

# Vallabh Government College, Mandi



## Annual Report 2024-25

On behalf of the staff, students, CSCA and PTA of Vallabh Government College Mandi, it is my privilege to extend heartiest welcome to our esteemed Chief Guest, Sh. Chander Shekhar Thakur ji, honourable member of the Legislative Assembly of Himachal Pradesh, on the occasion of the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Prize Distribution Function of this prestigious institution of higher learning. I also welcome all other distinguished guests, former members of the teaching fraternity, parents and guardians of students, media representatives and alumni of this college, who have joined us today and have contributed substantially to the growth and progress of this esteemed institution.

Government College Mandi has been named after the architect of modern India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and has been imparting quality education to the students since its inception. It is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning of Himachal Pradesh. Established during the dawning years of free India, in 1948, the college has played a key role in guiding and shaping the historical, cultural and political destiny of the state. Over the last 76 years, the institution has consistently strived to harmonize tradition and modernity in its approach to education.

The college, affiliated with Sardar Patel University, Mandi, offers a wide range of undergraduate courses in Humanities, Science, Commerce, Computer Applications, Vocational Education, Management, and Education. Professional courses such as B.Ed., BBA, BCA, and PGDCA are conducted under the Higher Education Institute Society (HEIS) of Vallabh Government College, Mandi. Additionally, the college offers postgraduate programmes in English, Economics, Hindi, Political Science, Mathematics, and Commerce.

**Establishment:** Government College Mandi boasts a rich legacy of sincere and hard-working staff. The college staff includes 85 teaching and 54 non-teaching staff members. 5 teaching and 14 non-teaching positions are lying vacant.

**Retirement and Promotion:** In this session Prof. Mukta Vaidya and Sh. Goverdhan Singh (Superintendent Grade -I) superannuated from their services. Prof. Devika Vaidya was promoted to the post of Principal in G.C. Kotli.

### **The following staff members joined the Vallabh Family:**

**Teaching staff:** Prof. Asha Thakur, Dr. Shivendra Sangar, Prof. Santosh Kumar and Prof. Priyanka Randhava.

**Non-Teaching Staff:** Office Superintendent (Grade-II), Sh. Khushahal Singh, Junior Office Assistants; Smt. Poonam Kumari, Mr. Sunil Thakur, Mr. Ajay Verma and Mr. Anil Kumar and support staff members Smt. Jalpa Devi and Smt. Harindra Devi joined the Vallabhian family.

**Staff (Teaching) vacancy position as on proforma in r/o Vallabh Govt. College,  
Mandi H.P. as on 15/02/2025**

S. No.	Subject	Sanctioned Posts	Filled			Vacant	Remarks
			Regular	Contract	PTA		
							<b>Information in case of PTA provided Teacher may be given by name</b>
1.	Principal	1	1	nil	nil	nil	
2.	English	9	7	1	nil	1	
3.	Hindi	6	5	nil	1	nil	Ms. Sarita Devi
4.	Pol. Science	6	5	nil	nil	1	
5.	History	3	2	nil	nil	1	
6.	Economics	4	4	nil	nil	nil	
7.	Pub. Admn	1	nil	1	1	nil	Dr. Ashok Kumar
8.	Sociology	2	2	nil	nil	nil	
9.	Sanskrit	2	2	nil	nil	nil	
10.	Geography	2	2	nil	nil	nil	
11.	Commerce	5	5	nil	nil	nil	
12.	Maths	7	7	nil	nil	nil	
13.	Physics	5	5	nil	nil	nil	
14.	Chemistry	8	7	nil	nil	1	
15.	Botany	6	6	nil	nil	nil	
16.	Zoology	4	3	1	nil	nil	
17.	Comp. App.	1	1	nil	nil	nil	
18.	Phy. Education	1	1	nil	nil	nil	
19.	Tourism & Travel	1	1	nil	nil	nil	
20.	Painting	1	1	nil	nil	nil	
21.	Applied Art	1	nil	nil	nil	1	
22.	Sculpture	1	1	nil	nil	nil	
23.	Psychology	1	1	nil	nil	nil	
24.	Journalism	2	1	1	nil	nil	
25.	Music (Inst.)	1	1	nil	nil	nil	
26.	Music (Vocal)	1	1	nil	nil	nil	
27.	Education	1	1	nil	nil	nil	
28.	Environment Sc.	1	nil	1	nil	nil	
29.	Dance	1	1	nil	nil	nil	
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	

**Vacancy Position of Non-Teaching Staff List in r/o V.G.C Mandi Distt. Mandi (H.P.) as on 15/02/2025**

S. No.	Designation of Post	Sanctioned	Filled			Vacant	Remarks
			Regular	Contract	PTA		Information in case of PTA provided employee may be given by name
1.	Supdt. G-I	1	nil	nil	nil	1	
2.	Supdt. G-II	1	1	nil	nil	nil	
3.	Sr.Assistant	2	2	nil	nil	nil	
4.	Jr.Asstt. /Clerk/JOA (IT)	6	1	4	nil	1	
5.	SLA	2	1	nil	nil	1	
6.	JLA	4	1	nil	nil	3	
7.	LA	9	9	nil	nil	nil	
8.	Peon	14	13+1(Daily wager against peon)	nil	nil	nil	
9.	Sweeper	2	nil	nil	1	2	
10.	TablaVadak	1	nil	nil	1	1	Mr Rajesh Kumar (Appointed by PTA)
11.	Pharmacist	1	nil	nil	nil	1	Mr Suneel Kumar (Appointed by HEIS)
12.	Gasman	1	nil	nil	nil	1	
13.	Animal Collector	1	nil	nil	nil	1	
14.	Librarian	1	nil	nil	nil	1	
15.	Assistant Librarian	3	3	nil	nil	nil	
16.	Mechanic	1	nil	nil	nil	1	
17.	Daily Wages	4	Filled-04	nil	nil	nil	
Total		54	36 (32 + 04 daily wagers)	04	-	14	

**Enrolment:** The total enrolment for the academic session 2024-25 is 5773. The girl students outnumber the boys with a total strength of 3380 as compared to the 2393 number of boys.

**Faculty and Class wise enrolment for the session 2024-25:**

Category wise enrollment of students as on 15/02/2025 in r/o Govt. College Mandi Distt Mandi H.P.												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Stream	Class wise /Streamwise Enrolment	Gen.		SC		ST		OBC		Total A (3+5+7+9)	Total B (4+6+8+10)	G.Total (11+12)
		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
Arts	B.A. 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	301	378	207	219	11	6	43	38	562	641	1203
	B.A. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	214	362	107	186	6	10	28	54	355	612	967
	B.A. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	186	414	106	205	8	4	29	43	329	666	995
	Total	701	1154	420	610	25	20	100	135	1246	1919	3165
Science	B.Sc. 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	102	169	42	80	11	6	14	14	169	269	438
	B.Sc. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	59	112	23	52	3	3	7	13	92	180	272
	B.Sc. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	84	176	24	53	4	3	9	7	121	239	360
	Total	245	457	89	185	18	12	30	34	382	688	1070
Commerce	B. Com 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	64	45	36	31	0	2	4	3	104	81	185
	B. Com 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	43	42	19	19	4	1	2	4	68	66	134
	B.Com. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	49	51	24	13	0	1	2	3	75	68	143
	Total	156	138	79	63	4	4	8	10	247	215	462
Grand Total (Arts+Science+Commerce)		1102	1749	588	858	47	36	138	179	1875	2822	4697
MA	M.A. Eco Sem-I	3	12	2	1	0	1	0	1	5	15	20
	M.A. Eco Sem-III	3	8	3	0	0	0	0	1	6	9	15
	M.A. Eng Sem-I	6	22	7	4	1	0	0	0	14	26	40
	M.A. Eng Sem-III	4	10	3	5	0	0	0	2	7	17	24
	M.A. Hindi Sem-I	1	25	0	6	0	0	3	5	4	36	40
	M.A. Hindi Sem-III	2	22	1	6	1	1	0	0	4	29	33
	M.A. Pol. Sc. Sem-I	9	21	3	4	0	2	1	0	13	27	40
	M.A. Pol. Sc. Sem-III	9	12	2	9	0	0	2	1	13	22	35
	Total	37	132	21	35	2	4	6	10	66	181	247
M.Com.	M.Com Sem-I	2	20	2	9	0	0	1	1	5	30	35
	M.Com Sem-III	8	17	5	5	0	2	0	0	13	24	37
	Total	10	37	7	14	0	2	1	1	18	54	72

