



Presented to: Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil
Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Social
Justice & Empowerment & Sainik Welfare to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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ANNUAL REPORT

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Our worthy Chief Guest, Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Social Justice & Empowerment & Sainik Welfare to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, members of the PTA, members of OSA, distinguished guests, media persons, esteemed colleagues and my dear students, I, on behalf of Government Degree College Kandaghat, Solan, would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone present here on the occasion of the Annual Prize Distribution Function for the academic session 2024-25.

It is a matter of great honour for our institution that we have here with us today Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil as Chief Guest to grace the function with his august presence.

Sir, with your kind permission, may I now present before you the Annual Report for the academic session 2024-25.

Introduction

Government Degree College Kandaghat, Solan, established in 2016, offers undergraduate courses in Humanities, Commerce, and Science. It is located at Kandaghat, Solan and gained popularity for being the distinguished place where His Highness Maharaja Bhupinder Singh, the ruler of Patiala State, built his first palace. Kandaghat was called 'Kohistan' in the pre-independence days. The old college building was originally the residence of Raja Dhaulpur, a palace made by Maharaja of Patiala, Yadavindra Singh. This palace was once the seat of office of the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police, and also the summer headquarters of the princely state of Patiala.

Government Degree College Kandaghat, Solan was notified by the Government of Himachal Pradesh in December 2015 and is affiliated to Himachal Pradesh University. The foundation stone of the college was laid on December 30, 2016 by the then Honourable Chief Minister of H.P., late Sh. Virbhadra Singh, in the presence of Dr. Dhani Ram Shandil. Regular classes commenced in the old building from July 1, 2016 onwards. The new building of the college was handed over in December 2019. The college offers a conducive environment and provides useful resources to promote the holistic development of students so as to enable them to excel in every sphere of life.

Faculty: Teaching and Non-Teaching

At present, there are two (03) Associate Professors, eleven (11) Assistant Professors, one (01) Librarian and six (06) non-teaching staff members working in the institution, whereas one post each in Physical Education, Zoology and Botany are lying vacant. Additionally,

one (01) post of Tabla Vadak, four (04) posts of Lab attendants and three posts of class-IV employees are lying vacant.

Transfers

1. Dr. Sneha, Asstt. Prof. in Sociology was transferred to G. C. Kotshera, Distt. Shimla, in March 2024.
2. Sh. Hamender Dutt Sharma, Supdt. G-II was transferred to GSSS Kalhog, Distt. Solan, in August 2024.

Joining

1. Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia joined as Principal on 14th November, 2024.
2. Dr. Chandan Chauhan, Assoc. Prof. in Sociology joined on 5th February, 2025.
3. Ms. Meena Sharma, Supdt. G-II joined in August 2024.

Retirement

1. Prof. Indira Daroch retired (premature retirement) from the post of Principal on 14th November, 2024.

Enrollment

At the start of the academic session 2024-25, 383 students were enrolled. Presently the total strength of students is 344.

Class	General		SC		ST		OBC		Total		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
B.A. I Year	23	25	12	26	0	0	0	1	35	52	87
B.A. II Year	18	29	10	22	0	1	0	0	28	52	80
B.A. III Year	15	53	7	15	1	0	0	0	23	68	91
Total	56	107	29	63	1	1	0	1	86	172	258
B.Sc.I Year	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	6
B.Sc.II Year	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
B.Sc. III Year	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	4	4	8
B. Com. I Year	18	14	6	7	0	0	0	0	24	21	45
B. Com. II Year	18	13	4	6	1	0	0	0	23	19	42

B. Com. III Year	12	13	2	3	0	0	0	0	14	16	30
Total	48	40	12	16	1	0	0	0	61	56	117
Grand Total	105	149	44	80	2	2	0	1	151	232	383

ACADEMIC RECORD

University Results

The results for the academic session 2024-2025 have been commendable and are as follows:

Class	No. of Students Appeared	No. of Students Passed	Pass Percentage (%)
B.A. I Year	101	47	47
B.A. II Year	90	86	96
B.A. III Year	68	67	99
B. Com. I Year	33	23	70
B. Com. II Year	47	29	62
B. Com. III Year	37	36	97
B.Sc. I Year	3	1	33
B.Sc. II Year	1	1	100
B.Sc. III Year	-	-	-

Mid-Term Examinations

The House Examinations for classes B.A/B.Sc./B.Com I/II/III were held from 12th-23rd December, 2024.

College Library

The library is integral to any educational institution as it enables students to expand and enrich their knowledge. Our library makes use of the SOUL 3.0 library software. Currently, the library has 1148 books, five newspaper subscriptions, five magazine and four journal subscriptions. The library is in the process of enrolling students and staff members on the ONOS portal and starting a local Book Bank by using the books received through donation.

Rovers and Rangers

The college offers the facility of enrolling in Rovers and Rangers under the guidance of Dr. Priyanka Vinta and Mr. Pankaj Thakur, so that students can become responsible members of local, national and international communities. This year's activities of the unit included the following:

International Youth Day was celebrated in the college by the Rovers and Rangers unit in collaboration with the NSS and Red Ribbon Club. Anti-drug awareness and HIV/AIDS related awareness was disseminated to the staff and students of the college.

The Rovers and Rangers unit of the college celebrated the Founders' Day of Scouts and Guides on 7th November. The event was attended by Dr Priyanka Vinta (Ranger Leader), Mr. Pankaj (Rover Leader) and 19 Rovers and Rangers. The members took a pledge to serve selflessly, along with a prayer to work sincerely for the unit.

The unit collaborated with the Road Safety Club and NSS units in organising a rally on creating public awareness regarding road safety norms.

