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# GOVT DEGREE COLLEGE NAGROTA



**BALLINI**

**2024-25 ISSUE**



**J&K COLLEGE EDUCATION**

## VISION

*Our vision is students' success and producing such youth who can become responsible citizens of the nation. Also, meeting students' needs by creating an educational environment in which students can grow and attain variety of goals is of paramount interest to us. Our focus remains to a high standard of integrity and performance leading to the achievements of academic and career goals. Our vision is also to create a better future for the students. This institution is driven by a motive to provide excellent educational opportunities that are responsive to the needs of our students, thus empowering them to meet and exceed challenges as active participants in shaping the future of the world.*

## MISSION

- *To expand opportunities and remove access barriers in obtaining and imparting quality education.*
- *To promote an inclusive teaching and learning environment.*
- *To enhance the intellectual capabilities and broaden the perspective of students*
- *To impart skills and values needed to produce global citizens capable of adapting to the changing times*

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## MESSAGE

I am pleased to introduce the latest edition of the college newsletter, "Ballini", published by Govt. Degree College, Nagrota, Jammu. This publication serves as a vibrant platform for students to nurture their artistic talent and express their novel ideas.

Since its inception in 2019, the college has remained steadfast in its commitment to the holistic development of students, fostering an environment where creativity, intellect, and innovation thrive. There are no shortcuts to success—only hard work, dedication, and critical thinking pave the way. Ballini provides students with an avenue to showcase their talents and unleash their creative potential.

Education goes beyond academics, shaping minds and values that prepare students for society. Contributing to this newsletter refines their ability to think critically and articulate their thoughts effectively, fostering both personal and academic growth.

I extend my best wishes to the Principal, editorial staff, and students for continued success in this and future endeavors.



(Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir)

## Principal's Desk



**Dear students**

*It is with great pride and joy that I address you through this annual newsletter of Government Degree College, Nagrota, for the academic year 2024-2025. This publication is a testament to the vibrant academic and cultural life of our institution. It reflects the unwavering commitment of our students, faculty and staff to excellence in education and holistic development.*

*The past year has been a journey of growth, learning and achievements. From academic milestones to co-curricular triumphs, our college community has consistently demonstrated resilience, creativity and a spirit of collaboration. These pages capture the essence of our endeavors and the impact we strive to make in society.*

*As we look ahead, let us continue to embrace challenges as opportunities for growth and innovation. Together, we can build on our successes and set new benchmarks for the future. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to make this year memorable and to the team behind this newsletter for their dedication and hard work.*

*Let this newsletter serve as a source of inspiration and a reminder of what we can achieve when we work together with passion and purpose.*

**Wishing you all the best!**

  
Prof. Anjali Mahajan  
PRINCIPAL

## Editorial Note



*Greetings to all students, faculty and readers!*

*It is with great enthusiasm that we present the second issue of Ballini, our college newsletter for the academic year 2024–25.*

*As we navigate another year of learning and growth, let us embrace three guiding virtues:*

***Curiosity, which fuels discovery** — is the foundation of innovation. It drives us to ask questions, explore new ideas and go beyond what is already known.*

***Adaptability, which helps us to embrace change** — Just like a good software needs regular updates, we too must keep evolving with the times.*

***Collaboration, which transforms individual effort into collective achievement** — Whether we are conducting research or organizing an event, teamwork brings diverse strengths together to create something truly impactful.*

*A heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue of Ballini. Your efforts keep the spirit of this institution alive and thriving.*

*Let's keep learning, sharing and growing — together.*

*Warm wishes*

  
Prof. Shakti Prakash  
Editor, Ballini



## Message from IQAC Coordinator



*At Govt. Degree College Nagrota, we are firmly committed to delivering quality education while fostering the holistic development of our students, empowering them to excel in all aspects of life. Our focus extends beyond academics to nurturing individuals who are socially responsible, ethically grounded and professionally competent.*

*The **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)** plays a pivotal role in upholding this vision by ensuring a transparent and effective quality management system. It is our constant endeavor to engage all stakeholders — students, faculty, administrative staff and the community — in a collective pursuit of continuous improvement and institutional excellence.*

*Building on the success of our inaugural issue, the second issue of Ballini continues our mission to enhance institutional communication, celebrate collective achievements and foster academic vibrancy.*

*I extend my sincere appreciation to the faculty, students and all stakeholders whose dedication and collaborative spirit have brought this issue of our college newsletter to life.*

**With best wishes**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neetu Singh'.

**Dr. Neetu Singh**  
Coordinator IQAC

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## **COLLEGE PROFILE**

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*Nagrota, situated a few kilometers from Jammu, is a charming town nestled amidst the picturesque foothills of the lower Shivalik range, with the majestic Trikuta hills towering above it. Blessed with a thick forest cover teeming with diverse flora and fauna, the town boasts of a rich natural heritage.*

*Among its notable institutions are Sainik School Nagrota, IIT and IIM, Jammu, The Army Public School, the renowned 16 Army Corps and the Jambu Zoo. Adding to this list is Government Degree College Nagrota, a beacon of educational excellence in the region.*

*Established on July 16, 2019, the college commenced its journey with an initial cohort of 145 students, offering humanities courses in its inaugural academic session. Subsequently, it expanded to include the science stream, catering to a diverse range of academic interests.*

*While temporarily housed within the premises of a Government Middle School, the college is poised to transition to its own expansive campus spread across 40 Kanals. With a forward-looking approach, the College will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities including sports fields, a well-stocked library, smart classrooms, fully equipped laboratories.*

*Year after year, Government Degree College Nagrota remains steadfast in its mission to cultivate an ever-expanding community of passionate learners, cultivating a nurturing environment where intellectual curiosity flourishes. Its ongoing evolution and expansion serve as a testament to the institutions unwavering commitment to foster academic excellence and advancement.*



## ***LIST OF TEACHING STAFF***

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1	Dr. Neetu Singh	Associate Professor	Mathematics	M.Sc,M.Phil,Ph.D
2	Mr. Shakti Prakash	Associate Professor	Computer Applications	M.C. A, M.Tech,PGDBM
3	Dr. Vandana Ghai	Associate Professor	Chemistry	M.Sc,Ph.D
4	Dr. Desh Bandhu Sharma	Associate Professor	Physics	M.Sc,M.phil,Ph.D
5	Dr. Ritu Dewan	Assistant Professor	English	M.A., Ph.D
6	Mr. Dinesh Singh Chib	Assistant Professor	Education	M.A.(Education), M. Ed
7	Dr. Javaid Iqbal	Assistant Professor	Urdu	M.A., B.Ed, M.Phil,Ph.D
8	Ms. Aanchal Sharma	Assistant Professor	Environmental Sciences	M.Sc(Tech)
9	Dr. Arvind Sharma	Assistant Professor	Sociology	M.A., M.Phil, Ph.D
10	Ms. Shalini Raina	Assistant Professor	Political Science	M.A., M.Phil,
11	Dr. Radha Rani	Assistant Professor	Dogri	M.A., Ph.D
12	Mr. Jaspal Singh	Assistant Professor	Punjabi	M.A., B.Ed
13	Dr. Sarita Devi	Assistant Professor	Zoology	M.Sc., Ph.D
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5	Mr. Bablu	Safai Karamchari

