 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 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.

On September 21, 2023, 7 NSS Volunteers went to the adopted village Damrog to 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.

Four 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 and North zone Pre- RD (Republic Day Parade) Camp from October 25, 2023 to November 3, 2023. She was also selected for the RD camp to represent NSS unit of Himachal Pradesh 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 November 9, 2023, 20 NSS Volunteers visited the slum area and distributed ration and sweets on the occasion of Diwali.

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.

Twenty-five 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.

Four 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 Trekking 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 seven days special annual camp from 13-19 February 2024 at Government College Solan in which 100 Volunteers along with two programme officers took

part. In the closing ceremony of the camp, Chief Guest, Dr. Hemant Kumar (Principal SCERT) encouraged the volunteers and appreciated the efforts put in by them.

Rovers and Rangers

The Rovers and Rangers unit of the college consists of 48 boys and girls. 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 environment of the college 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 fenced the place with bamboo sticks.

A tree plantation drive on August 6, 2023 at nearby village Seri was held in which a total of 100 trees were planted.

World Scout Scarf day was celebrated on August 1, 2023 to show the unity among Scouts worldwide. The unit organized flag ceremony followed by a session on the importance of scarf and its uses in first aid.

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. 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. This unit is performing Nukkad Natak and other project concerned activities at various places of Solan city for spreading awareness on drugs abuse and the Project is still functional.

Career Counselling and Placement Cell

The career counselling cell has been a valuable source in empowering students for a professional journey. Many students have been recruited by Banks and MNC's and the students of BCA, BBA and B. Voc. are working in eminent industries. Students from different streams of the college attended the following sessions:

An orientation on jobs in Telecom Sector was organized on September 13, 2023 by Vihaas Design Technologies, Solan

Seminars on Working of India Post Bank by Ms. Shagun from Postal Department and On Job Opportunities in Banking Sector by Pradeep Sharma, HDFC bank were organized on September 16, 2023.

Seminars on Preparations for Civil Services were organized on October 11, 2023 and February 21, 2024 by MK Yadav IAS hub, Chandigarh.

Another seminar was organized on Financial Literacy sponsored by NSE on October 14, 2023 in which the resource person was Mr. Kashyap, retired DGM, SBI.

A seminar was organized on October 30, 2023 on the topic Future Prospect of Business Analyst in Industry in which the resource persons were Dr. Mahajan and Mr. Baljeet Singh from Eternal University, Baru Sahib.

On November 6, 2023 two seminars were organized, one on Banking Services and Job Orientation in which the resource person was the Manager, UCO Bank and another on Career Oriented Courses by Mr. Bhatt from Times of India Group.

A seminar on Artificial Intelligence for final year students was organized on February 27, 2024 in which the resource person was Dr. Sunil Kha, CoE and HOD Physics, Jaypee University of Information Technology, Waknaghat.

Women Empowerment Cell

A lecture for generating awareness among girl students regarding significance of maintaining personal hygiene 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 (8th being a gazetted holiday). Dr. Shivani Sharma, Principal Government College Pajhota was the Guest of Honour as well as Keynote Speaker on 'Women Empowerment.' 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, and poetry recitation and musical performances by the students of the literary club.

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.

Students of Red Ribbon Club celebrated World AIDS Day on December 1, 2023. On this occasion declamation, poster making and quiz competitions 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 recited 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. The club organized Debate, Poetry Recitation and Story Telling competition in which the students showcased their creative talents.

Electoral Literacy Club (ELC)

The club was constituted in the college on July 10, 2023. About 45 members were registered in 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, poster making, slogan writing and power point presentation competitions on voter's awareness on October 21, 2023 and February 17, 2024. Other members of the club performed Nukkad Natak on voter's awareness at the Mall Solan.

25 students of ELC participated in online State Level contest which included video making, song making and poster making competitions on the theme 'Greater Participation Stronger Democracy.'

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."

Inter-College Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competitions were organized on December 4, 2023 on the theme "Road Safety." In total, seventy 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. It was followed by an interactive session with key note 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, a 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 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?'

Yoga Club

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.

A Yoga Asana 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, 8 members of Yoga Club along with yoga trainer Minakshi participated in the event and performed yoga asanas.

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 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.

Thirty-four 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.

Thirty Five 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 and Establishment of computer labs in B.Voc. Department.



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