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Annual Report 2023-24

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Sh. Apoorv Devgan, I.A.S.

Deputy Commissioner, Mandi (H.P.)

Presented by
Surina Sharma
Principal

VALLABH GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, MANDI



Annual Report

On behalf of the staff, students, CSCA, PTA and OSA of Vallabh Government College Mandi, it is my privilege to extend my heartiest welcome to our esteemed Chief Guest, Sh. Apoorv Devgan, Deputy Commissioner Mandi on the occasion of the 73rd Annual Prize Distribution Function of this prestigious institution of higher learning. I also welcome all other distinguished guests, former members of the teaching fraternity, parents and guardians of students, media representatives and alumni of this college, who are with us today and have contributed substantially to the growth and progress of this esteemed institution.

Government College Mandi has been named after the architect of modern India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and has been imparting quality education to students since its inception. It is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning of Himachal Pradesh. Established during the dawning years of free India, in 1948, the college has played a key role in guiding and shaping the historical, cultural and political destiny of the state. Over the last 75 years of its illustrious existence, VGC Mandi has endeavoured to harmonise the streams of tradition and modernity in its functioning.

Sir,

The college is affiliated to the Sardar Patel University, Mandi and offers undergraduate courses in the streams of Humanities, Science, Commerce, Computer Application, Vocational Education, Management and Education. Courses like BEd, BBA, BCA and PGDCA are being run under the Higher Education Institute Society (HEIS) Vallabh Government College, Mandi. The college also offers postgraduate courses in English, Economics, Hindi, Political Science, Mathematics and Commerce.

Establishment: The success of any organization lies in the hands of its employees. Government College Mandi has a glorious history of sincere and hardworking staff. The college staff includes 86 teaching and 54 non-teaching staff members. 04 Posts of teachers and 17 posts of non-teaching staff are lying vacant.

Retirement and Promotion: In this session Prof. Neelam Gaur, Prof. Bharti Sharma and Smt. Satya Thakur (Superintendent Grade -1) superannuated from their services.

The following staff members joined the Vallabh Family:

Teaching staff: Dr. Hemraj Rana, Dr. Rattan Thakur, Dr. Vivek Kapoor, Dr. Deepali Ashok, Prof. Vrinda Shandil, Prof. Raj Kumari, Dr. Vinod Kumar, Dr. Rojilla Puri, Prof. Gunjan Hazri,

Dr. Nirmal Singh, Prof. Balbir, Prof. Minakshi Johal, Prof. Jyoti Thakur, Dr. Manoj Thakur, Prof. Tanzin Chhomo and Prof. Anuj Kumar.

Non-Teaching Staff: Office Superintendent (Grade-I), Sh. Goverdhan Singh, Senior Assistant Sh. Sher Singh, Assistant Librarians Smt. Roma Devi, Smt. Bhagwati Devi and Sh. Chander Singh.

Vacancy Position (Teaching Staff) as on 18/03/2024

Subject	Sanctioned Post	Filled			Local PTA Basis (if any)	Vacant
		Regular	Contract	PTA(GIA)		
Principal	01	01	nil	nil	nil	nil
English	09	08	01	nil	nil	nil
Hindi	06	05	nil	nil	01	01
Pol. Science	06	05	nil	nil	nil	01
History	03	02	nil	nil	nil	01
Economics	04	04	nil	nil	nil	nil
Public Administration	01	nil	01	nil	01	nil
Sociology	02	02	nil	nil	nil	nil
Sanskrit	02	02	nil	nil	nil	nil
Geography	02	02	nil	nil	nil	nil
Commerce	05	05	nil	nil	01	nil
Math	07	07	nil	nil	nil	nil
Physics	05	05	nil	nil	nil	nil
Chemistry	09	09	nil	nil	nil	nil
Botany	06	06	nil	nil	nil	nil
Zoology	04	03	01	nil	nil	nil
Computer Application	01	01	nil	nil	nil	nil
Physical Education	01	01	nil	nil	nil	nil
Journalism	02	01	01	nil	nil	nil
Music	02	02	nil	nil	nil	nil
Tourism & Travel	01	01	nil	nil	nil	nil
Education	01	01	nil	nil	nil	nil
Painting	01	01	nil	nil	nil	nil
Applied Arts	01	nil	nil	nil	nil	01
Sculpture	01	01	nil	nil	nil	nil
Psychology	01	01	nil	nil	nil	nil
Environment Science	01	nil	01	nil	nil	nil
Dance	01	01	nil	nil	nil	nil
Total	86	77	05	ni l	03	04

Vacancy Position of Non-Teaching staff as on 18/03/2024

Category	Sanctioned Post	Filled	Local PTA Basis (if any)	Vacant
Supdt.Gr-I	01	01	nil	nil
Supdt.Gr-II	01	01	nil	nil
Sr. Asstt.	02	02	nil	nil
Jr. Asstt./Clk/Jr.Office Asstt.	06	01	nil	05
Librarian	01	nil	nil	01
Asstt. Lib	03	03	nil	nil
SLA	02	01	nil	01
JLA	04	01	nil	03
LA	09	09	nil	nil
Peon	13	13	nil	nil
Sweeper	02	nil	01	02
Daily Wages	05	05	nil	nil
Tabla Vadak	01	nil	01	01
Mechanic	01	nil	nil	01
Pharmacist	01	nil	nil	01
Gasman	01	nil	nil	01
Animal Collector	01	nil	nil	01
Total	54	37	02	17

Enrolment: The total enrolment for the academic session 2023-24 is 6444. The girl students outnumber the boys with a total strength of 3852 as compared to 2592 number of boys.

Faculty and Class wise enrolment for the session 2023-24

Sr.No.	Class	Gen.		SC		ST		OBC		Total		G.Total
		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
Arts	BAI	335	406	196	272	8	11	53	65	592	754	1346
	BAII	256	499	167	253	14	6	41	48	478	806	1284
	BAIII	116	353	65	156	11	7	18	34	210	550	760
	Total	707	1258	428	681	33	24	112	147	1280	2110	3390
Medical	B.Sc.I	39	121	12	56	6	6	5	13	62	196	258
	B.Sc.II	33	132	15	50	1	3	6	5	55	190	245
	B.Sc.III	14	76	8	24	1	1	0	2	23	103	126
	Total	86	329	35	130	8	10	11	20	140	489	629
Non-Med.	B.Sc.I	99	84	34	38	8	2	9	12	150	136	286
	B.Sc.II	94	100	33	39	6	1	10	3	143	143	286
	B.Sc.III	65	71	14	16	4	0	6	9	89	96	185
	Total	258	255	81	93	18	3	25	24	382	375	757
Commerce	B.Com.I	78	55	43	28	5	1	5	5	131	89	220
	B.Com.II	48	56	30	16	1	1	4	3	83	76	159
	B.Com.III	43	46	16	22	3	0	3	2	65	70	135
	Total	169	157	89	66	9	2	12	10	279	235	514

B.Voc	Retail Management 1st Sem	4	7	0	4	0	1	2	1	6	13	19
	Retail Management 3rd Sem.	6	11	1						7	11	18
	Retail Management 5th Sem.	4	3	3			1			7	4	11
	Total	14	21	4	4	0	2	2	1	20	28	48
	Hospitality & Tourism 1st Sem.	25	8	4	2				1	29	11	40
	Hospitality & Tourism 3rd Sem.	19	5	4	3		1			23	9	32
	Hospitality & Tourism 5th Sem.	13	5	3	2					16	7	23
	Total	57	18	11	7	0	1	0	1	68	27	95
												5433
MA	M.A. Eco Sem-I	3	10	2	1					5	11	16
	M.A. Eco Sem-III	2	10	1	3	2	0	0	1	5	14	19
	M.A. Eng Sem-I	8	17	4	6		1	0	2	12	26	38
	M.A. Eng Sem-III	7	16	1	4			1	1	9	21	30
	M.A. Hindi Sem-I	2	26	1	7	1	1			4	34	38
	M.A. Hindi Sem-III	2	25	1	5			0	3	3	33	36
	M.A. Pol. Sc. Sem-I	8	13	3	10		1	2	1	13	25	38
	M.A. Pol. Sc. Sem-III	7	22	4	1		1	3		14	24	38
	Total	39	139	17	37	3	4	6	8	65	188	253
M.Com.	M.Com Sem-I	9	16	5	6		2		1	14	25	39
	M.Com Sem-III	6	15	4	6	2	2			12	23	35
	Total	15	31	9	12	2	4	0	1	26	48	74
M.Sc.	M.Sc. Math-I	4	20	3	2	1	2	3	2	11	26	37
	M.Sc. Math-III	10	15	2	4	0	1			12	20	32
	Total	14	35	5	6	1	3	3	2	23	46	69
												396
BBA												
	BBA I	30	18	3	3	2	1	3		38	22	60
	BBA II	29	15	2	3			1		32	18	50
	BBA III	27	9	1	3				1	28	13	41
	Total	86	42	6	9	2	1	4	1	98	53	151
BCA	BCA I	42	27	5	5			3	2	50	34	84
	BCA II	29	15	6	1	2				37	16	53
	BCA III	23	19	5	1	1		4	1	33	21	54
	Total	94	61	16	7	3	0	7	3	120	71	191
PGDCA	1st Sem	19	44	3	8				1	22	53	75
B.Ed.	2nd Year	25	45	6	6	0	2	6	8	37	61	98
	1st Year	22	50	05	08	01	04	04	06	32	68	100
	Grand Total	1605	2485	715	1074	80	60	192	233	2592	3852	6444

College Students Central Association 2023-24

The CSCA of the college extended constructive contribution in the organization of various university and college level academic, sports and cultural activities including maintenance of discipline to create a study conducive environment in the college. Following members were the office bearers of CSCA 2023-24:

CSCA Office -Bearers

Post	Name of the Student	Class
President	Priya Kumari	MSc Maths, I Semester
Vice-President	Bandana Kumari	BA III Year
Secretary	Kashish	BCom II Year
Joint Secretary	Leena Kumari	BSc I Year

Parents Teachers Association (PTA)

The PTA is formed every year with the aim of fostering and promoting good relationships among the members of teaching staff, students and guardians. The PTA is a statutorily constituted body, which aims at the overall development of college. The new PTA, as has been the precedence, was elected in the beginning of the academic session 2023-24. Details of the PTA executive body are as follows:

President	Mr. Ajay Lakhanpal
Vice-President	Mr. Jitesh Kumar
Secretary	Prof. Seema Sharma
Joint Secretary	Mr. Chanchal Singh
Treasurer	Dr. Ritesh Verma

Income and Expenditure of PTA for the session 2023-24

1	Opening Balance as on 01. 04. 2023	Rs. 17,17,826.00
2	Income for the financial year 2023-24 (with interest)	Rs. 22,31,755.00
3	Expenditure for the year up to 28.02.2023	Rs. 26,60,143.00

Scholarships: The college offers various awards and scholarships to meritorious students under state and centre sponsored scholarship schemes. The following scholarships were awarded during the academic session 2023-24:

S.N.	Scholarship Scheme	No. of students
1	Centrally Sponsored Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students	206
2	Kalpana Chawla Chatravriti Yojna	86
3	Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for college and university students.	85
4	Mukhya Mantri Vidyarthi Kalyan Yojna	84
5	PM Yasasvi Post- Matric Scholarship Scheme for Economically Backward Class	94
6	PM Yasasvi Post- Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC Students	41
7	Centrally Sponsored Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST Students	08
8	Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Students with Disabilities	01
9	Post-matric Scholarship Scheme for minorities CS	04
10	PG Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child	01
11	Indira Gandhi Utkrisht Chatravriti Yojana – Himachal Pradesh	01
	Total	611

Amount Disbursed (in rupees) 41,11,176/- approximately.

Special Scholarships: In addition to the government sponsored scholarships, certain private scholarships are also awarded to the students:

S. No.	Scholarship Scheme	Number of students	Amount Disbursed (in rupees)
1	PTA Sponsored Scholarship	35	Rs. 64,165/-
2	B.R. Awasthi Memorial Scholarship	02	Rs. 10,200/-
3	Sonia Sharma Memorial Scholarship	02	Rs. 11,000/-
4.	S.D. Puri Memorial Scholarship	02	Rs. 5,000/-
5.	Smt. Rukmani Devi and Thakur Tej Singh Memorial Scholarship	02	Rs. 5000/-
6.	Contributory Fund Sponsored Scholarship	04	Rs. 8,817/-
	Total	47	Rs. 1,04,182/-

Library

The library of VGC Mandi caters to the needs of thousands of students studying in this prestigious institute. Around 38275 valuable books on various subjects, 12 daily newspapers, 22 monthly magazines and 12 journals are available in the college library. It is enlisted with INFLIBNET and National Digital Library. Keeping in view the interest of students, books are purchased for the library every year.

IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University)

The college has a study centre of IGNOU, which was started in the year 1986. The centre has approximately 5000 registrations in the current session. Dr. Raj Kumar Thakur is serving as the Co-ordinator and Prof. Mahender Singh as the Assistant Co-ordinator of the centre. The centre runs a variety of academic and professional courses and has received appreciation for its working from the IGNOU Delhi Headquarters.

Post Office, Bank & Bus Pass Facility

The college houses the counters of post office and bus pass. Bank facility is also available in the college campus.

Co-Curricular Activities

National Service Scheme (NSS)

There are two units of National Service Scheme (NSS) in this college with a total enrolment of 200 volunteers in the current session. These units are working under the able guidance of two competent programme officers, Dr. Deepali Ashok and Prof. Suraj Mani. These volunteers are engaged in regular as well as special camp activities like literacy campaign, environmental protection, health awareness and cleanliness drives. Some of the activities carried out by the college NSS volunteers were as follows:

- World Environment Day was celebrated on 05 June 2023 to spread the message, 'Beat Plastic Pollution'.
- International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21 June 2023 in collaboration with District Administration Mandi with the theme 'Yoga for Vasudaiva Kutumbakam' (yoga for the welfare of all).
- Van Mahotsav week was observed from 01 July to 07 July 2023. The objective of this one-week long drive was to increase the green cover and to sensitise the volunteers about the importance of plants.
- 'Meri mati mera desh' campaign was organized in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra. On 09 August 2023, 144 NSS Volunteers participated in a rally on this initiative. A district level programme was held on 12 October 2023 and District Youth Festival was celebrated on 21 October 2023 in which the Chief Guest, Mr. Anurag Thakur (Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports) administered the Panch Pran Pledge to all the participants.
- Independence Day was celebrated on 15 August 2023. 130 volunteers celebrated the theme of 'Nation First, Always First'.
- Swachhta Rally was organized on 16 September 2023 in collaboration with Municipal Corporation Mandi to spread public awareness about cleanliness.
- District level Republic Day Selection Camp for women was organized and hosted by the college NSS unit on 21 September 2023.
- NSS Foundation Day was celebrated on 24 September 2023 with the theme of 'SEWA' (Social Empowerment and Welfare of All).
- Gandhi Jayanti was observed on 02 October 2023 by the NSS volunteers and District Administration of Mandi. The theme of this event was 'Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath', that urged for one hour of citizen-led shramdaan for cleanliness/swachhta.
- Six Volunteers participated in State Pre-RD Camp 2023-2024 held at GC Bilaspur on 11 October 2023. In this camp Ms. Khushi was selected to attend the Pre-Republic Day camp at M.M. College Fatehabad (Haryana) from 24 October to 03 November 2023.
- NSS units and NCC wings of the college celebrated the National Unity Day on 31 October 2023 under the theme of 'Unity is Strength'.
- To put the concept of 'Best out of Waste' into practice, an NSS garden was constructed in the college campus from 07 November to 10 November 2023 using waste plastic bottles and rubber tyres'.
- 'Heal Mother Suketi', a weeklong cleanliness drive was carried out by the NSS unit of the college from 27 November to 04 December 2023 to clean the Suketi river of Mandi. NSS volunteers cleaned the land on both sides of the river from Rani Bai to Panchvaktra temple, Mandi (a stretch of about 6 kilometres). ECO club and NCC wings of the college, Seraj Student Welfare Association Mandi along with other youth clubs and Municipal Corporation Mandi also helped the NSS unit in this initiative. Around 15 tons of plastic and other waste was collected by the end of this drive.

- Human Rights' Day was celebrated on 10 December 2023. The theme of the event was 'Freedom, Equality and Justice for All'.
- A seven-day special camp was organised from 30 December to 05 January 2024. The theme of this camp was 'स्वच्छता ही सेवा'.
- On 17 February 2024, an excursion and trekking trip to Parasher Lake was organised.

Achievements of NSS unit:

- Ms Khushi, B.A. III year, participated in Republic Day Parade 2024 at New Delhi. She stood second in command during the parade at Kartavya Path and led the Women NSS Unit of India.
- National Youth Festival was held at Nasik (Maharashtra) from 12 October to 18 January 2024. Three Volunteers; Lucky Chauhan, Roop Singh and Neha Devi participated in it, whereas, Roop Singh represented Himachal Pradesh in this youth festival.
- National Adventure Camp was held at Pong dam, Talwara (Kangra) from 01 January to 10 February 2024. Four Volunteers from NSS Mandi unit; Sakshi Sharma, Leena Sharma, Himanshu Palsara and Bhashik Rana participated in this camp.
- Six NSS Volunteers; Vijay Kumar, Lucky Singh, Roop Singh, Garima Thakur, Neha Devi and Kalpana participated in State level NSS Mega Camp 2023-24 at GC Banjar, held from 18 December to 22 December 2023.

National Cadet Corps (NCC):

The college is proud to have three wings of NCC: Army wing (Girls), Army wing (Boys) and Air Force wing (Girls and boys).

NCC Air Force Wing :

NCC Air Force Wing of the college is being run under the command of Flight Commander Associate NCC Flying Officer, Dr Chaman Lal. Under his able leadership the college NCC Air wing was made a permanent unit. 38 girl cadets and 62 boy cadets got enrolled in the Air Force Wing in the session 2023-24.

- Cadet Warrant Officers Ajay Kumar and Santosh Kumar, Under Officer Virendra Chandel and Senior Under Officer Angad Singh of NCC Air Wing received President's Commission and became Flying Officers in the Indian Air Force.
- Cadet Mohit Verma and Under Officer Simran Malhotra qualified the Air Force Common Admission Test (AFCAT) and got recommended from Service Selection Board Gandhinagar and Service Selection Board Allahabad.
- Recently, four other cadets were also recommended by the Service Selection Board, Allahabad for the Short Service Selection category under the NCC Entry Scheme. It is a matter of great pride us.
- 14 NCC Air wing cadets qualified NCC "CEE" Certificate examination in current training Year 2023-2024.
- Many capable cadets of this unit participated in various air-force /army camps throughout the country.
- Cadet Sergeant Kartik Thakur of National Cadet Corps Air Force Wing Mandi participated

in the National Republic Day Parade (Delhi) - 2024. Cadet Sergeant Kartik Thakur was selected in the All-India Best Cadet category.

- NCC Air wing of the college tirelessly helped the flash flood hit areas in the month of August, 2023 by collaborating with Indian Air Force. Apart from this, the NCC air wing was also involved in tree plantation at Kangni Dhar and Dhangsi Dhar and Suketi Khad cleanliness drive.

NCC Army Wing (Boys):

Major (Dr.) Chetan Singh Rana commanded the NCC Army wing until his superannuation in June 2023. Thereafter, Dr. Balbir Singh took over as CTO of NCC Army (Boys) wing. This unit enrolled 110 cadets during the session 2023- 24 including 95 SD cadets and 15 SW cadets.

- Cadet Sanjay was appointed as SUO (Student Under Officer), while cadets Hitesh Kumar and Rohan Baner were appointed as UOs (Under Officers) in the rank ceremony.
- A total of 34 cadets successfully obtained the "BEE" certificate, and 30 cadets cleared the "CEE" certificate examination.
- Cadets from VGC, Mandi participated in the Thal Sainik Camp at Solan from 28 July to 06 August 2023. Two of these cadets were selected for the Inter Group Competition at Ropar, Punjab from 07 August to 16 August. Cadet Aditya Bist participated in this camp.
- 33 cadets of Boys Army wing participated in the Annual Training Camp at 239 Transit Camp, Pandoh (Mandi) from 28 November to 07 December 2023.
- 15 third-year cadets also participated in the Army Attachment Camp at Mamun Cantt, Pathankot (Punjab) from 11 December to 22 December 2023.
- NCC cadets of this unit were also engaged in various activities throughout the year, like: International Yoga Day, Kargil Vijay Diwas, Meri Matti Mera Desh Programme, Tree Plantation, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, National Unity Day, NCC Day, Republic Day and National Women's Day.
- A special session on motivation and career guidance for NCC cadets was also organized by this unit. In this session cadets were informed about the role of NCC, SSB selection process and Officer entry in the Indian Army.

NCC Army Wing (Girls):

NCC Army Wing (Girls) of the college is being run under the leadership of Dr. Kavita. 75 SW cadets were enrolled in this wing during the current session.

- 25 cadets of third year successfully obtained the "BEE" certificate in 2023.
- Student under Officer, Dhriti Sharma received the awards of Best Cadet and best drill at District level. She also attended a national camp at Army Attachment Camp Pathankot. SUO Dhriti is also a District Level Contingent Commander.
- Under Officer, Ishani attended a National Camp – Shooting competition at Chandigarh and finished first as the best shooter of the competition.
- NCC Army wing organized a lecture to spread awareness about G-20 on 28 February, 2023. This unit also organized a debate and quiz competition about G-20 on 11 March, 2023.
- NCC Army (Girls) unit celebrated various important days in the session 2023-24, such as:

International Yoga Day, International Day against Drug Abuse, NCC Day, International AIDS Day, and Women's Day.

- Cadets of this wing also participated in public awareness drives and campaigns: Garbage Free India, Indian Swachhta League 2.0, Swachhta Pakhwada and Anti -Pollution drive.
- Cadets of NCC (Girls) Army wing of the college also took oath on 20 May 2023 as a part of 'Mission Lifestyle for Environment'. A poster making competition was organised on this mass movement to protect environment.

Red Cross Club:

Dr. Chaman Lal, is the programme officer of the Youth Red Cross Club in the college. The main objective of this club is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being.

- Kartik Sen and Himanshu Vardhan of B.Sc. II Year voluntarily donated blood in emergencies at Zonal Hospital Mandi.
- Eighty (80) members of the Red Cross club underwent a training programme on 'First –aid during Disasters' on 01 November 2023.
- This club collected funds for red cross by selling red cross tickets and by collecting membership fees from its enrolled members.

Red Ribbon Club:

Dr. Radhika Jamwal, is the programme officer of Red Ribbon Club in the college and has been leading the club with great enthusiasm.

- To spread awareness about AIDS in the district, the Red Ribbon Club of our college hosted the 'Red Run Marathon' and 'The Red Show – Abhivyakti' on 20 September 2023. A marathon and a skit competition were organised on the occasion in which 10 colleges of district Mandi participated. Rohit and Mansi from VGC Mandi won the marathon in the Men and Women category and represented district Mandi at State level 'Red Run' competition, organized by Himachal Pradesh AIDS Control Society, Shimla on 01 October 2023. Rohit from B.A. I year won this marathon and was selected to participate in 'National Red Run' marathon at Panjim (Goa). The college stood second in 'The Red Show – Abhivyakti' competition at district level.
- The club received the 'Best Red Ribbon Club' award in the state. This award was received by Dr. Radhika Jamwal from the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Sh. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on 01 December 2023 at Shimla.
- On 08 December 2023, volunteers from this club performed 'nukad natak' at different places of Mandi town to sensitise the public and students about AIDS.

Rovers and Rangers:

A unit of Rovers and Rangers is operating under the commendable guidance of Rover Scout Leader, Prof. Bhed Ram and Ranger Leader, Dr. Bandna Chauhan. This unit organized and participated in various activities throughout the session. The young and energetic Rovers and Rangers of VGC Mandi were seen volunteering in every small and big event organized in the college. This unit observed Scout Scarf Day and Scout Sunrise Day on 01 August 2023 and Foundation Day on 07 November 2023.

- Rover Balvir provided his services as a staff member in International Scout Jamboree at South Korea from 27 July to 13 August 2023.
- Rovers and rangers of the unit participated in a specialized course on mapping & star gazing, pioneering, first aid and signalling organized by STC Rewalsar from 14 June to 19 June 2023.
- Rover Vivek, Rover Nitish and Ranger Sanjana successfully underwent first aid training at Zonal Hospital Mandi from 01 September to 19 September 2023.
- Members of this unit provided community service in a nearby slum area for 10 days. They assisted the children in reading and writing.
- A powerful message on cleanliness and hygiene was conveyed by the rovers and rangers of the college through a 'nukkad natak' on 'Swaach Bharat' on 3 October 2023.
- Rover Vivek and Rover Nitesh qualified the Rajya Puraskar Testing Camp and received the awards from the Governor of Himachal Pradesh (Patron of The Bharat Scouts and Guides H.P.) on 7 November 2023.
- As part of an activity under Project “Nishchaya: Beyond Addiction -A Drug-free Vision”, Mr. Rajesh Yadav (Health Educator, CMO Office, NSCB Zonal Hospital Mandi) was invited for an interactive session on misuse of drugs on 04 November 2023. Rovers and rangers also visited a Drug Rehabilitation centre at Bijni, Mandi to interact with the patients and staff on 29 December 2023.
- Rovers and rangers participated in the State level pre-RDC camp at Rewalsar and 12 of them were selected to participate in the state level Republic Day parade.
- Students of this unit assisted the college NSS unit in cleaning the river Suketi on 30 November 2023.

Career Counseling Cell

The cell is functional under the able leadership of Dr. Monika Panchani. Various activities were conducted by the career counselling cell of the college during the session 2023-24:

- On 29 August 2023, a Guest lecture-cum interactive session on 'Chanderyaan' was delivered by ISRO scientist Mr. Prashuman.
- On 12 September 2023, Dr. Sanjay Kumar from the Department of Chemistry, conducted a workshop on 'Career Options for Students'.
- Dr. Pawneesh Sharma, District Program Officer, Zonal Hospital Mandi deliberated on 'Stress Management' in a one-day workshop held on 16 September 2023.
- On 06 October 2023, a seminar on “Career Guidance for Civil Services and Government Jobs' was organized in collaboration with the NIMBUS academy, Chandigarh.
- On 26 October 2023, a seminar was organized on “Mountaineering and Rock Climbing: Techniques, scopes and Career perspectives”.
- A seminar on career opportunities for graduates in the Indian army was organized on 7 November 2023. Col. D. S. Samant, Director Recruiting in ARO Mandi was the resource person for the event.

ECO Club:

Dr. Neetu Pathania is the in-charge of the Eco Club of the college, which strives to foster an eco-friendly behaviour among the students through various activities and by organising different competitions.

- On 30 September 2023, a poster making and slogan writing competition was organized.
- As part of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel birth anniversary celebration, Eco-club contrived a plantation drive in the college campus on 31 October 2023.
- On 29 November 2023, members of the club participated in the cleanliness drive of Suketi Khad initiated by NSS volunteers. It was done to promote a prosperous and beautiful environment by a supportive community.

Road Safety Club:

The Road Safety Club is functional under the leadership of Dr. Vinod Kumar. National Road Safety Month was observed in the college from 15 January to 14 February 2024. A number of activities were carried out under the Road safety theme 2024 – 'Be a Road Safety Hero'. Sign boards and flexes were displayed in the college to spread awareness among students. Members of the Road Safety Club took an oath on 'road safety' on 13 February 2024. The other activities during the month included declamation, slogan-writing and poster-making competitions. A lecture on 'road safety' by the Police personnel was organized by this club on February 2024.

Achievements in Sports

The sportspersons of Vallabh Government College Mandi participated in various games and sports in the men (M) and women (W) sections under the energetic mentorship of Dr Sunil Sen and were successful in bringing overall **16** positions in various HPU Inter College sports events during the session 2023-24:

- **Athletics:** Kusum Thakur was accoladed with gold medal in 200 metres race in All India Inter Varsity Athletics (Women) Championship - 2023 held at KIIT University, Bhubneshwar. She also won two gold medals, breaking all records in 100 and 200 metre races of HPU Inter College Annual Athletic Meet- 2023 held at GC Dharamshala. Further participating in Khelo India University Games, Kusum won gold medal in 200 metre race, silver in 100 metre race and bronze medal in 4x400 metre relay race. She also participated in under-23 National Athletic Meet -2023.
- Students of the college excelled in HPU Inter College Annual Athletics meet 2023 held at GC (Dharamshala) and were declared over all 2nd runner's up. Rahul won gold medal in 5000 metres and silver medal in 1500 metres race. Rohit grabbed silver medals in 10000 metres and 5000 metres race. Upender won bronze medal in triple jump, Sidharth won silver medal in Hammer throw and the college team won bronze medal in 4X400 metre relay race.
- **Cross-Country:** College team of cross country (men) took away the overall Runner's-up position in HPU Inter College Championship -2023 at GC Jawalaji (Kangra). Rohit won Gold Medal and Rahul won bronze medal in this event. Rohit won gold medal and Rahul won silver medal in the Junior State Cross Country Competition-2023 held at Nahan. Both of them participated in All India Inter Varsity Cross Country Competition 2023-24 held at

Dnyanopasak College Parbhani (MS) and Junior National Cross-Country Competition-2023 held at Bhopal.

- Mansi Thakur won silver medal in Junior State Cross country Competition-2023 held at Nahan and participated in Junior National Cross-Country Competition-2023 held at Bhopal.
- **Boxing:** Men's boxing team of college was the overall champion for the second consecutive time in HPU Inter College Boxing tournament held at GC (Joginder Nagar). Avinash Chandel, Himanshu, Chetan Choudhary, Hitesh Kumar and Nikhil Kumar won gold medals in this championship, whereas Vidya Sagar and Jatin Parihar won silver medals; Mohammad Sammi and Deepak Kumar won bronze medals. The five gold medallists also participated in All India Inter- Varsity Boxing (M) Championship- 2023 held at Chandigarh University. On the basis of their performances, Avinash Chandel and Himanshu were selected and won silver medals in Khelo India University Games Boxing (M) Championship (2023-24) in Guwahati (Assam). Avinash and Chetan Chaudhary won gold medals; Himanshu, Ashish Bhandor and Hitesh Thakur won silver medals; and Jatin Parihar won bronze medal in Senior State Boxing (M) Championship at Kullu. Avinash Chandel and Chetan Choudhary participated in Senior State Boxing (M) Championship held at Shillong.
- Kiran Kumari won gold medal; Pallvi won silver medal; whereas Diya, Dimple Upadhyay and Deepika Jamwal won bronze medals in HPU Inter- College Boxing (W) Championship – 2023 at RKMV (Shimla). Kiran went on to participate in North Zone Inter- Varsity Boxing (W) Championship- 2023 held at Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, (Punjab) and Dimple Upadhyay went on to participate in National Games-2023 in Boxing held at Goa.
- **Wushu:** Both the women & men's teams of our college were the overall winners for second consecutive time in Inter- College Wushu Championship – 2023 held at GC Solan. Poonam, Saniya, Anita, Mukesh Kumar, Taranpreet Singh Gill, Aaditya Chaudhary, Vishal, and Sidharth Rao won gold medals in this event. Vishal Jaiswal, Rahul, Chandan Kumar, Manisha Kashav and Sakshi won silver medals whereas Rohit, Piyush Thakur, Karan Payal, Anamika Sharma and Kanika Sharma won bronze medals in the event. The 8 gold medallists participated in All India Inter- Varsity Wushu Championship- 2023 at University of Jammu and Taranpreet Singh Gill won bronze medal in this championship. He is the first player from Himachal Pradesh University who has won a medal in All India Inter-Varsity Championship in Wushu.
- **Men's Hockey team** of the college was winner in HPU Inter- College Hockey (M) Championship - 2023 held at GC Una. Players from this team participated in North Zone Inter- Varsity Hockey (M) Championship- 2023 held at Govt. Arts & Sports College, Jalandhar.
- **Judo:** VGC Mandi was declared the overall Winner in HPU Inter- College Judo (M) tournament at GC Solan with Mukesh Kumar winning Gold; Taranpreet Singh Gill, Vishal, Sidharth Rao winning silver and Aaditya Chaudhary winning Bronze medals. Mukesh Kumar went on to participate in the All India Inter- Varsity Judo (M) Championship- 2023 at Kanpur University.
- **Wrestling (Men)** team of the college won the runner's up position in HPU Inter college

Wrestling competition held at Gayatri College of Education, Sunder Nagar. Mukesh Kumar and Siddharth Rao won gold medals; Taranpreet Singh Gill, Vishal, Ganesh Bhardwaj and Aaditya Chaudhary won bronze medals in the event. Mukesh Kumar and Sidharth Rao participated in all India Inter-varsity Wrestling (M) championship-2023 held at MDU Rohtak. Mukesh Kumar participated in National Games 2023 in Wrestling held at Goa. Sidharth Rao won Gold Medal in Senior State Wrestling (M) Championship-2023 held at Ghumarwin and participated in Senior National Wrestling (M) Championship -2023 held at Pune.

- **Wrestling:** Poonam Won Gold Medal and Madhu won bronze medal in HPU Inter- College Wrestling (W) Championship-2023 held at Gayatri College of Education, Sundernagar. She also participated in All India Inter- Varsity Wrestling (W) Championship- 2023 held at Chandigarh University Chandigarh.
- **Taekwondo:** Taran preet Singh Gill won Silver medal, Vishal and Rajan Won Bronze Medals in HPU Inter- College Taekwondo (M) Championship - 2023 held at GDC Dhamsi at 16 Mile, Shimla.
- **Shooting:** Men's team grabbed the overall winners' position in HPU Inter- College Shooting Championship-2023 held at P.G. Centre (Shimla). Arman Verma won Gold medal and Sarthak Lakhanpal won Bronze medal in this event. Sarthak Lakhanpal won gold medal and Mehul Lakhanpal won silver medal in Senior State Shooting championship held at Nahan. Mehul Lakhanpal also won gold medal in Youth State shooting Championship -2023 held at Nahan and went on to participate in Junior National Shooting (M) Championship-2023 held at Bhopal. Sarthak Lakhanpal, Arman Verma of this team participated in North Zone Inter –Varsity Shooting Championship held at Kurukshetra University. These shooters also performed well in other state and national level shooting championships.
- Women's team grabbed the overall Runner's-up trophy in HPU Inter- College Shooting Championship-2023 held at P.G. Centre (Shimla). In Senior State Shooting Championship-2023 held at Nahan, Arpita Sharma won silver medal and Kashish Sharma won bronze medal. Kashish Sharma and Prabhjot Kaur of this team participated in North Zone Inter –Varsity Shooting Championship held at Kurukshetra University. Arpita Sharma and Kashish Sharma also participated in Youth National Shooting (W) Championship-2023 held at Bhopal. Arpita Sharma also won silver medal in Junior State Shooting Championship-2023 held at Nahan.
- **Kayaking:** Women's kayaking team was the overall champion in HPU Inter College Kayaking Championship -2023 held at GC Dehari (Kangra). In this event Ishani, Garima, Priyanka and Taniya won Gold medals and are currently participating in All India Inter-Varsity Kayaking Championship being held at Punjabi University Patiala.
- Men's kayaking team triumphed in taking the runner's up position and came back with gold (Swapnil Guleria), silver (Sujal Thakur, Gaurav Kumar, Shubham Thakur, Yuv Raj) and bronze medals (Swapnil Guleria, Gagan and Paras Thakur)
- **Handball:** Women's Handball team were the runner's up in HPU Inter- College Handball (W) Championship - 2023 held at MLSM College, Sundernagar. Diya from this team

participated in North Zone Inter Varsity Handball (W) Championship-2023 held at Chaudhary Devi Lal University Bhiwani (Haryana).

- **Chess:** Gunjan and Himakshi stood third in North Zone Inter Varsity Chess (W) Championship-2023 at Bundel Khand University (Jhansi) and both of them also participated in All India Inter Varsity Chess (W) Championship-2023 held at Marwadi University (Gujarat). Gunjan was the best female chess player in Senior State Chess (W) Championship-2023 held at Kullu.
- **Hockey:** Women's hockey team of the college achieved success by bringing the second runner's up trophy in HPU Inter- College Hockey (W) Championship - 2023 held at GC Una and second runner's up in Senior State Hockey (W) Championship-2023 held at Hamirpur. Some of the players from this team played in North Zone Inter- Varsity Hockey (W) Championship- 2023 at Punjabi University (Patiala). Meenakshi was honoured with the Best Defender award in Senior State Hockey (W) Championship - 2023 held at Hamirpur.
- **Volleyball** (men's) team won the second runner's up position in HPU Inter- College Volleyball (M) Championship – 2023, held at GC Una. Nikhil Banwal and Rajat Kumar from this team were selected to play in All India Inter- Varsity Volleyball (M) Championship- 2023 held at Kurukshetra University. They also participated in Khelo India University Games 2024.
- **Cricket:** Akshay Kumar and Dilip Kumar of our college played in North Zone Inter-varsity Cricket (M) Championship-2023 held at MLSM College Sundernagar, Himachal Pradesh and their team was placed second and will participate in All India Inter-Varsity Cricket (M) Championship 2024.
- Based on the performances of the sportsmen and sportswomen of the college in various HPU inter-college championships held in 2023, many players were selected in Basketball, Kho-Kho, Kabbadi, Table-tennis, Football and Chess, to play at north zone and national level.
- During the session 2023-24 Vallabh Govt. College hosted the North zone Inter- Varsity Football (Women) championship – 2023, w.e.f. 01 December to 07 December 2023.

Cultural and Extra-curricular activities:

Extra-curricular activities ensure wholesome development of students and promote their well-being. Many activities were organized round the year to bring out the creative, literary and artistic talent of students. Our students participated in the HPU Inter-college Youth Festivals 2023 and brought laurels to the college:

- In HPU Inter-college Youth Festival **Group-I** held at Govt. College Nalagarh from 28 September to 30 September 2023, Yaman Kumar of B.A. III year won the third prize in 'photography' and Pallavi Sharma of B.A. II year grabbed the third position in 'collage making'.
- In **Group-II** (Music) held at Govt. College Rampur from 15 October to 17 October 2023, Parikshit of BA III Year was the winner of Western (solo) competition.
- The college theatre troupe won the third position in 'Skit' in the HPU Inter-college Youth Festival **Group-IV** held at Govt. College Seema, Rohru from 20 October to 23 October 2023.

Celebrations and activities: Many activities were carried out in the session 2023-24 for the holistic development of the students.

1. **Sanskrit Diwas** was celebrated on 31 August 2023 by the Department of Sanskrit.
2. **Hindi Diwas** was celebrated on 14 September 2023 by the Department of Hindi.
3. **Constitution Day** was observed by the Department of Political Science on 26 November 2023.
4. Departments of Physical and Life Sciences celebrated National Science-day on February 28, 2024. Chandrayan utsav was also celebrated by these departments on 30 September, 2023. Short film, poster and model making competitions were carried out in this event.
5. Department of Physics organized a Training Program on 'Introduction to Plasma, its Applications and Energy from Nuclear Fusion' from 14 to 20 October 2023 in collaboration with Institute for Plasma Research, Gandhinagar. The students and staff of the department visited the Magneto-material laboratory in School of Physical Sciences at IIT Mandi on 4 December 2023.
6. Department of Chemistry successfully organised a one-month course on 'Soil and Water Testing' for students in collaboration with National Small Industries Corporation in the month of August, 2023. The department also celebrated World Ozone Day on 15 September 2023. A one-day workshop on Intellectual Property Rights and Entrepreneurship was organised for the faculty members and students by the Department of Chemistry in collaboration with the Department of Business Administration on 25 October 2023.
7. Department of Botany organized a one-day capacity building program on 'Ethno-Botany on Biological Diversity Act, 2002' in collaboration with H.P. State Biodiversity Board (Shimla) at CPRI. A medicinal plants distribution programme for students and self- help groups in collaboration with National Plant Medicinal Board, RCFC NR-1, Joginder Nagar was also organised.
8. Department of Zoology organized a poster making competition on 10 October 2023 as part of 'Wild Life Week' celebrations. A seminar on 'Biosensors' was held on 4 September 2023. An add-on skill-based course on 'Vermicompost' was also organised. A total of 40 students benefitted from this course. A seminar on 'Job Opportunities and Challenges in Forest Department' was also arranged on 29 November 2023. Dr. Chaman Rao, DFO (Rampur) and Sh. Ashok Negi, DFO (Sarahan) interacted with 200 B.Sc. (Medical) students in this seminar. Recently, an international conference was also executed by the Department of Zoology on 'Emerging Issues of Biodiversity and Environment for Sustainable Development' on 14-15 February 2024.
9. Department of History carried out a lecture series on 'India's Freedom Movement'.
10. Department of Education arranged a one-day educational excursion for the students of B.A. III year to Sahyog – A residential school for special children on 6 November 2023.
11. Department of Tour and Travel initiated the Yuva Tourism Club of Vallabh Govt. College Mandi on 28 August 2023. This department organized various day excursions and field tours throughout the year. Students and faculty of this department celebrated World Tourism Day on 27 September 2023. Seminars for students were also successfully executed by this

department on 26 October 2023 and 25 November 2023.

