

# **Annual Report 2015**

We are indeed fortunate to have amongst today an erudite scholar, academician par excellence esteemed Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mahajan, Dean, College Development Council, GNDU, Amritsar. Sir, we are really indebted to your good self for sparing some of your precious time out of your busy schedule to preside over the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation and Award Presentation Ceremony of the College. Endowed with rare qualities of head and heart, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mahajan possesses a versatile and multi-faceted personality. He has been Head, Department of Chemistry, Coordinator in University-Industry Linkage Program and Professor-incharge (Examinations) in the office of Controller of Examination. His area of research specialization includes Chemical Sensors, Colloids and Interfaces, Environmental Chemistry and Electro Chemical Methods of analysis. He has successfully accomplished innumerable research projects, funded by department of Science and Technology, Council of Scientific Industrial Research, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, BRNS and BARC Mumbai. Dr. Mahajan has guided and supervised 23 Ph.D and 61 M.Sc thesis. His remarkable contribution in the area of Publication includes 151 research papers in several journals of International repute. He has been convenor, organizing Secretary and Chairman in many conferences/seminars and workshops. It's my privilege to share with the esteemed audience that Indian Chemical Society honored Dr. Mahajan with P.K Bose Memorial Award in 2009, Chemical Research Society of India also awarded him with CRSI Bronze Medal and he has also contributed his valuable services to the National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad, India.

Sir, your benign presence amongst us has lent a rare grace to the occasion. Your suave persona is a source of great inspiration for the student and teacher fraternity alike. I, on behalf of KNC Family, extend a warm and hearty welcome to your esteemed self.

Before I read the Annual Report, I accord a warm welcome to Sh. I.K Sardana, President, College Governing Council and respected members of the management. I avail this opportunity to extend a cordial welcome to esteemed Heads of KNC Group of Institutions, the eminent guests and elite of the town as well as representatives of the press. I would also like to convey my best wishes to the degree holders and prize winners who will feel privileged to receive their degrees and prizes from the honorable Chief Guest.

Reckoned as one of the pioneering institutions of the region, Kamla Nehru College for Women, Phagwara is a multi-faculty, Post-Graduate institution committed to the noble cause of imparting value-based education to the young women folk for the last five decades. Carrying the torch of enlightenment aloft, the college has persistently been endeavourous to pursue excellence through quality education based on synchronization of tradition and modernity. During these five eventful decades, the college has created many landmarks and achieved new milestones, continuously ascending the graph of achievements, carrying forward the glorious traditions and surpassing the set precedents. KNC scored 3.55 out of 4 CGPA in the second cycle of NAAC accreditation and has also become the recipient of the second cycle of CPE grant by the esteemed UGC.

The college proudly accomplished 50 years of excellence in the field of education. A Golden Jubilee Week was celebrated from January 21-25, 2015 during which various Inter- College Competitions on different themes like Women Empowerment, Patriotism, Environmental Consciousness and Social Evils were organized. Students from various reputed institutions

participated in these Competitions. Annual Fete was also the special attraction of this celebration. The final day celebration 'Nostalgia' witnessed the commemoration of the founding fathers of the college, wherein all the honorable members of the Governing Council recalled the great contributions made by the dreamers and visionaries.

Keeping pace with the ever expanding scholastic horizons, the college has expanded far beyond the original remit and currently its profile for academic programs of study includes 13 Under Graduate, 7 Post Graduate, 4 P.G. Diplomas and a number of UGC sponsored Add on Vocational Courses to enhance the employability quotient of the students. The college has started B.Voc Degree in Fashion Designing, Journalism and Mass Communication and also a course in Beauty and Wellness under Community College Scheme of the UGC. Recently the College has been granted B.Voc Degree in Nutrition & Dietetics by University Grants Commission. These courses will provide career orientation to students through rigorous entrepreneurial skill development program and empower young girls and make their education economically independent. The college has applied for the Bachelor of Vocational Degree in Environmental Chemistry, Cosmetology and Accounting and Taxation under Kaushal Kendra Scheme in the session 2015-16.

