

Annual Report (2023-24)

From a humble inception with a handful of students in the year 1920, SCD Govt College Ludhiana has transformed into one of the foremost and finest colleges of Ludhiana. There is no royal road to learning and success. It has come through consistent hard work, unstinted devotion and dedication of the faculty, and above all the visionary leadership to materialise what was envisaged as an ideal educational institution.

Education is the core instrument of human development and its aim is to promote excellence in all spheres of the life of a student. Our objective at SCD Govt College Ludhiana is the harmonious development of the intellectual, physical, social, moral, and spiritual faculties of the students by making them unveil and 'discover' their own inner mine of infinite knowledge. At the heart of the institution is a core of shared values, which reflects our ethos and which permeates everything that is done. These values foster high standards of behaviour and achievement, support a framework of respect, promote self-confidence, and provide a warm harmonious environment in which the students learn and thrive. Central to the ethos of the institution is the spirit of 'taking a dare' whether it is doing one's best in academic, sports or cultural pursuits, or taking part in activities for community and social welfare.

Keeping pace with the ever-changing scenario, the college currently offers 11 post graduate, 6 graduate and 4 skill development certificate courses. Evening shift of BCom and BCA courses was introduced in 2023. For honing the soft skills of the students, the Finishing School is being run under RUSA Scheme (MHRD). The library is fully computerised, with 1,07,613 books, 60 magazines, 22 newspapers and 30 lakh plus e-resources for students and faculty. Books can be searched online through KOHA application.

It is one of the prime educational institutions with a sprawling 42-acre campus with natural green areas. There are 61 classrooms including 25 Smart Classrooms with LCD projectors, and 21 laboratories for carrying out the practical work. There is a Conference Room (equipped with Digital Podium and online meeting aids), an Administrative Office, Bursar Room, Main Staff Room, different departmental rooms, and two Girls Common Rooms (multipurpose halls) for students. All the buildings in the campus are fully accessible to the persons with disabilities. Two seminar halls with touch panel LED display, projector and ICT facility are available for curricular and academic activities. Sahir Auditorium has been equipped with an air conditioning unit. Solar power plant (roof top) with a total installed capacity of 165 kW has been commissioned.

The infrastructure of the college is continuously upgraded under the RUSA scheme. Construction of Guru Gobind Singh Bhawan Multipurpose Hall initiated under the RUSA scheme has been

completed. It has one Seminar Hall, two rooms, two boys' washrooms and two girls' washrooms. New building of the Botany Department is under construction.

During 2023-24 the college campus was all agog with the din and bustle of academic, cultural and sports activities throughout the session. Students brought laurels in every arena, be it university positions, cultural feats, or sports achievements. The new academic session 2023-24 of SCD Government College, Ludhiana began on 25th July with an Orientation Programme for the new students enrolled in the different courses. In collaboration with Tehzeeb Cultural Society, the Alumni Association of the college organised *Dastan e Sahir*, a narrative rendition on the life and work of our star alumnus and world-renowned lyricist, Sahir Ludhianvi on 19th August 2023. National Sports Day was celebrated on 29th August 2023 to commemorate the memory of Hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. The 104th Annual Athletic Meet was held on 6th and 7th March 2024. The Meet was declared open by Sh Sandeep Rishi, Commissioner Ludhiana Municipal Corporation and Chief Administrator, GLADA. Renowned Hockey player, Olympian S Balbir Singh Garewal, was the chief guest on the second day of the meet. He gave away the prize of Best Athlete Male to Mukul Dham & Sukhbeer Singh, and Best Athlete Female to Priyanka Kumari of morning college. Aryan Bhandari of Evening college was the Best Athlete.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Various departments conducted seminars, conferences, workshops, competitions, and many more student friendly activities during the session. The **Department of English** organised an Extension Lecture on *Major Postmodernist Concerns* in collaboration with R N Matta Foundation and three workshops on *Language Enhancement (2 days)*, *UGC English Paper 2 (2 days)* and *Research Methodology (7 days)* respectively, to hone the language, research, and critical faculties of students. The month of November 2023 was celebrated as *Punjabi Maah*, devoted to the Punjabi Maat Bhasha. The **Department of Punjabi** organised an extension lecture and two workshops on the topics *Punjabi Language and Phonetics* and *Importance of Mother Tongue*. *Hindi Diwas Saptaah* was celebrated from 14th September to 20th September 2023. In this, a three-day seminar, a two-day workshop, a one-day conference on poetry, and a historical and cultural tour was organised. A two-day literary festival was also organised by the department apart from seminars and workshops. The **Economics Department** organised a video streaming session on *How Singapore Became Asia's No. 1 Country*. Two extension lectures on the *Art of Writing Research Papers* and *Beyond GDP Inequality Amidst Economic Growth* and a seminar on *How to Crack UGC NET/JRF* was held. The department also launched the second edition of its student journal, *Eco-Quest*.