12. Department of Journalism & Mass Communication observed National Press Day on 16 November, 2023 and National Journalism Day on 17 November, 2023. Students participated in debate, declamation and poster making competitions on these two days. Seminars were also conducted on National press day, Constitution-day and death anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.
13. Department of Physical Education celebrated National Sports Day on 29 August, 2023. This department also organized Intra-college cross country, volleyball and kabaddi (men and women) competitions in the months of August, 2023 and September, 2023. Level 8 referee and referee up-gradation course of football was also organized by the department of Physical Education w.e.f. 02 -05 January 2024.
14. Department of PGDCA organized a seminar on 'Artificial intelligence and data sciences' in collaboration with Hoping Minds Software Company of Punjab.

Achievements of Teaching Faculty

The individual accomplishments of the faculty of any institution play an important role in instilling competency among its students, thereby helping the institution to grow fourfold. Individual achievements of the teaching staff of this college include: earning Ph.D., winning honours and awards; publication of books, chapters, poems; research publications in journals; paper presentations; participation in workshops, orientation programmes, refresher courses, teacher-training programmes, faculty development programmes and passing departmental exams.

Ph.D. Degree

Dr. Neetu was awarded Ph.D. degree by Pacific Academy of Higher Education and Research University, Udaipur, Rajasthan. The title of her Doctorate degree was “Evaluation of Physical Growth Standards, Nutritional Status and Dietary Patterns among the School-age Children of Himachal Pradesh: A Cross Sectional Study.”

Honours and Awards

Dr. Tara Devi received honour from Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, for Conservation, Community Awareness and Sustainable Utilization of Wild Food Plants. She received three awards during the session: Focus Himachal Award for contribution in the field of Education, National Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Teachers Award 2023 and HP State leadership Award from Honourable Chief Minister of H.P. Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. She also received a major project from National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India, Indian Red Cross Society. She has published many newspaper articles and has been invited as a speaker by various institutes and organisations.

Books/Chapters/ Poems Published

Dr. Raj Kumar Thakur published the revised edition of books for BSc I and BSc II on Organic Chemistry. He also published one research paper in Journal of Global Research and Analysis as Chapter no 07 vol.5(1) RNI-HARENG/2012/59126. ISSN-2278-6775.

Dr. Monika Panchani published one chapter titled as “Contribution of Sacred Grove in

Conservation of Biodiversity.”

Dr. Chaman Lal published a book titled as *Great Visionary and Social Reformer Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar* published by Advent Publishing, ISBN: 978-93-95369-00-8.

Dr. Radhika Jamwal published five chapters in different books and one chapter is accepted by Taylor and Francis Publication.

Dr. Bandana Devi published two chapters titled as “Utopian and Dystopian Provinces of Digital Humanities, published by Mac Brain Publishing House, New Delhi and “Challenges and Opportunities to Implement National Education Policy in Higher Education System” published by Red Shine Publication, Sweden.

Dr. Tara Sen contributed a recipe on Amaranthus seeds and video clip on millets for the book *Millets for the Children* published by Indian Women Scientists Association.

Dr. Vinod Kumar published one book on *Disaster Management in Himachal Pradesh: Natural and Man- Made Disasters* published by LAMBERT Academic Publishing, ISBN: 978-620-7-45926.

Prof. Gunjan Hazri published three poems “The Journey of a Man,” “The River” and a Hindi Poem “Prakriti ka Rosh” in the anthology *The ETF Mosaic : From Tabriz to Rumi's Soul*.

Dr. Manoj Thakur published two text books titles as *Introduction to Environmental Science* as a Co-author and *Energy from Waste: A New Renewable Energy Source, Futuristic Trends in Management*, IIP Series, Volume 3.

Research Papers Published/Presented and Workshops Attended

Prof. Devika Vaidya and Prof. Seema Sharma jointly presented a research paper on the theme “The Role of Chemistry in Protecting Earth” in the International Conference organised by Govt College Pangi.

Dr. Raj Kumar Thakur published a research paper in the Journal of Scientific Research Bangladesh on the topic “Radiation- Induced Graft Copolymerization of Methacrylate into Poly Tetra Flouro Ethylene-co-ethylene Film.” He presented three research papers in International Conferences on the topic “Science and Technology for Sustainable Future” at S.P.U. Mandi, on the topic “Communicating Health, Happiness and Longevity for Sustainable Growth” at G.D.C. Aani and on the topic “Resilient Futures” at G.D.C. Sarkaghat. He also presented a research paper in National Conference titled “Biodiversity Loss and Climate Change” at G.D.C. Sarkaghat.

Prof. Anju Sharma presented a research paper in International Conference on the topic “Impact of Climate Change” at V.G.C. Mandi and in National Conference on “Western Disturbance in Himachal Pradesh” at G.D.C. Sarkaghat.

Dr. Raj Kumar Jamwal participated in two days International Conference on "Environmental Concerns, Climate Change and Resource Management in the Western Himalayas" organised by R.N.T. GDC Sarkaghat, Mandi and presented a research paper titled as "जलवायु परिवर्तन शमन - वैश्विक स्थिरता का मात्र रास्ता" and also acted as Chairperson in Technical Session- XII. He participated in One-day National Seminar on the theme "Ethics in Society" organised by Govt.

P.G. College Bilaspur and presented a research paper on the topic "बदलते नैतिक मूल्य और साहित्य".

Dr. Monika Panchani published three research papers in International Peer Reviewed Multidisciplinary Journals and Journal Voyager Vol. XIII on the topics "Impact of Recent Floods on Biomas and Tourism in H.P.," on "Zebrafish Research for Human Diseases" and on "Women Empowerment in the Empowerment of Science." She also presented seven research papers in International and National Conferences on different topics. She was the Convener of the International Conference organised by Department of Zoology, VGC Mandi.

Dr. Sandeep Singh Raghav published a research paper on the topic "Popular Beliefs and The Rise of Folk Deity in Western Himalayas" in the International Journal of Physical and Social Sciences with ISSN: 2249-5894, Impact Factor: 6.644, UGC Journal Number: 42889. He also published a paper under the title "Inscription, Temple Architecture, Castle: A Study of Mandi Region" in the National Journal - Ithias Diwakar, ISSN-2250-2769. He presented a research paper on Sardar Patel in National Conference at SPU.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar presented a research paper in International Conference on the topic "Changes in Lifestyle and Health" organized by SCVB GC Palampur. He also presented two papers in National Conferences entitled as "Ideology of Sardar Patel on Self-sufficiency and Industrialisation" and "The Urgency of Global Warming."

Dr. Chaman Lal presented two research papers in International Conferences on the topic "Kotrupi Landslide Along the Drang and Gumma Salt Mines of Dhauladhar Range" and on "Buddha Teachings on Environment" at VGC Mandi. He presented three research papers in National Conferences on "Buddha Dhamma Communication Ethics and Environment" organised by G.D.C. Bilaspur, on "Communication and Environment in Himachal" and on "Role of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Sardar Patel in Democracy" at S.P.U. Mandi. He also attended a Ten Days Workshop on Tankri organised by V.G.C. Mandi.

Prof. Jyoti presented a research paper in International Conference on the topic "श्रेष्ठभारतस्य निमणि संस्कृतस्य भूमिका", दिनांक 7-8 दिसंबर 2023. She also presented paper on वैदिक साहित्य में पर्यावरण संरक्षण in SSHP International Conference at GDC Darlaghat, Solan.

