

RAJKIYA KANYA MAHAVIDYALAYA
SHIMLA
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VISION

“To transform young girls into well-integrated individuals through inclusive education, who can face the challenges of life with courage and commitment for a successful life and devote themselves towards nation building with a sense of dedication, duty and respect for humanity.”

MISSION

“The college focuses on the holistic development of girls motivating and moulding them into world citizens who would illumine the lives that they would touch.”

Distinguished guests, the office bearers of CSCA, PTA, representatives from media and everyone present here, on behalf of the staff and students of college, I welcome you all to the 45th Annual Prize Distribution Function of RKMV, Shimla.

COLLEGE

RKMV, Shimla takes pride in its rich history and heritage. Located in the lap of the picturesque Elysium Hill, the College came into existence in the year 1977, when the erstwhile Rana Padam Chand Sanatan Dharam Bhargawa College was taken over by the State Government. Today, it is the premier institution of higher learning for girl students. As against 919 students who took admission in the college in 1978, the institution has come a long way, and it is imparting quality education to more than 3700 students in Arts, Commerce, Science streams. Apart from regular disciplines, the institution also offers professional courses in Biotechnology, Microbiology, BCA, JMC, B. Voc. and Add-on courses. Further, the evening wing of the College, the Sandhya Sangeet Mahavidyalaya offers hobby classes with two years diploma and four years degree programme in classical dance and music (Vocal and Instrumental), with minimum age of enrolment being six years. In its endeavor to be an eco-friendly campus, the College has taken the initiative to be a plastic-free zone.

With an aim to provide educational opportunities to students coming from distant places, the College provides hostel facilities to one hundred twenty students in Tribal Hostel and ninety students in Sainik Hostel. To keep pace with the changing times, the College is providing the facility of Wi-Fi, computers with high-speed internet, gymnasium, computerized library, access to e-books, journals through INFLIBNET, dispensary, canteen, juice corner, banking facility, internet café, bookstore etc.

RKMV was accredited by the NAAC in the year 2003 for a period of five years i.e. till 2008. For fresh accreditation, the College submitted its self-study report (SSR) on 4th November 2022. It is a matter of great pride that RKMV has again being accredited with a B+ grade after a gap of twenty years. The grade was given based on assessment of seven different standard Criteria by the NAAC Peer Team which visited on 16th & 17th March 2023. The team carried out a comprehensive assessment of various parameters related to infrastructure, hostel facilities, College administration and faculty and various development works carried out in the campus.

BUDGET ALLOCATION

The Department of Higher Education has approved a budget of Rs 13,28,62,893/- for the Financial Year 2022-23. This includes Rs 13,05,52,149/- towards salary, Rs 10,000/- towards travel, Rs 17,80,612 for medical reimbursement, and Rs 5,20,132 towards rent, rates & taxes. An expenditure of Rs 13,26,54,450/- was incurred against the same.

In addition, during this Financial Year, the receipt of Amalgamated Fund was Rs 87,49,487/- against which expenditure on various activities was Rs 86,32,414/-. Similarly, PTA Fund collected was Rs 16,88,500 against which expenditure incurred was Rs 5,44,269/-

THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2022-23 AT A GLANCE

The academic session 2022-23 started on 5th July 2023. The session has witnessed achievement of students in academics and co-curricular activities. With the onset of the academic session, 3747 students took admission in different streams.

Stream	Total Students
Arts	2573
Science	660
Commerce	514

Self-Financing Courses

Course	Total Students
BCA	90
PGDCA	20
Bio-Tech	32
Micro-Biology	18

The officiating Principal of the College alongwith staff members conducted an Induction Programme for the students. This programme was organized for the students from the Science and Commerce streams on 29th August, 2022 and for the students from the Arts stream on 30th August, 2022. The main objective was to introduce the students to the various avenues/ optional courses offered by the College, its Clubs and Societies, rules and regulations of the institute, College physical facilities and other important aspects of academic and extra-curricular life in the college. The students were also introduced to the Faculty and staff members of the College. In the inaugural address, the officiating Principal highlighted the vision and mission of the Institution. She also apprised the students about the history of RKMV and how the Institute has evolved as a premier educational hub for girl students of Shimla and nearby areas.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College ensures that all the eligible students are covered under the Central and State sponsored scholarship schemes every year. During the current academic session, the Institutional Nodal Officer has verified and recommended a total of 114 students for renewal of scholarships and 117 students for fresh scholarship under various schemes such as Kalpana Chawla Chatravriti Yojana- HP, Post-Matric Center Sponsored SC and ST, Post-Matric Center Sponsored Scheme for students of Ladakh (ST), Post Matric Dr. Ambedkar Scholarship for economically backward (HP), Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College Students, Center Sponsored Scheme of Scholarship for OBCs of HP, Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme for Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles, IRDP (HP) and Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for students with Disabilities.

THE LIBRARY

The College library caters to the need of all the students. The library has a collection of more than 24694 reference and textbooks. Students are provided with eight newspapers in Hindi and English. Eighteen magazines and journals have been subscribed for the students to prepare for competitive and other exams. Six high configuration computers with internet access and SOUL software are installed in the library for the benefit of the students. Users can also access e-resources, soft copies of rare books, documents and movies etc on these computers. The library offers online access to e-journals and e-books through INFLIBNET under N-LIST program since 2010. The access to 1,99,500+ e-books and 6000+ e-journals is given. 1513 users are enlisted in N-List. Smart LED is installed in the library which also supports the talking digital software (NADV) for the benefit of visually impaired students.

THE FACULTY

Sanctioned Posts (Teaching)	69
Filled up Posts	64
Sanctioned Posts (Non-Teaching)	34
Filled up Posts	24
Teaching Staff for Self-Financing courses	09
Non-teaching Staff for Self-Financing courses	04

TRANSFERS**Teaching Staff**

Dr. Subhash Kapta (History), Dr. Santosh Thakur (English), Dr. Laxmi Sindhu (Sociology), Ms. Sangeeta Jhagta (Hindi), Dr. Rakesh Sharma (Sanskrit), Dr. Gaurav Sharma (Commerce), Dr. Harshwardhan Singh (English), Ms. Katyayni Sharma (Tours & Travels), Ms. Kalpana Sharma (Music-Instrumental), Dr. Gopal Chauhan (History), Dr. Priyanka Dhareula (Computer Applications), Dr. Sudhir Kumar (Geography), Dr. Pushpa Negi (Chemistry), Sh. Anil Singh Negi (Chemistry), Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur (Botany) and Ms. Sapna Verma (Physics) were transferred from RKMV to different colleges in the State during the current session.