Road Safety Club

The Road Safety Club works devotedly all through the year towards sharing information and enhancing awareness regarding various aspects and issues related to road safety. The club is ably led by our teachers, Dr. Yashika Guleria, Mr. Pankaj Thakur and Ms. Kamini Negi.

The Road Safety Club of the college organised its inaugural ceremony on 3rd December. Road safety awareness was promoted among the public by the students through various competitions including poster making, slogan writing, essay writing, declamation, reel making and collage making.

The Road safety Club organised a Road Safety Awareness Drive, in collaboration with the CSCA of the college, on 6th December. Students delivered speeches on safe driving, road crossing rules, use of helmet, seatbelt, golden hour and the good Samaritan practice.

The Road Safety Club organised a rally in collaboration with NSS and Rover & Ranger units of the college on spreading mass awareness on Road Safety Measures on 9th December. The rally was flagged off by the Principal, Dr. M.L. Mankotia. The rally initiated from the college campus and marched up to the Kandaghat market. A total of 113 students took part in the rally.

The Road Safety Club volunteers distributed around 100 pamphlets carrying information regarding road safety signs, symbols and oath to the drivers of the moving traffic at Kandaghat and Solan on 13th February, 2025.

On 17th February, 75 volunteers of the Club, along with their teacher members, visited Civil Hospital, Kandaghat for a detailed first aid demonstration by Staff Nurse, Ms. Rajesh Kumari Rana

Eco Club

The Eco Club helps the students develop a sense of environmental responsibility and understand their duty towards by engaging in programmes like tree plantation, field trips, nature camps etc. The Club works under the regular supervision of Dr. Priyanka Vinta, Dr. Radha Verma and Ms. Meghna Rana.

The Club, in collaboration with the Rovers and Rangers unit, organised a tree plantation drive under the campaign “Ek Paudha Mere College Ke Naam” on 7th August.

The Club conducted an awareness campaign on Energy Consumption and Conservation in collaboration with the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board on 4th December. An interactive talk on the subject was conducted by Sh. Anurag Parashar, Addl. Director, HPSEB, Sh. Chandan Sharma, SDO and Sh. Dev Raj Sharma, JE, HPSEB.

Red Ribbon Club

A student led voluntary initiative, The Red Ribbon Club works towards preventing HIV/AIDS and drug abuse by educating their peers and the larger community about the prevention, care and treatment of HIV/AIDS. The teachers associated with the Club are Ms. Anju, Ms. Meghna Rana and Ms. Kamini Negi.

The Red Ribbon Club of the college celebrated the International Youth Day 2024 on 12th August, by organising a flash mob activity in the college campus. 26 volunteers of the club conveyed socially relevant message on HIV prevention through a Naati performance. The Principal, Prof. Indira Daroch addressed the students and raised awareness about HIV/AIDS and drug abuse. She administered the pledge to the students along with the staff members on Drug Free India under the *Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan*.

The Club organised a lecture on HIV/AIDS on 27th September in the college to raise awareness among students. Dr Ajay Kumar Singh, BMO, Sairi was the resource person on the occasion. Dr Singh shared valuable information on HIV/AIDS providing updated statistics in the Solan belt and highlighting various causes that lead to the spreading of this disease. It was followed by an interactive session with the students. The programme was attended by all the staff members and 220 students.

The Club organised a declamation and poster making competition on 30th November, in order to spread awareness regarding AIDS.

The Red Ribbon Club of the college was felicitated by the Chief Medical Officer, Solan, at Sai Sanjeevani Nursing Institute on 4th December, for its outstanding work in spreading AIDS awareness among students.

Career Counselling and Placement Cell

The dynamic CCP cell of the college serves as a crucial bridge between academia and industry, facilitating assistance for students to secure their career by providing awareness about higher

studies, self-employment and job opportunities. Its teacher members include Ms. Malvika Sharma, Dr. Anshu Kaushal, Dr. Geeta Negi, Dr. Sudhir Kumar and Ms. Anju Kumari.

A career counselling session for the students of all streams was organised by the Career Counselling and Placement cell of the college on 12th August. All the faculty members informed the students about the various career opportunities pertaining to their own subjects, throwing light on the relevance of each subject in career building. The faculty members further apprised the students regarding various clubs, societies, and forums operational in the college.

The Centre Manager of Money Wise Centre for Financial Services, Ms. Nidhi Verma conducted a talk on Financial Literacy on 6th September. She also briefed the students regarding the quiz competition to be organised by the Reserve Bank of India to commemorate its 90th Anniversary.

A one day workshop titled “Awareness Programme on MSME Schemes/Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme” was held in the college in association with MSME-Development and Facilitation Office, Ministry of MSME, GOI on 24th October. Sh. Ashok Kumar Gautam, IEDS, Assistant Director MSME-DFO Solan, Sh. Parth Ashok, Assistant Director, MSME-DFO, Sh. Akshat Sharma Branch Manager, SBI Kandaghat, Sh. OP Sharma, Extension Officer, DIC Solan and Ms. Shreya, a successful entrepreneur from Minchy’s Foods, Shoghi, Shimla addressed the students, informing and motivating them to venture into small enterprises and start-ups with the aid of various schemes offered by the government.

A one day Workshop/ Awareness Programme on Digital Marketing & English Communication & IT (Advanced Excel) was held at Govt. Degree College, Kandaghat. It was organised by Anudip Foundation, Solan, in collaboration with the CCPC of the college on 22nd February, 2025. Students of all streams attended the workshop.

