

## **Annual Report- 2021-2022**

Government College, Dera Bassi, located at a distance of 700 meters from Chandigarh-Ambala Road and surrounded by lush forest and natural environment, was started on 15th January 1975 with the efforts of the then local MLA and Finance Minister Shri Hans Raj Sharma. In the first year, the college had only 126 students. On February 7, 1984, the college shifted to its present building. Established in a natural Shanti Niketan like ambience, this college has been progressing by leaps and bounds in the last 43 years and has become an important institution meeting the needs of higher education in this area of Punjab that is adjacent to Haryana. It has also emerged as a lighthouse of knowledge to spread awareness. Seeing the achievements and facilities of this institution, NAAC awarded B+ grade in February 2004 and B grade to the college in February 2016.

### **Strength and Educational Facilities**

During the session 2021-22, 1566 students took admission in the college, out of which 778 were boys and 788 were girls. As many as 1042 students including 414 boys and 491 girls were studying in Arts stream. The Department of Commerce had a total of 182 students, out of which 61 were boys and 121 were girls. A total of 68 students are studying in science faculty out of which 33 were boys and 35 were girls. The HEIS courses are well received by the students. The classes running under this scheme are BCom Honours and BCA. A total of 159 students are studying in BCom Honours, out of which 99 are boys and 60 girls. BCA has a total of 115 students out of which 71 are boys and 14 girls.

Various admission committees look after the admission process as per the instructions of the Education Department and Punjabi University, Patiala. Out of the total SC (506) students studying in the college, 251 are boys and 255 are girls. As many as 212 boys and 225 girls belong to backward category.

**Excellent Result in University Exams  
Session 2021-22**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Student securing above 60-70% marks</b>	<b>Student securing above 70-80% marks</b>
BA. Semester Second		
BA. Semester Four		
BA. Semester Six	89	17
B.Com Semester Second		
B.Com Semester Four		
B.Com Semester Six	54	No one
B.Sc Semester Second		
B.Sc Semester Four		
B.Sc Semester Six	11	02
B.Com (Hons.)Semester Second		
B.Com (Hons.)Semester Four		
B.Com (Hons.)Semester Six	14	03
BCA Semester Second		
BCA Semester Four		
BCA Semester Six	15	No one

**Mid-semester Tests**

The Registrar team headed by Associate Professor Savita Gupta (Registrar) comprises Prof. Saloni, Dr Prabhjot Kaur, Dr Sumita Katoch, Prof. Avtar Singh, and Prof. Ravinder Jit. It supervises conduct of MSTs of all classes in the college from time to time following the rules of the university. Special examinations were also held to enable the weak students to fulfil the eligibility requirements of the university.

## **The Staff**

The total number of teachers in the college is 37, out of which 14 are regular and 17 are guest faculty teachers. The total number of teachers employed under HEIS is 6.

## **Library**

During this session, the college library had a collection of 17645 books and it offers 10 magazines for the readers. It also houses a book bank that lends books to the poor and needy students for the entire session. Various activities were conducted under the leadership of college librarian, Mrs Bhupinder Kaur, to keep students connected with the Punjabi heritage.

## **College Magazine– Vidya Pradeep**

The college magazine Vidya Pradeep is published every year to tap the creativity of students and cater to their literary taste. This year the college magazine was published under the supervision of Assistant Professor Dr Navdeep Kahol who was the Chief Editor of the magazine.

## **Parent-Teacher Association**

PTA comprises of the parents of all students and the whole staff. It keeps in touch with the parents, holds meetings with them and acts on their feedback. It raises funds by nominally charging students. It continuously strives for the betterment of the institution by providing financial support for infrastructural development, cultural activities and payment of salaries to the guest faculty.

## **Higher Education Institute Society**

Two self-financing courses BCom Honours and BCA are running under HEIS at the college. As many as 6 teachers are working under HEIS. A computer lab has been set up that has 30 desktops and 5 laptops. It also has a library containing about 1600 books.

## **Alumni Association**

There is an active Alumni Association in the college which is continuously working for the welfare of the current students and the betterment of the entire institution with the support of the old students. An alumni meet was organized at the college on March 12, 2022 to felicitate and connect with the alumni of the college.

## **Educational Tour**

Along with studies, educational tours are also conducted for the students. Students from the Science Department visited Punjabi University, Patiala, during the Science Week Festival to celebrate Science Day.

## **NAAC**

The college received 'B' grade from NAAC in 2016-17. In this regard, an internal quality assurance cell IQAC has been established in the college, which consists of senior staff members

Dr Amarjeet Kaur(Co-ordinator), Dr Navdeep Kahol, Prof Aami Bhalla, Prof Rajbir Kaur, Prof Savita Gupta and Prof. Saloni, important persons of the society, industry representatives, alumni members, office representatives and student members. Currently, the annual quality assurance report of 21-22 is being prepared for submission.

## **RUSA**

RUSA team under the leadership of Assistant Professor Saloni remained active throughout the year. The IT infrastructure of the college was improved and Fine Arts, Chemistry and Physics labs were renovated from the RUSA fund.

AISHE report (2020-21) under MHRD was submitted on time.

## **Career Guidance and Placement Cell**

Under the state government's Ghar-Ghar Job scheme the seventh job fair of the state was organized at Government College, Dera Bassi from September 9, 2021 to September 17, 2021. Around 50 local industries participated in the fair. The purpose of this job fair was to provide maximum employment opportunities to the students.

- A free webinar/certificate program was organized on August 4, 2021 under which students were told about the employment opportunities in the bank sector. As many as 77 students participated in it.
- In September 2021, Ms. Simmi Johal, was presented with a certificate of appreciation by the District Deputy Commissioner for her excellent services as Nodal Officer of Career Guidance and Placement Cell of the college.
- A Skill Development Program was organised at Government College, Dera Bassi from November 29 to December 18, 2021, in which 105 students participated.
- The Zonal Officer of the college presented a PPT report on March 14, 2022, on the subject-wise number of college students, industry units and number of employment opportunities.
- The Nodal Officer of the college joined a WhatsApp group created by Career Counseling Cell, Punjab, to share schemes to provide maximum employment opportunities to the students.
- Through the efforts of Ropar Zone, the students were informed about the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme on March 14, 2022.
- Seven groups were formed under the Career Guidance and Placement Cell at the college on April 16, 2022, in which 100 students were registered in each group and each group is to be maintained by one in charge. It aims to increase the exposure of students to various employment opportunities.
- Mrs. Ritu Singla conducted a session on Facebook dated 18-5-2022. Around 100 students of the college participated in the session. The theme of this live session was "Your Attitude is your Success".
- The Nodal Officer of Government College Dera Bassi participated in the Governing Council meeting on 18-5-2022 in which topics related to competitive examinations, online coaching, self-employment etc. were discussed. This meeting was organized by DBEE.

- A memorandum was signed by the college with Vidyavati Memorial Educational and Charitable Society on May 20, 2022, under which underprivileged students of the college will be able to do certain courses free of cost.
- Students were informed about **Academic Job Portal** of UGC through placement cell and WhatsApp and Telegram groups.
- Advertisements of vacant positions in Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh; Markfed, Punjab; PSSSB, Punjab Education Recruitment Board PPSC and various local industries and businesses were shared with the students through posters and WhatsApp and Telegram groups.

## Departmental activities

### Department of English

- The Department of English organized a poetic recitation competition on the theme of “Harvest” on April 30, 2022. Thirteen students from the English Literary Club participated in the competition. Dimple Thakur won the first prize. First three students were given prizes and certificates were given to all the participants.
- English Literary Society organized a “Talk on Job Prospects in Radio” on June 9, 2022. The famous radio personality from the University School of Media Studies, Rayat Bahra University, Mr Sarvpriya Nirmohi, talked about job prospects in Radio and the skill required for working in that field.

