

# INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

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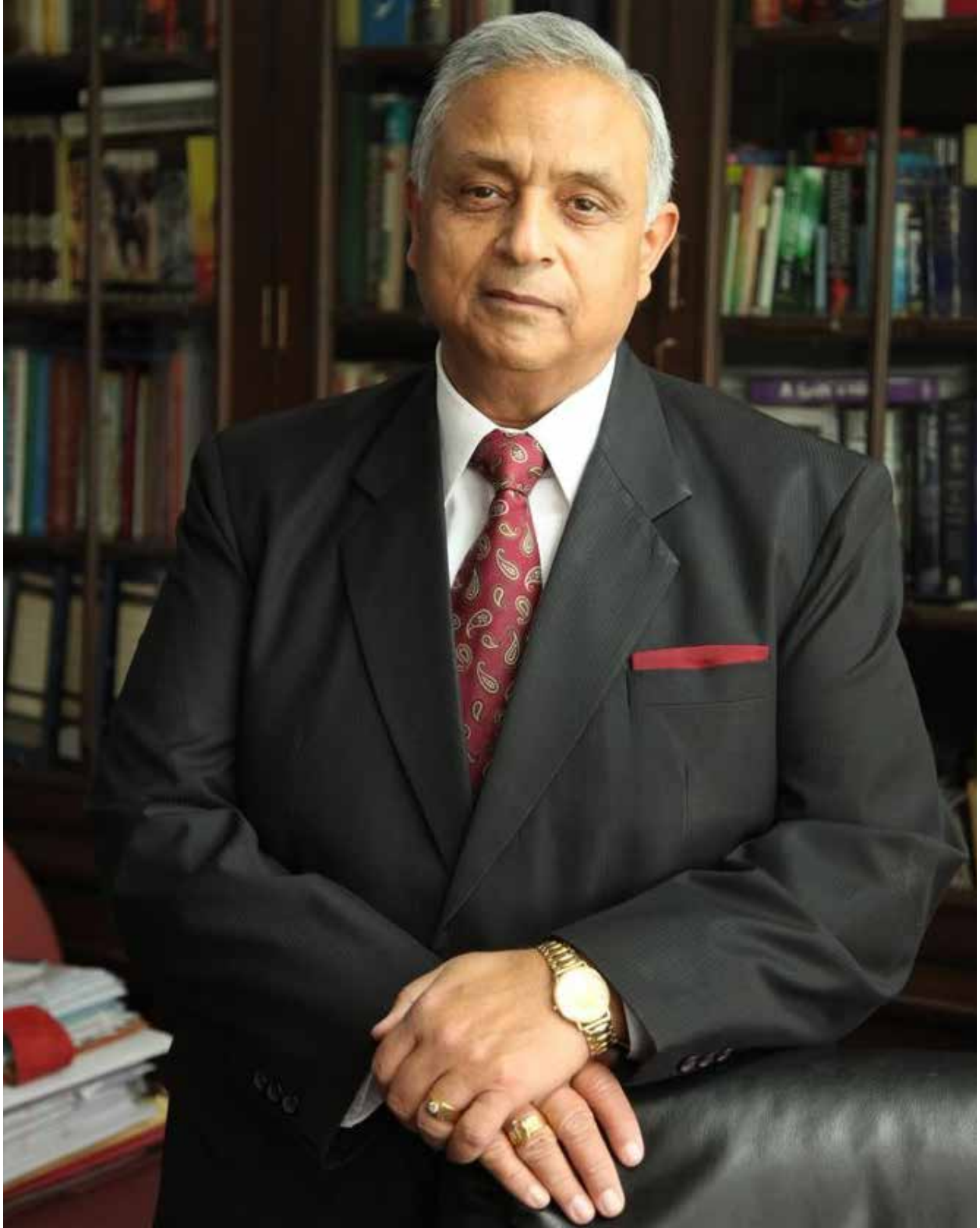
**Mehr Chand Mahajan**  
**DAV College for Women**  
Sector-36, Chandigarh

## OUR INSPIRATION



**MAHARISHI SWAMI DAYANANDA SARASWATI**

*Our Guide and Mentor*



*Dr. Punam Suri Ji, Padam Shree Awardee*

*Hon'ble President*

*DAV College Managing Committee*

*New Delhi*



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

*Ever since its inception in 1968, MCM DAV College for Women, Chandigarh has been committed to the cause of disseminating quality education to young women of the region. Guided by the noble principles of Maharishi Dayananda Saraswati, the college has made enviable achievements in the dynamic and ever-expanding field of education in the last 50 years. As it enters its Golden Jubilee Year, the institution is all geared up to re-dedicate itself to provide holistic, skill-oriented and value-based education.*

*During this eventful odyssey, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college has played a crucial role in maintaining its rich legacy of multifarious achievements. Cognizant of its responsibilities as a nodal agency for coordinating quality-oriented activities, the IQAC has consistently been planning, adopting and internalizing policies and programs for providing an academically challenging, intellectually stimulating and creatively fulfilling atmosphere to its stakeholders.*

*With an eye on strengthening quality culture in the institution, the IQAC along with different Departments and Committees planned a series of diverse activities for the benefit of the learners and faculty*

*alike. While conferences, seminars and extension lectures by erudite scholars strengthened their knowledge quotient; workshops, training sessions and industrial visits ensured the much needed first-hand experience of market trends.*

*Concomitantly, the IQAC has been following a multipronged approach to hone well-rounded, confident and compassionate personalities of the students. Their emotional quotient is being strengthened through the medium of Mentorship Programme, whereas their sense of social and national responsibility is being re-enforced through a variety of outreach activities. The zealous involvement of the learners in various philanthropic initiatives undertaken by NSS, NCC, Rotaract Club and other committees under the aegis of IQAC validates the institutional success in disseminating value-based education.*

*Similarly, the efforts made by the Skill Development Committee and the Placement Cell to impart life-sustaining skills mandatory for bolstering the learners' entrepreneurial capabilities and employment potential; the endeavours of the IQAC Committee to put an efficient data-collection system using Google Sheets are laudable steps in the direction of strengthening quality culture in the college. In fact, the grant of a Research Centre to the Postgraduate Department of English is a certification of our commitment to promoting and producing quality research.*

*In response to the pressing need to encourage innovation and ICT-based pedagogy, the IQAC has consistently been providing guidance and support to all the stakeholders through experts and professionals in these fields. Acting as a facilitative and participative partner, it has undoubtedly played a stellar role in ensuring the smooth internalization of quality parameters, and enhancing the overall performance of the institution during the post-accreditation period.*

*Holding that pursuance of Quality should be a way of life rather than an accidental achievement, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college along with its enthusiastic, diligent and sincere constituent members, continues to set higher benchmarks of performance to emulate.*



*Dr. (Mrs) Nisha Bhargava  
Principal*

## FROM THE CHIEF-COORDINATOR'S DESK

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The College recognizes the need to be quality conscious to produce globally cognizant and empowered students to take on the world! The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the College, endeavours to inculcate and enhance quality aspects in all realms; be it the teaching-learning processes or research. In the periodic meetings of the IQAC, vigorous discussions amongst various stakeholders help in fostering a close association for taking the College higher on quality parameters. Their feedback enables us to maintain our stride towards quality consciousness



Since the re-constitution of the IQAC in 2018, we planned and conducted FDPs / Workshops / Awareness Sessions for the teaching and non-teaching staff and students periodically. Post activity feedback is taken from the participants and analyzed. Requisite action thereafter ensures maintenance of quality parameters.

One of the biggest challenges and responsibilities as the Chief-Coordinator of the IQAC is to collect and manage information pertaining to the faculty. Apart from compiling data in a centralized MIS system, we have also devised an in-house data management system with the help of Google-Sheets to facilitate collection of faculty related data for AQAR and other reports.

I am profoundly indebted to our Principal, Dr Nisha Bhargava for her unwavering support and guidance in the effective functioning of the IQAC.

I am grateful to the highly motivated members of the NAAC Core Committee and AQAR Committee for their continuous support and contribution. I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Bindu Sharma, Coordinator IQAC for her untiring efforts in making this journey meaningful.

### **Dr Vibha Sharma**

(Associate Professor & Head)

Department of Public Administration

Chief-Co-ordinator IQAC

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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It gives me immense pleasure to bring out the third edition of IQAC Newsletter. The journey of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college, though relatively short, has been eventful, rewarding and satisfying in ways more than one. The missionary zeal, which inspired every member of this Cell to contribute positively towards enhancing quality parameters in the field of higher education, also motivated the publishing team to catalogue every achievement scaled in this direction.



IQAC Newsletter (2017-18) is a humble and sincere attempt to present a broad spectrum of the varied initiatives, programmes and projects undertaken by the institution to ensure higher levels of excellence in academics, research, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. It also captures the range of all quality-based endeavours which invigorated the students, members of teaching faculty, support staff and all other stakeholders alike during the session. Over the last three years, the IQAC Newsletter has enabled us to track and evaluate our own progress in terms of achieving our institutional goal of disseminating quality education to young women.

I am deeply indebted to our worthy Principal Dr Nisha Bhargava for her consistent support and guidance in bringing out this edition. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to my senior colleague and Chief Co-ordinator of IQAC, Dr Vibha Sharma for her unflinching support.

My sincere thanks are due also to my highly motivated team members, Dr Bindu Dogra, Mrs Baljeet Kaur Tiwana and Mr. Ashish Mudgal for their co-operation and creative inputs.

May this fruitful journey in the pursuit of quality continue ...

### **Dr Bindu Sharma**

Associate Professor (English)

Co-ordinator, IQAC and Chief Editor

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## INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

The IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell) is a dynamic body constituted with the purpose of establishing Quality as a distinguishing feature of the institution. It evolves an effective system of identifying, suggesting and integrating best practices in the arenas of academics, administration and research. The Cell aims to establish higher benchmarks of excellence and ensure their achievement by consistently ascertaining, evaluating and sustaining these parameters. Acting as a catalytic force, it serves to stimulate quality culture in every aspect encompassing the teaching-learning process.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell provides a common platform for various agencies involved in the developmental activities of the college to ensure timely, progressive and effective internalization of quality at all levels – pedagogical, administrative, management and financial. Guided by the principle of providing value based education, the IQAC serves to ensure holistic development of the students so as to equip them optimally to face multifarious challenges in this fast changing and highly competitive globalized world.

