

Annual Report
Session: 2024-25

Introduction of the College

Located in the lush green region of Koti village of Junga sub-tehsil, Govt. Degree College Chail-Koti came in existence on 1 June 2014 as a co-educational institution. Surrounded by towering deodar trees, apple orchards and variety of wild flowers, the college campus invariably exhibits different hues of beauty and designs an environment conducive for concentrated and focused learning. Beginning with 39 students, the college initially offered Arts stream with English, Hindi, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, History, Mathematics and Physical Education. The commencement of commerce classes in June 2015 was a pivotal achievement for the college as it enabled the students to get the wider choice of subjects. Music is the food of soul and a powerful medium to connect with the divine, and as such, the college feels privileged to have got Music Instrumental as one more subject in the Arts stream. After initial days of anchorlessness, the classes began in a private accommodation provided free of cost by Shri O.P. Sharma at Koti. After a prolonged struggle, the efforts of the Principal and Staff of the college bore fruit as one Gram-Sewak Hut, one Guard Hut and an old P.H.C. were handed over by the respective departments to the college so that the classes could run smoothly. Eventually, the foundation stone of the college building was laid down by Lt. Shri Virbhadra Singh, the then Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh in the presence of local MLA Sh. Anirudh Singh, on 17th May, 2015 near Govt. Primary School. In addition, the existing Primary School building was allocated to the college to facilitate the seamless continuation of academic activities on the same day. After the clearance of forest land in favour

of Education Department under FCA Act 1980, the construction work of the new college building started in July 2020. The construction of the building was completed in March 2024 and it was handed over to the public by the present Honorable Chief Minister Sh. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu in the presence of Honorable Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Minister Sh. Anirudh Singh in November 2024. We take immense pride in saying that now our institution has a modern and spacious building, complemented by a green campus and extensive playground that facilitates the conduct of diverse range of sports activities throughout the year. We have modern class-rooms, ICT labs, library, girls' common room and canteen. We express our sincere gratitude to Honorable Chief Minister and Panchayati Raj Minister for removing the solid handicap of the college by handing over the newly constructed building to us. After having a capacious physical infrastructure, we are planning to introduce new add-on courses keeping in view the requirements and the interests of the students. Since its inception, the college is committed to provide the students with quality education with its motto of *Gyanam Param Balam* (Knowledge is Supreme Power). In order to achieve our goal and ensure the all-round development of the students, we offer programs such as NSS and organize various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities throughout the year along with regular academic goings-on. Besides, we have different clubs and societies such as Red Ribbon club, Eco-club and Literary club that ensure students' participation in social and community services and keep them aware of the current world happenings. As a team, we are moving ahead with the aim to make students better equipped to face the challenges of life, both professionally and personally. More details about the students, college and its activities can be accessed through the college website: www.gdcchailkotihighalt.in

Budget Allocation for the year 2024- 25:

During the academic year 2024- 25, we received/generated funds for the development of the college and to organize different academic and extra-curricular activities. The detail of the income and expenditure is as follows:

<u>Fund Received</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
172299	175054

Enrollment:

132 students were enrolled in GDC Chail-Koti during the 2024 -2025 academic session. It is really a pride for this college that we have the greater number of girl students as compared to boys. It is probably because we provide a conducive milieu for girls' education. Girls' outstanding performance in academic and extra-curricular activities indicates that they feel encouraged and motivated while studying in our college.

Category -wise Enrolment at GDC Chail-Koti for the session 2024-25

	Category	GEN		S.C		S.T		OBC		Total		Grand Total
		Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Arts	B.A. 1 st	8	16	2	11	0	0	0	1	10	28	39
	B.A. 2 nd	8	17	2	4	0	0	0	0	10	21	31
	B.A. 3 rd	19	18	7	11	2	1	0	0	28	30	58
	Total	35	51	11	26	2	1	0	1	49	79	128
B.Com	B.Com 1 st	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	B.Com 2 nd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	B.Com 3 rd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Total	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
	Grand Total	38	52	11	26	2	1	0	1	52	80	132

Scholarships:

As we know that the various scholarships are offered by the Central and State Governments for meritorious and SC, ST, OBC, EWS students. We encourage and assist our college students to avail with these scholarships. During the academic session 2024-25, thirty students of this college were awarded different scholarships the detail of which is as follows:

Sr. No	Name of Scholarship	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Centrally sponsored Post Metric Scholarship for SC students	06
2	Kalpna Chawala Chhatravriti Yojana	06

3 Mukhyamatri Vidhyarthi Kalyan Yojana 07

4 Pradhanmatri Yashashavi Post Metric 08
Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT
Students

5 Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for 03
College and University Students

The Result of University Examination of BA, B.Com for the Session 2023- 24.

