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Message from the Principal



Dear Students, Faculty, and Well-wishers,

It gives me immense joy and pride to introduce the first edition of E-newsletter of our college newsletter, *Gyan Prabha: The Light of Knowledge*. This publication is a significant step in capturing the vibrant academic and cultural life of Government Degree College, Salooni, and in giving expression to the ideas and creativity that thrive within our campus.

Gyan Prabha is envisioned as more than a record of events—it is a reflection of our shared commitment to growth, learning, and meaningful change. Each article, poem, artwork, and report featuring these pages represents the passion, dedication, and potential of our students and faculty members. It is through such initiatives that we strengthen the academic fabric of our college and inspire a culture of thoughtful engagement.

As our nation progresses towards a more inclusive and future-ready education system under the National Education Policy, it is essential that institutions like ours create platforms that encourage curiosity, innovation, and dialogue. This newsletter is one such platform—a space to celebrate achievements, share ideas, and foster transformation at both personal and institutional levels.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all contributors and the editorial team for their efforts in bringing this idea to life. Let this be the beginning of a tradition that encourages us all to think deeply, express freely, and shine brightly.

May the light of *Gyan Prabha* continue to guide our journey toward knowledge and excellence.

Warm regards,

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Message from the Editor

Greetings to all!

It is with great enthusiasm that I share with you this vibrant edition of our college newsletter. As the editor, I had the privilege of curating stories, achievements, and moments that define the spirit of our college. Every article, report, and photo featured in these pages is a testament to the dedication and creativity of our student community and the guidance of our teachers.

This newsletter is not just a collection of reports—it's a story of growth, unity, and progress. I am thankful to the entire editorial team and contributors for their tireless efforts in making this publication a success.

Let this E-newsletter be a source of inspiration and a reflection of our shared journey.



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Club/Societies/Cell:

Flash Mob to Spread HIV/AIDS Awareness on Independence Day Eve:

A flash mob was organized by the Red Ribbon Club (RRC) on 14th August 2024, on the eve of Independence Day, to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS. Students Riya Sharma and Hema from B.A. Third Year, along with Sakshi, Shalu, Riya, and Rita from B.A. Second Year performed energetic dances on patriotic songs to attract public attention. The event successfully engaged around 250 spectators and educated them on HIV/AIDS prevention. This impactful initiative was conducted in collaboration with the NCC and NSS units of the college, combining patriotic spirit with a strong social message to promote health awareness.



RRC Organizes Competitions on HIV/AIDS Prevention Awareness:

The Red Ribbon Club of GDC Salooni, in collaboration with the NSS, RSC and Anti-Drug Awareness Cell, organized a series of awareness competitions on 21st September 2024, focusing on the theme of HIV/AIDS prevention. The event featured Declamation, Rangoli, and Poster Making competitions, which saw enthusiastic participation from students. A total of 10 students took part in the Declamation contest, 22 in the Rangoli competition, and 24 in the Poster Making competition.

These activities aimed to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention through creative and expressive mediums, encouraging students to engage with important health issues. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Sh. Ranjan Sharma, S.D.P.O. Salooni, who also acted as the judge for the competitions. His presence motivated the participants and added significance to the event.

Club/Societies/Cell:

Special Lecture on HIV Awareness Organized by RRC:

On 23rd November 2024, the Red Ribbon Club (RRC) of GDC Salooni organized a special lecture to raise awareness about HIV and related issues. The session was graced by Dr. Sunil Kakkad, Block Medical Officer, Kihar, who contributed as the resource person for the event. Dr. Kakkad delivered an insightful lecture focusing on HIV transmission, prevention, and the importance of timely diagnosis and treatment.

He elaborated on the four primary modes of HIV transmission and addressed various myths and misconceptions surrounding the disease. His talk aimed to educate students and dispel the stigma often associated with HIV. The session was interactive and informative, encouraging students to ask questions and clarify doubts. A total of 82 students actively participated in the event.



Quiz Competition on HIV/AIDS Awareness:

On 27th November 2024, the Red Ribbon Club of GDC Salooni, in collaboration with the Health and Family Welfare Office, Block Kihar, organized a Quiz Competition focused on HIV/AIDS awareness. The event aimed to enhance students' knowledge about HIV prevention, transmission, and to dispel common misconceptions. A total of six teams from various streams participated enthusiastically in the competition.

