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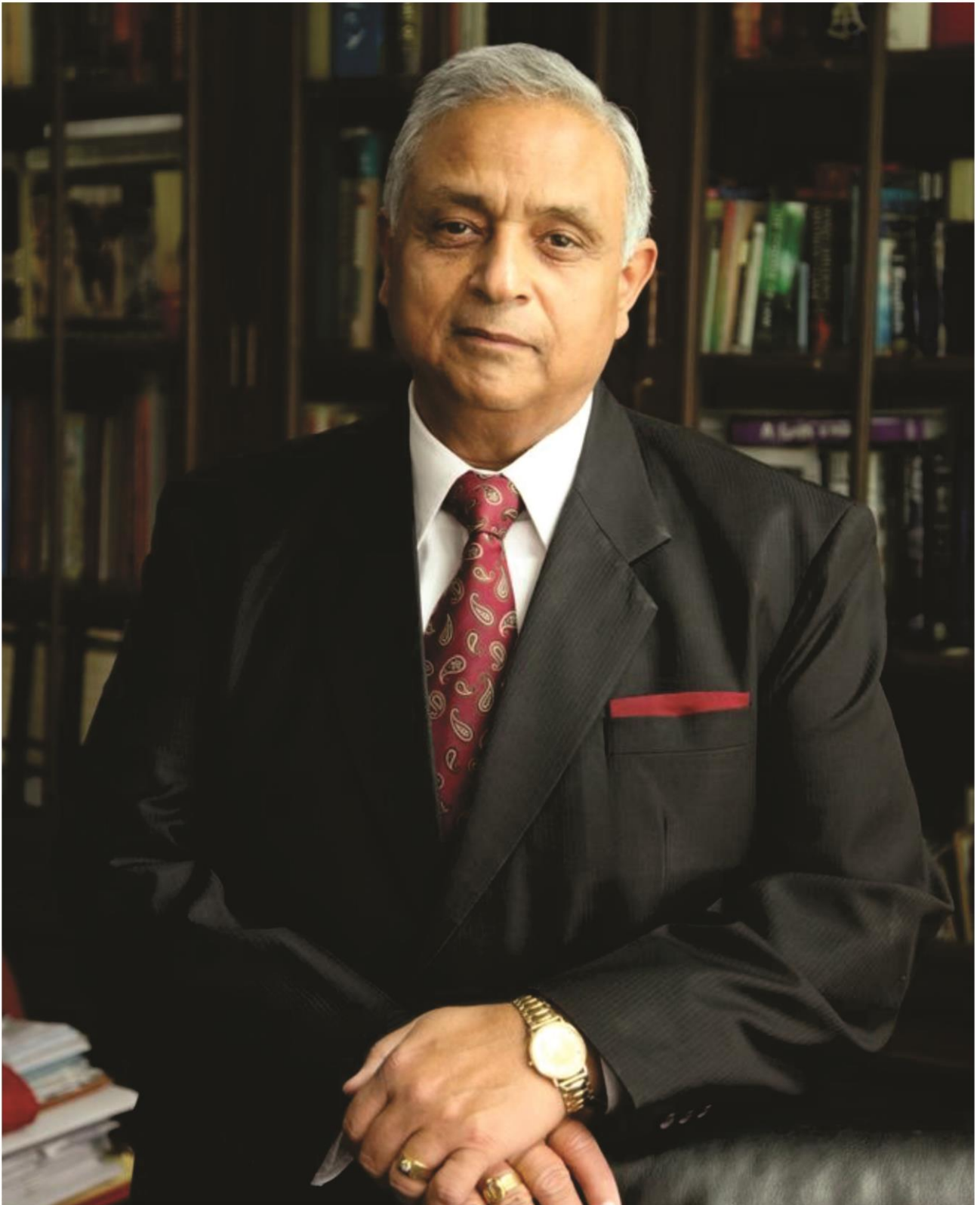
ACTIVITIES REPORT
JANUARY TO MARCH 2025

Our Beacon of Light



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Our Guide and Mentor



Dr. Punam Suri Ji, Padma Shree Awardee

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Principal's Message

At Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, we strive to create a dynamic blend of academic excellence, innovation, and social responsibility. This year, our initiatives have reflected this vision in multiple ways. The introduction of **Bridge Courses** helped students strengthen their academic foundation, while our dedicated **NEP SAARTHI volunteers** guided peers in navigating the academic choices and flexibility envisioned by the National Education Policy. Together, these initiatives ensured that our learners step into the future with clarity and confidence. Our commitment to holistic growth was further highlighted through the **Workshops, Plantation Drives, and Expert Lectures and Awareness sessions**.

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to **Shri Punam Suri ji, Hon'ble President DAV College Managing Committee (DAV CMC), New Delhi, Hon'ble Justice Pritam Pal Ji, Vice President, DAV CMC, Sh. Shiv Raman Gaur ji, Director Colleges DAVCMC, and Shri R.C. Jeevan ji, Senior Governing Body Member**, for their constant encouragement, blessings, and support, which enable us to translate vision into reality.

As we look ahead to the forthcoming academic session, we remain deeply committed to providing our students with enriching opportunities that shape them into confident, responsible, and innovative individuals. In the words of Nelson Mandela: *"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."* May we continue to educate, empower, and inspire generations to come.

Mrs. Suman Mahajan
Offg. Principal

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MCM celebrates GURPURAB of Guru Gobind Singh Ji



The Department of Music at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of IQAC, celebrated Gurpurab of the tenth Guru of Sikhs- Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji with spiritual fervour. Shabad gayan by the faculty and students of the Department of Music lent a divine touch to the celebration. Speaking on this occasion, Officiating Principal Ms. Suman shed light on the important teachings of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and motivated the students to learn from them. She eulogised the valour and selfless sacrifices of Guru Ji for the sake of the nation, asserting that his life is an inspiration for one and all. Shabad gayan was followed by paath of Anand Sahib and ardaas. The celebration culminated with distribution of kadha prasad.

MCM holds weeklong programme under Fit India Movement



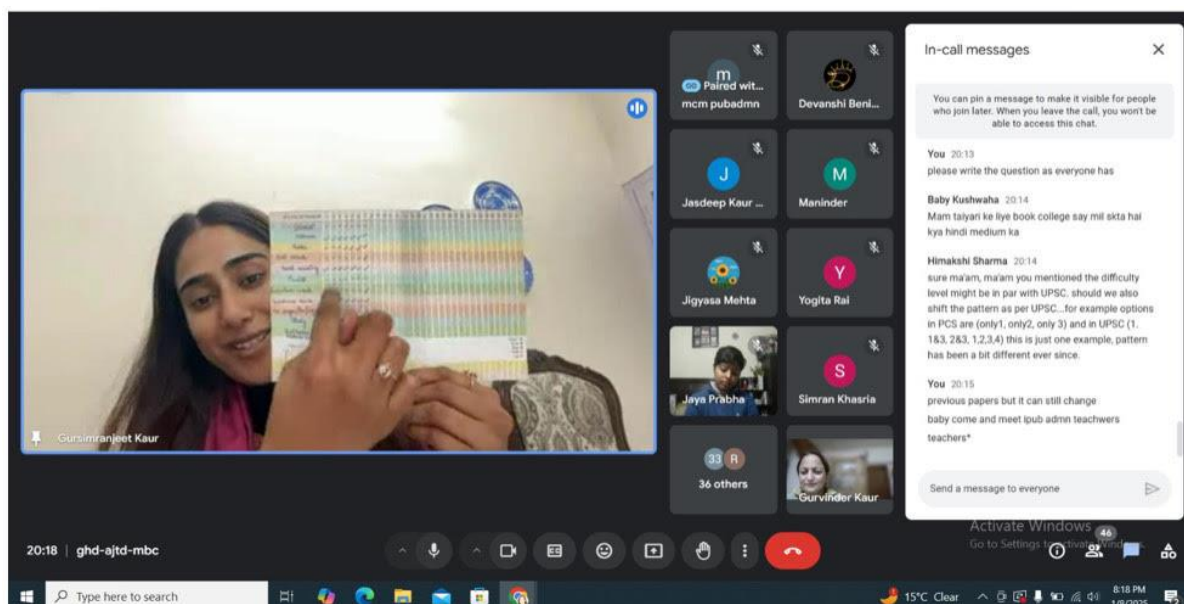
The Department of Physical Education at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised a one-week programme under the aegis of Fit India Movement of Governance of India. The aim of the programme was to promote the cause of Fit India Movement, i.e., to inspire the citizens to be more physically active and fit. As part of the programme, the department held a Yoga workshop, a Football match for the students, and a Cricket match for the male staff members. During the 3-day Yoga workshop, Dr. Anju Lata, Head of the Physical Education Department, conducted session on body toning exercises, session on asanas focusing on various diseases like thyroid, diabetes, obesity, etc., and a session on pranayama and meditation. A friendly football match among the students witnessed enthusiastic participation. A cricket match for the male staff members provided them an opportunity to indulge in a sporting event that promotes physical fitness. On the concluding day of the programme, fitness equipments were distributed among all the participants. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan reaffirmed the college's commitment towards the promotion of healthy lifestyle practices through such endeavours. Highlighting the importance of such initiatives, she said that these are necessary to raise awareness about the health issues caused due to sedentary lifestyle, and the significance of regular physical activity for staying disease free.