Class	Boys				Girls				Total	Pass%
	Gen	SC	ST	OBC	Gen	SC	ST	OBC		
B.A. 1 st Year	10	03	0	-	18	05	0	-	36	94.44%
B.A. 2 nd Year	23	07	02	-	19	11	01	-	63	95.23%
B.A. 3 rd Year	08	02	0	-	19	10	01	-	40	100%
B.Com. 1 st Year	01	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	01	100%
B.Com. 2 nd Year	01	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	01	100%
B.Com. 3 rd Year	01	0	0	-	02	0	0	-	03	100%

Total	44	12	02	-	58	26	02	-	144	96.52%
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Parents and Teachers' Associations (PTA):

The Parents Teachers' Association (PTA) for the session 2024-25 was framed on 13 September 2024 in the college. For this session, the PTA members are as follow:

President: Sh. Ram Krishan Sharma.

Vice President: Sh. Narender Sharma

Secretary: Dr. Devender Chand Sharma

Joint Secretary: Sh. Yamuna Dutt Sharma

Treasure: Prof. IP Negi

Auditor: Smt. Hemawati

PTA Advisory Committee:

The members of PTA Advisory Committee are as follow:

Chief Patron: Dr Deepshikha Bhardwaj (Principal)

Members:

Sh. Mohan Lal Sharma

Sh. Madan Thakur

Dr Ajay Kaith

Smt. Nisha Sharma

Library:

The college library came into existence in 2014. Initially, the library owned 557 books relating to the disciplines and subjects taught in college. The library committee continue to purchase books regularly. At present, we have nearly 1200 books of different subjects in library. Besides, we have a regular subscription to two newspapers in Hindi and English respectively and two magazines for the benefit of the students.

Infrastructure:

As you know, we have moved to new building that provides us with a spacious physical infrastructure. The new building has nine classrooms, including two modern smart class rooms. Additionally, it features three labs, a library, NSS room, sports room, examination room, and Scouts and Guides room. There are also separate common rooms for girls and boys. Furthermore, the building includes a principal's office, a staff-room, three storage rooms, two pantries, and two attics.

College Students' Central Association (CSCA):

As per the notification of the Registrar, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, the CSCA of college was constituted on the basis of nomination. The nomination of the student representatives, members of different units such as NSS, Clubs, Societies, culture, and sports, was done strictly on the basis of merit in their respective areas by the CSCA nomination committee on 27 September 2024 for the session 2024-25. The process of the formation of CSCA culminated with the oath-taking ceremony held on 21 October 2024. The oath of the office was administered by the principal Dr. Deepshikha Bhardwaj. Following are the office bearers of the students' council:

President: Ms Tamanna

Vice President: Mr Akshay Verma

Secretary: Shakshi Sharma

Joint Secretary: Simran Devi

Besides, Aman Thakur, Anshul Sharma, Sachin, Nitesh, Ankush Thakur, Shivani, Shruti, Rohan, Nikhil, and Harshita were nominated as the members of various clubs and societies.

Career Counseling and Placement Cell:

The career counseling and placement cell of our college was constituted according to the directions from the Directorate of Higher Education in 2017. Since its inception, the career counseling and placement cell is actively assisting students in career building and securing employment in different sectors. During the 2024-25 Session, the cell took following initiatives to guide students:

The Career Counselling Committee organized a special lecture for the students of this college on 20 November 2024 in the college campus. In this lecture, invited speaker Er. Dinesh Dogra of Landra College, Kharad, Punjab, informed the students about the various entrance and competitive examines and career opportunities for BA. B.Com Students. Besides, MS Anita from Landra College provided the students with various strategies, mechanics and time management skills while preparing for competitive examinations.

With the primary objective of guiding students in their career development, the Career Counselling Cell conducted a special discourse on 21 December 2024. The guest speaker, Sh. Rajesh Bhatia, Senior Manager at Punjab National Bank, Chotta Shimla, provided insights into career opportunities in the banking sector. While addressing the students, he elaborated on various national-level recruitment examinations for banking services and shared effective strategies for excelling in them.