Non-Teaching Staff

Sh. Rakesh Kumar (JLA), Sh. Patel Chand (SLA), Ms. Ramla Devi (LA) were also transferred to other colleges.

ARRIVALS**Teaching Staff**

Ms. Anjali Chauhan (Sociology), Dr. Laxmi Sindhu (Sociology), Dr. Surender Sharma (Hindi), Ms. Sangeeta Jhagta (Hindi), Mr. Rajesh Kumar Azad (Zoology), Mr. Pardeep Kumar (Commerce), Dr. Ritu Sharma (English), Dr. Poonam (English), Ms. Shradha Shandil (English), Ms. Harsha Kumari (Commerce), Dr. Mohan Sharma (Sanskrit), Ms. Nisha Kumari (History), Ms. Sheetal Charbathia (Computer Applications), Mr. Shrikant Sharma (Tours & Travels), Dr. Nisha Chauhan (Hindi) and Dr. Santosh Kumar (Hindi), Ms. Hem Lata Thakur (History), Mr. Sudhir Negi (Journalism & Mass Communication), Ms. Poonam Bhardwaj (Library), Ms. Nishtha Sharma (Computer Applications), Ms. Reenu Devi (Geography), Ms. Anita (Philosophy), Ms. Meena Sankhyan (EVS), Ms. Preeti Sood (Nutrition & Health Education), Ms. Anita Kumari (Philosophy), Dr. Meena Kumari (Environmental Science), Sh. Anil Singh Negi (Chemistry) and Ms. Indu Chauhan (Botany) joined the college during the current session.

Non-Teaching Staff

Sh. Patel Chand (SLA), Sh. Prem Prakash (SLA), Sh. Sunil Kumar (JLA), Sh. Krishan Singh (JLA), Sh. Vijay Kumar (JLA), Smt. Asha Devi (LA), Sh. Chet Ram (Peon) joined the institute during the current session.

Retirements

Dr. Aruna Sharma (Chemistry), Ms. Rajeshwari Negi (Journalism) and Sh. Ramesh Kumar (Jr. Assistant), Sh. Hira Singh (JLA), Sh. Rajesh Garg (SLA) retired after attaining the age of superannuation during the current session.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. The HPU Youth Festival Group-I- Creativity, was hosted by RKMV from 19th September to 21st September 2022. Inter-college Group-1 activities were to provide the youth an opportunity to realize their true potential and hidden talent through exposure and competition. Adhering to the rules and regulations of Youth Festivals framed by HPU, Group-1- Creativity, ten activities viz Elocution, Debate, Quiz, Collage, Cartooning, Clay Modelling, On-the-Spot Painting, Poster Making, Rangoli and Spot Photography were smoothly and successfully organized. A total of 529 students from 54 colleges across the State participated in the Youth Festival. RKMV students bagged first position in Debate & Quiz, first position in Collage making, second in poster making and third in On the Spot Painting competition.
2. The Volleyball team of RKMV was the overall champion in the Inter-College Tournament held at College of Excellence, Sanjauli w.e.f. 28th to 30th October 2022. Two girls of the College were selected for the North Zone Inter-University Championship.
3. RKMV was accredited by the NAAC in the year 2003 for a period of five years i.e. till 2008. The College is again being accredited after a gap of twenty years, for which the self-study report (SSR) was submitted on 4th November 2022.
4. An addendum was issued on 26th December 2022 in continuation to the MOU issued for Service Agreement for the implementation of “Graduate Add-on Programme TSP-07” of HPKVN whereas the term of the MOU/ Service agreement was extended till December 2023 as per the project period.
5. MOU signed with M/s Kaizen Systems, Chandigarh on 26th December 2022 which shall apply to knowledge upgradation, projects assigned workshops, FDPs, seminars, internships, subject matter experts, internship programmes for placements and upskilling for the purpose of bridging the gap for the UG and PG students of all streams. The provision of MOU will apply to soft skills, placements assistance IT support (hardware, software and technical).
6. MOU signed with M/s AM Solutions Pvt Limited, Mohali, Punjab on 26th December 2022 which shall apply to knowledge upgradation, projects assigned workshops, FDPs, seminars, internships, subject matter experts, internship programmes for placements and upskilling for the purpose of bridging the gap for the UG and PG students of all streams. The provision of MOU will apply to soft skills, placements assistance IT support (hardware, software and technical).
7. MOU signed with Pratham Education Foundation (NGO), New Delhi on 29th December 2022 for ASER (Annual Status of Education Report). The main aim is to conduct surveys on education of children in rural areas of district Shimla.
8. Department of Botany established a Museum with approximately 200 economically and medicinally important plants. It was inaugurated by Prof. Rajendra Kumar Sharma, Vice Chancellor, JP University of Information & Technology, Wahnaghat on 20th December 2022.
9. The Energy Audit and Green Eco Audit of the college were successfully completed by a certified Energy Auditor firm from Delhi (through the Directorate of Energy) and the Pollution Control Board respectively. RKMV is pioneer in the state of HP to successfully complete the process of audit.
10. Ms. Namita Thakur, a student of BSc Final Year was amongst the 15 participants to take part in “Paying Homage to Our National Leaders on their Birth Anniversary” in the Parliament House on 23rd January 2023.
11. Ms. Anjana, a student of BA II represented the State and won the silver medal in Boxing at Khelo India Youth Games 2022 held at Bhopal in MP from 31st January to 11th February 2023.

