

# **Post Graduate Govt. College for Girls, Sector 42, Chandigarh**

## **XXXV ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING FUNCTION**

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Good Morning distinguished guests, faculty and dear students. It gives me immense pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to you all to the 35th Annual Prize Giving Day of Postgraduate Govt. College for Girls, Sector 42, Chandigarh. It is a proud privilege to welcome Sh. K.K. Jindal, IAS, Education Secretary, Chandigarh Administration as our chief guest today.

A Post Graduate in Economics, Sh. K.K Jindal joined the coveted Indian Administrative Service in 2000. In a meritorious administrative career spanning over 17 years, he has held various key assignments which include Deputy Secretary Home, District Magistrate (North Delhi), Director (Health); Additional Secretary(Home), IG, Prisons etc.

He joined the Chandigarh Administration in March, 2016 and is presently holding significant assignments such as Secretary Personnel, Vigilance, Technical Education, Transport, Industries, Labour and Employment apart from being the Education

Secretary. The multifarious portfolios that he is holding are a testimony to his administrative skills and acumen.

Your presence here, Sir, is indeed a source of inspiration and motivation for the young achievers who are being rewarded today for their excellence in academics, sports and co-curricular activities.

I welcome you, Sir

I also greet our Guest of Honour, Sh. Jitender Yadav, IAS, Director Higher Education, Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh, and our ex-colleagues who have graced the occasion today.

Now I present before you the Annual report of the college for the session 2016-17.

At the very outset, I would like to share with you a stupendous achievement of our college with which we have carved a niche for ourselves.

**It is a matter of great pride that our college has got 32<sup>nd</sup> rank in National Institutional Ranking framework, MHRD,**

**Government of India, there by placing us amongst the top 50 institutions in the country. It is worth mentioning that we are placed at 1<sup>st</sup> Rank in India as far as Government Institutions are concerned. We are ranked 1<sup>st</sup> amongst the colleges of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttrakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar; excluding Delhi.**

Having said that I would like to especially congratulate Dr. Dalip Kumar under whose guidance Prof. Punam Agarwal and her dedicated team worked tirelessly and unstintingly towards achieving this enviable honour. This could not have been possible without the consistent mentoring of my predecessors and the commitment of the faculty since the inception of this college.

- Nestled in a sprawling campus of approximately 18 acres in the southern part of the 'City Beautiful', the college has, indeed, matured from an acorn into a mighty oak. From a modest beginning in 1982 with 300 students and 14 faculty members, today, the college has emerged as an all-encompassing multi-faculty institute with student strength of **4035**.

- The college offers **51 courses** (Under Graduate and Post Graduate) with **381 subject combinations in Arts, 13 in Science, Honours in 13 subjects, Post-Graduation in 9 subjects and PG diplomas in 6 subjects.** The college also offers **10 Add- on Courses** to the students.
- Our college is the first to be approved as a research centre in Zoology by Panjab University.
- This year, the college has introduced UGC sponsored new Career Oriented courses in the **subjects of Cosmetology and Animation & Graphics.** It further reiterates our commitment to equip the students with entrepreneurial skills.
- It is worth mentioning that earlier UGC had sanctioned Career Oriented Courses in the subjects of Event Management, Tourism, Bioinformatics, Environmental Auditing, Disaster Management and Entrepreneurship which are the maximum number of courses sanctioned by UGC to any of the city Govt. Colleges.