Co-curricular Activities

Aligning with its motto of community service and knowledge dissemination, the Govt. Degree College Chail-Koti organized one day community outreach program in the campus on 26th July 2024. In this program, the college authority and staff endeavored to reach out the masses and inform them of the academic and extra-curricular activities organized by the college throughout the year. We aimed to

attract the maximum numbers of students from adjacent areas and get them enrolled in our college.

One day induction program for the BA, B.Com 1st year students was organized on 1 August 2024. This program was organized to welcome new students, to introduce them to academic culture and provide necessary guidance.

GDC Chail-Koti, in collaboration with the GPO Shimla, organized a Community Development Program on 20 August 2024 in the college campus. In this program, the head of GPO Shimla, Sh. Vijay Kumar, told the students, teachers and local inhabitants about the various schemes offered by the Indian Postal Department regarding money deposit and saving. He said that similar to Indian Banks, the Postal Department also provide the facilities like opening the saving accounts, Life Insurance, RD, BC and ATM.

Old students are true capital generated by any educational institution and their contribution invariably plays a significant role in its development. Viewing this, the GDC Chail-Koti also constituted The Old Students' Association (OSA) on 14 September 2024. Mr Pankaj Thakur was anonymously elected the President. In addition, Mr Nitesh Sharma Vice President, Ms Geeta Sharma, Joint Secretary were also elected on the same day. Prof. Harinder Thakur was appointed Treasure by the Principal with the consent of staff and old students. The principal appealed to the newly elected body of OSA to partake in the progress of the college and the OSA assured her of active contribution.

Educational tours are very important parts of modern education. They not only enable the students to think beyond the books but also inspire them to learn practically. Realizing this, one day educational tour was organized on 24 October 2024. During this tour, students visited many places of historical significance. Initially, the group of the students –accompanied by the faculty members Dr Amrit Mehta, Prof. IP Negi, and Dr Devender Sharma– visited Kupar (a small historical

mountain in Jubbal Tehsil of Shimla district). The faculty members accompanying the students on tour explained the historical significance of the place. The students were told that the Kupar hillock is the origin place of Giriganga and it was made their abode by Pandava kings during their exile of twelve years. On the way back, the students visited DAV College Kotkahi, Polytech Gumma, Kotikhai and GDC Theog. They also visited the agriculture and horticultural produce market Parala, Theog.

The Literary Club organized a special lecture for the BA, B. Com students of the college on 1 Marh 2025 in seminar room. In this lecture, speaker Dr Suresh Kumar, AP English, illustrated on the significance of grammar and the correct use of language. Further, he discussed the mechanics to enhance the communication skills. He also told the students about the nuances of journalistic and academic writing. Prof. Bobija Sharma, the member of Literary Club, hosted the lecture.

College Magazine:

We have been publishing college magazine since the commencement of the college. The publication aims to provide a front for the expression of creative and analytical endeavors of the students. I am glad to tell you that the 2023 -2024 issue of college Magazine *Buransh* was published in July 2024. Containing five sections, it included the creative and critical writings by the students.

Cultural Activities:

Celebrating the 78th Independence Day, the students of GDC Chail-Koti organized the Tri-Colour Rally on 14th August 2024 in the college campus. The rally was enthusiastically attended by all students and teaching and non-teaching staff. On this occasion, principal, Dr Deepshikha Bhardwaj, illustrated on the significance of tricolor and highlighted the sacrifices of the freedom fighters during anti-colonial struggle. She appealed to the students to imbibe the morals and teachings of great

leaders and warriors. Various cultural activities such as declamation, slogan saying and singing of patriotic songs were organized on the day.

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great passion on 5 September 2024 at GDC Chail-Koti. On this day, students organized various cultural programs in the honor of their teachers. Modelling by the teachers and musical chair game were the most attractive activities. Through their short speeches and poetry recital, the students expressed their sense of gratitude to their teachers. At the end, the principal, Dr Deepshikha Bhardwaj, congratulated the students and wished for their bright future.

The college celebrated Rashtriya Hindi Diwas on 14 September 2024. On this occasion, diverse programs and activities ranging from essay writing, slogan writing, poetry recital and declamation were organized with the sole aim of highlighting the significance of Hindi language.

The students of BA, B.Com 2nd and 3rd years organized Freshers' Party for the students of BA, B.Com 1st year on 28 September 2024. Dr Deepshikha Bhardwaj, the principal, was the chief guest. The BA, B.Com students formally introduced themselves to both teachers and students on that day. The Principal and the senior class students welcomed the 1st year students and provided them with essential information and guidance. Various cultural programs were organized for the freshers on the day. On this occasion, Anjali and Anshul were elected miss and Mr. Fresher respectively. Besides, Himanshi was selected Miss beautiful and Arun was selected Mr. Handsome.