As suitable supportive physical facilities are a pre-requisite for academic growth, the college owns an imposing infrastructure comprising of spacious and well-ventilated classrooms in separate building blocks viz. Commerce Block, Arts Block, Science Block etc. In addition, the Department of Science and Computer Science have smart boards, well-equipped labs and LCD projectors for PPT's. With a view to develop effective work culture focused on analytical research, the college owns a Common Resource Centre and several high-tech labs like Economics and Business Lab, Accounting Lab, Language Lab updated with licensed

software. Other extension resources of the college include Journalism and Mass Media Centre studio, well-stocked and regularly updated library, six fully-equipped science labs, ultra modern bio-tech lab, eight hi-tech computer labs including with 2 mbps lease lines, along with modernized labs for Home Science and Fashion Designing, Psychology & Stress Management, Music & Dance, Fine Arts and Cosmetology. A highly modernized Seminar Hall with Audio Visual Facilities, a beautifully designed Auditorium, an eye-soothing open-air Sports Stadium, spic and span Students' Hostel, Botanical Garden, hygienic Cafeteria, Health Care Centre and a well-equipped Gymnasium are the special attractions of college infrastructure. In addition, the Heritage Centre of the College is a treasure-house of rare artifacts of Punjab's folk art. Apart from all these facilities the installation of many CCTV Cameras in the campus lends a sense of safety and security to the students. In order to equip the students with the practical knowledge in Journalism and Mass Media an Audio-Video studio has been set up which gives unique newsroom experience and the opportunity to excel in this field.

The splendid academic achievements of our students in various University examinations are a testimony to the unparalleled parameters set by the institution in the field of education. I feel proud to announce that our 32 students were placed in University Merit List while 33 got distinction.

Coming to the field of Sports, the outstanding achievement of our student Preeti is remarkable indeed, She received Gold Medal in All- India University Women Boxing Championship 2015-16 held at Kurukshetra. The Boxing team of the college brought laurels to the institute by bagging the Champion's Trophy at GNDU Inter-College Women Boxing Championship on Oct 21 & 22, 2015. It's a matter of pride that the college has lifted the trophy for the second consecutive year. In this event the team was the proud recipient of three gold, four silver and two bronze medals. Amritpal Kaur,

Gold medalist in Punjab State Boxing Championship and Baljeet Kaur, Gold medalist in Senior State Boxing Championship have been selected in National Institute of Sports, Patiala for training after which they will be entitled to become Boxing Coach. Our students Navjot kaur and Gurpreet kaur bagged gold, Nandini Kaushal, Anjali Gupta, Deepika Anand and Manjinder won silver whereas Farheen and Sehaj Gupta got bronze medal in Open State Taekwondo Competition held at Ferozpur. In Punjab State Whishu Competition Manjot Longia brought laurels to the college by winning Gold Medal. Our student Priyanka Takkar won Gold Medal whereas Baljit and Sharanpreet Kaur won Bronze Medal in Inter- University Boxing Championship. In Inter College Taekwondo Championship held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar Farheen and Deepika clinched Bronze Medals. In Inter College Taekwondo Competitions our students won three silver and three bronze medals in addition to this they clinched two bronze medals in State Level Boxing Championship.

It is a matter of pride and honor for us that for the first time in the history of the college Guru Nanak Dev University, Zonal Youth festival was organized in our college wherein 15 colleges of 'D' Zone participated in various competitions. This celebration was inaugurated by Dr. Om Gauri Dutt Sharma, Deputy Director General Doordarshan Kendra, Jalandhar. Our students participated in almost all the items. It gives me immense pleasure to share that with a very wide margin of 46 marks we were the proud recipients of Champion's Trophy. Our students won 29 prizes in different items. Our student Ms Sandeep Kaur was adjudged third best dancer in Gidha. The Valedictory function of Youth Festival was presided over by Sh. Vijay Sampla, ministry of State for Social Justice & Empowerment. The hon'ble Chief Guest motivated the students to become aware and responsible citizens of society and not only limit themselves to make money.

