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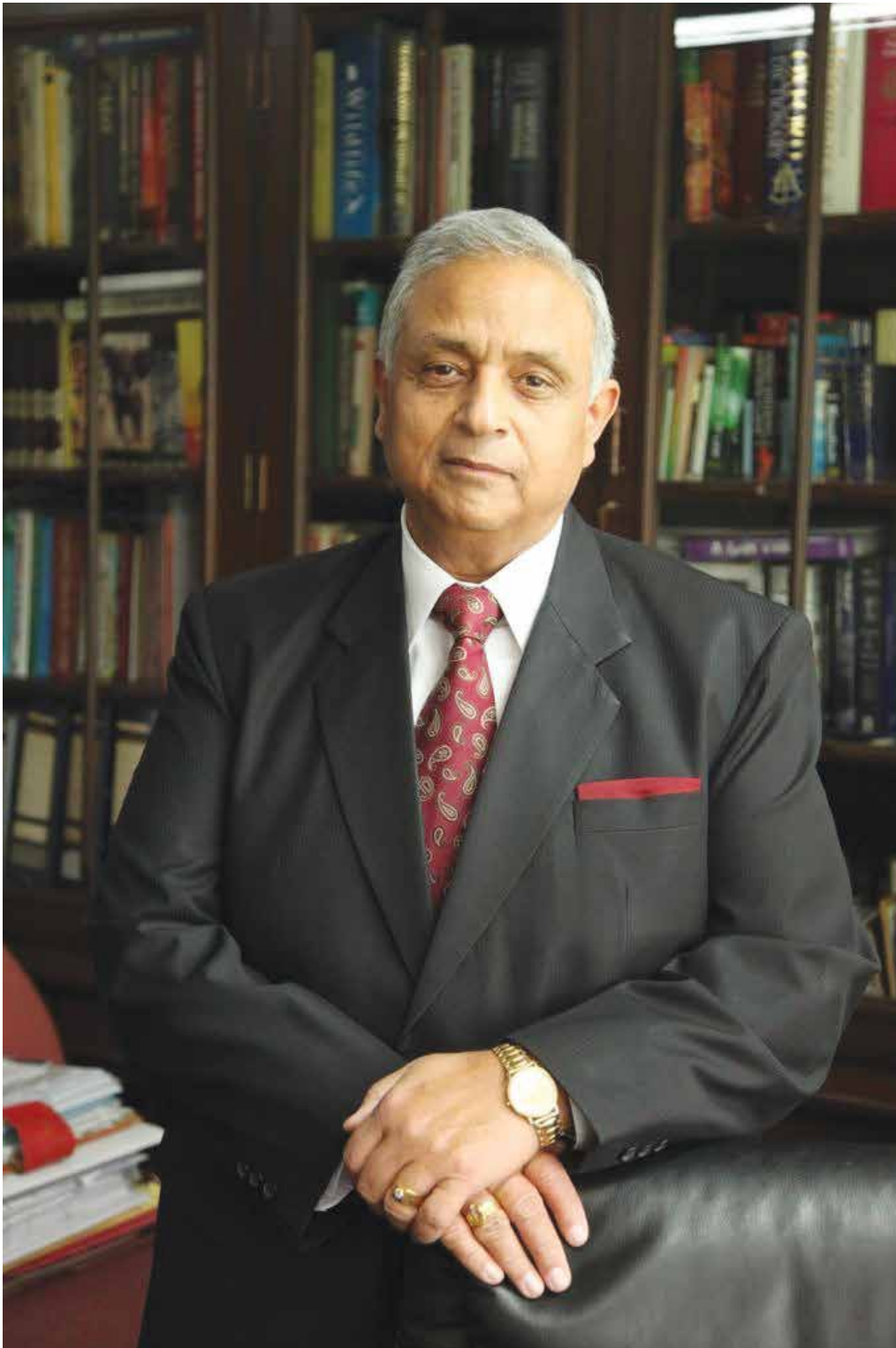
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Our Beacon of Light



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Our Guide and Mentor



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From the Principal's Desk

Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women stands on the threshold of a new beginning as we usher into the Golden Jubilee year of our inception. As we look back at 50 years of a rich legacy, we reiterate our firm commitment to empowering the young girls through education. It gives me immense pleasure to share that the institution remains steadfast in its academic endeavours, vibrant in the cultural diversity and consistent in the arena of sports. Each year, we set new benchmarks in our pursuit of excellence.

Our mission of providing 'Quality education in quality ambience' has been duly acknowledged as we were reaccredited with Grade 'A' by the National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) in 2016. We have been ranked among the topmost institutions by the renowned magazine 'India Today' for our forward-looking academic endeavours.

In view of the rapid technological advancements, higher education faces numerous challenges today. Innovative research, Skill-development and entrepreneurship have added new dimensions to the academic spectrum all over the world.. Therefore, teaching faculty as well as the students must hone their skills and meet the requisite parameters to rise to the occasion. It is heartening to share that we have received Preparatory and Infrastructure

Grant under the aegis of Rashtriya Ucchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), a flagship mission of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). Various workshops, Awareness Programmes and Remedial Classes organised under RUSA have given a strong impetus to the academic growth in the institution. A sincere effort was made to adhere to the spirit of this mission so as to ensure an optimum utilisation of the grant.

Infrastructure Grant released under RUSA has targeted the need of the hour by synergizing conventional education with skill-based learning. Up gradation of laboratories, smart classrooms and augmentation of knowledge resources have brought about qualitative improvement in the teaching-learning process. Moreover, administrative functioning, too, has become more smooth and robust due to the Infrastructural additions in the office. Grant received under the aegis of RUSA has, truly, led to a holistic transformation of the institution.