The Constitution Day was observed with great enthusiasm and reverence on 26 November 2024 in the college campus. On this occasion, Department of Political Science organized various programs and activities such as the demonstration of mock parliament, declamation, essay writing, Quiz Competition, and display of Photo Gallery to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution and underline its

significance. In his lecture, Dr Devender Sharma, AP Political Science, illustrated on the importance of Constitution and highlighted its significance in guarding the rights of the civilians and preserve the secular ethos.

NSS:

The NSS half unit of GDC Chail-Koti observed the Van Mahotasav under the theme “ek ped maa ke naam” (one tree in mother’s name) on 12 August 2024 aligning with the campaign started by Honorable Prime Minister. During this program, the NSS volunteers planted nearly 150 saplings in the college campus and surrounding areas.

NSS Foundation Day was celebrated on 24 September 2024 in the college campus. Principal, Dr Deepshikha Bhardwaj, was the chief guest of the program. On this occasion, the NSS volunteers took Swachta Oath and organized a Swachta Rally. After the rally, the volunteers started a cleanliness drive and cleaned the premise of Primary Health Centre at Koti. During this, the volunteers accumulated 5kg of garbage in Koti bazaar. The volunteers interacted with the people from locality and appealed to them to dispose garbage properly and thus contribute in keeping environment clean.

NSS unit organized Swachhta Hi Sewa Program from 18 September 2024 to 02 October 2024. In this program, the NSS volunteers took Swachhta oath and organized a Swachhta rally. Besides, they performed a Nukud to disseminate the message of cleanliness in localities.

NSS Unit organized a special program cum Workshop for NSS volunteers on 12 November 2024 in the college campus. In this program, the volunteers were provided information about My Bharat Portal. NSS program officer, Dr Susheel Kumar Mehta, told the volunteers about the significance of My Bharat Portal and said that it is an attempt to provide a centralized digital platform for NSS

volunteers and program officers across India. It aims to streamline NSS activities and enhance students' participation in national and community services.

The NSS Unit of GDC Chail-Koti organized its annual special camp based on the theme: "Youth for Community Development" in December 2024. The Camp started on 18th December 2024 and Dr. Deepshikha Bhardwaj, the principal of the college, was the chief guest of the inaugural function. The function was attended by all NSS Volunteers, other students and faculty members. NSS Programme officer, Dr. Susheel Kumar provided a brief overview of the scheduled programmes and activities throughout the one week special camp. During the camp, the unit organized lectures by the special invited speakers covering pivotal issues such as drug abuse among youth, community policing, community service, and health and hygiene awareness among youth. Furthermore, the NSS unit adopted Tippiar Village for cleanliness drive and spread awareness about cleanliness and protection of natural resources. The camp was concluded on 26th December 2024. On the closing function, Mala Singh, the president of Rotray Club Shimla, was the chief guest. In her speech, the chief guest highlighted the need and significance of community services and appealed to the students to ensure their participation in it. Dr Deepshikha Bhardwaj, the principal, congratulated the students for their active participation and successful conduct of the camp.

Sports:

- The sports activities of the academic year 2024-2025 began after the session commenced in the month of July 2024.
- Our college students—Tanuj, Rohit and Aman participated in the inter-college cross-country (race) competition held on 26 September 2024 at GDC Haripur at Manali, Distt. Kullu.

- Our college students (both boys and girls) participated in inter-college group-3 competition held at Gautam Girls College Hamirpur, HP between 11-14 November 2024.
- Ritika Sharma, student of BA III year at our college participated in inter-college group-II held at GDC Karsog, Distt. Mandi, HP.
- The Annual Sport Meet of the college was held on 11 March 2025 in the college playground. In this meet, diverse sports activities such as Long Jump, High Jump, Short-put, races- 100 meters, 1500 meters and 3000 meters- were conducted. I am delighted to say that more than 90 students participated in the event which indicates that they have interest in games and believe in their all-round development. The winners of various games will be given prizes in today's function.