## COLLEGE STAFF

### Teaching:



#### Seated (Left to Right):

Dr. Desh Bandu Sharma (Physics), Dr. Ritu Dewan (English), Dr. Vandana Ghai (Chemistry), Dr. Neetu Singh (Mathematics), Prof. Anjali Mahajan (Principal), Prof. Shakti Prakash (Computer Applications), Dr. Javaid Iqbal (Urdu), Prof. Shalini Raina (Political Science), Prof. Dinesh Singh Chib (Education)

#### Standing (Left to Right):

Dr. Sunil Kumar (Political Science), Mr. Ashiq Hussain Parray (Geography), Dr. Arvind Sharma (Sociology), Prof. Jaspal Singh (Punjabi), Mr. Parveen Singh (Geography), Ms. Palivi Thakur (Hindi), Dr. Renu Gupta (Education), Prof. Aanchal Sharma (EVS), Dr. Radha Rani (Dogri),

### Non-Teaching:



#### Seated (Left to Right):

Mrs. Neelam (Safai Karamchari), Mrs. Kamlesh Kumari (Junior Assistant), Prof. Anjali Mahajan (Principal), Mr. Javaid Khan (Lab Bearer), Mr. Kulbir Singh (Chowkidar)



## ***National Service Scheme (NSS)***

*"Not Me, But You – Serving Society, Building Character." – Anonymous*

National Service Scheme was introduced in 1969. Its primary objective was to develop the personality and character of youth. The NSS unit of GDC Nagrota under the supervision of Prof. Dinesh Singh Chib , NSS P.O has been conducting various events from time to time, with the objective to channelize the students' energies in the right direction. Kaleidoscopic view of the activities can be seen as follows:

### **National Youth Day: January 12, 2024**

Seminar on Swami Vivekananda's teachings, poster presentations and motivational talks were conducted to inspire students to 'Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached'



### **Martyr's Day: January 30, 2024**

Silence was observed to pay homage to freedom fighters, marking the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.



## World Hypertension Day: May 17, 2024

A **Poster Making Competition** was organised to raise awareness about **hypertension**. The students illustrated its causes and prevention techniques through impactful visual designs and effectively conveyed the importance of regular health check-ups, balanced nutrition, exercise and stress management in maintaining overall well-being.



## International Yoga Day: June 21, 2024

A **Yoga session** was conducted under the theme "**Yoga for Women Empowerment**", focusing on the transformative impact of yoga on both **physical and mental well-being**. **Principal, Prof. Anjali Mahajan** in her address highlighted the benefits of yoga in fostering inner strength, reducing stress, promotes self-confidence and empowering women to lead healthier and more balanced lives





Swachhta Pakhwada: August 1-15, 2024

NSS volunteers organised a **cleanliness drive** within the **College premises** to foster **community engagement** and instill a sense of **responsibility** towards maintaining a cleaner and healthier environment through active participation. Students contributed to enhance campus hygiene while reinforcing the importance of sustainability and civic duty in creating an eco-friendly space.



A **rally** was organised as part of the **Swachh Bharat Mission**, to promote **cleanliness and sanitation**. The rally aimed to inspire collective action towards maintaining hygienic surroundings, fostering a sense of responsibility among participants and encouraging sustainable practices for a cleaner environment.



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## ***Literary Committee***

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*"Words are the golden thread that weave the fabric of human thought, turning fleeting emotions into timeless poetry."-Anonymous*

Literary Committee of GDC Nagrota has been organising various activities from time to time to promote the talent of the students and hone their writing and creative skills. The focus is to provide the students with a platform for enhancing their literary skills and fostering intellectual growth.

### **Symposium on Employment Opportunities in Regional Languages:**

Organised in collaboration with Duggar Manch and Dogri Department. Speakers on the occasion were Padamshree Mohan Singh, Sahitya Academy Winner Mr. Vijay Verma of Seri and Sh. Randhir Singh Raipuria. The speakers highlighted the employment avenues in regional languages and emphasized cultural preservation.



### **Maiden Newsletter "Ballini" Launched at GDC Nagrota: March 04, 2024**

The College proudly unveiled its inaugural newsletter, Ballini, during a ceremony chaired by Director of Colleges, Dr. Yasmeen Ashai. She commended the College for its remarkable progress despite infrastructural challenges and emphasised the pivotal role of NEP-2020 in broadening academic choices for students. Dr. Ritu Dewan, the editor of Ballini, shared that the name represents the coming together of students from diverse backgrounds. The newsletter captures the College's journey since its establishment in 2019, showcasing its efforts in expanding access to higher education in the region.





Live Streaming - Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi Laying Foundation for 3 Semiconductor Facilities in India: March 13, 2024



Prof. Shakti Prakash, **Head Department of Computer Applications**, elaborated on the significance of various **government initiatives**, emphasizing their role in shaping **future developments** and advancements across **socioeconomic and technological spheres**. His insights highlighted the

initiatives, which contribute to **economic growth, digital innovation and social progress**, fostering a more sustainable and technologically empowered society.



## 'The World Health Day': April 08, 2024

On the occasion of World Health Day with the theme '**My Health, My Right**' a lecture was delivered by **Dr. Arvind Sharma, Head Department of Sociology**. He emphasised that universal **access to quality healthcare** as a fundamental human right. The session highlighted **health equity, policy-making and the role of public awareness** in ensuring healthcare for all.





## Intra College Quiz Competition: August 06, 2024

As part of the **Fortnight Celebrations** of the **78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day**, students from the **3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> semesters** enthusiastically participated in an **online quiz** on '**Freedom Struggle and National Heroes**', showcasing their knowledge of India's rich history and the contributions of revolutionaries. The winners **were awarded** for their outstanding performances.



## International Literacy Day: September 08, 2024

**Convener of Literary Club, Prof. Shakti Parkash** highlighted key **government schemes** driving the **literacy mission**, emphasizing their role in **educational advancement** and **social development**'s-Convener, **Dr. Ritu Dewan**, discussed the objectives of '**Literacy Day**,' she stressed upon the importance of literacy in **empowering individuals** and promoting **inclusive growth**.





## Hindi Diwas Celebrations – September 14, 2024

Dr. Radha Rani, **Head Department of Dogri** introduced students the theme for this year's Hindi Divas, "हिंदी पारंपरिक ज्ञान से आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस तक" ("From Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence"). She highlighted the evolution of knowledge systems from cultural heritage to modern technological advancements. The session emphasized the significance of preserving traditional wisdom while embracing AI-driven innovations to shape the future.



## National Mathematics Day: December 21, 2024

Dr. Neetu Singh, **Head Department of Mathematics**, organised a Poster Making Competition to commemorate Srinivasa Ramanujan's 137<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, celebrating his remarkable contributions to mathematical research and innovation. The event encouraged students to creatively illustrate his legacy, inspiring a deeper appreciation for his genius and the impact of mathematics on modern scientific advancements.