12. The College was accorded B+ grade by the NAAC Peer Team. The grade was given based on assessment of seven different standard Criterions. The NAAC Team carried out a comprehensive assessment of various parameters related to infrastructure, hostel facilities, College administration and faculty development works carried out in the campus. The team also interacted with various stakeholders to arrive at the grade.
13. Students of BSc (Life Sciences) carried out extension work in different Panchayats for updating People's Biodiversity Registers. They were also remunerated by HIMCOSTE for their work.
14. NCC Cadets, Deepakhsi and Ritika Mehta represented HP (Shimla) in Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat (NCC Group, Guntur) held at Vignan Engineering College, Vadlamudi from 15th to 26th June, 2023. Shimla Group was the Overall Winner in this event.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Department of Biotechnology and Microbiology:

1. Guest Lecture on "Applications of CPISPR/Cas9 Mediated Gene Editing in Plants and Animal Science" was organized on 25th February 2023. Dr. Sashi Kant Sharma from Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar was the keynote speaker.
2. Workshop on Molecular Biology and Biotechnological Techniques was organized by Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, JUIT in collaboration with RKMV on 24th February 2023. The workshop was attended by 60 students from Zoology, Botany, Biotechnology and Microbiology Department.
3. Organized a Plastic Water Collection Drive on the occasion of World Environment Day on 05th June 2023. A plastic bottle collection point was set up permanently in the College premises.

Department of Botany:

1. Celebrated the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* to commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture, and achievements. Power Point Presentation on National and State Plant Symbols of India was organized.
2. Plantation Drive was organized by the Eco-Club in Ragyaan Village. Approximately 100 saplings of forest trees were planted.
3. The "Himalaya Day" was celebrated on 9th September 2022 wherein students spread awareness about Natural Disasters and calamities in Himalayas through Power point Presentation.
4. A workshop on wildlife photography and film making at the Head Quarters of Department of Forests, Himachal Pradesh was attended during the Wildlife Week in October 2022. An inter-college Wildlife and Environment Quiz was also conducted on 8th October 2022.
5. Workshop on "Wealth from Plant Waste" was attended by 44 students on 25th February 2023 at Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan.

Department of Chemistry:

1. Assisted the CMO office, Shimla in conducting a District Level Quiz Competition on topics like HIV, TB, STI, COVID, Nutrition, Blood Safety, Blood Transfusion, Drug Abuse, Youth Issues and Human Anatomy on 18th October 2022 at RKMV, Shimla. The event was sponsored by the State Aids Control Society. There were 22 participating teams consisting of two students from each college.
2. With an aim to reinforce experimental and contextual learning, the students of SEC Chemistry (B.Sc. II & B.Sc. III Year) visited State Pesticides Testing Lab Boileauganj, Shimla on 19th October 2022. The working of many sophisticated equipment which are used to test the efficacy of the pesticides available in the market was demonstrated.

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Department of Commerce:

The Department conducted the following activities:

1. Poster Making and Slogan Writing on 13th August 2022.
2. GST Awareness Programme on 7th September 2022.
3. Conducted ICAI Yatra and MSME Set Up Programme on 21st September 2022.
4. Organized a Conference on 25th September 2022.
5. Counselling programme was held on 7th October 2022.
6. Commerce Society was formed on 10th October 2022.
7. District Level Declamation Competition was organized on 30th November 2022.
8. Management Fest was organized on 2nd & 3rd December 2022.

Department of Education:

1. Celebrated “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” in August 2022. The students sang patriotic songs. Poster making competition on the country’s freedom struggle was also organized.
2. Teachers' Day was celebrated on 05th September 2022. Students were made aware of the contribution of Dr. Radhakrishnan in the field of education. Students also shared their views on educational thoughts and values.
3. An important lecture was delivered by Dr. Shobha Bharathon Philosophy and Education for the benefit of students on 11th November 2022.

Department of English:

The Literary Society of the Department, ‘MUSE’ conducted the following activities:

1. Declamation Contest was organized on 20th October 2022 in collaboration with Anti-Corruption Bureau, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. Workshop on Personality Development and Soft Skills was organized on 07th December 2022. Dr. Minakshi. F. Paul, Principal, HPUES was the keynote speaker. Caption Writing, Role Play and Hat Speech were also a part of the activities.
3. Workshop on Power Point Presentation was organized for DSC (English) Final Year students in collaboration with BCA Department on 09th December 2022.
4. Students of RKMV participated in an online Inter-college Theatre Competition organized by St. Bede’s College, Shimla.

Department of Geography:

The World Ozone Day was celebrated on 16th December 2022. The event was marked by various activities like Declamation Contest, Slogan Writing, Poster Making and Quiz Competition.

Department of Hindi:

1. On 14th September 2022, 'Hindi Diwas' was organized. In order to promote the use of Hindi language and to enhance the talent of girl students, Elocution Competition, Poetry Recitation Competition, Poetry Writing Competition, Essay Writing Competition and Painting Competition were organized by the Department. Cultural Programmes were also organized in which students participated enthusiastically.
2. On 29th November 2022 ‘Aparajita’ programme was organized in association with ‘Amar Ujala Foundation’ to inform girl students about legal rights related to women. Dr. Seema Kashyap, Legal expert of University Institute of Legal Studies was the keynote speaker.
3. On 08th December 2022 an educational tour for the college students of ‘Hindi Sahitya Parishad’ was conducted to Akashvani Shimla and Doordarshan Shimla, under which the students were given practical knowledge of news compilation, writing, editing and broadcasting in Hindi. Information about Hindi radio plays, talks and interviews etc. was also given.

Department of History:

1. Celebrated “Tirange ka Itihaas” on 10th August 2022 as part of the Har Ghar Tiranga celebrations. The second year History students created posters showing the journey of the Indian Flag from its inception. Also, a talk was delivered on the history and interesting facts about our Indian Flag for all the students and faculty members. Everyone waved the Indian flags in the college campus.
2. Regular Monthly Class Quiz were conducted for 2nd and 3rd year students
3. Individual field work and report preparation on Medicinal plants by 3rd year students was carried out in September 2022
4. An Educational tour- cum- One Day Workshop was organized at the State Museum and IAS Building on 2nd November 22. A total of 275 students participated in this and 3 lectures were delivered by Dr. Hari Chauhan (Curator Museum) and Dr. Bhader Singh on Heritage and Paintings of India
5. An Extempore Presentation on Ancient Indian History by the students of BA I was conducted on 19th November 2022
6. A Power Point Presentation (PPT) on Art and Architecture of Harappan Civilization was given by Ms. Nisha Kumari to the students of BA I on 21st November 2022.
7. A Power Point Presentation (PPT) on Art and Architectural Development in Medieval India was given by Ms. Nisha Kumari to the students of B A II on 22nd November 2022.
8. “Virasat se Rubaru- Shimla Heritage,” a function was organized on 5th December 2022. It showcased the findings of the group projects given to final year History Students. PPT presentations were made and self-created movies were shown. The function was sponsored by PNB.

