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Annual Report - 2020-21

The Institute:

RKMV Shimla, one of the premier institutes of higher learning Himachal Pradesh, situated on the cliff of Elysium Hill, came into being in 1977, when the erstwhile RPCSDB College was taken over by the state government and consequently converted into the college for girls. Since 1978, when only 919 girl students were in the college. This institute has come a long way, and now takes pride in imparting quality education to more than 3500 students of Arts, Commerce and Science stream. Apart from regular disciplines, this college offers professional courses like biotechnology, microbiology, BCA and JMC. Music (vocal and instrumental) with dance is offered in evening session besides regular daily classes. College has provided facilities like computers with internet, computerized library, hostels, dispensary, canteen, photostate, bookstall and juice bar for the students. College magazine “Padam” is published to hone the creative talents of the students the college.

The Faculty:

A total number of 90 employees were in the session 2020/21 (62 teaching and 28 non-teaching). 13 teachers got transferred to other colleges and 13 teachers joined in this Institute.

Staff in self-financing courses: 13 (Teaching 9+ Non-teaching 4)

Educational Session: Students’ Strength:

Arts: 933

Science: 586

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Commerce: 521

Self-financing Courses:

BCA: 67

PGDCA: 16

BIO-TECH: 20

MICRO-BIO: 04

EVENING COLLEGE: 37

THE BUDGET: 10,31,15,631

SCHOLARSHIPS:

KALPANA CHAWLA: 1560000=00

POST MATRIC CENTRALLY SPONSERED SC: 57200=00

POST MATRIC CENTRALLY SPONSERED ST: 55000=00

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: 131000=00

POST MATRIC SCHEME FOR MINORITIES CS: 15900=00

TEACHING:

The session 2020/21 (from June 20 to May 21) was a period of total lockdown nationwide and as such no student came to the college for classroom studies because of the global crisis caused by COVID 19 pandemic. The entire admission process was completed online. The students got their teaching work totally online in all the subjects. Life seemed to be on a standstill, however, the

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college teachers of RKMV left no stone unturned to facilitate students through online teaching day in and day out. Proper work of teaching was carried out by all the teachers online. Students were given study material, lectures, class tests, term tests online, which consequently became the basis for students' promotion for the next classes.

LIBRARY:

RKMV can gloat over the fact to have a library which is fully computerised as there are 24683 books with N-LIS facility, which provides access to e-resources to the students and staff of the college.

ACTIVITIES:

Unfortunately following regular activities could not take place because of the complete lockdown due to the COVID 19 pandemic:

CSCA, Cultural Activities, College Workshops and Seminars, Co-curricular Activities, Sports, Freshers' Day, Farewell Day, Educational Tours, Career Counselling and Placement, Red Ribbon Club, Red Cross Club, Rotaract Club, NCC, NSS and Scouts' regular activities to name a few.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES OF THE TEACHING STAFF:

Teachers form the soul of an educational institute as the teachers of RKMV kept working beyond their duties for furthering their own knowledge to enlighten students about present-day fast-changing world. Although the world had come to a standstill in the year 2020-21 yet the teachers did organised and attend workshops, seminars and conferences. They also published research

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papers and books in reputed journals and publishing houses and brought laurels to the college.

Dr Ruchi Ramesh, Associate Professor in Sociology published three research papers during 2020-21. She worked as reviewer, resource person, editor and coordinator for national and international journals. She organised Webinar on 25-05-2021 “Covid-19 Pandemic: Precautions and Protections”. She delivered lectures on different platforms. She attended 18 online seminars and conferences 2020-21 and presented research papers. She published a book entitled *Women in 21st Century*. She organised six online seminars and programs for students of the department of sociology.

DR SUBHASH KAPTA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN HISTORY organised a national webinar on 13th March, 2021 on “Magnificent Shimla: History and Heritage”. On 28th May, 2021 he also organised a state level “Covid-19 Pandemic: Precautions and Protections” in collaboration with State Red Cross Society.

Dr Gopal Chauhan, Associate Professor in History organised a one-day national webinar on “Magnificent Shimla: History and Heritage” 30th March 2021. He published two books *History of India from Earliest Times to 300* (text) and *History of India from C. 302 to 1206* (text). He presented to research papers in national and international seminars.