## ***Cultural Committee***

*“A nation’s culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people.”*

*– Mahatma Gandhi*

The Cultural Committee of GDC Nagrota consistently organise a diverse range of activities to nurture student talent and foster cultural understanding, appreciation and inclusivity within the student community.

### **Lohri Festival - January 15, 2024**

Lohri was celebrated with traditional fervour. The event featured a ceremonial bonfire, folk music and dance performances by the students.



### **Republic Day: Jan 26, 2024**

Republic Day was observed with patriotic zeal. The celebration commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony, followed by the National Anthem and cultural performances by the students. Speeches were delivered by the Principal and faculty members highlighting the values enshrined in the Constitution. Certificates of participation and appreciation were awarded to encourage and recognize student involvement.





## Basant Panchami: February 14, 2024

To mark the occasion, students participated in poetry recitations and interactive sessions celebrating the arrival of spring and the worshipping of Goddess Saraswati. The Principal, Dr. Nalini Pathania, in her address, emphasised the significance of the festival promoting wisdom, knowledge and learning.



## World Consumer Rights Day: March 15, 2024

A special lecture was delivered by Prof. Shalini Raina on the theme "Consumer Rights in the Era of Artificial Intelligence". The session aimed to raise awareness about evolving consumer rights and responsibilities, especially in the context of digital transactions and AI-driven platforms.





## International Day of Happiness: March 20, 2024

Students shared poems and their reflections on happiness. The faculty also emphasized on the importance of mental well-being, inner peace and emotional balance as key elements in achieving true happiness.



## Ambedkar Jayanti: April 15, 2024

In honor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, a symposium was organised to highlight the role of Dr. Ambedkar in the field of social justice and drafting the Indian Constitution. Students shared insights on his vision for an egalitarian society, reaffirming the relevance of his legacy even today.



## International Labour Day: May 01, 2024

Prof. Shalini Raina delivered a lecture illuminating Labour Day's historical and modern significance. Students discussed workers' rights and social equity, recognizing the role of working class in national development.



## Fortnight Celebrations of 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day

India's Independence Day commemorates the culmination of the freedom movement, marking the end of British colonial rule and the beginning of a sovereign nation. Celebrations include flag hoisting by the Prime Minister, the President's address, and patriotic events nationwide.

As part of the fortnight-long celebrations, the College hosted a series of events.

### National Anthem Singing Competition ([78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebrations](#)): August 02, 2024

Students from various semesters participated in the National Anthem singing competition and expressed their patriotic zeal.





## Pledge Taking Ceremony ([78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebrations](#)): August 06, 2024

Staff and students from various semesters pledged their unwavering devotion to India and its people.



## Essay Writing Competition ([78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebrations](#)): August 07, 2024

The competition, themed 'Freedom Struggle and Unsung Heroes,' provided a platform for participants to showcase their creativity and understanding of history. Winners were recognized and awarded for their exceptional presentation skills and ability to highlight the contributions of lesser-known freedom fighters.





## Independence Day Celebrations: August 15, 2024

The celebrations commenced with a solemn flag hoisting ceremony, symbolizing national pride and unity. This was followed by a vibrant cultural program where students enthusiastically showcased their patriotism through heartfelt speeches, expressive dance performances and other artistic presentations. Their unwavering spirit and dedication added to the grandeur of the event, making it a memorable tribute to the nation's journey toward independence.



## Felicitation Ceremony (Celebrations of 78th Independence Day): August 21, 2024

As part of the 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day festivities, a special ceremony was held to honor winners of various Inter and Intra College competitions. Principal **Prof. Anjali Mahajan** felicitated the achievers, applauding their dedication, creativity and competitive spirit. She emphasized the importance of such





events in fostering national pride and inspiring students to contribute to society. The ceremony was a joyous occasion, celebrating excellence, perseverance and the spirit of independence.



## Teacher's Day: September 05, 2024

Teacher's Day was celebrated with heartfelt enthusiasm as students came together to honor their mentors through inspiring speeches, soulful poetry, and vibrant cultural performances. Their tributes expressed deep gratitude, admiration and respect, making the occasion a joyous and memorable tribute to educators.





## Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations:

Various activities and programs were organised to uphold and celebrate the Mahatma Gandhi's legacy of peace, truth and non-violence.

### Bhajan Singing Competition ([\*Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations\*](#)): September 24, 2024

Devotional songs were sung by various students to promote Gandian philosophy and principles.



### Essay Writing Competition ([\*Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations\*](#)): September 25, 2024

An essay writing competition on Truth and Non-Violence was organised to promote the core principles of Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy, inspiring participants to reflect on his ideals and their relevance in today's world.





## Slogan Writing Competition (Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations): September 25, 2024

A Slogan Writing Competition themed 'Gandhi Ji's Thoughts and Futuristic Vision' was organized, encouraging participants to creatively express his enduring ideals and their relevance in shaping the future.



## Constitution Day: November 26, 2024

A pledge-taking ceremony was organised to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution, which came into force on November 26, 1950. The event highlighted the significance of constitutional values, reinforcing commitment to justice, equality and democracy.



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## ***Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation Programme (SVEEP)***

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*"An informed voter is the cornerstone of democracy-participate, empower and shape the nation's future with your vote." – Anonymous*

SVEEP is a flagship program of the Election Commission of India, aiming to enhance voter education, awareness and literacy nationwide. Its primary mission is to foster a truly participative democracy by encouraging all eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote, ensuring informed and active civic engagement.

### **National Voters Day: January 25, 2024**

A group discussion and pledge ceremony were organized to underscore the importance of electoral participation among students and staff. During the event, participants engaged in meaningful discussions about the role of voting in a democracy, emphasizing the impact of informed and responsible voting on governance and societal development. The pledge ceremony reinforced a collective commitment to exercising the right to vote, promoting civic responsibility and encouraging active engagement in the electoral process.





## Orientation Session for Systematic Voter and Electoral Participation: March 28,2024

A session under the SVEEP initiative was organized to educate young voters on the importance of electoral participation. Prof. Shalini Raina, Head Department of Political Science delivered an insightful lecture, discussing key aspects of responsible voting, the impact of elections on governance and the role of citizens in shaping democracy. Her presentation encouraged thoughtful discussions and fostered awareness among the participants.



## National Panchayati Raj Day: April 2, 2024

Prof. Shalini Raina delivered an insightful awareness lecture emphasizing the vital role of Panchayati Raj institutions in reinforcing grassroots democracy. She discussed how these local self-governance bodies empower communities, promote decentralized decision-making and enhance role of public participation in governance. The lecture highlighted the significance of Panchayati Raj in addressing local issues, fostering development and ensuring that democratic principles are upheld at the foundational level of society.



## Electoral Literacy Programme (SVEEP): April 23, 2024

Prof. Shalini Raina delivered a lecture to first-time voters, providing them with essential information on voter registration and voting procedures to ensure an informed and smooth electoral experience.