M.Sc.	M.Sc. Math-I	7	19	3	4	1	2	0	0	11	25	36
	M.Sc. Math-III	3	19	3	2	0	2	3	2	9	25	34
	Total	10	38	6	6	1	4	3	2	20	50	70
Grand Total (M.A. +M.Com+M.Sc.)		57	207	34	55	3	10	10	13	104	285	389
		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
B.Voc. Retail Management 1 <sup>st</sup> Sem.		18	7	7	3	0	0	1	2	26	12	38
B.Voc. Retail Management 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sem.		4	2	1	4		1	1	0	6	7	13
B.Voc. Retail Management 5 <sup>th</sup> Sem.		5	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	10	16
Total		27	19	9	7	0	1	2	2	38	29	67
B.Voc. Hospitality & Tourism 1 <sup>st</sup> Sem.		22	9	7	2	0	0	0	0	29	11	40
B.Voc. Hospitality & Tourism 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sem.		22	7	4	2	0	0	0	0	26	9	35
B.Voc. Hospitality & Tourism 5 <sup>th</sup> Sem.		16	5	4	3	0	1	0	0	20	9	29
<b>Total</b>		60	21	15	7	0	1	0	0	75	29	104
Grand Total B.Voc (Retail Mgt. & Hospitality & Tourism)		87	40	24	14	0	2	2	2	113	58	171
<b>Self-Finance Courses</b>												
BBA	BBA-I	39	14	7	4	0	0	1	1	47	19	66
	BBA-II	28	16	3	2	1	1	3	0	35	19	54
	BBA-III	26	15	2	3	0	0	1	0	29	18	47
	Total	93	45	12	9	1	1	5	1	111	56	167
BCA	BCA-I	57	18	7	2	1	0	1	0	66	20	86
	BCA-II	36	23	3	5	0	0	3	2	42	30	72
	BCA-III	26	15	5	1	2	0	0	0	33	16	49
	Total	119	56	15	8	3	0	4	2	141	66	207
PGDCA	1 <sup>st</sup> Sem	14	20	3	5	0	0	0	0	17	25	42
B.Ed. 1 <sup>st</sup>		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Ed. 2 <sup>nd</sup>		22	50	5	8	1	4	4	6	32	68	100
Grand Total (BBA+BCA+PGDCA+B.Ed.)		248	171	35	30	5	5	13	9	301	215	516
Total Strength		1494	2167	681	957	55	53	163	203	2393	3380	5773

### College Students Central Association 2024-25

The CSCA of the college extended constructive contribution in the organization of various university and college level academic, sports and cultural activities including maintenance of discipline to create a study conducive environment in the college. Following members were the office bearers of CSCA 2024-25:

Post	Name of the Student	Class
<b>President</b>	Kirna	M.A. Pol. Sci-I Sem
<b>Vice-President</b>	Samriti Thakur	B. Sc. 3 <sup>rd</sup> year
<b>Secretary</b>	Meera	B.A. 2 <sup>nd</sup> year
<b>Joint- Secretary</b>	Amrita	B.Com. 1 <sup>st</sup> year

## Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA is formed every year with the aim of nurturing good relationships among the members of teaching staff, students and guardians. The PTA is a statutorily constituted body, which aims at the overall development of college. The new PTA, as has been the precedent, was elected in the beginning of the academic session 2024-25. Details of the PTA executive body are as follows:

<b>President</b>	Sh. Surender Thakur
<b>Vice- President</b>	Sh. Sesh Ram Mandyal
<b>General Secretary</b>	Prof. Seema Sharma
<b>Joint-Secretary</b>	Sh. Hem Raj Pathania
<b>Chief Advisor</b>	Sh. Anil Sharma
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dr. Ritesh Verma

### Income and Expenditure of PTA for the session 2024-25

1.	Opening Balance as on 01. 04. 2024	19,89,583.93/-
2.	Income for the financial year 2024-25	34,72,560/-
3.	Expenditure for the year up to 15/02/2025	15,71,973/-

**Scholarships:** The college offers various awards and scholarships to meritorious students under state and centre sponsored scholarship schemes. The following scholarships were awarded during the academic session 2024-25:

S. No.	Scholarship Scheme	No. of students
1.	Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for college and university students.	122
2.	Centrally Sponsored Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students-Himachal Pradesh	142
3.	Kalpana Chawla Chatravriti Yojna-Himachal Pradesh	108
4.	Mukhya Mantri Vidyarthi Kalyan Yojna-Himachal Pradesh	53
5.	PM Yashasvi Post Matric Scholarship For OBC, EBC and DNT Students-Himachal Pradesh	129
6.	Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme for Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles	03
7.	Indira Gandhi Utkrisht Chatravriti Yojna Himachal Pradesh	01
8.	PG Indira Gandhi Scholarship for single girl child	01
	<b>Total</b>	<b>559</b>

**Amount Disbursed (in rupees) 58,18,600/- approximately.**

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

S. No.	Scholarship Scheme	Number of Students	Amount Disbursed (in rupees)
1.	PTA Sponsored Financial Assistance	26	51,400/-
2.	B.R. Awasthi Memorial Scholarship	02	10,200/-
3.	Sonia Sharma Memorial Scholarship	02	11000/-
4.	S.D. Puri Memorial Scholarship	02	5000/-
5.	Smt. Rukmani Devi and Thakur Tej Singh Memorial Scholarship	02	5000/-
6.	Contributory Fund Sponsored Scholarship	12	30,803/-

**Library:** The library of VGC (Mandi) caters to the needs of thousands of students studying in this prestigious institute. Around 38,278 valuable books on various subjects, 12 newspapers, 23 magazines and 6 journals are available in the library. The college library is a member of N-List from INFLIBNET Centre (Ahmedabad). NDLI club has been established in the college with the courtesy of IIT (Kharagpur). Our college has been recently registered with the ONOS portal. Library Management Software SOUL 3.0 has been introduced in the college library due to which it has been fully automated.

**IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University):** The college has a study centre of IGNOU, which was started in the year 1986. The centre has approximately 5250 registrations in the current session. Dr. Raj Kumar Thakur is serving as the coordinator. Dr. Hem Raj Rana and Prof. Mahender Singh (History) are serving as the Assistant coordinators of the centre. The centre runs a variety of academic and professional courses such as UG, PG, Diploma and Certificate courses. It has received appreciation for its work from the IGNOU (Delhi) Headquarters.

**Post Office, Bank and Bus Pass Facility:** The college houses counters of the post office and bus pass for the students. Bank facility is also available on the college campus.

#### **Extra-Curricular Activities:**

**National Cadet Corps (NCC):** The college is proud to have three wings of NCC: Air Force Wing (Girls and Boys), Army Wing (Boys) and Army Wing (Girls).

**NCC Air Force Wing:** The National Cadet Corps (NCC) Air Force Wing at VGC (Mandi) runs under the leadership of **Flight Commander and Associate NCC Flying Officer, Dr. Chaman Lal Kranti Singh** has achieved remarkable milestones during the year 2024–2025.

#### **Achievements**

- Cadet Senior Under Officer Pankaj Kumar and Cadet Warrant Officer Vinay Thakur are undergoing officer training at the Officer's Training Academy, Chennai, to become Lieutenants in the Indian Army.
- Cadet Warrant Officer Ajay Kumar has joined the Indian Air Force as a Flying Officer.
- Eight cadets from the Himachal Pradesh Air Squadron cleared the SSB.
- Cadet Corporals Deeksha Kumari and Vijay Laxmi Duggal, proudly represented Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Chandigarh at Republic Day Camp (New Delhi) from 27<sup>th</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> January. Cdt. Cpl. Deeksha Kumari led as Guard Commander in the All-India Guard of Honor. Cdt. Cpl. Vijay Laxmi Duggal marched in the Prime Minister's Rally.
- Five Cadets Mithul Thakur, Vijayalakshmi, Diksha, Kanishka, and Rajshree represented the wing at the prestigious National Republic Day Camp.

#### **National-Level Success**

- Cadet Manish Kumar, Cadet Mithul Thakur, and Cadet Devesh Thakur represented at the Air Force Camp (Gwalior).
- Cadet Omkar and Cadet Anmol represented their wing at the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" camp in Odisha. Cadets Ansh Babhauria and Cadet Sarthak Lakhnupal participated in the Vibrant Village Camp in Kinnaur.
- Nine Cadets, including Cadet Under Officer Duni Chand and Cadet Warrant Officer Ankush Sharma, attended the Army Attachment Camp in Dalhousie.
- Cadet Muskan earned a Gold Medal and showcased outstanding skills and dedication at All India Vayu Sainik Camp, Bengaluru from 27<sup>th</sup> September – 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

### **Training and Adventure:**

- Under the supervision of Wing Commander Kunal Sharma and Flying Officer Dr. Chaman, third-year Cadets were trained on microlight aircraft in Punjab Air Base, Patiala.
- Dr. Chaman completed a Flight Lieutenant Refresher Course at Air Force Station Tambaram (Chennai) in June 2024.
- Sixty Cadets participated in camps at Panarsa, Banikhet (Chamba) and the National Cadet Academy in Ropar. A total of 100 Cadets has been inducted for training in the NCC Air Wing (Mandi).

**Community Service and Disaster Response:** Cadets were engaged in blood donation, anti-drug campaigns and environmental drives throughout the session. The Air Wing of Govt. College (Mandi) was extolled for its contribution towards the 2023 flash floods disaster relief operations.

**NCC Army Wing (Boys):** The NCC Army Wing of the college is led by **Dr. Balbir Singh**. It is affiliated with the 2 HP NCC Battalion, Mandi (H.P.) and comprises 110 Cadets at present, including 81 SD and 29 SW Cadets.

