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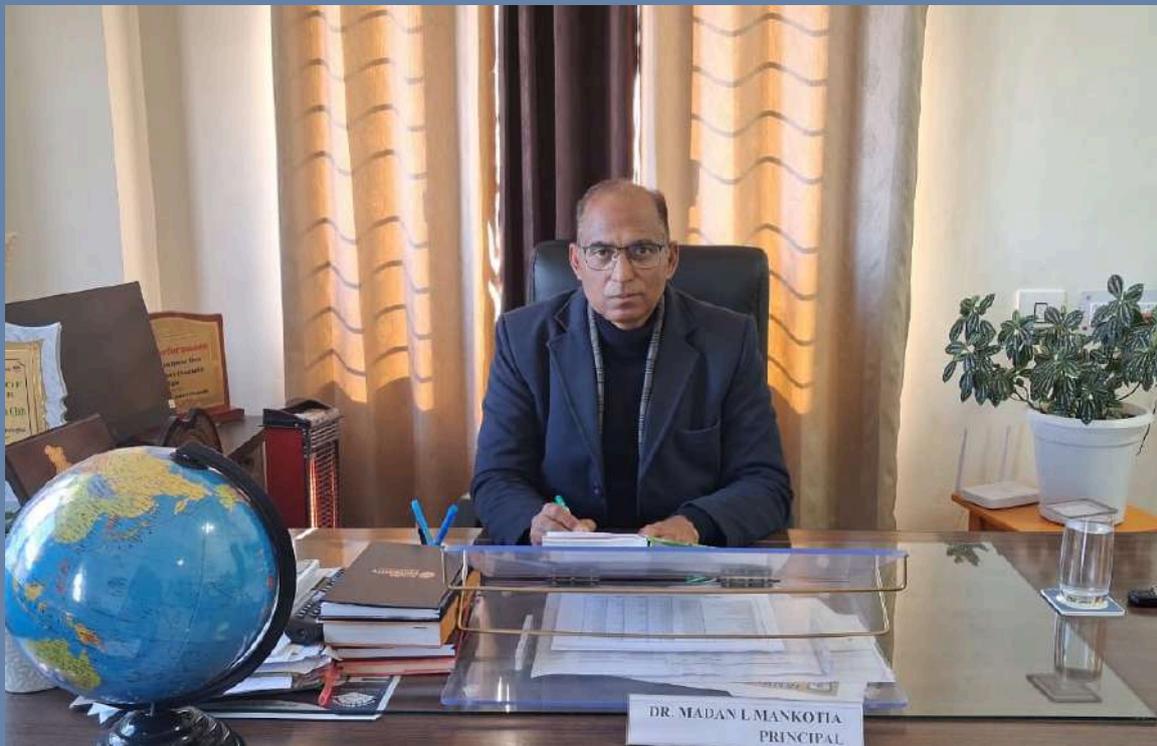
**GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE
KANDAGHAT**

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Readers,

It gives us immense pleasure to present the third issue of the College Newsletter, a comprehensive record of the collective achievements of our students, faculty, and staff. This publication captures the essence of our commitment to excellence, discipline, and holistic development.

The contributions featured here—ranging from academic enrichment to social outreach—demonstrate how our students translate knowledge into meaningful action. As we navigate a changing global landscape, Government Degree College, Kandaghat, continues to prioritise the cultivation of strong ethical values alongside professional competence.

I wish, to specially commend, the Editorial Team, Dr. Anshu Kaushal, Dr. Sheetal Kumari and Prof. Pankaj Thakur, for their dedicated leadership in bringing this publication to fruition. Their clarity and diligence have ensured a high standard for this issue. I trust that these pages will inspire our readers to strive for higher goals and contribute positively to our society.

Warm regards,

Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia

Principal

Government Degree College, Kandaghat

15 July 2025

The college campus comes alive with fresh energy, new aspirations and renewed purpose. The new academic session begins on 1st July, 2025 with the commencement of regular classes of B.A., B.Com. and B.Sc. The whole college campus starts bustling with the students. We look forward to fostering an environment where curiosity thrives, creativity blossoms and excellence becomes a daily pursuit.

A new session calls for setting new goals, embracing disciplined habits and nurturing a positive mindset. The Induction Programme- Diksharambh for the new academic session 2025–26 was held in the college multipurpose hall on 15th July. Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia, the Principal of the college was the Chief Guest on this occasion and Prof. Navita Gautam, former Principal of the college, was the Guest of Honour. We pledge to commit ourselves to making this academic year meaningful, productive and memorable.



16 July 2025

As technology evolves, so do cyber threats. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of GDC Kandaghat organised a programme on Cyber Security on 16th July with the objective of raising awareness among students. The event was conducted in collaboration with two NGOs – Act Human and In My City, led by Ms. Harleen Kaur, who actively works on various pressing social issues. Dr. Gagandeep Singh and representatives from the Police Department, Solan, Mr. Narender and Mr. Dalip shared their insights and experiences related to cyber security, rising cyber crimes, financial frauds and other forms of cyber crimes and also informed the staff and students about the various measures that can be taken in such situations.



24 July 2025

The Career Counselling and Placement Cell, in collaboration with IQAC of the college organised a lecture programme titled “Life Audit”. The session was conducted by Sh. Karan Pathak, Tehsil Welfare Officer, Kandaghat. The objective of the lecture was to guide the students towards informed academic and professional choices at the very outset of the session. The session aimed to create awareness about emerging career opportunities, higher education pathways and skills required for the future workplace. Sh. Pathak offered to provide free personal guidance and coaching to interested students. The activity received an enthusiastic response from the students and equipped them adequately with clarity, confidence and the awareness they need to plan their future effectively.

28th - 30th July 2025

The Career Counselling and Placement Cell, along with IQAC of the college, in association with Pune Institute of Business Management (PIBM) and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), organised a three-day skill development programme for the students. The programme was designed to enhance students' employability by addressing the skill gaps between existing abilities of the students and the skills required by employers in the competitive market. Resource Persons on sessions conducted from 28th - 30th July were Ms. Diya Singal (Finance Trainer), PIBM, Ms. Singal and Mr. Nikhil Nainani, Finance Trainer, PIBM. This initiative, under the able guidance of Principal Dr. M. L. Mankotia, contributed significantly to the holistic development of the students, preparing them to step into the professional world with confidence and competence.



2 August 2025

The NSS Unit of GDC Kandaghat organised an NSS Enrollment Drive & My Bharat Registration programme to enroll new volunteers for the academic year 2025–2026. An NSS enrollment desk was set up in the college by Prof. Pankaj Thakur who also delivered a speech motivating students to join NSS and take part in diverse community service initiatives, awareness programmes, and annual camps. He then introduced the My Bharat Portal, explaining its purpose in connecting youth to national service opportunities. Students were actively guided and engaged in the process of registering themselves on the My Bharat Portal.



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7 August 2025

The IQAC of GDC Kandaghat organised a Merit Recognition Ceremony to honour the academic excellence of the students of the college. A first of its kind in the college, the ceremony was initiated on the recommendation of the worthy Principal, Dr. M. L. Mankotia to value merit, recognise achievement and encourage excellence. A total of 30 students from BA, BSc. And BCom I, II and III were awarded star badges: Platinum Badges were awarded to four meritorious Second year students, Diamond Badge to one First year student securing above 95% marks in +2, Gold Badges were pinned on six students securing 90-94% marks in +2, Silver Badges were awarded to ten First year students for securing 85-89% marks in +2, and Bronze Badges were pinned on nine First year students for scoring 80-84% marks in +2. This ceremony reinforced the commitment of the college towards academic excellence and embarked on an innovative tradition to inspire the students to strive for brilliance.