## SVEEP Rally: April 24, 2024

The Department of Political Science organized a rally, poster-making event and voter awareness campaign to encourage youth participation in elections. The rally promoted electoral engagement, while the poster-making activity creatively highlighted the importance of voting. Informative sessions and discussions further educated students on voter registration and election procedures, fostering a sense of civic responsibility.





## Awareness Programme on Electoral Literacy: July 13, 2024

Prof. Shalini Raina, Head Department of Political Science, conducted a session to educate students on the electoral registration processes for Panchayat, Assembly and Parliamentary elections, enhancing their awareness and participation in the democratic system.



## Awareness Programme under SVEEP: August 06, 2024

A special session was conducted by Mr. Sanjay Kumar, CDPO Dhansal, to educate participants on the voter registration process, the role of BLOs and the significance of early engagement in the electoral system for individuals aged 17.



## International Day of Democracy: September 17, 2024

Poster making and slogan writing competitions were designed to promote democratic ideals and encourage civic engagement among students. Participants showcased their creativity through thought-provoking posters and impactful slogans that emphasized the importance of voting, citizen responsibility and democratic values.

Additionally, an awareness session on online voting apps was conducted to familiarize students with modern voting technologies, making the electoral process more accessible and convenient. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, fostering a deeper understanding of democracy and encouraging students to become informed and active voters.



## Awareness Rally under SVEEP: September 27, 2024

The rally provided a platform for students and faculty to come together, advocate for voter engagement and discuss key aspects of the electoral process. The campaign fostered a sense of civic duty and empowerment, inspiring individuals to take an active role in shaping democracy and contributing to the electoral process.





## ***ECO Club 'Sangrakshak'***

*"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." – Robert Swan*

National Green Corps' is a programme of the Ministry of Environment and Forest, of GOI, covering around 120000 schools in India, with NGC School Eco clubs. Environmental activities are promoted through these clubs. Eco club 'SANGRAKSHAK', of GDC Nagrota was formed on the World Environment Day 2021, with the aim of promoting student participation in spreading awareness about environmental issues.

### **International Day of Forests: March 19, 2024**

Quiz competition was organised by Eco Club emphasizing the importance of forests and new innovations under the supervision of Prof. Aanchal Sharma, Convener Eco Club.



### **The World Environment Day: June 05, 2024**

Documentary screening and lecture on land restoration, desertification and drought resilience awareness was held. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Dinesh Singh Chib HOD Education.



## Plantation Drive 'ek ped maa ke naam': July 08, 2024

Plantation drive promoting environmental conservation and sustainable practices among students and staff was organised.



## Ozone Day: September 17, 2024

A documentary was screened to educate students about Montreal Protocol and climate action initiatives. The youth can play an active role in raising awareness as well as developing solutions for ozone protection and climate change.





## Workshop on Solid Waste Management: October 23, 2024



A one-day workshop on Solid Waste Management was organized at GDC Nagrota in collaboration with RUDA (Regional Urban Development Agency), a multidisciplinary consultancy dedicated to sustainable urban development. The event provided an insightful platform for discussions on effective waste management strategies and environmental conservation.

The resource person, Mr. Sanjeev Arora (CEO, RUDA), elaborated on the organisation's initiatives in urban household waste management at the grassroots level, shedding light on the importance of community participation in creating a cleaner and healthier environment. He emphasized the role of innovative waste disposal techniques, recycling methods and policy-driven approaches in addressing urban waste challenges.

The program was jointly organized by Eco Club Sangrakshak and IIC of the College, bringing together students, faculty and experts in an effort to promote sustainable waste management practices. The workshop encouraged active discussions, fostering awareness about the environmental impact of solid waste while inspiring participants to adopt responsible waste-handling methods to contribute to a greener future.



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## ***Red Ribbon Club***

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*"Empowering youth, educating minds and fostering change – because awareness saves lives." – Anonymous*

The Red Ribbon Club is dedicated to equip youth with accurate, concise and essential knowledge to enhance their awareness of HIV/AIDS, STIs, and other related health concerns. Established in 2021, the Red Ribbon Club of GDC Nagrota has actively organized various initiatives aimed at empowering young individuals as peer educators and catalysts for change, fostering a culture of awareness, responsibility and community engagement.

[AIDS Awareness Programme: February 01, 2024](#)



To raise awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention and eradicate the stigma associated with the disease, Nukkad Natak (street plays) was organised as part of a community-driven initiative. The performances aimed to educate and engage audiences by addressing prevalent misconceptions and myths surrounding HIV/AIDS, promoting accurate information in an accessible and impactful manner.

The Nukkad Natak featured compelling narratives that portrayed the struggles faced by individuals living with HIV/AIDS, highlighting the importance of empathy, inclusivity and informed decision-making. Through dramatization, the play emphasized key aspects such as preventive measures, modes of transmission, the significance of early diagnosis and the role of medical advancements in managing the disease. By incorporating relatable characters and real-life scenarios, the performances helped dismantle stereotypes and encouraged open dialogue within the community.

## World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day: May 08, 2024

Prof. Dinesh Singh Chib, delivered a lecture on humanitarian efforts and critical role of the Red Cross during natural disasters and wars. The session highlighted the organisation's emergency response strategies, disaster relief initiatives and contributions to global humanitarian aid, emphasizing the importance of solidarity, compassion and volunteerism in crisis situations.



## Rally on Youth Empowerment (International Youth Day): August 12, 2024

A rally themed "Empower Today; Change Tomorrow" was organised to highlight key issues related to youth empowerment and recognise the invaluable contributions of young individuals to society. The event aimed to inspire youth to take active roles in leadership, innovation and social change, fostering a sense of responsibility and engagement in shaping a better future.





## Poster Making Competition (International Youth Day): August 13, 2024

Poster Making Competition was organised to highlight youth's role in digital progress and sustainable development, emphasizing their impact as the foundation of a nation's growth and innovation. The activity encouraged participants to creatively express their ideas on how young individuals serve as the foundation of a nation's growth, shaping innovation, technology and environmental sustainability.



## World AIDS Day: November 26, 2024

Poster and Rangoli competitions were organized to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS while encouraging participants to think critically and express their creativity. Through visually compelling designs and meaningful messages, the activities fostered a deeper understanding of HIV/AIDS prevention, stigma eradication and the importance of informed decision-making, inspiring engagement and social responsibility.





## ***Nasha Mukh Committee***

*"Say no to drugs, yes to life – empower youth, build a healthier tomorrow."*  
– Anonymous

JK UT is currently reeling under the menace of cross-border narco terror. Many youths have fallen prey to this abuse. Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan was launched on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 and it intends to reach out to the masses and spread awareness about Drug Abuse and its prevention among Youth. The committee has actively organised various events over the years to fulfill its social agenda

### **Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse and Women Empowerment: January 19, 2024**



Dr. Radha Rani, Head Department of Dogri, conducted an awareness session focused on drug abuse prevention and women empowerment strategies for youth. The session provided valuable insights into the dangers of substance abuse, preventive measures and the role of education in fostering resilience. Additionally, discussions emphasised the importance of gender equality, leadership opportunities for young women and initiatives to empower them in various spheres of life.

