

# GMM. Newsletter

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# From the Desk of the Principal



Our commitment at Gandhi Memorial National College, Ambala Cantt. is to provide a learning environment that attracts ideas from different cultures and thus helps in dissemination of relevant quality education. While academic education is our major thrust, students are offered the opportunities to learn, develop skills, grow and expand their horizons with the help of multifarious extracurricular activities along with their academics which helps them become vibrant citizens. The newsletter is a platform to showcase the merits, activities and achievements of our students and all those associated with the institution. It is yet another medium to provide acknowledgment and respect for the great efforts of our team. In 2018-19 also, our students and teachers have brought home laurels in diverse areas. My thanks to the team for bringing out this edition of the newsletter.

#### A Pious Entrée to a Decade

G.M.N. College, one of the premier institutions in the region entered into its  $71^{\rm st}$  year of academic session on 16 July 2018. The journey so far has been very enriching for us and before ushering in the new academic year, with the aim of purifying the



body, mind and spirit and to ignite the power to perform and progress, a **Havan** was conducted in the college followed by a **Sarva Dharma Sabha**.



On this day, **Smt. Anjali Vadhavan**, an alumnus of the college, announced a scholarship of 5100 rupees for every fatherless girl student. She also donated an amount of 50000 rupees to the college. The classes of the academic year 2018-19 commenced from  $16^{th}$  of July and the whole atmosphere was brimming with intellectual alacrity.

# **G.M.N. INSIGHTS**

#### A Green Start

The college organized several eco-friendly activities during the session. For example, a **Tree Plantation Drive** was organized by the NSS and NCC on 8 Aug. 2018 and a variety of saplings were planted.





### Patriotic fervor

We paid homage to countless freedom fighters as we celebrated the **72**<sup>nd</sup>**Independence Day**. Students presented a mélange of patriotic activities that created an atmosphere of national pride. The tricolor was hoisted by the Principal of the College. 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.



**The Republic Day** was celebrated with immense fervour where students gave vibrant performances.



#### **Outside the Classroom**

To break the monotony and letting the students get a chance to go out and enjoy while learning, students were taken on **educational excursions**. In order to enhance the creative skills of the students, Department of English organized a **literary tour** of B.A. (Hons.) students to the colonial bungalow, St. Paul's Church and Holy Redeemer's Church on 28 Jul. 2018.



Department of Commerce, G.M.N. College, AmbalaCantt., organized an **educational tour** to **Jaipur - the Pink City** on 28-30 Mar. 2019. The objective of this tour was to reduce the stress of everyday life and to impart knowledge among students.



Students and faculty of Zoology and Botany Departments visited **Government Fish Breeding** Farm, Jansui on 2 Apr. 2019. Our college participated in different categories in **Flower Fest** organized by Cantonment Board Ambala Cantt. on 30 Mar. 2019 and got first position in ornamental and flowering plants category.



#### Academic activities

A **Spelling Bee Competition** was held for the students of B.A. by the Department of English. A large number of students excelled in the competition and displayed exceptional spelling skills.

A **Science Awareness Programme** on the theme of Science, Technology and Society sponsored by Indian Science Congress Association (ICSA) was organized by the Dept. of Botany on 31 Jan. 2019.



Department of Hindi organized a **Hindi Bhashan Pratiyogita** (Inter-college Speech Competition) on 9 Feb. 2019.



**State Level Declamation** and **Essay Writing Competition** was organized by the Department of Management in collaboration with Commerce, Sociology and Women Cell on 18 Feb. 2019.



The Department of Management conducted a **Quiz competition** to provide an opportunity to the students to enhance their thinking skills.

#### **New Initiatives**

The college launched various **short-term courses** so as to enhance the practical skills of the students in the session 2018-19. Some of them were: Human Values, Personality Development, Women Empowerment, Spoken English and Communication Skills, Course in French Language, Entrepreneurship Development, Tally ERP, Business Ethics, Social Responsibility, Environment and Sustainability etc. A number of Value-added courses have been running in the college: Business Skill Development, Electronics Hardware Maintenance. Pharmaceutical Chemistry based on Ayurveda, Software Management, Soft Skills Management. Students were presented with the certificates in a grand Certificate Giving Ceremony held on 25 Oct. 2018.



For the first time, the women cell of the college nominated a long list of **gender champions**, a **UGC initiative** for educational institutions. It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Human Resource Development.



One-day Exhibition on "Mahatma Gandhi: Ideas and Philosophy" was organized by the Gandhian Study Center and Museum under the Dept. of History on Gandhi's death anniversary on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2019. In this exhibition students from D.A.V Girls College, Yamunanagar and Arya P.G College, Panipat also participated under the student exchange programme.





# Impetus to ICT-enabled learning

'Old order changeth yielding place to new'
Focusing on ICT-based education, a PPT competition was held by the Department of Commerce on 5 Oct. 2018. A PPT competition was organized by the Department of English on 26 Oct. 2018. The faculty of English Department took initiative to break the monotony of classroom by

conducting PPT presentations on various literary topics. Keeping in tune with the times, teachers of G.M.N. College uploaded their lectures on **YouTube**.



### **Learning through Aesthetics**

A movie-screening of **The Merchant of Venice** was conducted by the Department of English on 5 Feb. 2019 in which the students of B.A. and B.A. (Hons) participated actively.



The NSS units of the college aired **PM Narendra Modi's speech** regarding **National Youth Parliament** on 27 Feb. 2019 in which he conferred awards to young winners.



# **Multifarious Activities**

To welcome the new flowers in the college, the old one gave them a grand welcome. A **Fresher party** 

was organized by the **Commerce Department** on 20 Oct. 2018.

A unique initiative was taken by the **Department** of **Sanskrit** which organized the first ever **Sanskrit-based Sports fest** on 23 Oct. 2018.



A Parent-Teacher Conference was held on 1st September 2018 to establish a connection between parents and teachers and students.



After a break of a few years, **student elections** were held on 17 Oct. 2018 for the post of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Joint-Secretary. The **Oath-taking Ceremony** of Student Council was held on 30 Oct. 2018





**Student Union Council Office** was inaugurated on 18 Jan. 2019 by the college Principal.



#### **Cultural Activities**

Several students of the college showcased their various talents in the **Talent Show** organized by the Department of Youth and Cultural Affairs on 28-29 Sept. 2019.





The students of G. M. N. College proved their mettle in the **Zonal Youth Festival** held at Aruna Asaf Ali Government College, Kalka where they got 5 commendations and 6 recommendations in all. At the **Inter-Zonal Level**, the students got 3 commendations.



#### Towards Gender Sensitization: Activities by Women Cell

A talk was organized on 10 Aug. 2018 by Women Cell of the College, where the faculty members of Psychology department spoke about the psychological health of students. Mental illnesses like depression, schizophrenia, OCD, etc. were discussed in detail and psychological assessments were done.



The colorful festival of **Teej** was celebrated by the Women Cell of the college on 10-11 Aug. 2018 wherein several students participated in Mehendi competition, Rangoli making competition, cooking competition etc.





Women Cell in collaboration with Department of Psychology organized a **Lakme Ramp Walk** and make up workshop on 12 Jan. 2019.



As per the guidelines of Department of Higher Education a new initiative was taken by Women Cell of G.M.N. College in organizing three-day programme on "Raksha bandhan: An Occasion to Celebrate Womanhood" under the "Ek Aur Sudhar" Campaign from 23 – 25 Aug. 2018. On this occasion the activities carried out were-Slogan writing Competition on Women Safety and Empowerment and Group – Discussion on Gender Sensitization on 23Aug. 2018.

On the third and the last day of this celebration, in order to show their eco-awareness, **Sankalp Sutra** were tied to the trees of the college campus by the students on 25 Aug. 2018.

Mr. A.S. Bawa, Panel Advocate and Mr. K. Murari PLV from District Legal Services Authority, Ambala discussed the important constitutional and Legal Provisions for women in India on 24 Sept. 2018, during Girl Child Day celebrations organised by Women Cell.



To highlight the burning issue of **female foeticide** and to stress upon the importance of Girl Child Education, Department of Sociology in collaboration with Women Cell carried out various activities like **Poster making, Slogan Writing and Poetry Recitation** on the occasion of **National Girl Child Day** on 24 Jan. 2019.



# **Awareness and Social Connect**

An **Extension Lecture** on "Sexual Harassment at Workplace" was delivered by **Dr. Vandana Dave**,



W.D.R.C, K.U.K. It was organized by **Sexual Harassment Committee** on 18 Aug. 2018.



In continuation of this celebration, a rally was carried out to create social awareness on **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** and a special assembly was held on 24 Aug. 2018.



An awareness generating activity "Suicide Prevention Day" was observed by Sociology Dept. on 10 Sept. 2018

National Volunteer **Blood Donation Day** was celebrated by Blood Bank Committee by conducting painting and slogan writing competition on 1 Oct. 2018. On the occasion of **National De-Worming Day** free de-worming tablets were given to the students under the supervision of the college dispensary convener. CMO Ambala was the Chief Guest on this occasion.