12 August 2025

One of the most joyful and vibrant celebrations, the college organised the Freshers' Day 2025, "Jashan-E-Aagaz" on 12th August. The event was specially organised on the occasion of International Youth Day to welcome the first year students and to inculcate in them everlasting values of discipline, respect, integrity and responsibility. A day dedicated to welcoming our freshers into the college family, the event provided a platform for new students to showcase their talent, interact with seniors and build lasting bonds. The esteemed Principal, Dr. M.L. Mankotia was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Stunning cultural performances, interesting fun activities and the glitzy ramp walk set the stage on fire. The second and third year students, along with the staff members of the college, organised this much anticipated event. The programme also raised awareness regarding the burning problems of ragging and drug abuse. To provide a safe, healthy and secure environment for all the students, the Anti Drug Pledge was taken on Freshers' Day. All the students and teachers took the pledge and confirmed their commitment towards fighting this social evil.



12 August 2025

A State Level Marathon was organised by the CMO, District Solan, on the occasion of International Youth Day on 12th August in which Payal Thakur of our college took part enthusiastically. The marathon was held at Shimla and covered a distance of 5 km from Oakover to Peterhoff.



14 August 2025

The Anti Ragging Committee and Squad of the college regularly sensitise students regarding the social and legal menace of ragging. Through collective efforts, responsible behaviour and constant awareness, the college upholds a zero tolerance approach to ragging and maintains a ragging free campus. The Anti-Ragging Week was observed in the college from 12th to 18th August. A documentary on Anti-Ragging Awareness was shown to the students of the college on 14th August.



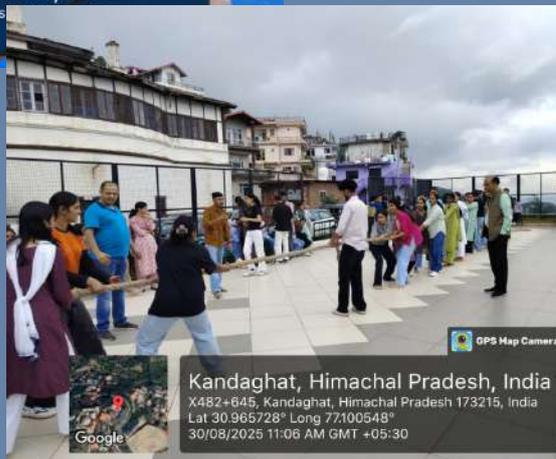
14 August 2025

The NSS volunteers of GDC Kandaghat celebrated the spirit of freedom and patriotism by actively participating in the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign 2025 on 14th August. The volunteers were briefed about the campaign in a lecture session conducted by NSS Programme officers Prof. Pankaj and Prof. Sangeeta Kumari. NSS volunteers hoisted the Tiranga proudly at their homes and uploaded its pictures on MyBharat portal. The volunteers also took part in a Quiz competition on the National Flag on the MyBharat portal and showed their commitment to nation building through a deep personal connection with the National Flag.





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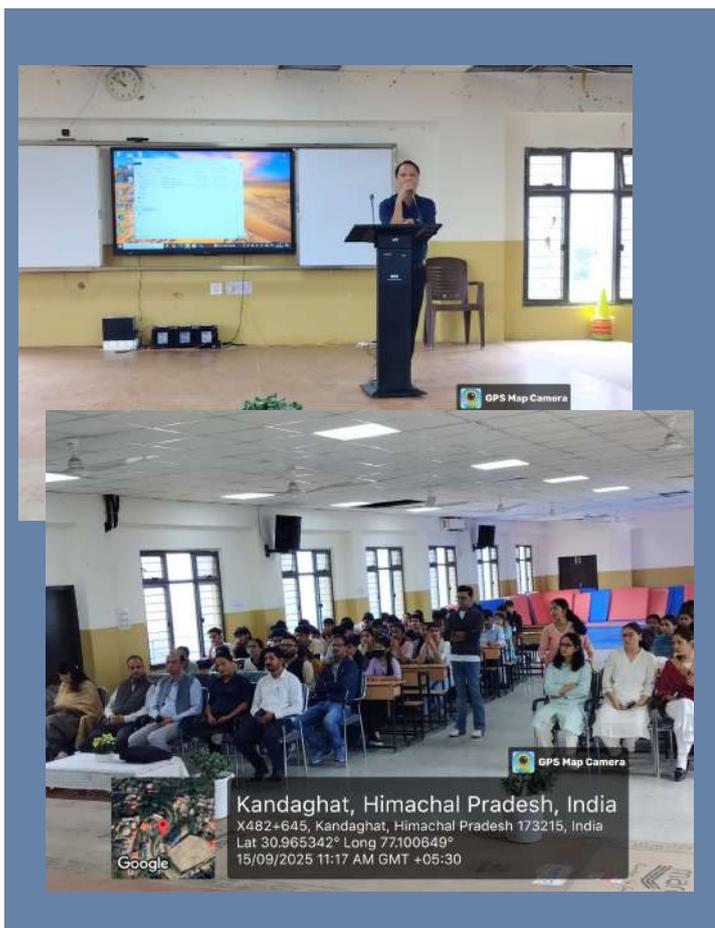
29-30 August 2025

The college strives consistently to encourage inclusiveness, mutual respect, self-discipline and social service. The best way to promote these values is through the medium of sports. The IQAC of the college, together with the Sports, Anti Drug Club and NSS, celebrated the National Sports Day on 30th August. On this occasion, a series of activities under Khelo India Fit India programme were organised on 29th and 30th August. Kabaddi matches of both men and women’s teams, and Tug of War matches in both boys and girls categories were held in the college. The students took a pledge to make India drug free and reinforced their promise of eradicating this evil from the society. A drug awareness rally was organised from the college premises to Kandaghat Chowk. The college successfully instilled awareness, encouraged responsible behaviour and strengthened its stance against drug abuse.



30 August 2025

Mother Nature plays a vital role in shaping a student's physical, mental and emotional well being. A Nature Walk from the college to the local nursery was organised by the Eco Club on 30 August. The initiative was led by the Principal, Dr. M. L. Mankotia. Teachers and student members of Eco Club participated enthusiastically in the Nature Walk. Various plants were identified and studied in the nursery with the help of the Botany department. The students bought saplings of plants like neem, amalatas, and peepal as part of the *Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam* project and planted them at home as a mark of love and respect for their mothers. This activity contributed significantly in inculcating veneration for the environmental and nurturing values of Mother Earth and one's own mother among students, making them understand their responsibility towards the family and the planet.



15 September 2025

The Career Counselling & Placement Cell and IQAC of the college, in collaboration with School of Management Studies, Baddi University of Emerging Sciences & Technology organised a one day workshop on 15th September for the students on Career Opportunities and Personality Development. This workshop was conducted under the MOU signed between the two institutions. The first session titled “ Career Opportunities and Positive Mindset” was conducted by Dr. Arun Kant Painoli, Prof. and Dean, SMS, Baddi University. The second session was conducted by Dr. Anshu Kaushal, Asstt. Professor in English, on the topic “Importance of Soft Skills in Building a Successful Career” and the third session titled “Career Opportunities in Banking and Insurance” was conducted by Dr. Bavita, Asstt. Prof. in Commerce. The workshop aimed at broadening the perspective of the students regarding career choices.

17 September 2025

Hindi Pakhwada was celebrated in the college, starting on 15th September, to honour the linguistic heritage and cultural legacy of Hindi language. The Department of Hindi organised several activities in the college on this occasion. A quiz competition was organised on 15th September, poster-making competition was held on 16th September and poetry writing competition, and declamation and cultural competitions were organised on 17th September, 2025. A short play titled “Apna Raasta Lo Baba” was also staged on this day. The event was graced by the presence of the Principal, Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia as the Chief Guest, other faculty members and students of the college.