MCM celebrates Lohri festival

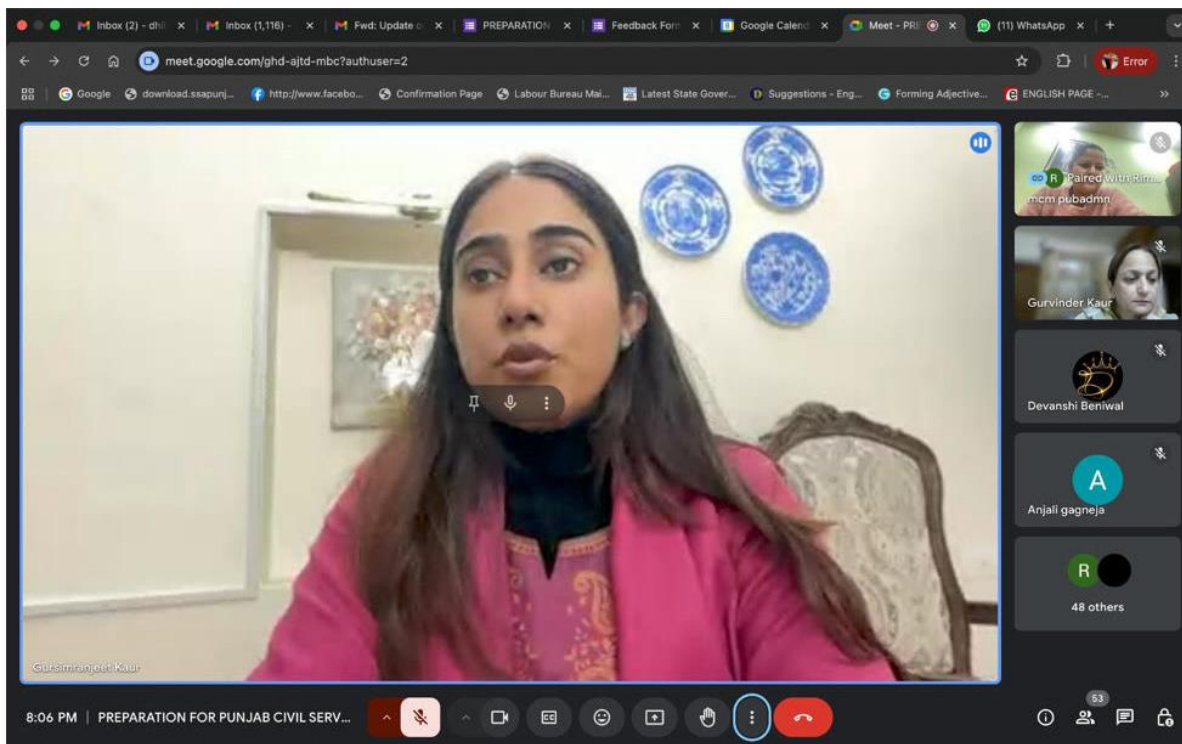


Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, celebrated the festival of Lohri with traditional fervour and zeal. Exuding festive spirit in its true sense, Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan and staff members gathered around the traditional bonfire to mark the festival. Ms. Mahajan lit the auspicious fire and wished the staff members on this occasion. She prayed for everyone's good health, happiness and prosperity in the coming year. Everyone present offered prayers to the holy fire and rejoiced in its warmth.

MCM holds online session on PCS preparation



The Department of Public Administration at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, hosted an online session titled 'Preparation for Punjab Civil Services'. The session was conducted by Ms. Gursimranjeet Kaur (PCS), an alumna of the college, who shared valuable insights and practical strategies for cracking the Punjab Civil Services (PCS) examination. In the opening address, Dr. Gurvinder Kaur, Head, Department of Public Administration, highlighted the significance of such initiatives in empowering students aspiring for public service careers. Ms. Gursimranjeet's session was a comprehensive guide to the PCS examination, covering its notification, pattern, syllabus, and effective preparation strategies. She emphasised the importance of time management, consistency, and focus on key areas such as General Studies Papers I-IV, Punjab-specific topics, and current affairs. Participants were guided on dividing their preparation into distinct phases: understanding the syllabus, practicing through tests, analysing performance and revising systematically. The interactive session allowed participants to actively seek clarity on various aspects of preparation. Ms. Gursimranjeet addressed queries on study materials, and strategy. She also stressed the importance of self-discipline, meticulous planning, and maintaining a consistent routine.



Practical tools, such as daily planners (manual or digital) were recommended for tracking progress and staying motivated. The facilitator shared personal insights, underscoring how structured approaches and disciplined habits can reduce stress and boost confidence. She suggested using calendars, apps, or simple notebooks to create effective schedules and evaluate progress. Mental well-being during preparation was another focal point of the session. Participants were encouraged to remain calm, avoid distractions, and adopt personalised strategies instead of relying solely on others' methods. Maintaining a balanced lifestyle, with time for relaxation was advised to ensure mental clarity and sustained motivation. They were told to prepare at a level equivalent to that of UPSC exam. The expert concluded by emphasising that the journey of preparation is not just about clearing an exam but also about developing a strong and growth-oriented personality. Around 75 participants attended and benefited from the online session. Ms. Suman Mahajan expressed gratitude to Ms. Gursimranjeet for her insightful guidance. She added that such sessions by experts in their particular fields provides the students with insights that help in furthering the college's mission of providing holistic education.

30-hour Course on 'GST Return Filing' begins at MCM



Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the Centre for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (CSDE), Panjab University, Chandigarh, inaugurated a 30-hour course on 'GST Return Filing'. The course is being coordinated by the Skill Development Cell and Postgraduate Department of Commerce at the college. Spanning over 7 days, the course aims to create trained personnel for taxation related jobs as well as for entrepreneurship, by providing holistic understanding of Goods and Service Tax along with the practical aspects of registration and return filing under GST. Participants from various higher educational institutions of the tricity have registered for the course. The members of the non-teaching office staff of the college are also attending the course as a part of capacity building and professional development. The first session of the course was conducted by CA Ankur Sharma. He gave an introduction to the taxation system in India and provided a bird's eye view of the concept of GST with practical examples. For the second session the resource person was CA Jatin Rathour. CA Rathour discussed the basic terminologies of GST Act, 2017 in India along with the features and benefits of GST. Both the sessions of the first day were highly interactive and the participants enthusiastically took part in discussions with the resource persons. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan expressed gratitude to Prof. Suveera Gill, Director, CSDE, Panjab University, for her support and encouragement. She further congratulated the organising team for this wonderful initiative and urged the participants to imbibe the learning of the course and capitalise every bit of it.

Slogan Writing Competition to commemorate National Youth Day



The Departments of Philosophy, and Fine Arts at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organised a Slogan Writing Competition to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The event aimed at fostering awareness and appreciation for the teachings of Swami Vivekananda, encouraging creativity among students, and inspiring them to reflect upon his philosophy of life and action. The celebration also provided the participants an opportunity to delve into Swami Vivekananda's core teachings. The theme of the competition- 'Teachings of Swami Vivekananda' encouraged the students to express their understanding of the great saint's philosophy in the form of concise slogans. The creative entries emphasised on Swamiji's ideals of self-realisation, universal brotherhood, selfless service, and faith in oneself as a path toward a harmonious and empowered life. The evaluation of the entries was based on their originality, creativity, and relevance to the theme. The winners were awarded certificates in recognition of their creative contributions. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan congratulated the winners and reinforced the idea of National Youth Day as an occasion to motivate the youth to lead a purposeful life, and dedicate themselves to the cause of nation-building.

MCM holds interaction with alumna entrepreneur Ms. Madhu



True to the spirit of the motto- 'To Care, To Share, To Sustain', the Alumni Committee and the Association of MCM DAV Alumni (AMDA) of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, continually endeavour to invite alumnae who promote the various dimensions of sustainability. As a part of this endeavour, the college hosted alumna Ms. Madhu Mohan, Founder of Virsaa Agro, for an interaction with the students and faculty. She shared her journey as an entrepreneur who has shaped the culinary landscape with the flavours of India. She also put up a stall featuring her range of jams, pickles and dips. Ms. Mohan, through her initiative, is not only carrying forward the legacy of healthy Indian food but is also providing employment to numerous women and preserving the centuries old Indian flavours and aromas. This role model entrepreneur interacted with students and ignited their minds towards offbeat careers and vocations. Ms. Mohan inspired the students and faculty with her commitment towards her venture and shared how she didn't let the judgement of others daunt her and established her venture at a juncture where others choose to retire. Students and faculty members thronged her stall in large numbers and bought the savoury preserves handmade by her.

Ms Suman Mahajan, the Officiating Principal of the college, appreciated the efforts of the Alumni Committee in organising events which offer a platform for interaction between alumni and the students. She also congratulated Ms. Mohan on her successful venture..

MCM student participates in Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue



Bringing laurels to her alma mater, Shobhna Kalra, a student of MA Sociology at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, participated in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025 held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on the occasion of National Youth Day. She participated in the dialogue as a representative from the state of Punjab. The dialogue was a four level championship, consisting of Quiz (Level 1) wherein 30 lakh people participated, Essay Writing Competition (Level 2) wherein 2 lakh people competed, and State Championship (Level 3) that included PPT on the theme Vikas Bhi Virasat Bhi, and leadership assessment/personal interview. Ms. Kalra scored the highest in the leadership assessment, and was selected to be a part of the Punjab contingent of young leaders that got the opportunity to participate in the Level 4 National Dialogue at the Bharat Mandapam. During the dialogue, she presented ideas before distinguished guests (Ms Palki Sharma, Editor, Firstpost, Ms Jahnvi Singh, Digital Creator Awardee, Mr Romalo Ram, the Padma Shree Awardee, Dogri Artist), and interacted with Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri and his wife Smt Lakshmi (former Assistant Secretary General at the United Nations), Union Minister of Youth Affairs, Sh. Mansukh Mandaviya. Ms. Kalra also got the opportunity to visit PM Sangrahalay, and be a part of live speech by Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, who urged the youth to lead India towards a Viksit Bharat 2047. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan congratulated Ms. Kalra and her mentors for this incredible feat. She asserted that the proactive participation of students in the issues of national interest is imperative for the country's development.

“Women need to get rid of any sense of lack of empowerment”- Gen V P Malik remarks during National Girl Child Day celebration at MCM



On the occasion of National Girl Child Day, the NCC and NSS units of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of IQAC, and in collaboration with Suvichar- Think Tank organised a motivational session on Women Empowerment. Gen V P Malik PVSM AVSM, Former Chief of Army Staff, graced the event as the Chief Guest. The Special Guests who added to the event's grace included Dr Ranjana Malik, Motivational Speaker and Social Worker, Mr Vivek Atray, ex-IAS and TedX Speaker, Mrs Neena Singh, Former ED, HDFC Bank, and Ms Saguna Jain, Author and Member, Suvichar. The event began with a video depicting the cyber security awareness initiatives of the college NSS units under the project Saksham. Soul stirring poem recitation on women empowerment by a student touched a chord with the audience. Lt Dr Anju Lata, ANO, NCC (Naval Wing) and Head of Physical Education Department, was felicitated by Gen V P Malik on this occasion for her exceptional national-level achievements in NCC.