### Department of Fine Arts

- The Department of Fine Arts organized poster-making and slogan-writing competitions on the topic "Freedom Struggle" on August 2 and 3, 2021 respectively.

### Department of Public Administration

- The Department of Public Administration organized an essay-writing competition for students on various subjects of public administration such as Panchayat, Chief Minister, Prime Minister, Constitution on April 28, 2022.
- Students of Public Administration participated in a debate on Russia-Ukraine war and gave presentations on Pradhan Mantri Skill Yojana on May 12, 2022.

### Department of Mathematics

- An essay-writing competition was organized by the department on April 25, 2022. The topics of this essay competition were “Maths in Daily Life, Number Theory in Daily life, History of Mathematics.

### Department of Sociology

- A poster-making competition on women empowerment was organized by Sociology Department under the patronage of Dr Amandeep Kaur on May 6, 2022.

- The students of the Department of Sociology conducted a social survey of some villages adjacent to Dera Bassi on May 21, 2022. The purpose of this survey was to collect information about the historical background, economic, religious and political situation of different villages. The students collected the information using the schedule method.

#### Department of Political Science

- A webinar was organized by the Political Science department on the freedom struggle under Amrit Mahotsav campaign of Independence on August 5, 2021. In this webinar, Prof. Sunil Kumar spoke about the relevance of the ideals of freedom struggle in today's era.

#### Department of Home Science

- The Municipal Council organized a workshop for street hawkers patronized in collaboration with the School of Medicine and Health, PGI, on April 26-27, 2021. Prof Aami Bhalla and Dr. Sumita Katoch talked about food and cleanliness during COVID times.
- The Amrit Mahotsav of Independence was celebrated by the department on August 17, 2021 by organising an online cookery competition. The recipes were to be made in the colours of the Tricolour.
- The Department of Home Science organized a lecture by Dr Rachna Srivastava from PGI on September 22, 2021. She spoke on “Traditional Foods: Nutritional Profile and the Health Benefits of Traditional foods”.
- The dept held a henna application competition on October 23, 2021.
- Under the programme **Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat**, the students demonstrated unity in diversity by making a variety of dishes from Punjab and Andhra Pradesh on May 20, 2022.
- A two-day tie-and-dye work shop was held by Home Science Department on April 29-30, 2022, in which information about resistant dyeing was given.

#### Department of Geography

- Prof. Manpreet Kaur delivered a lecture on Drug Abuse on June 27, 2021, under Buddy Group programme.
- The department celebrated Earth Day on April 22, 2022. An elocution competition was also conducted on the occasion.

#### Department of Computers

- A quiz competition was organized by the computer department on April 22, 2022, in which 14 teams participated. The B.C.A. Part I team won the first position.

#### Department of Punjabi

- A special online lecture was organized by Punjabi Department on June 8, 2021, on “Life and Teachings of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji” in which Dr Swaraj Singh (World Thinker) participated as the main speaker.

- A Punjabi puzzle competition was organized on November 12, 2021, under "Punjabi Mar" with the joint efforts of the Punjabi department and college librarian Mrs Bhupinder Kaur. Students participated in this competition with enthusiasm expressing their love for Punjabi language and culture.
- A beautiful writing competition was held by Punjabi department on November 13, 2021. The program was dedicated to *Punjabi Mah*.
- A programme dedicated to Punjabi folk art was organized on November 26, 2021, with the joint efforts of librarian Mrs Bhupinder Kaur and Punjabi department as part of *Punjabi Mah*". Famous writer Dr Charanjit Kaur and Algoza player Anuritpal Kaur enthralled the audience.
- The college staff and students took a pledge to promote and respect their mother tongue Punjabi and to read, write and speak in Punjabi throughout their lives on the occasion of International Mother Tongue Day on 21 February 21, 2022.
- An essay-writing competition was held on the festival of *Vaisakhi* by the department on April 18, 2022, in which 50 students participated

### Department of Music

- The National Anthem was sung by the students of Music Department under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on August 12, 2021, at the college.
- Songs dedicated to mothers were presented by the students on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2022.
- The Department of Music presented Sufi Kalam at the Alumni Meet held at the college on March 12, 2022.
- The department organized a Shabad singing competition dedicated to the 400th birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur on April 21, 2022.