Red Ribbon Club:

- On the occasion of International Youth Day, the Red Ribbon Club of GDC Chail-Koti, in collaboration with Primary Health Centre Mashobra, Shimla, organized a special program and campaign to spread awareness against HIV/AIDS among students on 13 August 2024. Various activities including slogan writing, essay writing, poster making and declamation were organized centering on the HIV/ AIDS, its causes and prevention. Besides, the cultural activities such as solo singing and group dance/ Nati were organized.
- The Red Ribbon Club of GDC Chail-Koti observed the International AIDS Day on 1 December 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS among the students, remove stigma around it and promote solidarity among individual and community. Endeavoring to educate students about the causes and preventive measures of HIV/AIDS, the Red

Ribbon club organized various activities and competitions such as slogan writing, essay writing, poster- making and quiz competition. The winners of the competitions were given appropriate prizes.

Women's Cell:

- On the occasion of International Youth Day, the Women Cell organized a special interactive session for female students on 12 August 2024. It aimed to provide them the basic information about the menstrual health. The invited speaker, Smt. Sunny Negi, Female Health Supervisor from primary Health centre Mashobra, provided the girls with valuable insight into general hygiene and health concerns during the menstrual period.
- On 12 December 2024, the Women's Cell conducted a special lecture for female students to sensitize them to the need for and importance of cleanliness in the lives of women. The speaker, Prof. Bobija Sharma, told the students about the proper use of sanitary pads during menstrual period and their eco friendly disposal. Additionally, a cleanliness committee was constituted to keep campus neat and clean.
- In collaboration with NSS, the Women's Cell organized a special lecture on Health and Hygiene Awareness among Youth on 23 December 2024. The invited speaker, Dr. Priyanka Azad from Civil Hospital Junga, provided our students with essential information regarding health and hygiene. She advised students to adopt healthy eating habits to avoid diseases such as anemia.
- Women's Cell of the college observed the International Women's Day on 8th March 2025 in the college campus. On this occasion, various activities such as Poster- making and Slogan writing were conducted to commemorate the day. In addition, the Women's Cell conducted a special interactive session for young girls of the college. In this session, the invited speakers Smt.

Kanta Sharma, president of Shrishti Gram Sangathan, and Smt. Asha Sharma, Secretary Satyam Gram Sangathan, provided our students with valuable insight into the measures of self-employment and economic empowerment through women's self-help groups.

Road Safety Club:

- The Road Safety Club was constituted with the sole purpose of spreading awareness about road safety and to help minimize the road accidents. The club remains active throughout the session and keeps on organizing different activities regarding road safety. To foster cognizance of road safety, the following activities were conducted throughout the 2024-25 academic session:
- The club conducted a one-day workshop in December 2024 aimed at informing the students about the road-safety. During this workshop, invited speaker Sh. Shakti Singh, DSP Shimla, sensitized the students to various measures of road-safety. In addition to delivering a discourse, he actively engaged with students in discussion and apprised them of the traffic-rules and regulations.
- In collaboration with NSS and Women's Club, the Road Safety coordinated diverse activities such as poster making, slogan writing and declamation on the theme of road safety on 26 November 2024.
- Road Safety club organized a rally in the Koti market to raise awareness about road-safety among the masses.
- The club organized a visit of thirty students to Adarsh Thana Chotta Shimla on 3 March 2025. During this short tour, the visiting students were equipped with information about the rules, laws and precautions compulsory to ensure the road-safety and curtail the dangerous of road accidents.

Eco Club:

- The Eco Club organized Tree-Planting program at Koti on 10 September 2024 and the students planned nearly 100 saplings of different trees provided by the Forest Department. In addition, the club installed nearly 20 flowerpots in the campus which have the flowers of different colors and qualities.
- The Eco Club organized one day workshop on Wildlife Protection on 8th October 2024 in the college. In this workshop, the invited speaker Sh. Pradeep Negi from the Department of Forest and Wildlife spoke on significance of natural environment and wildlife and stressed on the need to preserve and protect them.

Anti-Drug Committee:

- Apart from students' academic growth, we are highly concerned with their physical and mental well-being as well. With the aim of raising awareness among students about various health issues and the hazards of drug use, the Anti-drug / De-addiction Committee in collaboration with Red Ribbon Club and NSS, conducted a special lecture on 23 October 2024 in multiple purpose hall. In this lecture, speaker, Dr Devender Sharma, AP Political Science at GDC Chail-Koti, shed light on the causes of drug use and other intoxicating substances, their impacts and consequences. He emphasized on the need of imbibing high ethics and taking part in games to stay away from drugs. The lecture was attended by all students and faculty members.
- The Anti-Drug Committee conducted a special lecture on 'Addressing Issues such as Drug Abuse, Cyber Crime and Violence' for the students of the college on 18 December 2024. In this lecture, Sh. OP Sharma, the member of INSA and the Advisor of HP Nasha Nivaran Board, raised awareness about the hazards of drug use. He shed light on the effects of drugs on the

body and the mind of the consumers. He also touched upon the legal provisions against drug suppliers and users and emphasized the need of a collective social responsibility to end drug use among youth. Besides, he illustrated on the cybercrimes and outlined measures to protect oneself from them.