In his inspirational speech, Gen V P Malik asserted that the empowerment of women starts from within the family, and is important in our society as we are an inclusive society. He inspired the audience through the example of his daughter Ms Namita Malik who completed the world's premier Ironman triathlon at the age of 50. Advising the women to not think of any glass ceilings, he said that they need to get rid of any sense of lack of empowerment. Gen Malik urged the women to think on the lines of being good leaders who can act on whatever knowledge they acquire, adding that both men and women have the same responsibility to take the country forward. He added that in the present age, there are equal opportunities for both women and men, the challenge is to get rid of archaic ideas. Speaking during the event, Dr Ranjana Malik highlighted that education without an aim is of no good, adding that we need to step up and let there be progress in word and deed. She pointed out that empowerment encompasses the ability to question things like disparities, status quo, etc., to be competitive, and to take one's own decisions. Her personal story of charting her own career while taking care of home, family and essaying the demanding role of the wife of a defense personnel, motivated the young women in the audience. In his address, Mr Vivek Atray said that one becomes truly empowered when one becomes able and serves the society. Sharing an anecdote to highlight the archaic mindsets and the different centuries that India is living in, Mr Atray emphasised upon the importance of inner work to win the inner challenges.



He energised the young women to face life's challenges boldly as he remarked that a smooth life is not a victorious life. He also praised woman's sensibilities and sensitivity that make her stand apart, and appealed to them to maintain that. Mrs Neena Singh said that true empowerment is the ability to make informed choices and taking independent decisions in context of one's emotional, mental, physical and financial needs, adding that empowerment comes from knowledge and self-confidence. She added that education is the cornerstone of empowerment as it expands mental horizons and bestows confidence. Ms Saguna Jain defined empowerment as an inclusive phenomenon that involves not just empowerment of oneself but also empowerment of those who are not privileged. She eulogised the great strides women have made, and impressed upon the role of men in women empowerment. Talking about women's multitasking abilities, Ms Jain said that women are not only important to a household but also to the society. Mrs. Neena Sharma, Coordinator, IQAC, presented a heartfelt vote of thanks to the esteemed speakers.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan apprised the audience about the various programmes of the college that are focussed on nurturing women of eminence and character ready to take challenges head on and break the glass ceiling.

MCM celebrates Republic Day



The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Cell of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, celebrated Republic Day in three of its assigned villages, viz. Attawa, Badheri and Maloya. The chain of events began with a lecture, on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's ideology of citizenship, liberty, and equality as the tenets of democracy, at Government Model Secondary School, Maloya. The talk was delivered by Dr. Anita. In another event at village Attawa, the UBA volunteers interacted with the children at the Anganwadi, sang patriotic songs, raised the slogan of “Bharat Mata ki Jai” and distributed sweets among them. At village Badheri, an interactive session was held at Government Model High School wherein Dr. Ramandeep Kaur apprised them of the various chapters of the Indian Constitution. The resource person concluded with a quiz. The Victory Against Drug Abuse (VADA) Club of the college, under the aegis of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, marked the Republic Day with a pledge-taking ceremony against drug abuse. The event aimed to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drug addiction among youth and encourage collective action to combat the menace.



The ceremony took place in the hostel campus, inspiring the young women to make a firm commitment to promoting a drug-free life and contributing to a healthier society. The event fostered a sense of responsibility and solidarity among the students, urging them to work toward the vision of a drug-free India.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan wished everyone on this occasion, and commended the students for their active participation in endeavours that celebrate our great nation. She emphasised the importance of such initiatives in shaping a progressive and responsible youth community. Ms. Mahajan encouraged the students to join similar drives in larger numbers and serve as role models in their communities by spreading the message of a drug-free lifestyle.

MCM marks National Voters' Day with series of events



The Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, celebrated National Voters' Day with a series of engaging events. The celebration commenced with the playing of the Election Commission of India's official song titled 'Main Bharat Hoon-Hum Bharat Ke Matdata Hain'. The Club in collaboration with the Department of Political Science organised the screening of the documentary 'Samvidhaan- The Making of the Constitution'. This tribute to the makers of the Indian Constitution aimed to educate the students about the monumental effort that shaped the country's democratic foundation. Additionally, a documentary on Birsa Munda, a legendary tribal leader and freedom fighter, was also screened, highlighting his significant contributions to India's struggle for independence. The Club also organised a Voter Registration Drive, encouraging students to register as voters and exercise their democratic rights. ELC volunteers assisted students in making their voter cards, verifying necessary documents on the spot. The drive successfully raised awareness about the importance of voting, simplified the registration process, and motivated the students for maximum participation in elections. A selfie point with the theme 'Nothing like Voting, I Vote for Sure' was also set up to create electoral awareness among students and encourage participation in the electoral process. The Club organised an Electoral Awareness Rally wherein the students were sensitised about their right to vote.



The rally featured slogans, handmade posters, and a display of unity, firmness, and strength among the youth. The students and staff members were also administered Voter's Day Pledge on National Voters' Day.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan emphasised the power of casting votes judiciously and advised students to perform this national duty with dedication. She lauded the Electoral Literacy Club for successfully promoting electoral awareness, encouraging voter registration, and fostering a sense of democratic responsibility among students.

MCM makes its mark in various sporting championships



In keeping with its reputation as an institution with laudable accomplishments in sports, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, performed outstandingly in various sporting championships. In an exceptional accomplishment, student Mahit Sandhu won silver medal team in All India Inter-University Shooting Competition. Adding another feather to MCM's cap, the college Pencaksilat team grabbed first place in Panjab University Competition. In Panjab University Inter-College Sepektekra Regu Competition, the college won second spot. The college also won overall second position in Panjab University Inter-College Karate Competition. In the same competition, Mehak got gold medal, and Kiran, Sneha and Tammana got bronze medal.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan informed that the college has an inimitable track record in sports, with the college winning Panjab University Women's Sports General Efficiency Shield for a record 41 times since its establishment in 1968. She added that the college is proud to have produced many notable sportspersons including cricketers Taniya Bhatia, Riddhima and Harleen Deol.

MCM NCC cadet wins prestigious DGNCC Medal at RDC 2025



In a momentous achievement, Manya Bahl, NCC cadet of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, represented Chandigarh at the NCC Republic Day (RD) Camp 2025 held at New Delhi, and earned the prestigious DGNCC medal. The NCC Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh (PHHPC) Directorate had selected her for the camp in December 2024. Manya's journey to the camp began with impressive performances in cultural competitions including a group dance and a ballet performance. These performances led to her selection for key camp events including the VIP visits. She also performed in a cultural performance held on January 25 in the presence of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Congratulating the cadet, college Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan expressed appreciation for the guidance of Col. A S Randhawa, Commanding Officer of 1st Chandigarh Girls Battalion. She further informed that Manya's achievement carries forward the legacy of participation of NCC cadets from the college in the Republic Day Camp wherein the cadets participated in the camp in 2022 and 2024.

MCM NCC Naval cadets make their mark in All India ATC



Bringing laurels to the college, four NCC (Naval Wing) cadets of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, got the opportunity to participate in the All India Annual Training Camp held at Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala. The cadets represented Punjab Directorate from the Chandigarh Group. During the camp, the participants made their mark by grabbing gold medal in Boat pulling and silver medal in EP Class Rigging. POC Roshni, POC Stanzin Chosyangs, and Cdt Devyanshi Thakur were part of the boat pulling event, and POC Roshni and POC Stanzin Chosyangs competed in EP Class Rigging.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan congratulated the NCC cadets for this achievement that upholds the college's tradition of excellence and glorious accomplishments. She added that such achievements are a testament to the college's concerted efforts to ensure holistic development of its students.

MCM organises sensitisation programme on drugs



The Victory Against Drug Abuse (VADA) Club of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised a sensitisation programme on drug awareness. The event was conducted under the aegis of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. The programme aimed to create awareness about the devastating effects of drug abuse, and to empower students to act as ambassadors of change in their communities. Inspector Baldev Kumar, Station House Officer of the Anti-Narcotic Task Force (ANTF), Sector 11, Chandigarh, delivered an impactful talk during the programme. Sharing valuable insights from his personal and professional experiences, Inspector Kumar highlighted the challenges he faced during his youth, and how he remained focused on his goals despite obstacles. He emphasised the importance of fitness and education as the two pillars of success in life. Encouraging the youth to make informed and healthy choices, he urged them to stay away from drugs and prioritise their mental and physical well-being. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan lauded the efforts of the VADA Club for their dedicated commitment towards raising awareness about such a critical issue. She highlighted the importance of consistent efforts to educate and inspire the youth to lead drug-free lives, and expressed hope that the programme proves to be a significant step for fostering a sense of responsibility among students, and reinforcing the message of staying vigilant against the menace of drug abuse.

MCM celebrates Basant Panchmi with havan and Saraswati puja



In a befitting celebration of Basant Panchmi, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh marked the festival that heralds the beginning of spring season with havan and Saraswati puja. The celebration began on an auspicious note as the Arya Samaj Committee of the college organised havan yajna wherein Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan, staff members, and students prayed before the holy fire amidst the chanting of mantras, and sought the blessings of Goddess Saraswati. The staff members and students born in the month of January were blessed with garlands by the Principal. The students who won first prize in the national-level Havan Yajna Competition held at Sohan Lal DAV College, Ambala, were also felicitated by the Principal on this occasion. The havan yajna was followed by Saraswati puja under the aegis of the Music Department of the college.

Ms. Suman Mahajan greeted the staff and students on this festival of spiritual enlightenment, and reiterated that as this festival spiritually signifies dispelling of ignorance and gloom, we should work towards spreading joy and spiritual awakening around us.