Department of Mathematics and Computer Applications:

1. Various activities like Poster Making, Paper Presentation and Quiz Competition were organized on 25th November 2022.
2. IQAC and Department of Computer Applications organized a one-day seminar on the topic “Use of ICT Tools in Teaching” on 04th March 2023.

Department of Nutrition and Health Education:

1. Breast-Feeding Week was observed from 01st August to 07th August 2022. Various activities like Poster Making, Slogan Writing, Rangoli competition and Quiz were organized.
2. Sensitization program on “Care & Share” was organized on 02nd March 2023. A lecture was delivered by social activist, Mr. Sarabjeet Bobby.

Department of Physical Education:

National Sports Day was celebrated on 29th August 2022 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Late Major Dhyani Chand, the legend of Indian Hockey. A volley ball match and tug-of-war was organized between the teams of the college staff and the students.

Department of Physics:

1. Students of BSc. III year (SEC) conducted a project work on Solar Energy Panels mounted on Science Block rooftop and calculated the average energy generated up to November 2022 with the help of Himurja Engineers.
2. Educational Tour to Weather Doppler Radar, Kufri was organized on 24th November 2022. Students were familiarized with techniques and working of RADAR and satellite used for weather forecasting. Around 40 girls from BSc.II and BSc. III SEC took part in the tour.
3. Conducted a lecture on understanding of Longitude, Latitude and Remote sensing by Dr Sudhir, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography for BSc. I students.

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Department of Political Science:

1. Voter awareness, Registration and Participation programs were conducted in collaboration with Electoral Literacy Club and Election Department of Himachal Pradesh. For a stronger democracy, under the aegis of Election Commission of India, Elderly Voters and Voters with Disabilities program was also conducted on 1st October 2022.
2. Observed Human Rights Day on 10th December 2022.
3. Celebrated the Constitution Day on 26 November 2022. Various academic and cultural activities such as declamation, slogan writing and poster making were conducted.

Department of Public Administration:

1. Paper reading contest was conducted on 04th November 2022. Students presented papers on various currently relevant topics like Corruption, Climate Change, Role & Functions of Civil Services and Role of Election Commission in Indian Democracy.
2. Organized a career counseling session on 07th March 2023. Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Yoga expert was invited as guest faculty. He gave valuable yoga tips to organize life. He also focussed on career options related to B.Ed., NET, SET etc.

Department of Sanskrit:

Departmental function was organized on 16th November 2022 during which students participated in Poster Making, Slogan Writing and Declamation Competition.

Department of Sociology:

1. The Sociological Society organised its function on 18th November 2022. The aim of this function was to provide a platform to the students to exhibit their skills. Declamation competition on “Women in Politics” and Slogan Writing competition on “Drug Abuse” were held.
2. An International Conference on VUCA World: Issues and Challenges was organized from 9th to 11th December 2022. Dr D. D Sharma, Vice Chancellor Sardar Patel University Mandi was the chief guest during the opening session of the conference and Dr. Labh Singh (retd. ITS officer of 1979 batch of Indian Engineering Services) during the closing session. Dr. P.K Ahluwalia (retd. Professor HPU) and Dr. Jagdish Parekh were the keynote speakers. The Conference was organized in hybrid mode with both offline and online sessions in which 160 delegates presented their papers.

Department of Zoology:

1. Students participated in “Himalayan Bird Count” conducted across Nepal, Bhutan and India by eBird India on 14th May 2022.
2. Celebrated “National Nutrition Month” in Sept. 2022. The students of the department presented PPTs on the nutritional values of traditional food.
3. Celebrated “Himalaya Diwas” on 9th September 2022 in which students presented PPTs on Natural Disasters in the Himalayas.
4. Celebrated “Wildlife Week” in the first week of October 2022 in which a Wildlife Quiz was conducted. The students, under the guidance of Mrs. Kartik S. M. Chauhan, attended a workshop on wildlife photography and film making at the Head Quarters of Department of Forests, Himachal Pradesh.
5. Organized a workshop on “Cervical Cancer” in association with Shimla Nursing College, Shurala, Shimla on 16th November 2022. On this occasion, a survey on the subject was conducted. It was followed by a lecture regarding prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the second most prevalent form of Cancer in the developing world.
6. The students participated in “Worlds Aids Day” on 1st December 2022 organized by HPSACS and Department of Health, Govt. of HP.
7. Established a Departmental Library & Book Bank.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TEACHING FACULTY

➤ **Dr. Ruchi Ramesh, Officiating Principal (Deptt. Of Sociology)**

Was awarded with Women Achievers Award on International Women's Day, 2022. Presently, President of Sociological Society Himachal Pradesh and Member of Board of Editors for Journals of National and International Repute- *Insight: Biannual Journal for Social Sciences (IBJSS)*, *Politico and Society and Education*. Also, reviewer for Refereed /Peer- reviewed Journals: *Shrinkhala* , (ISSN : 2321-290X), *Remarking* (ISSN:2394-0344), *Asian Resonance*(ISSN: 0976-8602), *Periodic Research* (ISSN : 2231-0045), Consultant for Integrated Development Project (World Bank) w.e.f. March, 2021 and Member of NEP - 2020 Task Force. She is also the Subject Expert (Sociology) for DPC under CAS for Assistant/Associate Professors and Member of Faculty of Social Science for two years in HPU, Shimla w.e.f. 02nd August, 2021. She has delivered *eleven* lectures in National and International forums like seminars/conferences and workshops. She was a Resource Person on Social Issues on Doordarshan, All India Radio, Grassroots Institute, Canada, SCERT Solan, IGMC Shimla, HRDC, Himachal Pradesh University and Integrated Development Project funded by World Bank. She has also edited a Book titled *Women in 21st Century* which was released by the Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh at RKMV, Shimla.