20 September 2025

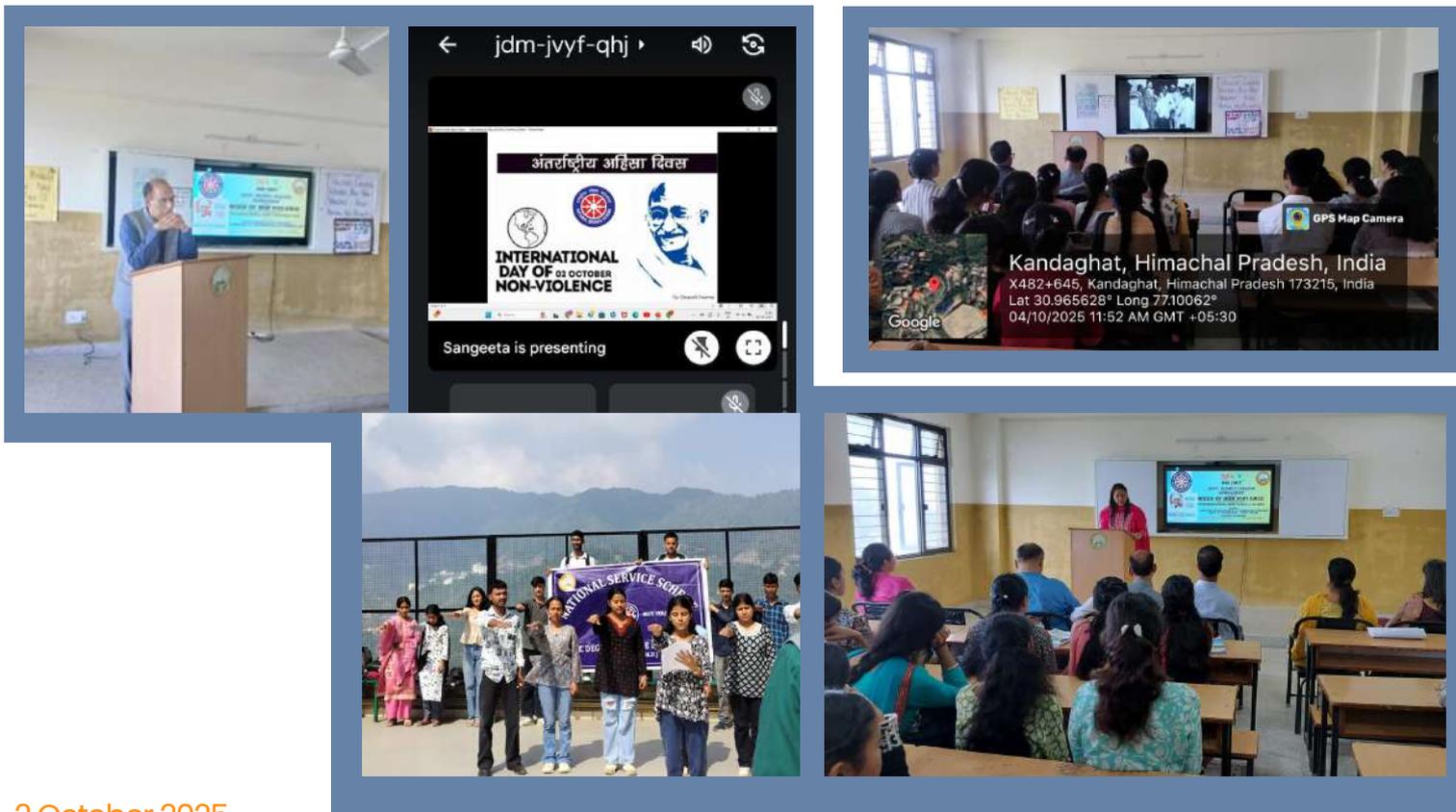
Participation in inter college events grooms the students by lending them exposure to diverse ideas, cultures and talents, broadens their perspective and encourages healthy competition. A contingent of 30 students from the college, 2 accompanists and 5 teachers took part in Rasotsav 2025, an inter college cultural fiesta organised at RKMV, Shimla on 20th September. The students participated in declamation, slogan making, photography, essay writing, reel making, light music, group dance, solo dance (semi-classical), and nukkad naatak categories. The students showed immense creativity, passionate enthusiasm and keen interest in taking part in this fest. The Principal Dr. M. L. Mankotia's presence in the function boosted the morale of the students and they performed to the best of their ability in every event. Amita Bhardwaj, student of BA II (DSC English), made us proud by winning the third prize in the essay writing competition.



24 September 2025

The NSS Unit of Government Degree College Kandaghat celebrated the 56th NSS Foundation Day on 24th September 2025 with active participation of volunteers. The programme began with an Anti-Drug Awareness Lecture under the *Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan*, organised in collaboration with the Gunjan Organisation and the Anti-Drug Club. Resource persons Sh. Vinay Kumar, Prof. Sachin Kumar and Sh. Pankaj sensitised students about various types of drugs and their harmful impact on health, families and society. This was followed by a *nukkad natak* under the Swachhta Hi Seva campaign, highlighting the importance of cleanliness and hygiene. A *Swachhta* Pledge was administered, after which NSS volunteers conducted a cleanliness drive in and around the college campus. A special Foundation Day Talk familiarised volunteers with the history of NSS, motto “Not Me But You” and objectives. Volunteers were also encouraged to register for the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) Quiz 2026 on the MY Bharat portal.





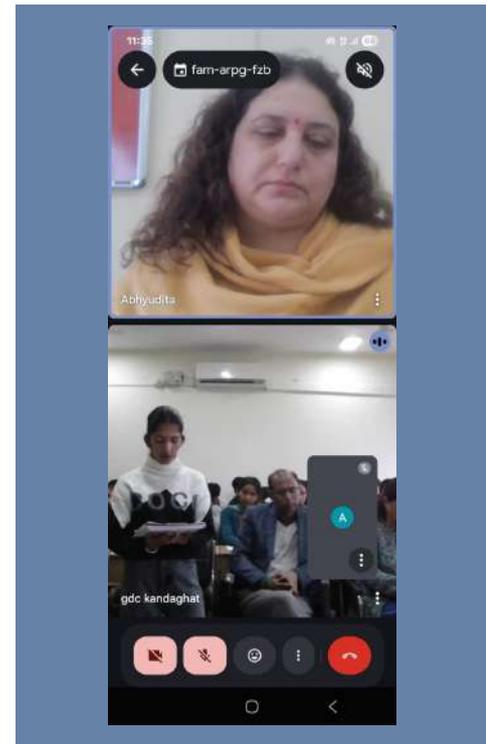
2 October 2025

The NSS Unit observed the Week of Non-Violence from 29th September to 4th October 2025. A series of activities was organised throughout the week with the objective of promoting Gandhian values of truth, peace and non-violence among students and the community. The week commenced on 29th September 2025 with a *Bhajan-Sankirtan* programme organised by the Department of Music on the occasion of the Navratra Festival. On 1st October 2025, the NSS Unit organised a Nukkad Natak under the theme “Swachhta Hi Seva”, highlighting the importance of cleanliness. On 2nd October, Gandhi Jayanti and International Non-Violence Day were observed through a virtual programme on Google Meet. The NSS Programme Officer, Mr. Pankaj, highlighted the significance of the day and Gandhiji’s philosophy. A special lecture on “Relevance of Gandhian Thoughts in Contemporary Times” was organised on 3rd October. The keynote speakers, Dr. Chandan Chauhan and Ms. Kamini Negi, elaborated on Gandhi’s philosophy of truth and non-violence. The Week of Non-Violence concluded on 4th October, with a special programme featuring poster and slogan displays, screening of a short film “Gandhian Perspective”, and addresses by the Principal, Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia who inspired NSS volunteers to carry forward the timeless message of Mahatma Gandhi in their lives and communities.