Apart from academic and sports a number of other educational projects were undertaken by various departments of the college which kept them vibrant and humming throughout the session. The Department of Commerce organized “Career Awareness Program Cum-Workshop” wherein the students were enlightened about the subject of corporate e-Reporting with special reference to the use of XBRL software and success Mantra. ‘Student of the year contest’ was also organized by the same department in which the students participated in different events. Ms Shivani of M.Com 4th Semester was adjudged as the student of the year. The students also participated in National Seminar on ‘Contemporary Issues in Business finance, Human behavior and technology’ held at Khalsa College for Women, Amritsar and Inter College Management and IT Fest ‘Symphonic-2015’ conducted by KCL IMT, Jalandhar. The department also organized an extension lecture on the topic ‘e-filing’ of Income Tax Return which was presided over by C.A, Mr. Puneet Duggal.

The Department of Computer Science organized Poster Making Competition and tests on training skills. Students participated in Plasma LKC, Jalandhar, wherein they got various positions. They also participated in Tech-Radiance, 2015 at KCL, IMT where again our students won many prizes. They also had the opportunity to attend the workshop on IT Security at HVM, Jalandhar.

The Department of English organized an Extempore Competition wherein students expressed their views on current topics. For the personality development of the students a two day Vocabulary Enhancement Workshop was also organized, wherein students participated with great zeal and zest. An Essay Writing Competition was also organized on variegated topics like Drug Addiction, Importance of Yoga, Misuse of Internet and Importance of Female Child. Syllabus based short play ‘The Doll’s House’ was also enacted to create awareness among the students about class-distinction

prevailing in the society. A special workshop on phonetic transcription, word stress and intonation was also organized by the department. In order to inculcate philanthropic spirit among the students the department also visited Old Age Home, Virkan where students and teachers donated in cash and kind.

The Department of Punjabi organized a Teej Festival wherein the students made stage presentations in music, dance and theatre. The items mesmerized the audience and won great applause. In International Maa-boli Diwas organized by Punjabi Sahitya Academy, Ludhiana, in 2015 Bhavna Mehmi and Manpreet Kaur won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Conversation based on Proverbs, Sanjana got second position in Poetical Symposium whereas Satvir Kaur got 3<sup>rd</sup> position in story writing. I feel proud to announce that our students were the winners of All Over Trophy in this competition. Again in the same competition organized in January 17, 2016 our students won 2<sup>nd</sup> Position. In International Hamdard Virasti Mela, 2015 organized in Virsa Vihar, Kapurthala, our students Shubneet Kaur and Shweta were honored with different titles. Again in the same mela organized in February, 2016 our students brought laurels by winning six titles out of nine. In Mahakavi Bhai Santokh Singh, 16<sup>th</sup> Essay Writing Competition Ms Seema got 1<sup>st</sup> position and 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Bhagat Namdev Inter College Essay Writing Competition. In Quiz Competitions held at Guru Nanak National College, Nakodar, our students won First Position.

The Department of Hindi celebrated Hindi Diwas on September 14, 2015 wherein students participated in various competitions like paragraph writing, story writing, news reading and poetical recitation. The Department also organized an Extension Lecture on the topic “Mera Sahitya: Meri Drishti” in which Prof. Saran Ghai from University of Toronto , Canada was the resource person. The Department in collaboration with Triveni Sahitya Academy, Jalandhar honored Dr. Vinod Shahi, a renowned Hindi

writer on March 4, 2016 wherein eminent writers of Hindi graced the occasion

The Department of Cosmetology organized a technical workshop on 'Basic make-up' and 'Bridal Make-Up' in collaboration with Kryalon and 'Basics of Hair Coloring' by Matrix and L'Oreal India. The department also organized a seminar on 'Skin treatment' wherein Mr. Jasdeep Singh Kalra acquainted the students with herbal products useful for skin. Two-day craft color workshop by Matrix L'Oreal was organized and the students were familiarized with the basics and practical application of the concept of craft.