Hindi Samiti

The Hindi *Samiti* of the college, led by Dr. Radha Verma, is dedicated to promoting Hindi language, culture and literature among students. The executive body of the *Samiti* was constituted on 13th August, 2024 as follows:

President	:	Geetanjali (BA III)
Vice President	:	Meenakshi (BA III)
General Secretary	:	Yamini (BA II)
Joint Secretary	:	Niyati (BA II)

The *Samiti* organised the *Hindi Pakhwada* from 22nd- 24th September. Various competitions like poem-recitation, poster making, Hindi quiz and declamation competitions were organised during this celebration. The closing ceremony of the *Hindi Pakhwada* was celebrated in the college on 24th September. 160 students took part in the ceremony and many students participated in the poetry recitation, quiz, declamation and poster making competitions.

English Literary Society- Lore Rubrics

The purpose of the Literary Society is to encourage students to engage in literary pursuits for enhancing their creative writing, speaking, reading and listening skills in English. Dr. Anshu Kaushal and Dr. Priyanka Vinta are the teacher members of this society. The first meeting of the Society was held on 20th September and the following were nominated office bearers:

President	:	Ranjana Sharma (BA III)
Vice President	:	Aryan Verma (BA III)
General Secretary	:	Himani Sharma (BA II)
Joint Secretary	:	Amita (BA I)

The society, in ass conducted a book review activity “Books and Us!”, a story writing competition “Spin a Tale”, a movie viewing session of “Laal Hota Darakht” written by Dr. S.R. Harnot and a quiz competition on English Literature and Language, during the session.

Commerce Society

The Commerce Society of the college is a platform for Commerce students to explore their subject beyond textbooks and develop relevant skills. The Society is led by Ms. Malvika Sharma and Dr. Yashika Guleria. The executive body of the Society was formed on 10th Sept.,2024.Following students were elected as office bearers in various capacities:

President	:	Japji(B.Com-III)
Vice President:	:	Mehak(B.Com- III)
Secretary	:	Arun(B.Com-II)
Joint secretary :	:	Hiteshi (B.Com-II)
Treasurer	:	Pranjal (B.Com-III)

All the students of the department enrolled in the RBI90Quiz, a nationwide quiz for undergraduate students being conducted as part of commemoration of the 90th year of the Bank. One team, comprising of two students of B.Com final year, Mr. Pankaj and Mr. Chandan qualified the district level round and competed at state level.

Anti-Ragging Cell and Discipline Committee

Anti-Ragging Cell and Discipline Committee is active in the institution throughout the year to ensure that no act of ragging or indiscipline takes place on campus. The college has installed CCTV cameras to ensure ragging free campus. The Committee puts up notices and counsels students regularly to create awareness regarding the serious consequences of ragging. The Principal is the Chairperson of this committee and its members include Dr. Savita Sehgal, Dr. Geeta Negi, Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Mrs. Meena Sharma (Supdt.) and SHO, Kandaghat. No case of ragging or misconduct was reported in the college in the current academic session.

Anti-Drug Abuse Committee

The college has constituted this committee to integrate a holistic system of prevention, reduction, intervention and community support towards a healthy and drug free society. The Committee comprises of Dr. Priyanka Vinta, Ms. Anju Thakur and Ms. Babita.

The Anti-Drug Committee organised an array of activities on 12th August, to commemorate 78 years of Independence and commendable five consecutive years since the launch of **Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan**. The day commenced with a mass pledge administered by the worthy Principal, Prof. Indira Daroch, against drug abuse. A signature campaign was conducted in the college campus to spread awareness among students.

A poster making and slogan writing competition was organised on 27th September by the Anti-Drug Committee of the college. The Principal, Prof. Indira Daroch graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Students enthusiastically put their artistic expressions at display through their posters and slogans. Sarvan Kumar BAI, Prerna Rana BAI and Preeti B Comm II bagged the first, second and third positions, respectively in Poster Making competition. Aryan of BAIII, Himani of BAI and Charu of BAI stood first, second and third, respectively in the Slogan Writing competition.

A street play on drug awareness was presented by the Anti-Drug Awareness Committee on 26th October. It was enacted by BA I year students and emphasised on the need to raise awareness about the menace of drugs among youth.

Women Cell

The Women Cell of the college, comprising of Dr. Savita Sehgal, Ms. Malvika Sharma, Dr. Anshu Kaushal, Dr. Geeta Negi and Dr. Sudhir Kumar, mandates prevention of gender discrimination and inappropriate sexual conduct which is promoted through regular sensitisation through various activities carried out by the cell. Two significant awareness sessions were organised by the ICC Women Cell on 28th August to educate students on critical social issues. The session on Sexual Harassment Protection Act, 2013 aimed to sensitise students about the provisions and importance of the act in preventing harassment against women. Ms. Malvika Sharma led the session and explained the Act in detail to ensure that students understood their rights and responsibilities listed under the Act.

The Club organised an interactive session on November 6 in the college to raise awareness on the subject “Menstruation Misconceptions” among students. Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, BMO, Sairy and Mrs. Saroj Chauhan were the resource persons for the interactive session. Mrs. Chauhan emphasised hygiene maintenance during menstruation while Dr. Singh discussed the need for men to support women to end menstruation based discrimination.

Old Students' Association/Alumni Association

OSA, with the Principal as its Chief Patron, is a network of former students which attempts to forge a strong bond between the alumni and the college, enabling them to provide mentorship to current students, share experiences and contribute financially to the growth of the institution.

The staff members associated with OSA are Dr. Savita Sehgal, Dr. Sudhir Kumar and Dr. Priyanka Vinta.

The OSA of the college was constituted in 2023. The Office Bearers of the body are as follows: Nipun Thakur- President, Sushant Bhardwaj - Vice-President, Divyanshu Dev- Secretary, Upasana Kapil -Joint Secretary and Vaishali Thakur -Treasurer.

