

**GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE
KHAD, DISTT. UNA (H.P.)**



Annual Report

2023-2024

**Presented by
Dr. R K Sharma, Principal**

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is a singular honour for me to accord a warm welcome to Sh. Mukesh Agnihotri, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on the occasion of Annual Prize Distribution Function of Govt. Degree College, Khad. On behalf of the college family, I extend a hearty welcome to our revered Chief Guest and also express my deepest gratitude for taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us on this special event where we honour the achievers in different spheres. I am also beholden to all distinguished guests, parents, representatives from Gram Panchayat, friends from media, students and members of civil society who have added charm to this solemn occasion. Your presence will definitely act as a catalyst for our future endeavours.

It is in all humility that I stand here in front of this august gathering, to present the consolidated account of diverse activities undertaken during the Academic Year 2023-2024.

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1. Introduction

“If you wish to invest for a lifetime, invest in Education.” This is how a wise man has underlined the relevance of education in human life. The significance of this assertion must have been behind the journey that began with the conviction of the progressive community inhabiting village Khad. Successive generations of its natives have attained glorious heights in their chosen fields after venturing out of one of the oldest schools in the region. So, it is not an exaggeration to state that Govt. Degree College Khad is an extension of that dream which started with the foundation of a school, accentuating the importance of education. Opening an institution of higher learning had been a persistent demand of the people of the area for decades. It was during his visit to the Haroli Assembly segment that the then Chief Minister Sh. Virbhadra Singh acceded to the request made through Sh. Mukesh Agnihotri, who pleaded the cause with vigour and energy. The opening of the college was announced in May 2016 in a public meeting, and a notification followed in due course of time. An impressive function was organised to mark the foundation stone laying ceremony on 22 November 2016. Coincidentally, our Chief Guest of the day has been associated with the journey of this college at each stage, right since its inception. It occupies a special place in his heart. He has proven to be our staunchest ally during hour of need.

Situated on Una-Gagret Road, the college started functioning with induction of students in Arts and Commerce faculties. With a modest beginning of about a hundred odd students on rolls, Dr. Amarjeet K. Sharma, presently Director (Higher Education) was at the helm of affairs. Now the college has two hundred seventy odd students on rolls, majority of them girls. Many of these girls would not have been able to continue their higher education because of varied reasons. As you will witness during the course of this function, girl power has made its presence felt in almost every field and their parents and teachers can be justifiably proud of them.

2. Vision & Mission Statements

The college has formulated its vision and mission statements as under:

Vision

“Empowerment through Knowledge”

Mission

“To provide quality education which enhances the ability of students to learn throughout the life?”

3. Infrastructure

The college embarked on its journey from the academic block provided by Pt. M.L. Dutt GSSS Khad that housed classrooms, administrative wing and a staff room. The arrangement, though temporary, lasted a span of almost seven academic sessions. The majestic building was inaugurated virtually by the then Chief Minister on 19 November 2021, but the possession was kept in abeyance due to some technical and administrative issues. After the formation of Government in 2022, the first deputy Chief Minister of the State, Sh. Mukesh Agnihotri took initiative and accorded topmost priority to shifting of the college to its own campus. In his first public meeting after assuming office, he instructed various Government Departments to pull out all stops to ensure that the college is housed in its permanent campus before the year end. So, the college ushered in the year 2023 from its own permanent abode. The present building has ample space to fulfill the needs of an ideal institution of higher learning. There are six lecture theatres equipped with smart boards and facilities for virtual mode of teaching, five classrooms, provision for two computer labs, one multipurpose hall, a spacious library with a reading room, separate rooms for co-curricular and extension activities, with corridors wide enough to accommodate all; it is also worth mentioning that sufficient land is available to conform to future expansion plans.

With the shifting of the building, a gradual process of updation and up gradation of infrastructure has automatically been set in motion. Purchases have been made to meet the requirement of furniture, books, hardware and other miscellaneous items. Here also, the institution gratefully acknowledges the prompt response of Worthy Deputy Chief Minister's office and office of Worthy Director (Higher Education) in clearance of budgetary provisions for developmental works. The foundation stone for an indoor stadium at an estimated cost of Rupees 15 Crore was laid by Sh. Mukesh Agnihotri on 9 September 2023. Construction work has already begun on the structure. Keeping in view the security aspect, CCTV with 31 cameras has been installed at a cost of Rs. 9,45,896/-, Sanctioned by the Hon,ble Deputy Chief Minister. The vision and planning of our worthy chief guest has certainly ensured that this college will rub shoulders with the best of the state in future.