## MEMBERS OF IQAC 2017-18

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<b>Non-Teaching Staff</b>	<p>Mr. Kuldeep Singh Mr. Pawan Sharma Mr. Ashish Mudgal Mr. Apurav Kaushik Ms. Nancy Garg</p>

## ENDEAVOURS AND ACHIEVEMENTS, 2017-18

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh has, since its inception, consistently shown a zeal to implement the high and noble ideals laid down in the Mission Statement of the institution. Led by its highly dedicated members, especially those representing diverse fields of knowledge and industry, the IQAC has been constantly striving to maintain high standards of quality in all arenas – academics, sports, pedagogy, skill development, evaluation, governance and administration.

As the college entered into its Golden Jubilee year, the IQAC planned and organized a variety of programmes and activities to impart quality education, proficiency in soft skills, practical knowledge, employability-enhancing capabilities and social sensitivity among the students of the institution. Throughout the session, the stakeholders were provided varied opportunities to learn from and interact with the best of minds through a series of seminars, workshops, awareness campaigns, extension lectures, field trips and industrial visits.

To bridge the gap among the stakeholders, and strengthen the system for a consistent academic and administrative improvement of the institution, the IQAC held its periodical meetings on 11 October, 2017 and 3 May, 2018. During these interactions, a variety of issues and plans such as enhancing Skill Development Programmes, utilization of RUSA Funds, celebration of Golden Jubilee Year, promotion of Research among students, installation of ICT based Information System, managing the student-teacher ratio etc. were deliberated upon. Based on a comprehensive analysis of the inputs and feedback received from the stakeholders from time to time, new strategies, activities and plans were chalked out.



# GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

## 51 KUNDIYA HAVAN



The Golden Jubilee Celebrations in the college began on an auspicious note with a 51 Kundiya Mahayagya on 15 January 2018 to seek divine blessings. The grand event was marked by a profound spiritual fervour, and involved an active and spirited participation of the entire MCM DAV family. Guided by the spiritually invigorating rendition of Vedic *Shalokas* by Yagya Brahma Mahatma Chaitanya Swami and Maa Satyapriya Yati, the Guest of Honour Mr. H R Gandhar, Senior Governing Body Member, DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi and Mrs. Sudesh Gandhar, Mr. R K Popli (PCS), Director, Higher Education, Chandigarh, Prof. Dalip Kumar, ASPD, RUSA and Dr. Gurdip Sharma, Fellow and Syndic, PU performed the havan along with the Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava, teaching and non-teaching faculty, and students of the college. Swami ji also blessed the staff and students with his enlightening address on selfless service to humanity.

The Mahayagya was followed by a formal Inaugural Ceremony wherein rich tributes were paid to the legal luminary Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan. The college is a living tribute to the memory of the unparalleled contribution of this great nationalist to the promotion of education. The event was graced by Prof. Arun Kumar Grover, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University as the Chief Guest, and Mr. HR Gandhar and Mrs. Sudesh Gandhar as the Guests of Honour. Mr. R K Popli (PCS), Prof. Dalip Kumar, ASPD, RUSA, Prof. Neera Grover, Department of Music, Panjab University, and many other senior members of the Syndicate, Panjab University, Chandigarh participated in the celebrations. The Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava chronicled the glorious achievements of the college in the past 50 years which have earned MCM DAV an enviable place among the premier educational institutions in the country.

Making the occasion special on another account was the inauguration of a RUSA sponsored Biogas Plant, one-of-its-kind among all the educational institutions of the city by Mr. R K Popli and Prof. Dalip Kumar who lauded the efforts of the institution in spearheading the cause of sustainable development.

## COLLEGE PLAYS HOST TO HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA SH. RAM NATH KOVIND

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As a part of the year-long Golden Jubilee Celebrations held to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> year of its inception, the college proudly hosted His Excellency Shri. Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India on 28 February 2018. A galaxy of distinguished dignitaries including Shri. V P Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor, Punjab and Administrator, U.T., Chandigarh; Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon'ble Governor, Haryana; Acharya Dev Vrat, Hon'ble Governor, Himachal Pradesh, and Mrs. Kirron Kher, Hon'ble Member of Parliament joined the celebrations as Guests of Honour. Padamshree Awardee Dr. Punam Suri, President, DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi presided over the function.

H. E. Shri Ram Nath Kovind, after lighting the ceremonial lamp to accord an auspicious beginning to the event, unveiled the Foundation Stone of the Golden Jubilee Block - a new building of the college. A DAV alumnus himself, Shri Ram Nath Kovind congratulated the principal, faculty and students on the glorious achievements of their institution in its odyssey of 50 years. He lauded the unprecedented role played by the college in empowering young women with academic qualification, social sensitivity and moral values. Hailing the role of Swami Dayanand Saraswati in the fields of education and social reform, and the spirit of patriotism of Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan, Hon'ble President complimented the college for having carved a niche for itself. During the programme, Shri V P Badnore released the Golden Jubilee Souvenir and presented its first copy to the Hon'ble President. Referring to the day's function as a befitting tribute to the memory of the great statesman Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan, Dr. Punam Suri reminded the students of their responsibility towards the society and nation.

On the occasion H. E. Shri Ram Nath Kovind also felicitated international achievers of the college in sports. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki honoured the NCC cadets who have made their mark at the national level, and Acharya Dev Vrat felicitated some of the illustrious alumni of the college.

## CONFERENCES/SEMINARS



### TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE THE SOUL IN SYMPHONY: SPIRITUAL AND PRAGMATIC ASPECTS OF HAPPINESS

The college, to mark its Golden Jubilee Celebrations, held a two-day International Conference on 29-30 January 2018 which delved into varied aspects, nuances and determinants of happiness. Titled ‘The Soul in Symphony: Spiritual and Pragmatic Aspects of Happiness’, this multidisciplinary event attracted from far and wide experts, scholars, researchers and nearly 200 paper presenters who deliberated upon the multi-dimensional aspects of happiness. The galaxy of eminent speakers on the occasion included Prof. Hiroo Takahashi, Hukuoh University, Japan; Ms. Bimla Rai, CEO, Niche Institute of Management and Technology, Bhutan; Prof. Akbar Hussain, Department of Psychology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and Dr. Dinesh Chahal, Department of Education, Central University of Haryana, Mahendragarh apart from Prof. Emeritus Sh. Jatinder Mohan Department of Psychology, Panjab University, Chandigarh, and Mr. Vivek Atray, Former IAS officer and a motivational speaker. While Dr. Takahashi spoke on the relevance of business ethics and a harmonious work environment for the stakeholders, Ms. Rai stressed on the need for a holistic, sustainable and inclusive development model for promoting happiness.

Gracing the second day of the Seminar as the Chief Guest, Prof. B S Ghuman, Vice Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala opined that a philosophy attuned to spiritualism can facilitate in augmenting the index of happiness. He further called for striking a balance between western philosophy of materialism and eastern philosophy of spiritualism for the attainment of true happiness.

Prof. Deepti Gupta, Chairperson, Department of English and Cultural Studies, PU, Chandigarh asserted that consciousness of the pragmatic aspects of life can lead to an experience of symphony between one's mind and soul. In his lecture on 'Beyond the Everyday Stuff,' Dr. Preet Kanwal S. Ahluwalia, Head, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, National Dental College, Derabassi shared his personal experiences to show how laws of action, positivity and gratitude exist as the means to happiness. During her presentation on the impact of social media on happiness, Dr. Ashima Soni, Lectorial Facilitator, Monash Institute of Cognitive and Clinical Neurosciences, Monash University, Australia spoke on how the virtual world distorts our perception of reality, and sought for a balance of mind, body, soul and spirit for a blissful existence. In his valedictory address, Prof. Gurmeet Singh, Chairperson, Department of Hindi, Panjab University, Chandigarh stressed on the imperativeness of adopting an attitude of gratitude and appreciation for life.

## NATIONAL SEMINAR

### CELEBRATING 220 YEARS OF MIRZA GHALIB



**The Postgraduate Department of English** heralded the Golden Jubilee Year of the College by organizing a one-day National Seminar titled 'Celebrating 220 years of Mirza Ghalib' on 17 January 2018. The event, which aimed to commemorate the boundless contribution of Mirza Ghalib to the Urdu poetry, was attended by a galaxy of scholars and dignitaries including Col. G. S. Chadha, Registrar, Panjab University, Chandigarh who was also the Chief Guest on the occasion; Dr. Gurdip Sharma, Fellow and Syndic, Panjab University, Chandigarh; Dr. Sunil Khosla, Principal, B B Constituent College (Panjab University), Balachaur; Prof. Subhash Mariya, Retired Principal, DAV College, Chandigarh; Prof. Akshaya Kumar; Prof. Gurmeet Singh; Prof. Deepti Gupta; Prof. C L Ahuja; Prof. Pushpinder Syal; Prof. Pratibha Nagpal; Prof. Meera Malik

from Panjab University, Chandigarh; Dr. Kavita Mariya, Associate Professor (Retd.), Government Home Science College, Chandigarh and Dr. Jagdeesh Mehta, DAV College Sector 10, Chandigarh. The seminar witnessed an enthusiastic participation of more than a hundred participants from across the nation.

Keynote speaker, Prof. Anisur Rehman (Retd.), Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi and Senior Advisor, Rekhta hailed the seminar as an endeavour to create new admirers of Urdu poetry. Speaking on ‘Ghalib: Our Contemporary’, Prof. Rehman averred that it is impossible to even attempt to critically evaluate a legendary and complex poet like Ghalib who had a timeless appeal. He also traced the biographical details of this great poet, lexicographer, critic, prose writer, letter writer and historian whose unusual imaginative vitality, linguistic innovation and inimitable language distinguished him from his contemporaries. Prof. Gurupadesh Singh (Retd.), GNDU, Amritsar, in his paper titled ‘Invocation to Diwan-e-Ghalib,’ said that despite being an extremely complex poet who assimilated diverse influences effortlessly by blending elements of Persian and Urdu, Ghalib is still popular because of the richness of human experience, wisdom and philosophy encapsulated in his work.

In an interesting presentation on ‘Ghalib ke Muhaware’, Prof. Abdul Bismillah (Retd.), Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi opined that every time one reads the prodigious Ghalib, a new dimension emerges. Prof. Bismillah brought out the unique wit, humour and creative genius of Ghalib as he unfolded the extensive usage of idioms in Ghalib’s poetry through numerous examples. Prof. Satish Kumar Verma, Punjabi University, Patiala, while sharing his thoughts on ‘Ghalib - Ek Punarchintan,’ referred to him as the poet of the masses who struck an instant chord with them. Dr. Ali Abbas, Panjab University, Chandigarh spoke on the topic ‘Ghalib aur Hum’ wherein he highlighted the enigmatic pull of Ghalib’s poetry in the present times. Later, the students of the Department of Music presented soulful renditions of Mirza Ghalib. An activity involving the translation of Ghalib’s works was also undertaken by the students of the college followed by a recital of his verses.