Her Research Publications include *Expression of Women's Physical Desires via Electronic and Digital Media in Indian Society*, published in the International Journal, *SunText Review of Arts & Social Sciences* Vol. 2:2 ISSN-2766-4600; *Silent Pandemic of Domestic Abuse vis-à-vis Covid-19* in *Socrates Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Studies*, 2022, Year 8, Vol.14 (85-95) and *Sexual and Reproductive Rights of Women in India: An Overview of Legislative Framework* in the International Journal *Curso De Direito Universidade Candido Mendes* ,Vol. 1 No. 2 ,pp 71-80, ISSN-2763-7492.

➤ **Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur, Associate Professor, Department of Botany**

Three research papers titled "Phytochemical screening and its relevance in *Hemiphragma heterophyllum* Wall, a medicinally important plant from Shimla Hills" (Vol. 15 (1), March 2023, 116-123), "Phytochemical profiling and evaluation of medicinal value of *Geranium nepalense* sweet from Himachal Pradesh" (J. Indian. Bot. Soc (2023) Vol. 103 (1):1-5) and "Seasonal Variations Influence Phytochemicals and Antioxidant activity of *Locineraquinquelocularis* Hardw" in the journal *Medicinal Plants* (Vol. 15 (2), March 2023, 116-123. Two of his books, "Economic Botany and Conservation Biology" and "Elementary Botany" have been published during the current academic session. Also delivered a lecture on Technology, Databases and Plant Identification in a Stakeholders Conference on Wetlands of H.P.

➤ **Ms. Kartik S M Chauhan, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology**

Attended a workshop on wildlife photography and film making conducted by the Department of Forests, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla. Organized the "Himalayan Bird Count" amongst the volunteers of RKMV and Eco Club across Nepal, Bhutan and India by eBird on 14th May 2022. Also, participated in the workshop on Cervical Cancer in association with Shimla Nursing College, Shurala, Shimla on 16th November 2022.

➤ **Dr. Luxmi, Associate Professor, Department of Music (V)**

Was awarded the Women's Day Award 2021 and a Certificate of appreciation. Also conferred with Senior Major Rank in NCC.

➤ **Dr. Anurita Saxena, Associate Professor, Department of History**

Delivered a lecture on "Art of Communication" at HIPA, Shimla on 07th September 2022. Also delivered lectures on "Know Yourself for Better Communication Skills" at HRDC on 27th July & 01st December 2022.

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- **Dr. Anshu Kaushal, Assistant Professor, Department of English**
Was the Resource Person for a training program on “Leadership, Communication Skills, Positive Attitude and Motivation” at Bachat Bhawan, Shimla, held on 13th July 2022.
- **Ms. Tanendra Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of Education**
Was the Resource Person for the “In-Service Training” on Special Education organized by SCERT, Solan in April 2022. Notification regarding award of her Ph.D. was issued by HPU on 31st December 2022.
- **Dr. Sushila Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics**
Awarded Ph.D. degree by HPU.
- **Mr. Jaya Nand, Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Arts**
Received Letters of Appreciation for designing logo insignia of Sardar Patel University, Mandi and Atal Medical & Research University, Ner Chowk, Mandi.
- **Dr. Preeti Saluja, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry**
Was the Resource Person for Teacher Training Programme at SCERT, Solan.
- **Ms. Kavita Dhiman, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology**
Organized “Himalaya Diwas” on 9th Sept. 2022 in the Department of Zoology, RKMV. Participated in the workshop on Cervical Cancer in association with Shimla Nursing College, Shurala, Shimla on 16th November 2022.
- **Dr. Parul Beri, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce**
Awarded Ph.D. degree.
- **Dr. Priyanka Dhareula, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications**
Published papers on “Comparative Analysis of Efficacious Metaheuristic Technique with Genetically Modified- Flower Pollination Algorithm (GM-FPA) for Test Case Prioritization in Regression Testing” in the International Journal for Research in Applied Science & Engineering Technology (IJRASET) 2321-9653, 2022, Volume 10 Issue VII Page No. : 221-226, www.ijraset.com and on “Validating Switch Variable of Flower Pollination Algorithm in Regression Test Case Prioritization” in International Journal of All Research Education and Scientific Methods (IJARESM), 2321-9653:2022, Volume 10, Issue 7, Page No: 1288-1290, www.ijaresm.com.

International Conferences and Seminars

Dr. Anjali Chauhan, Dr. Saroj Bhardwaj, Ms. Kartik S M Chauhan, Dr. Vandna Sharma, Dr. Reva Gupa, Dr. Laxmi Sindhu, Ms. Geeta Sharma, Dr. Anurita Saxena, Mr. Rajesh Kumar Azad, Dr. Kanika Sharma, Ms. Sapna Verma, Mr. Pardeep Kumar, Dr. Ritu Sharma, Dr. Anshu Kaushal, Ms. Shivani Sood, Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Dr. Mohan Sharma, Ms. Reeta Devi, Ms. Rashika Sharma, Dr. Rajender Prakash, Ms. Harsha Kumari, Dr. Jyoti Pandey, Dr. Sushila Devi, Mr. Jaya Nand, Dr. Preeti Saluja, Ms. Kavita Dhiman, Dr. Parul Beri, Dr. Priyanka Dhareula, Dr. Santosh Kumar presented papers in International VUCA Conference at RKMV, Shimla from 9th to 11th December 2022.

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Azad, Dr. Anshu Kaushal, Ms. Shivani Sood and Ms. Nisha Kumari participated in other International Conferences/ Seminars and presented their papers.

National Conferences and Seminars

Dr. Saroj Bhardwaj, Dr. Anurita Saxena, Mr. Rajesh Kumar Azad, Mr. Pardeep Kumar, Dr. Mohan Sharma, Ms. Harsha Kumari, Ms. Nisha Kumari, Dr. Parul Beri attended and presented their papers in various National Seminars/ Conferences.