Sports

Sports form an integral part of the curricular life at GDC Kandaghat as it nurtures outstanding values and cultivates necessary skills required by the students for their overall personality development. Dr. Harinder Lal is the convenor of the committee and its members include Sudhir Kumar, Mr. Pankaj Thakur and Mr. Hitesh Kumar (JOA- IT). The Sports activities conducted in the session 2024-25 are as follows:

The Men's Kabaddi team of GDC Kandaghat participated in the HPU Inter College Kabaddi Championship held at GC, Jwala ji from 23rd- 26th October.

The Women's Kabaddi team participated in the HPU Inter College Kabaddi Championship held at GC, Nahan from 3rd- 5th December.

The Annual Athletic Meet was organised on 14th February, 2025. A total of 150 students participated in various track and field events.

Electoral Literacy Club

Its activities were as follows:

Samvidhan Divas was celebrated in the college on 26th November to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. Ms. Kamini Negi, Assistant Professor in Political Science, read the Preamble of the Constitution. Students participated in various competitions like declamation, reel making slogan writing and poster making.

Human Rights Day was celebrated on 10th December by the Electoral Literacy Club for promoting Human Rights awareness among students. Poster making and slogan writing competitions were held on this day.

The Club, conducted a zoom meeting at 11 am to commemorate the National Voters' Day. The Principal, teaching and non- teaching staff took a pledge to participate actively in electoral activities and raise awareness regarding the significance of voting.

NSS

The National Service Scheme is a government run programme that encourages students to volunteer in community service and helps students develop their leadership skills and understand their social responsibility. Dr. Sudhir Kumar and Ms. Meghna Rana are the college NSS Programme Officers. The units actively conduct various community activities throughout the year.

International Youth Day was celebrated in the college by the NSS Unit of the college in collaboration with Rover and Ranger, and Red Ribbon Club on 12th August. On the occasion, the Principal Prof. Indira Daroch addressed the students and raised awareness about HIV/AIDS and drug abuse. She administered the pledge to the students along with the staff members on

Drug Free India under the *Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan*. All the students took a pledge and promised to disseminate the message in their community.

The NSS unit of the college organised a one-day cleanliness camp in the college campus on 4th September. The event aimed to promote cleanliness and hygiene in the campus and surrounding area. The NSS volunteers cleaned the front and backside areas, as well as the parking area outside the campus.

The NSS units of GDC Kandaghat organised and celebrated the 55th NSS Foundation Day in the college on 24th September. NSS volunteers threw light on the history of NSS and its importance in the social context. Various cultural items were also presented by the NSS volunteers.

The NSS units of the college organised a cleanliness drive in and around the college campus on 1st October under the *Swachhata Hi Seva* Campaign, 2024. The NSS volunteers collected garbage and made the campus plastic free. About 5kg plastic waste was collected by the NSS volunteers from in and around the campus. The NSS volunteers also took an active part in the *Swachhata Hi Seva* campaign led by Ms. Chunauti Sangroli, Civil Judge cum Judicial Magistrate, Kandaghat, along with GSSS Kandaghat and workers and officials of Nagar

Panchayat. The campaign started from the Mini Secretariat and ended at the GDC Kandaghat campus.

A one day awareness camp on Drug Abuse was organized by NSS units in Jadari village on 9th November. NSS volunteers, along with the NSS Programme Officers, made the people of the village aware regarding the rampant drug addiction among youth. The volunteers divided themselves into small groups and visited 28 houses to apprise the parents about the symptoms of a person who is involved in drug related activities. Mrs. Sushma Thakur, *Pradhan, Mahila Mandal*, Jadari village appreciated the efforts made by NSS volunteers and promised her support and services to the NSS volunteers as and when required.

The NSS volunteers participated in a rally organised by the Road Safety Club and Rover & Ranger units of the college on spreading mass awareness on Road Safety Measures on 9th December. The rally was flagged off by the Principal, Dr. M. L. Mankotia. The rally initiated from the college campus and marched up to the Kandaghat market. A total of 113 students took part in the rally. The students were accompanied by the Club Convenor Dr. Yashika Guleria and members Ms. Kamini Negi, Mr. Pankaj and NSS Programme Coordinator, Dr Sudhir Kumar.

The annual seven-day NSS camp was organised in the college from 11th- 17th February, 2025. The volunteers participated in cleanliness drives in the college campus, local water body, the road from the college to Kandaghat market and Jadari village. They also contributed in making preparation for the Athletic Meet. Lectures in self-motivation, career opportunities and importance of spirituality in life were organised for the benefit of students. A yoga practice session was also organised for the volunteers of NSS.

A cultural programme marking the closing of the NSS seven-day camp on 17th February was organised by the NSS units of the college.

Parents-Teachers Association (PTA)

The PTA is a statutorily constituted body that aims at the overall development of the college. The college PTA body helps extensively in promoting good relations among the stakeholders and works diligently to improve the academic and non-academic environment of the college. The first meeting of PTA was called on 28th September under the patronage of the Principal, Prof. Indira Daroch and the new executive council of PTA was nominated in the presence of the teaching staff and parents. In this meeting, various matters related to the previous session were put before the house in detail and future action plan was discussed with the stakeholders. The members of the newly constituted PTA are as follows:

Patron:	Dr. M. L. Mankotia
President :	Sh. Harish Sharma
Vice President	Sh. Davinder Thakur
General Secretary	Ms. Malvika Sharma
Joint Secretary	Smt. Santosh
Treasurer:	Dr. Geeta Negi
Chief Advisor	Sh. Medh Ram Kashyap
Technical Advisor	Sh. Vijay

Three PTA meetings were convened during the session on 16th October, 2024, 5th December, 2024 and 22nd February, 2025. The PTA made a generous contribution of Rs. 82, 819 towards infrastructural maintenance and development.

Scholarships

The college always motivates students to avail benefits of various scholarships in different categories being offered under centrally sponsored as well as H.P. government schemes. During the current academic session 10 students have applied for scholarships. .

Sr. No.	Scheme Name	Total Applied
1	Kalpana Chawla Chatravriti Yojna -H.P.	05
2	Centrally sponsored Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students-(HP)	03
3	PM Yashasvi Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Economically Backward Students- HP	02
	Total	10

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

As per the requirements of NAAC, the college has a functional IQAC which is monitoring the compilation of data for the sessions beginning from 2020-21 onwards. Dr. Harinder Lal is the Coordinator of the IQAC and the senior faculty members form an integral part of this cell. It is working diligently towards improving the academic and administrative performance of the institution by ensuring timely, efficient and progressive performance of academic and administrative tasks.

Principal's Address

Principal's Address cum Induction Programme for the students of BA, B.Com. and B.Sc. was held in the college on 12th August. The Principal, Prof. Indira Daroch welcomed the new students and requested them to work in coordination with the college administration and staff for the overall welfare of the college. The Principal informed in detail about the various activities and programmes to be held throughout the session and mentored the students to use the college platform gainfully for the overall development of their personality.

The newly appointed Principal, Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia, addressed the staff and students of the college on 19th November and shared his vision of taking the institute towards excellence through well concerted efforts. He urged the students to work hard and showed faith in the cooperation of the teaching and non- teaching staff. Dr. Mankotia promised to address, on priority basis, the challenges faced by the college and make it into an institution of excellence.

College Student Central Association (CSCA)

The CSCA, a nominated student body which addresses student issues, promotes leadership and assists the college administration in all aspects.

The Oath Taking ceremony of the newly formed CSCA was held on 18th October, 2024. The nominees from various clubs/societies, sports and cultural categories, and Rovers & Rangers were selected on the basis of merit. The following members were nominated as the Office Bearers of the CSCA.

President	Amrita Sharma	B. A. – III Year
Vice – President	Pankaj Kumar	B.Com– III Year
Secretary	Niyati	B.A– II Year
Joint Secretary	Simran Sharma	B.A. – I Year

Sixteen more students were nominated as class representatives, sports nominees, cultural nominees, nominees of clubs/societies and nominees of NSS and Rangers and Rovers.

College Magazine

The college magazine ‘*Udbhav*’, provides a literary platform to the young minds for expressing their thoughts and ideas. The college brings out an annual issue of college magazine which consists of English, Hindi, Pahari, Commerce, Chronicle and Planning sections.

Departmental Activities

1. An orientation programme, *Deeksharambh* was organised for students admitted to various faculties for the academic session 2024-25 at GDC Kandaghat, Solan on 22nd August. During the programme, the teachers of **all the departments** welcomed the students and provided information about the syllabus, internal assessment criteria and annual examination. Additionally, they informed the students about various extra-curricular activities available in the college.
2. Two students of B. Com. III from the **Department of Commerce** qualified the District Level round of RBI quiz competition and competed in the State Level round organised at Peterhof, Shimla on 6th September. GDC Kandaghat bagged the 4th position among 45 participating teams.

The Department of Commerce celebrated *Navtatri* with the whole college by distribution halwa to all the students and staff of the college on 11th October, 2024. The Department organised an industrial tour to 2 industrial units located at Industrial Area, Shoghi on 21.02.2024. The two units visited were Shimla Hills, a food processing company and Kudos Laboratories, India. 21 students of the final year accompanied by two teachers visited these companies. Functioning of various departments of the organisations like finance, marketing, HR and production were observed minutely by the students. Practical knowledge of working of an organisation was demonstrated to

the students. Mr. Pradeep Sachdeva , GM-Admin, Accounts and Taxation of Shimla Hills and Mr. Vineet, Production Manager ,Kudos Laboratories coordinated these visits for the students. Later in the day, students were treated with lunch by the teachers at Hotel Megdhoot , an HPTDC undertaking.

The Department of Commerce was actively involved with the Career Counselling and Placement Cell of the college in organising a one-day workshop on Awareness Programme on MSME Schemes / Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme on 24th October 2024.

Two Group projects were undertaken by the students of the department during winter vacations under the guidance of the faculty. A comprehensive field work was done to understand the ground reality regarding accessibility of banking services to the women of the area and Usage of E-commerce facility by local people.

3. The **Department of English** and the English Literary Society, Lore Rubrics, organised a book review session for the students. The activity titled “Books and Us” was based on learning how to write a book review, attempt an internal and external reviews, objectives of writing reviews, discussing newspaper reviews and a quiz competition on English Literature and Language. The department also organised story writing competition titled “Spin a Tale” on 29th November, 2025. 18 students participated in the competition. The winner was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 500. A movie viewing activity was conducted by the English Department and the English Literary Society on 15th February, 2025, for the students of B.A. and B.Com. First year, and members of the society. The movie titled “Laal Hota Darakht” is a movie adaptation of the story “The Reddening Tree” by Dr. S. R. Harnot which forms a part of the first year Compulsory English curriculum. An English Literature and Language quiz competition was organised among five teams comprising of DSC/ DSE English students from BA I, II and III on 4th March, 2025.
4. The **Department of Economics** conducted a debate, followed by a question-and-answer session, on the topic Free Trade vs Protection on 13th August, 2024. The event was held to foster a deeper understanding of the two policies among the students and to hone their critical and analytical thinking skills. The department also organised a group discussion session on the topic “The Green Revolution: Impact and Relevance Today” on 10th December, 2024
5. The **Department of Geography** celebrated the World Ozone Day on 16th September to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the ozone layer and combating climate change. The theme for the World Ozone Day was Montreal Protocol. The Principal presided over the function and highlighted the importance of ozone layer protection. 39 students participated in poster making, declamation and poetry competitions.
6. Two students from the **Department of Hindi**, Anjali Kashyap and Saniya participated in the State Level Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar Inter College Declamation Competition, organised by the Art Culture and Language Academy, Himachal Pradesh in Gaiety Theatre, Shimla on 3rd August. Three students of the department participated in

declamation, quiz and essay writing competitions held during the Rajbhasha Pakhvada at Gaiety Theatre, Shimla organised by the Language Department, H.P. on 13th September, 2024, Dr Radha Verma, Department of Hindi, accompanied the students for the event.