Academics

Academics constitute the major thrust area of any educational institution. The hard work of students is reflected in the results at the end of each session.

The college toppers have obtained outstanding grades in University exams. In order to assess and facilitate the preparation of the students for the final exams, the college conducts house examination, simulating the conditions on University pattern. Results for this session are as under:

A. Commerce Stream

B Com 1st Year 2023-2024			
Total Student	Appeared	Pass	Pass %age
33	33	25	75.75%
B Com 2nd Year 2023-2024			
Total Student	Appeared	Pass	Pass %age
30	30	29	96.66%
B Com 3rd Year 2023-2024			
Total Student	Total Student	Total Student	Pass %age
22	22	22	100%

B. Arts Stream

BA 1st Year 2023-2024			
Total Student	Appeared	Pass	Pass %age
74	74	69	93.24%
BA 2nd Year 2023-2024			
Total Student	Appeared	Pass	Pass %age
40	40	34	85%
BA 3rd Year 2023-2024			
Total Student	Appeared	Pass	Pass %age
48	48	45	93.75%

From this session, the college has visualized a new initiative to prepare students for facing the challenge of competitive exams they will be confronted with in their life. On the recommendation of IQAC, the teaching faculty collaborated to prepare question papers, group discussion component and personal interview, on the pattern followed by Service Selection Boards. The response and feedback from the stakeholders was quite encouraging.

Scholarships

The students of the college also get scholarship from the central and state sponsored scholarship schemes. For the year 2023-24, 24 students were awarded scholarships under various scheme .

The details are as under:

S. No.	Name of Scheme	Number of Students applied
1)	Central Sector Scheme for Gen.	01
2)	Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme to SC Students	04
3)	Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme to OBC Students	15
4)	KalpanaChawlaChatravritiYojna	04

Counseling sessions are organised regularly to apprise the students of various scholarship schemes.

4. Sports

Students are encouraged to take part in sports so that they can learn the importance of discipline and teamwork. This year 4 contingents represented the college in Kabaddi (Boys and Girls), Cross Country and Men's Football. Competitions in these games were held at Hamirpur, Sanjauli, Sri Jawalaji and Chamba respectively. The college football team achieved a creditable first in the brief history of its existence by winning the trophy in an impressive display of skill and fortitude. Three members of the victorious team- Shameer Khan, Amandeep Singh and Dilbar Topno- were selected to represent HP University in North Zone Inter-varsity Championship. This accomplishment deserves a special mention because of its enormity.

5. NSS

National Service Scheme unit was allocated during this academic session in the month of August, under the guidance of Dr. Arti, Programme Officer. Under regular activities, the unit organised Plantation Drive, Assistance in raising Disaster Relief Fund, Reuse of Plastic Waste under Swacchta Hi Sewa Abhiyan, Awareness Rallies, Street Play, Shramdaan, Amrut Kalash Yatra, Fit India Freedom Run, Blood Donation Camp, Pot painting Competition etc.

Two volunteers, Ms. Gurbaksh Kaur and Ms. Aditi, participated in the NSS Medha Camp w.e.f. 18 December 2023 to 22 December 2023 at Govt. Collge Banjar, District Kullu. Ms. Aditi was further selected to represent the state contingent in the National Youth Festival at Nasik, Maharashtra, and earned commendation for her performance in cultural activities.

The 7 day special NSS Camp was conducted from 23 February 2024 to 29 February 2024 in the college campus. 50 volunteers registered their active presence in the camp. Various social, educational, cultural and fitness activities were organised during this camp. Volunteers carried out a cleanliness Drive in the vicinity of Shiva Temple, Hanuman Temple and College campus. Experts from diverse areas, notably Sh. Rajesh Sharma Manager PNB Saloh, Dr. Raj Kumar Asso. Professor GDC Una, Dr. Anju Pathak GDC Daulatpur Chowk, Dr. Babita General Physician, shared valuable information with the volunteers.