The **Department of Geography** organised an educational trip to Anandpur Sahib and Virasat-E-Khalsa. The **Department of History** organised a seminar on *Wars that Shook the Earth*. An extension lecture was organised by the **Political Science Department** on *G-20 Political*

Sociological and Administrative Effects. The **Department of Psychology** organised an extension lecture cum workshop on the topic of personality development.

The **Mathematics Department** organised a seminar on *How to Shape your Career*. The **Department of Botany and IMB** organised two seminars on the *Role of Plant Growth Regulators in Growth and Development*, and *Plant Tissue Culture*. A one-day educational trip was also organised. **Physics Department** organised a seminar on *Journey to Explore the Mysteries of the Universe through Large Hadron Collider*. The **Dept of Chemistry** organised two seminars and a series of competitions to celebrate National Science Day. Several departments arranged field trips and excursions for students.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

It is a matter of immense pride for the college that as many as eleven students from different departments topped the university at postgraduate level. Tanisha bagged Gold Medal in MA Economics, Charvi Behal secured Gold Medal in MCom Business Innovations, Anu Rani Jindal-Gold Medal in MSc Mathematics, Simranjeet Singh-Gold Medal in MSc Physics and Sneha Pathak bagged Gold Medal in MSc Chemistry. Shabnam of MA English, Yogita Jain of MA Economics, Gurjap Kaur of MSc Chemistry and Aditi Sharma of MCom Business Innovations were placed second in the university whereas Rohit of MSc Physics and Isha Jain of MCom Business Innovations bagged the third position in the university merit list. All these students were awarded by Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Vice President of India & Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh at the 71st Annual Convocation of Panjab University on 7th March 2024.

Several students have cracked competitive examinations. Sakshi and Rishika Sharma from MA Economics, Kartik from MA Geography and Sunil Kumar from MA English qualified the UGC NET exam for Lectureship in session 2023-24.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The college has a dynamic **Career Counselling and Placement Cell** which conducts placement drives, seminars, workshops, and career orientation lectures throughout the session. The placement cell also coordinates with the District Bureau of Employment and helps them benefit from the career opportunities available in the public and private sectors. As many as 22 seminars and workshops were conducted by various departments under the Career Counselling Scheme. Many educational tours were also organised under this scheme.

A Free Book Distribution Fair was organised by the Student Council of the college. Many students and teachers had come forward and donated the books to the Book Bank. The purpose was the benefit of needy students and also to inculcate the value of compassion in the students.

Finishing School organised an interactive Workshop on *English Language and Career Building* enhancing English language skills for attaining success in career. A two-day Seminar cum Workshop on Life Skills was organised on *Handling Procrastination and 'Managing Time Effectively*. An interactive 8-day Makeup and Hair Course was also conducted. The hands-on training was designed to help students become a beauty stylist.

A two-day workshop on *Soft Skills* was organised by the **Certificate Courses Committee** with presentations on *Introduction to Cutlery, Table Presentation, How to be a Good Host, Story of a Napkin and Fine Dining Etiquette*.

The **Institution's Innovation Council** has been actively involved in providing a rich learning experience for the students by organising expert sessions, workshops, field trips and fests. Jashan-e-Diwali and Spring Marketing Fest were organised to promote entrepreneurship among the youth. An Intra Institution Idea Competition was organised by the IIC to initiate a spark of creativity and innovation amongst the students. Students showcased their innovative ideas for startups in various fields. As many as three workshops and five industrial visits were arranged for the benefit of students.

The **Women Development Cell** organised a seminar on *Inequality Faced by Girls in Indian Society*. A session on *PCOS Awareness* was also organised.

The Cultural Carnival was organised by the **Music Club** on 12th September 2023. The students showcased their talent by representing different cultures which signified unity in diversity in the form of dance, music, orchestra and bhangra. A seminar was organised on *Important Aspects of Tabla Solo* on 20th September 2023.

NCC Air Wing cadet Gurkirat Singh Randhawa, attended Air Force Attachment Camp at Air Force Academy Dundigal Hyderabad from 19th June 2023 to 02 July 2023. Cadet attended the Advanced Leadership Camp held at Dehradun, Uttarakhand from 7th September 2023 to 18th September 2023. NCC Air Wing (4 Pb Air Sqn NCC) Cadet Prabhkanwal Singh got selected for All India Vayu Sainik Camp held at Bangalore from 23rd Sep 2023 to 3rd October 2023. Cadet CPL Prabhkanwal was the only cadet from the Air Wing who got selected for AIVSC after clearing Pre VSC-I, II, III, and IV. He was one amongst the 38 cadets who represented Punjab Haryana Himachal Pradesh & Chandigarh Directorate.

Our **NSS** unit is very active and keeps the students involved in a flurry of activities throughout the year. Apart from sensitising them towards cleanliness and green initiatives, it helps them show consideration towards community before self. The National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists honoured the college with an Award of Appreciation for excellency towards contribution

to the safe blood donation movement. The college also bagged an Appreciation Award for promotion of Road Safety Awareness Programme.

The **Red Ribbon Club** organised numerous activities throughout the session spreading awareness on blood donation, AIDS, and drug menace. Red Ribbon Club of SCD Government College was adjudged as the Best Club of the Ludhiana Zone and was given an Appreciation Award by health minister Dr Balbir Singh.

The **Red Cross Society** organised a free Health checkup and diet consultation Camp for the staff and students. Eight Volunteers of the Red Cross Society attended a six day State Level Study and Training Camp at Talwara.

Buddy Group & Anti-Drug Cell sensitised the students on the ill effects of Drug Abuse. Students participated in various competitions organised by Youth Directorate Services and PACS.

Our **Eco Club** keeps organising seminars and rallies to sensitise the students on green consciousness. A plantation drive was held to mark World Environment Day. Seminars were organised to spread awareness on paddy straw burning and depletion of ozone layer. The club celebrated *Swachhta Abhyaan & Swachhta Rally* on 2nd October. A rally on *Say No to Fire Crackers* was organised to motivate the students to celebrate pollution free Diwali. Students also cleaned the campus and marched in a rally on *Clean India Green India*.

CULTURAL AND HERITAGE ACHIEVEMENTS

The college won the overall trophy in the zonal youth festival held at Kamla Lohtia SD college, Ludhiana. Our teams won first prize in the events of Group Shabad, Bhangra, One Act Play, Classical Dance, Giddha, Percussion, Crochet work, Essay writing, Elocution, Rassa watna, Cartooning, Indian Orchestra, Naala Making, Dasuti (cross stitch) and Heritage Quiz. In the Inter Zonal Youth festival, our Bhangra team won the 1st prize, Skit also bagged 1st prize. Classical Dance won 2nd prize and Giddha won the 3rd prize. Seventeen of our students were declared individual prize winners in the zonal and inter zonal youth festival.

Our students also brought laurels in various inter college fests and competitions. Azeempartap Singh secured 3rd position in the prestigious KK Grover Goodwill Declamation contest organised by Department of English and Cultural Studies PU Chandigarh. Ansh Sareen and Kavya Gulati from BCom Sem 2 won 2nd prize in the event of Byte Brain Battle at "Hackathon and Athena 2024" organised by "PCTE Group." Ansh from BSc Medical, Suraj and Kamalpreet Singh from BA 6th Sem & Love Kumar BCom 4th Sem won 3rd position in best out of waste competition held at GNIMT. Abhishek, Suraj and Mohit, first year students of MA Economics bagged the first prize in inter college quiz competition held at Kamla Lohtia College Ludhiana on 6th Feb 2024..