To mark the occasion of **Gandhi Jayanti** on 2 Oct. 2018, **Drug De-Addiction Rally** was carried out by the NCC units of the college.

To fill the gap between generations and to sensitize students towards the elderly, a One-day **Inter-Generational Bonding Awareness Programme** was conducted by **Departments of English and Hindi** on 12 Feb. 2019.



Elections in India are considered to be the biggest democratic festival and in order to make our young voters aware of the electoral procedures, an **Electoral Awareness Programme** was conducted on 16 Jan. 2019 in which the SDM of Ambala, Mr. Subhash Sihag, HCS, was invited as Chief Guest.

To highlight the importance of freshwater **World Water Day** was celebrated by the NCC on 26 Mar. 2019.

A **Driving License Camp** was organized for the students on 19 Jan. 2019





The Psychology and Commerce Departments of G.M.N. College in association with Karate Association of India organized a **One-day Self-Defence Training Programme for Girls** under the aegis of Ministry of Youth and Cultural Affairs on 18 Apr. 2019.

On 31 Oct. 2018, **Run for Unity** was held on National Unity Day by the NCC, NSS and Sports Department of the college.



# Corporate Connect and Placement Drives @GMN

In order to facilitate the career of the students the Placement Cell of G.M.N. College conducted three placement drives where 141 students were selected for various jobs. Our recruiters include prestigious national and multinational companies like Rebel, Xiaomi International, Frankfinn, Revvlocity, Tech Mahindra, Concentrix, Incinque Business Solutions among many others.

# Research Oriented Programmes

The faculty of G.M.N. College kept themselves updated by completing various offline and online, orientation and refresher courses. They continued to share knowledge outside the classroom through **faculty development program** (22 Nov. 2018 -



15 Dec. 2018) and **orientation program**(28 Aug. 2018) conducted by **Computer Science Department**. Our faculty also contributed by publishing articles and presenting papers in various seminars in and outside the college. Numerous workshops and guest lectures on different topics were organized by G.M.N. College where prominent people from the academia amongst others engrossed the inquisitive minds of the college.

In order to facilitate research-based learning, **Department of Physics** conducted a one-day seminar on "Importance of Experiments in Physical Education" on 4 Oct. 2018.



**Department of Sanskrit and Botany** organized a National Seminar on "Science of Ayurveda: Possibilities and Challenges" on 5 Nov. 2018.



One-day National Seminar on "Issues and



Challenges in Road Safety" by **Road Safety Club** was organized on 16 Feb. 2019.

Department of Punjabi organized a **one-day International Seminar**, on "**Present and Future of Punjabi Poetry**" on 16 March 2019.



A Panel-Discussion and Student Seminar on "The Role of Media in Elections" was organized by the Department of Political Science on 27 March 2019. A workshop was also conducted by the Department of Management on the same day.



#### **Internal Quality Assurance Cell**

The Primary aim of IQAC is to develop system for conscious, consistent and catalytic action to improve the academic and administrative performance of the college.

It is to generate good practices, ideas, planning, implementing and measuring the outcome of academic and administrative performance of the college. The basic functions of the body are the development and application of quality benchmarks/parameters for the various academic and administrative activities of the college and to organize workshops, seminars on quality related themes and promotion of quality circles and also to prepare documents of the various programmes/activities leading to quality improvement. It is a mechanism established for ensuring timely, efficient

and progressive performance of academic, administrative and financial tasks, optimization and integration of modern methods of teaching, learning and evaluation, ensuring the adequacy, maintenance and functioning of the support structure to improve the teaching learning process in the college.

#### **QUALITY INITIATIVES:**

As part of quality initiatives by the IQAC, the following activities were undertaken:

1. To give a boost to the placements, an extension lecture on **How to Prepare for Higher Studies after Graduation** was held on 5 Oct. 2018.





2. One-day NAAC workshop was organized on 17 March 2019 in which **Dr. Ganesh A. Hegde**, Deputy Advisor (NAAC) delivered the keynote address and **Dr. Rajinder Rana**, Principal, S.D. College was the resource person.





3. **Dr. Rahul Trehan**, alumnus of G.M.N. College, grandson of Sh. Jaswant Rai and Vice-President of the G. M. N. College Trust, delivered a lecture on 1 April 2019. He sensitised the faculty, discussed and demonstrated Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation technique useful in many emergencies including heart attack.



4. Another quality initiative by the IQAC was to organize a one-day National Seminar on "Challenges in Gender Sensitization" on 23 Feb. 2019 under the aegis of Women Cell of the college.