The team comprising Nagesh and Sahil Sharma of B.A. Third Year secured the first position, showcasing excellent awareness and understanding of the subject. The third position was shared by two teams—Prachi and Vanshika of B.A. Second Year, and Deep Raj of B.Com Third Year along with Abbas Khan of B.Com First Year.

Dr. Sunil Kakkad, Block Medical Officer, Kihar, was presented on the occasion as a special guest. He appreciated the efforts of the college and participants in promoting HIV awareness through such educational initiatives and encouraged continued involvement.



Club/Societies/Cell:

Skit on HIV Awareness:

The Red Ribbon Club of GDC Salooni celebrated World AIDS Week from 30th November to 5th December 2024 with a series of awareness activities aimed at educating students and the community about HIV/AIDS. As part of the observance, a skit was organized on 5th December 2024 in collaboration with the NSS, NCC, and Road Safety Club of the college.

The skit, performed by 11 enthusiastic NSS volunteers, focused on spreading awareness about the four main causes of HIV transmission. Through powerful performances and impactful storytelling, the participants successfully conveyed important messages about prevention, safe practices, and the need to eliminate stigma associated with the disease.

The event drew a positive response from the audience, who appreciated the creative and informative approach. The collective efforts of the RRC and collaborating clubs were instrumental in making World AIDS Week both educational and engaging for the college community.



HIV/AIDS Awareness Rally :

On 28th December 2024, the Red Ribbon Club and NSS Unit of GDC Salooni organized an HIV/AIDS Awareness Rally to educate the community on HIV transmission and prevention. Starting from the college campus, the rally reached Devgah village, where students interacted with local residents to spread awareness and dispel common myths about HIV/AIDS. They emphasized safe practices and shared key information on the disease. A red ribbon human chain was also formed by students, symbolizing unity in the fight against HIV/AIDS. The initiative was well-received and highlighted the college's dedication to community health education.



Club/Societies/Cell:

Road Safety Club Organized Awareness Lectures on Golden Hour and Traffic Rules:

The Road Safety Club of GDC Salooni organized two impactful awareness lectures on 7th December 2024 to educate students about road safety and accident prevention. The first session focused on the Importance of the Golden Hour in Case of Road Accidents and Guest Speaker of the session was Dr. Jagjeet Singh Pathania, Medical Officer, Civil Hospital Salooni, Chamba. He highlighted the crucial role of the first hour—known as the "Golden Hour"—in saving lives through timely medical assistance after road accidents.

The second session focused on Road Safety Rules and Regulations and was led by Mr. Bhoginder, Incharge of Police Chowki, Salooni, Chamba. He emphasized the importance of adhering to traffic rules and practicing safe driving habits to prevent accidents and ensure public safety. Both sessions were highly informative and well-received by students, reinforcing the importance of awareness, responsibility, and prompt action in promoting road safety and saving lives.



Road Safety Club Organizes Declamation and Essay Writing Competitions:

On 16th December 2024, the Road Safety Club of GDC Salooni organized a Declamation and Essay Writing Competition to raise awareness about road safety and responsible behavior on roads. The events saw enthusiastic participation from students who expressed their views on the importance of following traffic rules and adopting safe practices.

In the Declamation Competition, students delivered powerful speeches highlighting various aspects of road safety. The Essay Writing Competition allowed participants to reflect deeply on road safety measures and present thoughtful suggestions through their writing.

Both events successfully encouraged students to become more aware and responsible citizens. The Road Safety Club was commended for its efforts in promoting safety and awareness through student engagement.



Club/Societies/Cell:

Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competition on Road Safety Awareness:

The Road Safety Club of GDC Salooni organized a Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competition on 26th December 2024 to raise awareness about road safety among students. The event aimed to encourage creative expression of messages related to traffic rules, safe driving, and pedestrian safety. Students participated enthusiastically, showcasing their artistic skills and thought-provoking slogans to emphasize the importance of responsible behaviour on roads. The competition not only highlighted students' creativity but also served as an effective platform to spread awareness and foster a sense of responsibility toward road safety within the college community.