Orientation Programmes

Ms. Harsha Kumari, Dr. Preeti Saluja, Ms. Kavita Dhiman, Dr. Parul Beri, Dr. Priyanka Dhareula, and Dr. Ishita Chauhan attended Orientation Programmes offered by various Institutes.

Refresher Courses

Dr. Luxmi, Dr. Ritu Sharma, Dr. Anshu Kaushal, Dr. Raksha Kalta, Dr. Mohan Sharma, Ms. Rashika Sharma and Ms. Kavita Dhiman attended Refresher Courses offered by various institutes.

One-Week Faculty Development Programmes

Ms. Sapna Verma, Dr. Mohan Sharma, Dr. Parul Beri attended Faculty Development Programmes organized by various institutes.

Departmental Examination

Dr. Parul Beri cleared the Departmental Examination.

COLLEGE STUDENTS' CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (CSCA)

The CSCA body acts as the bridge between the Administration and Students. It was nominated on the basis of merit of the students in academics, sports and cultural activities. The Oath Taking Ceremony of CSCA was held on 05th November 2022. The following were nominated as office bearers:

President: **Ms. Geetanjali**
Vice President: **Ms. Mohini Kumari**
Secretary: **Ms. Neetika Kumari**
Joint Secretary: **Ms. Payal**

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The PTA plays an important role in the overall development and smooth functioning of the Institute by providing a united effort to improve teaching and learning experience. The College PTA was formed on 15th October, 2022. The following are the PTA council members:

Patron: Dr. Ruchi Ramesh, Officiating Principal, RKMV
President: Mr. Rameshwar Sharma
Vice President: Mrs. Anita Thakur
Secretary: Dr. Madan Mankotia
Joint Secretary: Mrs. Sunita Devi
Treasurer: Mr. Mansa Ram
Member (Teacher): Dr. Vandana Sharma
Member (Teacher): Dr. Pradeep Thakur
Member (Teacher): Dr. Raksha Kalta
Member (Parent): Mr. Hem Raj Sharma
Member (Parent): Mrs. Sapna Devi
Member (Parent): Mrs. Mamta Nemta

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS

1. In view of the COVID 19 pandemic, RKMV, Shimla organized an awareness and Vaccination Drive for college students and staff on 10th August 2022. As a part of this drive, ninety-three students and staff members were administered the second dose as per their vaccination schedule.

2. “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” – a celebration of 75 years of Indian Independence was celebrated w.e.f. 10th August to 15th August 2022. As per directions received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh, events and rallies (in and outside the campus) were organized by RKMV. During these celebrations, narrations of the history of National Flag and a rally were organized in the college on 10th August 2022. A Declamation Contest was organized for NSS and NCC volunteers on 11th August, 2022. Tiranga Rally was organized from the College campus to the Ridge ground and back on 12th August, 2022. A cultural function was organized by students of the college on 13th August 2022. On the next day, students from the College took part in a rally organized by the District Administration starting from the Railway Station. On Independence Day, the National Flag was hoisted by the officiating Principal of the College. This was followed by a cultural function on the theme of patriotism.
3. The Red Ribbon Club, NCC and NSS Units of the College organized various activities on 31st August 2022 to commemorate the International Youth Day. The theme of the programme was “Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages.” To draw attention of the students towards cultural and legal issues surrounding youngsters and create awareness among them, Poster Making Competition, Slogan Writing Competition and One-minute Video Making Competition were organized.
4. Chhatra Samvaad was organized on National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in RKMV on 02nd September, 2022 in line with the directions of the Government of Himachal Pradesh and the HP Higher Education Council to involve the students in the process. The Hon’ble Urban Development Minister, Sh. Suresh Bhardwaj was the Chief Guest. Professor Sunil Kumar Gupta, Ex Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University interacted with the students on the NEP 2020.
5. The State Level Teachers’ Day was celebrated at Raj Bhawan, Shimla on 05th September 2022 in the august presence of His Excellency, the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Sh Rajender Viswanath Arlekar. The students of RKMV got an opportunity to present the National Song and Saraswati Vandana on this special day.
6. RKMV has designed an updated, user-friendly college website (<http://rkmvshimla.edu.in>) and an official Facebook page in September 2022 which is the repository of entire information related to college activities viz administrative, cultural, academic, sports and other co-curricular activities throughout the session.
7. RKMV has a long tradition of welcoming new students in a grand manner. The year 2022 started with ‘Vitanova’ a welcome party for the freshers on 10th October 2022.
8. Oath Taking Ceremony of the College Students’ Central Association (CSCA) for the session 2022-23 was held on 05th November 2022 in the College auditorium. The Principal presided over the significant and prestigious investiture ceremony and administered the oath of office to the newly elected CSCA Office Bearers.
9. The HPU Youth Festival Group-IV (Theatre) was held at Gautam Girls College, Hamirpur from 19th to 21st November 2022. Ms. Vaishnavi Thakur of BSc-Ist Year from RKMV was adjudged the Best Actress.
10. Exhibition of paintings “Oneness” was organized by Mahasu Art, Shimla at Gaiety Theatre from 23rd December to 31st December 2022. The exhibition was an initiative of the Department of Painting, RKMV.
11. Ms. Namita Thakur, a student of BSc Final Year participated in “Paying Homage to Our National Leaders on their Birth Anniversary” in the Parliament House on 23rd January 2023.
12. Ms. Anjana, a student of BA II of the college represented the state and won the silver medal in Boxing at Khelo India Youth Games 2022 held at Bhopal in MP from 31st January to 11th February 2023.