### **Highlights of the session 2024-25:**

- Cadet Bharat Bhushan was appointed as Student Under Officer, while Cadets Shubham and Abhishek were appointed as Under Officers along with 7 Sergeants and 3 Corporals in the rank ceremony.
- SGT Dheeraj was promoted to Under Officer during the CATC-2024 camp.
- Sergeant Pankaj Kumar had the honor of marching in the prestigious NCC contingent at Kartavya Path (Delhi). Sergeant Bhagwan Dass participated in the Prime Minister's Rally during the National Republic Day Camp - 2025.
- The cadets participated in the Army Attachment Camps at Dalhousie, Dharamshala, and Mamun Cant. They also participated in Trekking Camps at Rampur, Vadodara), Army Cadets also took part in a Personality Development Camp at LPU (Jalandhar) and a Pre-RDC Camp.
- SGT Pankaj Chauhan represented at the RD Parade in Delhi and SGT Bhagwan Dass participated in the NCC PM Rally.
- Activities like International Yoga Day, Kargil Vijay Diwas, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, tree plantation drives, and awareness campaigns were also organised.
- Special motivational and career guidance sessions were conducted by esteemed speakers for SSB preparation and officer entry in the armed forces.
- Cadets participated in March Past parades for Republic Day, Independence Day, and Himachal Day. College Cadets also provided guards of honour for VIP visits.

**NCC Army Wing (Girls):** Under the guidance of **Dr. Kavita** the NCC Army Wing had an eventful year marked by significant achievements, active participation and enthusiastic celebration of various events.

### **Highlights of the year 2024-25:**

- Cadet Anchal Rana participated in the All India Girls Trekking Camp at GPGC (Dharamshala) from 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.
- Cadet Aayushi Guleria represented the college at MMU (Solan) from 19<sup>th</sup> June to 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 in the All India Thal Sainik Camp.
- A team of 49 Cadets from Vallabh Govt. College (Mandi) stood first in the Drill Squad Test at the Annual Training Camp ATC-197 at Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry.
- Cadet Disha participated in the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB-I) camp at Gopalpur (Odisha) from 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.



- Under Officer Aarti attended a Personality Development & Skill Camp at LPU (Phagwara) from 25<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. She was selected as the Best Cadet from the Shimla group.
- Under Officer Karishma Devi was the first Cadet from Solan to attend Officers Training Academy at Chennai, showcasing exceptional dedication.
- Cadets participated in the Water Sports Camp at Kol Dam and secured second position in kayaking and canoeing, from 20<sup>th</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.
- The NCC Army Wing (Girls) were actively involved in celebrating Republic Day, Independence Day, Kargil Vijay Diwas, and International Yoga Day. The female Cadets of the Army Wing also participated and helped in organising a cleanliness campaign, an AIDS awareness drive, Gandhi Jayanti, a blood donation camp, Annual Sports Day, National Constitution Day, Shaurya Diwas, National Journalism Day and Indian Air Force Day.

**National Service Scheme (NSS):** There are two units of the National Service Scheme (NSS) in this college with a total enrollment of 200 volunteers for the current session. These units operate under the guidance of two dedicated programme officers, **Dr. Deepali Ashok** and **Prof. Suraj Mani Thakur**.

Activities undertaken by the NSS units in 2024:

- The NSS unit celebrated World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 spreading the message of “Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience.”
- The NSS unit celebrated International Yoga Day under the theme “Yoga for Self and Society” on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024, in collaboration with the district administration.
- NSS volunteers carried out a cleanliness drive on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in the college campus, providing selfless service to ensure a clean environment.
- Under the mission "Ik Ped Maa Ke Naam", NSS unit adopted 1.5 acres of land in Tarapur village of Gora Gaggal (Mandi) for tree plantation and restoration. More than 200 trees were planted in this area.
- NSS Induction Programme & Executive Rank Ceremony was held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.
- Volunteers planted trees in Bhiuli, promoting awareness about environmental conservation during the Tree Plantation Drive on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024.
- Volunteers cleaned the NSS garden on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. This garden was set up by NSS volunteers in 2023 for the creative use of waste space and material.
- A blood donation camp was organised on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 in collaboration with Himalayan Blood Donors and the Blood Bank of Zonal Hospital (Mandi).
- A Volunteer Meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 in which topics like: leadership qualities and group management were discussed with the NSS unit president.
- A strong focus was placed on cleanliness initiatives. NSS Volunteers learned about "Swachhta Hi Seva" and "Seva Se Sikhen". A massive cleanliness drive was carried out by NSS Volunteers on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 as part of "Swachhta Hi Seva" and "Seva Se Sikhen". The volunteers collected 580 kg garbage in this initiative. The "Healing Mother Suketi-2" campaign was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024, in which volunteers cleaned the banks of the Suketi river. Additionally, a campus cleanliness drive was carried out on 30<sup>th</sup> September and 18<sup>th</sup> October, by 110 NCC cadets, 80 NSS volunteers, and 38 Rover Rangers.
- The 55th NSS Foundation Day was celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.
- The "Surakshit Himachal Road Safety Awareness Rally" was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 to promote road safety. NSS volunteers assisted the police department in managing traffic from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October.
- Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024. Values of Mahatma Gandhi were promoted by organising various activities on this day.

- Volunteers were registered on the “My Bharat Portal” and informed about upcoming social work initiatives on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.
- "Mission Maa" was conducted from 12<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024. In this 35 female NSS volunteers generated awareness about menstrual hygiene and distributed 300 sanitary pads. This mission covered 20 schools, one village, and four slum areas.

#### **Achievements of NSS Volunteers:**

- Miss Muskan, Miss Latesh, and Mr. Lucky Chauhan attended the state-level Pre-RD camp at MLSM (Sunder Nagar) on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.
- Miss Muskan also attended a Pre-RD camp at Vivekananda Global University (Jaipur) from 14<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024.
- Mr. Lucky Chauhan participated in the National Youth Exchange Programme organised by NIT (Hamirpur) and Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Hyderabad).

**Rover and Rangers:** Under the commendable leadership of Rover Scout leader **Dr. Shivendra Sangar** and Ranger Leader **Dr. Bandna Chauhan**, a dynamic unit of rovers and rangers, is actively contributing to various initiatives. In recognition of their outstanding efforts, Ranger Harshita, Ranger Isha and Rover Adarsh have been selected to receive the prestigious Rajya Puruskar award in 2024-25. Their selection serves as an inspiration to their peers and underscores the vibrant spirit of the rover and ranger movement at VGC Mandi.

**Gender Sensitization Committee:** Under the able guidance of convenor **Prof. Asha Thakur**, Gender Sensitization Committee of VGC (Mandi) achieved remarkable milestones.

- A series of lectures on personal hygiene and the use of sanitary vending machines were held for female students in the month of August, 2024.
- A programme on Women’s Menstrual Hygiene was conducted with Health Educators: Mr. Ramesh Kumar and Mrs. Pooja Sharma, on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2024.
- An awareness session on Adolescent Health and Hygiene was organised on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024.
- A programme on gender sensitization about female sexual harassment and violence issues through multimedia was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.
- A Self-defence Course was organised for 50 female students with expert coaches, from Krishna Physical Fitness Academy from 5<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.
- An awareness programme on Self-Defence Skills was organised on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2024.

**Career Counselling and Placement Cell:** Under the leadership and guidance of **Dr. Monika Panchani**, the Career Counselling and Placement Cell consistently conducted counselling sessions for students, along with several motivational lectures and expert talks throughout the session. Workshops on Higher Education, Anti-Drug Awareness, Financial Literacy, Management skills, Career Prospects in Sciences, Commerce, Humanities, Journalism, and Mountaineering were also organised.

Students of this college enrolled themselves for further studies in different Universities of the country in 2024. Additionally, students from BBA, BCA, PGDCA, B.Voc. in Retail Management and Hospitality and Tourism programmes successfully completed their internships and were placed in reputed companies and industries. A few students of B.Voc. are placed in reputed companies like Golden Sarovar Portico in Amritsar and Bengaluru, Wipro, G & R, Puma sports and many others. They have received packages ranging from Rs. 1,80,000 to Rs. 2,50,000. Two students from BCA have joined BEHL Motors. Four students from PGDCA have joined private industries. Ten students from BBA did internships from IIT (Kamand). Two students joined jobs in Alorica (Mohali) and Krushi Kalsi Globe Aviation Limited (New Delhi).

A total of 98 students of Bachelor of Education (2<sup>nd</sup> year) are undergoing teacher training and practice for 4 months in different government schools. Approximately 10 pass out students of B.Ed are teaching in various private schools of Himachal Pradesh.

**Red Cross Club:** Under the guidance of Nodal Officer, **Dr. Chaman Lal Kranti Singh**, the Red Cross Club strengthens community service, leadership, and social responsibility. This club is led by student representatives: Manish Kumar and Jagriti Thakur. During this session, 15 volunteers participated in a blood donation drive at Zonal Hospital (Mandi). More than 50 cadets and students from the Red Cross, NCC Air Wing and Army Wing contributed to this drive.

**Red Ribbon Club (RRC):** Under the able leadership of **Dr. Radhika Jamwal**, the Red Ribbon Club of VGC (Mandi) carried out impactful activities during:

- Orientation Programme & Exposure visit was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2024.
- The Red Run Marathon and Declamation Contest was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. Students of Govt. College (Mandi) excelled and secured multiple top positions.
- AIDS/HIV Awareness session was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. Dr. Monika Panchani interacted with 120 students in the session.
- Flash Mob & Awareness Talk was held on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 and students watched informative short films on HIV/AIDS on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.
- Reel Making Competition was held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. It aimed at informing the society through creative use of social media platforms.
- The State-Level Red Run Marathon was held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2024. Rohit from B.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> year secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position and received a cash prize of ₹5,000 from the Chief Minister and the Health Minister.
- AIDS Awareness Week was held on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2024. Its theme was - “Take the Right Path: My Health, My Right,”. Activities like face painting, slogan writing, and reel making were organised in collaboration with the NCC (Girls) Wing.
- Tuberculosis Elimination Campaign was launched on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.
- The Red Ribbon Club of VGC (Mandi) was honored with the best Red Ribbon Club Award in District Mandi by the District AIDS Control Society.

**Vallabhian Botany Club (Department of Botany):** Under the able leadership of **Dr. Tara Sen**, the Vallabhian Botany Club and Department of Botany, in collaboration with the Research & Innovation Committee of the college, organised several events during the session.

- World Food Day was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. The Chief Guest of this event was Padma Shri Nek Ram Sharma and the Special Guest was Mr. L.D. Thakur. The exhibition showcased plants grown by students, homemade dishes and products from self-help groups. It generated a revenue of Rs. 9,700/-. Poster-making and declamation competitions further enriched the event, promoting sustainability and creativity among students.
- A faculty member and 41 students of the Department of Botany participated in a field trip to the Great Himalayan National Park, located in Banjar Sub-Division of Kullu (H.P.) on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

**Yoga and Meditation Club:** Under the guidance of **Dr. Deepali Ashok**, Coordinator of the Yoga and Meditation Club, a 7-day Rajyoga-Based Wellness Programme was successfully organised across all college hostels. The programme aimed to promote mental and emotional well-being among students through focused sessions on stress, health, building resilience, harmony in relationships and habits and addictions. Sessions of this programme provided practical strategies to overcome stress and stay healthy.

**Eco Club:** Under the leadership of **Dr Neetu Pathania**, the Eco Club has made significant strides in promoting environmental sustainability and awareness within our college community. Below are the highlights for the year 2024:

- The Eco Club organised a successful Plastic Waste Collection event on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024, to raise awareness about the environmental hazards of plastic waste.
- A campus-wide Cleanliness Drive was organised on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.
- As part of our sustainability goals, the Eco Club implemented a strict ban on single-use plastic bottles on campus.

**English Literary Club:** Under the leadership of **Prof. Archana Sharma**, the English Literary Club organised a Poetry Recitation Competition on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. A declamation contest and an essay writing competition were also organised by this club on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 and 26<sup>th</sup>, October, 2024 respectively.

**Yuva Tourism Club (YTC):** Under the guidance of **Dr. Arvind Kumar**, the Yuva Tourism Club at VGC (Mandi), in collaboration with the Department of Tour & Travel, conducted various activities in the session 2024-2025:

- A tour to Jispa and Baralacha La was organised for 89 students during UNWTO World Tourism Week on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.
- World Tourism Day was celebrated with tree plantation, oration, and a community feast on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.
- Cooking event was organised at Bala Kameshwar Temple with 150 students on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.
- A tour was organised from 21<sup>st</sup> October-1<sup>st</sup> November, 2024. This tour covered the key destinations in Garhwal and Kumaon regions of Uttarakhand.

**Mendeleev Chemistry Club:** Under the guidance of **Dr. Rozilla Puri**, the Mendeleev Chemistry Club organised several interesting activities during the academic year:

- An Orientation Programme was held on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 for the newly admitted students.
- World Ozone Day was celebrated on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 with seminars and sessions promoting ozone layer protection.
- World Mole Day was observed from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. It included quizzes, experiments, and educational activities on Avogadro's number.
- A visit to the Water Treatment Plant at Kangni Dhar was organised on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

**Data Dreamers Computer Club:** Under the guidance of **Ms. Lateshwari**, the 'Data Dreamers Computer Club' of Vallabh Govt. College organised a 'poster making competition' on the theme - 'Cyber Security' in the college on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024. Students of the Departments of BCA, PGDCA and Bachelors in Information Technology participated in this event.

**Life Sciences Club:** Under the guidance of Coordinator **Ms. Jyoti Thakur**, the Life Sciences Club had a dynamic and productive year, with a wide range of activities:

- Members of the club displayed their creativity in a model exhibition, showcasing innovative ideas and projects on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.
- The club honoured educators by celebrating Teachers' Day on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, recognizing their significant impact on the society.
- An event was organised to express gratitude to the parents for their constant support and contributions on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024.
- A photography contest, presentations, and a lecture on rabies awareness were organised on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2024, to mark World Animal Day.

- The club organised a quiz competition, visit to a nearby cow shelter, and collage and poster-making competitions to promote wildlife conservation from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.
- Children's Day was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 and Excursion to Bijli Mahadev was organised on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.
- Guest Lecture on Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment was organised on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. It broadened the members' understanding of health issues.

### **Achievements in Sports and Extracurricular Activities:**

**Sports:** Vallabh Government College (Mandi) has long been recognized for its excellence in academics and sports. The year 2024-25 marked another chapter of success in the college's sporting history. Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Sunil Sen, the sports mentorship at the college has reached new heights, promoting an environment where students thrive and achieve remarkable feats in a variety of disciplines. The college has emerged as a prominent figure in the state's sports scene, and its athletes have delivered outstanding performances at the All-India Inter-Varsity events, National Championships and HPU Inter-College Championships.

**Athletics:** The athletics team (M) from Vallabh Government College, Mandi was overall 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up in HPU Inter College Annual Athletic Meet 2024-25 held at G.C. Hamirpur. Rohit, a star athlete in the college's track and field team, stood out as one of the most successful and celebrated athletes and participated in All India Inter Varsity Athletic Championship 2024-25 held at KIIT University Bhubneshwer, Odissa. He won Gold Medal in 10000 meter, Bronze Medals in 5000 meter race and in 4x400 meter relay race. Shashi Thakur won Silver Medal in 1500 meter race and Bronze Medal in 4x400 meter relay race. Rahul won Silver Medal in 5000 meter race, Bronze Medals in 1500 meter race and in 4x400 meter relay race. Pratham Won Bronze Medal in 4x400 meter relay race. Mansi Thakur brought laurels to the college by grabbing Silver Medal in Junior National Athletic Championship 2024-25 held at New Delhi. She won Gold Medal in 10 km race and Silver Medal in 5 km race in Junior State Athletic Championship 2024-25 held at Dharamshala.

**Cross-Country (M):** College was Overall Winner in HPU Inter College Cross Country Competition 2024-25 held at GC Haripur Manali. Rohit participated in All India Inter Varsity Cross Country Competition 2024-25 held at Mangalore University and in Senior National Cross-Country Competition 2024-25 held at Meerut, UP. He won Gold Medal in HPU Inter College Cross Country Competition 2024-25. Shashi Thakur participated in All India Inter Varsity Cross Country Competition 2024-25 held at Mangalore University. Rahul won Silver Medal in HPU Inter College Cross Country Competition 2024-25.

**Boxing:** College won 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals in HPU Inter College Boxing (M) Championship 2024-25 held at GC Daulatpur Chowk. Chetan Choudhary won Gold Medal, Taran Preet Singh Gill and Himanshu won Silver Medals, Rahul and Chandan Kumar won Bronze Medals. College won 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals in HPU Inter College Boxing (W) Championship 2024-25 held at Gayatri College of Education, Kangoo Sundernagar. Neha won Gold Medal, Kanika Sharma won Silver Medal, Sakshi and Saniya won Bronze Medals in this event. Neha also participated in All India Inter Varsity Boxing (W) Championship 2024-25 held at Guru Kashi University Bhatinda.

**Wushu:** HPU Inter College Wushu (Men & Women) Championship 2024-25 was organised by our College from December 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This event marked a significant milestone as our college won the championship 3<sup>rd</sup> time consecutively and won the trophy in the Men and Women section. A total of 18 colleges in the Men section and 10 colleges in Women section from various corners of Himachal Pradesh participated in the championship. Aaditya Chaudhary, Rahul, Vishal and Taran Preet Singh Gill won Gold Medals, Chandan Kumar and Sumit won Silver Medals. Paras, Mohammad Sammi, Yogender and Tarun Thakur won Bronze Medals. Aaditya Chaudhary, Rahul, Vishal and Taran Preet Singh Gill got selected for All India Inter Varsity Wushu (M) Championship 2024-25. College was Overall Winner in HPU Inter College Wushu (W) Championship 2024-25 held at VGC Mandi. Sakshi, Kanika Sharma and Saniya won

Gold Medals. Shivani, Radhika, Nema and Deepika Thakur won Silver Medals. Sakshi, Kanika Sharma and Saniya got selected for All India Inter Varsity Wushu (W) Championship 2024-25.

**Hockey:** College was runner-up in HPU Inter College Hockey (M) Championship 2024-25 held at GC Chamba. Amit Kumar, Adrash Kumar, Shivam Thakur, Ayush and Jagdish Kumar participated in North Zone Inter-Varsity Hockey (M) Championship 2024-25 held at Aligarh Muslim University. Amit Kumar, Ayush and Adrash Kumar participated in Senior National Hockey (M) Championship 2024-25 held at Chennai. Soniya and Preeti Sharma of our college participated in North Zone Inter Varsity Hockey (W) Championship 2024-25 held at Khalsa College of Physical Education, Amritsar.

**Judo:** College won 1 Silver and 3 Bronze Medals in HPU Inter College Judo (M) Championship 2024-25 held at GC Rajgarh. Sidharth Rao won Silver Medal, Gaurav Chauhan, Aaditya Chaudhary and Taran Preet Singh Gill won Bronze Medals in this event. College student Shivani grabbed 1 Bronze Medal in HPU Inter College Judo (W) Championship 2024-25 held at GC Rajgarh.

**Table Tennis:** Table Tennis Player Ritvik of our college participated in North Zone Inter Varsity Table Tennis (M) Championship 2024-25 held at CT University, Ludhiana Punjab.

**Wrestling:** College won 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals in HPU Inter College Wrestling (M) Championship 2024-25 held at Gayatri College of Education, Kangoo Sundernagar. Naveen Kumar won Gold Medal, Sidharth Rao and Vishal Jaswal won Silver Medals, Taran Preet Singh Gill and Sumit won Bronze Medals. Sidharth Rao and Naveen Kumar participated in Senior National Wrestling (M) Championship 2024-25 held at Bangalore. Naveen Kumar participated in All India Inter Varsity Wrestling (M) Championship 2024-25 held at Guru Kashi University Bathinda. College won 2 Silver and 1 Bronze Medals in HPU Inter College Wrestling (W) Championship 2024-25 held at Gayatri College of Education, Kangoo Sunder Nagar. Sakshi and Saniya won Silver Medals, Shivani won Bronze Medal in this event.

**Taekwondo:** College student Taran Preet Singh Gill won 1 Bronze Medal in HPU Inter College Taekwondo (M) Championship 2024-25 held at GC Amb. College students Kanika Sharma, Sakshi and Smridhi Sharma won Bronze Medals in HPU Inter College Taekwondo (W) Championship 2024-25 held at GC Amb.

**Shooting:** College was Overall Winner in HPU Inter College Shooting (M) Championship 2024-25 held at GC Nalagarh. Sarthak Lakhanpal won Gold Medal in 10 mtr. Air Pistol, Arman Verma won Silver Medal and Mehul Lakhanpal won Bronze Medal. They also participated in North Zone Inter Varsity Shooting (M) Championship 2024-25 held at Punjab University Chandigarh. College was Overall Winner in HPU Inter College Shooting (W) Championship 2024-25 held at G.C. Nalagarh. Kashish Sharma won Gold Medal in 10 mtr. Air Rifle, she also participated in North Zone Inter Varsity Shooting (W) Championship 2024-25 held at Punjab University Chandigarh.

**Kayaking:** College was Overall 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up in HPU Inter College Kayaking (M) Championship 2024-25 held at GC Dehri. Sujal Thakur and Yuv Raj got selected for North Zone Inter Varsity Kayaking & Canoeing (M) Championship 2024-25. College was Overall 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up in HPU Inter College Kayaking (W) Championship 2024-25 held at GC Dehri. Nitika and Neha Chaudhary brought laurels to the college. Nitika got selected for North Zone Inter Varsity Kayaking & Canoeing (W) Championship 2024-25.

**Handball:** College was 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up in HPU Inter College Handball (W) Championship 2024-25 held at MLSM College Sunder Nagar.

**Chess:** College was Overall Winner in HPU Inter College Chess (W) Championship 2024-25 held at GC Sujapur Tihara. Gunjan, Mamta Thakur and Manika Sharma got selected for North Zone Inter Varsity Chess (W) Championship.

**Volleyball:** College was 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up in HPU Inter College Volleyball (M) Championship 2024-25 held at G.C. Seema. Nikhil Bhanwal, Dushyant Thakur and Vikas participated in North Zone Inter Varsity Volleyball (M) Championship 2024-25 held at Gurukul University Haridwar.

**Basketball:** College was runner-up in HPU Inter College Basketball (W) Championship 2024-25 held at DAV College Kangra.

**Kabaddi:** College was 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up in HPU Inter College Kabaddi (M) Championship 2024-25 held at G.C. Jawalaji. Ajay and Man Singh participated in North Zone Inter Varsity Kabaddi (M) Championship 2024-25 held at Lovely Professional University Jalandhar. College was runner-up in HPU Inter College Kabaddi (W) Championship 2024-25 held at G.C. Nahan. Manisha Kumari and Dimple participated in North Zone Inter Varsity Kabaddi (W) Championship 2024-25 held at Guru Kashi University Bhatinda.

**Cricket:** College cricket team was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up in HPU Inter College Cricket (M) Championship held at MLSM College Sunder Nagar.

**Badminton:** College was runner-up in HPU Inter College Badminton (M) Championship 2024-25 held at Centre of Excellence Sanjauli.

**Hammer Throw:** Siddharth won Silver Medal in Hammer Throw in HPU Inter College Annual Athletic Meet 2024-25 held at GC Hamirpur.

Total 9 Intra College events were organised by our college. Intra College Cross Country (Men & Women) Championship 2024-25 was on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 in which approximately 200 students participated. Intra-College Volleyball, Kabaddi, Shooting, Badminton, Table Tennis and Wushu Championships 2024-25 for both men and women categories were organised from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The event featured the participation of 311 male and 184 female participants. Intra-College Chess Championship 2024-25 for both men and women categories was organised from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024, in which 82 players participated. Intra College Annual Athletic (Men & Women) Meet 2024-25 was on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, approximately 300 students participated in this Championship.

**Co-curricular activities:** Co-curricular activities motivate the students and promote their overall development. Through-out this session the students of Vallabh Govt. College (Mandi) participated in many activities such as: rangoli making, declamation, quiz, poster making, slogan writing, collage making etc. Students who were interested in learning and improving their performing and arts skills were also trained by various professionals from concerned fields. Our students participated in all the activities of Group I, II, III and IV of HPU Youth Festival (2024 - 25) and won the following prizes:

- Kashish of B.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> year grabbed the third position in HPU Youth Festival (Group I), 'clay modelling' competition. Neha Thakur of B.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> year and Roop Singh of M.A. Political Science also received third prize in debate competition. It was held at Govt. College Bilaspur, from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024.
- Anjali Bansal of class B.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> year stood second in Group II (Music) classical solo song competition held at Govt. College Karsog, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024.
- Students of Vallabh Govt. College Mandi won second position in folk dance and third position in classical dance-Kathak in Group III Himachal Pradesh University Youth Festival held at Gautam College Hamirpur from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- Participants from our college won second position in the HPU Inter-college Group IV skit competition and third position in one-act play held at Govt. College Kullu from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024.

**College Student Central Association (CSCA) Cultural Function 'UTSAV'- 2024:** 'UTSAV', a two-day cultural festival was held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at Vallabh Government College (Mandi). It displayed the passion and dedication of about 300 students to extracurricular activities, such as: dance, music, modeling, skit and mimicry in the auditions. From which 100 participants were shortlisted for the

final event. The students actively participated in various cultural and creative events in the fest and won several prizes. The event promoted cultural diversity and overall development among students. 'UTSAV' showcased the versatile talent of the youngsters of Govt. College (Mandi).

**Celebrations and activities carried out by various departments of the college:** Many activities were carried out in the session 2024-2025 for the all-inclusive development of the students and faculty members.