7. The students of the **History Department** visited the State Museum and other places of historical interest in Shimla city. The students of the department participated in various activities like poster making and slogan writing during the Constitution Day and Human Rights Day celebrations.
8. The **Mathematics Department** of the college organised a digital slogan writing competition on 23rd December to commemorate the National Mathematics Day. A two-day MTTS programme was held at Centre of Excellence Sanjauli on 25-26 November. Three students from the Mathematics Department of our college participated in the programme.
9. The students of the **Music Department** participated actively throughout the session in all the functions organised in the college.
10. The **Department of Political Science** celebrated the *Samvidhan Divas* in the college on 26th November to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. The Preamble of the Constitution was read out in the assembly. Students participated in various competitions like declamation, reel making slogan writing and poster making. Human Rights Day was celebrated by the Electoral Literacy Club on 10th December, for promoting Human Rights awareness among students. Poster making and slogan writing competitions were held on this day. 35 students participated in a quiz competition organised by the department for the students of BA Final year on 25th February, 2025.
11. The **Science faculty** of the college organised a Popular Science lecture in collaboration with HIMCOSTE for the staff and students on 7th October. Prof. (Retd.) P. K. Ahluwalia, Department of Physics, H. P. University was the resource person on the occasion. The lecture was attended by the teaching staff and 80 students of the college.

Other Activities

A special Library Orientation programme was organised on 23rd July, for the new entrants in all the streams of the college to make them aware of how to access and use the library resources and services effectively. The students were also informed about the rules and regulations of the college library. This programme was a part of user education in terms of library services and its dos & don'ts.

The Principal's Address cum Induction Programme for the students of B.A., B.Com. and B.Sc. First year was held in the college on 12th August. The Principal welcomed the new students and informed them in detail about the various activities and programmes to be held throughout the session.

A Declamation Competition on Reading Habits was held on 12th August, on the occasion of Librarians' Day which is celebrated on the eve of the birth anniversary of Dr. SR Ranganathan, the father of Library Science. Eight students participated in the event and delivered thought provoking speeches on the theme.

The students of the college actively participated in the Independence Day celebrations held at the sub-divisional level in Padav, Solan on 15th August. They performed a classical dance and a patriotic group song. In recognition of their outstanding performances, the SDM, Kandaghat awarded the students certificates for excellence.

Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5th September in the college to honour the contribution of the mentors in shaping the overall personality of the students. A cultural event consisting of engaging games and entertainment activities was organised by the students. It was followed by a complimentary lunch for the teachers by the students.

The college celebrated the Freshers' Day on 30th September to welcome the new students into the gracious folds of the institution and offer them a platform to forge new friendships, grow academically and share their talents with their new family. The college campus came alive with activities like song and dance performances and the much-coveted Mr and Miss Fresher contest. The Principal, Prof. Indira Daroch was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Eight students of the college participated in the Himachal Pradesh University Inter-College Youth Festival, Group I event held at Govt. College Bilaspur from 18th to 20th October, 2024. The students participated in declamation, debate, quiz competition, poster making and collage making activities, Japji, student of BCom II Iwon the third prize in the collage making competition

The Oath Taking Ceremony of the newly formed CSCA of the college was held on 18th October. The office bearers and executive members were nominated on the basis of merit and were administered the oath of office in the presence of the Principal, Prof. Indira Daroch and all the staff members of the college. Amrita Sharma (BA III) was nominated President, Pankaj Kumar (B Comm. III), Vice President, Niyati (BA II), Secretary and Simran Sharma (BA I) was nominated Joint Secretary of the CSCA. In addition to the office bearers, 17 executive members were also administered the oath of office.

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Two students of the college participated in HPU Inter college Youth Festival, Group II event held at GC Karsog from 23rd to 26th October, 2024. The college students exhibited their talent in Ghazal and Folk Song categories.

Children's Day was celebrated in the college on 14th November with great enthusiasm and vigour. The teachers organised lunch for the students and served it in the college campus. The day commemorated the strong teacher- student bond and fostered a spirit of affection and dedication among them. Lunch was followed by a rocking jam session for the students.

The Self Assessment Review team paid a visit to the college on 14th November. Dr. Harinder Lal, the Convenor, and members of the committee engaged in a productive deliberation with

the visiting team. The team also interacted with the CSCA office bearers of the college. GDC Kandaghat was placed at rank 71 in the overall ranking of the government colleges of the state.

The newly appointed Principal, Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia, addressed the staff and students of the college on 19th November and shared his vision of taking the institute towards excellence through well concerted efforts. He urged the students to work hard and showed faith in the cooperation of the teaching and non- teaching staff. Dr. Mankotia promised to address, on priority basis, the challenges faced by the college and make it into an institution of excellence.

The CSCA of the college organised a cultural cum educational programme on 6th December. Students from different streams participated in activities like singing, group and solo dance performances, poetry recitation, modelling and skit presentation.

Achievements of Faculty Members

Dr. Chandan Chauhan

Dr. Chauhan was awarded a Ph. D. degree in Sociology from Panjab University, Chandigarh. He was also elected as the executive member of North West Indian Sociological Association (NWISA).

Dr. Savita Sehgal

Has been the only female classical singer from Himachal Pradesh performing on All India Radio since its establishment in 1955.