## WORKSHOPS

### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**The Postgraduate Department of Economics** organized a workshop on ‘Goods and Services Tax’ (GST) on 12 September, 2017 to familiarize the students with various aspects of GST - one of the biggest reforms in India’s indirect tax structure. Resource Person Mr. Chetan Jhalaria, a Chartered Accountant, explained in a lucid manner the nuances, impact and challenges in the implementation of GST and its implications on the economy as well as the general population. The workshop was attended by over 200 students.



## CLEAN AND GREEN MCM

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The Department of Fine Arts, and Interior Designing and Decoration organized a workshop on 15 August 2017, to promote 'Clean and Green MCM' and also to sensitize students to the importance of a clean and green environment. This workshop aimed at encouraging the re-use of waste material to enhance greenery. The participants of the workshop showcased their creativity by painting innovative designs on used buckets and recycling them as pots for plants to enhance the beauty of the campus.

## CHEMISTRY AND ITS MULTIDISCIPLINARY FACETS

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The Postgraduate Department of Chemistry organized a two-day workshop on 'Chemistry and its Multidisciplinary Facets' on 26 October, 2017 in collaboration with Academy of Sciences, Bangalore; Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi and the National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad. On the inaugural day of the workshop, Prof. S. Sinha from IISER, Mohali delivered a lecture on Quantum Chaos, while Dr. Vashundhara, Professor, PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh enlightened the participants on 'Green Chemistry'. An informative lecture on Forensic Science and Criminology was delivered by Dr. Shweta Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Forensic Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

The second day of the workshop witnessed informative sessions on Protein Science by Dr. Kausik Chattopadhyay, Assistant Professor, IISER, Mohali and Nano Science by Dr. Neha Sardana, Assistant Professor, INST, Mohali. The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of students as well as faculty.

## LIMNOLOGICAL AND BIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS OF AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM

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The Department of Zoology organized a workshop on Limnology sponsored by Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India on 8 November, 2017. Prof. Rajinder Jindal from the Department of Zoology, Panjab University, Chandigarh conducted this hands-on-training programme to enhance the skills of students in limnological and biological investigations of aquatic ecosystem. During the workshop, Prof. Jindal apprised the students of the techniques pertaining to identification of Zooplankton and Phytoplankton, and the analysis of physicochemical parameters like dissolved oxygen, hardness and pH level of water.



## RECENT ADVANCES IN NUTRITION AND FOOD SAFETY

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**The Department of Food Science** organized a Workshop sponsored under the Star College Scheme by DBT and NCSTC, Department of Science and Technology on ‘Recent Advances in Nutrition and Food Safety’. The workshop was organized in collaboration with Department of Community Medicine, School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh on 24 November 2017 to generate awareness about issues pertaining to food safety, and to sensitize students about recent advances in this field. The Chief Guest, Prof. Sanjay Chhibber, Department of Microbiology, Panjab University, Chandigarh stressed upon the need to develop robust microbiological food safety measures and an involvement of all stakeholders in ensuring food safety.

Prof. Amarjeet Singh, Department of Community Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh highlighted the importance of research in combating the contamination of food in its journey from the farm to the table. The Guest of Honour, Mr. Sukhwinder Singh, Designated Officer, Food Safety Cell, Chandigarh apprised the audience about the food fortification and food safety initiatives by Adulterants Detection Cell of Chandigarh Administration. Dr. Sukhpal Kaur, National Institute of Nursing Education, Chandigarh spoke on ‘Food Safety: Definition, Concepts, Problem Statement, Types and Gaps’.

Dr. Jayanti Dutta Roy, Deputy Director, HRD Centre, PU, Chandigarh deliberated upon the topic ‘The Recent Advances: Use of IT in Food Safety,’ while Lt. Col Kumar Pushkar spoke on ‘Concept of Traceability; Safety of GM Food’ and shed light on Safe Street Food. A short film ‘Farm to Fork,’ and another one on food adulterants detection kits were also showcased during the event. A Mobile Food Testing Van of Chandigarh Administration analyzed the food samples brought by the staff and students on the spot. A quiz on food safety was also organized on the occasion.

## WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, USING PHP

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**The Department of Computer Science and Applications** organized a 7-day workshop on ‘Web Application Development, using PHP’ from 28 May to 4 June 2018. Sh. Pankaj Sharma, Technical Head, Net Max Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Chandigarh conducted the workshop attended by 46 students of BCA and PGDCA besides all the teachers of the department. Each day of the workshop was divided into theory and practical sessions. Various demonstrations were held and students were given a number of practical assignments to hone their skills. Students created various interactive forms and managed data using PHP and MySQL. They learned about handling data, cookies, sessions and data validation. They were also taught about the intricacies and techniques required to make an integrated web application.



# SKILL ENHANCEMENT AND PRACTICAL TRAINING

## ENHANCING CREATIVITY THROUGH DECORATIVE ARTS



The Department of Home Science organized a two-day Decorative Art Workshop on 5 and 6 September, 2017 to equip the students with the skill to create utility items for beautifying their homes. During the workshop conducted by Mrs. Santosh Verma, a Pidilite Certified Expert, the participants learned the nuances of glass painting, bottle art, free hand painting and jewellery making. The participants also displayed their creations in an exhibition.

## DECORATIVE LIGHT AND DIYA MAKING

The Department of Interior Designing and Decoration organized a one-day Workshop on Decorative Light and Diya Making on 13 October, 2017. Conducted by Ms. Aarushi Jain, the workshop witnessed an enthusiastic participation of over 80 students who were demonstrated the techniques of making decorative lights and diyas for Diwali from easily available materials like paper cups, egg cartons, plastic balls, cupcake moulds, net, tulle fabric, etc. An exhibition of the lights made during the workshop was also held.



## MELANGE: A MEDLEY OF SKILLS



The Add On Committee organized a unique fest 'Melange: a Medley of Skills' on 21 January 2018 which included a plethora of Inter-college and Intra-college events to encourage and evaluate the creative talents of the participants. In the event which witnessed an enthusiastic participation from students of 16 colleges of Punjab and tricity in various skill-based contests, Prof. Tankeshwar Kumar, VC, Guru Jambheshwar University, Hissar was the Chief Guest while Prof. Parvinder Singh, Controller Examinations and Dean, CDC, PU, Chandigarh was the Guest of Honour.

## LANDSCAPE AND PORTRAIT MAKING

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**The Department of Fine Arts** organized a two-day Workshop on Landscape and Portrait Making on 14-15 November, 2017. Artists Mr. Rakesh Sen and Ms. Renu Sharma from Pidilite Industries Ltd., conducted this workshop that aimed to help the budding artists hone their creative skills. It witnessed an enthusiastic participation of over 50 students. The artists gave a live demonstration to the participants, explaining the nuances and techniques applied in making landscapes and portraits. During the workshop, the participants also learned the art of making murals from newspaper pulp.

## TEXTILE PRINTING

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**The Environment Committee** organized a 3-day workshop on textile designing from 23 to 25 November, 2017 in which Mrs. Meenu Sachdeva, a textile designing expert, showcased various techniques of Textile Printing and Designing. The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation from the students who got an opportunity to learn and hone their skills in creating beautiful designs on textiles.

## ANCHORING IN PUNJABI

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**The Skill Development Committee and the Department of Punjabi** organized a workshop on ‘Anchoring in Punjabi’ on 5 February, 2018. First in the series of 6 workshops, it aimed to refine the skills of the students in the art of anchoring in Punjabi language. Prof. Satish Verma, a noted Punjabi anchor, writer and director from Punjabi University, Patiala, asserted that anchoring is an innate ability that needs to be polished through skills like spontaneity, knowledge, command over language and confidence. Other noted speakers on the occasion included Mrs. Satwinder Kaur, Khalsa College, Patiala; Mrs. Gurjeet Kaur, Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar; and Mr. Satpal and Mr. Gurnaaz, Senior Research Fellows, Department of Punjabi, Punjabi University, Patiala.

The event was also graced by the famous Punjabi Sufi singer, lyricist, actor and scholar Dr. Satinder Sartaaj who motivated the students to remain connected with their roots and preserve our rich cultural heritage. Prof. Jaspal Kaur Kang, Chairperson, Guru Nanak Sikh Studies, Panjab University and Prof. Yograj Angrish, Chairperson, Department of Punjabi, Panjab University, Chandigarh also deliberated upon varied skills required for anchoring in Punjabi language.

## APPLICATION OF SOMATIC INKBLOT SERIES

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The Department of Psychology, in collaboration with the Social Sciences Committee, organized a workshop on ‘Application of Somatic Inkblot Series’ (SIS) on 29 March, 2018. This skill-based workshop was conducted by Prof. B L Dubey, Adjunct Faculty, University of Alaska, USA, and President, Somatic Inkblot Society to familiarize the participants with the fundamentals of the projective technique of SIS, and the applicability of the test that is used internationally to assess one’s personality, facilitate diagnostic assessment and therapeutic intervention. The workshop was spread over 4 sessions which included introduction to projective technique and tests, comparison of Rorschach and SIS administration, scoring and interpretation of SIS, analysis of case studies and psychotherapy.



## SUSTAINABLE URBAN FARMING

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The Skill Development Committee held a series of six workshops on ‘Sustainable Urban Farming’ from February to April, 2018 in which students were familiarized with varied techniques in agriculture by Mr. Rahul Sharma and Ms. Ashreen. The participants were imparted knowledge and skill in using non-chemical methods of growing vegetables in small areas and pots. They were also encouraged to shift to chemical-free farming at the macro level. Apart

from visiting the farms, the students also visited an Organic Mandi. The workshop was open to women from outside the college also.

## SEVEN DAY WORKSHOP ON SKETCH-UP

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The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college organized a Seven Day ‘Sketch-Up Workshop’ for the students of Interior Designing and Decoration from 7 June to 13 June, 2018. Ms. Arushi Jain conducted the workshop and explained the intricacies of interior designing to the students with the help of the specialized software of Sketch Up.

## FIRST-AID TECHNIQUES

The Department of Home Science in collaboration with Red Cross Society, Chandigarh conducted a one-day workshop cum demonstration on 17 March, 2018. Dr. Santosh Kumar, STS, Punjab State Red Cross Society, Chandigarh demonstrated to the students nearly 20 first-aid techniques including CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) which is significant for coping with accidents and emergencies. Dr. Santosh Kumar stated that appropriate implementation of first-aid techniques and CPR leads to improved survival and neurologic outcomes. Nearly 50 students actively participated in the interactive workshop.

## HASTKALA: A WORKSHOP ON FABRIC ORNAMENTATION

The Department of Home Science, under the aegis of Internal Quality Assurance Cell, organized a 7-day workshop 'HASTKALA' from 25 June to 1 July, 2018 with the aim of developing the students' skills in fabric ornamentation. The programme included skill training in various techniques of fabric designing such as tie and dye, block printing, khaddi block printing and fabric printing on eco-friendly and bio-degradable materials. The participants prepared beautiful articles including dupattas, kurtis, tops, cushion covers, pillow covers, table covers etc. Students from varied disciplines of the college as well as other institutions of the city participated in this workshop and displayed their creations .



## EXTENSION LECTURES

### LEGAL LITERACY: A TOOL FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



The Women Development Cell organized an interactive session on 'Legal Literacy: a Tool for Women Empowerment' on 30 September, 2017 with the objective to empower young women by generating awareness about their legal rights they are entitled to. The Chief Guest Mr. B L Sharma, IAS, Education Secretary, Chandigarh in his address, cited the examples of outstanding women from Vedic Ages to the contemporary times, and reiterated that a society that respects women, progresses. The Guest of Honour on the occasion, Mr. R. K. Popli (PCS), DHE, Chandigarh, and Advocate Ajay Jagga sensitized the participants about their legal rights.

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## WOMEN HEALTH AND NUTRITION

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**The Women Development Cell** organized an interactive session on ‘Women Health and Nutrition’ on 31 October, 2017 with the objective of sensitizing young women about the importance of nutrition in leading a healthy life. The session was conducted by Dt. Sonia Gandhi, Head, Department of Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics, Fortis Hospital, Mohali. She apprised the audience of the various metabolic, physiological and psychological changes that women experience at different stages of life and the significance of diet in each stage. The lecture was followed by an interactive session.

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## IMPORTANCE OF VEGETARIANISM

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**The Department of Hindi** organized an interactive session on the ‘Importance of Vegetarianism’ in collaboration with Humane Society International (HSI) - a global animal protection organization on 12 November, 2017. Mrs. Swarnali Roy, Campaign Outreach Coordinator (Farm Animals), HSI conducted this educative session along with her colleagues Mr. Devinder and Mr. Altaf. They apprised the students of the importance of adopting a vegetarian lifestyle for a longer and healthier life. Through an informative power-point presentation on the topic, Mrs. Roy demonstrated how vegetarian diet is favourable for, and in accordance with the nature and physical structure of the humans.

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## STRESS-FREE LIVING

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**The Club of MCM Public Administration Students (COMPASS),** in collaboration with Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP), organized an interactive session on ‘Living a Healthy and Stress Free Life’ on 14 November, 2017 which was conducted by Mr. Rakesh Sehgal, BVP’s National Secretary and Mr. Tarun Kumar Garg, a Corporate Trainer. The speakers highlighted BVP’s role in nation building and character building. Mr. Tarun shared various time-management skills with students, and other techniques for managing stress in their personal as well as professional lives.



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## PHOTOGRAPHY AS A MEDIUM FOR COMMUNICATION & STORYTELLING

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**The Skill Development Committee** organized an interactive session on ‘Photography as a Medium for Communication and Storytelling’ on 16 November, 2017. The session was conducted by Mr. Samar Viridi, a Chandigarh based professional Photographer and Filmmaker. Speaking about the power that photography commands as a medium of communication, Mr. Samar apprised the young photographers of the theoretical, philosophical and technical aspects of the art of photography.

## POSTCOLONIAL THEORY AND LITERATURE

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**The Postgraduate Department of English** organized an extension lecture by Prof. Rumina Sethi, Chairperson, Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 'Postcolonial Theory and Literature' on 19 November, 2017. The lecture was attended by the students of post-graduation and honours in English. Prof. Sethi averred that Postcolonial theory is fundamental to the understanding of subaltern studies and is relevant in the Neo-colonial context too.

## TECHNIQUES OF SKIN CARE

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**The Department of Cosmetology and Beauty Care (CBC)** organized a talk on skin and PCOS on 29 November, 2017 in which Dr. Mehak Gupta, an aesthetician, apprised the students of various techniques such as dermaplaning, hydrafacial and other laser and peeling treatments to prevent damage to skin. A demonstration of lactic peel, glycolic peel, salicylic peel and dermaplaning was also held. Dr. Gupta also made the students aware of the symptoms of PCOS that has become very common these days. The demonstration was followed by an interactive session.

## SHRI JATINDER KUMAR MEMORIAL LECTURE

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**The Department of Music** organized the annual Shri Jatinder Kumar Memorial Lecture-cum-demonstration of Sitar recital on 24 January, 2018 in which a renowned sitar player Pt. (Dr.) Harvinder and Sh. Rajesh Malviya, a well-known tabla player, familiarized the students with the art and technique of playing sitar. Kathak danseuse Dr. Shobha Koser, Founder and Registrar, Pracheen Kala Kendra; Prof. Neera Grover, Former Head, Department of Music, SNDT University, Mumbai; Mrs. Nalini Singhal,

Regional Director, ICCR, Chandigarh, Mr. Sushil Kumar Jain, a senior artist were the prominent guests. Faculty members, research scholars and students from Panjab University and various other colleges attended the programme.

## DRUG ABUSE: PROBLEMS, PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

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**The Environment Committee** organized a lecture on ‘Drug Abuse: Problems, Prevention and Management’ on 30 November, 2017. Prof. Gulshan Kumar Bansal, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Drug Research, Punjabi University, Patiala delivered a highly informative lecture to generate awareness about the prevailing menace of drug abuse and the ways to tackle it. Asserting that prevention is better than cure, Prof. Bansal stressed on the need to sensitize people to fight it at an early stage. The lecture drew an enthusiastic response from the staff as well as students.

## ETHICAL LEADERSHIP

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**The Department of Public Administration and the Social Sciences Committee** organized a lecture on ‘Ethical Leadership’ on 25 January, 2018. Mr. Harprit R. Singh, Deputy Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, delivered this invigorating lecture. Mr. Singh discussed the strategies for cultivating leadership qualities within one’s self. He also elaborated on the issue of ethical dilemma faced by leaders, and suggested social intelligence as the greatest virtue of a successful leader.

## LEGAL ASPECTS OF WOMEN SAFETY

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**The Legal Literacy Club** organized a talk on ‘Legal Aspects of Women Safety’ by Prof. Nishtha Jaiswal, Former Chairperson, UILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 13 March, 2018. Its objective was to empower the staff and students with the knowledge of various laws of the land that guarantee safety of women in India. The girls were apprised of various laws pertaining to their rights, safety and security, especially the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (2005) and Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act (1971).



## RU-BA-RU WITH DR. PAL KAUR

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**The Department of Punjabi** organized an interactive session with the renowned Punjabi poetess and alumna of the college Dr. Pal Kaur on 15 March, 2018 to apprise the students of the rich Punjabi poetic tradition, and also infuse in them a sense of appreciation for the written word. During the session, Dr. Pal Kaur recited her poems and averred that depth of feeling combined with extensive reading of good literature is a prerequisite for writing good poetry.



# AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

## SWACCH BHARAT ABHIYAN

To observe 'Swacch Bharat Pakhwara', the **NSS Unit** organized an awareness session for the students regarding Swacch Bharat Abhiyaan on 11 August, 2017. The session was conducted by Mr. Gaurav Gaur, Assistant Professor, Centre for Social Work, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Mr. Gaur touched upon various aspects related to community cleanliness and social service. He also urged the participants to say no to polythene bags and to adopt safe sanitation practices. More than 250 students and NSS volunteers participated in the session enthusiastically.

## CYCLE RALLY FOR LEGAL AWARENESS

**The Postgraduate Department of Sociology**, in collaboration with State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) Chandigarh, organized a Cycle Rally on 15 November, 2017 to generate awareness among general public about their legal rights. The rally was flagged off by Hon'ble Justice Mr. Surya Kant, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh. Mr. Mahavir Singh, Member Secretary, SLSA Chandigarh; Mr. Amrinder Sharma, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Chandigarh; Mr. V. K. Kapoor, Retd. DGP, Haryana and Coordinator, National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and Mr. Rajeshwar Singh, Law Officer, DLSA were also present on the occasion. Justice Surya Kant motivated the youth to participate wholeheartedly in this campaign as they have a crucial role to play in ensuring inclusive growth and social justice.



## CANCER AWARENESS SESSION



**The Medical Committee** organized a Cancer Awareness session on 23 November, 2017 with the aim of apprising the staff and students of the causes, prevention and treatment of the dreaded disease. Dr. Shaveta Gupta, Obst-Gynaecologist and Gynaec-Oncologist, Max Super Specialty Hospital, Mohali conducted the session. Dr. Gupta shared insightful information about the symptoms of cancer, including breast cancer and cervix cancer, their causes and treatment. Elaborating on the ways to fight cancer, she said that regular exercise, diet modification, stress management, vaccination and regular screening can save lives from the clutches of this deadly disease.

# INDUSTRIAL VISITS/EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

## VISIT TO CHANDIGARH PRESS CLUB

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The students of the **Department of Mass Communication** visited Chandigarh Press Club to attend a special lecture on 'The State of Media and the Challenges' by Mr. Rajdeep Sardesai, a renowned TV journalist and the winner of International Broadcasters Award and Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism. The session was organized on 13 November, 2017 to equip the budding journalists with a clearer perspective of the nuances of media. Mr. Sardesai referred to ethics and technology as the two most important challenges faced by the media professionals.

## VISIT TO CREMICA FOOD INDUSTRIES

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**The Department of Food Science** organized an industrial visit to Cremica Food Industries Ltd, Ludhiana on 14 November, 2017 to promote the student-industry interface. During the visit, 66 students acquired first-hand knowledge of various food processing and preservation techniques being followed in the food industry.