Staff Position:

Principal (filled)

Teaching Staff:

There the 12 sanctioned posts of Assistant / Associate Professors at GDC Chail-Koti. Out of the 12 post, one post of Assistant/ Associate professor is vacant.

Non- Teaching Staff:

We have nine sanctioned posts of non-teaching staff. Out of the total sanctioned posts, six are filled and three posts are lying vacant. Besides, the post of table vadak also is unfilled.

Arrivals and Departures:

Dr Maneesha Kohli, Principal at GDC Chail-Koti, got transferred from this college in February 2024 and she joined the Directorate of Higher Education at Shimla-1.

Dr Deepshikha Bhardwaj joined this college as Principal on 10 February 2024.

Prior to this college, she has been a principal at GDC Nankahari. Dr Kamini

Shandil, AP Music (instrumental) got transferred from GDC Koti to GDC

Kotshera, Shimla-4 in March 2024 and Dr Hemant Sharma, AP Music

instrumental, was transferred to Koti in the same month. Sh. Vishal Rangta, AP

English, got transferred to GDC Sanjouli in March 2024. Dr Suresh Kumar, AP

English, joined GDC Koti in March 2024 after he got transferred from Govt.

Sanskrit College Tungesh, Shimla. Ms Laxmi Devi, peon, was transferred from

GDC Koti to GSSS Mundaghat in March 2024. Sh. Sevak Ram, Peon, joined GDC

Chail-Koti in November 2024 after getting transferred from GSSS Juggar, Theog.

Retirements:

Dr Ajay Khurana, Associate Professor of English, got retired from GDC Koti on 31 January 2024.

Achievements of the Faculty Members:

Dr. Subhash Kapta

- Presented a paper titled ‘Secularism in Hindu Majority States of Nepal and India: A Comparative Study’ in three days international conference on Issues and Challenges in Contemporary World organized by GDC Seema in collaboration with APG Shimla University, and GGC Hamirpur from 8 November 24 to 10 November 24.

Dr. Ajay Kaith

- Attended a nine-day NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of University Grants Commission (UGC) Organised by Malviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla-5 from 23.09.2024 to 01.10.2024.
- Presented paper titled “Modern Trends in Research Methodology” in International Conference on “UDBHAV 2024: Emerging Trends in Research”, held at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla -5 on 30 November 2024.
- Presented Paper Titled, “Women Empowerment Through MGNREGS in Himachal Pradesh” in International Conference on “Issues and Challenges in the Contemporary World-2024” organized by GDC Seema (Rohru), GGC Hamirpur, ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla and APG University, Shimla from 8th November 2024 to 10 November 2024.

- Attended one week Workshop on “Issues and Challenges in the Contemporary World-2024” jointly organized by GDC Seema (Rohru), GGC Hamirpur, ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla and APG University, Shimla from 01.11.2024 to 07.11.2024.
- Attended AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy? Faculty Development Program on “Navigating SDGs: A Faculty Guide to Sustainability Achievement” conducted by New Delhi Institute of Management from 20.01.2025 to 25.01.2025.
- Presented Paper Titled, “Research on E-Commerce Platform of Online Consumers in Himachal Pradesh” in International Conference on “Sustainability and Resilience: Emerging Paradigms in Management, Agribusiness, Tourism, Commerce and Social Science” organized by Career Point University Hamirpur on 02.12.2024 and 03.12.2024 .

Dr. Amrit Mehta

- Participated in a ten-day online International Research Methodology Workshop on Academic Writing, organized by RC 25: Sociology of Sports, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi, and the Centre for Study of Social Inclusion, Pondicherry University from 18th to 27th September 2024.
- Presented a paper titled “Reflection of Society in Folklores of Western Himalaya: A Case Study of Mahasu Region of Himachal Pradesh” in national seminar organized by Govt. College Seraj, Lambathach, Mandi on 18th and 19th October 2024.
- Presented a paper titled “Challenges and Opportunities of Tourism Development in Himachal Pradesh” in an International Conference organized by Govt. College Seema, Rohru, GGC, Hamirpur, APG Shimla University, and HFRI, Panthaghati on 8th and 9th November 2024.