MCM celebrates World Cancer Day



On the occasion of World Cancer Day, the Health Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Motherhood Hospital, Sector 62, Mohali (Punjab), organised an interactive session. The resource person for the session was Dr. Sunaina Bansal, Consultant Obstetrician, Gynaecologist and Laproscopic Surgeon, Motherhood Hospital. Dr. Bansal provided a detailed insight on cancer, with focus on its causes, pre-symptoms of breast cancer, and cervical cancer. She highlighted the importance of healthy food and healthy lifestyle for strengthening the fight against cancer. Emphasis was laid on periodic screening and diagnosis of the disease for timely treatment. The audience was also educated about cervical cancer vaccine.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan expressed appreciation for the efforts of Health Committee for being a part of this significant event in the global fight against cancer. She added that the session serves as a reminder of the pressing need for awareness, education, and action to reduce the impact of cancer worldwide.

MCM participates in Shobha Yatra to celebrate 200th birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand



Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, participated in the 'Shobha Yatra' organised by Kendriya Arya Sabha as part of the grand celebrations of 200th birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati- the founder of Arya Samaj. The college, along with other DAV institutions from across the tricity, was a part of this yatra that began from Arya Samaj, Sector 7, Chandigarh, and culminated at Arya Samaj, Sector 16, Chandigarh. The yatra recorded an overwhelming response as over 2500 people participated in it.

Officiating Principal Ms Suman paid deep tributes to Maharishi Swami Dayanand Saraswati. She reminded students of Swamiji's message of 'Go back to the Vedas', and motivated them to take inspiration from Swamiji's life and walk on the path of truth.

MCM celebrates Basant Panchmi with traditional fervour



In a befitting celebration of Basant Panchmi, the Sustainable Practices Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised 'Basant Utsav' with the purpose to celebrate our rich cultural heritage while reliving memories of our long forgotten customs. Dressed in different hues of yellow, the staff members and students thoroughly enjoyed the festivities basking in the warmth of sunshine. The event comprised of Braid Styling Competition, 'Swaal Jwaab'- a fun quiz related to Basant, and 'Khanak'- a stall of colourful bangles. Adding to the flavour of the celebration, 'Udaan' brought out the child in everyone present as they indulged in kite flying. Another highlight of the event was 'Basant walk' wherein children of staff members walked the stage in traditional attire, Traditional besan barfi was also distributed on this occasion, enhancing the sweetness of the celebration.

Speaking on this occasion, Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan said that through this celebration, the college envisioned to celebrate the spirit of resilience and positivity, and expressed hope that the spring will herald a welcome change.

MCM holds workshop on KOHA software



The Library Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised a two-day workshop on KOHA Library Software. The event aimed to enhance the digital skills of the library staff, and introduce students and faculty to the advanced features of the KOHA software, particularly the Web-OPAC (Web-Based Online Public Access Catalogue). The training session was part of the college's ongoing efforts to modernise its library services, and provide seamless remote access to its vast collection of resources. On the first day, the library staff underwent intensive training to familiarise them with the software's operations, including cataloging, circulation, and remote access features. On the second day, a special session was conducted for faculty members and students. The session focused on operating the Web-OPAC, which allows users to search and access library resources remotely. Attendees were guided on how to navigate the system, search for books, recommend books and utilise digital resources effectively. The interactive session received an overwhelming response, with participants expressing enthusiasm about the new digital tools available to them. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan said that the success of the KOHA training session marks a significant step forward in the college's journey toward a more digitally integrated academic environment. She also lauded the efforts of the Library Committee to empower the library users with digital know-how to ensure effective usage of library resources.

MCM holds 3rd edition of 'Suniye Sunaiye' – a celebration of words, voices, and listening



The Library Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, hosted the third edition of Suniye Sunaiye, in the warm and welcoming space of the staff corner in the college Library. With its essence rooted in the magic of storytelling and the serenity of deep listening, the session brought together students, faculty, and non-teaching staff in an atmosphere of shared narratives, reflective discussions, and heartfelt poetry.

The theme of the day was the spirit of new beginnings, renewed hope, and an awareness of the rights and responsibilities bestowed upon us by the Indian Constitution. Participants brought forth an array of literary pieces, spanning across disciplines and languages, each one contributing to a rich and meaningful discourse. Students captivated the gathering with anecdotes from books that delve into India's journey of independence, poetry, and many more topics. Attendees reflected on the philosophy of cause and effect, the importance of moral responsibility, and how these principles shape both individual lives and collective society. The third edition stood as yet another testament to the power of words, the warmth of human connection, and the importance of keeping these traditions alive.



Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan's reading from Indian Philosophy by Dr. S. Radhakrishna sparked a captivating discussion on the concepts of karma and Buddhist values. She reiterated that Suniye Sunaiye is not just an event but a movement to revive the lost art of reading aloud, storytelling, and active listening. She added that in today's fast-paced digital age, where fleeting attention spans often diminish the joy of shared narratives, this initiative is a gentle reminder of the peace that reading and listening can bring.

MCM pays tribute to Swami Dayanand on his 201st birth anniversary, Meraki poster unveiled



Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, paid rich tributes to Swami Dayanand Saraswati on his 201st birth anniversary. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan and staff members expressed their reverence towards the founder of Arya Samaj, and sought his blessings as they offered flowers on his picture. Artist Varun Tandon's portrait of Swamiji was also displayed on this occasion. The most striking feature of the portrait was that the stamp imprints in the portrait had mantras from vedas, and image of Arya jans performing havan. Making the most of this auspicious occasion, the college unveiled the poster of its annual cultural fest- Meraki. The artist of the Star Night during the fest- Nikhil D'Souza from Bollywood, and the artist for EDM Night- Aerreo, were also revealed through unveiling of their posters. Speaking at this occasion, Ms. Suman Mahajan reminded the students about Swami Dayanand ji's immensely significant contribution towards promotion of vedas and education, women empowerment, rekindling spirit of nationalism through vedas, fighting discrimination, social upliftment and nation building. Referring to Swamiji as one of the main architects of modern India, she asserted that a true tribute to him would be a resolve to walk on his path and to motivate others also to carry forward his legacy.

MCM holds sessions on MBA, and career options after graduation



The Career Counselling Cell of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised an interactive session titled 'MBA Mastery: Challenges, Choices and Opportunities'. The resource person for the session was Mr. Sanmeet Sidhu, Head- Training and Development, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Thapar School of Liberal Art and Sciences (Patiala), and LM Thapar School of Management, Dera Bassi. The session witnessed an enthusiastic participation of 200 students aspiring to pursue MBA after graduation. Mr. Sidhu commenced the session with a discussion on terms like success, identity and image to help students define their goals, vision and mission. He shared various tips and tricks to ace an interview including the need to understand the sentiments of the panel. The event concluded with an interactive session wherein Mr. Sidhu addressed students' queries, providing valuable insights and advice.



In another event, the Cell organised an interactive session on 'Career options after graduation'. Mr. Bharat Jain, a dedicated educator who has been contributing to the education field since 2005, was the resource person. Various career options available after graduation such as Civil services, law, journalism and media, psychology and counselling, teaching, and social work were discussed. An elaborate discussion on MBA as a career opportunity was held. The resource person also talked about various career options in the commerce field like CA, CS, and CMA which can provide opportunities to students to directly get into the Big 4 and MNCs. He also highlighted high growth new age careers like digital marketing, e-commerce, etc. The event concluded with a Q&A session, wherein Mr. Jain addressed students' queries, providing valuable insights and advice.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Career Counselling Cell to provide valuable guidance to students for charting their career paths. She added that such sessions widen the horizons of students and lay the foundation for a bright future..

CYBERAWARETHON marks the initiation of MCM Meraki 2025



Meraki 2025- the two-day annual fest of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, took off to a flying start with a marathon titled CYBERAWARETHON. It was held at the Sukhna Lake and the event witnessed the enthusiastic presence of nearly 500 participants. The event was graced by Deputy Superintendent of Police Sh. P. Abhinandan, who not only attended as the Chief Guest but also participated, securing an impressive fourth position. His dedication and sportsmanship spirit served as an inspiration for all. The event was further graced by the presence of Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan, staff members, and Student Council along with the other students. Following the marathon, a nukkad natak on cyber awareness captivated the audience, highlighting the importance of online safety and digital responsibility. The event concluded with an award ceremony, leaving everyone with renewed enthusiasm for the upcoming fest. The top 50 winners were rewarded for their remarkable performances.

Ms. Suman Mahajan motivated the participants and acknowledged their relentless efforts. She added that the marathon, alongside the awareness initiative, truly embodied the spirit of Meraki i.e. passion, commitment, and excellence.

MCM celebrates World Wetlands Day



The Department of Zoology and Eco-Club 'Parivesh' of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of IQAC, marked World Wetlands Day with an educational visit to Chandigarh Bird Park and the regulator end of Sukhna Lake. Spotting scopes, binoculars, and field guides for bird identification, and self-explanatory, illustrative boards regarding birds, their habitat, migration, etc. were made available at the regulator end of the Sukhna wetland by the Department of Forest and Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration. The students saw many beautiful migratory birds like Ruddy Shelduck, Black winged stilt, Egret, Eurasian coot, Common Teal, Northern Shoveler, Purple and Grey Heron, Small cormorant, Great Cormorant, Darter, Night Heron, Pintail, Common Shelduck, etc. The students learnt that the birds migrate to move from areas of low or decreasing resources to areas of high or increasing resources, and that migration can be triggered by a combination of changes in day length, lower temperatures, changes in food supplies, and genetic predisposition. They were also apprised about how the birds navigate using compass information from the sun, the stars, and by sensing the earth's magnetic field.



