



**GANDHI MEMORIAL NATIONAL COLLEGE, AMBALA CANTT**

# *Annual Report*

Session 2016-17

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Annual Report of the college is indeed the backbone of the college. It provides the major initiatives taken by the college during the session. Annual Report for the session 2016-2017 provides glimpses of the activities of the students and their achievements in various events organized by the college. It also reflects the faculty achievements and their professional enrichments journey.

## **Havan Ceremony**

The academic session began with the Havan ceremony to invoke the blessings of Goddess of Knowledge.



## **Tree Plantation Drive**

On 16th July, 2016 in the college campus, which was sponsored by Jamuna Auto Industries, Yamuna Nagar. Students and members of the staff participated in these auspicious events in which Dr. M.M. Goel, Dean of Colleges and Dr. Raj Pal Singh, Principal, addressed the students.

## **Independence Day Celebration**

The odd-semester began with academic activities in the month of July. The Independence Day brought with it a feeling of patriotic fervor. The tri-colour was hoisted by the college Principal. After the Guard of Honour by the NCC cadets, an investiture ceremony was held in which cadets of the boys' and girls' wings were awarded ranks.



## International Youth Day Celebration

International Youth Day was celebrated on 12 August 2016 by the NCC, NSS and Red Cross Units of the college. Students were sensitized on the issues of safe blood donation, AIDS awareness and the teachings of Swami Vivekananda in awakening the youth.



## NCC, NSS, Women Cell Activities

The NCC, NSS Units and the Women Cell of the college organized a Cleanliness Drive in the campus on 20 August 16, which was again organized on 02 Oct 2016 by the NSS Unit on the occasion of the birthday of the Father of the Nation. The NSS Unit organized two one week camps during the months of December and January. The focus in these camps was on Beti Bachao; Beti Padhao, Female Foeticide; Grow More Trees; Women Literacy, Cashless Transactions and Drug-de-addiction. College Red Cross Unit in collaboration with HARCOFED organized an inter-college declamation contest.

## Extension Lecture Activities

Extension Lectures were organized by the departments of Computer Science & Applications, Political Science, History, Mathematics, Legal Literacy Cell, Chemistry, Physics and Mass Communication & Video Production.

## Cultural Activities

### ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL

Talent Show, sponsored by the Youth & Cultural Affairs Dept. of KUK was organized in the month of September. Our budding artists then brought laurels by winning the overall Runners-up trophy in the Zonal Youth Festival held at the local S.D. College. Thereafter, they won **six commendations** in group and individual items in the Inter-Zonal Youth Festival held at KU. Our college won **four prizes** during Ratnavali, a state level celebration and contest of cultural items. Parampreet Kaur won **First Prize** in Ragini; Gurlal Singh and Parampreet



Kaur won **First Prize** in duet Ragini; Gurlal Singh won **third prize** in Haryanvi Gazal and Karan Kumar won third prize in Haryanvi bhajan.

## District Level Competition - Cultural Fest

Our students won many prizes in “Prerna Utsav”, a Media Fest organized at Arya PG College Panipat in Feb 2017. Our college one-act play “Rani Laxmibai” won **first prize in the District Level Cultural Fest** organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Ambala City. Ms. Sunaina Gupta of B.Sc.-II bagged the **Best Actress Award**. The college also won the **first prize** for 'Bhangra' in the Folk-dance category. Mr. Surinder Kumar, Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Music represented Haryana at the 21st National Youth Festival held at Rohtak in January 2017 as part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the State and won **First Prize** in Sitaar Vaadan.



## Individual Talent

Number of students from the Departments of Physics, Mathematics, Economics and Computer Science & Applications participated and won laurels in various Inter-College Competitions held throughout the State.



## Blood Donation Camp

Annual Voluntary Blood Donation Camp was organized in collaboration with the District Red-cross Society on 28 March 2017 in which more than 85 Units of blood was collected. Sh. Dinesh Kumar, D.R.M., Ambala was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

## Grants Received - Lending a Helping Hand

It is a matter of great pride that the Worthy President, Sh. Randeep Singh Jauhar of M/s Jamna Auto Industries has donated ₹ 3,02,932/- for JAI Scholarships for 67 meritorious, fatherless students, sportspersons, NCC Cadets, NSS Volunteers and economically weaker students. In addition to this, the President has been kind enough to donate ₹1,00,000/- for Tree guards and dustbins; ₹ 1,00,000/- for renovation of toilets and ₹15,393/- for the actual expenditure of International Women's Day celebrations.



## Important Day Celebrations

- | **Hindi Diwas:** Dept. of Hindi organized 'Hindi Divas' on 14 Sept 2016 by organizing Poetic Recitation and Essay Writing competitions.
- | **Ozone Day:** Ozone Day was celebrated on 15 Sept 2016 by Biology Association.
- | **National Unity Day:** The college celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Divas from 31 Oct to 05 Nov 2016 to mark the Birth Anniversary of 'Iron Man of India' — Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel. Vivekanand Jayanti was celebrated on 12 Jan 2017.
- | **Kavi Sammelan:** Kavi Durbar was organized by Dept. of Punjabi in collaboration with Punjabi Academy, Delhi, in which renowned poets of the region showcased their literary skills. The event was inaugurated by Dr. S.P. Singh, ex-VC, GNDU, Amritsar and S. Bhupinder Singh Jauhar, President, GMN College Trust & Management Society.
- | Dept. of Computer Science & Applications organized 'E-Blast: 2016' — An Inter-college IT Fest during September, two workshops on “Android App Design” in October 2016 and spoken tutorials in February 2017.