- Presented a paper titled “Sports and Skill Development: A Study of Students’ Perception” at Munjal University, Gurgaon, organized by RC25: Sociology of Sports, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi.
- Presented a paper titled “Emerging Trends in Social Research: NEP 2020” at the Department of Commerce, HP University, Summerhill, Shimla, on 30th November 2024.
- Participated in a seven-day online International Research Methodology Workshop on Proposal Writing for Projects, organized by RC25: Sociology of Sports, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi, St. Jude’s College (Thoothoor, Kanyakumari), and Bharathi Women’s College (Chennai) from 12th to 18th December 2024.
- Attended an Online One-Week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Inclusion of Indian Knowledge System in Higher Education”, organized by the Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Central University Jammu from 7th to 13th January 2025.
- Participated in the International Conference: “Future of Learning” at Chitkara University, Rajpura Campus, Punjab, on 18th January 2025.
- Attended an Online One-Week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Navigating SDGs: A Faculty Guide to Sustainability Achievement” conducted by New Delhi Institute of Management from 20th to 25th January 2025.

Prof. Inder Prakash Negi

- Participated in International Conference on “UDBHAV 2024: Emerging Trends in Research”, held at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla -5 on 30 November 2024.

- Participated in International Conference on “Issues and Challenges in Contemporary World-2024” organized by GDC Seema (Rohru), GGC Hamirpur, ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla and APG University Shimla, from 08.11.2024 to 10.11.2024

Dr. Hemant Sharma

- Attended a seven- day NEP 2020 orientation & Sensitization Programme under Malviya mission teacher’s training program of University Grants commission organised by Malviya Mission Training Center, Himachal Pradesh University Shimla, from 23/09/2024 to 01/10/2024.
- Presented Paper titled “Emerging Research Tools Used in Instrumental Music” in International Seminar on UDBHAV 2024 Emerging Trends in Research held at Himachal Pradesh University Shimla 5, on November 30, 2024.
- Presented paper titled “Folk Music and Culture in Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh: An Exploration of Heritage in National Seminar on Sahitay evam lok Sanskriti, Virasat Nava Char Evam Bahuvishyak prasangikta ki khoj, organised by Govt.Degree College Anni on
- Presented paper (in online mode) titled “ Empowerment through expression: A Study of the women- Led Cultural Troupes and their Impact on Social Change in Rural Himachal Pradesh “ In National Seminar on Women : History and Beyond Commemorating International Women’s Day Organized by Govt. Degree College Darla Ghat, District, Solan H.P on 8th March 2025.

Dr. Suresh Kumar

- Attended a nine- day NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of

University Grants Commission (UGC), organised by Malviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, from 23.09.2024 to 01.10.2024.

- Presented Paper Titled, “ Sexual Violence against Dalit Women: A Literary Perspective” in International Conference on “Issues and Challenges in the Contemporary World-2024” organized by GDC Seema (Rohru), GGC Hamirpur, ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla, and APG Shimla University from 08.11.2024 to 10.11.2024.

Dr. Devender Chand

Faculty Development Programmes:

- Attended a nine- day NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of University Grants Commission (UGC) Organised by Malviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, from 23.09.2024 to 01.10.2024.
- Attended a Six-day Faculty Development Programme on “Enhancing Quality Assurance in Higher Education: Insight into NEP 2020 and NAAC’s Binary Accreditation Framework” organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell St. Bede’s College Shimla from December 16 to December 21, 2024.
- Attended AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Program on “Navigating SDGs: A Faculty Guide to Sustainability Achievement” at New Delhi Institute of Management, New Delhi from 20.01.2025 to 25.01.2025.

Seminars, Conferences, and Workshops:

- Attended One Day National Symposium on “NAAC Accreditation and NEP 2020: Connecting the Dots and Empowering Academia” a Collaborative

Initiative by ABV Government College, Sunni, Shimla and Government Degree College, Chail-Koti, Shimla as a **Speaker** in the session titled **“Indianization of Education: In Context to NEP 2020”** on 11 June 2024.