Achieved the distinction of being the first female artist from H. P. to receive an 'A' grade in both classical and light music from All India Radio. This honour was awarded to her following the rigorous Swar Pariksha assessment conducted by the Prasar Bharati Central Music Audition Board in Delhi.

Published a research paper titled “हिमाचलीलोकसंगीतकेबहुआयामीप्रतिमान” in the July - December 2024 issue of ‘Confluence of Knowledge,’ a multidisciplinary international peer-reviewed/refereed journal.

Attended the 7 day National Virtual Workshop ON "Digital Education: future of Teaching-Learning (National Education Policy 2020)" from 16-09-24 to 22-09-2024 organised by Govt, Degree College Ani at Haripur, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh in association with Pratibha Spandan Society ,Shimla . She also presented a research paper titled “Transforming Music Through Digital Education,” in this workshop. It has been approved for publication in a peer-reviewed /refereed journal.

Mrs. Malvika Sharma

Presented a paper titled “Entrepreneurship Education among the Tribal Youth in North India” (Co- author) in the National seminar on Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Role of Tribal Youth in Education and Development (online) organized by Govt. College, Pangi in collaboration with Pangi Administration on 14-15th November, 2024.

Presented a paper titled “Financial Inclusion through Technology: A Review of Trends” in the International conference organised by the Department of Commerce, H.P.U., Shimla on 30th November, 2024.

Presented a paper titled “Impact of Microfinance Schemes in the Development of Sustainable Business Environment” (Co- author) in the International conference on “Digital Transformation and its Impact on Business, Economy and Environment: Sustainable Development Goals”,organised by the Department of Commerce & Management, RTGD College, Sarkaghat, Mandi on 29- 30thNovember, 2024.

Dr. Geeta Negi

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Dr. Sudhir Kumar

Attended an FDP titled “Indian Knowledge System: An Introduction”, organised by B.R.B. College of Commerce, Raichur, Karnataka w.e.f. 18-23 November, 2024.

Attended FDP on NEP 2020 के संदर्भ में संस्कृतिक अध्ययन का महत्व organised by Gokul Global University, Siddhpur, Gujarat from 2-7 December, 2024.

Dr. Radha Verma

क्रम संख्या	तिथि	कॉन्फ्रेंस/ एफ डी पी	विषय	संस्था का नाम
1	26-27 जुलाई 2024	Presented Research Paper in International Conference on 'Exploring Climatic Sustainability: Opportunities and Challenges' .	प्रलय राग अलापते पहाड़ को चित्रित करती इक्कीसवीं सदी की हिंदी कविता	राजकीय महाविद्यालय बीटन, ऊना, हिमाचल प्रदेश।
2	16 सितंबर 2024से 22सितंबर	Attended National Conference	Digital Education Future of Teaching-Learning NEP2020	राजकीय महाविद्यालय आनी, कुल्लू, हिमाचल प्रदेश।
3	2दिसंबर 2024से 8दिसंबर,2024	एफ. डी.पी.	हिंदी नाटक एवं शोध प्रविधि	हिंदी विभाग, विज्ञान एवं मानविकी संकाय, एस. आर. एम. इंस्टिट्यूट ऑफ साइंस एंड टेक्नोलॉजी, कटनकल्युर, चेन्नई।

Dr. Priyanka Vinta

Participated in an interdisciplinary refresher course on languages(online) held from 08.01. 2025 to 23.01. 2025 conducted by MMTT Centre, Punjabi University Patiala, Punjab, India.

Mrs. Anju Devi

Presented a paper in the National Seminar and 3rd GSHP Annual Meet held in GDC Dharmshala titled “Watershed Morphometry and Sustainable Kuhl Irrigation: A Geospatial Evaluation of Neugal Watershed, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh”.

Presented a paper titled “Spatial Distribution and Impact of Women's Organisation in India's Freedom Movement “in the National conference (hybrid) organised by HPU Regional Centre, Dharmshala.

Presented a paper titled “Government Initiatives Promoting Digitalisation: A Case Study of Himachal Pradesh “in an International conference held at GDC Sarkaghat , Mandi.

Published a research paper titled “Changing Dynamics of Sustainability: A Case Study of Sex Ratio in North Western India”

Dr. Yashika Guleria

Attended an FDP on NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme organised by UGC MMTTC Himachal Pradesh University Shimla from 23.09.2024 to 01.10.2024.

Attended ICSSR & SERB sponsored National Seminar on “Geography, Disaster Management & Sustainability in the Himalayas : Challenges & Solutions” held on 16th -17th October, 2025, organised by the Department of Geography, GC Dharamshala and presented a research paper titled “Green Economics: How Commercial Practices Can Foster Environmental Sustainability & Development ?”

Attended a one-day National e-workshop on AI Tools for Research organised by the Department of Evening Studies, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla on 27th November 2024.

Attended an International Conference titled “Udbhavah2024- Emerging Trends in Research” on 30th November, 2024 organised by the Department of Commerce, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, in collaboration with ICSSR NWRC and presented a research paper titled “Exploring Emerging Trends in Research and Commerce: A Pathway to Innovation and Growth”.

Meghna Rana

Attended a one-day National e-workshop on AI Tools for Research organised by the Department of Evening Studies, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla on 27th November 2024.

Kamini Negi

Attended a 7-day National virtual workshop on “Digital Education: Future of Teaching-Learning (National Education Policy)” from 16th – 22nd September, 2024.

Departmental Examination

Three teachers of GDC, Kandaghat, namely Ms. Malvika Sharma, Dr. Anshu Kaushal and Dr. Priyanka Vinta qualified the Departmental Examination in 2024-25.