- **New courses in the subject of PG Diploma in Food Analysis, Honours in Music (Instrumental), Chemistry, Physics, Zoology and certificate Course in Music (Vocal) & (Instrumental) will be introduced from the session 2017-2018.**
- Academic flexibility for vertical movement from UG to PG is available in the courses like English, Public Administration, Sociology, Political Science, Information Technology, Zoology, Botany, Microbial Biotechnology and Commerce.
- Four self-financing programmes i.e. BCA, M.Sc. (IT), PGDCA and M.Sc. (Microbial-Biotechnology) are also offered.
- UGC, MHRD, RUSA, FIST, Panjab University and Chandigarh Administration have always extended generous funds for new ventures and infrastructural enhancement; thereby enabling us to serve the cause of women empowerment.
- **It gives me immense pleasure to share with you all that the Project Approval Board (PAB) of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) of MHRD, Govt. of India has**

**approved a grant of Rs. 2 Crore under Infrastructure Head to our college.**

- During this session, the State Project Director (RUSA), UT, Chandigarh has also provided financial assistance amounting to **Rs three lakhs as preparatory grant** for 16 Capacity Building Workshops for teaching, non-teaching staff and students.
  - Under the aegis of RUSA, the college organised various activities for all stake holders. Three College Cluster workshops conducted in collaboration with SPD, RUSA include: **College Cluster Workshop On Public Finance Management System**, One day workshop on “**Geo Tagging**” and One day workshop on “**Choice Based Credit System**”.
  - To improve basic infrastructure and learning resource in science subjects, the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India has released first phase of financial support of **Rs. Thirty nine Lakhs**

under **Fund for Improvement of Science & Technology** Scheme.

- The University Grants Commission has released grant of **Rs15 Lakhs** to introduce Career Oriented Courses in the subjects of Cosmetology and Animation & Graphics during 2016-17.
- As far as scholarships and fee concessions are concerned, 71 students have been given Student Aid Fund of Rupees 4,000 each amounting to Rupees 2 lakhs 84 thousand, while Fee Concession has been given to 462 students in 2016-17.
- Our commitment towards holistic development of young women is facilitated by a team of highly qualified **120** faculty members with **62 Ph.Ds and 26 M.Phils.**
- I feel proud to announce that in this session, **Dr Kamlesh Bajaj and Dr Deepika Kansal** have been elevated as Professors bringing the total number of professors to 9 which is the maximum in all Chandigarh Colleges, while 5 others have been promoted as Associate Professors.

- It is an honour for the college that **Dr Dalip Kumar** has the distinction of being deputed as **Additional Director, State Project Directorate, RUSA, Chandigarh**. He is also a **senator for three consecutive terms, a Syndic and member, Board of Finance, P.U, Chandigarh**. He represented **Chandigarh Administration at Global Conference on Quality Assurance organized by NAAC, Bangalore and Asia- Pacific Quality Network**.
- **39** of the faculty are presently members of the **Boards of Studies** in various subjects while **4 are added members** of different faculties of PU, Chandigarh.
- **Prof. Amandeep Kaur** has been awarded a **major research project** on “**Financial Culture of Working Women in India**” funded by **ICSSR** amounting to **Rupees 6 Lakhs**.
- **Dr. Sudhir Hindwan** received **Bharat Gaurav Award (2016)** for Research & Academics
- **Dr Ram Niwas Yadav** has been awarded **Dr B R Ambedkar National Award** for the promotion of Olympic Values in 2016.

- Committed to provide all possible infrastructure and facilities to enable the young women to hone their capabilities and skills, the college has been a forerunner in refurbishing its infrastructural resources.
- The college has **39** well equipped laboratories, which are regularly upgraded in keeping pace with the changing times.
- The college also boasts of a State -of -the -Art library which has a compendium of about **40000** books and INFLIBNET & OPAC facility to access e-books, articles & journals which are available to satiate the academic needs of the students and the faculty. We also offer a Braille Corner equipped with JAWS- Software To cater to the special needs of the visually impaired students.
- Presently, the college hostel accommodates 265 students along with arrangement for 30 students in the Working Women Hostel in Sector – 24. To promote cause of global movement of ‘Green Planet’ the College is equipped with 200 kilo watt Solar Power Plant. Non-conventional energy

resources like solar geysers and Solar Lights have also been installed in the hostel.