### Department of Hindi

- The dept organized a declamation contest on the Independence Day by August 9, 2021.
- A poetic recitation competition was held by the department on Hindi Divas on September 14, 2021.
- The department organized an online declamation contest on "Relevance of Hindi in the Present Era" on June 26, 2021.

### Department of Commerce

- A PPT making competition was organized by the Department of Commerce under Buddy Programme. As many as 15 students participated in the competition.
- The department organized a special webinar on Banking and Insurance on June 25, 2021, in which Mr Kanwaljit Singh was the main speaker.
- The department organized a "Financial Awareness and Consumer Training Program" on September 22, 2021, in which Associate Professor Dr Monika Agarwal was the visiting expert.

### Department of Science

- An educational tour of the science students went to Punjabi University, Patiala on February 26, 2022, to celebrate Science Week Festival in view of the Science Day.

- A seminar was organized by Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan Science Society of Government College, Dera Bassi, on “The Contribution of Science to Daily Life” on April 25, 2022.

### **From the Playground**

- The Annual Athletic Meet 2021-22 was organized under the supervision of Ms Gurpreet Kaur and Dr Nirmal Singh at the college on April 9, 2021. Dr Rajinder Singh, Associate Professor from Post Graduate Government College, Sector-46, Chandigarh, came as the chief guest.
- The department of Physical Education organized folk games of Punjab like skipping for girls and tug of war for boys on November 26, 2021, to promote Punjabi culture as part of Punjabi mah celebrations.
- A five-day workshop was conducted on the occasion of International Yoga Day from April 25 to April 29, 2022. In this workshop, Loveleen Kaur and Muskan from Government College of Physical Education, Patiala, taught students various asanas.
- The Physical Education department of the college organized volleyball competitions for student sunder “Fit Friday” programme on May 13, 2022.
- The department also organized cricket competitions for students on May 20, 2022, under “Fit Friday” programme. The entire strength of the college was divided into four houses. These college competitions were organized using knockout method. The overall first place was won by Shaheed Bhagat Singh House, second place by Kalpana Chawla House, third place by Padmini Milkha Singh House and Savitri Bai Phule House.

### **Research work: Institutional and Individual**

S Nirmal Singh from the Department of Physical Education was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in February 2022.

### **Achievements of Staff**

#### **Dr Navdeep Kahol**

- Presented a research paper “Blog Diaries Unravel War in Iraq” at an international conference held at Chandigarh University, Gharuan from June 11-12, 2021.
- Presented a research paper on “Unlocking the Self in Nawal el Sadaawi’s Memoirs from the Women’s Prison” at an online international conference organized by REVA University, Bangalore, August 30-31, 2021.
- Presented a research paper on the topic "Pale Horse, Pale Rider: A Modern Take on War and Pandemic" at the three-day international conference organized by MELOW on November 12-14, 2021.
- Research paper "Expatriate Women's Quest for Identity in Azadeh Moaveni's *Lipstick Jihad* and Manal M. Omar's *Barefoot in Baghdad*" published in March 2022 issue of the UGC-listed journal *Literary Voice*.
- Attended the NAAC workshop on March 2, 2022, at Punjabi University, Patiala
- Two books published in January 2022



- i. *Beyond Harems and Veils: A Study of Life Narratives of Women from Afghanistan, Iran, and Iraq and S. Arabia*
- ii. *Seasons of Reflection* (Poetry book)

### Prof Baljinder Singh

As a folk singer, Baljinder Singh has carved a special place for himself in society. He has added to the richness of Punjabi singing by recording many popular songs. Some of his popular songs are On Strings, Yaar na Vichhade, Vaid, Yaara and Sadi Vote.