Dr Anil Thakur, Associate Professor in Botany authored and co-authored two books namely *Medicine and Ethnobotany* and *Mushroom Cultivation Technology*. He organised a webinar on “Ayurveda and Botany: A Cross Talk” on 24th February 2021. He delivered six online lectures on various topics of his subject.

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Dr Laxmi Sindhu, Associate Professor in Sociology published one paper in June 2020 entitled "Practice of Sex Determination and Sex Selective Abortions among Women in Himachal Pradesh". She attended three online webinars 2020.

Dr Rakesh Sharma, Associate Professor in Sanskrit attended a 7-day online workshop. He participated in four online webinars during 2020-21.

Dr Anshu Kaushal, Assistant Professor in English published 2 papers. She participated in an 8 days' workshop cum webinar organised by Department of English MCM DAV College Chandigarh.

Dr Pyare Lal Verma, Assistant Professor in Economics edited a book entitled *Indian Agricultural Reforms and Rural Development*. He wrote a chapter in a book entitled *Women Empowerment: A New Dimension*. He attended a one-week online workshop. He participated in one online webinar,

Dr Sudhir Kumar, Assistant Professor in Geography published three papers in national and international journals. He attended four online refresher courses on faculty development.

Ms Tanendra, Assistant Professor in Education attended a 2-week online refresher course.

Ms Susheela Devi, Assistant Professor Physics submitted her Ph D thesis in November 2020.

Ms Sapna Verma, Assistant Professor in Physics presented a paper in a conference on 25th December 2020. She attended a one-week workshop also in 2020.

Dr Priyanka Dhreula, Assistant Professor in Computer Applications was conferred the Ph

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1st Degree on August 11, 2020.

Dr Rajender Sangta, Professor in Botany participated in two refresher courses and two faculty development programs. He presented a research paper in an international conference.

Dr Raksha Kalta, Assistant Professor in English attended a webinar on FDP on “Ethics in Research and Teaching”.

NSS: 1) An online induction webinar of NSS volunteers on the NSS Day on 24 September, 2020 was organized.

2) On October 2020, the NSS volunteers observed the Swachh Bharat Abhiyana in their respective localities and vicinities.

NCC: The NCC cadets (girls) of RKMV did a remarkable job during the lockdown caused by COVID 19. Where people were scared to come out of their homes our brave girls did perform their duties in packing and distributing medicine to the people at Theog and on the Mall of Shimla for one month each. They did their duties like real warriors and the college fraternity is really proud of these girl cadets and their feat will be remembered for ever not only by the college staff but by the people of the Shimla city.

WOMEN CELL AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLUB//// COMMITTEE AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT//// INTERNAL COMMITTEE AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORKPLACE:

The college remained closed for the entire session of 2020-21 due to COVID-19 pandemic, however, the Principle, Convenor and the members of the committee against sexual harassment

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at work place met online and discussed issues regarding the girl students and their welfare as they face physical exploitation, problems and harassment at workplace. It was decided to hold an online meeting-cum-conference with the students of first year of all the streams to create awareness and to educate the students against the dangers of sexual harassment, child abuse, physical exploitation and domestic violence. In this connection an online conference was held on 17th September 2020 whereby around 580 students joined the conference online. The Principal and Convenor delivered enthralling discourses on sexual harassment, child abuse and domestic violence. Students were told about the laws which protect women especially the girl children from sexual harassment at workplace, the students were really curious and raised many thought-provoking queries, which were appropriately answered by the committee members.

The members of the committee attended a seminar conducted by HPU on Awareness of Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Preventions and Redressal Act, 2013) on March 19, 2021 in the HPU Auditorium where Dr Rajul Desai (Member National Commission for Women, New Delhi) delivered a detailed lecture on the topic.

On April 17, 2021 the Principal, the Convener and members of the committee against sexual harassment at work, met in a meeting to review whether there was any complaint or information about exploitation or victimization or sexual harassment of students of the college. No complaint was received during this year, perhaps because no student came to the college because of the lockdown. The Principal, the Convener and members of the committee discussed the topic comprehensively and it was finally decided that there is no reason to be complacent as

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the girls of the college are vulnerable against any kind of harassment and every girl student must be sensitized against the sexual harassment at workplace.