It gives me a deep sense of fulfilment as we release the RUSA Newsletter which showcases our endeavours to strengthen the academic environment through tangible infrastructural growth under the aegis of RUSA. It is an acknowledgement of the immense support which we have received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). I take this opportunity to thank the Honourable Secretary (Education), Sh B.L. Sharma, IAS, State Project Director, Mr Rubinderjit Brar, PCS and the Additional State Project Director, Dr Dalip Kumar, for their valuable cooperation during this stimulating journey.

I express my deep gratitude to DAV College Mangaging Committee for its visionary role and for providing a congenial environment for human and institutional growth.

I congratulate MCM RUSA Team for contributing to the immense growth of the institution by utilising the RUSA grant in a meticulously-planned manner.

I wish my team great success in all future endeavours.



Dr Nisha Bhargava

Principal

Vision

To attain higher levels of access, equity and excellence in the state higher education system with greater efficiency, transparency, accountability and responsiveness.

Objectives

- Dedicated to improving equity in higher education by providing adequate opportunities.
- Ensures adequate availability of quality faculty and capacity building at all levels.
- Empowers the institution to develop capabilities to plan, implement and monitor initiatives for higher education.

RASHTRIYA UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA ABHIYAN– A PATH BREAKING INITIATIVE

It fills me with immense pleasure to recount my association with RUSA, the flagship mission of the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Our RUSA journey commenced with a promising step as the first instalment of the Preparatory Grant was released in January 2016 to revolutionize the Higher Education Sector. And, there has been no looking back ever since as the academic ambience in the institution has been rejuvenated with a flourish.



With consistent support of the Management and enthusiastic participation of the faculty and students, a host of programmes were organised during the academic session 2015-16. Session 2016-17 witnessed more invigorating programmes which were designed to reconcile the shifting paradigms in the field of education. RUSA Infrastructure Grant released during 2017-18 has further accelerated the academic growth in the institution and we continue our efforts towards skill-based teaching-learning process.

As I look back, I feel that my association with RUSA has been a great learning experience. Technical expertise for Geo-tagging of all the events and projects, intricacies involved in the purchase of equipment from GeM and transparency of Public Fund Monitoring System have shown the careful thought of the policy-makers to ensure flawless implementation of this project.

As we release RUSA Newsletter to acknowledge the financial assistance we have received under RUSA, I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Honourable Secretary (Education), State Project Director and Additional State Project Director for motivating us at every step of this stimulating journey. I am extremely thankful to the erstwhile State Coordinator GeM cum Financial Consultant, Chandigarh Administration, Mr Atul Verma who guided us generously in all our transactions through GeM.

I am indebted to the DAV College Managing Committee for extending valuable support and expediting the necessary approval to all our projects sponsored by RUSA.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to our worthy Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava for guiding us through all our programmes.

I am extremely thankful to all the members of MCM RUSA Team for their co-orporation and camaraderie.

I thank Mr. Ashish Mudgal, Manager IT for his creative inputs in compiling this report.

We look forward to achieving success in all our future endeavours. Amen !



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Institutional Coordinator, RUSA.

MCM DAV College for Women, Chandigarh

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GLIMPSES OF THE RUSA JOURNEY



An Institutional Development Plan aimed at expansion of the academic base of the college was submitted to the MHRD. The purpose was to enhance the access, quality and equity of higher education, and also to maximize the reach of education to the relatively weaker sections of the society by focussing on GER (Gross Enrolment Ratio).

The College has and continues to focus on the institutional restructuring and reformation under the aegis of RUSA. The college has imbibed the spirit of RUSA in true sense as it has very meticulously carried out data collection, geo-tagging, planning of expenditures of funds received under RUSA. The Internal Quality Assurance cell acknowledges the contribution of RUSA as it has placed greater emphasis on the improvement of teaching-learning processes.

With the prepratory financial assistance of Rupees 1.5 lac received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development under RUSA in 2016, the institution was propelled into initiating qualitative transformation in the field of academics and research. In the timeline given by the RUSA Directorate, the college conducted a host of activities to meet the changing parameters of skill and quality assurance in the education sector.

2015-16: A NEW BEGINNING THROUGH RUSA

Faculty Development Programme: Broadening Horizons
(26th February 2016 to 3rd March, 2016)



A 7 Day Faculty Development Programme on the topic “Capacity Building and skill enhancement in Higher Education” was organized with an aim to apprise the teaching faculty of the challenges in the field of higher education due to fast changing global scenario. In this programme, experts from diverse fields shared their concerns and deliberated on various aspects of pedagogy, research, professional ethics, leadership and motivation.



The Inaugural Session saw the eminent academician **Prof. R. K. Gupta, Department of Commerce, University School of Open Learning and Dean Punjab Technical University**, deliberate on the role of government in ensuring educational reforms in the right spirit. His presentation led to stimulating discussion which gave a befitting start to this programme.



Speaking at the event, Principal of the College, Dr. Nisha Bhargava said that given the shifting paradigms in higher education, it is of paramount importance to ensure capacity building at all levels and to create a conducive atmosphere to promote research and innovation in higher educational institutions.



Dr Gulshan kumar, UILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh,



provided an insight into the various aspects of Academic Performance Indicator (API). Dr Gulshan emphasized that the assessment of an educator can bring qualitative changes in the field of Higher Education. He answered the queries of the participants on various contentious issues related to the process of Evaluation of teachers on diverse parameters. He pointed out that the updation and academic development of faculty is crucial to boost professional competency of students. Faculty

members shared their experiences and got clarifications from Dr Gulshan Kumar regarding various doubts agitating their minds.