Road Safety Awareness Rallies:

On 28th December 2024, during the NSS special camp, a rally was conducted by NSS volunteers in collaboration with the Red Ribbon Club and Road Safety Club. The rally focused on spreading awareness about traffic rules, the importance of wearing helmets and seat belts, and following responsible road behaviour. Students marched through local areas, carrying placards and raising slogans to engage the community.

Continuing these efforts, another impactful rally was held on 17th March 2025, with active involvement of NSS, NCC, and Red Ribbon Club volunteers. This event highlighted the significance of safe driving practices and the severe consequences of rash and negligent driving. The initiative aimed to instill a sense of responsibility among citizens, especially the youth. Both rallies received encouraging public response and reflected the college's commitment to social awareness and public safety.

Club/Societies/Cell:

Gender Sensitization and Equity Initiative cum Women cell:

On 19th October 2024, the Women Cell of Govt. Degree College Salooni organized a special programme to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Karva Chauth. The event featured engaging Nail Art and Mehndi competitions, where students participated enthusiastically and showcased their creativity and artistic skills.

In the Nail Art competition, participants impressed the judges with their unique and vibrant designs. Tanu Kumari (B.A. 1st Year) secured the first position, followed by Khushi (B.A. 1st Year) in second place and Archita (B.A. 1st Year) in third. Akanksha (B.A. 2nd Year) won the first prize, Tanu Kumari (B.A. 1st Year) secured the second, and Priya (B.A. 3rd Year) claimed the third position in the Mehndi Competition.



Special Invited Lecture titled “Understanding Environmental Concerns of Mountains and Role of Youth in its Conservation.”

On 16th October 2024, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and ECO Club of GDC Salooni organized a Special Invited Lecture titled “Understanding Environmental Concerns of Mountains and Role of Youth in its Conservation.” The session featured Sh. Baldev Singh, a dedicated social activist, as the resource person. He shared his deep insights into the pressing environmental challenges faced by mountainous regions, emphasizing the critical role of youth in conservation efforts. The lecture aimed to inspire students to actively participate in preserving the ecological balance of mountain environments. The event was impactful and fostered environmental awareness among students.



Club/Societies/Cell:

Special Virtual Lecture on “Role of Women in Development with Special Reference to Aspirational District of Himachal Pradesh”

On 14th December 2024, the Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in collaboration with the Gender Sensitization and Gender Equity Cell of Government Degree College, Salooni, organized a special virtual lecture on the topic “Role of Women in Development with Special Reference to Aspirational District of Himachal Pradesh.”

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Ruchi Ramesh, Principal, Government Degree College Darlaghat, District Solan. In her insightful presentation, Dr. Ramesh highlighted the crucial role of women in the developmental processes, particularly in the context of aspirational districts of Himachal Pradesh. She emphasized the significance of gender equity as a cornerstone for sustainable and inclusive development.



District-Level ‘Wo Din Yojana – Aparajita’ Programme Organized at GDC Salooni:

As per the directives of the District Programme Officer, Directorate of Women and Child Development, Himachal Pradesh, the Gender Sensitization and Equity Initiative cum Women Cell of Government Degree College, Salooni organized a district-level programme under the ‘Wo Din Yojana – Aparajita’ initiative on 31st December 2024. A slogan writing competition on the theme of menstrual hygiene was conducted as part of the programme. A total of 12 participants enthusiastically took part in the competition, showcasing their creativity and spreading awareness on this vital health issue.

Club/Societies/Cell:

Seven-Day NSS Special Camp: 26 December 2024 –1 January 2025:

A seven-day NSS special camp was organized at Government Degree College, Salooni, beginning on December 26, 2024. The camp was inaugurated by Shri Dharam Singh Pathania, Ex-Zila Parishad Chairman with college authorities and local dignitaries in attendance. Principal Dr. Mohinder Kumar Slariya and Program Officer Pankaj Kumar briefed volunteers on the week's activities.

Each day began with morning prayers and yoga sessions. On Day 2, volunteers visited Kehmali village to clean a local water source. Due to snowfall on Day 3, classroom cleaning and an online guest lecture on yoga were conducted. On Day 4, a rally raised awareness on issues like cleanliness, AIDS, road safety, and substance abuse, followed by cleaning the Nag Temple at Devgah.

Day 5 focused on repairing a local pathway. Day 6 featured a menstrual hygiene awareness program under the Aparajita initiative, including expert talks, a skit, and a slogan-writing competition. The principal emphasized unity and NSS values.

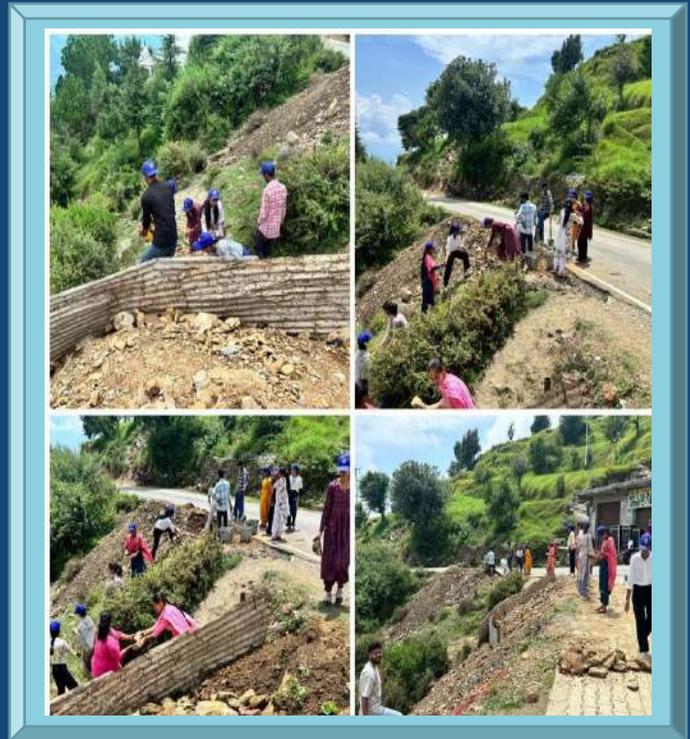
The final day, January 1, 2025, concluded with an award ceremony honouring outstanding volunteers. Dignitaries, faculty, and guests joined in celebrating the camp's successful execution. The camp effectively fostered community service, leadership, and social awareness among the students. The camp was closed by the principal Dr. Mohinder Kumar Slariya.



Club/Societies/Cell:

NSS Volunteers Begin Session with Campus Safety Initiative:

On 30th July 2024, the NSS Unit of Government Degree College, Salooni, organized the first regular activity of the academic session. The event took place on the college campus, where all volunteers participated with great enthusiasm and commitment. The primary objective of the activity was to improve campus safety by filling a large ditch and a deep hole located near the roadside. This practical effort significantly enhanced the accessibility and safety of the area for students, staff, and visitors. The volunteers showcased remarkable teamwork and dedication throughout the task, turning the initiative into a meaningful success. The activity not only addressed an important infrastructural issue but also reflected the core values of the NSS—community service, responsibility, and collective action for a better environment. Such initiatives play a vital role in nurturing social responsibility and a spirit of volunteerism among students.



Campus Cleanliness Drive by NSS and ECO CLUB:

In August 2024, the NSS Unit of GDC Salooni carried out a meaningful activity aimed at promoting a cleaner and greener environment. During this event, volunteers actively took part in cleaning the college campus, ensuring it remained pristine. In addition, the unit enthusiastically participated in the 'Ek Podha Maa Ke Naam' campaign, where volunteers planted trees as a tribute to nature, contributing to the conservation of the environment for future generations. The initiative was facilitated by local Hon'ble MLA Sh. D.S. Thakur and others.

"In August, the NSS Unit kicked off its second activity of the month in collaboration with the ECO CLUB Unit of the college. United by a shared commitment to a cleaner campus, both teams joined hands, impactful day of service. Together, they meticulously cleaned the entire campus, cleared the drain and filled a large hole with stones and soil, transforming the area into a safer, more pleasant environment for everyone."



Club/Societies/Cell:

NSS Foundation Day Celebrated at Government College Salooni

Government College Salooni celebrated the National Service Scheme (NSS) Foundation Day on September 24. The event was graced by the college principal, Dr. Mohinder Kumar Slariya, as the chief guest.

The program began with an address by NSS in-charge Mr. Pankaj Kumar, who informed the volunteers about the objectives of NSS. He also introduced the themes for the year—"Youth for My Bharat" and "Youth for Digital Literacy."

Dr. Mohinder Slariya (Principal) later addressed the students and spoke in detail about the history and significance of NSS. He explained the two types of activities conducted under NSS—regular activities and special camps—and encouraged students to actively participate. He urged the students to join NSS and follow its guiding motto—"Not Me, But You."



Orientation Programme for New Students at GDC Salooni:

On 27th July 2024, the Career Counselling and Guidance Cell, along with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell at GDC Salooni, organized an enriching interaction with newly admitted students. The event was graced by the presence of the Principal and esteemed faculty members, who engaged in lively discussions and shared valuable insights. The session aimed to familiarize students with academic expectations, institutional values, and the support mechanisms available to them. This thoughtful initiative fostered a sense of belonging and empowerment among the students, marking a promising start to their educational journey at GDC Salooni.

Departmental Activities

Hindi Diwas Celebration at GDC Salooni

On 14th September 2024, Government Degree College, Salooni, celebrated Hindi Diwas with great enthusiasm and spirit. As a part of the celebration, an essay writing competition and a quiz screening test were held on 13th September. The main event took place on 14th September and included a speech competition, poetry recitation, and the final round of the quiz competition. Students actively participated in all events, showcasing their linguistic talent and appreciation for the Hindi language. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Shri Naveen Sharma, SDM Salooni. The event successfully fostered awareness, respect, and pride for the Hindi language among the students.



Intra-District Yashpal Jayanti Celebration at GDC Salooni:

The Department of Hindi at Government Degree College, Salooni, in collaboration with the District Language and Culture Department, Chamba, organized the Intra-District Yashpal Jayanti Celebration. The event featured various competitions, including quiz, speech, essay writing, poetry recitation, and Musadda singing. Participants from GDC Salooni and Government Sanskrit College, Chamba, enthusiastically took part in the events. Dr. Santosh Kumar, Assistant Professor of Hindi, GDC Chamba, served as the chief guest, with District Language Officer Mr. Tukesh Sharma, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, and Principal Dr. Mohinder Kumar Slariya played key roles. The celebration honoured the literary legacy of Yashpal and encouraged students to showcase their linguistic and creative talents.

Departmental Activities

Special Lecture on “Financial and Digital Literacy for Youth Studying in College.”

On 14th December 2024, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), in collaboration with the Department of Economics and the Department of Commerce at GDC Salooni, organized a Special Lecture on “Financial and Digital Literacy for Youth Studying in College.” The keynote speaker, Sh. Ankur Jaiswal, Manager at SBI Salooni, delivered an insightful session. He emphasized the importance of financial planning and digital skills in today's era, equipping students with practical knowledge to make informed decisions. The lecture served as a valuable learning opportunity, empowering the youth with tools for a financially secure and technologically adept future.



Guest Lecture on Financial Management Organized by Commerce Department :

The Commerce Department of Government Degree College, Salooni, organized an insightful guest lecture on the topic “Financial Management: From Pocket Money to Saving Bank Account” to promote financial literacy among students. The session was conducted by Shri Vineet Thakur, Branch Manager, HDFC Bank, Salooni, Chamba. He offered practical guidance on managing personal finances, budgeting, saving, and the role of banking in financial planning. Emphasizing the importance of developing smart money habits early, he encouraged students to make informed financial decisions. The interactive session was well-received and motivated students to adopt responsible saving practices for a secure financial future.

Departmental Activities

Two-Day Industrial Visit to Dharamshala Tea Factory by Commerce Department

The Commerce Department of Government Degree College, Salooni, organized a two-day industrial visit to the Dharamshala Tea Factory from 3rd to 4th March 2025 under the guidance of Assistant Professor Mr. Shubham Dogra. The visit aimed at providing students with practical exposure to the tea industry and its operational processes. Students observed key stages of tea production—plucking, processing, and packaging—and gained insights into the modern technologies used in the industry. Factory officials also shared valuable information about the challenges the tea industry faces and its role in the global market. The visit served as an enriching and informative experience, bridging classroom learning with real-world applications.



Educational Excursion to Kangra District (History Department)

From 2 to 4 March 2025, forty-five history students of Government Degree College, Salooni, undertook an educational tour of Kangra district. The group first reached the revered Jwalamukhi Shaktipeeth, where Assistant Professor Mr Saurabh Mishra explained the shrine's turbulent past, including medieval invasions and Emperor Akbar's famed gold canopy. On 3 March students explored the Masrur rock-cut temples—often called the "Ajanta of Himachal"—the only Dravidian-style complex in northern India. They then visited the formidable Kangra Fort and its Sansar Chand Museum, studying coins, inscriptions, and paintings, before paying homage at the Brajeshwari Devi Shaktipeeth. Guided by Mr. Mishra and Assistant Professor Mr. Pankaj Kumar, the excursion broadened historical insight and cultural appreciation.

Departmental Activities

Constitution Day Celebration

Government Degree College Salooni celebrated Constitution Day on 26th November 2024 with great enthusiasm. The event was organized by the Department of Political Science in collaboration with IQAC. Dr. Mohinder Kumar Slariya (Principal) addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of constitutional values in nation-building. Students were informed about the historical development and significance of the Indian Constitution. A collective reading of the Preamble was also conducted to reinforce the spirit of the Constitution. Various engaging activities, including a quiz competition, were held to deepen students' understanding and encourage them to become aware, responsible, and active citizens.



A Special Lecture on the topic “Alternative Livelihood Options in the Era of Internet for Transformation of Aspirational to Inspirational Chamba of Bharat” Organized by IQAC

On 14th December 2024, IQAC in collaboration with the Career Counselling and Placement Cell of GDC Salooni, hosted a Special Lecture on the topic “Alternative Livelihood Options in the Era of Internet for Transformation of Aspirational to Inspirational Chamba of Bharat.” The keynote speaker, Sh. Avi Malhotra, a Freelancer and YouTuber, delivered an inspiring session. He shared innovative ideas on leveraging the internet to create sustainable livelihood opportunities and emphasized the role of digital platforms in driving socio-economic transformation. The lecture motivated students to explore alternative career paths and contribute to the progress of their region.

Prize Distribution Function

Annual Prize Distribution Function at GDC Salooni

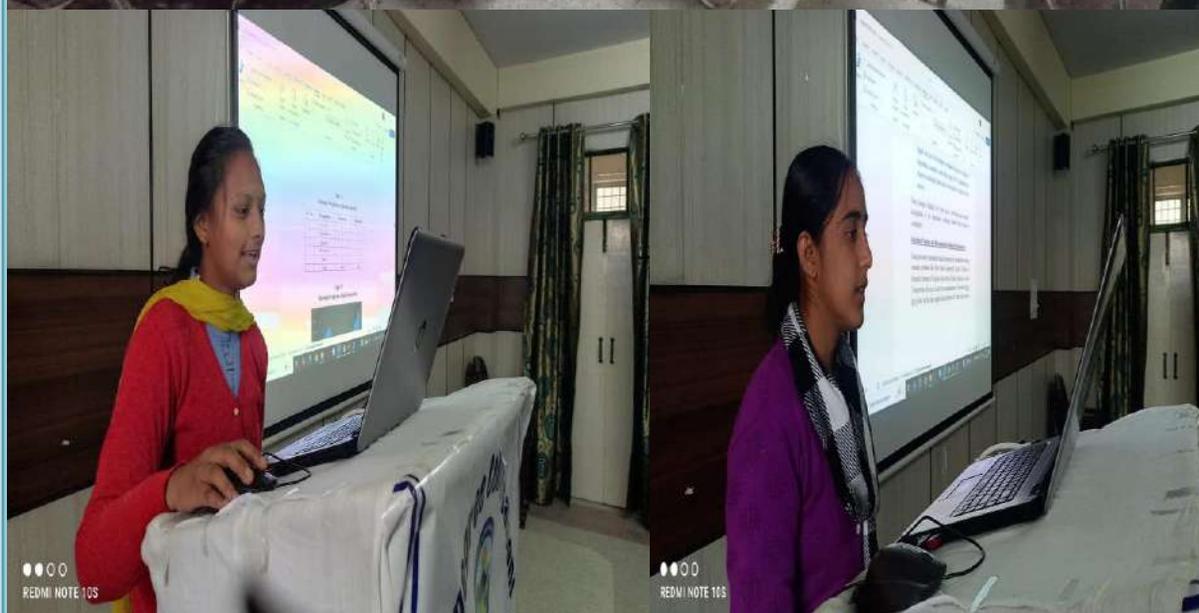
Government Degree College, Salooni, hosted its Annual Prize Distribution Function on 25th March 2025. The chief guest of the event was Smt. Asha Kumari, Former Education Minister of Himachal Pradesh. The programme began with ceremonial lamp-lighting and a Saraswati Vandana. Principal Dr. Mohinder Kumar Slariya formally welcomed the chief guest, other dignitaries, parents, and students. Assistant Professor Smt. Pinki Devi then presented the annual report and highlighted major achievements: 20 percent of students received scholarships, examination results were excellent, and the college ranked 65th out of 141 institutions in tentative grading. In her address, the chief guest encouraged students to pursue postgraduate studies and assured that the key demands of the college would be placed before the government. Meritorious students of the 2023–24 session were honoured, along with winners of co-curricular activities and Road Safety Club competitions for 2024–25. The ceremony concluded with a vibrant cultural programme.