### **Campaign for a "Nasha Mukh Bharat" (Drug-Free India): April 22, 2024**

Students and faculty took out a rally to promote a drug-free India under Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan.



## International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: June 26, 2024

A series of activities, including **poster-making, slogan writing and movie screening**, was organised to raise awareness about drug abuse and its harmful consequences. The aim was to educate and inspire young minds to actively contribute to building a sustainable, substance-free world. Participants were encouraged to embrace a healthier lifestyle, advocate for prevention and support efforts toward a drug-free society.



## 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan': August 13, 2024

Students and faculty actively participated in **pledge** under the **Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan**, reaffirming their commitment to a **drug-free India**. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about substance abuse, encourage responsible choices and inspire collective action toward a healthier, addiction-free society.





## ***Anti- Ragging Committee***

*"Respect, Unity and Inclusion – Say No to Ragging, Say Yes to a Safe Campus."  
– Anonymous*



The University Grants Commission (UGC) has established strict regulations to prevent and eliminate ragging in higher education institutions, ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment. Anti-Ragging Committee plays a crucial role in **preventing and addressing incidents of ragging**, ensuring a **safe and respectful environment** for students. It **creates awareness, monitors student interactions and takes strict action** against violations.

### **Anti- Ragging Week: August 12-18, 2024**

As part of the **anti-ragging awareness week**, an **orientation program** was conducted to educate students about **UGC regulations against ragging** and the importance of fostering a **safe and inclusive campus environment**. To reinforce the message, a **video screening** showcased real-life consequences and preventive measures, emphasising the need for a **respectful and supportive community**.

A **poster-making competition** allowed students to creatively express their thoughts on **anti-ragging**, encouraging active participation and awareness through visual storytelling. These initiatives collectively aimed to instill a **culture of mutual respect and responsibility** among students

## ***Women Development and Empowerment Cell***

*"We shall overcome and success will be ours in the future. The future belongs to us." – Savitribai Phule*

Women Development and Empowerment Cell plays a crucial role in promoting gender equality, leadership and personal growth among women. It provides mentorship, awareness programs and skill-building initiatives to enhance confidence, self-reliance and career opportunities.

International Women's Day: March 8, 2024



International Women's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, honoring the strength, resilience, and achievements of women across various fields. The event featured **inspiring talks, insightful panel discussion and engaging cultural performances**, all highlighting the importance of **gender equality, empowerment and leadership**.

Distinguished speakers shared thought-provoking perspectives on **women's rights, contributions and challenges**, encouraging students to become advocates for inclusivity and progress. Interactive sessions showcased **women's role in education, entrepreneurship and community development**, fostering meaningful conversations on empowerment and change.

The celebration served as a **powerful reminder of the institution's dedication** in supporting and uplifting women in all aspects of life. It concluded with a renewed commitment to **equality, unity and creating opportunities that empower women to thrive**.



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## ***Psychological Counselling Cell***

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*"Healing minds, nurturing resilience – your journey to well-being starts here." – Anonymous*

Psychological Counseling Cell plays a vital role in **promoting mental well-being** by offering **guidance, emotional support and coping strategies** to individuals facing personal, academic, or emotional challenges. It fosters a **safe and confidential space** where students can seek help for stress, anxiety, decision-making, and personal growth.

World Mental Health Day: October 10, 2024



A **documentary screening** was organized to raise awareness about **mental health challenges**, encourage **open conversations** and foster a culture of **empathy and support** within the campus community.

Through **thought-provoking narratives and powerful storytelling**, the film illuminated the **impact of stigma, societal pressures and personal resilience** in navigating mental health challenges. It reinforced the idea that mental wellness is not just an individual concern but a **shared responsibility** requiring **understanding, acceptance and proactive engagement**.

Following the screening, a **discussion session** provided a platform for students and faculty to **reflect on the themes**, share insights and engage in **meaningful conversations** about the significance of mental health. Participants explored ways to **create a more inclusive and supportive environment**, emphasizing the need to prioritize emotional well-being in both academic and personal spaces.

The event underscored the **importance of breaking barriers, encouraging dialogue and foster a community where seeking help is seen as a sign of strength rather than weakness**.

## ***Career Counselling Cell***

*"Choose a career that aligns with your passion – success will follow."*  
– Anonymous

Career Counseling Cell **plays a vital role in** guiding students toward informed career choices **by providing** expert advice, skill development programs and placement assistance. **It helps students identify their** strengths, interests and career opportunities **through** workshops, mentoring sessions, and industry interactions. **The cell also facilitates** internships, resume building and interview preparation, **ensuring students are well-equipped for their professional journey.**

### Seminar on Career Avenues in Banking: February 07, 2024



Career Counselling Cell, in collaboration with **PNB Nagrota**, organised a **seminar on Career Avenues in Banking**. Officials from **PNB Nagrota** provided insights into **job opportunities, skill development and education loans**, addressing students' queries with patience and clarity

### Career Counselling Sessions organised by ICICI Bank: February 21, 2024

**Career counseling session** was organized by **ICICI Bank**, providing students with valuable insights into **career prospects in the banking sector**. The informative session was led by **Mr. Rajat Singh Chib**, Branch Manager of **ICICI Bank Gandhinagar**, **Mr. Ajay Sharma**, Branch Manager of **ICICI Bank Jalandhar**, and **Mr. Sawant Pathania**, Unit Manager of **ICICI Bank Gandhinagar**.





Financial Literacy Camp: February 22, 2024



**One-day Financial Literacy Camp** was organised to educate students about **financial products, loans and effective money management**. The sessions were presided over by **Mr. C. S. Chib**, Retired Senior Manager of **PNB**, currently working with **RBI** as a **Financial Literacy Counselor (FLC)** and **Mr. Rahi Jamwal**, Senior Manager of **PNB**. The camp provided **valuable insights** into financial planning, investment strategies and responsible borrowing, empowering students with **practical knowledge** to make informed financial decisions.

Seminar by TIME institute: March 22, 2024



Informative seminar **was organized by T.I.M.E Institute for the students of semester VI, focusing on the ABCs of CAT and OMETs. The session aimed to provide students with valuable insights into competitive exams and career options after graduation, equipping them with the knowledge to make informed decisions for their future.**

**The key speaker, Mr. Aryan Verma, an alumnus of NMIMS Mumbai and head of the Jammu Centre of T.I.M.E Institute, elaborated on various courses and career pathways available after graduation. His insightful talk helped students understand how different academic choices could shape their professional journeys.**

**The seminar was further enriched by the presence of Marketing Manager Mr. Ashish Sharma and Admission Coordinator Ms. Anupriya Gupta, who contributed valuable perspectives on educational opportunities and skill development.**

Principal Prof. Anjali Mahajan **expressed her gratitude to the officials for their efforts in guiding students toward meaningful career prospects, highlighting the importance of such initiatives in enhancing students' preparedness for future endeavors.**

**The seminar served as an invaluable platform for students, offering them clarity, guidance and motivation to pursue career-defining opportunities with confidence.**



## ***Incubation and Innovation Cell***

*"Innovation is the bridge between ideas and impact – dare to create, dare to transform." – Anonymous*

Incubation and Innovation Cell **plays a crucial role in** nurturing creativity, entrepreneurship and research **among students. It provides** a platform for idea development, start-up support, mentorship and skill-building **to foster** innovation-driven solutions. **By organising** workshops, hackathons and networking events, **the cell helps students** transform ideas into viable projects, **promoting** a culture of problem-solving and technological advancement **within the institution.**

Orientation Programme for Freshers: October 22, 2024



The **Institution Innovation Council (IIC)**, organised an **Awareness Programme for Semester I students**. The initiative aimed to introduce freshers to the **activities, functions and vision** of the IIC, emphasizing its **crucial role in fostering an ecosystem of innovation** within the College.