## VISIT TO INTER SOLAR SYSTEMS

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**The Postgraduate Department of Economics** organized an industrial visit for its students to Inter Solar Systems (P) Ltd., Punjab on 28 November, 2017 with the objective to familiarize them with various industrial processes and also to give them a first-hand experience of the production process involved in the industry. An interactive session with the company representatives was also held.

## VISIT TO FISH SEED FARMS

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**The Department of Zoology** organized an industrial cum educational visit of 50 students to Sultan Fish Seed Farm, Karnal, Haryana on 15 October, 2017. This field visit aimed to imbibe entrepreneurial skills among students by providing the technical and general knowledge necessary for competent fisheries management. Mr. Sultan Singh, the Managing Director of the farm, demonstrated the techniques of induced fish breeding for Indian and exotic major carps. The students got an opportunity to see the actual working of Chinese hapas, nursery ponds, rearing ponds, breeding ponds and harvesting ponds.

**50 students of the Department of Zoology** visited the College of Fisheries, GADVASU, Ludhiana on 23 February, 2018 where Dr. Abhed Pandey introduced them to Freshwater Pearl Culture, and demonstrated the techniques involved in Pearl Oyster farming including Implantation Methods, Pre-operative Conditioning, Surgical Methods, Post-operative Care, Food and Feeding, and Pearl Harvest. Dr. Shanthanagouda discussed the scenario of fresh water prawn culture in India. He highlighted the sexual dimorphism in prawn species and elaborated the techniques involved in culturing of prawns.

# RESEARCH

The quality-conscious faculty and students of the college are constantly updating their knowledge base and research component. A large number of members are involved in writing books, undertaking projects, and presenting and publishing research papers at various levels - international, national, and regional. During the session 2017-18, faculty members contributed 68 research papers in peer-reviewed and indexed national and international research journals; published 18 books along with 37 chapters in various books with ISBN number, and made 100 paper presentations at various National and International Seminars/Conferences.

Following the footsteps of their teachers 26 students are pursuing Ph.D. under the guidance of MCM faculty while 57 students presented research papers at various National and International Conferences/Seminars. 25 students from different disciplines have cleared UGC NET examination and 20 participated in various Internship programmes.

Apart from publishing a refereed and peer-reviewed multi-disciplinary research journal '**New Horizons,**' the college crossed yet another milestone when it was sanctioned a **Research Centre in English** by Punjab University.

## INTERACTION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

### PARENT TEACHER MEETING

#### **The Parent Teacher Association**

of the college held its annual meeting on 14 October 2017 with the aim of synergizing parent-teacher partnership for the betterment of the students. A regular feature of the college, the PTA meeting is a unique platform to deliberate on issues of common concern, and formulate policies by including the feedback of the parents. Maj. Gen. I. P. Singh, Director, Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute, Mohali graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



He stressed upon the fact that the Parent-Teacher-Student association must become a seamless unit for transforming students into learners for life. Parents expressed appreciation for the endeavours of the college in propagating an inclusive approach to pragmatic and holistic education.

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## INTERACTION WITH ALUMNI

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MCM boasts of a highly qualified and well placed alumni who have made a mark for themselves in varied walks of life – Civil Services, Defence Forces, Academics, Creative and Performing Arts, Media and Entertainment Industry. What is more exhilarating is the fact that they all enjoy a very close bond with their alma mater. Connected to one another and the college through various channels of communication such as personal contact, Whatsapp, Facebook, and visits during various functions of the college, they continue to contribute invaluable by establishing and maintaining high standards of achievement for the younger generation to emulate. To foster a bridge between them and the current generation of students, various Committees organized several activities wherein the alumni interacted with and guided the students.

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## PROSPECTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

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**The Skill Development Committee** organized an interactive session on ‘Higher Education for students of English Literature in Foreign Universities’ on 27 April, 2018 in which two **alumni** of the college Ms. Pia Bakshi and Ms. Spriha Attray apprised the students of various prospects of higher education in the foreign universities. They enlightened the students about educational opportunities in India and abroad, with special reference to the scholarships and fellowships available for the deserving. The duo also shed light on various innovative courses that are in sync with the demands of the present times.

## PROGRAMMES FOR TEACHING FACULTY AND NON-TEACHING STAFF

Learning process for students can become effective only when the teacher is herself inspired, motivated and eager to learn and innovate so as to make teaching fruitful and enjoyable. Cognizant of the need to update and upgrade the knowledge component of the faculty, IQAC planned several programmes for the benefit of the teaching faculty.

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## WORKSHOPS ON MIS

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**The MIS Committee** organized a series of three workshops on MIS to strengthen the data collection system in the college especially pertaining to their personal information, examination and attendance. In the first workshop held on 28 November 2017, Mr. Banga, a Software professional, apprised the teaching and non-teaching faculty of various options of software available to suit the demands of the college.

To address the diverse needs and doubts regarding the MIS software, the second workshop was held on 4 April, 2018 by Mr. Sanjay, and another on 11 April, 2018 by Mr. Anil and Mr. Suman to discuss varied components and parameters which could be brought under the system. They also gave hands on training to the staff in operating the software and also interacted with the participants. The session was attended by 80 members of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college.

## WORKSHOP ON WRITING A GOOD RESEARCH PROPOSAL

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The **UGC Committee**, under the aegis of Internal Quality Assurance Cell organized a workshop on ‘Writing a Good Research Proposal’ on 5 May, 2018 in order to sensitize the faculty about the significance of quality oriented and socially relevant research. The resource person Dr. T P Singh, Assistant Professor, University Business School, Punjab University, Chandigarh familiarized the members with various qualitative features of a good research proposal which ensure its acceptance. He also dwelled upon the various schemes and grants offered by UGC, ICSSR and other government bodies. Nearly 30 members of the faculty participated in the workshop.



## WORKSHOP ON CALCULATING API SCORE

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With the aim to address the queries of the teaching faculty regarding the calculation of API scores for promotion from one stage of career to the next, the **Internal Quality Assurance Cell** organized a workshop on ‘Calculating API Score’ on 28 May, 2018. The resource person Dr. Gulshan Kumar Associate Professor, University Institute of legal studies, PU, Chandigarh deliberated upon various parameters and conditions which are crucial for the calculation of API scores for various levels. The workshop was followed by an interactive session with the participants.

## WORKSHOP ON FIRE SAFETY MEASURES

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The **Environment Committee** held a workshop on Fire Safety Measures for the Non-teaching staff of the college on 18 September 2018. Fire experts Mr. A K Kaushal and Mr. Davender Rawat apprised the participants of different kinds of fires and different ways of controlling them. A live demo was also conducted to train the participants in handling fire extinguishers.



# SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT OLD AGE HOME

The members of the **Rotaract Club** celebrated 71<sup>st</sup> Independence Day with the residents of Prabh Asara, an Old Age Home at Kurali on 15 August, 2017. The president of the club Ms. Kirti Grover and other volunteers spent quality time with the residents and also distributed gifts among them.

## VISIT TO ORPHANAGE

30 volunteers of the **NSS Unit** visited Kartar Aasra Orphanage, Chandigarh, and conducted a survey of its cleanliness and garbage disposal system on 11 September, 2017. The volunteers examined the system of garbage collection, disposal process and the level of cleanliness maintained at the orphanage. They also interacted with the residents of the institute, and sensitized them about the importance of personal hygiene.

## BLOOD DONATION CAMP

A blood donation camp was organized by the **Rotaract Club** in collaboration with the Rotary and Blood Bank Society, Chandigarh on 25 October, 2017. The camp witnessed an overwhelming response from the students and they contributed a laudable total of 110 units of blood. The Chief Guest Mr. P S Matharoo, Rotary President motivated the students to gift the needy the gift of life. Former President of Rotary, Mr. Darshan Mahendroo, Rotarians Mr. S S Gill, Mr. J K Kapoor and Ms. Lalita Grover were



also present on the occasion. They applauded the value based education system at MCM, and the sense of social responsibility exhibited by the students.

## DANDIYA NIGHT: LIVE TO GIVE

The **Rotaract Club** organized a Dandiya Night with a motto of 'Live to Give' on 10 November, 2017 as a fundraiser for the education of the daughters of Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel who had lost their lives fighting terrorists, and for the open heart surgery of an underprivileged child undergoing treatment

at PGIMER, Chandigarh. Dr. Yogesh Kumar Chawla, Former Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Mrs. Neerja Chawla, Rotarian Mr. Baldev Aggarwal, Rotarian Ms. Sartaj Lamba and doctors from ROTTO, PGIMER were also present during the event.

## WALK FOR ORGAN DONATION

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The members of the **Rotaract Club** participated in ‘More to Give’ Walkathon organized by Fortis Hospital, Mohali on 27 November, 2017 to create awareness regarding Organ Donation. Over 50 Rotaract volunteers and faculty members participated enthusiastically in the Walkathon and carried placards with organ donation slogans to create awareness for this noble cause.

## PULSE POLIO DRIVE

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**The volunteers of NSS Unit** participated in Pulse Polio Drive organized by Chandigarh Health Department from 28 to 30 January 2018. Apart from attending a training session conducted by Health Department, Chandigarh, the volunteers set up a counter outside the college premises, and also conducted a house to house visit for the next two days to administer polio drops to the children.

## WORKSHOP ON MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE FOR WOMEN

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**The Postgraduate Department of Sociology** in collaboration with an NGO, Bhumi organized a workshop on ‘Menstrual Health and Hygiene for Women’ at the Government Model High School, Sector 36, Chandigarh on 19 February 2018. During the event, an interactive session was conducted by the faculty members and students of the college to burst various myths associated with the menstrual cycle. A documentary highlighting the importance of menstrual health was also screened for the benefit of the school girls. The session concluded with the donation of around 130 sanitary packs by the students to the needy girls of the school.

## DRIVE TO DONATE A PAD

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**The Women Development Cell and NSS unit** organized a 3-day awareness drive about menstrual hygiene titled ‘Donate a Pad’ from 16 to 18 April, 2018. It targeted the female residents of its adopted village Badheri. During the drive, the staff and students donated sanitary pads to the women of the village.

Dr. Parminder Kaur, Consultant, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Fortis Hospital, Mohali, delivered an informative lecture on ‘Women Health and Hygiene.’ Dr. Kaur reiterated that talking about mensuration is not a taboo and women should be aware of issues related to their health.



# NEW ENDEAVOURS

## SELF-DEFENCE TRAINING



The **NSS Unit** and the faculty of **Police Administration** organized a 10-day Self-Defence Training course from 20 November 2017 in collaboration with Swayam - Women Self-Defence Training Cell of Chandigarh Police (Women Cell) in which a combination of activities like drill and karate were taught to the volunteers. Focussing on augmenting the physical strength as well as alertness of the participants, the training session received an enthusiastic response from more than 100 students.