## Annual Sports Day

The college organized its **48th Annual Sports Event** on 27-28 Feb 2017 which was inaugurated by Sh. Prabhjot Singh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ambala. Sh. Kuldip Beniwal, Deputy Director DHE, Haryana was the Chief Guest and Sh. Shiv Narain Sharma, ex-chairperson, Dept. of Physical Education, PU, Chandigarh was the Guest of Honour at the prize-giving ceremony. More than 400 students of the college participated in various events. Mr. Rahul of and Ms. Ishu, both of BA-I were adjudged outstanding Sportsman of the Year - Male and Female respectively.

Gaganjot Gill of BA-II won **Gold Medal** in All India University Women Taekwondo championship in the 62 kg category.

Our women shuttlers won the Zonal Badminton Championship of Ambala Zone by defeating D.M. College Kurukshetra and Govt. College, Ambala Cantt.



## Lectures/ Workshops / Seminar Activities

- Department of Sanskrit organized a two-day Lecture Series on 16-17 Feb 2017 on various philosophical aspects of "Life and Being" in collaboration with the Indian council of Philosophical Research and Ministry of Human Resource Development.



- One-day National Seminars were organized by Dept. of Sanskrit on "Contribution of Sanskrit, in the Technical Era";
- One-day National Seminar was organized by Dept. of Political Science on "Indian Democracy & Election Reforms"; by IQAC on "NAAC & Higher Education in India"



**Gender Sensitization:** Women Cell of G.M.N. College organised One-day National Seminar on "Beti Bachao; Beti Padhao".

**International Women's Day:** International Women's Day was celebrated as a three day mega event from 07 March to 09 March 2017 by the Women Cell. It organized talks on "Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness" by Dr. Shashi Sharma and "Women Safety, Self-reliance and Awareness of Cyber-crime" by SI Mrs. Shanti and HC Mrs. Saroj Saini.





Intra college contests were also organized on Poetical recitation, Poster-making and Declamation. A documentary on “Female Foeticide” was also screened during the program.

**World Health Awareness Day:** The Women Cell, NSS unit and NCC unit collaboratively organised World Health Day, on the WHO theme 'Depression: Let's Talk'.

### Faculty Achievements

Members of the faculty presented research papers in various National and International journals; were nominated to various academic bodies and acted as Resource Persons in a number of conferences and seminars. Dr. V.K. Jain HOD, Commerce was felicitated by Bhagwant University, Ajmer for successfully supervising two Ph.D. Dissertations of Ms. Bharti Vij and Ms. Ritika Gupta. Principal Dr. R. P. Singh edited a book titled “Challenges and Reforms in Higher Education in India”; was nominated on a number of bodies and committees of the UGC, KU and NAAC and chaired numerous technical sessions in seminars and symposia.



## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (FDP)

### Orientation Programme

Dr. Surjeet Singh (Computer Science Department) attended. Orientation Course on NSS Programme from 30th Aug. 2016 to 5th Sept. 2016, organised by Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.

### Refresher Programme

Dr. Shailender Kumar Pandey, attended a month long refresher course from 22nd Nov. 2016 to 12th Dec. 2016 successfully.

### Prime Placements

80 students of our college were selected in various companies including Eclerex, IBM, Genpect, Hub IT, Yappa and TBSS during a mega placement drive organized by the Galaxy Global Group of Institutions on 17 March 2017 and one student was selected in NDA.



## Alumnus's Achievement

Retd. Col. S.P. Marwah, an alumnus of our college who passed out in 1966, visited the college along with five more alumni of the college on 14 Feb. 2017 and a book titled " Mera Hindustan - A Dream" written by him was released by the college Principal Dr. R. P. Singh.



## Our Brilliant University Results

Ramandeep bagged First Class First position in KU in MA Political Science, while all other students secured first division. Namrata Roy secured 3rd position in B.Com 2nd Sem. and Mehak secured 1st position in M.A. Eng. 1st Sem. ).



Ramandeep



Namrata



Mehak

## Remembering "Guruji"

A portrait of late Professor Baldev Raj Ji who served the college as Head, PG Dept. of Pol. Sc. till his retirement in 1986 was unveiled in the college auditorium in the month of January. Guruji, as he was affectionately called by his students and colleagues, was the doyen of theater. He breathed his last on 23-01-2017. The present auditorium of the college is the result of his vision and dedicated effort.



## Adieu

Four of our esteemed colleagues retired during this session after putting in decades of meritorious services to the institution. Mrs. Vinay Aggarwal, Dept. of Music, Mr. Y.M. Saini, Dept. of English, Dr. Mani Ram, Dept. of Zoology and Dr. Archana Kataria, Dept. of Political Science were accorded farewell by the management and staff on the eve of their superannuation.