**Departments of Arts and Humanities:**

1. Department of Dance conducted a 21 days Mandayali folk dance workshop. The students were introduced to the nuances of Luddi folk dance through this workshop and they learned the basic steps, postures, and rhythms of this dance style. Students of this department participated in the folk-dance competition organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra Mandi and won first position in this competition.
2. Department of Education arranged a one-day excursion for the students of B.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> year to Sahyog – A residential school for special children on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2024.
3. Department of English established the English Literary Club on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. Faculty members of this department and students of M.A. English became members of the literary club. A poetry recitation competition was organised as the first activity of this club. Thereafter declamation contest and essay writing competition were organised on 16<sup>th</sup> October and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024 respectively.
4. Department of Hindi celebrated Hindi Diwas on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. Essay writing, slogan writing, poetry recitation and elocution competitions were organised to mark this day.
5. Department of Journalism & Mass Communication observed many important days, such as: Birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, National Unity Day on 31st October, 2024 to celebrate the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbai Patel, National Journalism Day on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, Constitution Day on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, World AIDS Day on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2024, and Mahaparinirvana Day on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2024. Seminars were also conducted on National Press Day, Constitution-Day and Death Anniversary of Bharat Ratna, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. A one-day seminar was also executed on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 by this department to mark the 117<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of Revolutionary Bhagat Singh. Bhagat Singh's contributions to journalism were highlighted in this seminar by the students and faculty members. The students of this department along with NCC units participated in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication also hosted a seminar on 'The History and Development of the Internet in India' on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.
6. Department of Physical Education celebrated National Sports day on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. This department also organised Intra-college volleyball, kabaddi, chess, shooting, badminton, table-tennis and wushu competitions for the students in the month of September, 2024. The annual athletic (men & women) meet was also organised by the department on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. About 877 students of the college participated in these various intra-college sports activities. This department also took the initiative to organise the HPU Inter College Wushu (Men & Women) Championship 2024-2025 from December 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
7. Students and a faculty member of the Department of Painting participated in Shimla Art Festival at The Bantony Castle (Shimla) from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. This department also organised on the spot painting, collage making, poster making and cartooning competitions in the last week of August, 2024.
8. Department of Political Science observed Constitution Day on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. Poster making, slogan writing, declamation and many other competitions were organised to celebrate this day.
9. Department of Psychology organised an educational visit to a Drug De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre at village Sambal P.O. Bijni on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. An awareness programme to raise understanding about some common psychological disorders among the students of Govt. Senior Secondary School Samkhetar, Mandi was also executed by the students and a faculty member of this department on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.
10. Department of Tour and Travel in collaboration with Yuva Tourism Club (YTC) of the college organised various day excursions and field tours throughout the session. Students and a faculty



member of this department celebrated the World Tourism Week from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. Activities such as: tree plantation, excursions, feasts, and oration were part of the celebrations. A seminar for students on 'Mountaineering: Techniques & Job Perspectives' was also successfully executed by this department on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

#### **Departments of Sciences:**

1. Department of Botany organised different activities in collaboration with Vallabhian Botany Club during this session.
2. Department of Chemistry organised a 2 weeks capacity building training programme for the laboratory staff of various educational institutions of district Mandi from 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. An induction cum orientation programme was also conducted for the students of B.Sc. 1<sup>st</sup> year on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. Students and faculty members of this department along with the Department of Geography celebrated 'World Ozone Day' on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. 'World Mole Day' was also celebrated from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 by the students and teaching staff. Department of Chemistry also organised a field visit to the water treatment plant at Kangni Dhar on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Departments of Physical and Biological sciences celebrated National Science-Day on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
3. Department of Computer science arranged an online help desk for filling online admission forms to help the students. An ICT Diagnosis Session was also carried out effectively by this department.
4. Department of Mathematics organised induction sessions for the UG and PG classes. This department also conducted an 'Alumni session' to rekindle and engage with a few alumni of Govt. College Mandi.
5. Department of Physics organised seminars on 'Nano-materials' on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 through online and offline modes. The department also organised an educational excursion for the students of B.Sc 3<sup>rd</sup> year on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 to IIT, Kamand, District Mandi (H.P.). Students of this department also visited ITI Mandi to get first-hand information about the various tools that are used in the manufacturing process. A certificate add-on course on 'Essential Computer Skills for Under-Graduate Science Students' was organised by the Departments of Physics and Chemistry from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.
6. Department of Zoology organised 11 activities in collaboration with the Life-Science club during this session. Awareness drives about stray dogs and rearing of indigenous cows are a few highlights of the 'World Wildlife Week' celebration. A one-day educational trip to Bijli Mahadev was also organised to make the students learn about biodiversity and cultural values of that area.

#### **Self-Finance courses:**

1. Department of BBA organised a skill development short programme for the students in collaboration with Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (Shimla) in March, 2024. In the month of June 2024, an 'On the job training programme' was executed by the department for the students. In the same month, 9 students worked with the professionals from IIT (Kamand) in a field survey funded by the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna in the districts of Mandi and Chamba.
2. Department of BCA in collaboration with Manav Seva Trust (Sundernagar) conducted a brief awareness programme about the scholarships available for the students on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. This department also organised a 'Mehandi competition' on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. Students of BCA third and fifth semesters participated in this competition.

These events and activities reflect the commitment of the teachers and the students towards academic excellence, social awareness and nation building.

#### **Achievements of Teaching Faculty**

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

**Prof. Devika Vaidya** presented a paper titled “Role of Chemistry in Protecting Earth” in the International Conference organised by G.C. Pangi. She also attended a FDP on “NEP Orientation and Sensitization Programme.” She was promoted to the post of Principal at G.C. Kotli on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

**Dr. Raj Kumar Thakur** published a paper on “Experimental and Surface Morphological Studies of Imidazolium Based Ionic Liquid as Corrosion Inhibitor for Mild Steel in Sulfuric Acid Medium.” He presented five papers in conferences titled as “Digital Platforms for Chemical Waste Management and Recycling” at G.C. Sarkaghat, on “Information of Chemical Science in the Material and Biological Sciences” at G.C. Bilaspur, on “Environmental Remediation and Pollution Control Technologies” at G.C. Dharampur, on “Exploring Vernacular Knowledge System” at G.C. Lambathatch, and on “Cultural Disintegration and Tourism” at G.C. Dharampur. He published the revised edition of books for B.Sc. 1<sup>st</sup> year and B.Sc. 2<sup>nd</sup> year on Organic Chemistry.

**Prof. Anju Sharma** presented two research papers in International Conferences on “Harnessing Tourism for Sustainable Development in India -Challenges and Opportunities” at G.C. Bhoranj and on “Oscillatory Mode Onset in Electro Hydrodynamics Instability of Oldroydian Nano Fluid Saturated Porous Layers- A Realistic Model” at G.C. Kullu. She attended one week FDP from MMTTC Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi on NEP 2020.

**Dr. Monika Panchani** published 4 chapters in IIP Series Futuristic Trends in Renewable and Sustainable Energy, vol. 3, Book 3, "Biomass as Source of Energy for Sustainable Development." She published one paper on "Sustainable Livelihood and Employment Opportunities in Sericulture" published in Life Science Journal Voyager Sept, 2024.

She presented six research papers on different topics in International Conferences titled as “Monkey Menace in Himachal Pradesh and Mitigation Practices” organised by G.C. Dharampur, on “Sustainable Practices for the Preservation of Shikari Devi Wildlife,” on “Ancient Wisdom and Healing Practices of Honey,” on “Indigenous Beekeeping in Rural Areas” on “Role of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education” and on “Biodiversity Issues for Sustainable Development.” She was the Editor of Journal Voyager and IIP Edited Book Series. She attended three FDPs on “NEP 2020 Importance of Cultural Studies” organised by Gokul Global University, on “Exploring Use of AI Tools for Research” organised by Arka Jain University Jharkhand and on “Qualitative and Quantitative Research Design in Higher Education” organised by Eudoxia Research Centre, India. She also attended a webinar on “Tools and Techniques for Plagiarism Checking and Removal”.

**Dr. Hem Raj Rana** presented a paper entitled "Tourism Between India and UAE: An Overview" in International Conference, held at Abudhabi University, Dubai Campus (UAE) and published the same paper in a book entitled "Cultural Relations between India and UAE", published by Sahitya Sanchay, New Delhi. He also published three self composed Poems: माँ, संदेश and ख़ाब, in a book entitled "Dubai Kavya Sandhya" (दुबई काव्य संध्या), published by Sahitya Sanchay, New Delhi.

**Dr. Sandeep Singh Raghav** published a research paper titled as “Popular Protests against Kingship and British Raj in Western Himalayas: A Study of Erstwhile Punjab Hill States of Suket and Mandi (H.P.)” in International Journal of Research in Social Sciences, UGC Approved Journal Number: 48887, ISSN: 2249-2496, Impact Factor: 7.081, Vol. 14, Issue 10, October 2024. He presented a research paper titled as “Vernacular Hill Architecture Style in Western Himalayas: A Case Study of Mandi Region of H.P.”, in two days International Conference organised by G.C. Seraj at Lambathatch, Mandi. He attended a one-week National Workshop on “Role of Nanotechnology for Environment Remediation” organised by Maharaja Agrasen University, Solan.

**Dr. Radhika Jamwal** presented four papers in International Conferences on the topics “Indigenous Beekeeping in Rural and Tribal Communities: A Holistic Approach” organised by G.C. Seraj at Lambathatch, Mandi, on “Monkey Menace in Himachal Pradesh and Mitigation Strategies” organised by G.C. Dharampur, Mandi, on “Ancient Wisdom and Healing Practices of Honey,” organised by G.D.C.

Seema and on “Sustainable Practices for the Preservation of Shikari Devi Wildlife Sanctuary Against Anthropogenic Threats” at G.C. Bhoranj, HP. She attended a one-week online National Level FDP on “Unleashing the power of AI tools” for teachers organised by Sanatan Dharma College, Ambala Cantt. She also attended a one-week Workshop cum pre International Conference on “Issues and Challenges in the Contemporary World – 2024” organised by G.D.C. Seema (Rohru) G.C. Hamirpur , ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla and APG Shimla. She was the Editor of the journal Voyager. She was a member of the Guest Editorial Board and Review Committee.