8 October 2025

The Department of English organised an online session for its student members on “Content Writing and Creative Writing as Career Options” on 8th October. The Resource Person for the lecture was Dr. Abhyudita Gautam Singha, an acclaimed writer from Himachal, with five books to her credit. She is currently serving as an Associate Professor at GCTE, Dharamshala. The Chief Guest for the day was Dr. M. L. Mankotia, honourable Principal of the college. Dr. Singha delivered an insightful and informative lecture covering the important aspects of content and creative writing and enlightened the students regarding the various career avenues available in these fields. The lecture was followed by an interactive session with the students. Dr. Mankotia congratulated the members of the Society and showed immense appreciation for the questions asked by students during the interactive session.



The CCPC of the college assisted 33 students from all three faculties to join the Personality Development Course in collaboration with A2IT InternEdge, Mohali. This course is originally priced at Rs. 3000/- but is being offered free of cost to the students. The course is offered on the UDEMY portal and can be completed by the students as per their personal convenience. The students will be awarded international certification on completion of the requisite schedule. The course has been initiated to provide additional skill based qualification to the students and empower them for a successful career. The enrollment process was completed on 5th November.

8 October 2025

Good nutrition supports our mental and physical well-being. The college is devotedly committed to promoting the message of good health and proper nutrition among its staff and students. The Women Cell of the college organised a lecture to celebrate the beginning of *Poshan Maah* on 8th October. A four-member team from the Women and Child Development Department visited the college along with a dietician from the Regional Health Centre, Solan. The team created awareness among students about the importance of nutrition, balanced diet and healthy lifestyle practices. A quiz on healthy nutritional practices was also conducted for the students by the team from the WCD department.



16 October 2025

The College Students' Council Association is instituted to ensure meaningful student participation in academic, cultural and administrative activities of the institution. GDC Kandaghat formed its CSCA for the session 2025-26 on 16th October in accordance with H.P.U guidelines and recommendations. The ceremony was presided over by the Principal, Dr. M. L. Mankotia and attended by the staff and students of the college. The nominated student office bearers of the college are as follows:

President:	Niyati	BA III
Vice President:	Harsh Verma	BCom. III
Gen. Secretary:	Simran Sharma	BA II
Joint Secretary:	Deepika Thakur	BA I

The Principal congratulated the newly nominated members of the CSCA and encouraged them to become effective facilitators of the college administration. At the culmination of the CSCA Oath Taking Ceremony, all the students and faculty members took the Anti-Drug Pledge to stay away from drugs and to promote a healthy, drug-free environment, aiming to build a *Nasha Mukta Bharat*.



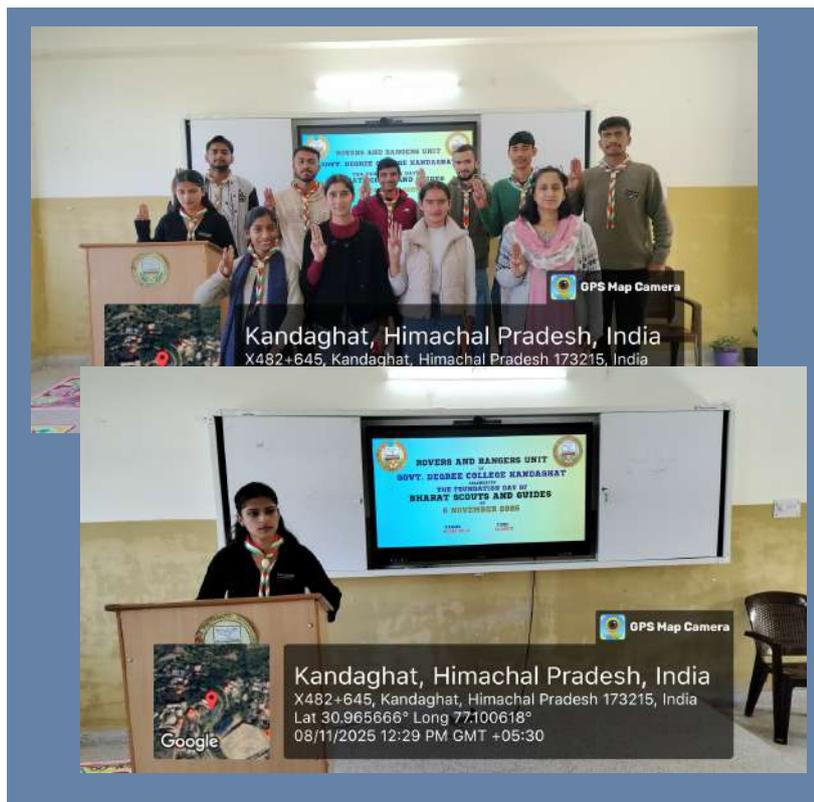
7 November 2025

The Career Counselling and Placement Cell, in collaboration with the IQAC of the college, organised an informative session for the students titled “Career Planning and Opportunities” on 7th November. Mr. Piyush Raj Srivastava from the Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Mohali University was the Resource Person on this occasion. Mr. Srivastava informed the students about the newly emerging UG and PG courses along with the popular courses of study, while laying stress on the importance of selecting the right career path based on one’s interest, aptitude and long-term goals. Mr. Srivastava informed the students about the online scholarship test offered by the university which entitles the students for a fee concession. He also laid stress on the importance of soft skills and personality development courses to enhance employability of the students. The possibility of signing an MOU between the two institutions or the benefit of students was also explored after the session.



8 November 2025

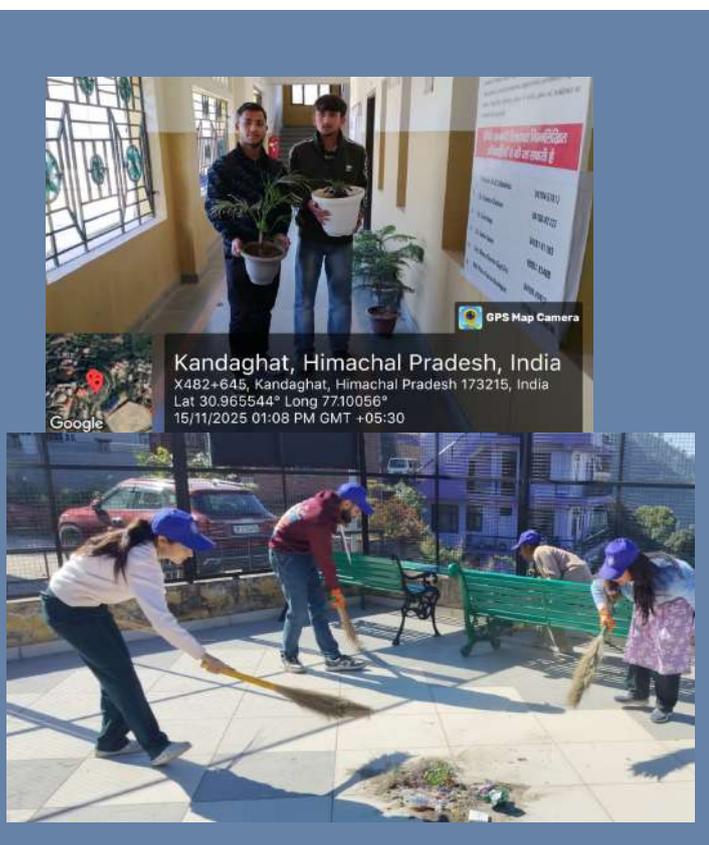
The Rovers and Rangers Unit of the college plays a significant role in promoting discipline, service, leadership and character development among the students. The unit celebrated Bharat Scouts and Guides Foundation Day on 8th November by taking the pledge and singing the Rovers and Rangers song. All the members of this unit were present on this occasion. Deepali Sharma (BA II) apprised the students of the importance of celebrating the Foundation Day and the role of Rovers and Rangers in strengthening the society and nation.