6. NCC

NCC (Army Wing) unit was allocated to GDC Khad in August 2023, with a sanctioned intake capacity of 50 cadets. AP Lakhbir Singh is looking after the regular activities as caretaker till his impending training as ANO later. The strength in its first year was 13 whereas 19 cadets joined in second year.

17 cadets attended ATC 181 camp at JNV Pekhubela from 4 May 2024 to 13 May 2024.

Cadet Anu Thakur participated in CATC at Solan from 18 June to 28 June, and 1 July to 10 July 2024.

Cadet Mohit Mankotia attended EBSB-II at Rupnagar from 16 to 27 October 2024.

7. Rovers and Rangers

There is Rovers and Rangers crew engaged in carrying out the mandate of The Scout Movement. AP Mani Ram and Dr. Arti are looking after the respective units. Many socially useful and other activities of similar nature were a part of their yearly schedule. The calendar consisted mainly of:

Pravesh Test for new entrants.

Trekking activity for Nipun camp.

Tree plantation.

Nipun camp at STC Rewalsar.

Nischaya Project as mandated by SHQ BS&G.

Pioneering.

First Aid course at Civil Hospital Gagret.

Rover Pushpender Thakur was conferred Rajya Puraskar in a ceremony at Shimla.

8 Parents Teachers' Association (PTA)

A Parents Teachers' Association has been active right since the inception of the college. Sh. Naresh Kumar Dutta is the President of the Association with college staff as members. This association takes stock of the problems being faced by the college and students. It contributes towards the improvement of the college infrastructure and provides assistance as per the requirements of the college for student's welfare.

Till date, the PTA fund has had a total income of Rs. 6,51,543/- and Rs. 3,05,632/- have been contributed towards various developmental activities.

9 College Students' Central Association (CSCA)

The College Students' Central Association is elected according to the rules and regulations of Lyngdoh Committee as directed by the Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. Besides maintaining discipline in the college, the CSCA plays an important role in involving students in various co-curricular activities like seminars and functions at Intra/inter-college level.

CSCA Office Bearers 2023-24

S. No.	Post	Name	Class
1.	President	Priyanka Thakur	BA-3 rd Year
2.	Vice President	MehakpreetKaur	B.Com-2 nd Year
3.	Secretary	RiyaKumari	B.Com- 1 st Year
4.	Joint Secretary	KuldeepChaudhary	BA-1 st Year

10 Old Students Association

In order to keep the passed out students in touch with their alma matter, an Old Students Association was formed after the passing out of its batch in 2018-2019. Dr. Arti Devi is looking after the affairs of this association and connects to the alumni on a regular basis .The response of old students has been enthusiastic and they have shown a keen desire to contribute towards the development of the college in any possible way.

11 College Magazine

To nurture and promote the creativity among the students, the college brought out the inaugural issue of college Magazine "Parthavi" in academic session 2018-19. During Covid times the publication could not be sustained due to restrictions. Efforts are underway to resume the process in near future.

12 Library

Library is one of the most important components of any educational institution. Serious efforts have been made to enrich the library with reading resources and facilities to encourage the young minds towards making it their favourite space during leisure hours. A grant of Four Lakh INR was utilised to procure reference and general books. Presently there is a total

stock of 1032 books -254 of general nature and 778 reference books. Almirahs, book racks and reading tables, purchased out of the liberal grants made by Directorate of Higher Education on the recommendation of office of Hon'ble Deputy CM has enhanced the academic ambience. Besides, members of the staff have contributed by donating their personal books to the Book Bank. Daily newspapers, magazines and journals have been subscribed to as well. The college library is associated with National Digital Library of India(NDLI) as a club member, and avail access to digital educational resources.

13 Human Resources

The details of total human resources are as under:

A. Teaching Staff -

Subject	Sanctioned Post	Vacant
English	1	Nil
Hindi	1	Nil
History	1	Nil
Political Science	1	Nil
Economics	1	Nil
Music (I)	1	1
Commerce	2	1

B. Non Teaching Staff:-

Post	Sanctioned Post	Vacant
Librarian	2	Nil
Superintendent	1	1
Senior Assistant	1	Nil
Junior Office Assistant	2	Nil
TablaVaadak	1	1
Peon/Chowkidar	5	Nil

14 Personal & Academic Achievements

The teaching staff participated and made significant contributions in various academic events organised by various institutions.