- Presented Paper Titled, **“Status of Higher Education in India”** in International Conference on “Issues and Challenges in the Contemporary World-2024” jointly organized by GDC Seema (Rohru), GGC Hamirpur, ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla and APG University Shimla, from 08.11.2024 to 10.11.2024.
- Presented Paper titled **“NEP 2020: A Critical Perspective on Educational Reforms”** in the “XXXIII Academic Conference” organised by Punjab and Chandigarh College Teachers’ Union (PCCTU) in association with Punjab Agriculture University Teachers’ Association (PAUTA) at Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana on 1-2 March 2025.
- Presented paper titled **“Transforming Democracy in India: Analysing its Challenges”** in International Conference on “UDBHAV 2024: Emerging Trends in Research”, held at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla -5, on November 30, 2024.

Resource Person:

- Delivered a lecture on **“Democracy and Fundamental Rights: India’s Experience”** on 06.08.2024 as Recourse Person in the a Six- day in Service Training Programme for PGTs/Lecturer in Political Science organised by SCERT Himachal Pradesh, Solan.
- Delivered lecture on **“Patriarchy and Women’s Subjugation”** on 08.03.2024 as Recourse Person in the International Women’s Day Programme Celebrated by Government Degree College, Chail-Koti, District, Shimla.

- Delivered lecture on “**India’s One Nation One Election Initiative: Key Reforms and Challenges**” on 06.08.2024, as a Recourse Person in a Programme Organized by NSS Unit of Government Degree College, Chail-Koti, District Shimla.

Research Papers, Articles and Books:

- Written Lessons of Political Science M.A 3rd Semester, Course Code: POLS 303-“**Recent Trends in the Politics of South Asia (SAARC Countries)**”, for International Centre for Distance Education and Open Learning, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.
- Written Lessons of Political Science B.A 1st Year, Course Code: POLS 101 (A)-“**An Introduction to Political Theory**” (Hindi Medium), for International Centre for Distance Education and Open Learning, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.
- Authored the article titled, “**Far-right is Using Himachal’s Economic Crisis to Undermine Shimla’s Syncretic Tradition**”, jointly with Arif Samma, Arsh Dhanotia, and Vishal Sharma on 14 Oct 2024, Published in the Federal. Link to the article is attached.
<https://thefederal.com/category/exclusive/himachals-economic-crisis-and-the-rise-of-far-right-against-its-syncretic-culture-150189>

Awards and Prizes

- Honoured with “**APJ Abdul Kalam National Award for Teachers for Innovations in Teaching and Research**” given by Shiksha Sagar Foundation, Madhya Pradesh on 2 February 2025.

Dr. Susheel Kumar

- Attended a nine-day NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of

University Grants Commission (UGC) Organised by Malviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, from 23.09.2024 to 01.10.2024.

- Presented paper titled “**Rural Distress and Agricultural Challenges in India**” in International Conference on “UDBHAV 2024: Emerging Trends in Research”, organized by Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla -5, on 30 November 2024.
- Attended One Day National Symposium on “NAAC Accreditation and NEP 2020: Connecting the Dots and Empowering Academia” a Collaborative Initiative by ABV Government College, Sunni, Shimla and Government Degree College, Chail-Koti, Shimla on 11 June 2024.
- Presented Paper titled, “**Analysis of Factors Influencing Bee Keepers’ Migration in Himachal Pradesh: A Comparative Study of Shimla and Kangra Districts**” in International Conference on “Issues and Challenges in the Contemporary World-2024” organized by GDC Seema (Rohru), GGC Hamirpur, ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla and APG Shimla University, from 08.11.2024 to 10.11.2024.
- Attended AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Program on “Navigating SDGs: A Faculty Guide to Sustainability Achievement” at New Delhi Institute of Management, New Delhi, from 20.01.2025 to 25.01.2025.

Prof. Harinder Thakur

- Attended One Day National Symposium on “NAAC Accreditation and NEP 2020: Connecting the Dots and Empowering Academia” organized in collaboration by ABV Government College, Sunni, Shimla and Government Degree College, Chail-Koti, Shimla **2020**” on 11 June 2024.

- Accompanied the Himachal Pradesh University men's cricket team to participate in the North Zone Inter-university Championship held at Delhi University.

Prof. Bobija

- Presented a research paper : “*Vikalaang-Vimarsh evam Hindi Upanyas : Ek Parichaya*” at a two-day national seminar organized by the Department of Hindi, Govt. College Arki, District, Solan in collaboration with Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, on September 27-28,2024.
- Attended a one-week Faculty Development Programme organized by Central University of Jammu's Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilization (CCRC) on the theme: 'Inclusion of Indian Knowledge System in Higher Education,' from 7th January to 13 January 2025.