Sports Achievements

The college **Basketball** team won the Inter-college competition held at Panjab University, Chandigarh for the 15th time. Seven players of this team played in the All-India inter university competition and took 3rd position. Five players of this team, namely Nawaz Singh, Karandeep Singh, Rhythempreet Singh, Harshavpal Singh and Rahul won 1st position in the Khelo India Inter-university held in Assam in 2024.

The college **Volleyball** team won 1st prize in the Inter-college competition held at Panjab University, Chandigarh. Six players of this team, namely Preet Karan, Dheeraj Bhatia, Jasjodh Singh, Summer Sharma, Gagandeep Singh and Souravjeet Singh participated in North Zone Inter-university tournament and got the 1st position in **Khelo India Inter University Games** held at Assam in 2024. Jasjodh Singh of volleyball team represented India during **World University Games** held at China in 2023

In Inter-College Competitions held in PU, Chandigarh, Ajaypal won 1st prize in the **Wrestling** Tournament whereas Surinder Singh, Sanjeed Singh and Vasu Kangra stood 3rd; Kulveer Ram and Gamdoor Singh clinched 1st and 2nd prize in **Athletics** respectively while Mukul Dham, Sukhveer Singh and Piyush stood 3rd; Harshita Thakur stood 2nd in **Taekwondo**, Bhavish Sabbarwal bagged bronze medal in **Karate**, Chetan bagged bronze in **Weightlifting**, and Abhishek got bronze in **Taekwondo**.

To motivate players, monetary cheques of Rs. 4000/- each were given to 34 players with achievements ranging from Inter-college to International level by the college.

Faculty Achievements

Our highly learned faculty is committed to ensure the welfare of the students. For this they keep themselves updated with the latest trends in educational pedagogy and are also extensively involved in research work. They present papers in national, international seminars and conferences and their research work is published in noted research journals from time to time. To them we owe the excellent achievements of our students in academics as well as in life. From the department of English, Dr Neelam Bhardwaj has published two research papers and published two books. Prof Amita Thaman and Prof Sarika have attended Faculty Development Programmes and training programmes. From the department of Economics, Dr Sajla has been nominated as a member of the Board of Studies in Applied Sciences-Humanities in GNE. She delivered an expert lecture in Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College. She was invited as a Chairperson in Govt College for Girls Ludhiana in ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on Drug Addiction. She also presented two papers in national and international seminars. Prof Geetanjali co-chaired a Session in the International Conference on Legal and Economic Synergy for Equitable Society organised by the University Institute of Laws, Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana. She also attended 3-day DoPT sponsored training on “Ethical Issues in Academic Publications” conducted at MGSIPA from 13-

15th March 2024. Dr. Iradeep published a research article in the book National Education Policy 2020. She was invited as a Resource person by Guru Angad Dev Veterinary University and invited to co chair a technical session in the International Conference organised by Panjab University Regional Centre Ludhiana Department of Laws. Dr Iradeep was also invited as a Judge for State Level Poetry Writing Competition by Nehru Yuva Kendra and the Impromptu Competition organised by Panjab University Regional Centre. Prof Devina from the Botany department has been awarded the PhD degree. Dr Neeraj Kumar from the same department has attended Faculty Development Programmes and he also published a research paper in an international journal. Dr Narender Budhiraja from Physics department has attended two workshops and published two research articles as chapters in books. Prof Mitali from Punjabi Department was felicitated by the State Govt for exemplary service on Republic Day State Level Function in January 2024. Prof Sandeep Kaur from the Music Department was invited as an expert to judge singing events in various institutions. She also presented a paper in an international conference organised by the department of Theatre and Music, Lovely Professional University. Prof Sakshi Jain from the Computer Science Department has published two research papers in international journals. She has also presented papers in national seminars and conferences.