Maintaining the tradition of excellence in academics, this year **18 students** of our college have bagged university positions in PG & UG classes. Some of the outstanding position holders are:

- Prabhpreet Kaur of MSc Microbial Biotech –1<sup>st</sup> in Semester I&II
- Pearl Gulati of Msc Microbial Biotech – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Semester II.
- Hem Lata Thakur of MA English- 3<sup>rd</sup> in Semester II.
- Chinar Thakur of MA Political Science- 2<sup>nd</sup> in Semester1 and  
3<sup>rd</sup> in semester II
- Ankita Sohal of MA Sociology- 2<sup>nd</sup>in Semester I
- Subhpreet Kaur of B.Sc.( Bio-Tech Hons)-1<sup>st</sup> in Semester IV
- Harjeet Kaur of B.Sc. (Bio-Tech Honours)- 1<sup>st</sup> in Semester II

The excellence of our students permeates into co- curricular and sports activities as well

- It is a matter of pride that our students have bagged **32 prizes including 4 first prizes, 9 second prizes, 12 third prizes and 7 individual prizes in the Zonal Youth Festival.**
- Our student **Soumya** has also clinched the **1<sup>st</sup> prize in Indian Classical Dance solo** in the Inter-Zonal PU youth festival and Panjab state inter-varsity Youth Festival. She has also represented the college at the North Zone Inter University Youth Fest held at Shahuji Kanpur University and at the Open National Youth Fest held at Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak.
- This talented danseuse also has the distinct honour of performing Classical Indian Solo on Doordarshan for the New Year Eve cultural programme.
- **18** of our sportswomen have been conferred Roll of Honour for their outstanding performance in International, National and Inter Varsity Competitions in games like Taekwondo,

Wushu , Squash, Canoeing, Rowing, Weight lifting, Power lifting, Judo, Hockey, Kho-Kho and Football.

- **Fourteen** students are being awarded College Colour for their achievements in sports events.
  - I feel proud to share that **Chahat Sharma** participated in the 24th U.S Open Taekwondo Championship held at Las Vegas, U.S.A.
  - The college Placement cell caters to the Campus placements and prepares the students to be financially independent and self-sufficient. During this session **37** students have been give job offer letters by different IT Companies.
  - **An avid participant in community outreach endeavours, apart from celebrating various National Days, the college enthusiastically participated in the VISAKA - Digital India campaign on cashless financial literacy. 676 student volunteers registered under this scheme which was the highest number in North India.**

- **The flagship functions of National Voters Day, Azadi-70 and Rashtriya Ekta Divas, the initiatives of the Govt. of India were celebrated in the college with great fervour.**
- To promote the spirit of nation building and social service, students are encouraged to join NSS, NCC and other Social Service activities. We have eight NSS Units, one NCC (Army Wing) and various clubs, societies, cells and associations actively functioning in the college.
- Three of our cadets participated in Volleyball in NCC National Games and the team got second prize out of seventeen NCC Directorates of India. The team was awarded cash prize of Rupees 21000/-
- **Cadet Amarjot Kaur** got selected for TSC after clearing all three Pre- TSC Exams.
- However, the vision of the college as a self-sufficient institution will remain unfulfilled until earnest measures are taken to meet some of our long pending demands.  
These include:

- The construction of new six- storey hostel blocks which is finalized by the Urban Planning Dept. but is pending for want of administrative approval by the Chandigarh Administration.
- The final approval for the installation of Lift in the IT block is awaited.
- Landscaping in front of college Auditorium is still to be initiated.
- This vision can be realized only with the continued support of Chandigarh Administration.

I congratulate –our Prize winners, the empowered youth of New India. It is your constant endeavour, discipline and faith in your capabilities that has won you accolades today. I congratulate your parents and each one of you who will be receiving prizes today and wish you all the best in all your future accomplishments.

Once again, I welcome Sh. K.K Jindal, IAS and Sh. Jitender Yadav, IAS and all the esteemed guests who have graced the occasion.

**Thank you!**