## ARTIFICIAL FOREST

In an innovative initiative, the **Department of Botany** and **NSS Units**, under the aegis of the ‘Swachhata Mission’ introduced by the Government of India, created an artificial forest on a patch of land (approximately 95× 30 feet) on the campus. The initiative is a move towards a cleaner, greener and a healthier environment. Plants being a vital source of water in the ecosystem, remain active players in the water cycle as they absorb ground water through their stems and roots, and return it to the environment through their leaves by the invisible process of transpiration. Thus, they add the much-needed moisture to the environment and maintain temperature balance of the atmosphere. Inaugurated by the Honorable Mayor of Chandigarh, Shri Davesh Moudgil, the forest has more than 40 plants of medicinal and economic relevance, including *Simarouba glauca* DC., *Withania somnifera* (L.) Dunal, *Pyrus communis* L., *Cascabela thevetia* (L.) Lippold, *Butea monosperma* (Lam.) Taub. etc. were obtained from the botanical garden at Sarangpur with the support of the Forest Department, Chandigarh.





## ACHIEVEMENTS IN ACADEMICS

The quality of teaching-learning received a tremendous boost when our students made a mark for themselves in the results of Panjab University Examinations and bagged top slots. Keeping up the tradition, this year too, MCM results were far better than those of the university, and many students did the college proud by securing merit positions in various classes in 2017-18.

S. No.	Name	Course	Semester	Position in PU
1	Somya Bhardwaj	M.A. Psychology	Sem-I	I
2	Anmol Preet	M.A. Economics	Sem-III	I
3	Priyanka Bhatia	M.Sc. Mathematics	Sem-II	I
4	Nidhi Arora	M.A Economics	Sem-IV	I
5	Punyaapriya	M.A. Psychology	Sem – III	II
6	Harsimran Kaur	M.A. Psychology	Sem – I	II
7	Sakshi Awasthy	M.A. Economics	Sem – I	II
8	Neelam Oberoi	M.A. Economics	Sem – III	II
9	Jasleen Kaur	M.A English	Sem-II	II
10	Sakshi Awasthy	M.A Economics	Sem-II	II
11	Tanya Sharma	M. A Psychology	Sem-IV	II
12	Reetika	M.Com	Sem – I	III
13	Pranjali Jain	M.A. Psychology	Sem – III	III
14	Ravtesh Kaur	M.A. Psychology	Sem – I	III
15	Nidhi Arora	M.A. Economics	Sem – III	III
16	Anjali Gulati	M.A. Psychology	Sem – I	IV
17	Swati Garg	M.A. Economics	Sem – I	IV
18	Neelam Oberoi	M.A Economics	Sem-IV	IV
19	Karuna Yadav	M. A Psychology	Sem-II	IV
20	Tanya Arora	M.A English	Sem-II	IV
21	Akshita Middha	M.A. Psychology	Sem – III	V

22	Anchita Sakhuja	M.A. Economics	Sem – III	V
23	Ravtesh Kaur	M. A Psychology	Sem-II	V
24	Sanskriti Sharma	M.A. Psychology	Sem-IV	V
25	Sunaina Singh	M.A. Psychology	Sem – III	VI
26	Vibhu	M.A. Psychology	Sem – I	VI
27	Samriti Garg	M.A. Economics	Sem – I	VI
28	Megha	M.A. Economics	Sem – III	VI
29	Anchita Sakhuja	M.A Economics	Sem-IV	VI
30	Noordeep Kaur	M. A Sociology	Sem-II	VI
31	Somya Bharadwaj	M. A Psychology	Sem-II	VI
32	Simratpal Kaur	M.A Sociology	Sem – I	VII
33	Parul Jain	M.A. Economics	Sem – III	VII
34	Anmol Preet	M.A Economics	Sem-IV	VII
35	Amanat Dhiman	M. A Psychology	Sem-II	VII
36	Vibhu	M. A Psychology	Sem-II	VII
37	Bhavya	M.A Sociology	Sem – III	VIII
38	Deepti Trika	M.A. Psychology	Sem – III	VIII
39	Vitika Mohapatra	M.A. Economics	Sem – I	VIII
40	Kanika Gupta	M.A. Economics	Sem – III	VIII
41	Shilpa Sharma	M.Sc. Mathematics	Sem-II	VIII
42	Prachi Singh	M.A Economics	Sem-IV	VIII
43	Manisha Devi	M.Sc. Mathematics	Sem – III	IX
44	Jahanvi Sachdeva	M. A Psychology	Sem-IV	IX
45	Vandana	M. A English	Sem-IV	IX
46	Anjali Gulati	M. A Psychology	Sem-II	IX
47	Aditi Kaushish	M.A. Psychology	Sem – I	X
48	Katyani Joshi	M.A. Economics	Sem – III	X
49	Harjeet Kaur	M.Sc. Mathematics	Sem-II	X

50	Kanika	M. A Sociology	Sem-II	X
<b>POSITIONS IN HONOURS</b>				
51	Shreya Dhingra	B.A. III	Economics	I
52	Vidisha Kaushik	B.A. III	English	I
53	Tarannum Caur Sodhi	B.A. III	History	I
54	Gursimranjeet	B.A. III	Public Administration	I
55	Meenu Deswal	B.A. III	Sociology	I
56	Anant kaur	B.A. III	Economics	II
57	Deepti Tayal	B.A. III	Political Science	II
58	Padma Angmo	B.A. III	Public Administration	II
59	Dreamsy Manchanda	B.Sc. III	Physics	II
60	Pragati Kashyap	B.A. III	Public Administration	III
61	Tanya Gupta	B.A. III	History	III
62	Nandani Agarwal	B.A. III	History	IV
63	Shivakshi Tegta	B.A. III	Public Administration	IV
64	Madhu	B.A. III	Political Science	V
65	Ishu Chaudhary	B.A. III	Psychology	V
66	Shreya Slathia	B.A. III	Public Administration	V
67	Aakansha Bhatia	B.A. III	Sociology	V
68	Priyanka Bedi	B.Sc. III	Physics	V
69	Arunima Kapila	B.Com III	Training & Development	V
70	Richa Bansal	B.A. III	Economics	VI
71	Apoorva Thakur	B.A. III	English	VI
72	Chetishtha Malik	B.A. III	Political Science	VI
73	Riya Bansal	B.A. III	Sociology	VI
74	Arshveer	B.Sc. III	Physics	VI
75	Jasmeen Kaur	B.A. III	Economics	VII

76	Aneesha Pental	B.A. III	English	VII
77	Sudiksha	B.A. III	History	VII
78	Shruti Poonia	B.A. III	Psychology	VII
79	Monisha Sood	B.A. III	Sociology	VII
80	Kirandeep Kaur	B.A. III	Economics	VIII
81	Mawya Sudan	B.A. III	Political Science	VIII
82	Kajal	B.A. III	Public Administration	VIII
83	Shubhangi Futella	B.A. III	Economics	IX
84	Saskhi Rana	B.A. III	Public Administration	IX
85	Ritika	B.Sc. III	Physics	IX
86	Damandeep Kaur	B.Com III	Training & Development	IX
87	Nidhi Bindal	B.A. III	Economics	X
88	Ankita Sharma	B.A. III	History	X
89	Shreya Batra	B.A. III	Psychology	X
90	Gargi Kanwar	B.A. III	Sociology	X
91	Ravneet Kaur	B.A. III	Training & Development	X
<b>B.A/B.Sc./B.Com/BCA</b>				
92	Nisha Chaudhary	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-III	I
93	Shania Saini	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-I	I
94	Sanveer Kaur	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem – V	I
95	Sanveer Kaur	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem –VI	I
96	Himanshi Bansal	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-III	II
97	Anureet Kaur	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-I	II
98	Vani Angra	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem – V	II
99	Shayna Chhabra	B.Sc.	Sem-V	II
100	Suman	B.Com	Sem – I	II

101	Dharna Sharma	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem -VI	II
102	Bahaar Hundal	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-III	III
103	Aditi Bhagat	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-I	III
104	Navreen Kaur	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem – V	III
105	Tanvi Gulati	B.Com	Sem – I	III
106	Komal Agrahari	B.B.A	Sem – III	III
107	Arnavi Sagar	B.A	Sem – III	III
108	Vani Angra	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem –VI	III
109	Nistha Pattar	B.Com	Sem – IV	III
110	Purva Aggarwal	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-III	IV
111	Manjotpreet Kaur	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-I	IV
112	Dharna Sharma	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem – V	IV
113	Prashasti Bharadwaj	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem –VI	IV
114	Ramanpreet Kaur	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-III	V
115	Anju Jeena	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-I	V
116	Aishwarya Dhiman	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem – V	V
117	Aishwarya Dhiman	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem –VI	V
118	Suman	B.Com II Sem	Sem-II	V
119	Roopasana Dhillon	B.C.A	Sem- IV	V
120	Kanika	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-III	VI
121	Vanshika Sharma	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-I	VI
122	Navya	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem – V	VI
123	Mehak Arora	B.Com	Sem – I	VI
124	Roopasana Dhillon	B.C.A	Sem – III	VI
125	Navreen Kaur	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem –VI	VI
126	Shruti Soni	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-III	VII

127	Simerpreet Kaur	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-I	VII
128	Simran Sharma	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem – V	VII
129	Kashish Goyal	B.C.A	Sem – V	VII
130	Ramandeep Kaur Virk	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem –VI	VII
131	Kangan K	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-III	VIII
132	Parul Joshi	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-I	VIII
133	Prashasti Bhardwaj	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem – V	VIII
134	Prabhsimran Kaur	B.C.A	Sem – V	VIII
135	Palak Soni	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem –VI	VIII
136	Tanvi	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-III	IX
137	Muskaan Sachdeva	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-I	IX
138	Nitika Sharma	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem – V	IX
139	Aarzo Jindal	B.Sc.	Sem – V	IX
140	Tamanna	B.Com	Sem – I	IX
141	Arti Nautiyal	B.A	Sem – III	IX
142	Navpreet Kaur	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem –VI	IX
143	Mridula Khurana	B.C.A	Sem- IV	IX
144	Mahima	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-III	X
145	Manvi Jindal	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem-I	X
146	Ramandeep Kaur	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem – V	X
147	Shruti	B.A	Sem – I	X
148	Saloni Bakshi	B.C.A	Sem – III	X
149	Simran Sharma	B.Sc. M.F.T	Sem –VI	X
150	Tanvi Gulati	B.Com	Sem-II	X
151	Anamika	B.C.A	Sem – IV	X
152	Aishwarya Jain	PGDMC	Sem – I	VIII
153	Aishwarya Jain	PGDMC	Sem- II	VIII

# ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS

The College continued to maintain high levels of performance in sports too. In the session 2017-18, sportswomen of the college participated and won laurels in 7 International, 45 National/University level and 191 State level competitions. The College also won the **General Efficiency Shield for Sports in the year 2017-2018 for a record 38<sup>th</sup> time** in its existence of 50 years.



