Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women

Sector- 36, Chandigarh

<u>A Report</u>

<u>2020-21</u>

by

UGC Committee

<u>Co-Ordinator</u>

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Report for the Session 2020-21

In the Session affected by Corona-virus and lockdown, the UGC Committee shared various notices, policies and letters published by UGC on its official website from time to time with the members of the faculty.

Funding/Grants received:

1. The Departments of Chemistry and Mathematics received a grant of Rs. 61,00,000/- for a period of 5 years from 7 January 2020 to 2025 under the DST FIST Scheme from the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.

2. Dr Namita Bhandari and Dr Gagandeep received a grant of Rs. 3,50,000/- for 12 months from Indian Council of Social Science Research, GOI for their Research Project, 'A Study of Awareness Level and Determinants of Purchase Decision of Health Insurance in Punjab: a Women Perspective.'

3. Dr Vandana Sharma, Principal Investigator along with her Co-investigator, Dr Sandeep Kaur received a grant of Rs. 1,00,000/- (from 20 March, 2020 and extended up to June, 2022) from the Department of Science and Technology and Renewable Energy, Chandigarh Administration for her Pilot Study to Restore and Protect Nagar Van Habitat using Micromediation and Microfiltration Practices.'

Events conducted/participated in:

Members of the UGC Committee also responded to the call of the UGC and sent useful views/suggestions (on 16 April, 2020) regarding online teaching during the Pandemic in 'Bharat Padhe Online' Initiative of the Government of India.

During the session 2020-21 marred by repeated lockdowns/restrictions, the UGC Committee also shared details of new notices, policies and schemes launched by UGC, CSIR, DBT and other funding agencies offering grants for various minor and major projects with the faculty from time to time through WhatsApp groups.

New Initiatives:

With the aim to promote skill-based education and enhance the employability quotient of the students, members of the UGC Committee initiated the process of applying for the following new Courses-

UGC-NSQF-approved Course of B. Voc. in Retail Management

UGC- NSQF approved one-year Diploma Course in Microbial Analysis and Food Safety

Both courses were sanctioned by the UGC.