Special contributions by the Faculty Members

S. No.	Name of Faculty	Academic Achievements
1	Dr. R.K.Sharma Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended Leadership Conclave at HIPA Fairlawns Shimla (21-23 November 2023)
2	Prof.Ravi Raj, AP- English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaired Technical Sessions in International Conference at GDC Beetan, Distt. Una (26-27 July 2024) Attended Leadership Conclave at HIPA Fairlawns Shimla (21-23 November 2023)
3	Dr. Arti Devi, AP- Hindi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented Research Paper in National Seminar on "Contribution of SardarVallabhbhai Patel in Swaraj Struggle and Nation Integration" (30-31 October 2023) Paper presented in National Conference at SPU Mandi in a National Conference to commemorate VishwaDarshan Divas(12 December 2023) Paper presented in National Seminar on Himachal Pradesh Ki SanskritikDharohar organised by ICHR Delhi and Thakur Ram Singh ItihaasShodhSansthanNeri (4-5May 2024)
4	Prof. Rakesh Sharma, AP- Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended Leadership Conclave at HIPA Fairlawns Shimla (21-23 November 2023) Chaired a session and presented a paper entitled: Application of Mathematics in Economic Theory in 2nd International Conference on Mathematics in Space and Applied Sciences at NSCBM Government College Hamirpur (March 3-4 2023)

5	Prof. Lakhbir Singh, AP-Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented paper titled “ Green Finance: Encouraging Sustainable Development in India” in International Conference organised by GDC Beetan (26-27 July 2024)• Participated and completed one week Faculty Development Programme on the topic “Academic Research Writing” from Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College University of Delhi (1-7 January 2024)
6	Prof. Mani Ram, AP - History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended Six days In-service Induction Training Programme for Assistant Professors at SCERT Solan (21-26 August 2023)

15 Requirements of the College

There is a pressing need to create and sanction new posts for college-introduction of additional subjects like Mathematics, Music (Vocal), Physical education, Journalism and Mass Communication, Geography, to name a few of them. Introduction of Science subjects can add impetus to the growth of this college as scores of students have to commute to the district headquarters in pursuit of their goal. Only recently infrastructure for a computer lab has been created but it is gathering dust due to dearth of computers. There is an urgent need for purchase of hardware to ensure exposure to the IT tools for the students. The post of Office Superintendent has been lying vacant for more than a year now. There also is a dire need for SafaiKaramcharis as maintenance of cleanliness in a campus of this size is a Herculean challenge for any institution. There Is a strong demand from students for the augmentation of seating facilities in Library Reading Room.

16 Vision for the future

We, in this sanctum of learning, are of the firm belief and opinion that there is always room for improvement. We humans are prone to making errors but fortunate enough to have been endowed with rationality to identify and eliminate those errors. So, in keeping with this indomitable spirit, our vision is simple - to constantly improve ourselves and passing on the same spirit to the seekers of knowledge who enter the portals of this institution. We strive to make this journey enjoyable, enriching and mutually beneficial.

17 Words of gratitude & conclusion

I am immensely grateful to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Sh. Mukesh Agnihotriji, our Chief Guest for the day for accepting our invitation and sparing precious moments from his valuable time. His gracious presence in our campus will inspire the youngsters to scale greater heights in their lives.

It would be difficult to name all present here and any omission of name is inadvertent. I am indebted to dignitaries from the vast spectrum of life, be it politics, bureaucracy, academics, technocracy, social service or civil society, for being here today, and being there for us, lending selfless assistance in our endeavours throughout the year.

I feel that this college belongs to you, and without your co-operation we can't attain the objective for which the college has been established. I am thankful to the parents, students, NCC cadets, NSS volunteers, Rovers and Rangers Crew, local authorities, and friends from media for their co-operation in making this function a success.

Last but not least, Team GDC Khad that spent countless hours in the visualisation, creation and execution of this event, deserve a special mention for their tireless efforts.

Jai Hind Jai Himachal.