13. RKMV gave a new form to its 'Roti Bank' services post-Covid by contributing *rotis* to Almighty Blessing IGMC and KNH Langar Sewa on 13th February 2023. This philanthropic activity is conducted by the support of students and teaching staff of the college. Among educational institutes, RKMV is a pioneer in taking this initiative.
14. On 28th February 2023, the National Science Day was celebrated in RKMV. The theme of the Day was "Global Science for Global Well Being."
15. PTA meeting was held on 04th March 2023 regarding visit of NAAC Peer Team.
16. On 02nd March 2023, 1824 students of RKMV took a pledge on "Say No to Drugs."
17. Farewell function "Rangmi" organized by Tribal Hostel on 27th March 2023.
18. The Sainik Hostel organized Farewell function "Bon Voyage" on 28th March 2023.
19. To bid farewell to the final year students, the main college farewell function "Ekatva" was organized on 29th March 2023. Various cultural functions were organized. Ms Parul was crowned Miss RKMV, Ms Shivarpita was the First runners up and Ms. Ankita, the Second Runners up. Ms Nikshita Soni was awarded the title of Miss Confident and the title for Miss Talented was bagged by Ms Namgyal Dolma.
20. One day Training Program on "Quality Teaching and Research: What, Why and How?" was organized by IQAC, RKMV on 06th May 2023. Dr. Warmik Azmi, Professor & Chairman, Deptt. of Biotech, HPU, Dr. Sudhir Kumar Syal, Professor & Head, Biotech & BI, JUIT, Solan and Dr. Abhijit Dey, Associate Professor, Presidency University, Kolkata were the resource persons.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. RKMV bagged three bronze medals in the Taekwondo championship held at Gautam Group of Colleges, Hamirpur w.e.f. 19th September to 21st September 2022.
2. One bronze medal was won by RKMV in Judo Championship held at GDC, Sujampur Tihra on 17th & 18th October 2022.
3. RKMV won one silver and one bronze medal in the Shooting championship held at Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Shimla from 19th to 22nd October 2022. RKMV bagged the overall second place. Two girls of the College were selected for the North Zone Inter-University Championship.
4. RKMV was the overall champion of the Inter-College Volleyball Tournament held at College of Excellence, Sanjauli w.e.f. 28th to 30th October 2022. Two girls of the College were selected for the North Zone Inter-University Championship.
5. The College team participated in the Inter-College Kabaddi Championship held at GDC, Arki w.e.f. 29th to 30th October 2022 and Badminton Championship held at GDC, Sunni on 4th & 5th November 2022.
6. RKMV participated in the Inter-College Table Tennis Championship held at GDC, Dhamsi w.e.f. 22nd to 23rd November and Basketball Championship held at St. Bede's College from 24th to 26th November 2022.
7. The College team bagged the third place in the Inter-College Kho-Kho Championship held at GDC, Nalagarh w.e.f. 29th to 30th November 2022. One girl was selected for the North Zone Inter-University Championship.
8. The College team bagged two gold, one silver, four bronze medals and remained overall third in the Inter-College Boxing Championship held at GDC, Jogindernagar on 18th & 19th December 2022.
9. The College team won one gold, two silver and three bronze medals in the Inter-College Wushu Championship held at GDC, Sundernagar on 22nd & 23rd December 2022. The team bagged the overall second position.

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N.C.C.

1. Six NCC cadets of the College participated in the Republic Day parade at Shimla on 26th January 2022.
2. NCC cadets participated in the Go Green Rally at the Ridge Shimla on 11th March 2022.
3. NCC cadets participated in a tree plantation drive on 17th July 2022.
4. On 26th July, 2022, NCC cadets participated in the Kargil Vijay Divas Celebrations to celebrate India's victory in Kargil War.
5. NCC Day celebrations were organized on 28th November 2022.
6. NCC cadets participated in the ATC 232 at Baru Sahib, Sirmour from 10th December to 17th December, 2022 during which activities like weapon training, disaster and fire management and tent pitching were carried out. Solo Song and Dance competition, Poster Making competition, Public Speaking, Group Dance and Group Song competitions were also held.

N.S.S.

1. Two NSS volunteers, Ritika Thakur of BA I year and Tanuja of BA II year, participated in the District Level Pre-RD Selection Camp held at G C, Sanjauli on 27th September 2022. Ms. Sapna Verma, the NSS Programme In-Charge, Unit I was also deputed as a judge for this event.
2. NSS volunteer, Shivani of BA II year, took part as a trainer in the One Day Special Orientation Programme by the NSS unit of GDC Dhama on 13th October, 2022. She motivated new volunteers and also received a Letter of Appreciation.
3. Organized a Training Programme on Self Defense Skills for NSS volunteers on 18th and 19th October 2022. Mr. Rajesh Pawar, a journalist currently working with India Today/ Aaj Tak, and known all over India for his daring war reporting of Russia-Ukraine war from Ukraine was the main trainer. Forty NSS volunteers took part in the two-day workshop and learnt strategic defense moves.
4. Organized a three-day training programme for NSS volunteers followed by a two-day field Survey in collaboration with ASER Pratham from 16th to 20th November 2022. The survey was conducted to provide a reliable annual estimate of the overall output of school children on the basis of their learning, analyzing and retaining levels. The survey was conducted in 14 villages of the district in which 28 volunteers took part.
5. Cleanliness drive was conducted by NSS volunteers in the College campus and Sainik Hostel on 5th November 2022.
6. 10 NSS volunteers took part in a one-day Orientation Programme in GC Sanjauli, regarding the curriculum of NSS, on 10th December 2022.
7. Organized a programme in collaboration with Pratham Education Foundation on 14th February 2023 during which certificates of appreciation were awarded to NSS volunteers for participating in a survey on Annual Status of Education Report 2022.
8. Organized a seven-day camp from 23rd February to 01st March 2023. The theme of the camp was 'Ubharta Bharat.'

ROVERS AND RANGERS

1. During the Flag Day celebration of the State Unit of Bharat Scouts and Guides, Himachal Pradesh on 07th November 2022, Rangoli Competition, Flower Arrangement Competition, Skit and Punjabi Dance Competitions were organised by the R&R unit of RKMV. Dr. Amarjeet Kumar Sharma, Director of Higher Education and State Chief Commissioner, BSG, HP were the Chief Guests. Scouts & Guides, Rovers & Rangers units from different schools and colleges in Shimla district participated in this celebration.
2. 4 rangers of the R&R unit of RKMV were selected to attend the International Scouts and Guides Cultural Jamboree held at Alvas Institute of Education, Vidyagiri, Moodedubire, Dakshina Kannad District, Karanataka w.e.f. 21 to 27 December 2022. 2 rangers of R&R unit of RKMV participated in this camp.