Through engaging discussions led by Dr. Arvind Sharma, Head Department of Sociology, students learned about the **importance of innovation, entrepreneurship and creative thinking** in academic and professional spheres. The Council, aligned with the directives of **Central MIC**, aspires to conduct **various entrepreneurship-related activities, competitions and skill-development programs** that nurture **start-up culture and innovative practices** among students.

This programme marked an important step toward **empowering young minds** by encouraging them to actively participate in the College's **innovation-driven initiatives**, shaping a future of **creative problem-solvers and entrepreneurs**.

## National Agriculture Summit 2024 at SKUAST - Jammu: November 21, 2024

Students actively participated in the summit, exploring modern innovations in agriculture. Guided by faculty, they engaged in technical sessions and live demonstrations, gaining hands-on experience and deeper insights into cutting-edge advancements shaping the industry.



## Visit to Directorate of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, Jammu: December 17, 2024

Students visited the department to explore innovative agricultural practices in mushroom farming. They engaged with senior officials, including Mushroom Development Officer Mr. Raghubir Pal Kochhar, Mushroom Development Assistants Mr. Mohan Singh and Mr. Bhupinder Singh and Subject Matter Specialist Mr. Kamaljeet Sharma, gaining valuable insights into sustainability and modern farming techniques.





## Press Release

### GDC Nagrota, Duggar Manch organises symposium on Employment Opportunities in Regional Languages

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGROTA: Under the aegis of IQAC, Department of Dogri in collaboration with Duggar Manch and Career Counselling Cell organized this Symposium. It was a great opportunity to witness not only the cultural, linguistic but also professional Renaissance of Dogri language. The students and the staff got the opportunity to listen to khand methi Dogri, from none other than Padamshree Prof. Manohar Singh. Other speakers on the occasion were Sahitya Academy Winner Vijay Verma of Seri and Randhir Singh Raipuria.

The dignitaries apprised the students of the new job opportunities generated for this lan-



*Students and faculty members of GDC Nagrota during the programme.*

today. The program was organised and compared by Dr Radha Rani Department of Dogri. Principal of the College Dr. Nalini Pathania welcomed the guests. She emphasized the importance of Mother tongue and the need to revive the liter-

ature and script of the language. This programme was informative and amalgamation of knowledge, poetry, nazams and gazals by the intellectual guardians of Maa Dogri. Prof. Sunita Rajput presented the formal vote of thanks.

### GDC Nagrota releases its maiden Newsletter "Ballini"

#### KT NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU Mar 04 : The maiden Newsletter "Ballini" was released today by the Director Colleges, Higher Education Department, Dr. Yasmeen Ashai at the college campus. She was formally welcomed by the Ex-Principal of the college Dr. Nalini Pathania and her successor Prof. Anjali Mahajan. She expressed her gratitude towards Dr. Yasmeen Ashai for taking valuable time from her busy schedule and plan her first ever visit to GDC Nagrota. In the presence of the students and entire staff, Director Colleges, Dr. Yasmeen Ashai released "Ballini". Speaking on the occasion Director Colleges elaborated on the benefits of NEP-2020, she said that NEP has empowered the students to choose from spectrum of subjects of their interest. She also expressed her satisfaction on the smooth func-



tioning of the college with limited infrastructure and hoped with the upcoming campus

GDC Nagrota will come up as one of the premier institutes following the legacy of the place. Editor of the newsletter Prof. Ritu Dewan elaborated the making and efforts that shaped Ballini to its form and shape. She highlighted that name Ballini symbolizes the confluence of water from different areas as students who come from surrounding places to receive higher education. The newsletter documents the activities of the college since 2019. Few students also expressed their views on how opening of

GDC Nagrota since 2019 has given the students from adjacent areas an opportunity to receive higher education. The entire programme was organized by Prof. Radha Rani. Formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Shalini Raina Convenor Cultural Committee.

The programme was attended by the entire staff of the College viz. Prof. Shakti Prakash, Prof. Deshbhandhu, Prof. Neetu Singh, Prof. Vandana Ghai, Prof. Ritu Dewan, Prof. Aanchal Sharma, Prof. Sonika Sen, Prof. Avtaar Singh, Prof. Radha Rani and Prof. Sunita Rajput and Prof. Renu Kumari



## 78th Independence Day Celebrations continue at GDC Nagrota

KT NEWS SERVICE

Jammu Aug 03  
Celebrations of India's 78th Independence Day are in full swing at GDC Nagrota. In continuation to various activities, Painting Competition was organized today for the students of the college with the theme Freedom Struggle of India. Students participated enthusiastically and showcased their creativity in the form of beautiful paintings. Students were given an hour to complete their respective painting on an A4 size paper. Students were strictly required to use only water or acrylic colours. They were judged based on colour scheme, creative content and symmetry by Prof. Vandana Ghai (Dept. of Chemistry), Prof. Dinesh



Singh Chib (Dept. of Education) and Prof. Shalini Raina (Dept. of Political Science). Sonia Thakur (Semester 5), Komal Bhan (Semester 5) and Megha were adjudged as First, Second and third respectively. Vivek Baru was given consolation prize. Principal of the College, Prof. Anjali Mahajan applauded the efforts of the students and encouraged them to come forward and participate in these competitions effectively. The programme was organized by Prof. Aanchal Sharma (Dept. of EVS) and Prof. Radha Rani (Dept. of Dogri).

## GDC Nagrota organizes an awareness programme for the Freshers

EARLY TIMES REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 22: IIC (Institution Innovation Council) and NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College Nagrota organized an Awareness Programme today at the college premises for the freshers. This programme aimed at making students of Sem 1 acquainted with the activities and functions of IIC. The Council aspires to conduct various entrepreneurship related activities prescribed by Central MIC, Principal of the College, Prof. Anjali Mahajan formally welcomed the freshers and also elaborated about various opportunities available to them in the

college to channelize their energy in an organized way. Emphasizing on IIC she encouraged them to participate in the upcoming events being organized under IIC to sharpen their skills and build ecosystem for scouting ideas and pre-incubation of ideas. NSS unit of the College also introduced the students to their activities and functioning.

Aryan Sharma, a student of Sem 3 who recently attended a National camp also shared his experience with juniors. Committee members of IIC which includes, Dr. Vandana Ghai, Prof. Arvind Sharma, Prof. Aanchal Sharma were also present in the programme.