The college focuses on enhancing the academic achievement, improving skill development and future readiness of the students. In this direction, the Department of Political Science initiated special coaching classes to support their academic and career goals from 13th November onwards. The objective of these classes was to enhance students' understanding and preparation for competitive examinations as well as their academic development. The classes focus on History, Political Science, Geography Economics, Current Affairs and General Knowledge. The classes were initiated with the objective of improving the subject knowledge, analytical ability and exam readiness of the students.

15 November 2025

Disaster management mock drills are essential for ensuring safety and preparedness during emergencies. A mock drill was organised on 15th November to empower and sensitise the staff and students about disaster management. The event was conducted jointly by the Disaster Management Committee and NSS unit and was held in the presence of the Principal and all faculty members. The session was led by the Company Commander Mr. Dalip Kumar from Home Guard 1st Battalion, Solan, along with his team. The drill created awareness among the staff and students about emergency preparedness and quick response in dire situations like earthquakes, fire, landslides or accidents.



15 November 2025

A cleanliness drive was held by NSS, Eco Club and Rovers & Rangers unit of the college on 15th November, with the purpose of promoting environmental awareness and maintaining a clean and healthy campus. Under this drive, the student members of the club cleaned the campus and surrounding area. The flower pots and the flower beds were cleaned and groomed thoroughly. The drive created a positive impact and strengthened the commitment of the Club towards cleaner and greener campus.

15-16 November 2025

The college promotes the involvement of students in local fairs as it provides them a valuable opportunity to connect with the cultural heritage and traditions of the region and enrich their social and cultural experiences. The students participated enthusiastically in the cultural programme organised during the Shri Bijeshwar Dev Mela, Jadhari held on 15 and 16th November, where they presented a Himachali Folk Dance. Their energetic and well-coordinated performance was highly appreciated by the audience and dignitaries. The students received the Best Performance Award along with a cash prize of ₹ 2100 for their commendable talent, hard work, and dedication. This performance was prepared with the valuable assistance of the Music Department.



21 November 2025

The departments of Commerce and Economics jointly organised an orientation session in collaboration with MCX and SEBI on the topic “Derivatives and Career Opportunities” on 21st November. The resource person for the session was Mr. Nagesh Kumar, a Company Secretary by profession. Mr. Kumar introduced students to the basics of derivatives and highlighted various career opportunities available in the stock market, guiding students on professional pathways such as equity research, investment advisory, and stock Broking.



21 November 2025

In today's fast paced world, the erosion of social and moral values, busy lifestyles and rising competition have made people more self centred, impatient and disconnected from one another. This decline affects individuals, relationships, communities and overall harmony of the social structure. In an attempt to motivate the students to hold on to humane values and inculcate life skills, the IQAC of the college organised a lecture by Dr. I. D. Sharma, a well known public speaker and Associate Professor (Retd.), Department of Public Administration. The lecture titled "Healthy and Stable Society" drew the attention of the listeners to the challenges of the rapidly modernising society which disregards human values and glorifies cut throat competition. He stressed on the dire need to preserve enduring values like honesty, truthfulness, compassion, sense of community, setting priorities, character building, self awareness and good habits to strengthen the social and moral fabric of the nation. Physical and mental well being are the fundamental pillars of a meaningful life. He motivated the students to adopt good values that can shape our personality, guide our behaviour and help us to contribute meaningfully to the world.



24 November 2025

The Career Counseling and Placement Cell and IQAC of the college organised a special talk on the theme "Banking and RBI as Career Options" on 24th November. The programme was presided over by the Principal, Dr. M. L. Mankotia. The chief speakers for the session were Mrs. Sheenam Kumar and Mr. Abhishek Singh from RBI, Shimla. Mrs. Kumar provided detailed information about the RBI recruitment process, appointments to various posts including the Assistant Cadre, and the eligibility criteria through a power point presentation. The speakers invited questions from the students and shared their professional journey with them. The officials also offered personal guidance to the interested students after the session and invited the students to visit the RBI office branch located at Shimla.



25 November 2025

The Economics and Commerce Societies of the college jointly organised an academic- cum-cultural programme on 25th November. The Principal, Dr. M. L. Mankotia graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The academic segment included speeches on Digital Transformation in Business and Finance, Role of Women in Business and E-Commerce Ka Badhta Prabhaav. Students delivered presentations on *Bhartiya Arthvyavastha Main Shiksha Ka Mahatva* and Nationalisation. Debates were held on contemporary topics like “Is the Indian Economy Weak or Strong?”, One Nation, One Election and National Education Policy- 2020. Skits on Financial Literacy, Consumer Awareness and a theme based presentation on Consumer Rights were also presented during the programme. The creative and cultural segment featured poster and collage displays, vibrant bollywood and semi- classical dance performances, advertisement presentation and Himachali Folk Dance- *Naati* performance. Overall, the event successfully blended knowledge, creativity and culture, providing students with an enriching platform for learning and expression.



29 November 2025

The English Literary Society- Lore Rubrics actively contributes to promoting the holistic development of students. The Society organised an on- the- spot essay writing contest on 29th November for enhancing the intellectual and creative abilities of the students. The contest was open for all and the students were free to choose between English or Hindi as the medium of expression. Four topics were shared to facilitate prior preparation for the contest. 24 students from all three faculties and members of the Literary Society participated enthusiastically in the contest. A cash prize of Rs. 500/-, sponsored by the Department of English, was announced for the winner of the contest.



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29 November 2025

A one day First Aid Training Camp was organised by Youth Red Cross Society of the college and the District Red Cross Unit, Solan branch, on 29th November. The camp was organised with the objective of empowering students with essential life saving skills and fostering the humanitarian spirit among youth. The programme was conducted by Prof. Manav Chaudhary, Coordinator, Red Cross Youth Club. State Red Cross Youth Coordinator Mr. Virender Singh Bhist delivered an insightful talk to promote harmony, cooperation, humane values and voluntary social services. Dr. Ganga Sharma from DDU Hospital, Shimla provided hands- on demonstration on tackling burns, fractures, bleeding, fainting and other emergency conditions. She also demonstrated how to administer CPR and under what conditions. State Red Cross Field Officer Mr. Lekh Raj Kaushik encouraged students to integrate first- aid knowledge into real- life situations. 50 students benefitted directly from this camp.



8 December 2025

Training and placement programmes play a vital role in shaping the future of college students by bridging the gap between academic learning and industry requirements. The CCPC of the college organised an Orientation session for training and placement, in collaboration with NIIT, Punjab on 8th December. 21 students of BCom Final year attended this online session which was presided over by the Principal, Dr. M. L. Mankotia in the presence of Dr. Baldev Thakur, Associate Professor in Hindi (retd.) and external member of the IQAC. The session was conducted by Ms. Akanksha Gupta, Senior Soft Skills Trainer and Ms. Jasmeet Kaur, Coordinator, NIIT. This session was part of NIIT's project with Infosys that provides placement opportunities to Final year students on the successful completion of 64 hour free of cost training. The certification will be awarded by Infosys under the Infosys Springboard Livelihood Program. NIIT is supported by leading funding partners like CISCO, Microsoft, Infosys and others. This session apprised them of the opportunities available for carving a better future through career readiness.