RED RIBBON CLUB

1. Celebrated the district level International Youth Day on 31st August 2022.
2. Conducted a district level Quiz Competition in which 22 students from various colleges of Shimla district participated.
3. Observed the state level International Aids Day in collaboration with HP State Aids Control Society on 01st December 2022.
4. Organized an awareness programme on HIV/ AIDS on 23rd February 2023. On this occasion, Poster making, Slogan writing, Paper presentation, and Project presentation were organized.

ECO-CLUB

1. Carried out aplantation drive on 19th August, 2022.

ENERGY CLUB

1. Carried out a plantation drive in collaboration with Eco Club and Himcoste at Ragyan village on 20th August 2022.
2. Rejuvenated the Tribal Hostel lawn and converted it into a herbal garden in collaboration with Eco Club and HIMCOSTE in November and December 2022.
3. Carried out inspection of solar energy panels in the college through the Himurja team and sensitisation of Science students by the experts on 07th November 2022.
4. Application for the installation of solar geysers in the Tribal Hostel was submitted to Department of Tribal Development.

YOUTH RED CROSS SOCIETY

1. Organ Donation Awareness Camp was organized in collaboration with IGMC Shimla on 8th August 2022. The students were made aware of the importance and necessity of organ donations and how it is to be done. They were motivated to fill-up the pledge forms to donate organs. A Rangoli Competition was also held to create awareness about the cause. Ms. Kartik Chauhan and Dr Bhader Singh were the Judges for the Competition.
2. Organized a Sensitisation Workshop and General Health Check-up Camp on 18th November 2022. The day long camp had interactive sessions on Menstrual Hygiene, Drug Abuse and General Nutrition along with a general check-up of the students. The screened students were checked for their weight and height ratio, BP, HB and Sugar levels. Their NCD (Non-Communicable Disease) cards were also filled up. Iron supplements were distributed to the anaemic students. A total of 850 students attended the workshop, 500 were screened and 300 tested. The College staff also visited the camp and got their BP, HB and Sugar levels examined. The camp was organised with the help of Dr. Surekha Chopra, CMO Shimla. A team of 4 doctors and 10 technicians of DDU Shimla and ASHA workers were a part of the camp. A Counsellor was also present for students who wished to discuss their personal issues.
3. Distributed fruits in the Children's Ward at IGMC, Shimla on 29th December 2022.

ROTARACT CLUB

Installation Ceremony of the Rotaract Club was organized in the College on 28th December 2022. Charter Distribution Function was also organized.

ROAD SAFETY CLUB

1. Signature campaign and road safety awareness was carried out in the College on 09th December 2022 by the Club.
2. Organized a rally from the College via Longwood, Cart Road, Lakkar Bazar to the Ridge on 10th December 2022 to make the general public aware about the importance of road safety.
3. Organized programme to create awareness about road safety on 27th February 2023. Sh. Ajay Bhardwaj, DSP, Shimla was invited as the keynote speaker on the occasion.

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WOMEN CELL:

1. Attended an interactive session organized by State Women Commission on “The Issues of Domestic Violence against Women” at Bachat Bhawan, Shimla on 03rd September 2022.
2. Conducted a workshop on 15th February 2023 to create awareness among the girl students to tackle the present-day problems. Guidance was given to the students to effectively use Information Technology to avoid untoward incidents. They were also motivated to download Shakti and Gudiya Helpline apps.
3. Conducted an auditioning session (for an untitled project for Amazon Prime) for the students in collaboration with IMDbPro on 18th February 2023.
4. Organized slogan writing competition on the theme, “Women Empowerment through Technology” on 01st March 2023.
5. Celebrated the Pre-International Women’s Day in collaboration with the Women and Child Welfare Department, Govt. of HP on 03rd March 2023. Guidance on various career options was offered to the students by Sh. Nishant Thakur, SDM (Rural), Shimla, Sh. Anshul Kumar, Regional Employment Officer and Sh. Abhishek Barwal, Programme Officer, District Rural Development Authority.

CAREER COUNSELLING AND PLACEMENT CELL:

1. Organized a career guidance and counselling programme for all the students of Final Year on 18th February 2023. Sh. Kiran Karwade, Director, Strategic Initiatives conducted the session.
2. Placement drive for the final year students of BA, BSc, BCom was organized by the Department of Graduate Add-On Programme on 04th March 2023.
3. A placement drive for ICICI Bank recruitment and training program was organized on 04th May 2023. A written test was conducted by the Relationship and Conduct officials, Mr Aman and Mr Saurabh.

EXAMINATIONS/ MINOR TESTS:

Annual Examinations of students of various faculties for the session 2021-22 were held during the months of April/ May 2022 observing all codal formalities and Covid protocols. Out of a total number of 1314 students who appeared for the final year examination of BA/ BSc/ BCom/ BCA/ Biotechnology/ Microbiology, 1082 students passed. The pass percentage was 87.33%.

The Minor Test/ House Examinations for the session 2022-23 were held from 14th December to 27th December 2022. The Annual Examinations for the Session 2022-23 are expected to commence from 04th April 2023.

SANDHYA SANGEET MAHAVIDYALAYA

The evening wing of the College, Sandhya Sangeet Mahavidyalaya, is affiliated to the prestigious Bhatkhande Vidyapeeth, Lucknow and imparts professional training in Dance and Music. It offers a four-year Visharad degree in Dance, Vocal and Instrumental Music, for which minimum age for admission is ten years. The College also offers hobby classes in Dance, Vocal and Instrumental Music. The minimum age criteria for admission is six years. It also offers a two-year diploma. It has contributed immensely in promoting fine arts not only in the city but across the state.

Course Offered	Strength
Classical Music	
-Vocal	21
-Instrumental	10
Classical Dance	22
TOTAL	53

OUR SUBMISSIONS TO THE HON’BLE CHIEF MINISTER

1. Introduction of Post Graduate Classes in Hindi, English, Economics, Sociology, History and Political Science.
2. In addition to the Vocational Courses offered by the College, on the recommendations by the NAAC Peer Team, some more vocational courses to be introduced in the College.
3. Seven additional rooms to be constructed in the Sainik Hostel to accommodate more girl students.
4. Multi-Purpose Hall to be constructed in the Tribal Hostel.