The Department of Fashion Designing and Home Science organized three different workshops on Computer Aided Designing, various Sewing and Machine Knitting techniques. The garments designed and stitched by the students were displayed in an exhibition organized in the college. Dr. Kiran Grover, Prof Department of Food and Nutrition, College of Home Science, PAU, Ludhiana was invited to deliver an extension lecture on the topic "Different Cooking Methods and their Nutritive Value" in November 2015. Dr. Fakir Chand Shukla, Retd. Proff. and Head of the department of Food Technology, PAU, Ludhiana delivered a lecture on the topic "Diet for Good Health".

The Department of Psychology organized an extension lecture on "Personality Development" by Brigadier P.D Tiwari. A PPT and video clips on 'Mental Disorders' were also shown to create awareness among the students. The department also counsels the students in stress management lab and familiarizes them with different techniques to cope with stress.

The Department of Science organized an extension lecture on 'Cancer Awareness' by Dr. Anubha Chopra, Oncologist, Patel Hospital, Jalandhar. A Medical camp was also organized wherein Dr. Nikhil (Cardiologist), Dr Padma and Dr. Harman (Physician) from Satguru Pratap Hospital, Ludhiana were invited for the medical check-up of the students and teachers. Science

forum celebrates all the important days like Environment day, World Ozone day and Malaria Prevention day during the session and prepares the students for different Inter College Competitions as well. An extension lecture on 'Application of Dynamics' was also delivered by Dr. Dilbaj Singh, Principal CT, Institute of Technology, Jalandhar. A workshop on 'Basics on Haematology' was also organized. An another extension lecture was also organized on the topic 'Application of Analytical Chemistry' wherein Dr. Gitanjali Kaushal, Astd. Prof. in Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar discoursed on the topic.

The Department of Fine Arts organized a two-day workshop on Clay Modeling, Painting on the Spot, Collage Making and Poster Making wherein Mr. Bharat Bhushan Bharti from Govt. College Hoshiarpur was the resource person.

The Department of Political Science celebrated 'Environment Day' and also visited slum areas and provided awareness to the people about cleanliness and vaccination. A visit to old age home was also organized wherein eatables were distributed among the inmates and cash donation was made as well. The Department of Economics organized an extension lecture on the topic 'Challenges before Indian Economy' by Dr. Satish Verma (CRRID). The department also celebrated 'International Day for the Eradication of Poverty'. On this occasion a slogan writing competition was organized, PPT on the topic 'Building a Sustainable Future: Coming Together to End Poverty and Discrimination' was shown to the students. Our students Mandeep Kaur, Ekta and Manpreet kaur got second Prize in Inter -College Quiz competition held at D.A.V College, Jalandhar

The Department of History organized a Book exhibition in the college wherein members of Taraksheel Society interacted with the students regarding the history of India. The students of the department celebrated National Youth Day wherein they were enlightened about the life works and

visions of Swami Vivekananda and a documentary based on his life, was also screened for the students.

The Department of Music and Dance in association with SPIC MACAY invited Ustad Rehmat Khan Langa to present the rustic beauty and rich heritage of Rajasthani folk music. The same department organized a programme on Sufi Sangeet on the eve of Republic Day in which Prof. Shamshad Ali, Chairman of Sangeet Chetna Sabha was the resource person. Ustad Danish Aslam Khan, a renowned Sarod Vadaak, also visited this institution and gave his enthralling performance. Ms Amandeep and Supreet participated in Inter college competition held in Guru Nanak college, Sukhchainanan Sahib, Phagwara in which Ms. Amandeep got Second Prize and cash of Rs.2100/- Basant Ustav was also celebrated by the students of this department.

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organized an extension lecture on 'Print Media' in which Dr. Kamlesh Singh Duggal, former head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, GNDU, Regional Campus, Jalandhar, addressed the students. To give the students practical exposure in the field of media, a visit to radio station 92.7 BIG FM and a visit to Ajit newspaper office was organized. On the occasion of World Photography day, a photography competition was also organized in which Mr. Gagan Walia and Mr. Sandeep Sahi were the chief guests.

The NCC club of the college plays pivotal role in instilling in the students the pre-requisites of duty, discipline, dedication and patriotism. It is a matter of rare pride that our cadet Jyoti Poonia got the privilege to participate in Republic day parade held at New Delhi wherein her achievements were acknowledged by honorable Prime Minister, Vice President, Chief of Army and Navy staff. She was also awarded with the cash prize of Rs. 11000/- by the Governor of Punjab. She was the only candidate selected from Jalandhar zone for this honor. She also participated

in various competitions like left guide, flag area, struck ordinary etc. Jyoti Poonia also had the honor of participating in IGC competition on behalf of Battalion 8 Punjab held at Ropar and was declared the Best Cadet. Our Cadets also attended 'All India Girls Trekking Expedition' at Arki (Himachal Pradesh) in July 2015, which proved to be a great learning experience for them. 7 NCC Cadets attended 'Cadet Annual Training Camp' at Lovely Professional University in August 2015.

With the view to inculcate social values NSS club of the college organized one day camp under Swatch Bharat Abhiyaan wherein NSS Voluntaries participated wholeheartedly. On September 12, 2015 this club also organized variegated competitions during Teej Celebrations.

Women Cell of the College organized a lecture on '**Health concerns of Women**' by eminent gynecologists Dr. Deepali Luthra, Dr. Rajeshwari, and famous dietician Dr. Tiana Bhalla. The cell also celebrated Women's Day wherein Sh. Som Prakash, Chief Parliamentary Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab addressed the students on the topic 'Importance of female child'. Dr. Jatinder Gulati, Professor and Head of the Department; Human Development, College of Home Science, PAU Ludhiana delivered a motivational lecture on 'Women Empowerment'. Under the program, Art of Living a lecture on 'How to Handle your Mind, Emotions and Stress' was delivered by Vivek Vansel who demonstrated various breathing exercises and also showed a video on the 'Science of Breath' to the faculty members.

Student members of Youth Welfare Club attended a 'Hiking and Trekking Camp' organized by the Youth Welfare Department of G.N.D.U at Dalhousie in June, 2015. During this camp our student Heena was declared third Best camper out of 110 participants. She was also adjudged the best Yoga instructor in the camp. The same club also organized Talent Hunt show wherein the students showed their hidden talents by participating in musical, literary and theatrical items. Under the Muskan Project our students

distributed fruits among poor children of slum areas. A pledge taking ceremony was also held on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to celebrate ‘Rashtriya Ekta Diwas’ on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel. The Rotract Club of the college visited Apahaj Ghar, Phagwara and Vridh Ashram, Virkan to provide them with required articles.

The Central Association of the college organized a special assembly to pay tribute to the great soul of India ‘The Missile Man’, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. A P.P.T. on life and achievement of Dr. Kalam was shown to the students. A Documentary Film ‘I Am Kalam’ was also screened for the students. This Association also celebrated Teachers’ Day to revive the traditional Guru Shishya Parampara.

Staying abreast with the contemporary job scenario, the Career Orientation Council of the college makes earnest endeavors to provide latest information to the aspiring candidates about lucrative career avenues, various jobs, interviews as well as public and competitive exams. Our students participated in placement drives held at ATOS Company at L.P.U., Phagwara and MAIMT, Phagwara for ZENPACT technologies wherein ample numbers of students were selected. 17 Students were selected in Birla Sunlife Insurance Company, 3 students were selected in Wipro Technologies, 10 for TCS Company and it is a matter of pride that our 6 students got selected for Go Indigo airlines, 5 for British Telecom and 2 for Tech-Mahindra.

One of the major focus of the institution is to promote research culture among the faculty and students. To achieve this it always strives to augment the participation of the faculty members in various research- oriented programs as well as the dissemination and publication of educational material. Volume 13 of Asia Pacific ‘Who’s Who’ elaborated on eminent personality of Dr. Kiran Walia, the Principal of this institution. A book ‘Punjab ki Samkaleen Hindi Kavita’ edited by Dr. Hukam Chand Rajpal

highlighted Dr. Kiran Walia's significant contribution to Hindi literature in Punjab. Along with these, her thematic stories, poems and articles get published in well reputed books, Journals, Magazines and newspapers. Punjabi Sahitya Kala Manch also honored Dr. Kiran Walia with Mrs. Sneh Prabha Shukla Memorial Award for her remarkable contribution to education and literature. For advancement of academic standard and expansion of existing knowledge base, the KNC Faculty remains endeavorous in the direction of promoting research. Ms. Sudhamani from the Department of Fine Arts received her degree of Ph.D on the topic " A Critical Analysis of the Sculptures from Dholbaha" and Ms. Vanita from the Department of Science had the honor of receiving her degree of Ph.D on the Topic " Estimation of Physico – Chemical Characteristics of Agricultural soils of Amritsar and their effects using different bioassays" Dr. Vanita was also the recipient of Young Scientist Award and Best Paper Presentation Award at 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference for 'Nutritional Security, Environmental Conservation and Human Health in Rural India' held at Ranchi. Mr. Naval Dogra and Mr. Harvinder Chauhan from the department of Computer Science and Ms. Neeti from the Department of Psychology got themselves registered for their Ph.D from H.P University, Shimla and GNDU, Amritsar respectively. Dr. Asha Sharma from the department of Hindi got an award for Hindi Sahitya Sewa by Vishav Hindi Sanstha Cultural Organization, Canada. Dr. Preet Arora from the same department has to her credit a book "Mridula Garg aur Nari Vimarsh". Her Story and poem have also been published in different books Dr. Preet got prestigious award by Vishav Hindi Sanstha Cultural organization, Canada, Sulabh International Social Services Organization and Chankya Varta Organization at Constitution Club, New Delhi. She also got an award for being a young writer by Ambassador of Gambia, Dr. Preet has also been a proud recipient of Molana Abul Kalaam Azad Excellence Award for Education at New

Delhi. In the preceding session, three Minor Research Projects of Ms. Sanjana Walia, Dr. Kanwaljit Singh and Ms. Neeti have also been sanctioned by the esteemed University Grants Commission. Our sincere efforts in this direction have fructified in the publication of third issue of 'Pallavan -A Research Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences' containing as many as 22 papers by the faculty members. Besides this as many as 27 research papers were published by the faculty in different journals, while 20 members presented their papers at prestigious institutions. Moreover, a number of faculty members attended various UGC sponsored seminars, workshops, conferences and Refresher Courses/ Orientation Programs organized by G.N.D.U., Amritsar.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college organized a motivational lecture on 'Challenges before a Teacher' by Dr. Sirish Chindade, former NAAC peer team member and Head of Department of English, Pune University, Maharashtra on February 27, 2015. Another lecture was organized on the topic "Stress Management" for the faculty members on April 10, 2015 in which Dr. Vidhu Mohan, Former Professor of Psychology, Panjab University, Chandigarh addressed the staff on the innovative techniques of stress management.

During the five decade long journey, the college has accomplished unparalleled landmarks, creating a niche for itself in the sphere of women education and empowerment. But we cannot be satisfied by simply resting on our laurels as it is our mission to strive higher. The zestful spirit of continual progress runs through the very core of our institution.

My special thanks to Shri I.K. Sardana, Chairman Governing Council of the college under whose stewardship and able guidance the college has attained unprecedented heights of glory. His unassuming personality, great vision and innovative thinking have always been instrumental in the multipronged progress of the institution. I am sincerely grateful to the

teaching faculty who has made it possible for the institution to realize its most coveted dream with their untiring and relentless hard work, zeal and enthusiasm.

I am also thankful to the administrative staff whose significant contribution in the smooth functioning of the administrative work of the college cannot be ignored.

My special thanks to class IV employees who work incessantly for the progress of the institution.

I also convey my best wishes to the degree holders who, I am sure, will bring laurels to their alma-mater by proving their mark in whatever sphere of life they venture in.

Once again I convey my thanks to Dr. R.K Mahajan for his august and motivating presence amongst us today.

I also convey my thanks to the distinguished audience of today's function whose presence is assuredly a source of inspiration for the proud achievers of the day.