Achievements of the College

1. Japji Singh, student of B.Com. III, won the third prize in collage making in the. The Principal congratulated the prize winner, contingent in-charge Dr Radha Verma and other students, who participated in the Group I event.
2. Mr. Mohit of B. Com III bagged the first position and a cash prize of Rs.500 in a reel making competition organised and funded by Red Ribbon club and Department of Health, HP.
3. Neeraj Sharma, student of B.A. final year in the session 2023-24 was placed as senior Executive at Stellen Infotech, Mohali.
4. The college published its first newsletter “Mosaic” under the patronage of the Principal, Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia. Dr. Anshu Kaushal acted as the Editor of the newsletter, Mr. Pankaj Thakur provided technical assistance and Ms. Garima Mankotia created the layout of the newsletter.
5. The IQAC of the college introduced a Capacity Building Programme (series) to develop the life skills among staff and students. The first seminar was conducted in collaboration with DLSA, Solan, when the World Day for Social Justice was celebrated on 20th February, 2025. A talk on legal awareness was organised on this day. Advocate Rashmi Sultanpuri and Mrs. Akanksha Dogra, Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate cum Secretary, DLSA, Solan were the speakers for the day. They apprised the students on the Right to Education, free legal aid and various aspects of empowerment through social justice.
Second in series, the IQAC of the college conducted a one-day workshop on Coping with Stress and Emotions on 24th February, 2025. The Resource Person for the session was Dr. Deepak Puri, Senior Director, CTVS, Max Super Specialty Hospital, Mohali. 220 students and all the faculty members took part in the two sessions comprising of power point presentation, videos and music therapy session.
In continuation with the life skills development activities, a one-day workshop titled “Jeene ki Kala” was conducted on 3rd March, 2025, by the IQAC in collaboration with the Department of Hindi. Dr. Baldev Singh Thakur, Associate Professor in Hindi (Retd.) was the resource person for this workshop.
6. The Mentor Mentee groups were created in the college for the first time. The association of students with their mentors across faculties and classes helps them to grow academically and professionally. Mentors share their expertise and provide guidance and support to the mentees to help them overcome challenges. The Mentor Mentee groups were formed by the IQAC member Dr. Anshu Kaushal.
7. The college IQAC introduced Value Added Courses in English, Commerce, Music, Geography and Economics in the session 2024-25. These courses are approved by the college Board of Studies and are designed to enhance a student’s practical skills. They help the students stay in touch with employability trends by enhancing their capabilities within the college curriculum, without incurring any extra cost on the students.
8. One smart classroom setup was provided by the Department of Higher Education to enhance the college infrastructure. The system has been set up in the college multipurpose hall to facilitate access to maximum number of students and teachers.
9. A total expenditure of Rs. 43401/- was made to construct iron benches for augmenting the seating arrangement for students in the college campus. The expenditure was incurred from the PTA fund of the college.

10. An expenditure of Rs. 39418/- was incurred in labour charges, paint material and painting of the grills and iron benches fitted in the college building. The expenses were meted out from the PTA fund.
11. 19 books, one newspaper. One magazine and two journal subscriptions were added to the college library in the session 2024-25.
12. 19 books were donated to the college library by the Principal and two staff members of the college.
13. The first MOU in the history of the college was signed between GDC Kandaghat, Solan and Himachal State Museum, Shimla on 26th December, with the concerted efforts of Asstt. Prof. Anju, Department of History. The purpose of the memorandum is to foster mutual learning, cultural preservation and academic enhancement for the students and other stakeholders.
14. The college signed an MOU with Cardiomersion (A global group promoting an integrated approach to Comprehensive Cardiac Care) on 24th February, 2025. Dr. Deepak Puri, Global Chairman, Cardiomersion signed the MOU along with Dr. M. L. Mankotia, Principal GDC, Kandaghat, and the IQAC members of the college. This partnership aims to promote awareness, education and research on healthy living among students, faculty and the broader community.

Hon'ble Sir,

On behalf of the college, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the government for providing financial assistance of Rs. One Lakh for the repair of the multi- purpose hall ceiling. I would also like to thank, on record, the Department of Higher Education for providing us with a new smart classroom set-up that has been installed in the college hall.

15.Requirements

Hon'ble Sir,

Please permit me to place before you, a few academic and administrative requirements of the college. We are sure, Sir, that with your kind intervention these matters will be resolved at the earliest.

1. Science stream in the college has been started in the session 2022-23 but the Science labs have not been established as yet, although an estimate for establishing the labs has already been submitted to DOHE. In the absence of the lab facility, the practical coursework and annual practicals of the students have to be conducted at GC, Solan causing inconvenience to the students. Lack of lab facility has also resulted in low enrollment in the Science stream.
2. The college is in dire need of an ICT lab for developing the digital literacy skills providing access to online resources for better learning outcomes among our students.
3. The college does not have a dedicated outdoor space/ playground which limits the opportunities of our students. Lack of playground was a major factor in the low grading of our

college parameters. You are requested to designate a suitable area for a playground so that the overall development of our students can be ensured and we can score a better grade next time.

4. It is with regret that I inform you that the grading of our library parameters have been the lowest in the recent ranking of colleges in Himachal Pradesh. It is, therefore, humbly requested that a substantial fund may be granted for the improvement of our library resources.

5. The college requires at least 5 smart classrooms to enhance the teaching learning experience and provide access to digital learning resources to our students.

In the end, I congratulate the Prize winners for having excelled in the fields of academics, sports and co-curricular activities and bringing glory to the institution with their achievements.

Lastly, I once again express my heartfelt gratitude to our revered Chief Guest, Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil for sparing his valuable time to be with us today and bless our students. I also thank our, distinguished guests, PTA members, OSA members, staff and students for their valuable presence for making the Annual Day Prize Distribution 2024-25 function a great success.

Jai Hind

Jai Himachal.