Prof Lakhwinder Kang from the Dept of Commerce, GNDU Amritsar, delivered two interactive lectures on **Education: An Amalgamation of Knowledge, Technique and Emotions** on 27th February. Through a case study of a software company, he very interestingly, explained a unique office culture based on values. His presentation was woven with relevantly touching videos to convey values like care, sensitivity and affection. He explained that the process of teaching is a complex process and we need to be more transparent in our behavior.



On 28 February, different rules and regulations governing services in government and private organizations, pertaining to general terms and conditions, travelling allowance rules, leave rules, general financial rules, conduct rules, CCA rules, pension rules, GPF and PF were discussed by **Mr Hem Raj Sharma (Associate**

Professor), **Public Administration, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Solan.** The second session on **Service Books** was also conducted by Sh. Hem Raj Sharma and he highlighted the role of Service book in the official life of a government servant.

Prof. B. S. Ghuman, Department of Public Administration, Panjab University, Chandigarh delivered a talk on 29th February on the topic **Research Methodology.** He justified the importance and scope of research methodology as it is acting as a tool for improving the quality of research. It has also given importance due to API, which has integrated both teaching and research. The format for his presentation included a systematic, well planned and gradual flow of information. Prof. Ghuman's presentation focussed on components of research process. Prof. Ghuman shared a few important relevant issues like approval of college teachers for Ph. D. supervisors and the API format/scores.



Dr Jagannath Singh Jayara, Principal, Institute for the Blind, Sector 26, Chandigarh delivered an invigorating lecture on **Inclusive Education** with interesting anecdotes and refreshing couplets in order to bring out the true essence of inclusion for the visually challenged individuals. He sensitized the audience to technological advancements which have helped to blur the difference between those who read Braille and those who read the alphabet using some of the available IT tools like JAWS (Job Access With Speech), a screen reader providing speech and Braille output to visually-impaired computer users, which can be accessed by all.



Dr. Prahbjot Malhi, Incharge, Pediatric Psychology Clinic, PGIMER, Chandigarh delivered an educative lecture on **Techniques to build up Resilience** on 1st March. She highlighted the emotional problems of students. She highlighted how students deal with difficult situations. She suggested some excellent ways to solve the present problem of students by resilience. Resilience involves growth and it gives the power to bounce back from adverse situation.





Professor Jayanti Dutta, Dy Director, HRD Center, PU, Chandigarh apprised the participants on **Choice Based Credit System**. UGC has adopted several measures to bring equity and excellence in higher education in India. CBCS is one of the components that UGC has introduced along with the grading system in place of conventional marks for the overall enhancement and applicability of the Indian higher education.

On 2nd March, **Mr Amit Hans, Corporate Trainer and Founding Director of Educorp Chandigarh** gave a stimulating presentation on **Motivation and Performance**. He stressed upon ‘experiential training’ for the students and said that they should be given to perform some tasks in the class room in order to learn related concepts. He evoked various concepts of Psychology like ‘Self fulfilling prophecy’ and ‘Johari Window’ in order to make us understand various traits of our personalities.