Our sportswomen bagged the following positions in the events held at various levels.

Name of Student	Game	Medal/Position	Event
Taniya Bhatia	Cricket	Gold	Challenger Cricket Trophy at <b>Australia</b>
Natasha	Rollball	Gold	South Asian Rollball Championship at <b>Nepal</b>
Chahat Arora	Swimming	Bronze	Asian Age Group Swimming Competition at <b>Kazakhstan</b>
Ankita Baidya	Artistic Gymnastics	Gold	All India Inter-University Artistic Gymnastics Championship at Kurukshetra
Susmita Halder	Artistic Gymnastics	Gold	All India Inter-University Artistic Gymnastics Championship at Kurukshetra
Avneet Kaur	Boxing	Gold	All India Inter-University Boxing Championship at Chandigarh
Chahat Arora	Swimming	Gold in Breast Stroke	Senior National Swimming Championship at Bangalore

Palak Kour Bijral	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Gold	All India Inter-University Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship at Kurukshetra
Chahat Arora	Swimming	Gold in 200 m Breast Stroke	All India Inter-University Swimming Championship at Chandigarh
		Gold in 400 m Breast Stroke	All India Inter-University Swimming Championship at Chandigarh
		Gold in 800 m Breast Stroke	All India Inter-University Swimming Championship at Chandigarh
Savita	Boxing	Silver	All India Inter-University Boxing Championship at Chandigarh
Romila	Canoeing	Silver	28th National Canoeing Sprint Event at Kerala
Chahat Arora	Swimming	Silver in 50 m	All India Inter-University Swimming Championship at Chandigarh
		Bronze in 100 m	All India Inter-University Swimming Championship at Chandigarh
Inderpreet	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Bronze	All India Inter-University Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship at Kurukshetra
Chahat Arora	Swimming	Bronze 100 m Freestyle	All India Inter-University Swimming Championship at Chandigarh
		Bronze 50 m Freestyle	All India Inter-University Swimming Championship at Chandigarh
Monika	Wushu	Bronze	All India Inter-University Wushu Championship at Rohtak
Natasha	Roller Sports	Bronze	All India Inter-University Roller Sports Championship at Jammu University
		Fourth Position	All India Inter-University Roller Sports Championship at Jammu University
		Fourth Position	All India Inter-University Roller Sports Championship at Jammu University



Kavita, Ankita, Ramandeep, Harpreet, Maina and Manisha were part of the winning team.	Rugby	Gold Team event	All India Inter-University Rugby Championship 15 a side at Patiala.
Romila Devi	Canoeing	Gold Team event	All India Inter -University Canoeing C4-200m Championship at Sukhna Lake Chandigarh
		Gold Team event	All India Inter-University C4-1000m Canoeing Championship at Sukhna Lake Chandigarh
		Gold Team event	All India Inter-University Canoeing C4-5km Championship at Sukhna Lake Chandigarh
		Gold Team event	All India Inter-University Canoeing C4-500m Championship at Sukhna Lake Chandigarh
Kavita, Kiran, Ankita, Ankita, Chhavi, Pooja and Pushpa were part of the winning team	Handball	Silver Team event	All India Inter-University Handball Championship at Shimla and LPU Phagwara
Nimrat Kaur	Soft Tennis	Silver Team event	All India Inter-University Soft Tennis Championship at Patiala
Reshma	Tug Of War	Silver Team event	All India Tug Of War Inter-University Championship at GNDU
Sanjana, Karen and Nikita were part of the winning team.	Inline Hockey	Silver Team event	All India Inter- University Inline Hockey Championship at Jammu
Karen and Sanjana were part of the winning team.	Quard Hockey	Silver Team event	All India Inter-University Quard Hockey Championship at Jammu
Kavita, Ramandeep, Harpreet, Maina, Manisha and Ankita were part of the winning team.	Rugby	Bronze Team event	All India Inter-University Rugby Championship at Patiala
Romila	Canoeing	Bronze Team event	28 <sup>th</sup> National Canoeing Sprint Event at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh
Namita, Lekha, Ankita Baidya and Susmita Halder were part of the winning team.	Artistic Gymnastics	Bronze Team event	All India Inter- University Artistic Gymnastics Championship at Kurukshetra
Palak Kour Bijral	Gymnastics	First	PU Inter- College Gymnastics Championship, Chandigarh
Chahat Arora	Gymnastics	First	PU Inter- College Gymnastics Championship, Chandigarh

MCM Team	Cricket	First	PU Inter- College Cricket Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Squash	First	PU Inter- College Squash Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Kabaddi	First	PU Inter- College Kabaddi Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Gymnastics	First	PU Inter- College Gymnastics Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Rugby	First	PU Inter- College Rugby Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Handball	First	PU Inter- College Handball Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Swimming	First	PU Inter- College Swimming Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Roller Sports	First	PU Inter- College Roller Sports Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Football	Second	PU Inter- College Football Championship, Chandigarh
Pushpa	Athletics	Second	PU Inter- College Athletics Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Badminton	Second	PU Inter- College Badminton Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Tennis	Second	PU Inter- College Tennis Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Malkhambh	Second	PU Inter- College Malkhambh Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	E-Sports	Second	PU Inter- College E-Sports Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Rowing	Second	PU Inter- College Rowing Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Ball Badminton	Second	PU Inter- College Ball Badminton Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Fencing	Third	PU Inter- College Fencing Championship, Chandigarh
MCM Team	Canoeing-Kayaking	Third	PU Inter- College Canoeing-Kayaking Championship, Chandigarh

# ACHIEVEMENTS IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The students of the college kept alive the tradition of winning laurels by making their mark in numerous events in Panjab University Youth and Heritage Festivals held at National College for Women, Machhiwara from 22nd September to 25th September 2017.

Events	Name	Positions
Classical Vocal	Divya Bhatt	I
Light Vocal (Geet/Ghazal)	Divya Bhatt	I
Group Shabad (Individual)	Mahima Chaudhary	I
Group Song (Individual)	Divya Bhatt	I
Percussion	Ivneet Kaur	I
Poster Making	Mahima	I
Collage Making	Japnit	I
Cartooning	Deepika	I
Mitti De Khidone	Shaima	I
Rasssa Vatna	Ambika Sood	I
Debate	Ayushee	I
Skit	Parul, Sehajpreet, Rabiapreet , Arshdeep Gurleen, Alisha	I
Group Song	Mahima, Namita, Khyati, Shweta, Divya, Jaspreet	II
Group Shabad	Mahima, Namita, Khyati, Shweta, Divya, Jaspreet	II
Ladies Traditional(Individual)	Dewanshi	II
Non Percussion	Riya Chauhan	II
Indian Orchestra	Amandeep, Ivneet, Harjot, Ritika, Swati, Gurmehar, Aarushi, Riya	II
Indian Orchestra(Individual)	Riya Chauhan	II
On The Spot Painting	Mehar Kaur	II
Installation	Gauri, Faiqa, Rajita, Amy	II
Rangoli	Akshita	II
Guddiyan Patole	Rumneet	II
Quiz	Jahnavi Taak, Jasnoor Kaur Batth, Pawandeep Kaur	II
Poetry Writing	Vidisha Kaushik	II
Story Writing	Manveen	II
Folk Song	Jaspreet Kaur	III
Clay Modelling	Meher Vadhera	III
Knitting	Shikha	III
Naala Making	Chynika	III
Khiddo Making	Mallika	III

Debate	Aneesha	III
Histrionics	Jasmine Mann	III

## INTER-ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL SESSION 2017-18

Event	Student's Name	Position
Light Vocal ( Geet/Ghazal)	Divya Bhatt	I
Poster Making	Mahima	I
Poetry Writing	Vidisha Kaushik	I
Classical Vocal	Divya Bhatt	II
Cartooning	Deepika	II
Skit (Individual Category)	Rabiapreet Gill	II
Percussion	Ivneet Kaur	III
Skit	Parul, Sehajpreet, Rabiapreet, Arshdeep, Gurleen, Alisha	III
<b>INTER UNIVERSITY (NORTH ZONE) YOUTH FESTIVAL</b>		
Poster Making	Mahima	I

## ACCOLADES BEYOND BOUNDARIES

The **Drama Team** of the college including Paramjit Kaur, Jagdeep Kaur, Jasmine Mann, Tripti Dhingra, Jasleen Kaur, Kovida Mehta, Gurleen Pannu, Mithila Mahajan, Arshiya Chandel and Jasleen Kaur won the first place in the category of Nukkad Naatak in the **PEC Fest** held at Panjab Engineering College, Chandigarh on 27-28 October 2017 and bagged a direct entry into the **National Youth Festival** of Professional Colleges, held at IIT Mumbai. The same team participated in and qualified for the final round, and was among top four out of the 59 participating teams at the Asia's largest Youth Festival - Mood Indigo, IIT, Mumbai held from 22 to 25 December 2017. In the same fest, the Skit team of the college comprising Alisha Kaushik, Gurleen



Pannu, Sehaj Kaur Bath, Parul Bakshi, Rabia Preet Gill and Mithila Mahajan bagged second position in Skit.

In an Inter-college **Skit Competition** held at Post Graduate Government College, Sector 11, Chandigarh on 23 January 2018, the Drama team comprising Paramjit Kaur, Avnoor Makhoo, Jasmine Mann, Alisha Kaushik, Gurleen Pannu, Mithila Mahajan and Arshiya Chandel bagged second position, along with a cash prize of Rs. 3,000.



Cadet Aliya Sharma was declared the Best Cadet at the National Integration Camp, Kerala (2017-18).