NSS 7 Days Special Camp

3 December 2025

The 7-day special NSS camp at Government College Kandaghat was inaugurated on 3 December. The Principal, Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia, presided as the Chief Guest, while Mr. Harish Thakur, President of the PTA, was the Guest of Honour. NSS Programme Officers Prof. Pankaj Thakur and Prof. Sangeeta Kumari welcomed the guests by presenting badges. The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp followed by the NSS song. Volunteers delivered speeches on the importance of NSS, Developed India Vision 2047, and Youth for My Bharat. After the inaugural ceremony, volunteers actively participated in campus beautification, cleanliness drives, and poster-making activities, decorating the campus with posters raising awareness about the above mentioned issues.



4 December 2025

On the second day, NSS volunteers conducted an extensive cleanliness drive in the college campus. Cleaning was also carried out outside the main gate in preparation for the establishment of an NSS Vatika. Later, volunteers cleaned a nearby temple premises, including a stepwell (baori) and surrounding water sources. These activities aimed at promoting Mahatma Gandhi's message of cleanliness and environmental awareness. The day concluded with parade practice and preparation for cultural activities.

5 December 2025

The third day began with prayer, thought of the day, theme of the day, and news reading. A yoga session was conducted by Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Yoga Expert, who guided volunteers through various asanas and explained their physical and mental benefits. Volunteers actively participated in the session. In the evening, cultural rehearsals were held along with preparation for an anti-chitta awareness street play, followed by parade practice.



6 December 2025

The fourth day included routine prayer, news presentation, and parade practice. The main attraction was a self-defence and karate training session conducted by Sensei Vikrant Thakur, a 4th Dan Black Belt and national-level player. He trained volunteers in basic and advanced self-defence techniques, boosting their confidence and awareness. In the second session, PTA President Mr. Harish Thakur delivered a motivational lecture on Youth and Social Service – A New Force for Change, emphasizing the role of youth in nation-building.



7 December 2025

On the fifth day, volunteers visited the adopted village Jadari. A cleanliness drive was conducted under the guidance of Mahila Mandal President Mrs. Sushma Thakur, during which plastic waste was collected and properly disposed of. Volunteers also carried out a door-to-door awareness campaign against drug abuse and chitta, explaining its harmful effects and legal provisions under the NDPS Act. Villagers supported the campaign by signing a pledge for a drug-free and chitta-free Himachal. NSS Programme Officers were present throughout the activities.



8 December 2025

The sixth day featured a lecture on Moral Values and Character Building by Mr. Baldev Thakur, Retired Associate Professor. He inspired volunteers to adopt honesty, discipline, integrity, and social responsibility. Principal Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia and faculty members were present during the session.



9 December 2025

The valedictory ceremony was held in the presence of Principal Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia. A detailed report of camp activities was presented, followed by volunteers sharing their experiences. Cultural performances and an impactful anti-chitta street play were staged. Best volunteers were honored for their outstanding contribution. The Principal appreciated the efforts of the volunteers, especially their role in social awareness campaigns, and encouraged them to continue serving society.



11 December 2025

A workshop was organised by the Red Ribbon Club of Regional Hospital, Solan at CMO Office, Solan on 11th December, with the objective of spreading awareness about HIV/AIDS. Dr. Sheetal Kumari (Member, RRC) and two students attended the workshop. Dr. Kritika Tomar, ICTC Counsellor, highlighted the current scenario of HIV/AIDS in district Solan, and Dr. Ajay Pathak, CMO, Solan deliberated on the role of teachers and students in spreading mass awareness and on the need of including life skills in the curriculum. Dr. Gagandeep Rajhans, DPO, informed the students regarding HIV/AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017. The participants were awarded certificates at the conclusion of the workshop.



International Multidisciplinary Conference

16- 18 November 2025

An International Multidisciplinary Conference was organised by the college, jointly with six other colleges of Himachal Pradesh, from 16- 18 November, 2025 on the theme “Sustainability, Digital Transformation, Democracy and Human Well-Being: Multidisciplinary Pathways to a Resilient Future”. The three day event stood as a landmark academic initiative aimed at advancing global perspectives, promoting innovation and fostering multidisciplinary learning among students and researchers of rural hilly regions. The conference received technical collaboration from Himalayan Rise (MSME) and the Department of Psychology, HPU, Shimla. Dr. Labh Singh, Former Advisor, Ministry of Telecommunications, Govt. of India, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Principal, Dr. M.L. Mankotia emphasised the significance of providing global exposure to the youth of Himachal through the conference and underlined its contribution in promoting sustainability, digital transformation and democracy in the country. The conference comprised of lectures and presentations by subject experts and prominent researchers, panel discussions, workshops and contests for students. Prof. (Dr.) Mahavir Singh, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of HPU, emphasised upon the need for multidisciplinary curricula, skill based learning and research oriented pedagogy in his address on the concluding day of the conference.



ANTI DRUG CLUB ACTIVITIES

In an effort to promote a healthy, safe and responsible campus environment, the Anti Drug Club of the college was formed under the supervision of the nodal officer, Prof. Manav Chaudhary on 14th July, 2025. Four students were appointed as office bearers, and a number of students were made members of the club to create awareness against drug abuse through campaigns, seminars, expert talks, rallies and peer- led activities. The office bearers and members of the club were motivated to play a vital role as ambassadors of change, spreading the message, “Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Life”.

The beginning of the session is the perfect moment to remind everyone of the importance of staying drug free. Establishing a firm anti drug stance from day one and never losing sight of our goal of creating a drug free community, the Anti Drug Committee of the college organised an Anti Drug Signature Campaign under the aegis of NMBA on 15th July. The Anti Drug Pledge was taken by the Principal, staff and students of the college as a part of *Diksharambh* .



As part of the institution's commitment to promoting a drug free campus, the Anti Drug Club organised a mass pledge in the college campus which was taken unitedly by all the students and teachers on 13th August. The esteemed Principal delivered a thought-provoking speech highlighting the destructive impacts of the use of drugs, measures taken to curb the use of drugs, and encourage counselling of drug addicts. The presence of the Tehsil Welfare Officer added significance to the cause. An e-pledge against the use of drugs was taken by all the students and staff members. The staff and students of the college are committed to creating a socially responsible youth community.

The Anti Drug Club organised a series of activities under its banner on 29th August. These programmes aimed to educate students about the harmful consequences of drug abuse and to inspire them to take responsibility for building a safer , healthier society. To encourage awareness and creativity, the Club organised Poster-making and Slogan-writing competitions where students presented powerful messages against drug abuse. A Kabaddi match was organised to promote a healthy lifestyle. A mass rally carrying the banner and message of Anti Drug Club was organised to draw attention of the community towards this social evil. The Anti Drug Pledge was also taken by all the staff members and students of the college.



ANTI DRUG CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Anti Drug Club of the college organised a significant event on Anti Drug Awareness and its Legal Implications on 16th September. The event was presided over by the Principal, Dr. M. L. Mankotia. The Resource Person on this day was Sh. Bhupinder Negi, Superintendent of Police, Intelligence and Security, Shimla. His talk underscored the collective responsibility of combating drug abuse and motivated the students to contribute whole heartedly towards creating a drug free society. A skit titled “Udtaa Himachal” was presented by the volunteers of the club. The event culminated with the taking of the Anti- Drug pledge.



The Anti Drug Club of the college organised a function to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the *Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan* (NMBA) on 28th October. The event aimed to spread awareness among students about the harmful effects of drug abuse. Various competitions such as declamation, essay writing and poster making were organised on this day. A *nukkad natak* was also performed by the students to encourage the youth to say “No to Drugs” and choose a healthy lifestyle. Prof. Manav Chaudhary apprised the students about the NDPS Act and its legal implications. The programme concluded with the taking of the Anti Drug Pledge by all.