## GDC Nagrota Signs MOU with Food Craft Institute Jammu



KT NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, Nov 8: Government Degree College (GDC) Nagrota has entered into a significant partnership with the Food Craft Institute (FCI) Jammu, making a collaborative effort to enhance academic skill development, internship opportunities for students and faculty exchange programs. The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) reflects GDC Nagrota's ongoing commitment to providing enriched educational experiences that prepare students for professional success in the hospitality and service industries.

Under this MoU, students at GDC Nagrota will have the opportunity to engage in specialized training sessions led by industry experts from FCI Jammu. These sessions will be designed to build essential skills relevant to the food, hospitality, and craft sectors, promoting job-ready com-

petencies in addition to their regular academic curriculum. Furthermore, through structured internship programs facilitated by FCI Jammu, students will be able to gain hands-on experience, equipping them with a practical understanding of industry operations.

The collaboration also opens the door for faculty exchange programs between the two institutions, fostering a dynamic exchange of knowledge, innovative teaching methods, and best practices. Faculty members from both institutions will have the opportunity to work together on curriculum development and share insights to enhance the quality of education provided to students. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Anjali Mahajan, Principal of GDC Nagrota remarked,

"This partnership with FCI Jammu is a forward-thinking initiative that aligns with our vision of empowering students with skills that directly translate

to employability. It's an exciting step towards offering our students development opportunities that bridge the gap between academic knowledge and real-world expertise." Principal of Food Craft Institute Jammu, Mr. Jy Bhatti also expressed enthusiasm, stating, "We are proud to collaborate with GDC Nagrota to create a strong platform for students who wish to pursue careers in the food and hospitality sectors. By working together, we can help students acquire critical skills that will support the growth of these industries in our region."

Through this partnership, GDC Nagrota and FCI Jammu are not only contributing to the holistic development of students but also building a path for future educational and professional growth in Jammu region. This MoU will take immediate effect with programs and training sessions set to begin in upcoming academic term.

## GDC Nagrota organizes one day workshop

EARLY TIMES REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 24: A one day Workshop on Solid waste Management was organized at GDC Nagrota in collaboration with RUDA (Regional Urban Development Agency), a multidisciplinary consultancy. The chief speaker of the programme was Mr. Sanjeev Arora (CEO, RUDA). He elaborated upon the work RUDA is doing in the field of Urban Household waste management at the grass root level. Solid waste is one of the major challenges of urban India with its increasing volume and complexity. It poses a serious threat to the environment and human health. In this regard effective sensitization of the youth is of paramount importance. Students

were given demonstrations on how they can manage their day to day waste especially plastic waste in scientific way. More than 50 students attended this workshop. Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the College Prof. Anjali Mahajan urged students to adopt solid waste management practices in their daily lives. College will aim to pave its path ahead in solid waste management by collecting the dry waste at its premises in suitable bins and then responsibly transferring it to RUDA's facility for recycling. The programme was organized by Eco club Sangrakhshak and IIC of the College which includes, Dr. Vandana Ghai, Prof. Aanchal Sharma, Prof. Arvind Sharma and Prof. Jaspreet Singh.



## Students of GDC Nagrota Participate in Nation Agriculture Summit 2024 at SKUAST-Jammu

KT NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, Nov 21: Students from Government Degree College Nagrota participated in the prestigious National Agriculture Summit 2024, organized by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Science & Technology (SKUAST) at its main campus in Chatha, Jammu. The summit, themed "Harnessing Innovations in Agriculture and Allied Sciences," commenced on November 20, 2024, and will conclude on November 23, 2024. The summit provides a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, focusing on technological advancements and innovative practices in agriculture and allied sciences.



The event features live demonstrations, technical sessions and showcases of cutting-edge technologies, offering attendees a unique opportunity to explore the latest developments in the field.

GDC Nagrota students actively participated in the summit, gaining valuable

insights into modern agricultural techniques and observed real-time demonstrations of advanced technologies. The engaging sessions enhanced their understanding of contemporary challenges in the agricultural sector and equipped them with practical knowledge to contribute effectively to its

future.

The students were accompanied by Dr. Vandana, Convener of the Ski Innovation Committee along with committee members Prof. Arvind Singh, Dr. Radha Rani, and Jaspal Singh. Speaking on the visit, Dr. Vandana remarked, "Exposure to such significant broadens students' perspectives and inspires them to innovate and contribute to the agricultural domain. A scientific approach visit is part of Nagrota's ongoing effort to provide experiential learning opportunities, enabling students to develop skills and expertise for impactful careers in agriculture and allied sciences."

## Volunteers of GDC Nagrota and ICC Members Visit Director of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, Jammu



KT NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU Dec 17 : A team of dedicated volunteers from Government Degree College (GDC) Nagrota, accompanied by members of the Institution's Innovation Council (ICC), visited the Directorate of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, Jammu. The visit aimed to explore innovative agricultural practices for the benefit of local farming communities. The delegation met with Mr. Raghbir Pal Kochar, Mushroom Development Officer along with senior officials including Mr. Mohan Singh and Mr. Bhupinder Singh, Mushroom Development Assistants; and Mr. Kamaljeet Sharma, Subject Matter Specialist. During the interaction, the officials shared valuable insights into modern agricultural techniques, with a particular focus on mushroom cultivation. They highlighted ongoing projects and support systems available to farmers, emphasizing the role of innovation in enhancing agricultural productivity.

Mr. Raghbir Pal Kochar appreciated the proactive initiative taken by GDC Nagrota and ICC members, underscoring the importance of academic-industry partnerships. He encouraged the students to actively participate in agricultural development programs and become ambassadors of sustainable farming practices. The visit also included a guided tour of the mushroom cultivation facilities, where expert demonstrated advanced cultivation methods. Different types of mushrooms like Button Mushroom, Dhingri Mushroom and Milky Mushroom were showcased during the visit. This hands-on experience provided the participants with practical knowledge essential for fostering agricultural entrepreneurship. Convener ICC of GDC Nagrota, Dr. Vandana Ghosh, praised the collaborative effort, stating, "Such engagement provides our students with real-world exposure, bridging the gap between theoretical learning and practical application. We are committed to foster a culture of innovation and sustainability."

The visit concluded with a mutual agreement to explore future collaborations, including workshops and training sessions aimed at promoting agricultural innovation and farmers' welfare.

## GDC Nagrota signs landmark MoU with RUDA

EARLY TIMES REPORT

JAMMU, Dec 12: Govt. Degree College (GDC) Nagrota has signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Regional and Urban Development Agency (RUDA) under the project titled Rural and Urban Landscape Free of Plastic and Dry Waste. The initiative, being implemented in Jammu in collaboration with the Jammu Municipal Corporation and Centre for Environment and Education, aligns with the objectives of the Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM-U) 2.0.

The agreement focuses on reducing plastic waste generation and ensuring compliance with the Plastic Waste Management

Rules issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). This collaboration aims to enhance collection, segregation, recovery, and recycling of non-biodegradable waste while promoting integrated plastic waste management practices.

