

RAJKIYA KANYA MAHA VIDYALAYA SHIMLA

ANNUAL REPORT - 2023-24

Hon'ble Chief Guest Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu ji, Chief Minister Government of Himachal Pradesh, Honourable Member Legislative Assembly Shimla Urban Sh. Harish Janartha ji, Director Higher Education, Distinguished guests, office bearers of CSCA, PTA President and PTA Executive members, representatives from media and other distinguished guests present here today. On behalf of the staff and students of RKMV Shimla, I welcome you all to the 46th Annual Prize Distribution Function and present before you the Annual Report of our esteemed institute RKMV for the Year 2023-24

ABOUT RKMV

RKMV Shimla is situated on the cliff of the picturesque Elysium Hill. The college came into existence in the year 1977, when the erstwhile RPCSDB College was taken over by the State Government and today it is one of the premier institutes of higher learning for girl students of Himachal Pradesh. As against 919 girl students who took admission in the college in 1978, the institute has come a long way, and now takes pride in imparting quality education to more than 3000 students in Arts, Commerce and Science, B.Voc and now also in PG courses in five subjects.

Apart from regular disciplines, the institute also offers professional courses like Biotechnology, Microbiology, BCA and PGDCA. We have almost all subjects in our institute and is the only college which offers BA in Home Science. We also have Music (Vocal and Instrumental) and Dance in our Evening College besides regular UG classes.

The college provides facilities to students like Computer Labs- with internet, computerized Library, Language Labs, E-Commerce Labs, Internet Centre, Dispensary, Canteen, Gym, TT Room, Bookstall and Juice Bar.

The College Magazine "Padam" is published annually to hone the creative talents of the College students. **We also have a quarterly Newsletter publication of RKMV "Elysium" – the first in a Government College in the state.** In its endeavour to be an eco-friendly campus, the College has also taken an initiative of becoming a plastic free zone.

RKMV is the only girls' college in the government sector in Himachal Pradesh with two hostels: Sainik Hostel and Tribal Hostel. Students are admitted in the hostels on merit basis which goes too high. Along with studies our aim is to train young women to face the challenges of the modern globalized world.

THE STAFF

Total number of employees: 96 (68 teaching and 28 non-teaching).

Self-financed courses: 14 (10 teaching and 4 non-teaching)

B.Voc. Courses: 09 (6 teaching and 3 non-teaching)

SESSION AT A GLANCE (2023-24)

Students' Strength

Arts:	2304
Science:	433
Commerce:	417
B.Voc.	91

Self-financed Courses:

BCA:	130
PGDCA:	20
Biotechnology:	34
Microbiology:	27

Total – 3456

NCC and NSS

Our college has two units of NSS and one NCC Unit, our volunteers and cadets are contributing their services to the best of their capabilities. Our NCC unit is often judged as one of the best in the country and bags many prizes in the competitions.

Youth Red Cross, Red Ribbon and Rotaract Clubs

RKMV is one of the few colleges in Himachal to register as Youth Red Cross and a Rotaract wing. Our Volunteers are motivated, dedicated and enthusiastic.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Our college student Ms. Jagriti Verma, student of B.Sc. 3rd year was placed 10th in the HPU merit list and 1st in college.
- Ranging from a pass percentage of 75% to 100%, the result of our college is quite impressive especially keeping in mind that most of our girls come from rural background.
- 15% to 35% of our students have scored above 80% of marks in their courses – depending on the streams. Our Science streams are doing very well.
- Ten of our B.Voc. students (total strength) have been placed in top class retail management stores and in the hospitality and tourism industry and their result is 100%.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN HPU INTER-COLLEGE SPORTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

Sports

1. A two days **Inter College Women Boxing Championship** was hosted by the College at Indira Gandhi Sports Complex on 28th & 29th November 2023. **RKMV remained overall Winner of this event.**

2. College students bagged 4 gold medals (Anjana, Priyanka, Muskan Rana and Muskan Negi), 3 silver medals (Sunidhi, Vanshita Saini, Priyanshu) and 4 bronze medals (Yogita, Mehak, Anchal and Simran) in the **Inter College Women Boxing Championship** last year.
3. **Wushu Championship:** College students, Ms. Muskan Negi bagged the Gold medal and Ms. Vanshita Saini won the Bronze medal at Solan College.
4. **Boxing at Khelo India Youth Games 2024 held in Tamil Nadu** - Ms. Sunidhi won a silver medal in these tournaments.
5. **Taekwondo Championship:** Dimple of RKMV bagged the Silver medal at G.C Dhami in November 2023.
6. **Judo Championship:** The college team participated in the tournament held at G.C. Solan on 20th & 21st November 2023. Siya of RKMV bagged the Silver medal.
7. **Volleyball Championship:** Held at MLSM Sundernagar from 19th to 21st Oct 2023. Two students of the College, **Ritika and Shivani were selected for the North Zone tournament held at Srinagar University, Kashmir.**
8. **Kho- Kho Championship:** Bagged Second position in the inter-college tournament held at Lambathach w.e.f 11th to 13th Oct. 2023. **Ankita of RKMV was the best runner in the Inter-College Championship.** Three students of RKMV-Muskan, Kiranti and Ankita were selected for the North Zone Championship held at L.P.U. Jalandhar.

Cultural

1. **The HPU Youth Festival Group – I** was organized at Government College, Nalagarh from 28th to 30th September 2023. Students from RKMV won **first prize in Collage making** and **third prize in Clay modelling.**
2. **The HPU Youth Festival Group – II (Music)** was held at PG College, Rampur Bushar from 14th to 17th October 2023. **Won the Overall Trophy.** RKMV won a prize in every category. Bhavna, Tamanna, Monika, Lakshita, Prerna & Diksha bagged first prize in Group song (Indian) and Bhavna, Tamanna, Monika, Lakshita, Navriti & Diksha bagged second prize in Group song (Western), Diksha of BA-II won third prize in Ghazal, Bhavna Verma of BA-III got third prize in Western song.
3. **The HPU Youth Festival Group – III** - Ms. Geetanjali Thakur won second position in Indian Classical dance at Government College, Nadaun, Hamirpur.
4. **The HPU Youth Festival Group – IV** Students from RKMV won the third prize in One Act Play and Mimicry at Government College, Seema.

National Cadet Core

The cadets exhibited their outstanding performance in “Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat” camp organized from 15th to 26th June 2023 at Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. RKMV bagged the award for **Best Institution.** Priyanshu claimed 1st position and Suhani claimed 3rd position in Firing 1st in group dance, 1st in Volleyball Competition and 2nd in solo song.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF RKMV

- RKMV has become the first college in the entire state to **sign a MoU with a foreign University – the Penn State University, Pennsylvania, USA.** The MoU has concentrated on ‘Project Based Learning and Student Exchange Program’. 30 girls and 12 teachers are to be the part of this programme. A team of 5 PSU faculty members are visiting RKMV from Dec 8th to 14th to train RKMV teachers and students. They will be given a certificate after this

training. Also 10 of RKMV girls and 2 teachers shall be going to PSU in May-June 2025 as part of the Exchange Programme.

- On 12th August 2024, RKMV had the privilege to start **Postgraduate Courses in five subjects** after getting provisional affiliation for PG courses of M.Com, MA (English), MA (Political Science), MA (Economics), MA (Geography) and MA (History) from the Session 2024-25. So now RKMV is a postgraduate institute.
- To enhance the atmosphere of research amongst the faculty and students “**Multiverse Lecture Series**” has been initiated in RKMV since February 2024. Multiverse is an ‘infinite array of universes’ accepting diversity and plurality across various disciplines, activities and thoughts. 8 lectures and 12 Workshops covering varied issues have been conducted under its banner since then. RKMV also dreams of starting its own UGC care Journal in future.
- A new initiative of publishing a quarterly **Newsletter “Elysium”** has been started and two of them have been published. It highlights all the activities conducted during the span.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TEACHING FACULTY

In addition to teaching, our Faculty is also at the forefront of Research. They have published **31 research papers and contributed 4 books and authored chapters in the session 2023-24**. Out of these papers - 8 have been published in Springer, 3 in Scopus and 7 in International Journals.

Many of our Faculty also go as resource persons/ experts to various institutes and academies. Principal RKMV, Dr. Anurita Saxena delivers lectures on Communication Skills in National Academy of Audit & Accounts, to the probationers of Indian Audit and Account Services and HIPA to the young IAS and HAS probationers, SCERT Solan, ASC HPU, Nauni University and Doordarshan Shimla. 3 of our faculties are also designated as Supervisors for Ph.D scholars. 2 Ph.Ds were awarded under the supervision of Dr. M.L. Mankotia – our IQAC Coordinator in 2023-24.

Apart from this more than 20 Faculty members are part of the Board of Studies of various subjects in HPU and 4 teachers are also on the Editorial Board of the reputed Journals.

OUR NEW EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Value-Added/ Add-on Courses at Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya are aimed at enhancing student learning outcomes, fostering personal and professional development and aligning with the evolving demands of the job market. These courses are structured to be interactive, hands-on, and experiential, empowering students to apply theoretical concepts to real-world scenarios and develop practical skills that are invaluable in today's job market. At present 7 add-on courses are in progress with participation of 350 students. Courses being offered are **Yoga for Holistic Health, Desktop Publishing, Bollywood & Folk Dance, Management Skills, Bakery & Cooking and Basics of Gardening**.

Online Coaching classes were organized for final year students to prepare them for their upcoming Competitive Examination by various departments in association with Career

Counselling Cell and IQAC, RKMV from 2nd to 15th May, 2024 and 436 students were benefitted.

Professional Internships are being offered at RKMV for 3-4 months to outsiders in 3 departments – Library, Physical Education and Painting. The interns are helping in management and learning skills too.

Project Based Learning is now being emphasised at RKMV to enhance the analytical and Team Building skills of our students. The departments of History, Political Science, Zoology and many more are actively engaged in projects.

Educational Exposure Visits are becoming very popular in RKMV. During the session 2023-24, four departments: History, Chemistry, Physics and Commerce had organized educational exposure visits in which 313 students participated.

Summer Camp has been initiated under the scheme of Summer School in collaboration with many universities. The first School was conducted with Shoolini University where 41 science students accompanied by 2 faculty members went for a Summer Internship Program to learn about cutting edge research in genetics, nanotechnology, photocatalysis and environmental engineering. The camp had a blend of academic and extracurricular activities. It was held from 24th -28th June 2024.

Mentor-Mentee Scheme has been started from the academic session-2024-25. It is a group of students who have been taken from BA/ B.Sc. / B.Com. 2nd and 3rd year. Those students have been selected for the scheme who are overall active and responsible in performing their duties. They would act as ears and eyes of the college.

Star Batches at RKMV is an initiative to improve academic performance by focusing on high-achieving students. These batches offer advanced learning opportunities, personalized mentoring, and targeted academic guidance to help students excel further. The initiative aims to boost overall college results, increase success rates in competitive exams, and promote greater student engagement and motivation toward academic achievement. 10 top students of each subject shall be a part of these batches.

Remedial classes have been introduced as a part of student support services to help students struggling with their coursework. These classes provide personalized attention, enhance basic academic skills, and build confidence, targeting students with below-average performance or those seeking extra help. A total of about 800 students attended remedial classes.

OUR NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Apart from the National Scholarship schemes - RKMV has started its own scholarships from the session 2024-25 to encourage our girls for further studies:

Shrimati Nidhi Lakhanpal Jyoti Memorial Scholarships

Smt. Nidhi Lakhanpal Jyoti Memorial Scholarships' have been started in the memory of Smt. Nidhi Jyoti who was an ex-student of RKMV (1991-1993) by her husband Sh. Anil Jyoti and

her daughters. These are 11 Merit-cum-Means Undergraduate Scholarships for the students of the college. Smt. Nidhi Jyoti was a student of Music and Economics. Her stint at RKMV marked her journey as a student to becoming an Economics Professor. She was a passionate Sitar player, and above all, an advocate for women's rights and their education and always propagated women to be independent and explore their full potential. These Scholarships shall be given to a total of 11 students from RKMV every year.

Sh. Anil Jyoti and his daughters have created a corpus of 15 lakhs which will generate one lakh rupees every year for scholarships. They have donated Rs. 17.25 lakh for these scholarships till date.

PTA Sponsored Merit Based Scholarship

The “Merit-Based Scholarship” has been started in collaboration with the PTA of RKMV to encourage the academic competition amongst the students and to recognize and reward outstanding academic achievement of students. A total of 138 students were awarded in a function recently for the session 2023-24.

Need Based Scholarship

Need-Based scholarships have been designed by RKMV in the current session 2024-25. These scholarships aim to alleviate the financial burden of purchasing syllabus books, which can be a significant expense for students. The students - who require - are given books of all their courses.

Learn and Earn Internship Scheme

A new internship scheme "Learn and Earn" has been initiated in collaboration with PTA, in which each department, club or cell of the college is encouraged to engage students as “Interns” to learn valuable skills in the college and also to help to conduct the various activities in the college. The student interns are being paid on hourly basis for their active engagement in various activities of respective departments, clubs or cells. A total of 70 students have opted to be interns in the session 2024-25.

NEW PROJECTS

Gifting Green “Pyare Podhe”

RKMV embraces the tradition of gifting plants and potted plants to guests during college functions, symbolizing growth, sustainability, and the nurturing of relationships. These plants are grown and propagated in the college greenhouse. The project is self - sustaining and is earning money already.

Project - Chitrakari

The students of our painting department with their exceptional talent have been contributing by sketching and painting which we present as gifts to our distinguished guests and are highly appreciated by all. The project is self - sustaining and is earning money already.

Project - Katran

An initiative of Clothing and Textiles branch of Home Science Department, RKMV, Shimla, striving to join a national level collective efforts towards promoting up cycling as a solution to divert waste from reaching municipal dumps and fostering a circular economy by keeping

textiles in use for longer periods and minimizing the need for virgin materials. Under this project students are being taught the concept of designing and construction of various usable textile articles. The project is self - sustaining and is earning money already.

Old Veteran Association

RKMV has recently taken an initiative to reunite Veteran Alumnae who were on rolls when RKMV was known as RPCSDB (Raja Padam Chand Sanatan Dharm Bhargava Mahavidyalaya). With great effort approximately 75 veterans have been brought together on a common platform and the college hopes to coordinate with them to restore their past experiences as well as to strengthen the already existing RKMV Old Students' Association.

Some of the Veterans are actively and wholeheartedly involved in interaction with our postgraduate students guiding them in communication skills and personality development. Some of our star veterans are Col. Dhani Ram Shandil, Cabinet Minister in the present Government and Sh. Suresh Bhardwaj, Minister in the previous Government, Mrs. Veena Sood, Sh. S.N Joshi Retd IAS), Senior Advocate Mr Rakeshwar Lal Sood, Mr. Bhanu Sood, Mr. Kuldeep Bali, Mr. Rajan Mishra, Adv. Sulakshna Arya, Dr. Sneh Sood and many more.

Milk Packet and single Use Plastic Collection and Recycling

To reduce plastic menace under best practices of RKMV, the collected waste plastic milk packets of approximately 60 kgs have been sent to a Mumbai based NGO for recycling. In addition 100 Kg Single Use Plastic has been **sold to MC Shimla and an amount of Rs 7,000/- has been received.**

New Collaborations and MoUs

RKMV is not just an institution of higher education, it is also the centre of social engineering. **16 new MOUs** were signed in session 2023-24 to foster progressive changes in environment, education, culture, media and gender issues.

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

Now, RKMV has one of the best infrastructure with ample space to accommodate all 29 departments. We are extremely grateful to the State Government for providing us support as and when required. We also have ample parking space and an open ground for our students.

Honourable Chief Guest for the occasion, I would like to add that here at RKMV, we try our best to organize all activities and teaching strategies as per the guidelines of UGC, NAAC and NEP 2020. Our main emphasis is on project-based learning. We follow a strict academic calendar throughout the session and all other functions and co-curricular activities are encouraged organised only after 2 o' clock so regular studies are not affected.

Recently an ICSSR Project on “Capacity Building and Youth’s Perception of Agriculture Entrepreneurship in Himachal Pradesh” was granted to RKMV, Shimla in collaboration with Shoolini University, Solan. The duration of the project is one year (Sept 2024 - Sept 2025) and the amount sanctioned is Rs. 20 Lakhs – again a first for RKMV.

I, on behalf of the entire RKMV family once again express my sincere gratitude to you for sparing your precious time to be with us here today. We wish you good health and success in your future endeavours.

Last but not the least our aim is to be one of the leading colleges, known and widely acknowledged- an institution which develops character and ethical leadership in its students in their pursuit of excellence.

We wish to see RKMV to be recognised as a role model for excellence in academics, art, culture and sports. Hope each pass-out from this institution will demonstrate a spirit of respect, responsibility and civic excellence.

A message to our dear students:

नज़र को बदलो तो नज़ारे बदल जाते हैं
सोच को बदलो तो सितारे बदल जाते हैं।
कशियां बदलने की ज़रूरत नहीं
दिशाओं को बदलो तो किनारे खुद ब खुद बदल जाते हैं।।

On this memorable occasion as we recount our success with pride and happiness, I wish to dedicate all our achievements to the committed effort of a committed team 'The RKMV FAMILY'.

I would like to conclude with these lines: -

"Don't tell us sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon!"

I wish to convey my heartfelt gratitude to the CSCA, Students, PTA, Teaching/ Non-Teaching staff and the PWD officials for their support and coordination rendered in organizing this event today.

Thank You

Jai Hind.

Jai Himachal.