He has been interviewed on many famous TV channels like PTC Punjabi, M.H. One and Jalandhar Doordarshan.

### Prof Shweta Kharbanda

- Attended the following international virtual conferences on
  - i. Recent Advances in Chemical, Physical and Biological Sciences (30-6-2021)
  - ii. Multifunctional Advanced Materials (10-8-2021)
- Attended international webinar on “Empowering Diversity in Science” (16-02-2022)
- Attended national webinars on
  - i. Alternative Sources of Energy (5-6-2021)
  - ii. Yoga for Wellbeing and Blissful Life (21-6-2021)
  - iii. Implementation of Academic Bank of Credits (10-7-2021)
  - iv. Recent Advances in Chemistry (26-7-2021)
  - v. The Importance of Data Visualization (10-8-2021)
  - vi. Be the Change you want to see (7-10-2021)

### NSS Committee, Red Ribbon and Drug De-Addiction Committee

- Senior buddies and buddy groups have been formed in this college under this committee. Every Saturday seniors buddies meet buddy groups in which the teachers listen to the problems of the students and find suitable solutions.
- International Women's Day was celebrated on March 8, 2022.
- The committee organised a vaccination camp with the support of Civil Hospital, Dera Bassi and the Municipal Committee against Corona epidemic on July 30, 2021. More than 100 students were vaccinated.
- Prof Sunil delivered a lecture on “Secularism in Political and Social Life and Its Contribution in Independence” on August 2, 2021, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Independence. This program was done with the support of the Youth Services Department, Punjab.
- N.S.S. Committee celebrated Van Mahotsav on August 18, 2021. The SDM of Dera Bassi, DSP and the Principal inaugurated a plantation drive by planting saplings.
- Volunteers' Blood Donation Day was celebrated on October 1, 2021. The Red Ribbon Club organized quiz, poster-making and slogan-writing competitions on the occasion.
- The college celebrated Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav that is 75th Independence Year celebration by rendering the National Anthem under NSS and Red Ribbon Committee.

- **Fit India Freedom Run** was started at the college on August 13, 2021. More than 50 students participated in it. Under **Green India, Clean India**, the students went to different villages of the area and planted saplings.
- NSS committee organized a webinar on the occasion of Teacher's Day on September 5, 2021.
- Under “Let's Celebrate Democracy”, poster-making, slogan-writing, declamation and essay writing competitions were conducted in the college on October 25, 2021 in collaboration with Youth Services Department (Punjab), Mohali. As many as 7 colleges of the area participated in it. Mrs Rupinder Kaur, Assistant Director, Youth Services, was the chief guest at the function.
- Constitution Day was celebrated at the college on November 26, 2021. Prof. Simmi Johal delivered a lecture on the Indian Constitution.
- National Unity Day was celebrated at the college on October 31, 2021, and Mr Jagmohan Singh, Professor (retd) Punjabi, spoke about law related to the unity of India.
- A special event was organized at the college on the Martyrdom Day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh on March 23, 2022, in which posters related to the life of Shaheed Bhagat Singh were exhibited by students. The MLA, S. Kuljit Singh Randhawa, attended the function as the chief guest.

### **New Courses**

The college introduced two skill development certificate courses from Jagat Guru Nanak Dev University Patiala in March 2022 to provide students with education as well as employment.

1. Certificate Course in Creative Writing and Content Development
2. Certificate Course in Entrepreneurship, Creativity and Innovation in Business

### **Other Achievements**

The entire staff of the college keeps on striving for the development of the institution and betterment of its students. The college has signed an MoU with VCC Institute of Higher Education according to which student achievers from different streams will be given training in computers, tally free of cost.

For those aspiring students who are unable to pay the fees and are not covered under any other scholarship, the college has joined hands with an NGO, Youth Dreamers Foundation, that is ready to sponsor the education of eligible students.

We hope to continue various departmental and other constructive activities while striving for the all-round development of the students in the future.

Presenter

Dr Amandeep Kaur

Principal, Government College,  
Dera Bassi