With this MoU, GDC Nagrota is set to adopt sustainable waste management practices on its campus. The college plans to facilitate segregation, collection, and processing of dry waste while fostering the concept of a circular economy. Additionally, the initiative provides students with opportunities for hands-on training in waste management practices and participation in

awareness programs.

One of the notable outcomes under the agreement is the adoption of Jagti vilas, encouraging GDC Nagrota to make it ter-free through community engagement. Students will play a pivotal role in spreading awareness about waste collection, promoting cleanliness on campus and in the vicinity. For their efforts, participating students will be certified as Green Champions by MoEF&CC. The MoU was signed by Prof. Mahajan, Principal of GDC Nagrota, and Mr. S. Arora, CEO of RUDA. Prof. Mahajan expressed the college's commitment to advancing waste management practices and promoting sustainability on campus.

## ***MOU's***

### GDC Nagrota and FCI Jammu Join Forces for Skill Development and Industry Excellence:



**November 08, 2024:** The College has taken a major step toward enhancing student employability and industry readiness by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Food Craft Institute (FCI) Jammu. This strategic partnership aims to bridge academic learning with practical industry expertise, offering students specialized training programs in hospitality, food crafts, and service sectors.

#### **Key Highlights of the Collaboration**

- **Skill-Based Training:** Students will benefit from hands-on training tailored to meet industry standards, equipping them with essential skills required in the competitive job market.
- **Internships & Industry Exposure:** Structured internship programs will provide students with real-world experience, ensuring they gain practical knowledge in hospitality and service management.
- **Faculty Exchange Programs:** Experienced faculty members from both institutions will collaborate to enrich teaching methodologies, fostering innovation and skill development.
- **Workshops & Interactive Sessions:** Industry experts will conduct interactive workshops, guiding students on career opportunities, entrepreneurship and professional growth in hospitality.

This initiative marks yet another **progressive milestone** for the College in promoting **skill development, industry collaboration and career-oriented education**.



## GDC Nagrota enters MOU with RUDA for Strengthening Waste Management:



**December 10, 2024:** The College has taken a significant step toward sustainability by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Regional and Urban Development Agency (RUDA). This collaboration, aligned with the Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban 2.0, aims to create a plastic- and dry-waste-free environment through innovative waste management practices.

### Key Initiatives

- **Campus Sustainability:** Implementation of segregated waste collection, recycling systems and circular economy principles, transforming the College into a model eco-friendly institution.
- **Jagti Village Adoption:** Students will lead cleanliness drives, waste collection and community awareness campaigns, working toward a litter-free environment in Jagti village.
- **Student Engagement:** Hands-on training in waste management and certification as Green Champions by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).
- **Compliance:** Strict adherence to national Plastic Waste Management Rules, focusing on reducing plastic waste generation and enhancing recycling efforts.

This partnership underscores commitment to environmental stewardship, empowering students to become leaders in sustainable development. With innovative waste management strategies, the initiative marks a transformative journey toward a cleaner, **greener future**.

## ***INTERNSHIP***

### Summer Internship Programmes 2024-25:



Government Degree College Nagrota, in collaboration with various institutions, successfully conducted two-week Summer Internship Programmes for the students of 5<sup>th</sup> semester. This was aimed at equipping students with practical experience across diverse fields, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world applications.

#### Key components and outcomes:

##### 1. Journalism and Mass Media (Urdu)

The Urdu department participated in an internship focused on journalism and mass media at the **Institute of Mass Communication and Skill Development, Jammu**. The program covered news reporting, media ethics and



content creation for print and broadcast platforms. Practical sessions included drafting news articles, conducting interviews and analysing the role of media in societal awareness.

## 2. Voice Modulation, Scriptwriting and On-Air Presentation (English)

The English department engaged in specialised training at the **Community Radio Station of the University of Jammu, 91.2 FM Dhwani JU**. The program emphasised creative content creation, public speaking and technical aspects of radio and digital broadcasting, helping students refine their communication skills.

## 3. Functioning of Schools (Hindi)

The Hindi department participated in an internship at **Govt. Girls Middle School, Kandoli Nagrota Jammu**, exploring various aspects of school administration and teaching. Their engagement included workshops on language teaching methodologies, curriculum development and student engagement strategies.

## 4. Functioning of Schools (Education)

The Education department gained hands-on exposure to the dynamics of educational institutions through their internship at **Govt. Girls Middle School, Kandoli Nagrota, Jammu**. Workshops focused on classroom management, curriculum design and administrative workflows, offering practical insights into school governance and effective teaching strategies.

## 5. Democracy at the Grassroots Level (Political Science)

The Political Science department studied the **73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act of 1992** and the structure of Panchayati Raj institutions through their internship at the **Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Block Nagrota, Jammu**. Field visits to local governance bodies provided first-hand experience in grassroots democracy, community leadership and policy implementation.

## 6. Disaster Management and Environmental Studies (Geography)

The Geography department examined crucial issues such as sanitation, overcrowding and environmental pollution through their internship at the **First Battalion SDRF Jammu**. Workshops on disaster preparedness, earthquake management and sustainable practices offered valuable insights into ecological and public health challenges, emphasising the role of geography in disaster response planning.

## 7. Web Development (Computer Applications)

The Computer Applications department engaged in an industry-focused internship facilitated by **Mahant Bachittar Singh College of Engineering and Technology Jammu** designed to enhance technical proficiency. Participants explored key aspects of web development, including front-end and back-end programming, user interface design and database management. Through hands-on sessions, they gained practical exposure to coding, website deployment and emerging web technologies.

## Participations

### Drug and Road

#### Awareness Programme: February 05, 2024

NSS volunteers participated in drug abuse and road safety awareness event at GCW Gandhinagar



### National Science Day

#### Exhibition: February 28, 2024

Exhibition held at the Directorate of Survey of India showcasing scientific innovations.



### Voter and AIDS

#### Awareness Programme: February 15, 2024

Students participated in awareness programmes organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra at BDO Nagrota





## Awareness Programme on 3 New Criminal Laws: March 14, 2024

Students attended Jammu  
Kashmir Police awareness  
event on new criminal laws



## District level Quiz Competitions on Independence Day at Govt. MAM College Jammu: August 10, 2024

Participating students were  
given certificates of  
appreciation.



## National Anthem Singing Competition at GCW Parade Jammu: August 12, 2024

Participating students were  
given certificates of  
appreciation.



## District Level Painting Competition on Independence Day at PSPS GWC Gandhi Nagar Jammu: August 12, 2024

Ms. Sonia Thakur of 5<sup>th</sup> Semester was awarded consolation Prize.



## District Level Essay Writing Competition on Independence Day at PSPS GWC Gandhi Nagar Jammu: August 12, 2024

Ms. Megha of 5<sup>th</sup> Semester was awarded consolation Prize.



## District level Competitions on Gandhi Jayanti at GOCET Jammu: September 27, 2024

Ms. Sonia Thakur of Semester 5<sup>th</sup> secured third position in Slogan Writing Competition





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