GDC Kandaghat became a part of the strong public movement against the menace of chitta, following the Hon’ble Chief Minister Sh. Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu’s Anti-Chitta Drive. The Anti Drug Club of the college organised a Walkathon on 15th November. The Walkathon, aiming to sensitise the community against the use of Chitta, commenced from college premises and proceeded through adjacent villages spreading the message of eradicating chitta from the state. The volunteers of the club exhorted the people to deal strictly with this threat and nip it in the bud, before it weakens the foundations of our state.



ANTI DRUG CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Anti-Drug Club of the college, in collaboration with the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, organised an impactful Anti-Chitta Campaign on 20th November within the college premises. The key highlight of the event was the launch of a Selfie Point initiative. Students actively participated by clicking selfies at the designated spot, spreading the message of promoting a drug free society and symbolizing their commitment to supporting the anti-drug mission. The Tehsil Welfare Officer, Sh. Karan Pathak and Principal Dr. M.L. Mankotia apprised the students about the disastrous effects of Chitta on the society, especially the younger generation. The programme concluded with the taking of the Anti-Chitta Pledge by the entire college to support a healthy and drug free Himachal.



Government College, Kandaghat, with the initiative of Nodal Officer Manav Chaudhary, Anti Drug Club, organised an antidrug and anti-chitta oath taking programme. In line with the Anti-Chitta Awareness Initiative of the Himachal Pradesh Government, the club of organised a mass oath taking program against drug abuse and chitta abuse. All the college teachers, students, 124 Anganwadi workers and supervisors, and the CDPO Dr. Abha Panwar, Supervisor Kandaghat-Vandna Sharma, Supervisor Sadhupull- Sushma Shandil, Supervisor WagnaghatShakuntla, actively participated in the program.

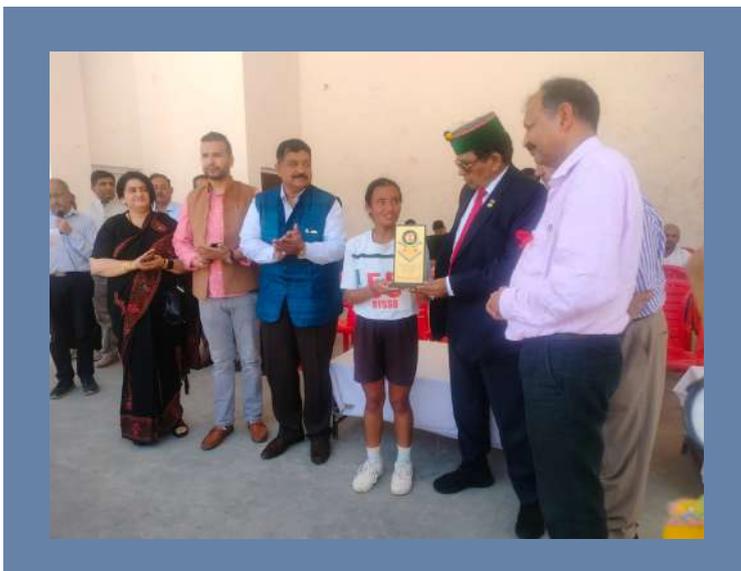
Selfie Campaign was successfully conducted under the guidance of Mr. Manav Chaudhary, in collaboration with the Tehsil Welfare Officer, Kandaghat, District Solan. The initiative witnessed active participation from college students and Anganwadi workers, reflecting strong community involvement of the students.



ACHIEVEMENTS

The college celebrated the grand success of Simran Sharma of BA II year who won the third position in HP University annual examination of BAI held in March 2025 on 31st August. This remarkable achievement not only brings honour to the institution but also inspires other students to aspire for excellence. The college extends heartfelt wishes to Simran for her future endeavours and wishes her many more such achievements that continue to elevate the reputation of the college.

Felicitations continue to pour in as NSS volunteer Anjali of class BA III year gets selected for the prestigious Independence Day Parade on 15th August, 2025 in New Delhi. Her discipline, dedication and exemplary performance is a matter of immense pride for the college. The institution commends her for representing the college on such a proud national platform.



Four students (two girls and two boys) of the college participated in the Youth Festival Marathon, 'Red Run' organised by the CMO, Distt. Solan at Thodo Ground, on 7th August. Payal Thakur of class BA II won the first position in the 3 km category. We take great pride in our athletes who bring laurels to the college and encourage excellence beyond college corridors.

Amita Bhardwaj, student of BA II (DSC English) won the third prize in essay writing competition in the inter college festival, Rasotsav, held at RKMV, Shimla.

The students of the college received the Best Performance Award along with a cash prize of ₹ 2100 for their Himachali Folk Dance performance in the cultural programme organised during the Shri Bijeshwar Dev Mela, Jadhari held on 15 and 16th November. The exposure to cultural awareness, social bonding, creativity and community participation during the fair made it a valuable experience for the students.



CELEBRATION OF DAYS

12 August 2025

The International Youth Day was observed by celebrating “Jashan -e -Aagaz” on 12th August. It aimed to promote ways to engage the youth in becoming more actively involved in making positive contributions to their community. It celebrated the views and initiatives of the young and organised the a vibrant welcome party to enhance the visibility of the youth.



16 September 2025

The Department of Geography, celebrated the Global Ozone Day on 16th September, to foster environmental consciousness and a sense of global responsibility. The programme was organised to highlight the importance of the ozone layer and the need for its preservation. The event was graced by Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia, Principal, GDC Kandaghat as the Chief Guest. The Special Guest on this occasion Sh. Bhupinder Singh Negi, SP, CID, emphasized the significance of the ozone layer as Earth’s protective shield.

29 September 2025

The Department of Music organised the “Navratri Mahotsav Bhajan- Sankirtan Programme” on 29th September as part of the Navratri Mahotsav celebration in the college. The event was avidly attended by the Principal, faculty members and students of the college. Participants presented group and solo bhajans which were warmly appreciated by the audience for their devotional expression and melodious music. The Principal acknowledged the significance of such events in inculcating spiritual awareness among the students and teachers.



11 October 2025

Democratic rights and voting awareness form the foundation of Indian democracy. These concepts empower citizens while ensuring that they exercise these rights meaningfully. On 11th October 2025, the Electoral Literacy Club of the College, under the Chairmanship of Principal, Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia, and the coordination of Asstt. Prof. Kamini Negi, organised a nukkad natak on Democratic Rights and Voting Awareness. The play highlighted the importance of voting and the active participation of every adult citizen in democracy. The very vital message of building an informed and vigilant society that upholds democratic values was shared with the students through this street play performance. A pledge on voting rights was also administered to encourage responsible voting among the members of the society.



14 November 2025

Education is a shared journey where teachers guide and inspire and students bring enthusiasm and purpose to education. Teachers' Day and Children's Day was jointly celebrated on 14th November. The day was marked by sparkling performances by the students and teachers followed by lunch hosted and served by the teachers for their dear students. The joint celebration offered a unique meaning to this valuable relationship built on mutual respect trust and intellectual growth.



13 October 2025

The Disaster Management committee of the college organised a poster making competition on 13th October to commemorate International Disaster Risk Reduction Day. Dr. Harinder Lal and Dr. Sheetal were the judges for the competition. The event proved significant in raising awareness, educating the students and teachers, and promoting preparedness through clear visuals and concise information regarding this serious responsibility. The Principal, Dr. Madan Lal Mankotia congratulated the students for their strong and memorable messages and urged them to communicate the importance of the risk management message to the society.



29 November 2025

Constitution Day was celebrated by the Political Science Department with a sense of dignity and pride on 29th November. Dr. M. L. Mankotia, Principal of the college, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The celebration began with the reading of the Preamble by Anshu Verma. Declamation and reel making contests were organised and winners were rewarded. Patriotic songs and vibrant cultural performances highlighted the unity in diversity of our nation. The event concluded with a pledge to abide by the Constitution and contribute responsibly towards nation building. The programme encouraged the students to respect the Constitution and uphold its ideals in their personal and social lives.