**Dr. Jyoti** was awarded a Ph.D degree by Himachal Pradesh University. The title of her Doctorate degree was "वैदिक वाङ्मय में आर्चनिया वनस्पति एवं पर्यावरण संरक्षण की अवधारणा". She presented a paper titled as “Dev Vniyo Ke Madhyam se Paryavarn Sangrksan” in an International conference organised by G.C. Banjar, Kullu. She attended a FDP on "काव्य शास्त्र के विविध आयाम".

**Dr. Sanjay Kumar** attended an Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in “Advanced Research Methodology” at Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi. He presented two papers titled “Biodiversity Friendly Green Synthesis Method For Surfactant Stabilized Core-Shell Aqueous Nanodispersions” in the National Conference organised by Ravindranath Tagore G.C. Sarkaghat, and on “E-Waste Management and Recycling: Efficacy and Impact Assessment on Environment Pollution in India,” in the International Conference organised by Ravindranath Tagore G.C. Sarkaghat District Mandi H.P.

**Prof. Archana** presented a paper on the topic “Traditional Knowledge Practices in the Himalayan Ecology” in a two-day International Conference organised at G.C. Seraj at Lambathatch, Mandi (HP). She participated in three FDPs of one-week online on " Empowering Educators: Innovative Teaching Strategies for Digital Classroom," on "Study of Theology and Aesthetics In Literature " and on “Cinema as a Pedagogical Tool Learning Across Discipline” all the three FDPs were organised by Gokul Global University, Siddhpur Gujarat. She also attended a S.T.P in "ICT Applications in Teaching and Learning,” organised by University of Burdwan, West Bengal, through online mode.

**Dr. Neetu** presented a paper titled “Roots of Healing: The Enduring Legacy of Tribal Culture and Folklore in Indigenous Communities,” in two days International Conference organised by G.C. Seraj at Lambathach, Mandi. She attended a one-week National Workshop titled “Under the Ages of Center of Excellence in Nanotechnology,” organised by MAU and Navyug Kanya Mahavidalay, Lucknow.

**Dr. Deepali Ashok** presented two research papers titled as “From Classroom to Real Word: Enhancing Education Through Practical Application and Sustainability” in two days International conference organised by G.C. Seraj at Lambathatch, Mandi and on “Bio Bleaching in Paper Industry: A Sustainable Approach Using Wood Degrading Fungi” in International Conference organised by Department of Commerce, HPU Shimla. She attended a one-week National Workshop titled “Under the Ages of Centre of Excellence in Nanotechnology,” organised by MAU & Navyug Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Lucknow.

**Prof. Shikha Kapoor** attended a Refresher Course on “Language and Linguistics” from Osmania University, Hyderabad.

**Prof. Jyotsna** presented two papers titled "Pathways to Justice and Empowerment for the Third Gender: Advocating for Rights and Recognition in Homeless Growing Up Lesbian and Dyslexia in India by K. Vaishali”, in International Conference ELLC 2024, organised by The Achievers Foundation for English Studies, and on “Children’s Literature Across Borders: A Comparison of Cultural Pride and Integrity in the Umbrella Thief by Sybil Wettasinghe and Suki’s Kimono by Chieri Uegaki,” organised by G.C. Una. She also attended International One week FDP through online mode on "Leveraging AI and Advanced Technology for Academia: Transforming Research and Pedagogy" by Kovern Laksgmaiah University, Hyderabad. She also participated in a FDP on “Technology Integration in the English Language Classroom”.

**Dr Tara Devi Sen** published a chapter titled as "Hedychium Spicatum Smith: An Immunity Boosting Threatened Ethno-Medicinal Plant of Mandi, Himachal Pradesh" in the book 'Socioeconomic Importance and Conservation Approaches to Medicinal Plants', published by R.P. Publications. ISBN: 978-93-91580-89-6. Pages: 58-73. She published a chapter titled as "जल शुद्धिकरण और पर्यावरण पुनर्स्थापना के लिए सहजन और नागफनी की सामूहिक खेती: एक पारंपरिक प्राकृतिक समाधान" in the book "भारतीय हिमालयी क्षेत्र में पर्यावरणीय मुद्दे, चुनौतियाँ और समाधान".

She presented a research paper on "हिमाचल प्रदेश में जल गुणवत्ता, पर्यावरणीय स्थिरता, स्वास्थ्य और आजीविका को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सहजन और नागफनी की खेती का प्रचार" organised by G.B. Pant NIHE. She attended a Refresher course on "Managing Online Classes & Co-Creating MOOCS" from Ramanujan College, University of Delhi.

She delivered lectures as a Resource Person/Keynote Speaker in conferences, seminars, and training programmes. The key topics addressed were: "Current Status and Future Prospects of Medicinal Wild Food Plants," RCFC Jogindernagar. "Historical Perspective of Indian Medicinal Plants," Seminar held at Shoolini University, Himachal Pradesh. "Importance of Medicinal Plants: Rejuvenating Himalayan Ecosystem and Modern Challenges," National Seminar on World Environment Day, organised by Swami Vivekanand Study Circle. "Timeless Tradition: Harnessing Himalaya's Wild Food Heritage for a Sustainable Future," National Conference on Mountain Ecosystem: A Biodiversity Focus, held at G.C. Kullu. "Wild Fruits of Mandi Region: A Historical Perspective with Focus on Plant-People Relationships," organised by INTACH. "Medicinal Wild Food Plants: Present Status and Future Potential," Regional Stakeholders Consultation on Quality Planting Material/Nurseries of Medicinal Plants, Chandigarh, organised by RCFC Joginder Nagar & NITTT & Research Chandigarh. "Reviving Wild Edibles for Health and Environmental Harmony," Regional Workshop and Training Programme by G.B. Pant NIHE, Kullu.

**Prof. Vrinda Shandil** published one chapter titled as "Resurgence of the Female Voice through Feminist Literature of Maya Angelou and Azar Nafisi", ISBN Book Title: Spectrum Blending Discipline for Innovative Breakthroughs, Volume 3; ISBN No. 969-8321775813. Chapter No. 19 Page 255-269. She published two research papers in UGC Care Journals on topics "Exploring the Elements of Segregation, Female Subjugation and Racism in Subaltern: An Analysis of Maya Angelou in *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*" in International Journal of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences, ISBN No. 2347-4777, Volume 20; Issue 02, July - December 2024, and "From Oppression to Empowerment: Journey of Self-Discovery in Memory Writing", in the Journal The Grove: Working Papers on English Studies, ISSN No. 1137-005X, E-ISSN- 2386-5431. She participated in an International Conference on "Women and Religion," organised by the Edward Cadbury Centre University of Birmingham. She attended a workshop on "Enhancing Research Paper and Project Report Writing Capabilities with AI- Empowered Tools." She attended Lectures, Seminars and one week FDPs on How to "Write and Publish Research Papers," and on "Artificial Intelligence Techniques, Machine Learning, and Data Science with Research Applications and Research Paper Writing with AI Tools".

**Prof. Raj Kumari** attended a Refresher Course from CU, Jammu, National seminar on Nanomaterial Particles, organised By G.C. Bilaspur, International Conference at GC Seraj Lambathach, workshop from Agrasen University Baddi and FDP on "NEP-20 under Topic Orientation and Sensitization Programme" from Shri Ram college of commerce.

**Dr. Rojila Puri** attended an online Refresher Course on "Physical and Chemical Sciences," organised by CU, Jammu. She presented two papers in International Conferences titled as "Ozone Layer Protection: A Global Mission", organised by G.C. Pangi, Chamba, HP, and on "Technology and Education: Challenges and Opportunities", organised by Department of Commerce HPU Shimla. She participated in a one-week National Virtual Workshop on "Digital Education: Future of Teaching-Learning: (National Education Policy 2020)" organised by G.C. Ani at Haripur, Kullu.

**Prof. Bandna Chauhan** presented two papers on "Funding the Future: Innovative Financial Mechanisms for a Green Economy and Sustainable Development" organised by G.C, Dharampur, Mandi and on

“Integrated Approaches to Sustainable Management of Land and Water Resources: Challenges and Opportunities” in the International Conference held at HPU, Shimla. She also attended FDP on “NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme.”

**Prof. Anju Bala** presented a paper titled as "भाषा और साहित्य: सामाजिक चेतना के माध्यम" in one day International Conference organised by H.P.U. Shimla. She attended a one-week National Workshop on the theme “Role of Nanotechnology for Environmental Remediation” from Maharaja Agrasen University and FDP on “NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme” under MMTTP, CU Punjab, Bathinda.

**Dr. Mujeeb Husain** presented a paper titled “Impact of Basohli Painting on Mandi and Kullu Miniature Paintings,” in an International Workshop at Fine Art College Shimla.

**Dr. Arvind Kumar** attended a Refresher Course in “Tourism”. He presented a research paper titled as “International Tourism Access in POK, COK 1, COK 2 & Indian Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh: Peace, Possibilities & Priorities.” He attended a one-day National Conference on the theme “The Impact of Sustainable Tourism in a Changing World: Challenges and Opportunities” organised by Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan G.C Dharampur, Mandi and one day workshop in online mode on “E-filing of ITR-2 (Excel Utility)” organised by Department of Commerce G.C, Jawali, District Kangra (H.P.)