5. To strengthen the community-outreach fabric of the college, a National Seminar on "Swachh Bharat Internship Programme" was organized under the aegis of NSS on 22 Feb. 2019.



6. To improve the CGPA score as per NAAC guidelines, feedback proformas on **Design and Review of Syllabus** from all the five stakeholders – students, teachers, parents, alumni and the management were prepared and filled through the ERP of the college.

### Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC

NAAC peer team comprising **Prof. Ratan Lall Godara**, Chairperson, **Prof. Debashish** 







**Bhattacharjee** Member Co-ordinator, **Dr. N.S. Dharmadhikari**, Member, assessed the college on various qualitative parameters. The NAAC in its third cycle accredited the college with 2.48 CGPA.



### IGNOU

IGNOU study centre (No. 06024) at the college aims at taking higher education to the doorsteps of the learners since its inception. IGNOU **Induction Meetings** were held on 30Sept. 2018 and 30 Mar. 2019 respectively.





In the session 2018-19 extension activities in the form of "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Rally" and Swachh Bharat Rally" were organized for IGNOU learners on 30Sept. 2018.IGNOU learners were also given computer training in the Community Computer Centre of G.M.N. College on 30Mar. 2019, which greatly helped them in accessing online

information about IGNOU admission schedule, filling up of examination forms, status of their study materials, placement drives by Regional Centre, Panchkula.

#### **Community Outreach Activities**

**A seven-day camp** was organized on 19-25 Dec.2018 by the NSS units of the college wherein the volunteers interacted with slum dwellers and took cleanliness initiatives outside the college premises.







A philanthropic visit to an urban slum area in Ambala Cantt. was made by the teacher and subject volunteers of the **Sociology Department** on 19 Jan. 2019. The department also organised "National Cleanliness Day" on 30 Jan. 2019



**Youth Red Cross Camp** was organized by **Indian Red Cross Society** from 29 Jan. 2019 to 2 Feb. 2019.





# **Sporting Laurels**

Sports offer quite a few benefits for the mind as well as the body. Students of our college have been performing consistently well in various competitions being organized at various levels. **Gaganjot Gill** of BA III got **first position** in Federation Cup **Taekwondo Championship**, 2018 held from 30-31 Dec. 2018. She was also selected for **World Senior Taekwondo Championship**. She has also been selected for **Indian University** Championship. She bagged second position in All

India Inter-University Taekwondo held from 13-18 March 2019. Gurtej Singh of B.A. I bagged first position in Rural National Games in Weightlifting (31 Aug. - 2 Sept. 2018). Princepal, B.A.II, All Round Best Gymnast got first position on Pommeled Horse, Roman ring, Parallel Bar, High Bar. Our college got first position in Inter-College Artistic Gymnastic (Women) held at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra on 20-21 Oct. 2018. Rashika, B.A. I won the All Round Best Gymnast; Shivani Jadiya, B.A. I was declared the All Round Third Best Gymnast. Shubham Passi, M.A. I Pol. Sc. Won gold medal in Inter-College Wushu Championship held at Kurukshetra University on 21-22 Feb. 2019.



Our college got first position in Artistic Gymnastics (Men & Women) and Rhythmic Gymnastics (Women).



Our college got **second position** (Inter-college State Championship) in Badminton, Women held at Hindu College, Sonepat, from 19-22 Sept. 2018.

Boxing silver Medal: Choudhary Sumit Ajay got second position in Inter-college Boxing (Men). Ramanjeet Kaur got second position in Inter-college Boxing (Women) held on 2-4 Jan. 2019 at Kurukshetra University.



**Kajal** won first prize for participating in Cyclothon on 25 Oct. 2018 organized by Cantonment Board Ambala.



Weight lifting: Gurtej Singh, B.A. I got first position in Rural National Games held at Namakkal Dist. Tamil Nadu from 31 Aug to 2 Sept. 2019.

Our college got **first position in Inter-college Badminton Championship** held at S.A. Jain, Ambala City from 26 Oct. to 29 Oct. 2018.



The college celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Athletic Meet on 2 Mar. 2019 where the SDM Vivek Chaudhary, HCS, Ambala Cantt. was the Chief Guest.

#### **Activities of Alumni Association**

A meeting of Executive members of G.M.N College Alumni Association was held on 5 Feb. 2019. G.M.N. college had its Alumni meet, Yaadgar on 5 May 2019. The event was a huge success. It witnessed alumni from different batches who shared their experiences. On this ocasion Col. S.P. Marwah's book "Reflections" was launched.