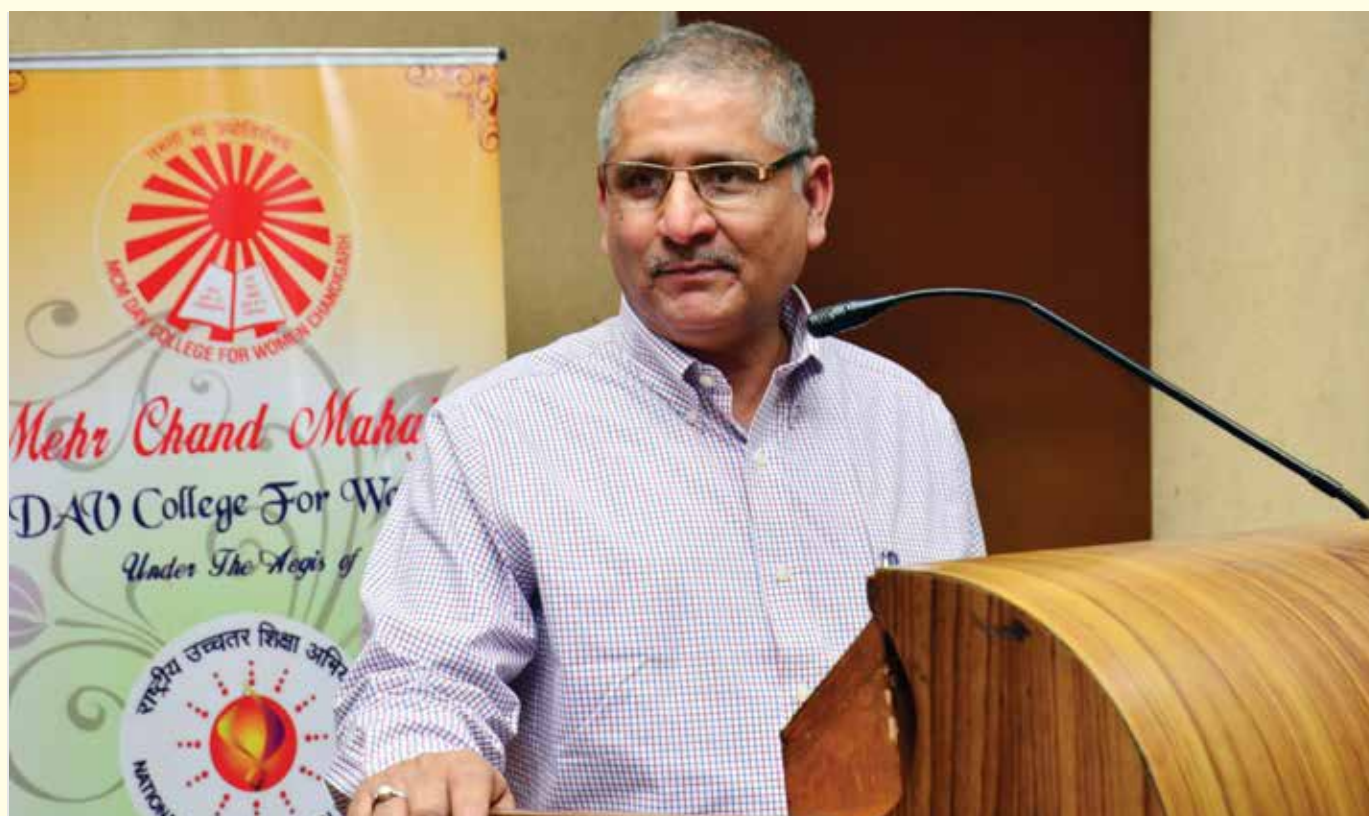


Dr. Dalip Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Govt. College for Girl, Sector-42, Chandigarh, gave an informative lecture on “**Reforms in State Higher Education System**”. He deliberated on the present system of education in India and discussed how RUSA will help in the transformation of educational institutions and quality of education at state, National and institutional level.



He also highlighted that the key objective of RUSA is to improve access, equity and quality in higher education system in India.

Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, UIAMS, Panjab University, Chandigarh spoke on the topic of “Research Grants” on 3rd March. Dr. Sanjeev Sharma had a structured and well-planned presentation on various grants given by National, International and Multi-lateral bodies. For the grants available at national level, he elaborated on those provided by the UGC and ICSSR. The meaning, purpose and eligibility criteria of various grants like those for major and minor research projects, Post Doctorate Fellowships, Academic Staff Fellowships and many more were explained in detail.



The valedictory session of the Faculty Development Program was chaired by **Prof. Suresh K Chadha from UBS, Panjab University, Chandigarh**. He discussed various environmental, social and governance issues of the Indian economy with the participants. He specified that Indian economy is challenged by poverty, global financial crisis, terrorism and climate change. In addition to this, he stated that the Indian youth lack skill and innovation. He emphasized that innovation is the need of the hour and supported his statement with the examples of many multinational companies which serve the bottom of the social pyramid to succeed in society.

Principal Dr Nisha Bhargava reiterated that there has been a gigantic change in the education scenario that requires continuous upgradation and enhancement of the skills of the faculty members. She appreciated the support of RUSA for giving impetus to quality in higher education.

PROGRAMME FOR THE SUPPORT STAFF: A STEP AHEAD



The College organized a **Workshop on E-governance and Financial Management** for the non-teaching staff of the college on 5th March. **Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Assistant Professor, Centre for Police Administration, Panjab University** apprised the participants of the various aspects of E-governance. He highlighted the need for management information



system (MIS) which can be used significantly for the effective and smooth functioning of the organisation. **Mr. Ashwani Dogra, Deputy Controller Finance and Accounts, Finance Department, Chandigarh Administration** deliberated on the nuances of financial handling in the offices and he emphasized on the need for maintaining greater transparency so far as the utilization of government resources is concerned. **Mr. Vijay**



Vij, Assistant Controller Finance and Accounts, Finance Department, Chandigarh Administration elucidated on the aspect of financial management of the administration with the help of a Power point Presentation. The lectures were interspersed by various anecdotes from the real life experiences and queries of the participants were also answered.



PAVING THE WAY FOR SUCCESS: WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

Department of Punjabi organized a workshop by the renowned Punjabi Poet and Sahitya Akademi Awardee, **Padmashree Dr. Surjit Patar ji** on 16th February. He shared varied nuances of the art of writing poetry and showcased how to evolve thoughts into poems. Students also recited self-composed poems and received valuable tips from him on how to hone their creative potential further. After the workshop, Dr. Patar unveiled the book titled 'Samkaali Punjabi Novel, Mool Te Moolankan' written by Dr. Meenakshi Rathore, Head, Department of Punjabi, MCM DAV College for Women.





Postgraduate Department of English organized a **Workshop on CV Writing** on 20th February. **Ms. Sumedha Singh**, School of Communication Studies, Panjab University conducted the workshop. More than 50 students registered for the workshop which aimed at honing their skills in the art of CV writing.



Department of Office Management and Secretarial Practice organized a workshop on Office and Business Communication Skills on 27th February. **Ms. Enma Popli**, Soft Skills Trainer and founder of Skill Smart Training covered a wide spectrum of topics related to Business Communication Skills including non-verbal communication, body language, personal appearance, posture, gestures, facial expressions, eye contact, interview skills, importance of a good CV and e-mail etiquette. 60 students of the department attended the workshop and made the most of the interactive session.



The Postgraduate Department of Psychology held a 3-Day Workshop on '**Data Analysis in Psychology using IBM SPSS**' for the postgraduate students from 5th March to 7th March. This three-day workshop was organized for keen researchers in psychology who wish to acquire the skills and knowledge of SPSS. **Dr. Amit Lal**, Assistant Professor National

Institute of Technology, Jalandhar, Punjab was the Resource Person.

From 5th March to 7th March 2016, the **Department of Zoology and Microbial and Food Technology** in collaboration with Association of Microbiologists of India, Chandigarh Unit, organized a **3-day National Workshop** on ‘Fermentation Technology for Production of Value Added Products’. **Dr. P. S. Ahuja**, former Director General, CSIR highlighted the importance of fermentation



technology. **Prof. Prince Sharma**, President, Association of Microbiologists of India, Chandigarh Unit shared his research expertise with the participants. Other eminent speakers at the workshop included **Prof. M.S. Reddy**, Thapar University, Patiala, **Prof. S. K. Soni** and **Dr. Naveen Gupta** from Panjab University and, **Dr. Balvir Kumar**, an industrialist from Patiala.



