Report on the Distribution of the Nidhi Lakhanpal Jyoti Memorial Scholarships

Introduction

The annual prize distribution function at Rakiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya (RKMV), Shimla, held on **16th October 2024**, was a momentous occasion that celebrated the academic and extracurricular achievements of the students. One of the most significant highlights of the event was the distribution of the **Shrimati Nidhi Lakhanpal Jyoti Memorial Scholarships**, a prestigious merit-cum-means award initiated in memory of Smt Nidhi Lakhanpal Jyoti, an alumna of RKMV. These scholarships, established by her family, continue to support and empower deserving students, reflecting Smt Nidhi Jyoti's values of women's education and empowerment.

Details of the Scholarship Distribution

The **Shrimati Nidhi Lakhanpal Jyoti Memorial Scholarships** were awarded to a total of **11 students** from various academic disciplines, selected based on their academic merit and financial needs. The distribution of scholarships was presided over by prominent dignitaries, including the worthy CM, Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Local MLA, Shri Harish Janartha, DC Shimla, Mayor M.C. Shimla, college Principal, Dr. Anurita Saxena and representatives of Smt Nidhi Jyoti's family.

The scholarships were awarded as follows:

1. For Final Year Students:

- Economics Stream: One scholarship was awarded to the top-performing finalyear student in Economics, reflecting Smt Nidhi Jyoti's academic background as an Economics professor.
- Music Stream: One scholarship was given to the best-performing final-year student in the Music stream, celebrating Smt Nidhi Jyoti's passion for music, particularly the sitar.

2. Stream-Based Awards:

- o **Arts Stream**: One scholarship was awarded to the top student from the Arts stream in their third year.
- o **Science Stream**: One scholarship was granted to the best-performing third-year student in the Science stream.

o **Commerce Stream**: One scholarship was presented to the top-performing third-year Commerce student.

3. For Physically Challenged and Economically Weaker Students:

- o **First-Year Students**: Two scholarships were awarded to students from the physically challenged or economically weaker sections (EWS) in their first year.
- Second-Year Students: Four scholarships were awarded to second-year students from physically challenged or EWS backgrounds.

Ceremony Highlights

During the prize distribution, several key speakers highlighted the significance of the **Nidhi Lakhanpal Jyoti Memorial Scholarships**. The college principal, while addressing the audience, expressed gratitude towards the family of Smt Nidhi Jyoti for their generous contribution to the institution and its students. The scholarships not only ease the financial burdens of the recipients but also motivate them to continue pursuing excellence in their academic journeys.

The family of Smt Nidhi Jyoti, represented by her husband, **Shri Anil Jyoti**, and their daughters, shared emotional words about the legacy of Smt Nidhi Jyoti. Shri Anil Jyoti spoke about her commitment to education and women's empowerment, and how the scholarships in her name align with her lifelong beliefs.

Impact on Students

The recipients of the **Nidhi Lakhanpal Jyoti Memorial Scholarships** expressed deep appreciation and gratitude for the financial assistance, which will allow them to focus on their studies without the stress of financial constraints. The scholarships have provided these students with the opportunity to pursue their educational goals more confidently and achieve their full potential.

Many of the scholarship recipients are first-generation college students or come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The financial support offered through these scholarships will go a long way in ensuring they have access to necessary academic resources such as textbooks, study materials, and tuition assistance.

Conclusion

The distribution of the **Nidhi Lakhanpal Jyoti Memorial Scholarships** at the annual prize distribution function on **16th October 2024** was a meaningful and heartwarming event, celebrating the values of education, equality, and empowerment. By recognizing the hard work and potential of deserving students, RKMV Shimla, in collaboration with the family of Smt Nidhi Jyoti, has taken an important step towards fostering academic growth and supporting

students in need. This scholarship continues to serve as a lasting tribute to Smt Nidhi Jyoti's legacy and her advocacy for women's education and independence.

Looking Forward

The continued support from the **Nidhi Lakhanpal Jyoti Memorial Scholarships** will undoubtedly help many more students in the years to come. It is hoped that future prize distribution ceremonies will see an even greater number of students benefiting from this generous initiative, furthering RKMV's commitment to academic excellence and financial inclusivity.

Photo Gallery





List of Scholarship Recipients:

