The News Bulletin is a document of the academic, religious, physical and mental growth of the college. So, with this edition of the Bulletin we wish to share the activities, achievements and events of this session.

It has been a very creative and productive year with a multitude of activities. At the academic front there were seminars, workshops, extension lectures, exhibitions and competitions organized by all the departments. The faculty members participated in conferences and development programmes. I feel proud in sharing that many departments are involved in prestigious projects funded by agencies like U.G.C, Govt of India etc. Events such as Sports Day, Tech Fest and Agriculture Plant Fest were the special attractions of the session. Traditional festivals like Teej and Baisakhi were celebrated with enthusiasm and fervor by the students and teachers together.

The College campus is gaining a refreshing look with new flooring. The playgrounds have been relevelled with the latest techniques, water purifier plants are being installed to provide clean drinking water and a new canteen providing hygienic eateries is already functional in the new block. The second international Alumni Meet was organised in November 2015. In this day long event, our illustrious alumni from all across the globe participated and shared their experiences.

Khalsa College believes in moving ahead with changing times and needs. Now our thrust has been on introducing value based courses with global outlook. With this objective we are offering Research degree programs like M.Phil. (English, Political Science, Commerce, Punjabi, Physics, Botany and Zoology), PG Diploma courses in Computer Applications, Financial Services, Taxation, Hospitality Management, Bachelor of Multimedia, BJMC, Bachelor in Internet and Mobile Technology. The Honours course in English has received good response. The college is also going to offer new subjects such as Geography, Psychology and Fashion Designing & Garment Construction at the undergraduate level. I am sure, these will greatly benefit our students and prepare them for future challenges. I am thankful to honorable president S.Satayajit Singh Ji Majithia, Honorary Secretary S. Rajinder Mohan Singh ji Chhina and other respected members of management for their motivation and untiring support. The college faculty and other staff members deserve my thanks for their devotion and co-operation.

With warm regards.

(Dr. Mehal Singh)
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मैजिस्ट्रेट द्वारा शासित - मृत्युदंड सियासी

मैजिस्ट्रेट 2015-16 के दौरान नए मार्गों का उपयोग करते हुए हमार्श ने कई सामाजिक सियासी नए मार्गों का उपयोग करते हुए हमार्श ने कई सामाजिक
Dr. Gurbax Singh attended a 3 day seminar and a one day workshop on ‘Solid liquid processing of Potatoes (Solanum tuberosum) in’ at Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla. He published two research papers entitled “Fertilizer management of Potato (Solanum tuberosum) Variety Kufri Pysona for higher yield, food fry quality, Probability and Storability, in A modern agriculture Research New Series 2015, 36(2): 191-199 and “Influence of Calcium dose and time of application on tuber yield and processing quality of potato (Solanum tuberosum), in Annals of Agricultural Research, New Series 2014, 35(2) 185-201. He also entitled “Effect of fertilizer levels and varieties on tuber yield and processing quality on French fry grade Potato” has been accepted for publication in Krishi Vigyan.


Dr. Kalwajit Singh attended model training course on ‘Post-harvest Management and Processing of Potatoes’ from October 27, 2015 to November 13, 2015 at Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla. He published two research papers entitled “Fertilizer management of Potato (Solanum tuberosum) Variety Kufri Pysona for higher yield, food fry quality, Probability and Storability, in A modern agriculture Research New Series 2015, 36(2): 191-199 and “Influence of Calcium dose and time of application on tuber yield and processing quality of potato (Solanum tuberosum), in Annals of Agricultural Research, New Series 2014, 35(2) 185-201. He also entitled “Effect of fertilizer levels and varieties on tuber yield and processing quality on French fry grade Potato” has been accepted for publication in Krishi Vigyan.

Dr. Mansimran Singh Shahi got published a research paper entitled “Effect of Fertility levels and varieties on tuber yield and processing quality of French fry grade potato” in Krishi Vigyan, 2016, 4(2).


Dr. Amandeep Singh got published two research papers entitled “A preliminary report on Diversity of Rhododendron (Lepidodendron) during Khariff season from Khalsa College Amritsar, Punjab” in Journal of Experimental Zoology, 2016, 19(2) and “Post-Capping time of egg laying by Tropilaelaps clareae Delfinado & Baker In the worker and drone brood of Apis mellifera Linn. in Journal of Experimental Zoology 19(1), 435-440. He also contributed a chapter entitled “Quality assessment of different water sources from rural area of Sri Hargobindpur and Gurdaspur of Punjab” in the book ‘Aquatic Science: The Present Scenario’ published by International Publisher of Progressive Academic Research.

Dr. Balwinder Singh bagged a UGC Research project amounting to Rs. 14.44 Lakhs. He published three research papers in Food Chemistry, Journal of Agricultural Engineering and Food Technology, and in Journal of Crop Science & Biotechnology. He also got the Best Paper award in National Conference held at Department of Botany, University of Delhi, from February 5-7, 2016. He also presented a research paper in National Conference on ‘Applications of Biotechnology for Sustainable Development’ held at DAV College, Amritsar, from October 16 to17, 2015.

Dr. Mukesh Chander published a research paper in International Journal of Current Microbiology and Applied Science (Impact Factor: 2.01). He presented an invited lecture and a poster at two day UGC sponsored National Seminar organised by Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar on February 11-12, 2016. He also presented two posters at three day International Conference held at G.N.D.U. Amritsar from February 17 to 19, 2016. He also won third prize for presenting poster at one day National Seminar on RAGS, Khalsa College Amritsar on February 7, 2015. He has been appointed Course Co-ordinator in Applied and Life Sciences by Punjab Technical University, Kapurthala, Punjab for three years w.e.f., October 2015.

Dr. Jaspreet Singh presented a research paper in DBT, DST sponsored National Conference on Applications of Biotechnology for Sustainable Development held at DAV College Amritsar on October 16 to 17, 2015.

Dr. Parmjit Kaur and Prof. Kirandeep Kaur Hundal attended “International Conference on Environmental Mutagenesis, Carcinogenesis and Health” held at Department of Botanical and Environmental Sciences, Guru Nanak Dev University from February 17 to 19, 2016.

Dr. M.S. Batra presented three research papers at various International and National conferences including “Refocusing Wandering Mind: A Key to Success” in the International Conference on Challenges & Opportunities (ICCYC- 2016), organised by, KMV, Jalandhar on March 25 to 26, 2016; “Oxidative Dehydrogenation of Ethane and Propane on supported Vanadium Oxide catalysts” in International Multi Stream Conference on Technology & Life, organised by CKD Institute of Management & Technology, Tarn Taran, on November 8, 2015 and “Effective Teaching and Learning of Economics in NACC and Higher Education: Ensuring Quality Through Teaching, Learning and Evaluation, organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), KMV, Jalandhar on September 18-19, 2015.


Dr. Baljinder Kaur Randhawa presented a research paper entitled “Methodologies for Recycling: The Need of the Hour” in the National Seminar held at RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Amritsar on April 27, 2015.

Dr. Anmit Anand made a poster presentation on the topic “Triflic acid mediated fried rearrangement of dienyl β-lactams” in the National Conference on Current Advances in Physical Sciences organised by Department of Physics, Khalsa College, Amritsar on March 11, 2016. His research paper entitled “Catalytic oxidation of Benzyl Alcohol to Benzaldehyde” has been published in Current Reports on Science and Technology, 2015, 1(1): 100-117.


Dr. Kirandeep Kaur has been awarded a project, “Application of chiral catalysts in the development of flavonoids and similar biologically active molecules” by UGC, New Delhi under Dr. D.S. Kochhar scheme for pursuing post-doctoral research. Her research paper entitled “Pseudomonas gessardii growing cells as a new biocatalyst for asymmetric synthesis of α-bromohydrins” has been published in Journal of Catalysis and Agricultural Biotechnology, 2015, 4: 49-54.


Prof. Rajvinder Kaur published a research paper entitled “Probing interactions of neurotransmitters with twin tailed anionic surfactant: A detailed physicochemical study” in Journal of Colloid Interface Science, 2016, 409: 38-46. She also made a poster presentation on “Vigyan Sammanel organised by University of Goa, on Feb. 5-8, 2015.


Dr. Neetu Sahharwal’s article entitled “Empirical Validation of Dimensionality of Loyalty in the Indian Context” was published in Pacific Business Review Journal, 2015, 8(8).

Prof. Meechu Chopra presented a research paper on “Business redefined in a fast changing world” in the 4th National Conference on Sustaining and enhancing competitiveness in today’s business scenario’ organised by GNA University, Phagwara on March 21, 2015. She also authored two books “Audit and Control” and “Auditing” published by Sharma Publications.


Dr. K. A. Kahlon attended Faculty Development Programme on “Research Methodology – Introduction to Multivariate Data Analysis & Time Series Analysis” organised by Management (PIM), PTU, Main Campus, Kapurthala on April 4-5, 2015. She also presented a research paper entitled “Contemporary Issues in Business, Finance, Marketing, Human Behaviour & Technology” in UGC sponsored National Seminar at Khalsa College for Women, Amritsar. Her paper entitled “Brand Development of Local


Dr. Deepak Devgan delivered an invited talk on ‘Stock Exchange Operations in India’ to senior secondary classes at Delhi Public School, Amritsar on December 18, 2015.


Dr. Mani Arora published a research paper entitled “MD5 Algorithm for Encryption” in Journal of Computer Science, 2015, 11(3): 479-483. Her paper entitled “Efficient key mechanism and reduced cipher text technique for secured data communication” has been accepted in International Journal of Systems, Control and Communications.


Dr. Geetinder Mann participated in National Seminar on “Climate change and Adaptive Strategies” organised by Post Graduate Department of Agriculture, Khalsa College, Amritsar, on December 22, 2015.

Dr. Geetinder Mann published two research articles entitled “Financial Performance and Sickness in Indian small scale Industrial sector” in Indian Journal of Regional Science, 2015, 47(2) and “A Meta Analytical approach and its future prospects” in Pacific Business Review International, 2015, 8(3). She also presented research papers entitled “Higher education : The Way to Excellence” at International


Prof. Sawant Singh Manto presented a paper entitled “A Study of Migrant Issues in Sunjew Sahota’s A Year of the Runaway” in the National Seminar on the Theme of Migration in English Literature held at Khalsa College, Amritsar on March 12, 2016. He also attended special summer school at Human Resource Development Centre at GNDU Amritsar.


Prof. Vijay Bernard presented a research paper titled “Hybridity: A Response to Cultural Binarism in the film Patila House’ in the National Seminar on ‘Theme of migration in English literature’ held at Khalsa College Amritsar on March 12, 2016. His research paper entitled “Impact of Focalization on Characterization” has been accepted for publication in Journal P.G. Dept. of English, Khalsa College Amritsar.


Faculty Achievements

P.G. Department of Physics


Prof. Gurinder Pal Singh presented a research paper entitled “Correlation among the structural, morphological and electrical properties of nano-crystalline Copper oxide” in Current Reports in Science and Technology, 2015, 1(1): 18-26. His paper entitled “Development of Room temperature gas sensors” during the 2nd National Seminar RACS-II organised by P.G. Department of Chemistry, Khalsa College Amritsar on April 2, 2016 respectively. She also authored a Book entitled “Practical Physics” ISBN. 978-93-82956-68-6 published by Vieweg and Teubner. He presented a research paper entitled “Development of CNT surface functionalized with substituted nitro organic nanostructures as room temperature gas sensors” during the 2nd National Seminar RACS-II organised by P.G. Department of Chemistry, Khalsa College Amritsar on April 2, 2016. He also presented a research paper entitled “Designing a low pass and wide-band high-pass interpolated FIR filter using Matlab” in 2nd National Conference on Current Advances in Physical Sciences organised by PG Department of Physics, Khalsa College, Amritsar on February 28, 2016. His research papers entitled “A study of indoor Radon, Thoron and their progeny concentration in Rohtak District of Southeast Haryana, India” and “Effect of WO3 on Covalent Behaviour of PhO-B2O3 Glasses” were accepted for publication in Current Reports in Science and Technology, 2016, 1(2).

Dr. Taminder Singh published a research paper entitled “Impact of surfactant and co-surfactant on the structural, morphological and electrical properties of nano-crystalline Copper oxide” in Current Reports in Science and Technology, 2015, 1(1): 18-26. He presented a research paper entitled “Time resolved Photo sensing response of CuO films for white LED Light” in 2nd National Conference on ‘Current Advances in Physical Sciences’ (CAPS-2016) organised by the PG Department of Physics, Khalsa College, Amritsar on February 28, 2016 and two papers in 5th National Symposium on chemically driven sciences from Feb. 02-03, 2016 at the Department of Chemistry, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. He also authored two books “Relativity and Electromagnetism” and “Practical Physics” published by Vishal Publications, Jalandhar.


Dr. Rajan Saini was awarded PhD degree in Physics on March 11, 2016. He presented research paper entitled “Synthetic response study of chemiresistive gas sensor based on CNT surface functionalized with substituted phthalalene” in International Conference ICC-2015, held at Bikaner on October 30-31, 2015 and “Flexible Chemiresistive sensor based on MoS2/CuPe for detecting chemically aggressive gases” at International conference COMPEC-2016 organised by BARC, Mumbai from April 13-16, 2016.

Prof. Sugandha Thakur presented a poster entitled “Development of Thulcodynamc based nanostructures as highly sensitive and selective Chlorine sensors” in 2nd National Conference on Current Advances in Physical Sciences‘ organised by PG Department of Physics, Khalsa College, Amritsar on February 28, 2016. His poster entitled “Development of organic nanostructures as room temperature gas sensors” bagged 2nd Best Poster Award during the 2nd National Seminar RACS-II organised by P.G. Department of Chemistry, Khalsa College Amritsar on April 2, 2016.

bioaccumulation in wheat grown around rivers: possible human health risk assessment in Environment Science & Pollution Research; “Earthworm as ecological engineers to change the physico-chemical properties of soil: Soil vs vermicompost” in Ecological Engineers (Elsevier) and “Effect of stocking density of earthworm on the degradation time and physico-chemical properties of paper mill sludge mixed with cow dung” in Resource Efficient Waste Management Proceedings of 5th Int Conf SWM 2015.

**Prof. Randeep Singh** has published five research papers entitled “A Preliminary Report on Diversity of Rhopalocera (Lepidoptera) during Kharif season from Khalsa College Amritsar, Punjab, India” in *Journal of Experimental Zoology, 2016, 19(2)* and “Health issues due to the Internet Addiction in College Students of Kathua (Jammu)” in *Indian Journal of Advanced Life Sciences, 2016*. He also contributed a chapter “Quality assessment of different water sources from a rural area of Sri Hargobindpur, Gurdaspur of Punjab” in book “Aquatic Science: The Present Scenario” by International Publisher of Progressive Academic Research, 2016.


**Dr. Jaswinder Singh** has been awarded with ProSPER.Net Scopus Young Scientist Award in Sustainable development-2015 in *European Journal of Biomedical and Environmental Health*.


**P.G. Department of Zoology**

**Dr. Jasjit Kaur Randhawa** has published a research paper entitled “Menstrual disorders among young females of Amritsar District” in *Journal of Experimental Zoology, 19(1): 401-403.


**Dr. Amrudev Singh**, Dept. of Zoology receiving Young Scientist Award in Japan.
Noted economist Dr. S.S. Johl formally launched the “Agents of Change” programme on July 23, 2015. The programme is conceptualised by CIPT (Center of International Projects Trust, New Delhi) which is India office of Colombia Water Centre (US) in collaboration with P.G. Department of Agriculture. As a part of the programme, students interacted with farmers of 65 villages and extension officers to understand the main problems facing agricultural sector in Punjab. They also familiarised the students with issues and challenges facing this sector. The students visited 65 villages (groups of 65 teams) and prepared comprehensive report of each village of the programme.

A Mid-term Workshop on “Agents of Change” Programme was organised on Feb 11th, 2016 and ten best teams were selected out of 65 who would carry the programme further by adopting a village each to carry on their mission to be agents of change. Cultural programme was also organised on the occasion.

The Department also organised a National Seminar on “Climate Change and Adaptive Strategies” on Dec 22, 2015 where the speakers discussed the effects of climate change on agriculture. Dr. Prabhjot Kaur, Head Department of Climatology P.A.U, Ludhiana presented her paper on Climate change and its impact on Agriculture. Mrs. Pushpa Joshi, Social scientist, Organic Community Board, Utrakhand talked about organic farming and its relevance in these days.

The Department organised a seminar on April 9, 2016. Prof. (Dr.) P.K. Pati from Department of Biotechnology, G.N.D.U., Amritsar delivered a very informative lecture on “Biotechnology and its role in shaping the future in Agriculture”.

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Inaugural ceremony of one day seminar on ‘Climate Change & Adaptive Strategies’ Parameter of Potato as affected by Changing Environment. Er. Sukhwinder Singh from Central Potatoes Research Station, Jalandhar spoke on Hydroponic cultivation of potato. Dr. Parampal Sahota, Head, Department of Microbiology elaborated of role of microbiology in agriculture under changing climate scenario.

A seminar on “Skill Development and Organic Agriculture” was organised on Feb 13, 2016 where Mr. Amol, manager, Skill Development Corporation, New Delhi stressed on skill development in Agriculture. Mrs. Pushpa Joshi, Social scientist, Organic Community Board, Utrakhand talked about organic farming and its relevance in these days.

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P.G. Department of Botany

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A one day Seminar was organised on “Biodiversity and Its Conservation” on March 31, 2016. Dr. Satwinderjit Kaur, Prof. and Head, Department of Botanical and Environmental Sciences, GNDU, Amritsar was the resource person for the Seminar. The speaker highlighted the comparison of concrete forests and green forests and expressed deep concern on the climate change due to deforestation, desertification, soil erosion, forest fires, floods and droughts etc.

The Department organised a Guest Lecture by Prof. M.S. Bakshi, from Department of Chemistry, University of Waterloo, Canada on the topic “Wonders of Chemistry (Surfactants and Nanotechnology)” on July 7, 2015. The lecture was followed by an interactive session with the PG students of the department. The healthy interaction with such a stalwart in his field enlightened the students and helped them to understand the subject.

The Department also organised one day Second National Seminar on “Recent Advances in Chemical Sciences” (RACS-II) on the theme of “Supramolecular Developments” on April 2, 2016.

A one day workshop was also organised by the department in collaboration with HCL Company on “PHP” on September 10, 2015. The workshop acquainted the students regarding PHP. The delegates from Sachtech also discussed the making of new applications from PHP like Android and IOS.

A guest lecture on “Skill Development” was delivered by Mr. Sandeep Kaura, Advisor to CM on January 15, 2016. The purpose of the lecture was to

Mr. Ashok Arora being welcomed by Dr. Sukhdev Singh and Dr. J.S. Arora

A Seminar on ‘Programming the Minds’ was organised by the Department on October 17, 2015. Prof. R.S Salaria from Rayat Bahra Institute of Engineering talked about Holistic Education which helps the human beings to find the aim of life.

A one day seminar on ‘Biodiversity and its Conservation’

Prof. M.S. Bakshi being welcomed by Dr. M.S. Batra, Head, Department of Chemistry

Prof. R.K. Mahajan and Dr. Vandna Bhalia giving away certificate to the winner student

The distinguished speakers included Dr. P. Venugopalan, Chairman and Professor Punjab University, Chandigarh, Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma, Professor Emeritus, Punjab University, Chandigarh, Dr. Rajeev Gupta, Professor, Delhi University, New Delhi, Dr. Vandana Bhalia, Assistant Professor, GNDU, Amritsar.

The Department organised an Invited Talk on “A Research Overview of Ionic Liquids: Colloidal formulations and Ion-Gels for Diverse Applications” by Dr. Tejwant Singh Kang, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, GNDU, Amritsar on April 09, 2016.
Academic Activities

P.G. Department of Economics

The Department organised an interactive talk on “How to Prepare for Competitive Exams” on October 10, 2016. Ms. Rajmandeep Kaur, PCS was the guest speaker for the lecture.

Department of English

The Department organised an extension lecture on ‘Marxism in English Literature’ by Dr. Parminder Singh, former Professor and Head, Department of English, GNDU, Amritsar.

A National Seminar on the topic “The Theme of Migration in English Literature” was organised on 12th March 2016. Dr. Harish Narang, former Professor, JNU was the key note speaker. The technical session was chaired by Dr. B. K. Sharma, BUC College, Batala. As many as 15 scholars presented their research papers on different aspects of Migration.

A four day workshop on ‘Fabric Designing, Interior Designing and Home Decoration’ was organised by the Department from April 5 to 9, 2016. The objective of the workshop was to provide a bird’s eye view about the field and provide a practical approach to the students.

Department of Fashion Designing

The Department organised a week long workshop in collaboration with ‘Pedilite’ from April 1 to 7, 2016.

An Art Exhibition was organised by the Department on April 11, 2016. The exhibition brought forward the works of art by the students of the Department.

Department of Fine Arts

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In order to inculcate love for art among the students the Department organised a Poster Making Competition on the theme of ‘Migration’ in Feb 2016. Artists from various faculties participated in the competition.
ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

P.G. Department of Food Science & Tech.

An Industrial interaction was organised on the topic of “HACCP: An Approach to Food Safety” on March 30, 2016. Mr. Amandeep Kumar, System Manager and his team from Wave Beverages Pvt. Ltd. interacted with the students and faculty of Food Science & Technology.

P.G. Department of Hindi

Hindi Sahitya Sabha organised an ‘Inter-Department Literary Competition’ on the occasion of ‘Hindi Divas’ on September 14, 2015. The event comprised of a series of competitions like essay writing, poetic symposium and poster making.

Department of History

An extension lecture on “The Relations between the British and the Indian Princely States from 1757 to 1947” was organised on November 2, 2015 by the Department in which Dr. Sukhwant Singh was the key speaker. S. Amardeep Singh Rangar, delivered a guest lecture on “The Lost heritage: The Sikh legacy in Pakistan” on February 24, 2016.

A documentary film, ‘Jashan-e-Azadi’ was screened for the students in collaboration with the Department of Journalism and Mass communication, Khalsa College Amritsar, on March 1, 2016.

A one-day workshop on “Film Production-Script to Screen” was organised in collaboration with GAFA Innovation Productions, Amritsar on August 7, 2015. The students of the Department were acquainted with techniques of camera handling, adjustment of lights and editing with help of professional software including FCP (final Cut Pro) and Adobe Premier. Besides, students also tried their hands on camera by making a short film on ‘Acid Attacks’.

A workshop on “Anchoring and Studio” with Gurjit Singh (anchor PTC Channel) was organised on August 25, 2015. The resource person discussed the tips of anchoring and working of a television studio. He also shared his experience in the field of anchoring with the archival videos of his recorded programs. Students interacted with the anchor and asked him various manifests of television anchoring.

Department of Journalism & Mass Comm.

One day outdoor photo shoot was arranged for the students on February 25, 2016 to Village ‘Pul Kanjari’. Students of the department were accompanied by the faculty members and experienced a practical view of handling professional cameras as well as learnt the techniques of light control with both available as well as artificial light.

Two day film festival ‘Cine Sarokar-2016’ was organised with Mr. Sanjay Kak (renowned documentary film maker) and Mr. Diljit Ami (renowned documentary film maker) on January 29-30, 2016. The event observed screening of films on social issues followed by Panel discussions in which the students discussed different aspects of film making with the professional film makers. Students from different schools and colleges also participated in the event.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The Department organised a Debate and Declamation contest on September 9, 2015 sponsored by Punjab State Council for Science and Technology.

S. Dharminder Singh Rataul, Under Secy. Khalsa College Governing Council, being welcomed during the guest lecture

A guest lecture on “PR and Status Quo” was delivered by S. Dharminder Singh Rataul on December 21, 2015. Mr. Rataul discussed public relations and its scope with the students with the help of power point presentation. He also talked about qualities and duties of a public relation office and advised the students of journalism to keep a regular update of current affairs.

P.G. Department of Mathematics

S. Jatinder Singh Pannu being welcomed by the Principal during the guest lecture

A guest lecture on ‘Media and Ethics’ was organised on March 11, 2016 with Mr. Jatinder Pannu, Editor, Nawa Zamana as resource person. Mr. Pannu discussed the importance of ethics in journalism and motivated the students of the department to work in the direction of their goals. He also discussed the prospects of print media with the students. The lecture was followed by an interactive session in which students enquired about their queries regarding the field of journalism.

Students practizing their skills during one day outdoor photo shoot

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P.G. Department of Physics

The Department organised Two-Days workshop on “Recent Research Trends in Physics” in collaboration with Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali and Department of Physics, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on September 18 to 19, 2015. Students of PG and UG classes of the Department attended the workshop with the great zeal.

P.G. Department of Political Sc. & Pub. Adm.

The Department in association with Political Science Society organised an extension lecture on ‘Political Economy of Punjab’ by Dr. Kuldip Singh, Professor, Department of Political Science, GNDU, Amritsar at College Seminar Hall on September 19, 2015.

Department of Physiotherapy

‘World Physiotherapy Day’ was celebrated by the Department on September 9, 2015. The event hosted a series of competitions like Rangoli, Poster Presentation, Model Presentation, Quiz Competition and Best Classroom Competition.

P.G. Department of Physiotherapy

An interactive session was organised on the topic ‘Present Day Punjab & Youth’ for the students of M.A. Political Science, B.A. Social Sciences and Bachelor of Journalism & Mass Communication with Mr. Khushwant Singh (a renowned Columnist with Hindustan Times, Writer and Biographer) as the resource person on March 10, 2016.

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A district level training and capacity building programme on ‘Biodiversity Issues and Biological Diversity Act 2002’ was organised by the department in collaboration with Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, Chandigarh on February 10, 2016.

The resource person from PSCST, Forest Deptt. and GNDU Amritsar attended the programme and shared their views about wetlands and wildlife-status and its conservation. They expressed deep concern regarding depleting migratory words and other fauna in and around Harike wetland.

’Swaachh Bharat Abhiyan’ was organised on March 8, 2016. Dr. Kanwalpreet Kaur from Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, Chandigarh delivered a lecture on ‘Climate Change’ on this occasion.

Dr. Adarsh Pal Vig, Deptt. of Botanical Sciences, GNDU Amritsar being felicitated during the workshop.
CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Environment Society

The society organized an Inter College Flower Show ‘Spring-2016’ on March 02, 2016. Dr. J.S Bilga, Consultant Horticulture, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda was the chief guest on this occasion. He delivered a talk on “Landscape and Floriculture for Human Environment”. He emphasized that urbanization, industrialization, deforestation, desertification and fossil fuel burning cause imbalance in atmosphere resulting in pollution which is harmful for health.

Dr. J.S Bilga, appreciating the flowers being displayed by the participants during the flower show

Red Ribbon Club

The club organized a Seminar on ‘AIDS Awareness’ for students on October 23, 2015 in which District Civil Surgeon Dr. Jai Singh, District T.B. and AIDS control officer Dr. Naresh Chawla and A.R.T Dr. Jyoti were the key speakers. The seminar was aimed at creating awareness among youth about causes and prevention of AIDS. The speakers emphasised that more than 25 million people have died of AIDS since 1981 and currently over 30 million people are living with HIV/AIDS. Had these people been equipped with the knowledge about the preventive measures, the statistics might not have been so worrying.

Dr. Jai Singh, Civil Surgeon Amritsar guiding the students about AIDS awareness

Genders Champion Club

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Zoological Society

One day seminar on ‘Water and Climate Change’

One day Seminar and Poster competition was organised on “Water and Climate Change” by Zoological society on October 15, 2015. Dr. Arun Kansal, from TERI University, New Delhi delivered his talk on this occasion.

Educational Tours/Industrial Visits/Excursions

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Principal Dr. Mehal Singh flagging off an industrial visit of Department of Commerce to Verka Milk Plant, Verka, Amritsar.

Students of Department of Physiotherapy during their visit to Bhagat Puran Singh Prosthetic Centre.

Faculty and students of Department of Zoology during an educational tour to Kanjali Wetland, Kapurthala.

Students of Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at 92.7 BIG FM Radio Station, Amritsar.

Faculty and students of Department of Biotechnology departing for an industrial visit to Verka Milk Plant, Verka, Amritsar.

Students of Department of Physics during an educational tour to Virasat-e-Khalsa.

Faculty and students of Department of Agriculture during their educational tour to Anandpur Sahib.

An industrial visit of Department of Computer Sciences and Applications to IT Park, Chandigarh, being flagged off by Principal Dr. Mehal Singh.
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ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS

108th Annual Convocation

108th Annual Convocation of the college was held on July 15, 2015. About 226 students of the college received degrees as Union Finance Minister Sh. Arun Jaitley presided over the Annual Convocation. Speaking on the occasion Jaitley lauded the heritage architectural building of the college and said he had not seen a building of an educational institution of its kind throughout the world. He appreciated the contribution of college to society by imparting quality education. Chief Minister S. Parkash Singh Badal, Union Ministers Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal and Sh. Vijay Sampla also graced the occasion. President, S. Satyajit Singh Majithia, Honorary Secretary, S. Rajinder Mohan Singh Chhina and Vice-president S. Charanjit Singh Chadha also present during the event.

109th Annual Convocation

The 109th Annual Convocation was held on November 27, 2015. It was presided over by Dr. Ajaib Singh Brar, Vice Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. In his convocation address, he stressed upon the need of reforms in the system of higher education so as to produce best minds and competent scholars. He said that the aim of education can be fulfilled only if we can produce responsible citizens who can contribute towards the development of the nation. He conferred 1370 degrees to Post-Graduate students from various streams. S. Satyajit Singh Majithia, President, Khalsa College Charitable Society welcomed the guests on this occasion. S. Rajinder Mohan Singh Chhina, Honorary Secretary, congratulated the students and presented the vote of thanks. Principal Dr. Mehal Singh presented the annual report of the college highlighting the achievements in the field of academics, extra-curricular, cultural and sports.

110th Annual Convocation

S. Satyajit Singh Majithia, President, Khalsa College Charitable Society presided over the 110th Annual Convocation of the college on March 5, 2016. In his convocation address he stressed that besides professional competency instilling moral values among the students is the need of the hour. He also said that Khalsa College institutions take inspiration from the high ideals of Sikh Gurus and believe in imparting value education to the youth of this region. Honorary Secretary, S. Rajinder Mohan Singh Chhina, congratulated the students on this occasion and presented the vote of thanks to the worthy guests.

Alumni Meet-2015

Khalsa College hosted its annual Alumni Meet on November 29, 2015. History of the 125-year old college was highlighted through hi-tech projectors, walks through the corridors and a cultural function was also organised for former students. Hundreds of old students of Khalsa College recalled their rich memories relating to the time spent at the historic institution during the alumni meet. The alumni in their addresses hailed KCA as an institution of learning. They shared that they achieved heights after getting education from Khalsa College. They also vowed to help the institution to achieve more academic and heritage excellence. The objective of the meet was to provide an opportunity to alumni to share their sweet memories relating their time spent at college.
College participated in various Intervarsity and National level tournaments.

College won overall runner up trophy in GNDU Men sports for the session 2015-16 with 15557 points.

Department organised “Khalsa Inter College Diwali Tournament” from November 2-7, 2015. Total 8 colleges of Khalsa institutes participated in this tournament. The tournament hosted a series of events like Athletics, Cricket, Basketball, Badminton and Volleyball were conducted for both boys and girls.

97th Annual Sports Day was celebrated on 10th March 2016. 42 events (Athletics and recreational) were conducted both for staff and students. Principal Dr. Mehal Singh inaugurated the function. Hon. Secy. Sh. Rajinder Mohan Singh Ji Chhina graced the event as the Chief Guest.

Department organised Annual Sports Prize Distribution Function on 6th April 2016 where more than 125 outstanding players were honoured. PADAMSHRI S. Balbir Singh Sr. was the Chief Guest on this Function and Hon Secy. Sh. Rajinder Mohan Singh Ji Chhina presided over the event.

Cultural Activities

Department of Youth Welfare and Cultural Activities provides a platform to the students to groom and present their talent. It also plays a significant role in preserving and promoting rich cultural heritage of Punjab among the youth. Khalsa College is one of the pioneer institutes which has contributed to the development of theatre in Punjab. It has given to the world renowned theatre personalities like Bhishan Sahni, Gurdial Singh Phul, Dr. Harcharan Singh, Kewal Dhaliwal and Dr. Atamjeet Singh. In the present times theatre and TV artists like Rajiv Thakur, Chandan Prabhakar, Dinesh Kumar, Rajive Dholia, Emanuel, Rajbir Kaur, Mannat Singh, Mukesh Vohra, Ramesh and Mandpee Ghai Folk singers like Amarinder Gill, Lakhwinder Vadali. Ranjeet Bawa and J Star also started their career from the stage of Khalsa College. Cultural activities form an integral part of the college curriculum. The current session started with inter-departmental cultural competition “Rannak-2015”.

In the GND University Zonal Youth Festival, the college won Runners up trophy with 5 first positions and 12 second positions in various events. In Elocution competition organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra, our student Jaspreet Kaur won first prize in the state. She along with Kavtarjeet Kaur also participated in the great Britain Debate Competition at Chandigarh. In Punjab State Inter Varsity heritage festival at Fatehgarh Sahib, our Jhummar team got second prize. In a Group Shabad competition organised by Guru Gobind Singh Study Circle, Ludhiana, Khalsa College won the first prize. College Giddha team participated in “Kanya-lohri” festival organised by Sikh Samaj Rajasthan in Jaipur. One act play “"""" was enacted by our students at Viva Vihar and also at Naatshala. At the individual level also the students have brought laurels to the college.

Jobanpreet Singh was adjudged the Best Bhangra performer and Abhishek Narula, the best actor in Zonal Youth Festival. Rahul Grith participated in National Youth Festival and Jasmail Singh was honoured with Gursharan Singh Theatre Award-2016 for best students actor by Punjab Natshala.

College also won Runners-up Trophy in First Khalsa Colleges Youth Festival held in March 2016.
National Cadet Corps (NCC)

NCC inculcates discipline, patriotism, team spirit, confidence and personality development among cadets. The college has Air Wing, Army Wing & Naval Wing and the enrolment starts at the beginning of each academic session.

Air Wing-Flying Officer: Prof. Rakesh Kumar

NCC Air Wing earned laurels for Khalsa College by participating in various social and community development activities around the year. Our cadets participated in local as well as in State and National level camps. Cadet U/O Deepak Rana participated as Contingent Commander in Republic Day parade held on 26th January, 2016 at New Delhi. Cadet Hardeep Singh participated in All India Vayu Sainik Camp as Contingent Commander and won gold medal. Cadet Jashan Pardeep Singh participated in Aeromodelling activities at RD Camp, New Delhi and won one gold, one silver and one bronze medal. Cadet Surjeet Singh participated in AVSC held at Ropar. Cadet Manpreet Kaur won Gold medal in Inter Batallion Shooting competition and Cadet Prashpreet Singh won silver medal. Cadet Ashok Kumar attended shooting camp. NCC Air Wing also hosted Air show in college campus to inspire the students to join NCC Air Wing.

Army Wing-Teacher Incharge: Dr. Jaswinder Singh

The army wing organised live telecast of Start Up India event on 16th January 2016 inaugurated by Sh. Arun Jaitley. 10 Cadets attended CATC camp and also participated in International Yoga Day celebration at Millennium School. Cadets Tarwinder Singh and Joganpreet Singh attended Basic leadership camp at Malout from 21st to 30th January 2016. Cadets Manpreet Singh and Tajinder Singh won Ist and 3rd position in 5km marathon at GNDU campus on 24th January, 2016.

Naval Wing-Teacher Incharge: Dr. Gurvail Singh Malhi

15 Cadets of our college attended combined Annual Training Camp (CATC-101) held at Naya Nangal from 19th to 28th August 2015. Cadet Mahabir Singh won bronze medal in Shooting during this camp. Our cadets Anchal Singh and Anjali Sharma represented Khalsa College at All India Annual Training camp at Kozhikode, Kerala from 13th to 21st December 2015.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

NSS units aim at inculcating a spirit of social service among students and sensitise them towards nation building and welfare activities. Students got opportunities to participate in programmes like tree plantation, voluntary health service, literacy drive, agricultural development etc. Such programmes helped to instill spirit of nationality, equality and fraternity.

The College is running four NSS units of 100 volunteers each. The Co-ordinators of these units are: Dr. Jasjit Kaur Randhawa (NSS Incharge) Dr. Zorawar Singh, Dr. Sandeep Singh and Dr. Poonam Sharma. This year the NSS units organised ‘Blood Donation Camps’ in the College and also at Pingalwara. A week long camp was organised in the campus and a 5 day blood testing camp was organised. Seminars on ‘Women Health’ and Problem of ‘Depression among Youth’ was also organised by NSS. The ‘Cleanliness Drive’ at the college campus and during Nagar Kirtan on the eve of birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji involved more than 250 students.
Under the supervision of Prof. Harbhajan Singh, Director, the Training and Placement Cell focuses on providing appropriate placements to the students. This year leading companies visited the college for campus placements. These include Reliance Life Insurance (97 Students Selected), Pixatel, Aon Hewitt, Wipro, ICICI, Corp India (selected 33 students), Tech Mahindra and Government schools through B-Able. This cell organises workshops and seminars for personality development, soft skills and Interview preparation. Ms Kavita Kahlon, Ms Anjaleena Soni from Pune, Mr Rajpal Singh, Dr Roma, TCS Officials and B-Able officials came to the campus to address the students.

On the commencement of the new session the hostel students organised an ‘Aarambhik Ardaas’ on October 8, 2015. Principal Dr. Mehal Singh addressed the students and gifted them books.

The hostel students organised ‘Parbhat Phereis’ to mark the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji on November 22, 2015. There was a lot of fervour and enthusiasm amongst them. Holy prayers were recited and langar was also served.

A reading room and a guest room were added to the hostel building and were inaugurated by Honorary Secretary S. Rajinder Mohan Singh Chhinna and Principal Dr. Mehal Singh.

The annual function of Hostel Night named “Soyonara 2015-16” was held on March 9, 2016. Students gave thrilling performances and Modelling and Giddha were the main attraction of the show. Principal Dr. Mehal Singh appreciated them and motivated them to excel in extra curricular activities along with academics.

In the end of the session a colourful event, the Hostel Night- ‘Sham-E-Ruskt’ was held on April 9, 2016. Boarders presented ‘Shabad Kirtan’ and various cultural items like dance, song, skits, kavishri and comedy in this function, which was attended by Principal, wardens and staff members. On this occasion outgoing students were presented mementoes by Principal Dr. Mehal Singh.
Heritage Status

With an aim to conserve the 124 year historical Khalsa College campus the University Grants Commission (UGC) conferred heritage status on it. Khalsa College is among 19 colleges across the nation that has been conferred with heritage status by UGC. The status not only adds to the historical value of the college, but UGC will also be providing financial assistance for the upkeep of the heritage building.

Book Exhibition

National Book Trust organised book fair in the College to promote reading among students. Hundreds of books from diverse fields and subjects were displayed for students and residents at the week long book fair. The fair was organised by the National Book Trust (NBT) with an aim to inculcate interest and the habit of book reading amongst students. Apart from academics, the books of general interests were also exhibited at the fair. According to the organisers the fair aimed at creating curiosity amongst the readers. The fair was inaugurated by Khalsa College Governing Council Honorary Secretary S. Rajinder war against the menace of drugs and its eradication

Awareness Campaign Against Drug Abuse

As many as 9000 students created a new record with a live minute synchronized performance at Khalsa College to stake claim for a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records. Children between the age group of 5 to 18 years, not only danced their way into record books, but also gave a message against drug abuse. The earlier record was held by 4, 428 students in Mumbai, who achieved the feat in 2012 with their dancing act. The students called for a unified war against the menace of drugs and its eradication from the state. The entire event was monitored by 10 CCTV cameras and judged by 200 judges. It was a joint initiative of the district administration and Sun Foundation. The students performed under title “Shake your legs, keep away from drugs” to disseminate awareness against drugs. Padma Shri awardee Vikramjit S. Sahney, Chairman, Sun Foundation, and former cricketer Bishan Singh Bedi were also present on the occasion.

Khalsa College Organic Farms

With the growing need for natural food and farming techniques, adopting and promoting organic and natural farming is a necessary requirement. The College has decided to convert a share of its 200 acres farmland into organic farms. It has managed to consistently produce quality wheat, sugarcane and other produce with an increase in yield every year. Adopting a strict policy against the use of insecticides, pesticides and fertilizers, the College has been promoting the organic farms to the local farmers as well. Approximately 35 acres of land inside the College premise and in total over 300 acres of farm land owned by the KCGC has now produced Basmati, Sugarcane, Vegetables and fruits.

Free Education to the Needy Children

Khalsa College Amritsar started community service programme under which 35 children belonging to labour class were adopted to provide free Primary Education. These children have been provided free uniforms and study material including text books, note books, pencils etc.

Farmers Training Centre

Farmers Training Centre, Khalsa College Amritsar was established in 1969 under grant in aid scheme to cater to the community service of rural people of the region. It is funded by Directorate of Agriculture and all the grants are received through Principal, Khalsa College Amritsar. The objective of this training centre is to impart training to rural community in various fields and apprise them of new technology. In the year 2015-16, 8 institutional training camps, 50 production cum demonstration camps, 8 cooking camps and 20 block level camps were conducted to enlighten the rural community with the emerging technique in domain of agriculture and allied sector. Eight days Bee keeping training was imparted by Farmer Training Centre from October 14, 2015 to October 21, 2015 to final year students of B.Sc. (Agri.) to acquaint them with the venture of Bee keeping. In the training programme, Dr. Jaswinder Singh Bhatia, Agriculture Information Officer familiarised the students with the life cycle of concerned insect and other technicalities in bee rearing. Dr. Nazar Singh Asst. Marketing Officer, elaborated grading, marking and packing of honey under the agmark rules.

The trainees during the last day of on Job horticulture training with Principal Dr. Mehal Singh

On the job horticulture training was organised for school students from the horticulture stream with the aim “Learning by Seeing” in which students were imparted with the practical know how regarding the concept of budding, grafting and pruning of fruit trees by Dr. Jaswinder Singh Bhatia, Agriculture Information Officer. Dr. Nazar Singh Asst. Marketing Officer, put light on the grading and marketing of the horticultural crops.

NOT THE LEAST

Principal Dr. Mehal Singh addressing the students during Bee Keeping training

Students receiving hands on training of ‘Bee Keeping’
Vocational Training Centre

LIFE LONG LEARNING PROGRAMME

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1.376 degrees conferred at Khalsa College convocation

Nation's future lies in quality education: Jaitely

Inter-Khalsa College Diwali Tournament

Seven-day-long Inter-Khalsa College Diwali Tournament held at Khalsa College, Amritsar which all colleges under Khalsa College president's society

Kade Daddie Dian Kade Potte Dian' shows general