In the **Rose Festival** organized by the Panjab University, Chandigarh on 9 February 2018, Vaishali and Kriti from the Department of Home Science bagged second and third prizes respectively in Flower Arrangement. In **Scifiesta** hosted by Doaba College, Jalandhar on 15 February 2018, Muskan and Ifsha from the Department of Home Science clinched first position in the preparation of Scientific Food. Our students bagged eleven prizes in the Flower Arrangement and Garlands Making Competition at the **Rose Festival** organized by the Chandigarh Administration on 23 February 2018.

Ayushee Arora bagged second prize in the **A C Bali Memorial Declamation Contest** organized by the Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh. At **Litmania** hosted by Kanya Mahavidyalya, Jalandhar on 31 August 2018, Reetika stood third in Double Dealer, Devyanshi got third position in poetry recitation, while Manishika, Aditi, Sukriti, Shubhanshi and Devyanshi bagged third prize in the enactment of the play *King Lear*.

In a **Cookery Contest** held during the Nutrition Week organized by Government Home Science College, Sector-10, Chandigarh on 31 August 2018, Alisha from the Department of Home Science won a Consolation Prize in Healthy (Nutritious Tiffin) category.

At the **Akshay Urja Diwas** held at Government Home Science College, Chandigarh on 18 August 2017, Deepika secured the first, and Mahima got the second position in Poster Making Competition. In another contest organized by the Environment Society of Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector 11, Chandigarh to commemorate Akshay Urja Diwas on 19 August 2017, Deepika secured first place in Poster Making Competition and Rajita stood third in the Face Painting Competition.

Riya secured second position in Poster Making Competition at the **National Cultural Fest** organized by Chandigarh University on 9-10 February 2018, and at **PRAZNIK** Annual Fest of University Institute of Applied Management Sciences, Sector 25, Chandigarh on 9-10 March. She got the third place at **SCITRON, Panjab University, Chandigarh** in Poster Making. Deepika Gautam bagged 2<sup>nd</sup> position in T-Shirt painting and Poster Making at **PHEONIX** – the Cultural Fest organized by SD College Chandigarh and **GOONJ** hosted by UIET, Chandigarh.

At both, the **Sanatan Dharma Model United Nations Conference** held on 3-4 February 2018 at SD College, Sector-32, Chandigarh, and the **UIET MUN**, Panjab University, Chandigarh held on 24-25 March 2018, Rajita Kaushal was declared the Best Caricaturist and got a Cash Prize of Rs. 2200/-.

During the **National Library Week** celebrations at the T S Central State Library on 17 November 2017, Riya stood second, Deepika got the third, and Gargi bagged a consolation prize in the Poster Making Competition.

At the **National Science Fest** sponsored by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India held at Doaba College, Jalandhar on 5 February 2018, Faiqa got the Best Awareness Creating Scientific Painting Award. Shaima got the first place in Clay Modelling at **PRATIBHA- a Youth Festival** held by Gian Jyoti Institutue of Management and Technology, Mohali on 17 March 2018.

Navyuggeet Brar of the Department of Punjabi stood first in a **Declamation Contest** organized by Desh Bhagat Yadgaar Committee, Jalandhar on the topic ‘Aurat di Surakhya ate Samaj di Manodasha’ held on 30 October 2017. In a Quiz Competition organized by **Bhasha Vibhag, Punjab** at Shivalik Public School, Sector 41 – B, Chandigarh on 30 October 2017, Hasrat and Gursimranjeet stood second and third respectively.

At **ELATION 2018** – a Cultural Fest organized by Amity Global Business School, Mohali held on 7 April 2018, Aarzo and Sahib bagged first and second prizes respectively in Calligraphy; Faiqa got the first place in Sketching while Pozia bagged the second prize in T-Shirt Painting. Naina Bhatia secured the first prize in a Painting Contest organized by the Department of Alumni Relations on 7 April 2018.

## INFRASTRUCTURAL UPGRADATION UNDER THE AEGIS OF RUSA IN 2017-18

The RUSA Committee of the college made an optimum utilization of the Infrastructure Grant of Rs.1 Crore received from the MHRD, Government of India in 2017 for the infrastructural upgradation in the institution. The funding by RUSA, received under varied heads including New Construction: 35 lakhs, Renovation and Refurbishment: 35 lakhs and Equipment and Knowledge Resources: 30 lakhs, was judiciously spent on various projects to improve and strengthen the infrastructural amenities; promote alternate energy resources, and also to provide facilities for the qualitative enhancement of classroom teaching.



The commitment of the college to the cause of environment led to the establishment and promotion of Alternate Energy Resources in the form of a **Biogas Plant** with the technical assistance of PEDA for solid-waste management and sustainable development. Compost Pits were constructed to utilize the bio-peel collected from the hostel mess. The gas produced from the Bio-gas plant is being used in the college canteen.

A **25 kWp Solar Photovoltaic Panel** was also installed in order to reduce the use of electric energy. This project was completed at the cost of Rs 13.75 lakhs. 10 integrated **Solar Lights** were also installed in the hostel and college campus.

While new **water storage tanks, mattresses and hot-water dispensers** were added to the college hostel, **Kabaddi Mats** and other sports facilities were procured for our young sports-women. Repair of furniture, up gradation of facilities in Seminar Hall, administrative office and classrooms was undertaken. Apart from the renovation of washrooms for the teaching and non-teaching faculty at an estimated cost of Rs 3.82 lakhs, repair of the Chemistry Laboratory at cost of Rs 8.5 lakhs was also carried out.



With the aim to update learning resources, a **Digital Lounge** was set up in the hostel, and books were added to the library. Projectors, screens and other **pedagogical aids** were installed to facilitate teaching-learning environment. **Equipments** like servers, UPS and printers were procured for ensuring smooth academic and administrative functioning in the college. Centrifuge, fume-hood, digital pH meter and refrigerators were also added to the laboratories.

## NEW CONSTRUCTION

### A STEP TOWARDS SWACHH BHARAT

To facilitate the flagship mission of **Swachh Bharat**, the construction of **new washrooms** and support units in the college was undertaken by the RUSA team. In view of the increased number of admission-seekers in the recent years, the construction of 15 new washrooms for the students was completed.

## GLOBAL INTERFACE

### ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS: INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY



The **Postgraduate Department of Economics** and the **Department of Philosophy** hosted Prof. Pritam Singh, D. Phil, Professor of Economics, **Oxford Brookes Business School, Headington Campus, Oxford, UK**, who delivered an extension lecture on ‘Environmental Ethics: Individual and Collective Responsibility’ on 18 January 2018. The periodical lecture was sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research. Prof. Singh opined that Eco-Capitalism needs to be replaced by Eco-Socialism as the profit driven character of capitalism is inherently environmentally destructive. He called for the adoption of a new economic paradigm of prosperity contextual to the present times.



## EXTENSION LECTURE ON LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION

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Prof. Margaret Soloman, Department of Administration and Leadership, **La Sierra University, California** and two-time Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Scholar was the key speaker at an extension lecture cum interactive session organized by the Skill Development Committee on the issue of 'Leadership challenges in Education of 21st century on 22 November 2017. The session aimed to identify and discuss the challenging issues being faced by educational institutions, especially in India. Prof. Soloman apprised the students of the relevance of transformational leadership, knowledge creation and communication skills in the contemporary scenario.

## VISITORS FROM NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY

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Under a 15-day Student Exchange Programme of Panjab University, Chandigarh, 16 students from **Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom** visited the college to interact with the faculty and students on 12 April 2018. The students were accompanied by Dr. Monika Aggarwal, Associate Professor, UIAMS, PU; Dr. Tirthankar Bhattacharya, Chairperson, Department of Fine Arts, PU and Mrs. Sarita, DIS office, Panjab University, Chandigarh. On the occasion, the college students presented a colourful cultural programme that included musical performances by students of the Department of Music, poetry recitation by the members of Mukhtalif - the poetry society of MCM, and an enthralling Bhangra performance. The visitors had a first-hand experience of the richness of the cultural heritage of India as they heard, enjoyed and also played various musical instruments, and danced to the tune of traditional Punjabi songs.

## WORKSHOP ON RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

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The Skill Development Committee hosted Dr. Peter Gray, Research Advisor (European Projects), Institute for Teacher Education, **Norwegian University of Science and Technology** in collaboration with **London School of Management Education (LSME)** for a workshop on 'Educating for Responsible Leadership in the context of UN Sustainable Development Goals' on 11 April 2018 to encourage discussion on the incorporation of values of global social responsibility into academic activities, curricula and organizational practices. Board Member, LSME Dr. Ravi Kumar, Executive Director, LSME, Dr. Sarita Parhi, Principal, LSME, Prof. Suresh Sharma,

Department of Statistics and Coordinator, Centre for Systems Biology and Bioinformatics, PU, Chandigarh, and Prof. S K Chadha, UBS and Honorary Director, Central Placement Cell, Panjabi University, Chandigarh were the noted guests on the occasion.

## MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING

The college, in order to fortify the academia-industry interface, has signed several Memoranda of Understanding with different industries. These include MOUs with

- Ramky Enviro Engineers Ltd, a unit of Punjab Waste Management Project Mohali for E-Waste Management.
- Bonn Nutrients Private Ltd., Ludhiana.
- Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute, Mohali for the conduct of academic training of the lady cadets of AFPI.
- Molecular Diagnostics and Research Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. For facilitating summer training, workshops, curriculum development and research projects for students of B. Sc MFT.
- Cremica Food Industries Ltd, Ludhiana for course development and research projects.
- Jonjua Overseas Pvt. Ltd. (Regd.) to promote summer internships, field visits and projects.

# ENHANCING EMPLOYABILITY QUOTIENT



The Placement Cell organized various training, placement and internship activities for the students in the session 2017-18 in which reputed companies conducted their respective placement drives within the campus. The Cell also organized workshops and extension lectures for enhancing the employability skills of the students.

Some of the companies which visited the campus for conducting placement drives include Ernst and Young, Infosys, Wipro, Go Air Airlines, Hindustan Times, Concentrix, Convergys, Tommy Hilfiger, Tata Strive, Shaping Careers, IDSIL, Tech Mahindra, Geeks Technical Solutions, Exim Enterprises Chandigarh, ICICI Bank, eClerks, Cvent, Punjab Agro Department, Wise Media and Life Cells. A total of 219 students were selected for full time/paid internships by various companies during the session 2017-18. The average salary package per student was Rs. 2 lacs while the maximum pay package of the selected students amounted to Rs. 4.40 lacs.

The Cell also conducted an E-skill programme sponsored by E-clerk and NASSCOMM as its quality partner to provide a 100 hour training module to 59 students for non-voice profile.

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