01 December 2025

The college observed World AIDS Day on 1st December. The Red Ribbon Club organised a programme to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS, its prevention and the importance of empathy and social responsibility in fighting this disease. The event witnessed the gracious presence of the Chief Guest Dr. Rahul Rao, Medical Superintendent, IGMC, Shimla, Dr. Amit Sachdeva from the Department of Medicine, IGMC, Shimla and Sh. Rajesh Sharma, former Joint Secretary, Govt. of H. P. Dr. Rao's address highlighted the medical, social and emotional aspects of HIV/AIDS and encouraged students to stay informed and compassionate, refrain from anti-social activities and show solidarity with affected individuals. Dr. Sachdeva delivered an awareness talk on the current status of HIV/AIDS and its hazardous connection with chitta and drugs. A glamorous fashion show and performance of Himachali Naati successfully drew the attention of the youth towards the rising menace of HIV/AIDS. The Anti Drug pledge was taken by everyone present as the event concluded.



10 December 2025

The Political Science Department of the college celebrated the Human Rights Day on 10th December. Prof. Kamini Negi addressed the students and emphasised the importance of this day and the significance of the 2025 theme “Human Rights- Our Everyday Essentials”. Students also participated in the celebration by making posters showcasing the importance of human rights.



Sharing and Caring



Sharing and caring are not merely values but the foundation of a compassionate academic community. When a college nurtures these principles, it becomes more than an institution—it becomes a supportive family where individuals grow together, uplift one another, and contribute positively to society.



Media Coverage

कंडाघाट कॉलेज की सिमरन व अंजली ने चमकाया नाम



कंडाघाट कॉलेज की छात्रा सिमरन व अंजली प्रधानाचार्य के साथ। स्रोत: कॉलेज प्रबन्धन

कंडाघाट (सोलन)। वीरवार को राजकीय महाविद्यालय कंडाघाट की छात्रा सिमरन शर्मा ने हिमाचल प्रदेश विश्व विद्यालय द्वारा अप्रैल 2025 में आयोजित बीए प्रथम वर्ष की परीक्षा में मेरिट सूची में तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया है।

इसके अतिरिक्त महाविद्यालय की छात्रा अंजली भी

तृतीय वर्ष की छात्रा 15 अगस्त को नई दिल्ली में आयोजित होने वाले स्वतंत्रता दिवस परेड में भाग लेने के लिए चयनित हुई है।

महाविद्यालय के प्राचार्य डॉ. मदन लाल मनकोटिया ने कहा कि दोनों छात्राओं ने अपने परिश्रम और लगन से महाविद्यालय का नाम रोशन किया है।

विद्यार्थियों को पोषाहार के बारे में किया जागरूक

डिग्री कॉलेज कंडाघाट में पोषाहार पर कार्यक्रम

संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी

कंडाघाट (सोलन)। डिग्री कॉलेज कंडाघाट के चुमन सेल की ओर से राष्ट्रीय पोषण माह के उपलक्ष्य में विशेष वक्तव्य कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया।

कार्यक्रम में क्षेत्रीय स्वास्थ्य केंद्र से डायटिशियन प्रेरणा गुप्ता और महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग की

पोषाहार विषय पर प्रश्नोत्तरी प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन

है कॉलेज की चुमन सेल कार्यक्रम अधिकारी डॉ. बविता और प्राचार्य डॉ. मदन लाल मनकोटिया ने विद्यार्थियों को संतुलित आहार के महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला और उन्हें स्वस्थ जीवनशैली अपनाने के लिए प्रेरित किया।

विद्यार्थियों को कैरिअर के बारे में दिए टिप्स



कंडाघाट कॉलेज में छात्र विकास कार्यक्रम के दौरान मौजूद छात्राएं। संवाद

कंडाघाट (सोलन)। कंडाघाट कॉलेज में आईक्यूएसी व कैरिअर काउंसलिंग एवं प्लेसमेंट सेल ने पुणे इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ बिजनेस मैनेजमेंट और राष्ट्रीय कौशल विकास निगम के सहयोग से 28 से 30 जुलाई तक तीन दिवसीय छात्र विकास कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया।

छात्रों की रोजगार योग्यताओं को बढ़ाने, शैक्षणिक ज्ञान और उद्योग की अपेक्षाओं के बीच की खाई को दूर करने के बारे में जागरूक किया गया ताकि साक्षात्कारों में सफलता प्राप्त कर सकें और अपने पेशेवर जीवन में आत्मविश्वास के साथ आगे बढ़ें। पहले और दूसरे दिन का सत्र पीआईबीएम में वित्तीय प्रशिक्षक दिया सिंगल ने संचालित किया। पहले दिन उन्होंने विद्यार्थियों को

समूह चर्चा और व्यक्तिगत साक्षात्कार में सफल होने के लिए आवश्यक रणनीतियों से अवगत कराया। दूसरे दिन सॉफ्ट स्किल्स की व्यावसायिक सफलता में भूमिका पर प्रकाश डालते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि स्पष्ट और प्रभावी संवाद, टीमवर्क और नेतृत्व की क्षमता विकसित करना बहुत जरूरी है। तीसरे दिन के सत्र का संचालन उद्यमिता विशेषज्ञ सीए निखिल नैनानी ने किया।

उन्होंने पारंपरिक नौकरी और उद्यमिता दोनों पहलुओं पर प्रकाश डाला। कार्यक्रम प्रधानाचार्य के मार्गदर्शन में हुआ। इसमें आईक्यूएसी संयोजक डॉ. हरिंद्र लाल, कैरिअर काउंसलिंग एवं प्लेसमेंट सेल की संयोजक प्रो. मालविका आदि उपस्थित रहे। संवाद

परीक्षाओं में उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन करने वाले 30 मेधावी सम्मानित

संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी

कंडाघाट (सोलन)। राजकीय महाविद्यालय कंडाघाट में आईक्यूएसी को पढ़ाई में उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन करने वाले प्रथम और द्वितीय वर्ष के आर्ट्स, कॉमर्स और विज्ञान संकाय के 30 मेधावियों को सम्मानित किया गया।

समारोह के मुख्यातिथि प्राचार्य डॉ. मदनलाल मनकोटिया और

कंडाघाट कॉलेज में आयोजित किया गया मेधावी सम्मान समारोह

विशिष्ट अतिथि के रूप में अनीता मनकोटिया मौजूद रहीं। सिमरन शर्मा को हिमाचल प्रदेश विश्वविद्यालय में बीए प्रथम वर्ष की परीक्षा में मेरिट में तृतीय स्थान हासिल करने पर डायमंड बैज के

साथ प्राचार्य ने 1100 रुपये की धनराशि पुरस्कार के रूप में दी। वे ये उपलब्धि प्राप्त करने वाली कॉलेज की पहली छात्रा बनीं। इसके अलावा प्राचार्य ने 29 विद्यार्थियों को परीक्षा में उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन करने के लिए प्लैटिनम, गोल्ड, सिल्वर और ब्रांज बैज पहनाकर सम्मानित किया।

प्राचार्य ने कहा कि ये विद्यार्थी महाविद्यालय की बहुमूल्य पूंजी हैं।

उन्होंने आशा व्यक्त कि भविष्य में ये विद्यार्थी बेहतर प्रदर्शन कर महाविद्यालय का नाम रोशन करेंगे और दूसरे विद्यार्थियों के लिए मार्गदर्शक और प्रेरणा का काम करेंगे।

इस अवसर पर आईक्यूएसी संयोजक डॉ. हरिंद्र लाल और सभी शिक्षक मौजूद रहे। इस मौके पर नशा निवारण शपथ भी दिलाई गई।

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