New Initiatives

Three-Day Field Experience Sharing cum Annual Research Seminar

As per the directions and guidance of Principal, for the first time, "Field work based assignment" was introduced in collaboration with 'Research and Development cell and Kamdhenu Chair of GDC Salooni. The data collected, documented and presented in three-day Field Experience Sharing-cum-Annual Research Seminar organized from 10 to 12 March 2025. During this event, students actively participated by presenting their field experiences and research reports, showcasing their academic efforts and practical insights. The seminar provided a platform for knowledge exchange, critical discussions, and collaborative learning. This initiative not only highlighted the research capabilities of the students but also encouraged intellectual growth and engagement within the academic community of GDC Salooni.



New Initiatives

Inaugural Ceremony followed by Havan Organized on the Occasion of Arts Block Building Handover at Govt. Degree College, Salooni

On the occasion of the handover of the newly constructed Arts Block building at Government Degree College, Salooni, a sacred havan ceremony was organized in the month of September. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of former Education Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Smt. Asha Kumari.

Faculty members, students, and local dignitaries participated in the ceremony with great enthusiasm. The purpose of the event was to express gratitude for the successful completion and handover of the new Arts Block and to pray for the continued progress and prosperity of the institution.



New Initiatives

NSS unit of GDC Salooni organized an inspiring tree plantation at Govt. Degree College, Salooni

In September, the NSS unit of GDC Salooni organized an inspiring tree plantation drive, bringing together several esteemed dignitaries. The event saw the active participation of Hon'ble MP Harsh Mahajan, Hon'ble MLA D.S. Thakur and DSP Salooni, who all played an integral role in making the initiative a success. With great enthusiasm, they planted saplings, contributing to a greener and more sustainable future. This memorable event highlighted the importance of environmental conservation and fostered a spirit of community involvement.





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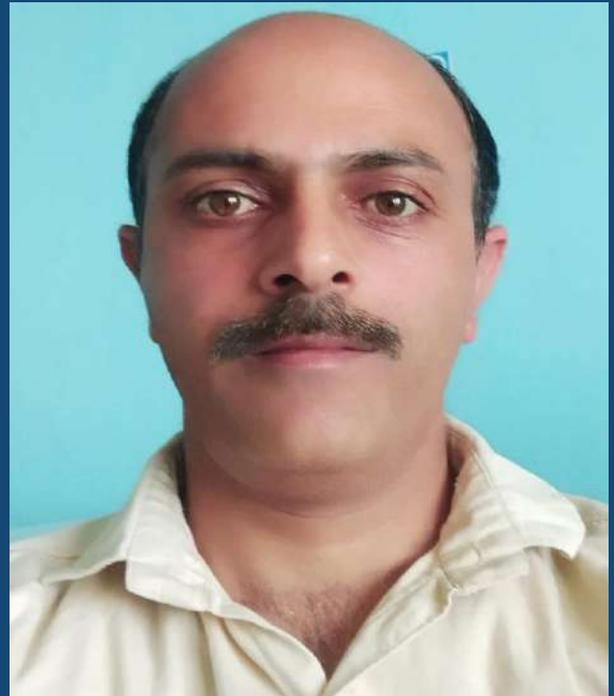
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