**Prof. Vipasha Kashyap** published a research paper in the Journal of the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology Volume: 51, Number 1, on the topic “Factors Contributing to the Problematic Condition of Hurried Child Syndrome in Children and Adolescents.” She presented a paper in the International Conference of 'Art and Society; Navigating the Intersections of Creativity, Culture and Change' at Jawahar Lal Nehru G.C, Fine Arts (Shimla). She attended two webinars organised by the American Psychological Association on ‘Community Well-being’ and ‘Cannabis and Psychosis Debate.’

**Dr. Surender Kumar** presented a paper titled “Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education” in an International Conference. He attended a Refresher Course on “Physical and Chemical Sciences” from CU, Jammu and participated in one-week National Seminar on “Nano Materials Modelling Using SIESTA” at G.C. Bilaspur. He qualified the Departmental Exam.

**Prof. Gunjan Hazri** attended two FDPs on “Narratives and Realities: Exploring Modern Literary Theories and Emerging Discourses,” and on “Echoes from the Mountain Kingdom: Discovering Bhutan through its Literature” both organised by Gokul Global University. She qualified the Departmental Exam.

**Dr. Santosh Kumar** published a research paper titled as “Bhartiya Nritya Evam Natya Prampra Ki Vikash Yatra Ka Vishleshan (Natya Shastra Ke Pariprekshay Mein) pg. 63-66, Shodh Drishti, Peer Reviewed an International Refereed Research Journal, UGC Approved Journal No. 49321. He attended a three week Orientation Programme organised by MMTTC HPU Shimla and he attended a Refresher Course titled as “Bhartiya Shastriya Nritya Ka Manav Jeevan Me Prabhav.”

**Dr. Suman Bhardwaj** attended a Refresher Course on “Indian Studies” organised by the MMTTC, Panjab University, Chandigarh and NEP Orientation and Sensitization programme organised by MMTTC, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda.

**Dr. Banita Kumari Saklani** presented a paper titled as “Tales of the Land: Exploring the Intersection of Folklore and Agriculture in Rural H.P.” in the two-day International Conference, organised by GC Lambathach. She attended a FDP on “Enhancing Quality Assurance in Higher Education” organised by IQAC, St. Bede's College, Shimla.

**Dr. Madhavi Joshi** attended a two weeks Refresher Course on “Life Sciences” from MMTTC University of Jammu. She presented a paper on “Fungi and Folklore: The Role of Mushrooms in Tribal Health and Nutrition in Himachal Pradesh” at a two-day international conference organised by G.C. Seraj at

Lambathach. She also attended a one-week National workshop organised by Navyug Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Lucknow. She qualified the Departmental Exam as well.

**Dr. Balbir Singh** attended a seven days National Virtual Workshop organised by G.C. Ani at Haripur, Kullu and International Conference on “Bridging Globalization and Sustainability: Challenges, Strategies and the Way Forward.” He presented two research papers in International Conferences organised by department of Commerce H.P.U, Shimla and one in International Conference on the topics “Exploring the Mediating Role of Energy Alternatives in the Inflation Environment Nexus: Evidence from QUAD Countries” on “Impact of Digital Economy on Economic Growth: Evidence from India” and on “Indo-Kazakhstan Trade Dynamics: Opportunities and Challenges in a Changing Global Economy”. He was also Co-Chair in one technical session at the International Conference on “UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research” held at H.P.U. Shimla. He qualified the Departmental Exam.

**Dr. Jitender Kumar** attended a Refresher Course on “Physical and Chemical Sciences” from MMTTC Central University of Jammu. He attended two workshops of one week on “Role of Nanotechnology for Environmental Remediation” from Centre of Excellence, Maharaja Agrasen University and on “Functional Materials and Simulation Techniques” from IIIT, Allahabad. He received an ADD On course (Four credit 32 hrs) certificate on “Essential Computer Skills for Under Graduate Science Students” organised by the Department of Physics and Chemistry. He qualified the Departmental exam.

**Prof. Naresh Kumar** attended FDP on “Echoes from the Mountain Kingdom: Discovering Bhutan through its literature” organised by Gokul Global University.

**Dr. Kavita** attended a Refresher Course on “Physical and Chemical Sciences” (Multidisciplinary) organised by UGC MMTTC, Central University Jammu. She published a book chapter titled as "A study of Jeffrey Nanofluid with Internal Heat Source in a Porous Medium: Exploring Realistic Thermal convection" in the book “New Research on Thermal Stresses” published by Nova Science. She presented two research papers titled as “Oscillatory Merle Onset in Electrohydrodynamic Instability of Oldroydian Nano Fluid Saturated Porous Layers: A Realistic Model,” in International Conference, organised by Department of Mathematics, G.C Kullu HP and “Harnessing Tourism for Sustainable Development in India: Challenges and Opportunities” in International Conference by G.C. Bhoranj, Hamirpur.

**Dr. Shivendra Sangar** published a research paper titled “Gender Differentials in Economic Independence and Health Status of Elderly in India”, published in South Asian Research, SAGE publication. He presented two papers titled as “Health Care India: Bridging The Rural Urban Divide” in a two day International Conference in G.C. Seraj, and on “Health care expenditure of elderly in India” in International Conference held in Department of Commerce HPU Shimla.

**Prof. Aditi Sharma** presented a research paper titled as “Beyond the Playing Field: Gendered Frames and The Media Representation of Indian Athletes in the 2024 Paris Olympics” in the International Conference at G.C. Una. She participated in one week online National level FDP organised by B.R.B College of Commerce, Raichur, Karnataka in collaboration with Nucleus of Learning and Development.

**Dr. Manoj Thakur** attended a FIP from Rani Durgawati Vishwavidyalaya and he has published the first Unit in a text book on Environmental Science by Akash Publisher.

**Prof. Tanzin Chhomo** participated in one week online National level FDP on "NEP 2024 Ke Sandarbh me Sanskritik Adhyayan ka Mahatva" organised by Gokul Global University, Sidhpur, Gujraat, in collaboration with NLD.

**Prof. Jyoti Thakur** published two research papers titled as “Exploring Avian Diversity in Mandi, District, Himachal Pradesh, India: A Review”. Thakur, J., Banyal H.S., Thakur, M (2024) Voyager pg. 68-78, and “Habitat Degradation and Increasing Human- Wildlife Conflict in Himachal Pradesh: A review”. Thakur,

M., Thakur, A., Thakur M. (2024) Voyager pg. 51-67. She presented four research papers in International Conferences.

**Prof. Sunita Kumari** presented a research paper on “Financial Inclusion Through Different Channels” with reference to Mandi district, Himachal Pradesh presented at R.N.T Govt. Degree College, Sarkaghat, Mandi.

**Mrs. Dipti Thakur** presented a research paper titled as "Fortress pr Fishbowl? Balancing Data Privacy and Cyber Security in the Digital Age" in the National Conference. She attended five days of International Virtual FDP on "Exploring New Frontiers in Teaching Tools, AI and Data Analytics.”

Sir,

This brief report is only a pointer of our journey towards great achievements. It is another veritable milestone crossed by this premier institution. This academic session has been vibrant, with remarkable progress across all spheres, yielding excellent results. Credit goes to the team of highly dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff of the College. It is a matter of great pride for Vallabh Government College Mandi that steadily more students desire to seek admission here. We are truly blessed that having started with a strength of merely 20 students in 1948, the college can today boast a strength of around 5773 students.

At the same time, space constraint is a pressing issue for the institution. The top floor space currently occupied by Sardar Patel University needs to be vacated to address the existing space constraints. Furthermore, completion of the building currently under construction is expected to resolve the problem to a great extent.

Also, with increase in enrolment of students, there is a need of filling the vacant posts of teachers as well as creating new posts in proportion to the student strength. Despite our students’ remarkable achievements in various sports, the absence of an indoor stadium has limited their opportunities to excel in indoor games.

The infrastructure of Teachers’ Colony is in urgent need of attention. Originally, the colony housed 18 quarters for faculty members, but today, only four remain habitable, and even these require immediate repairs. The rest have either been dismantled or have deteriorated beyond restoration. Additionally, a substantial portion of the land has been allocated for Sardar Patel University buildings, further reducing the already limited housing options for faculty. To overcome the acute shortage of residential quarters, we earnestly propose the construction of a multi-story building on the remaining land. We sincerely seek your kind support in addressing this pressing matter so that our educators have access to suitable accommodation and we would be truly grateful for your support in making this initiative a reality.

We are thankful to the various departments of Mandi town; District Administration, Police Department, Jal Shakti Vibhag, PWD, Electricity Department, Forest Department, Health Department, Public Relations Department, Media, Personnel, and Municipal Corporation Mandi for extending their cooperation and support all around the year. I am extremely grateful to our Chief Guest, who has been kind enough to grace the occasion. I am equally thankful to other revered guests for being with us.

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

**Jai Hind!**

**Surina Sharma**  
**Principal, VGC Mandi.**