The Postgraduate Department of Psychology organized a 2-day Workshop on ‘**Emotional Freedom Technique**’ on 8th March and 10th March 2016. Dr. Vijay Girdhar, HOD, Dept. of Psychiatry, Government Multi Specialty Hospital, Sector-16, Chandigarh conducted the workshop. He apprised the students of the challenges which they face due to peer pressure and social media.

The Postgraduate Department of English in association with the Mass Communication Department organized a workshop on ‘Career in Radio at a Glance’ on 9th March. Radio Jockey **Pankaj**, 92.7 Big FM, made the students aware of various avenues available to them in the field of broadcasting. Media plays a significant role in the modern world and, therefore, has a huge socio-political responsibility. The resource person elaborated on different career options in radio in the areas of production, scripting, radio jockeying and advertising. He acquainted the students with skills required for various positions in radio. He stressed upon the fact that whichever role one may assume in radio, creativity remained a prerequisite for every function. This was followed by an interactive session in which RJ Pankaj answered the enthusiastic queries of the students.

INFORMATION IS THE KEY: AWARENESS PROGRAMMES-CUM -WORKSHOPS



The Department of Public Administration organized an **Awareness Programme cum Workshop** on **‘Society, Crime and Police** on 17th February. The aim of the event was to create awareness among students and sensitize them about the role of police in society as well as to disseminate information about Police Administration – an emerging interdisciplinary area of study. The dignitaries present on the occasion included Mr. Jagbir Singh, DSP (Crime), Chandigarh Police, Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Assistant Professor, Centre for Police Administration, Panjab University and Wing Commander C.S. Grewal (Retd.) Chief Traffic Marshal and his team, Chandigarh Traffic Police. Students presented PPT’s on “Society Crime and Police for the Power Point Competition. Dr. Kuldeep Singh spoke on ‘Crime and Crime Prevention’ and Wing Commander C.S. Grewal and his team conducted a workshop on Road Safety.





On 23rd February, the **Postgraduate Department of Economics organized an awareness programme on Start Up India and its Impact on Economy** through an Inter college PowerPoint Presentation Competition in which 13 teams from various tricity colleges and university participated. It was designed to critically evaluate Star Up India- the initiative intended to nurture innovative start ups in the country to drive sustainable growth and generate employment opportunities. The awareness programme witnessed presentations highlighting the pros and cons of the scheme. The dignitaries present on the occasion included Dr. Suman Makkar, Multidisciplinary Research Centre, Department of Evening Studies, PU, Dr. Anil Parti, Department of Economics, GGSDS College, Ms.Preeti Vohra, Department of Economics, GGSDS College and Dr. R. K. Gupta, University School of Open Learning, PU. Prof R.K. Gupta from USOL, Panjab University delivered address on Paradigm Shift in Higher Education while Prof Anil Parti spoke about Startup India.



The **Zoology Department conducted an awareness programme and training workshop on Artificial Nests and their role in bird conservation** on 23rd February. The awareness programme aimed at sensitizing students about the need to preserve endangered bird species while the workshop's objective was to provide hands-on training for designing artificial

bird nests. Dr. Tejdeep Kaur Kler, Ornithologist, Zoology Department,



Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana conducted the awareness session on 'Need for Bird Conservation' and 'Role of Artificial Nests in Bird Conservation'. Dr. Kler apprised the students of the ecological function of birds and how to make the surrounding environment favourable for the birds to survive. Dr. Kler alongwith Dr. Nisha Vashist, Assistant Ornithologist, Zoology Department, PAU, Ludhiana motivated students to adopt simple and easy ways to conserve birds by installing artificial nests in their homes as well as in college.





The Department of Computer Science and Applications organized the workshop on Cyber Security and Information Management on 25th & 26th February with the vision to impart conceptual and practical hands-on training on cyber security strategies. Mr. Arun Soni, MD, TCCS, Er.Sahil Bhagla, CEO, EH1 Infotech and Ms.Manjot Kaur, a researcher conducted the workshop on the first day with focus on creating awareness about significance of IP address, Router vulnerability, Social Engineering hacking attack and protection, Facebook vulnerability and protection, and Phishing. This was followed by a practical session in which the participants were required to put to practice the various cyber security strategies demonstrated during the workshop.



PRACTICE IS THE ROAD TO SUCCESS: REMEDIAL CLASSES

1. **The Postgraduate Department of English** organised **Remedial Classes** for B.A. Ist year on **‘Revisiting Structures in English Grammar’** from **16th February 2016 to 24th February 2016**. They were conducted by the NET qualified faculty member Ms. Madhvi Sharma. Her interactive lectures clarified the doubts of the students.
2. **The Postgraduate Department of Mathematics** held **Remedial Classes** for B.A. I / B.Sc. I on **‘3-Dimensional Geometry and Algebra,’** from **17th February, 2016 to 25th February 2016**. They were conducted by the NET qualified faculty member Ms. Geetika. Her sessions with the students were aimed at addressing their queries in the complexities of the subject.
3. **The Postgraduate Department of Commerce** organised **Remedial Classes** for B.Com. I on **‘Shares, Debentures and Accounts of Insurance Companies,’** from **17th February 2016 to 25th February 2016**. These were conducted by the NET qualified faculty member Ms. Jyoti Soi who clarified the doubts of the students on the said topics.



QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE: 2016-17

MCM DAV team of Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan, an MHRD initiative, continued its endeavours to bring about qualitative changes in the field of Higher Education. Primary aim of this programme remains the holistic development of the faculty, students and the support staff. Following the preparatory grant of Rs 1.5 lac released by the Central Govt in October 2016, an equal share was contributed by the DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi. As a result, a host of activities in the form of Workshops, Awareness Programmes, Industrial Visits, Faculty Development Programmes, UGC NET Coaching Classes and Remedial Classes were organised to boost the academic growth in the institution.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: TECHNOLOGY AS A PEDAGOGICAL TOOL

As the academic scenario has undergone a drastic change in the technology-driven world, it is essential for the teaching faculty to keep pace with new tools in pedagogy.



A seven-day Faculty Development Programme on **Information and Communication Technology: New Dimensions in Research and Higher Education** was organised from 26th November to 02nd December 2016. **Professor Suresh Chadha**, Chairperson, University Business School, Panjab University delivered the Inaugural Address. He highlighted the need for the teaching faculty to stay abreast in the fast-changing social spectrum.

The seven-day academic extravaganza that followed saw various eminent speakers. **Professor Ravi Mahajan** (USOL), apprised the participants of the technique of visualisation as a pedagogical method.

Prof R K Singla (Dept of Computer Science, Panjab University) too acquainted the faculty members about various tools of technology which will go a long way in making teaching more student-friendly.

Dr Nina Caplash (Dean, Students Welfare, Panjab University), stressed upon the right method of writing the Research Papers.

Dr Anil Angrish (NIPER) focussed on the grants which the teaching faculty can avail in order to pursue research and innovation.

Dr Harish Kumar (Head Skill Development Centre, Panjab University) and **Dr Tejinder Pal Singh** (UBS, Panjab University) too highlighted the importance of e-content and dangers of plagiarism.

Dr Amit Lal (NIT, Jalandhar) enlightened the participants on SPSS, Bibliography and footnotes.

Mr Naveen Thakur (Business Head, Technova Solutions) underlined the innovative use of technology in research and higher education. It proved to be the very interesting and interactive session.



The programme came to a close with the Valedictory Note by **Prof Dalip Kumar**, Additional State Project Director, RUSA, Chandigarh Administration. During the valedictory session, He apprised the faculty of the role and relevance of RUSA in higher education. He also informed that the focus of RUSA is on enhancing digital literacy and hoped that educational institutions reinforce it. He lightened the need for ensuring success of this mission.



MIND MATTERS: WORKSHOP FOR THE SUPPORT STAFF



The thrust on capacity building of the teaching faculty and support staff continued as a Rashtriya Uchchta Shiksha Abhiyaan (RUSA)–sponsored workshop on **Stress Management** was organised on 30th December 2016. Life Coach, Education Psychologist and Management trainer Mr. K.S. Chatwal conducted an interactive and stimulating session with nearly 75 enthusiastic participants from various Colleges across tricity. He highlighted the fact that stress, if not handled properly can lead to various lifestyle diseases. Stress Management can lead to optimum output of an individual both in personal and professional fields. He exhorted all the participants to develop a positive outlook and bring qualitative changes in their lives so that they emerge stronger individuals and more efficient members of the society. In other words, Stress Management is just a synonym for Self Management.



IGNITING MINDS: PROGRAMMES FOR THE STUDENTS

Department of Hindi conducted a two-day workshop on **Anuvaad: Sambhavnayein aur Samsayein** from 23rd to 24th January 2017 to deliberate on the role of Hindi in the current Indian scenario. Prof Pankaj Malviya from the Dept of Russian Language, Panjab University threw light on various possibilities for translators in the global village that the world has become today. Mr Mahender Singh Kaushik, Hindi Officer, Office of the Accountant General (A&E), Punjab and UT Chandigarh and Ms Neena Behl, Assistant Director, Akashvani, Chandigarh, deliberated on the vast scope of Hindi as the official language.



Department of Computer Science organised a two-day workshop on **Android Application Development** from 2nd to 3rd Feb 2017. It was aimed at acquainting the students with immense possibilities in the field



of App development so far as employment avenues are concerned. Prof. Anu Gupta, Department of Computer Sciences and Applications, Panjab University, Chandigarh delivered the Inaugural Address and highlighted the emerging role of Applications in the Android mobile industry. Mr Jagdeep and Mr Nitish from Netmax gave hands-on training to the students for developing their own apps and downloading these to the Playstore.

The Postgraduate Dept of English conducted a



very informative and enlightening Inter-college RUSA-sponsored workshop **on Translation: Technicalities and Challenges** on 13th Feb 2017. Prof Rana Nayar, Dept of English and Cultural Studies, PU, and an avid translator of Punjabi literature, deliberated on the challenging process of translation. He gave a few exercises to the participants in order to elucidate the vast possibilities of meanings available to a translator.

The Postgraduate Department of Psychology organised three day workshop **on ‘Fundamentals of Statistics using SPSS’** on 24th February. Introduction of types



of variables, scales of measurement namely nominal, ordinal, interval and ratio along with formulation and testing of hypotheses followed coding and entering data in SPSS. One way ANOVA, two way ANOVA were followed by Post hoc analysis. Practice exercises were taken on reliability and discriminant analysis.

The Postgraduate Dept of Economics of MCM DAV

College for Women held an **awareness programme on Goods and Services Tax (GST)** for its students and faculty on 21st March. The programme aimed at making the participants aware of the various aspects of one of the biggest reforms in India’s indirect tax structure, that is GST.



A Workshop on **‘Interrelation of Vocal and**



Instrumental Music was conducted by the **Music Dept** of our college on 17th and 18th March 2017. Artists of national repute interacted with the participants. Since Vocal and Instrumental Music are incomplete without each other and knowledge of both is essential in order to be a successful musician, the objective of the workshop was to deliberate upon the interrelation between the two and to apprise the participants of the technical terms common to both forms of music. , Dr.Nivedita Singh, Music Department, Punjabi University, Patiala underlined the interdependence of vocal and instrumental music. Thereafter, she conducted practical sessions to provide a better perspective to the participants. Sh.Jagdeep Bedi, a renowned Delhi-based Sitar and Sur Bahar Artist shared valuable insights with the participants about various aspects of Vocal and Instrumental music during enlightening practical sessions. Dr.Pankaj Mala Sharma, Coordinator, Music Department, PU delivered the valedictory address.