Dr. Radhika Jamwal published a research paper titled as "Ethnobotanical Survey of Plants Used in Magico-Religious Practices in Kullu District of Himachal Pradesh, India." She presented two research papers in International Conferences on the topic "Morpho-palynological Assessment of Potential Bee- favoured Flora of Himachal Pradesh" organised by Sidharth Govt. Utkrith College, Nadaun and on the topic "Advanced Nanoparticles in Cancer Therapy" at V.G.C. Mandi. She attended a one-day National Webinar on "Bacteriological Contamination of Drinking Water Supply in Himalayan Area" organised by Baba Balak Nath College, Chakmoh, Hamirpur. She was the Co-convener of International Conference organised by Department of Zoology, VGC Mandi.

Dr. Deepali Ashok presented a research paper in International Conference entitled as "Biodegradation of Environmental Pollutants by Wood Rotting" organized at V.G.C. Mandi.

Dr. Tara Devi published a research paper on the topic "Domestication and Conservation Practices of Dioscorea Deltoidea, Hedychium Spicatum, Polygonatum Verticillatum, Angelica

Glauca and Dactylorhiza Hatagirea for Boosting Health, Sustainability and Rural Prosperity” in World Journal of Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences, Vol. 9, Issue 11, 85-96. She presented two research papers in International Conferences on the topic “Traditional Processing, Value Addition and Domestication of some High Valued Wild Edible Legumes of Mandi” organized by Jadavpur University West Bengal and on “Climate Resilient Wild Food Crops of District Mandi” organized by Indian Society for Ecological Economics. She also presented a research paper titled “Socio-economic Perspective of Selected Religious Wild Food Trees of Mandi” in a National Seminar organized by G.D.C. Shahpur.

Prof. Yachana Sharma published a research paper in the journal NJCM titled as “Impact of GST on Indian Economy” in National Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Journal with ISSN: 2394-6342. She also attended a National Workshop at Maharaja Agrasen University from 30 October to 04 November 2023 on “Nanomaterials for Sustainable Future” and a One-week School on “Nano-Materials Modelling Using Siesta” at G.C. Bilaspur.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar presented research papers in National and International Conferences organised by Ravindranath Tagore College Sarkaghat, Mandi. on the topics “E-waste Management and Recycling” and “Biodiversity Friendly Green Synthesis”. He took an initiative with which SAIF Panjab University Chandigarh signed an MoU with VGC Mandi to extend its support in achieving the academic excellence and cooperation.

Prof. Shikha Kapur presented research paper on "Cloudbursts, Flash Floods and Landslides in Himachal Pradesh: A Consequence of Climate Change" in an International Conference organised by VGC Mandi. She also presented paper on “A Narrative about Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Studying Gunjan Saxena's Biography” organised by Govt College Karsog and ETF.

Dr. Bandana Devi presented four research papers in International Conferences on the topics “Bridging Divides of Science and Religion in Arthur C. Clarke's Science Fiction,” “Developing Efficient Renewable Energy System,” “Science to Self: A Spiritual Representation of Arthur C. Clarke's Science Fiction” and “A Critical Review on Phytoremediation” organised by Central University Rajasthan, S.P.U. Mandi and V.G.C. Mandi respectively.

Prof. Kanchan Parmar presented poster in International Conference at IIT Delhi on the topic “Biomass Derived Porous Carbon as Efficient Adsorbent for Wastewater Treatment.

Dr. Neetu presented two research papers in International Conferences at VGC Mandi titled “Spirulina: A Nutrient Rich Superfood” and “Snacking Habits Among the Adolescents of Himachal Pradesh.”

Prof. Archana presented two research papers in the two International Conferences at VGC Mandi entitled as “Purification of the Environment through Medicinal Smoke of Yagya” and "Spiritual Psychology and Mental Health.”

Prof. Jyotsna published a research paper titled as "Navigating through the Confusing Intricacies of Childhood Trauma: A Study of Budgie, Bridge, and Big Djinn by Ranjit Lal" in the anthology English Literature Major Trends, Themes, & Styles with ISBN 978-93-92459-06. She presented a research paper in International Conference at Aligarh Muslim University, on the topic “Healing Among Shadows: Unravelling Trauma in The Secret of Falcon Heights by Ranjit Lal” and in National Conference at Govt. P.G. College Bilaspur on the topic “Promoting Equality and

Inclusivity.”

Prof. Vrinda Shandil published research articles titled as “Emancipatory Discourse of Home in Azar Nafisi's *Reading Lolita in Tehran*” in the journal European Chemical Bulletin with ISSN:2063-5346, “Writing for Self-Identity” in Journal of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai with ISSN:0972-0766 (UGC-CARE List Group I), “Empowerment through Adversity” in Swadeshi Research Foundation, ISSN 2394-3580, “Racial and Gendered Perspectives” in UGC Care List Journal Annals of Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, ISSN:0378-1143, “Exploring Postcolonial Identity” in International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts, ISSN:2320-2882 and “Voices of Rebellion” in Journal of Emerging Technologies, ISSN: 2349-5162. She also presented research papers in three International and one National Conferences and attended a workshop on Data Processing.

Prof. Bandna Chauhan presented a research paper in One Day International Conference on “Resilient Futures: Adapting to Climate Variabilities in Agriculture, Economy and Environment” organized by SCVB Government College, Palampur.

Prof. Anju Bala presented a research paper on "पर्यावरण संरक्षण में साहित्य की भूमिका" organised by SCVB Govt College Palampur.

Dr. Rojila Puri presented a research paper titled as “Role of Green Chemistry” in the International Conference at SPU, Mandi. She also participated in a One-day Workshop on the topic Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and Entrepreneurship at V.G.C. Mandi.

Prof. Santosh Kumar published a research paper titled as “ध्रुपद में नृत्य का स्थान” in Kala Vasudha International Refereed Journal, ISSN- 2348-3660, Page No- 43-50, Issue January- March , 2023. He also published on the topic “भारतीय नृत्य एवं नाट्य परम्परा की विकास यात्रा का विश्लेषण (नाट्य शास्त्र के परिपेक्ष्य में शोध दृष्टि)” in UGC Approved Journal SRIJAN SAMITI PUBLICATION Varanasi, IF: 6.125, ISSN- 0976-6650, No. 49321, Vol. 14. He presented a paper in International Conference on “भारतीय शास्त्रीय नृत्य का मानव पर प्रभाव” at V.G.C. Mandi.

Dr. Sunil Sen presented a research paper titled as “Medicine Ethics: Sustain Competitiveness in Sports” in the National Seminar at H.P. University, Shimla and attended an International Conference on Future of Learning organized by Chitkara University. He participated in National Sports Injury Conclave 2023 organized by Physical Education Foundation of India at NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi.

Dr. Anita Devi presented two research papers in International Conferences on the topics “Alternative Cleaner Renewable Resources for Sustainable Development” organised by G.C. Nadaun and “Ecological Welcoming Energy Production” at VGC Mandi.

Dr. Arvind Kumar published a research paper titled as “Mining Potential of Budget Tourist Accommodation in and around Mandi Town (Kashi of Himalayas) of Himachal Pradesh Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic.” He presented two research papers in International Conferences on the topic “Unearthing Potential of Reli-Eco-Tourism in Upper Reaches of Mandi District” organised by Govt. College Darlaghat, Solan and at V.G.C. Mandi also.

Prof. Nivedita Gautam published a doctoral research paper in UGC listed journal STOM in special issue on the topic “A Study of Rituals and Customs Associated with Folk Dev Samaj Culture of Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.” She also attended an International Conference at Govt

College Ani, Kullu and a virtual HPCU National Seminar on the theme “Cultural Sustainability and Environment.”

Dr. Surinder Kumar presented a research paper titled as “Digital Financial Literacy in India”, Chaired two Technical Sessions and was member of Organising Committee in National Seminar at G. C. Nihri. He participated in a One-day Workshop at V.G.C. Mandi and in One Week School Nano Materials Modelling at G.C. Bilaspur. Dr. Surinder also participated and chaired a session in two days National Seminar-cum-Workshop at P.U. Chandigarh.