Further, the students visited Chandigarh Bird Park set up by the Department of Forest and Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration on 6.5 acres land at Nagar Van behind Sukhna Lake. The main attractions in the park were African love birds, budgerigars, white swan, black swan, wood duck, golden pheasant, yellow golden pheasant, green wing macaw, sun conures, African grey parrot, finches and melanistic pheasant. A photography competition was also organised during the visit. The students spotted and clicked various birds and animals showcasing their photography skills.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan expressed appreciation for this initiative of Zoology Department and Eco-Club to educate the students on issues of concern regarding wetlands. She asserted that this celebration should be embraced as a powerful advocacy tool to conserve wetlands that are life-giving sources of jobs, incomes, and essential ecosystem services

MCM holds social outreach programme 'Saanjh and Sangam'



The Young Communicators Club (YCC) of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of Public Relations Council of India, Chandigarh Chapter, and in collaboration with Sarvani, a Panchkula-based NGO, organised 'Saanjh and Sangam'- a 3-day programme as part of its ongoing social outreach initiatives. The programme's overarching goal was to restore the essence of childhood for underprivileged children, ensuring their holistic development by providing them access to the simple joys of play and education that every child deserves. The initiative offered a wide range of activities for the children and learners at Sarvani, creating an environment conducive to learning, creativity, and personal growth. The first day of the programme introduced the children to the joys of storytelling, alongside engaging art and craft activities. These sessions aimed not only to stimulate creativity but also to strengthen communication skills and encourage self-expression among the children. On the second day, a combination of music, dance, and mindfulness sessions was conducted, fostering emotional well-being and promoting physical and mental wellness through the healing power of art and movement. On the final day, the event culminated with interactive games, followed by a feedback session wherein the children shared their experiences, highlighting the value they found in these activities.

Meraki- MCM's annual cultural fest kickstarts on a vibrant note



The campus of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, reverberated with energy, cheer and festivity as its annual cultural fest Meraki took off with a bang here today. A two-day affair, the most happening fest of the tricity embarked on its 8th edition this year with participants from institutions from across the tricity. Ms Geetanjali Khandelwal, IPS, SP, Chandigarh, graced the event as the Chief guest and Mr Naveen Rattu, DAN-ICS, SDM Central was the Guest of Honour. Lamp lighting lent an auspicious beginning to the mega event that had an unprecedented number of visitors making a beeline to witness this infusion of soul and creativity into the fest.

An impressive presentation of the college was followed by Arya Samaj commemoration wherein the Music Department of the college paid lyrical tribute to the legacy of Swami Dayanand Saraswati. Ms Geetanjali Khandelwal lauded the impeccable organisation of the event, and conveyed her best wishes for its grand success. Mr. Naveen Rattu asserted that such events are a befitting opportunity for the students to learn life skills, and congratulated the organising team for a splendid event.



Singer and actor Jai Randhawa's presence and eclectic performance during the first half of the day added to the verve of the event, sending a wave of excitement among the audience. A host of exciting events lined up for day one comprised of Dance Competition, Face Painting Competition, and Hog It All (Eating Competition), displaying manifestation of various arts and a fine amalgamation of talent, creativity, intellect and entertainment. The fest reached its crescendo with an electrifying Star Night that had everyone dancing to the rhythmic beats as singer Nikhil D'Souza performed live.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan conveyed her best wishes to the Meraki Organizing Committee for an exceptional show, and acknowledged the spirit of resilience and determination demonstrated by them, thus embodying the principles of Swami Dayanand Saraswati. She also expressed appreciation for the heart and soul put in by the students in organising the fest.

Meraki weaves it's magic on Day 2, ends on a musical note



The second day of the annual cultural fiesta Meraki at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College For Women, Chandigarh, was as electrifying and fun filled as the inaugural day, with a host of events to keep the competitive spirit of participants ticking and the audience mesmerized. The fest was graced by Harpreet Kaur Babla, Mayor, Chandigarh, as the Chief Guest.

The day's events kicked off with 'Meet the Influencer' wherein moderators Sahil Sachdeva, Founder, Level Up PR and Supreet Singh, Founder and CEO, Psychocare Health had engrossing conversations with alumna Drishti Kharbanda, Founder, Bake Cosmetics, Komal Sharma Talwar, Founder and CEO, XLScouts and TT consultants, Ketan Kalra, CEO, Super Donuts, Arush Chopra, Co-founder, Just Herbs, Saurabh Munjal, Co-founder and CEO of Lahori Zeera, Dr Shweta Gupta, Founder, Little Llama, Dr Vibha Bawa, Founder, Ojas Fitness Clinic, and Lavleen Kaur, Founder, Santushti Holistic Health. In the first session, Sahil Sachdeva engaged with the entrepreneurs shared their incisive insights on a wide array of aspects related to entrepreneurship including identification of gaps in the industry that can prove to be good business models, building viral campaigns, risk taking, bootstrapping, marketing strategies, brand building, communication strategies, adaptability, intellectual property, AI and IP intersection, and formula for success.



The second session, moderated by Supreet Singh, witnessed enlightening discussion on holistic health that encompasses physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual health. Inter-College Fashion Show saw confident participants walking down the ramp with aplomb and grace competing for the coveted title. The presence of Actress Mandy Thakkar, Actor Hardeep Grewal, and Model and Actor Prabh Grewal added to the glamour of the Fashion Show. The audience also enjoyed the poetry, song and stand-up performances of different colleges at the event -Open Mic. As a gesture of gratitude, the Meraki team donated an e-rickshaw to the college. The second day witnessed a befitting end with an enthralling EDM Concert featuring Aerreo winning the evening with eclectic music.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan gave away prizes to the winners of various competitions held during the day. She was all praises for the organisers of the fest for having put up a splendid show and congratulated the winners of various events and motivated all the students to emulate the qualities of leadership and excellence displayed during the fest.

MCM celebrates National Mathematics Day, also holds Mathemagica 2025



To mark the celebration of National Mathematics Day, the Postgraduate Department of Mathematics, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised various activities. The event was sponsored by Punjab State Council for Science and Technology (PSCST) and National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. The celebration comprised of a lecture on 'Mathematics through the ages: from Shoonya to Artificial Intelligence', and Inter-College Competitions that included Poster Presentation on the topic 'Importance of Mathematics in Technology Advancement', and Extempore Competition. Dr Kavita, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala, was the Chief Guest and also the resource person for the lecture.



The competitions of Extempore and Poster presentation witnessed enthusiastic participation of students from various colleges of the tricity. The top 3 winners of these competitions were awarded cash prizes. In another event, the Department organised an Inter-College Competition 'Mathemagica 2025', sponsored by Department of Science and Technology and Renewable Energy, Chandigarh Administration. Dr. Dilbag Singh Kahlon, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Panjab University, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. As part of the event, three competitions, namely Mathematical Quiz, Power Point Presentation and Rangoli Making were held, that recorded enthusiastic participation of institutions from across the tricity. The first 3 position winners of all the competitions were awarded cash prizes.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan congratulated the Department on celebration of National Mathematics Day with the objective of apprising the students of the rich legacy of Indian Mathematics. She added that the contribution of the great Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan should be an inspiration for the young mathematicians to work for advancement of this discipline.

30-hour course on GST Return Filing culminates at MCM



The 30-hour course on 'GST Return Filing' culminated at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh. The course was held in collaboration with Centre for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (CSDE), Panjab University, Chandigarh, and was coordinated by Skill Development Cell and Post Graduate Department of Commerce at the college. The course focused on providing conceptual and practical insights into Goods and Services tax, registration and return filing. A total of 42 students from different streams and colleges of tricity, and 15 non-teaching staff members of the college gained first-hand experience of registering and filing GST return. The objective of the workshop was to equip the participants with skills to handle GST compliance, and empower them to venture in the field of entrepreneurship and to become GST practitioners for any type of business. The objectives were well achieved in the span of one week, where experts from the field of Goods and Services Tax delivered engaging sessions and covered in detail the provisions of GST in India with practical examples. The first day had two speakers CA Ankur Sharma and CA Jatin Rathour in two different sessions discussed the concepts of GST with the participants and increased their awareness as consumers

about GST on various products and services, thereby laying a strong foundation of the workshop. Day 2 began with a session by CA Jyoti Soi who discussed taxable event under GST followed by CA Jatin Rathour who elaborated about the concept of inclusive GST, Forward Charge and Reverse Charge Mechanism. On Day 3, CA Jatin Rathour explained about the basic documents required for registration under GST, while CA Rajan Agnihotri discussed practical aspects of Input tax credit and explained the details of registration process with live demonstration of registration on the GST portal. Day 4 and 5 saw interactive sessions on GST Return filing with practical examples by the experts. A live demonstration of the entire procedure of return filing on the GST portal was also shown to the participants. On the culmination day, the resource persons focussed on situations for claiming refunds and procedure to be followed for the same. A test was conducted at the end of the workshop to assess the knowledge gathered by the participants during the 30-hours of intensive learning.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan congratulated the organising team on successful completion of the course and appreciated the efforts for this unique skill initiative. She further expressed her special gratitude to Professor Suveera Gill, Honorary Director, CSDE, Panjab University, Chandigarh for her support and guidance during the course.



MCM holds workshops on Haircut, Make-up and Nail Art



The Department of Add-on course in Cosmetology and Beauty Care at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised a workshop on Advanced Haircut and Basic Make-up. Hairstylist Mr. Rajat and Make-up artist Ms. Aanchal from Tress Lounge, Sector 8, Chandigarh, were the resource persons for the workshop. The workshop provided the participants hands-on training for enhancing their skills in both advanced haircutting techniques and basic make-up application. In another event, the course, in collaboration with Women Development Cell of the college, organised a Nail Art workshop. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Arshnoor, an expert in the field of nail care and design. The event aimed to provide participants with an understanding of various nail care techniques, including nail art, nail health, and grooming practices. Both the workshops received overwhelming response.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan while commending these initiatives, said that personal grooming enthuses confidence in an individual by adding to the personality.

MCM holds 4-day workshop on Start-up success



The Institution Innovation Council (IIC) of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the Start-up Cell and Postgraduate Department of Commerce, organised a 4-day workshop on 'Unlocking Market Potential: Tools for Start-up Success'. The workshop was conducted in 4 sessions by three resource persons viz. Mr. Gursimran Singh Oberoi, Founder and Managing Director, Institute of Professional Banking, Ms. Jyoti Soi, Chartered Accountant, PGDBA (Finance), Ph.D in GST, and Mr. Paramdeep Singh Anand, Ex-CEO, Field Assist. On the first day, Mr. Gursimran Singh explained business plans and models, which is a prerequisite for budding entrepreneurs, and also explained about different stages of start-up such as Awareness Stage, Analysis Stage, Action Planning Stage and Achievement Stage. The second day's session conducted by Ms. Jyoti Soi delved into the topic of GST compliance, giving hands-on experience to the participants on registration, invoicing, e-way bill, ITC (Input Tax Credit) and filing of a return. The sessions on third and fourth day were conducted by Mr. Paramdeep Singh. He apprised the students about concepts of marketing and sales in an engaging and interactive manner.