COMPASS (Club of MCM Public Administration Students) organised a Workshop on 'Leadership' on March 24, 2017. The resource person Mr. Amit Hans, is a corporate trainer and founder director of EduCorp consultancy Services in the fields of Sales, Marketing, Human Resource Management, Leadership, Personal Effectiveness, Team Effectiveness and English Communication.



Department Physics organised a RUSA sponsored workshop-cum-demonstration on Experimental Physics on 26 March. Dr. Renu Bedi, Head of Physics Department informed that the workshop had two-fold objectives- one was to provide hands-on training to the students and the second was to enable them to create scientific equipment, from junk or discarded material available at home as usually, scientific equipment is very expensive in the market.

UGC NET COACHING CLASSES

With a view to preparing the Postgraduate students for the National Eligibility Test, Coaching classes were conducted during the session. Mr Amit Mahajan from Bright Academy, Chandigarh, gave the aspirants some valuable tips and extensive study materials for cracking the test. Students from all the Postgraduate courses attended the training programme as it was aimed at preparing them for Paper 1 of the test. The resource person familiarised them with various concepts and cues as to how they could complete the paper in stipulated time. Series of Sample Papers were solved during the programme. Hundreds of questions on Reasoning, Analytical ability, Data Interpretation, Comprehension, General Awareness and Situation-assessment were solved which helped the students understand the intricacies of the paper. This proved to be a valuable exercise as the students benefitted immensely from this programme.

RELEARN AND REVISE: REMEDIAL CLASSES

Department of Public Administration conducted Remedial Classes on ‘**Statistical Data and Interpretation**’ for 10 days.

Department of Commerce organised Remedial Classes for the students in order to supplement their knowledge of concepts in Commercial Law and Statistics. Exercises and extra study materials were provided to the students.

LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS: INDUSTRIAL VISITS

The Department of Zoology organized a RUSA-sponsored educational visit of B.Sc. Medical (Semester-VI, Fisheries) students to School of Fisheries, GADVASU, Ludhiana on 17th February 2017. Dr. Abhed Pandey (Assistant Professor) delivered a lecture on Freshwater Pearl Culture and Dr. Shanthanagouda (Assistant Professor) discussed the scenario of fresh water prawn culture in India.



Department of Botany, in collaboration with Punjab State Council for Science and Technology organized one day research oriented workshop on “Production Of Natural Vinegar From Sugarcane And Grapes” on 28th February 2017 at **Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana**. It was aimed at inculcating an attitude for entrepreneurship among the students.

RUSA Sponsored visit of the students of B.A I and B.A. II of Police Administration to **Central Detective Training School, Sector-36, Chandigarh under Bureau of Police Research and Development, Government of India**, on March 30, 2017. Sh. B. M. Sharma, IPS, Principal, Central Detective Training School briefed them regarding various courses run by the institution. He informed the participants about various career options available in the Forensic Department. The participants were thrilled to see the hands-on demonstration of actual crime detection on the basis of forensic evidence.

PRINCIPALS' MEET



State Project Directorate organised a Workshop for the Principals of all the RUSA-Funded city colleges on 3rd May 2017 at MCM DAV College for Women. RUSA Coordinators from all the colleges too joined in order to streamline the utilisation process of the RUSA grant.

Additional State Project Director (RUSA) Dr Dalip Kumar, Mr Vijay Vij, Assistant Controller (F&A) and Mr Puneet Moudgil, Technical Expert conducted an



exhaustive training programme for the stakeholders. Geo-Tagging, Fund Tracking Form and GeM Purchases were discussed in detail.

All the Principals and Coordinators shared the technical challenges which they faced in the utilisation of the RUSA Grant. Mr Vijay Vij, Assistant Controller (F&A), Chandigarh Administration and Dr Dalip Kumar, Additional State Project Director, addressed the Principals and RUSA Co-ordinators.

INFRASTRUCTURAL UPGRADATION UNDER THE AEGIS OF RUSA

2017-18

MHRD released the Infrastructure Grant of Rs 1cr in May 2017 to facilitate the infrastructural up gradation of the institution. The funding provided by RUSA has given impetus to the infrastructural improvement of the institution so as to attain higher levels of access, equity and excellence. It has further accelerated not only efficiency but also exponential advancement in classroom teaching. The paucity of Conference Halls, Toilets, Class Rooms, Laptops, Staff Rooms, and furniture has been fulfilled by the grants received under RUSA.

This grant was divided into three segments:

New Construction	: 35 lacs
Renovation and Refurbishment	: 35 lac
Equipment and Knowledge Resources	: 30 lac



NEW CONSTRUCTION

A Step towards Swachh Bharat

To facilitate the flagship mission of Swachh Bharat, we undertook the construction of new washrooms and support units in the college. In view of the increased number of admission-seekers in the recent years, two projects were undertaken. Construction of 15 New Washrooms in Block D (Ground Floor) was completed.



Another project, construction of 14 New Washrooms in Block D (First and Second Floors) was also completed. Both these projects were undertaken to translate the vision of the Honourable Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi to make India a clean nation.

RENOVATION AND REFURBISHMENT

An amount of Rs 35 lac was earmarked for undertaking the work of Upgradation, Renovation and Refurbishment of the existing resources. It was aimed at bringing about qualitative changes so as to meet the changing needs of the stakeholders and the society at large.

