

Report of UGC Committee (2023-24)



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I. Grants Received by the College during the Session:

a). A grant worth Rs. 1,53,900/- was sanctioned to 7 institutional Departments of Sciences by the Department of Science and Technology & Renewable Energy, Chandigarh Administration for the session 2023-24.

Utilizing this grant received judiciously to conduct a variety of activities for the benefit of students and to promote experiential learning, first-hand training and industry-academia interaction, the beneficiary departments – Computer Science and Applications, Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Physics, MFT and Mathematics – organized several activities for example:

The **Department of Botany** conducted a One-day Institutional Visit to Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan (HP) on 23.9.2022, while The Department of Physics organized a Visit to Kurukshetra Panorama & Science Centre on March 7, 2024



The **Postgraduate Department of Chemistry** under the aegis of IIC 6.0 and MCM Vigyan Manch organized a special lecture on 'Laboratory Safety and Green Initiatives' on February 3, 2024 by Dr. S. C. Sahoo, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Panjab University. The main objective of the lecture was to make students about importance of Green Chemistry and Sustainable practices.

The **Department of Microbial and Food Technology** held a 5-day Workshop on ‘Detection of Environmental Pollutants in Soil and Water’ from March 12-16, 2024. The purpose of this workshop was to develop knowledge, skills and attributes necessary for the students to learn the basic and advanced tools available for measuring the levels of different pollutants in soil and water.

II. Grants received by Members of Faculty:

- b). Dr. Vandana Sharma and Dr. Sandeep Kaur received a grant of Rs. 1, 87,000/- for a Research Project titled “Vitamin–D and Zinc Bio-enriched Oyster Mushroom: Dual fortification for Deficiency Control” under E-YUVA fellowship scheme from BIRAC, DBT, Government of India. The grant period was from 03 March, 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- c). Dr. Vandana Sharma and Dr. Sandeep Kaur received a funding of Rs. 22,500/- from Department of Science and Technology and Renewable Energy, Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh (U.T) under MCM Vigyan Manch for conducting a five-day Hands-on training workshop on ‘Detection of Environmental pollutants in Soil and Water’ from 12th March 2024 to 16th March 2024.

III. Activities conducted/attended by the Committee:

- a. The UGC Committee shared important information and web links of various schemes floated by the UGC and other national bodies and agencies regarding Research Projects/Grants with the members of the faculty.
- b. The members of the UGC Committee attended the Inaugural address of the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam which was delivered by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and telecast live from the Plenary Hall of India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO). The event coincided with the 3rd Anniversary of NEP, 2020 organized at ITPO, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 29-30 July, 2023. The same was telecast live on the link <https://webcast.gov.in/moe>

c. Attended the National level Launch 'Ideas for the Vision of Viksit Bharat@2047' along with Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava and other senior members of the faculty.



The programme was held at Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh on 11 December, 2023 wherein Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Sh. Narendra Modi launched the Viksit Bharat @2047 Ideas Portal and delivered his Special address through video conference to administrators and educators. The aim of the programme was to orient the youth with the agenda of Viksit Bharat, gather fresh ideas from them and seek their commitment towards nation building.