The resource person also discussed about his own entrepreneurial journey, and gave in-depth knowledge to participants about navigating through various challenges in a start-up journey by applying analytical approach to solve problems at every step. The participants found all the sessions quite enriching and informative and showed interest in attending more such events in the future.

Officiating Principles Ms. Suman Mahajan lauded the initiatives of IIC to enthuse entrepreneurial and innovation focused spirit among the students. She also encouraged the students to cultivate out-of-the-box thinking that leads to actionable ideas, and to use the institution's resources such as seed capital, and mentoring sessions to the best of their advantage.

MCM holds Inter College Quiz on Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan



As per the directions of Department of Higher Education, Chandigarh Administration, the Victory against Drug Abuse (VADA) Club, under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised an Inter-College Quiz Competition on the theme Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan. The event aimed to raise awareness among youth about the harmful effects of drug abuse, and to encourage their participation in creating a drug-free society. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from 14 colleges from across the tricity. The event began with a pledge ceremony wherein all the participants took an oath against drug abuse, reinforcing their commitment to a healthier and addiction-free future. The quiz competition was divided into two rounds: the preliminary round, which consisted of objective-based written questions, and the final round, which featured a pictorial round based on the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan theme. After an intense competition, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women secured the first position, while Government College of Commerce and Business Administration, and Government College of Education bagged the second and third positions, respectively. To engage the audience, an interactive quiz session was also conducted, wherein audience members actively participated. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan appreciated the VADA Club team members and volunteers for their dedication in organising such impactful and meaningful events to raise awareness about the drug menace so as to create a drug-free society.

MCM celebrates National Science Day



Celebrating the spirit of scientific innovation on the occasion of National Science Day, Vigyan Manch of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Institution Innovation Council (IIC) and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organised 2-day Inter-college Science Fiesta 2025. Sponsored by Department of Science and Technology and Renewable Energy (DST & RE), Chandigarh Administration, the theme of the celebration was 'Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for Viksit Bharat'. A wide array of events including hands-on workshop, popular talk cum interactive session, fun with science, puppet show and many inter-college competitions were organised by the Science Departments of the college with an aim to inspire scientific curiosity and leadership among young minds.

To give industry-oriented hands-on training to students in designing graphics based documents like brochures and advertisements, the Department of Computer Science and Applications (DCSA) organised a 2-day skill-based workshop on 'Graphics Designing' where the resource persons were Mrs. Jasleen Kaur and Mr. Mandeep

Singh from Winsoft Computers, Mohali. The participants were apprised of skills related to design process, critical thinking, and creative ideation as a means of problem-solving and enhancing visual communication.



The Department of Zoology organised a talk-cum-interactive session on 'Fundamentals of Bee Keeping' by Prof. Neelima R. Kumar from Department of Zoology, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Prof. Kumar highlighted the fundamentals of beekeeping including all the information about different species of honeybee, their life span, breeding, feeding, reproductive cycle, and life history through an engaging presentation and video clips. She emphasised upon the importance of honeybees for human survival, and further described the vast variety of products from bees, highlighting that honey production is an economically profitable enterprise that generates employment opportunities too. She encouraged the female students to step into beekeeping entrepreneurship for expanding honey market, and conserve biodiversity. The Department of Food Science organised innovative 'Fun with Science' event that included various awareness generation activities on food adulteration, food packaging and labelling, good lab practices, Photo Booth and quiz, puzzles and fun games on nutrition, health, etc. In addition, the Department also organised an impactful nukkad natak on the theme of health and nutrition, live demonstrations by Mobile Food Adulteration Detection Van of Department of Food

Safety, Chandigarh Administration, and by students of BSc MFT of food adulteration detection kits. The event was graced by Mr. Sukhvinder Singh, Designated Officer-cum-licensing Authority, Food Safety Administration, Chandigarh. A puppet show based on the theme 'Water conservation' was staged by the students of BSc II Medical wherein the harmful impact of water pollution on aquatic life was depicted through puppets. The show sensitised the audience towards reducing water footprint and contribute towards water conservation to avoid water crisis. Further, Inter-college events were organised that recorded participation of more than 200 students across the tricity colleges in competitions that included Best out of Waste and Innovative Idea Competitions by Department of Zoology, Rangoli making and Slogan writing competitions by Department of Botany, Poster making competition by Department of Food Science and T-Shirt Painting Competition on the theme 'Importance of Science in Everyday life' by Department of Physics, and Poster Making Competition on the theme 'Visualising Viksit Bharat through Science and Technology: Paving the Way for Sustainable Development' by Department of Food Science. In addition, with another grant received from Department of Science and Technology and Renewable Energy (DST&RE), Chandigarh Administration, the Department of Botany, under the aegis of MCM Vigyan Manch, organised Inter-College Slogan writing Competition.



Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan appreciated the efforts of all the Science departments, and emphasised that such initiatives are imperative to spread scientific awareness, celebrate pathbreaking contributions of science, and inculcate spirit of innovation among the youth as per the vision of a developed India.

MCM holds workshop on UGC NET



The Postgraduate Department of Sociology at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the Department of Political Science and Career Counseling Cell organised a workshop titled 'UGC Exam: Mastering Key Concepts and Strategies'. The workshop was conducted by Dr Arpita Karwa, Author and an expert in UGC NET Examination. The session focused on comprehensive understanding of UGC-NET and associated career opportunities. Dr Karwa discussed time management techniques, and highlighted the importance of practice exercises and mock tests. She emphasised understanding the pattern of the exam with basic details such as syllabus of Paper 1 and Paper 2, and elaborated on the role of Paper 1 in UGC NET in getting a good score in the exam. Further, Dr Karwa explained the four steps in the learning process which includes Understanding, Memorisation, Revise and Practice. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of 115 participants, thereby reflecting their interest in understanding the process of this competitive exam. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan expressed appreciation for this initiative to empower students with knowledge that will guide them in developing strategies for achieving their career goals.

MCM holds session on CAT, discussion on Union Budget



The Postgraduate Department of Economics at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised a session on the topic 'Decoding CAT: Gateway to IIMs'. An alumnus of Indian Institute of Ahmedabad, Mr. Sony Goyal delivered a lecture, giving an extensive overview of the structure, marking scheme and preparation strategies for Common Admission Test (CAT). Inspiring journeys of CAT toppers were shared to encourage and motivate the students for their career advancement with confidence and perseverance. An interactive session was held to clarify various doubts and concerns of students regarding the CAT examination. Over 70 students attended the session. In another event, Econoquest- the Economics Society of the Department of Economics, organised a stimulating discussion on the Union Budget 2025-26. The discussion, titled 'The Budget Breakdown: Perspectives and Priorities', encompassed a wide range of topics including the new income tax regime, privatisation, health and education, fiscal reforms, and ministry-wise allocation, among others. The participants, who were divided into two teams, presented their arguments, and decoded the themes and reforms as enumerated in the Union Budget. The audience also actively participated in the question-answer round, making it an enriching discussion that assimilated different perspectives on the budget.

MCM hosts Sahitya Akademi Award winner & alumna Dr. Pal Kaur



The Department of Punjabi at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Association of MCM DAV Alumni (AMDA), organised an interactive session with Sahitya Akademi Award recipient and alumna Dr. Pal Kaur. Ecstatic to be at her alma mater, Dr. Kaur fondly remembered the faculty members who chiseled her talent, and said that she is overwhelmed to be at the college that laid the foundation of whatever she is today. She said that her work not only reflects her journey as a woman but is also a commentary on contemporary issues. Talking about her poetic journey, Dr. Kaur said that it began with her creation 'Khabbal' and since then there has been no looking back as poems became her weapon with which she won many battles.



She also shed light on the thought and the process behind her latest book 'Sunn Gunwanta Sunn Budwanta', adding that it is about Punjab's history but from the perspective and sensibility of a poet wherein she has written about different philosophies by experimenting with form to write structured poetry. The audience was also treated to her poetic genius as she recited her poems including 'Unmukt', 'Udaan', 'Hunn ni mardi Nirmala', 'Mughal Sarai', and 'Jalebi'. Students also presented Dr. Kaur's and self-composed poems on this occasion. The interactive session witnessed thought provoking exchange between the author and audience on literature, patriarchy, feminism and much more. The winners of various competitions including Creative Writing were felicitated on this occasion.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan congratulated Dr. Pal Kaur on the conferring of the second highest literary award of the country to her, and added that her accomplishment has added another feather to MCM's cap. She expressed appreciation for Dr. Kaur's authenticity that reflects in her work.

MCM holds 7-day skill development workshop Hastkala



The Department of Home Science at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of IQAC, organised 4th edition of Hastkala- the 7-day skill based workshop on fabric ornamentation. Dr Rati Arora (expert in clothing and textiles), Assistant Professor, Department of Home Science, was the resource person. During the workshop, various basic and innovative techniques of tie and dye, block printing, khaddi printing, fabric painting, wet painting and liquid embroidery were demonstrated by the resource person. On the last day of the workshop, the articles prepared by the participants were exhibited that featured an impressive collection of handcrafted items ranging from dupattas, kurtis, table runners, scarves, cushion covers, wall hangings, and bags. The exhibition highlighted a harmonious blend of ancient tie-dye techniques and painting methods on denims and jackets. Over 40 students from across the tricity actively participated in the workshop. The programme served as a learning opportunity for the broader community as the participants from other colleges, as well as students and a teacher from Ashiana Children Home, Panchkula, attended it. Cash prizes and certificates were awarded to the best created articles and all the participants, respectively. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan appreciated the efforts of the department to encourage and train the students towards development of their entrepreneurial skills in fabric ornamentation. Highlighting the importance of such skill development programmes, she said that skills are imperative to stand out in today's competitive world.