Dr. Vinod Kumar published ten research papers on Mental Health, HIV/AIDS, MGNREGA, NEP2020, NGOs, Social Media and Disaster Management in various International Journals of Innovative Research in Technology, Research in Social Science and Recent Scientific Research. He presented six research papers on the topics of Environment, Life Style, Changing Patterns of Marriage, Tribal Community and Digitization in various National and International Conferences.

Dr. Balbir Singh presented a research paper in an International Conference on the topic “India's Trade Relations with SAARC Countries in Pre and Post SAFTA Period” organised by Commerce and Management Association of India in collaboration with Azerbaijan University in Baku. He also presented a research paper in a National Conference on “Digital Literacy in India” organised by ICSSR and Central University Himachal Pradesh. He chaired the technical session in National Seminar on Post Covid-19 Education System at Govt. College Nihri. He also co-chaired one Technical Session in International Conference organised by Dept. of Zoology, V.G.C. Mandi. He is Assistant Editor of National Journal of Commerce and Management.

Dr. Jitender Kumar attended a National Workshop through online mode on the theme “Nanomaterials for Sustainable Future” organised by Maharaja Agrasen University. He attended a National Workshop on the theme “Nanomaterials for Sustainable Future” (online mode) organised by Maharaja Agrasen University, from 30th October to 4th November 2023.

Dr. Vikas Thakur organised Exhibition/Training Programme on "Introduction to Plasma, it's Applications and Energy from Nuclear Fusion" w.e.f. 14-20 October 2023 at V.G.C. Mandi in collaboration with Institute for Plasma Research (IPR) Gandhinagar, a R&D Institute of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Govt. of India.

Dr. Suman Bharadwaj presented a research paper on the theme “Sardar Patel ka Sapna” organised by the Department of History, SPU, Mandi. She also presented paper on the topic “Climate Literacy among the Undergraduates : An Analysis” in International Conference organised by SCVB Govt. College Palampur.

Prof. Bhed Ram presented a research paper titled as "Analysing the Burden of Cardiovascular Diseases (CVDs) in India: A gender-wise Study" in the 106th International Conference of the Indian Economic Association (IEA), 2023.

Prof. Gunjan Hazri presented a research paper on the topic “Ecocentricism: Reshaping Nature and Literature” in the National Seminar organised by Govt. College Sanjauli, Shimla.

Prof. Suraj Mani presented five research papers organised by H.P.U. Shimla and S.P.U Mandi on the topics “India and Canada: Diversity, Democracy and Multiculturalism,” “Liberal, Democracy and Cultural Similarity between India and Canada,” “The Impact of Science and

Technology on Cultural Aspect of India,” “How Sustainability Affects the Economic Growth of the Country,” “Economic Impact of Modernization on Tribal Areas of Himachal Pradesh” and “Role of Sardar Patel as Democrat in India”. He published one research paper in Journal of Global Research and Analysis. Chapter no 07 vol.5(1) RNI-HARENG/2012/59126. ISSN-2278-6775.

Prof. Lateshwari published a research paper in the International Conference proceedings on Machine Learning Algorithms (Springer conference id -12919), titled as “Quantum Influence on Social Media Content: Employing Machine Learning for Sentiment Analysis.”

Dr. Hoshiyar attended two International Conferences organised by V.G.C. Mandi.

Prof. Naresh Kumar presented a research paper on the theme “Sustainable Development Literature” in International Conference organised by S.C.V.B. Govt. College Palampur. He also presented a paper titled as “सरदार वल्लभ भाई पटेल का भारतीय दर्शन” in a National Conference at SPU Mandi.

Dr. Kavita presented a research paper in National Conference titled as “Western Disturbance in Himachal Pradesh” organised by Department of Bio-Sciences, Rabindranath Tagore Govt. Degree College Sarkaghat, Mandi.

Prof. Manoj Thakur presented two research papers in International Conferences on the topics “Habitat Degradation and Increasing Human Wildlife conflicts in Himachal Pradesh” and “Renewable Energy Technologies” at V.G.C. Mandi

Prof. Tanzin Chhomo presented a research paper on the topic “Sustainable Agriculture” in the International Conference organised by V.G.C. Mandi.

Prof. Jyoti Thakur published three research papers in different Journals and presented one paper in a National Conference.

Ms. Deepti Thakur attended 11 days International Workshop on Cyber Security 2023, a virtual one-day National Seminar on “Sustainable Development of Food and Nutritional Security for Zero Hunger” and an online national lecture series on “National Education Policy 2020.

Orientation/Refresher Course

Dr Jitender Kumar, Dr Banita Saklani, Ms. Nivedita Gautam, Mr. Suraj Mani, Ms. Madhavi Joshi attended Orientation Programmes organised by various institutions of India.

Dr. Ravinder Kumar, Prof. Seema Sharma, Prof. Anju Sharma, Dr. Monika Panchani, Dr. Mahender Singh, Dr. Rakesh Kapoor, Dr. Chaman Lal, Dr. Radhika Jamwal, Prof. Jyoti, Dr. Anuj Kumar, Prof. Shikha Kapur, Prof. Archana, Prof. Vivek Kapoor, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Prof. Meher Chand, Dr. Vinod Kumar, Prof. Anju Bala, Dr. Sunil Sen, Prof. Krishna Kumari, Prof Heena, Prof. Nivedita Gautam, Dr. Banita Saklani, Dr. Kavita, Dr. Balbir Singh, Prof. Nirmal Singh, Prof. Santosh Kumar, Dr. Anita Devi and Prof. Naresh Kumar attended Refresher Courses organised by various institutions of India.

Faculty Development/ Capacity Building Programmes

Dr. Ravinder Kumar, Prof. Devika Vaidya, Dr. Raj Kumar Thakur, Prof. Neeraj Kumar Sharma, Dr. Mahender Singh, Dr. Radhika Jamwal, Dr. Anuj Kumar, Prof. Shikha Kapur, Prof. Yachana Sharma, Prof. Jyotsna, Prof. Meher Chand, Prof Vrinda Shandil, Dr. Bandana Chauhan, Dr.

Vinod Kumar, Prof. Anju Bala, Dr. Jitender Kumar, Dr. Sunil Sen, Prof. Rojila Puri, Dr. Banita Saklani, Dr. Suman Bhardwaj, Prof. Naresh Kumar, Prof. Rajiv Parmar, Dr. Kavita, Prof. Suraj Mani, Dr. Anita Devi, Prof. Lateshwari, Dr. Manoj Thakur, Prof. Sushila Kumari and Ms. Deepti Thakur attended Faculty Development Programmes organized by various institutions of India.

Departmental Exam

Dr. Radhika Jamwal qualified departmental exam this year.

Sir,

This brief report is only a pointer of our journey towards great achievements. It is another veritable milestone crossed by this premier institution. It is a matter of great pride for Vallabh Government College Mandi that steadily more students desire to seek admission here. We are truly blessed that having started with a strength of merely 20 students in 1948, the college can today boast of a strength of around 6500 students.

During this academic session, there have been vibrant activities in all spheres, mostly excelling in quality. The credit for this excellent performance goes to the team of highly dedicated teachers and non-teaching staff. They form a strong foundation for the pyramid of success.

At the same time, space constraint is a pressing issue for the institution. For the smooth conduct of classes, there is a dire need of an additional building. Also, with increase in enrolment of students, the shortage of teaching faculty is creating a hindrance in the process of imparting education. Therefore, there is an urgent need of filling the vacant posts of teachers as well as creating new posts in proportion to the student strength.

Although our students have excelled in various games and sports, but the unavailability of an indoor stadium has deprived the students of excelling in indoor games. The college teacher's colony urgently needs to be repaired and restored.

We are thankful to the various departments of Mandi town; District Administration, Police Department, Jal Shakti Vibhag, PWD, Electricity Department, Forest Department, Health Department, Public Relations Department, Media, Personnel, and Municipal Corporation Mandi for extending their co-operation and support all around the year.

I am extremely grateful to our Chief Guest, who has been kind enough to grace the occasion. I am equally thankful to other revered guests for being with us.

I congratulate all the prize winners and urge the rest to follow the footsteps of the best. Good wishes to our students for the forthcoming examination and a big thank you to all.

Jai Hind!

Surina Sharma
Principal
VGC Mandi