# Faculty Achievements

Dr. Raj Pal Singh, Principal, was felicitated by Sh. Manish Grover, Hon'ble Minister, Govt. of Haryana, for his outstanding contribution in the



field of education, eco-conservation, renewable energy and eradication of social evils at the Republic Day celebrations on 26 Jan. 2019 at Ambala City.

Received Mahatma Gandhi Samman on Oct. 25, 2018 in House of Commons, London, UK by NRI Welfare Society of India in association with Indian solidarity Council.

- entitled, "Role of Sanskrit Shastras in Good Governance" worth 6,00,000 rupees was approved by the ICSSR, New Delhi under the IMPRESS scheme (2019-21). She has also been honoured as a co-investigator in the Major Project entitled, "Bairagi Sampradaye Ke Itihas, Darshan, Sanskriti tatha Sahitya ki Mimaansa" funded by Girdhari Lal Constructions Pvt. Ltd. of Bathinda, Punjab for the session 2018-19.
- **Dr. Surender Kundu** was awarded a **Ph.D. degree** on "A Comparative Study of HRD
  Practices in Public and Private Sector Banks in
  India with Special Reference to their Impact on
  Productivity and Job Satisfaction" from the
  Dept. of Commerce, M.D. University, Rohtak in
  2018.
- He has also been awarded "Best Counselor" of the camp by Indian Red Cross Society, District Branch Ambala for his excellent services during 5 days YRC camp held at G.M.N. (P.G.) College Ambala Cantt from 29<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.
- **Dr. Suman obtained Ph.D degree** on the topic, "Integration of Indian Stock Market with Selected Global Stock Markets" from Dept. of Commerce, Chaudhary Devi Lal University, Sirsa on 2 Nov. 2018.
- Yuva Vikas Sangathan for contribution as Convenor, Women Cell, G.M.N. College on 20 Jan. 2019. She was also awarded Prof. Deepak Bhat Award for best paper at 54<sup>th</sup> National and 23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of Indian Academy of Applied Psychology on 14-16 Feb. 2019.
- Dr. Rakesh Kumar received National Award from Anti-Corruption Foundation of India "Global Icon Award" on 22 July 2018 at Karnal.

- Dr. Neha Aggrawal bagged "Best Poster Award" in the category of Chemical Sciences in One-day National Seminar on "Emerging Trends in Physical and Chemical Science in Modern Era" at Markanda National College, Shahbad Markanda on 3 Nov. 2018.
- Dr. Rajinder got Veer Bhasha Hindi Samman in the session 2018-19.
- Ms. Nishtha Saxena was awarded a PhD degree on the topic, "Relocating the Spiritual in Cultural Studies: A Study of M. K. Gandhi's Concepts of Satyagraha, Swaraj, Swadeshi and Sarvodaya" from the Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 24 Apr. 2019.

### **Book Exhibition and Book Donation**







A Two-days' **Book Exhibition** was organized on 4-5 Feb. 2019 under the aegis of Jaswant Rai Memorial Library, G.M.N. College, Ambala Cantt.

Sh. S. C. Garg, an alumnus of the college, **donated a sum of 50000** for purchase of books for the college library on 6 Apr. 2019.

#### STARS OF G.M.N. COLLEGE

Toppers of M.A. Political Science in Kurukshetra University 2017-18





Aastha Viyogi Ist in KUK. 2017-18



Arpan II in KUK. 2017-18



Harpreet Kaur III in KUK 2017-18



Tamanna BCA IInd Sem 11th Position (2018-19)



Dhananjya M.A. Previous .1st Sem . (Pol. Sc.) 4th Position (2018-19)



Sonam M.A. Previous .1st Sem (Pol. Sc.) 7th Position (2018-19)



Neetu Sharma M.A. Previous .1st Sem . (Pol. Sc.) 8th Position (2018-19)



Harpreet Singh M.A. Previous .1st Sem . (Pol. Sc.) 11th Position (2018-19)

# They Did Us Proud - Campus Placements

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ANJALI (B.Com-III)





GURKAMAL KAUR (B.Com-III)







HIMANSHU (B.Com-III)



DEEPIKA KUMARI (M.Com-II)





JOEL MARSHAL (M.Com-II)



RAHUL (B.Com-III)



JYOTI (B.Com-III)

MUSHAN MADAN (B.Com-III)



SONIA PARMAR (B.Com-III)



ANU BALA (B.Com-III)





















ANKIT KUMAR (M.Com-I)



GURVINDER (B.Sc-III)





NEHA (BBA-III)

ABHINAV BHARDWAJ (B.A.- III)



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