MCM holds visit to Government Museum & Art Gallery



The Department of Fine Arts at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Women Development Cell, organised an entrepreneurship and skill based educational visit to Government Museum and Art Gallery Sector 10, Chandigarh and to 'Kala Nidhi'- a group exhibition at Underpass Sector 17, Chandigarh. Fine Arts faculty members, Dr. Pooja Sharma and Dr. Robina Singh also exhibited their artworks at the exhibition wherein contemporary art works in various mediums by eminent artists of the tricity were displayed. The students got the opportunity to get valuable insights by witnessing the art works in the museum and at the exhibition.

Officiating Principal Ms Suman Mahajan lauded this initiative for providing exposure to the students of Fine Arts, thereby helping them understand the nuances of art.

MCM celebrates Women's Day with Medical Camp



As part of International Women's Day celebration, the Health Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Fortis Hospital, Mohali, organised a free Medical Camp for staff and students. The medical team of Fortis Hospital comprised of panel of doctors including Dr. Prabha Bansal, Dermatology, Dr. Arsh Kaur, Gynaecology, Dr. Shikha Gupta, General Medicine, Dr. Ritesh Khokhar, Orthopedics, Dt. Lavisha, paramedical staff Muskaan, Anshika (Nursing) and Priya Sharma, and lab technician. Various screening tests including blood glucose, blood pressure, ECG, Bone Mineral density, etc. were conducted during the camp. More than 300 individuals including teaching, non-teaching staff members and students benefitted from the camp.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan said that going by the dictum 'Health is Wealth', the Medical Camp sought to raise awareness among various stakeholders about the importance of health. She added that considering that women specifically put their healthcare on the back-burner, this Women's Day was an apt opportunity to bring different specialists together to facilitate women get answers to their health issues under one roof.

MCM holds session 'Gender, Identity, and Resistance: Amrita Pritam and Pinjar'



Xpressions– The Literary Society, under the aegis of the Postgraduate Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised an insightful session titled Gender, Identity, and Resistance: Amrita Pritam and Pinjar. Conducted as part of the Value-Added Course on Partition Literature for BA-I students, the event aimed to deepen students' understanding of the Partition through literature, poetry, and cinema.

The session began with an engaging lecture by Dr. Jatinder Kaur, Assistant Professor, Department of Punjabi, who provided a nuanced exploration of the Partition and its lasting impact, particularly on women. She referenced the works of Amrita Pritam, Saadat Hasan Manto, Bhisham Sahni, Krishna Sobti, Intizar Hussain, and Rajinder Singh Bedi, highlighting their literary depictions of displacement, loss, and resilience. Through thought-provoking discussions and video excerpts, Dr. Kaur emphasised how literature serves as both a historical record and a medium of emotional expression, offering voices to those who endured the trauma of Partition.



Following the lecture, the audience was immersed in the screening of *Pinjar*, a cinematic adaptation of Amrita Pritam's novel. The film powerfully depicted themes of identity, autonomy, and the struggles of women caught in the violence of Partition, reinforcing the literary discourse initiated in the lecture. The session concluded with an interactive discussion, where students shared their reflections on the themes of the lecture and the film. The event was highly enriching, leaving a lasting impact on attendees by broadening their perspectives on Partition literature and its continued relevance in contemporary society.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan applauded the efforts of the Department of English and Xpressions – The Literary Society for organising such an intellectually stimulating session. She emphasised the importance of engaging with history through multiple lenses, including literature and film, to develop a more profound and empathetic understanding of past events.

MCM holds session on Resume writing and Interviews



The Personality Development Cell of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised a session titled 'Just Hired: Mastering Resume and Interviews'. The session was conducted by Ms. Hanspreet Kaur, a renowned corporate trainer and distinguished alumna of the institution. Ms. Kaur provided valuable insights on resume writing, interview techniques and effective communication. She explained the different types of resumes, including functional and combination formats, and guided students on selecting the most suitable format based on their experience and career goals. She also introduced students to the Applicant Tracking System (ATS), emphasising the importance of using relevant keywords, proper formatting, and clear structuring to ensure resumes pass through automated screening. Additionally, she shared common resume mistakes and provided tips on crafting compelling summaries, skill sections, and accomplishment-based bullet points to enhance visibility. The interactive Q&A segment allowed students to seek personalised guidance on career-related queries. The session was highly appreciated by both students and faculty. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan applauded the initiative, highlighting its significance in preparing students for the competitive job market. She also expressed pride in seeing an alumna making a meaningful impact on aspiring professionals.

MCM holds Physics Fest Eureka



The Department of Physics at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of MCM Vigyan Manch, organised DST sponsored Physics Fest Eureka. Prof. K. N. Pathak, Former Vice-Chancellor and Professor Emeritus, Panjab University, Chandigarh, graced the Fest as the Chief Guest. Various competitions such as Quiz, PowerPoint Presentation, Science Talk, Innovative Physics Model, Sketch of Indian Scientist, and Sci- Fi Jagriti were organised as part of the Fest. Around 100 students enthusiastically participated in the Fest showcasing their innovative ideas and scientific knowledge. Prof. Pathak interacted with the students, appreciated their creativity and gave prizes to the winners of various categories. He also motivated the students to work towards ensuring their holistic development. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan lauded this initiative of the Physics Department to bring to fore the creativity of the students. She added that such activities are imperative for widening the horizons of the students as these are the platforms to explore vistas beyond one's chosen field.

MCM holds Mentorship programme under Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan



The Victory Against Drug Abuse (VADA) Club and Mentorship Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, organised a 3-day Mentorship programme and Pledge taking ceremony under Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan. The awareness programme aimed to educate students about the harmful effects of drug abuse, and to encourage them to fight against it. During the 3-day event, mentors of the respective classes shared the official online pledge link provided by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. They played a crucial role in creating awareness about drug abuse and its prevention, emphasising its social, psychological, and physical consequences. The mentors also cited research studies and real-life experiences to highlight the adverse effects of substance abuse, reinforcing the importance of a drug-free society. Students actively participated by taking the pledge and uploading their certificates, signifying their commitment to stay away from drugs. The programme witnessed an overwhelming response with more than 4,500 students participating on their scheduled dates and times. Their enthusiastic involvement demonstrated a collective determination to combat drug abuse. Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan said that this awareness initiative marked a significant step towards building a healthier, drug-free future for students. She added that by fostering knowledge and responsibility among youth, the event reinforced the mission of Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan and strengthened efforts to eliminate drug abuse from society.

MCM holds session on Waste Management for Badheri & Buterla residents



The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Cell of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the Department of Botany, organised an awareness session on 'Community based Solutions for Waste Management' for the residents of village Badheri and Buterla. The session was held at Community Centre, Sector 41, Chandigarh. Dr. Manoj Kumar, Chairperson, Centre for Public Health, Panjab University, Chandigarh, was the resource person for the session. Dr. Kumar shed light on the pernicious effects of using plastic, thereby emphasising upon the need to replace plastic bags with cloth bags, and to move towards the revival of the environment. The session elicited forthcoming response from the residents of the two villages who surrendered their plastic bags and wholeheartedly accepted the transition to the use of cloth bags. The cloth bags that were distributed among the residents were sponsored by the UBA Cell. Mr Hardeep Singh, the Councillor of Buterla and Badheri, applauded the efforts of the college and the UBA Cell in fostering such activities. Officiating Principal Ms Suman Mahajan expressed appreciation for the efforts of the UBA Cell aimed at bringing about transformation in rural communities, thereby aiding in the development of the country. Highlighting the importance of the session, she said that effective waste management is essential for minimising environmental impact and promoting sustainability.

MCM holds AI themed iTech Fiesta 2025



The Department of Computer Science and Applications at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised Department of Science and Technology and Renewable Energy, Chandigarh Administration sponsored 'iTech Fiesta 2025'- an Inter-College IT Fest, under the aegis of MCM Vigyan Manch. The theme of the fest was 'Artificial Intelligence: Applications, Ethics and Responsibilities'. The fest aimed to offer a platform to students for self-actualisation, exploration, and showcasing of their technical and extra-curricular skills while deliberating on various aspects of AI. Dr. Anuj Sharma, Chairperson, Department of Computer Science and Applications, Panjab University, and Dr. Sonal Chawla, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Applications, Panjab University were the Chief Guests for the inaugural and valedictory, respectively. Dr. Anuj Sharma lauded the organisers for providing the students with a launch pad for their innovative ideas relating to real life problems. He also talked about the exponential growth of technology and the significant contribution of AI in various sectors. Prof. Sonal Chawla shared practical tips with the audience on embracing AI.



The fest witnessed enthusiastic participation of over 154 students from 13 colleges across the tricity. Participants competed in various stimulating competitions that tested their IT and programming skills. The events organised included IT Quiz, Web Designing, Debugging, e-Collage Making, Research-based Poster Presentation, e-Waste Modelling, Movie Making and IT-based Rangoli. Cultural programme by the students of the Department brought to fore the artistic side of the future IT professionals. The fest culminated with a prize distribution ceremony.

Appreciating the endeavour of the department to showcase the IT and programming skills of students and encourage healthy competition, Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan said that such events are an apt platform for the students to not only display their talent but also to assess their strengths and weaknesses and learn from the experts.

MCM promotes innovation at grassroot level



The Viksit Bharat Abhiyan Committee and IPR Cell of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised an event titled 'Innovation at Grassroot Level: An Exhibition and Presentation of Students' Ventures and Entrepreneurial Ideas', under the aegis of Institution Innovation Council. The two-day event focused on promoting the culture of start-ups and innovation by giving young entrepreneurs an opportunity to come forward with their innovative ideas and exhibit the same. On day one, 11 participants from various courses presented their innovative ideas and received suggestions and advice as part of mentorship from experts. Mr. Divyansh Mandhotra (COO and Co-founder Cmatrix), and Mr. Kabir Gaba (Vice Chairperson, IEEE RAS) were the mentors for the session. The mentors of the session cleared the myths about entrepreneurship and the process of patenting. Mr. Kabir Gaba also discussed the various aspects of Patenting with the participants so as to help them protect their original ideas from being infringed upon.



On day two of the event, the participants exhibited their products and ideas through stalls, thereby learning the art of marketing through the exhibition cum sale of the products. The event was a success and well received by the students.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan lauded this initiative for giving an impetus to the spirit of innovation among students. She added that with a view to promote the culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, the college provides mentorship as well as financial support to the students.