Alternate Energy Resources



Our commitment to the cause of environment led us to successfully initiate a Bio-gas Plant for Solid-Waste Management and move towards sustainable development. This plant was installed with the technical assistance of PEDDA. Compost Pits were constructed to utilise the bio-peel collected from the hostel mess. The gas produced from the Bio-gas plant is being used in the college canteen.





25 kWp Solar Photovoltaic Panels were installed in order to reduce the use of electric energy and to contribute to the cause of environment protection. Already functional, this project was completed at the cost of Rs 13.75 lac. 10 Integrated Solar Lights were also installed in the hostel and college campus.

Up gradation of College, Hostel and Sports Facilities:

New Water-Tanks, mattresses and Hot-water Dispensers were added to the college hostels. Kabaddi Mats and other sports facilities were procured for our young sports-women. Repair of furniture, up gradation of facilities in Seminar Hall, office and classrooms was also undertaken.



Renovation of Washrooms

Renovation of the Staff- washrooms in College campus Block D has already been completed.



Renovation of Chemistry Laboratory:

Renovation of the Chemistry Laboratory has already been completed.



EQUIPMENT AND KNOWLEDGE RESOURCES

In our pursuit for excellence, consistent strides have been taken to update our resources:
Computers for setting up a **Digital Lounge** in the hostel



Books in the Library: Rich Knowledge Resources



Projectors, Screens, LFD and other Pedagogical Aids to facilitate teaching-learning environment.



Equipments like Server, UPS, Printers procured for ensuring smooth academic and administrative functioning in the college



Centrifuge, Fume-Hood, Digital ph meter and Refrigerators in the Laboratories added.



RUSA can rightly be termed as the backbone in setting up a system and a culture that has supported the growth, development and betterment of higher education. The college has imbibed the spirit of RUSA in true sense.

RUSA MONITORING COMMITTEE VISITS



Chandigarh Administration has constituted a Monitoring Committee to ensure the quality of the projects initiated under the aegis of RUSA. The Committee Comprises:

- Additional State Project Director (RUSA)
- Executive Engineer, Municipal Corporation
- Architect, Chandigarh Administration
- Deputy Director (Admn.), Chandigarh Administration
- Controller (F&A), Chandigarh Administration.

The Monitoring Committee visited the college on 20th November, 2017 and 7th May, 2018.



TOGETHER WE LEARN, TOGETHER WE GROW

Higher Education Team from Telangana visited our college to take stock of the Infrastructural growth undertaken out of RUSA grant. All the members appreciated the idea of carrying forward the Swachhta Mission under which 27 new washrooms were constructed for the students and the staff. The team showed keen interest in the newly-installed 25kWp Photovoltaic Solar Panels and Bio-Gas Plant which reaffirm our commitment to the cause of environment. Functioning of these projects was discussed in detail with Dr Vandana Sharma and Dr Poornima Bhandari, the faculty members who had conceived this idea.



Dr Dalip Kumar, Additional State Project Director (RUSA), Chandigarh Administration and Telangana Team with Principal, Dr Nisha Bhargava and MCM RUSA Team of the College.

Our Ongoing Projects



Water Boosting System



Rain Water Harvesting System

Faculty development event begins at MCM College

MCM College organises E-governance and financial management workshop

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Workshop under RUSA organis

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Chandigarh

The Department of Public Administration and Police Administration of MCM DAV College for Women, Chandigarh organised a Power Point Presentation Competition and Workshop under the aegis of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). The aim of the event was to create awareness among students and sensitise them about the role of police in society as well as to disseminate information about Police Administration - an emerging interdisciplinary area of study.

DSP (Crime), Chandigarh Police, Dr Kuldeep Singh, Assistant Professor, Centre for Police Administration, Panjab University and Wing Commander CS Grewal (Retd), Chief Traffic Marshal and his team, Chandigarh Traffic Police. Students presented PPTs on "Society Crime and Police for the PowerPoint Competition.

Meanwhile, Dr Kuldeep Singh spoke on Crime and Crime Prevention and Wing Commander CS Grewal and his team conducted a workshop on Road Safety. The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation of the students who gained an insight into the differ-

petition was bagged by Vaish while Aashima secured Second Position. The Third prize went to Janvi Satija.

The Institutional Coordinator of RUSA, Neena Sharma lauded the efforts of Department of Public Administration and Police Administration for conducting the event. She said that such activities are unique and innovative platform for students that encourage healthy competition and learning. Principal of the college Dr Nisha Bhargava lauded this effort of the Department of Public Administration and Police Administration in promoting an understanding

RUSA sponsored workshop on translation held at MCM

CHANDIGARH, JAN 24

A two-day workshop on 'Anusand: Sambhavanayin aur Samasyein' (Translation: Possibilities and Problems) organised by the Hindi Department of MCM DAV College for Women under the aegis of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) culminated here today.

In the inaugural session of the workshop, Prof. Parag Malviya, Department of Russian Language, Panjab



Behl, Assistant Director, Chandigarh, highlighted the various facets of official language departments' members Dr. M. Priyansh, Dr. P. Prasad and Dr. Chaitan also held enlightening discussions on the problems faced in translation. The students participated in the workshop with great enthusiasm.

MCM Principal Dr. Bhargava lauded exceptional involvement

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परियोजना निदेशक (रूसा) डॉ. दलीप कुमार ने बैठक की अध्यक्षता की और सहभागियों को कॉलेज में रूसा योजना के तहत उपलब्ध अनुदानों और अनुदान के अधिकतम इस्तेमाल के बारे में जानकारी दी। सहायक नियंत्रक वित्त और लेखा, वित्त विभाग, यूटी प्रशासन के विजय विज ने धन के पहलू पर

Seven-day faculty development programme concludes at MCM

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