MCM holds free Eye Check Up Camp



The Health Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Pro Sight Eye Hospital, Chandigarh, organised a free Eye Check-Up Camp in the college premises. The team members from Pro Sight Eye Hospital comprised the trained team of Dr Sheetal Brar, Medical Director, MBBS, FC, FPRS (Ophthalmologist), Mr Naveen Yadav, Mr Amritpal Singh, Mr. Aditya Sharma, and other members. During the camp, more than 200 beneficiaries including students, teaching and non-teaching staff members availed the facility of Computerised Vision testing, Refraction test, Vision testing manual, Dry Eye Diagnosis, consultation, and treatment free of cost. Overall, the camp was successful as staff and students availed the free of cost services of Eye Screening, Refraction test (Eye Sight number), Eye pressure test, etc.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan lauded this highly contextual endeavour as in the present time, people tend to spend long hours in front of screens, and such screen exposure has led to a sharp increase the incidence of digital eye strain and dry eyes.

MCM holds DST sponsored 2-day workshop 'Nurture Nature'



The Department of Botany and Add-on Course in Floriculture and Landscaping organised 'Nurture Nature'- a DST sponsored 2-day sustainability, skill cum entrepreneurship based hands-on workshop in Botanical Garden and Nature Park Sarangpur. The workshop was conducted by Maj Gen C.S. Bewli, President of Cactus and Succulent Society of India, and the President of Bonsai Society of Chandigarh. During the first session on day one of the workshop, the students visited the Bonsai Home wherein they were familiarised with different types of Bonsai and the plant species suitable for creating the same. This was then followed by a demonstration and hands-on session on creating Bonsai in the Nursery area in the second half. The second day commenced with the visit to the Cactus house where the students were introduced to the types, and habit of the cacti and succulents. In the concluding session, the students were trained on cacti and succulent propagating techniques including preparation of soil mixes, and selection of suitable species for grafting. This skill development and environmentally friendly activity was a huge success and highly appreciated by the students. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan, while reinforcing the importance of such workshops, said that skill enhancement is the key to success in today's competitive environment.

Parent Teacher Association Meet held at MCM, World Water Day celebrated with puppet show



With the aim of synergising parent-teacher partnership for student success, the Parent Teacher Association of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, held its annual meeting. The meeting was well attended by parents of students from diverse disciplines. An annual feature of the college, the PTA Meeting is a unique platform to deliberate on issues of common concern and formulate policies inculcating the feedback of the most valuable stakeholders i.e. the parents. A presentation highlighting the illustrious academic and co-curricular achievements and extension activities of the college was shown during the meet. Classical and folk renditions by the students of Music Department mesmerised the audience. During the interactive session, parents were all praises for the college in ensuring overall development of the students as they shared their experiences and views. Parents expressed appreciation for this endeavour of the college to propagate inclusive approach to pragmatic and holistic education.



During the meet, the Department of Zoology, in collaboration with MCM Vigyan Manch and MCM Eco-Club, organised a puppet show to mark the celebration of World Water Day. Sponsored by Department of Science & Technology and Renewable Energy, Chandigarh Administration, the puppet show was based on the theme 'Save Blue, Live Green'. The show highlighted the harmful impact of water pollution on aquatic life, thereby sensitising the audience towards reducing water footprint, and contributing towards water conservation to avoid water crisis.

Principal of the college Ms. Suman Mahajan welcomed parents' feedback, and highlighted the importance of reciprocal cooperation for students' holistic development. She said that the participation of parents is imperative for progress of the students as well as the college, for and assurance of quality education.

MCM marks DAV Managing Committee President Dr. Punam Suri's birth anniversary with Shubhkamna Diwas



The Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, campus reverberated with celebratory spirit as the college marked the 77th birth anniversary of the leader of DAV fraternity- Padma Shri Dr. Punam Suri, President, DAV Managing Committee, with 'Shubhkamna Diwas'. Organised under the aegis of Arya Samaj Committee of the college, Shubhkamna Diwas was a heartfelt tribute to the visionary leader that Dr. Suri is. The celebration began on a thoughtful note with a plantation drive wherein 25 saplings were planted. This was followed by competitions that included Poster Making, Shloka Writing, Vedic Rangoli and Bhajan Recital. All the competitions witnessed enthusiastic participation, reflecting the respect and adoration that Dr. Suri commands among the DAVians. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan congratulated the DAV fraternity on this occasion, and said that every single DAV member prays for Dr. Suri's long life and health. She expressed gratitude to Dr. Suri for his visionary leadership that is taking DAV to unprecedented heights.

MCM holds First Aid workshop



The Health Committee and Physical Education Department of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of 1 Chd Naval Unit organised a workshop on First Aid. A team of experts from Max Super Speciality Hospital, Mohali visited the college and gave hands-on experience to students in first aid and CPR. The team of specialists included Dr Damandeep Kaur, Emergency Care, Dr Radhika, Physiotherapist, and Ms Deepshikha Barnabas, Senior Nursing Staff. During the workshop, the participants were apprised of the types of bandages, handling hypo and hyper tension, snakebites, bee bites, and first aid for sprains and fractures. 31 naval cadets and 120 students from Department of Physical Education participated in the event.

Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan lauded this initiative for equipping students with skills that are crucial for providing immediate, vital assistance in emergency situations, potentially saving lives and preventing injuries from worsening until professional medical help arrives.

MCM's NCC cadet Rabya represents India in Mauritius during Youth Exchange Programme



Adding to the illustrious list of accomplishments of the students of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, SUO Rabya, an NCC Cadet (Army Wing) brought laurels to her institution and the nation by being selected for the prestigious Youth Exchange Programme (YEP) through the National Cadet Corps (NCC). Rabya is the only cadet from 1 Chandigarh Girls Battalion NCC, Chandigarh, under the Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh (PHHP&C) Directorate to have been chosen for this international program since 2011. As part of a distinguished delegation comprising one officer and six cadets, SUO Rabya represented India on a 10-day cultural exchange visit to Mauritius, where she participated in the country's National Day celebrations and engaged in cultural interactions with local youth, strengthening bilateral ties between India and Mauritius. During the visit, the delegation explored significant cultural and historical landmarks, including the Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Ganga Talao, and L'Aventure du Sucre.



The delegation also visited key sites like the Charamel Waterfront, Seven Colored Earth, Port Louis Harbor, the International Slavery Museum, and Aapravasi Ghat. They also experienced thrilling activities such as parasailing and speedboat rides at Île Aux Cerfs, making the journey both educational and adventurous. A highlight of the exchange was SUO Rabya's meeting with Mauritius' Youth and Sports Minister, Mr. Deven Nagalingum, who commended the cadets for their confidence and discipline. Additionally, they gained valuable diplomatic insights through a meeting with Mr. Vimarsh, Deputy High Commissioner of India to Mauritius. This remarkable achievement marks a significant milestone in SUO Rabya's journey, showcasing her leadership, dedication, and excellence as a representative of India on the global stage.

While appreciating the endeavours of the NCC (Army Wing) and 1 Chandigarh Girls Battalion, Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan commended Rabya's commitment and dedication, highlighting that she also proudly represented the college last year at the Republic Day Parade 2024.

MCM wins 2nd position during Panjab University's Annual Sports Prize Distribution function



Adding another feather to its cap, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, grabbed second position during the Annual Sports Prize Distribution Function held by Directorate of Sports, Panjab University. The college won 8 trophies in International and Inter-University competitions. 3 athletes from the college also made new meet records during the session, strengthening the college's claim to the second spot.

On this occasion, Officiating Principal Ms Suman Mahajan, and the faculty members of the college Physical Education Department were felicitated with Sports Promoter Awards. Ms. Mahajan lauded the efforts of the Physical Education Department for mentoring young athletes who have brought laurels to the college at international and national level. She added that the Department has produced sports achievers like cricketers Tania Bhatia, Harleen Deol, Amanjot, Ridhima, and many more.

MCM bids adieu to Officiating Principal Ms Suman Mahajan



In a heartwarming farewell function, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, bid warm adieu to its Officiating Principal Ms Suman Mahajan, who superannuated after a glorious tenure as the Head, Philosophy Department, and then as Officiating Principal of one of the leading higher education institutions of the country. Ms Mahajan had an illustrious career, serving the college for 36 years. The farewell was a memorable and heartfelt event filled with admiration, gratitude, and nostalgia. Teaching and non-teaching staff members, and Ms. Mahajan's family gathered to honour her distinguished career, recognising her dedication, leadership, and lasting contributions to the institution. The event was made memorable with the presence of family members Mr. Dinesh Mahajan, Dr. Smriti Mahajan, Dr. Aman Batish, Col. (Retd.) Batish, and Master Agastya. The event commenced with a felicitation ceremony as an expression of appreciation for Ms. Mahajan, and her family. This was followed by a moving presentation that captured Ms. Mahajan's life, achievements, and significant contributions to the college.



The slideshow beautifully illustrated her journey at the college that commenced in 1989, and the various roles and responsibilities that she shouldered with utmost grace and dedication, including that of Officiating Principal since November 2024. The college's teaching and non-teaching staff members expressed their gratitude for Ms. Mahajan's unwavering support and guidance, and presented her with tokens of appreciation. Overwhelming words of admiration, in the form of speeches, poems and songs, for Ms. Mahajan poured in as the staff members expressed their feelings of love, respect, and regard for her. Ms. Mahajan's family shared anecdotes from her life that reflected her personality as a working woman and as a human being. On behalf of NCC (Army Wing), 1 CHD Girls BN, Ms. Mahajan was presented a Demi-Official Letter and commendation memento. A letter of appreciation was also presented on behalf of Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute, Mohali.

Ms. Suman Mahajan also shared her own reflections, highlighting the professional and personal bond she shared with the members of the MCM family. In her heart-touching farewell speech, an emotional Ms. Mahajan expressed profound gratitude to Dr. Punam Suri, President, DAV Managing Committee, Justice Pritam Pal, Vice President, DAV College Managing Committee (DAV CMC), Mr Shiv Raman Gaur, Director Higher Education, DAV CMC, her colleagues, students, and the DAV community. Her words, filled with warmth and sincerity, left a lasting impression on everyone present.

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