#### Annual Report 2023-2024

Pt. Mohan Lal SD College for Women, Gurdaspur is founded and crafted in 1995 on the lofty ideals of revered Late (Dr.) Pt. Mohan Lal Ji, an immortal luminary, a great freedom fighter, an administrator par excellence, a paradigm of perfection, a harbinger and a true Karamyogi. He started his career as a leading lawyer from Batala and rose to the position of Home, Finance, Education and Industries Minister of Joint Punjab (1955-64). After Pt. Mohan Lal Ji, the Governing Body was headed by his son Sh. Upkar Krishan Sharma (formerly Vice President of Eveready Industries India Ltd.) under whose dexterous guidance, the college achieved spectacular success. The present Governing Body is headed by Ms. Vaishali Sharma, (Head, Marketing and Communications, Sony SAB and Sony MAX) who possesses quintessential quality and exceptional standards in achieving intellectual and challenging milestones.

Since then the college's journey has been remarkable, consistently transforming challenges into opportunities while embracing the concept of "Maximize." It has enhanced its strengths, expanded course offerings, fostered growth and dedication, and maintained a commitment to quality education, all aligned with vision and mission of the college.

A galaxy of avant garde, inventive faculty updated in professional skills, expertise and knowledge has been serving this college with full devoir. In keeping with our college traditions, the results in the academic field added prestige to our college as the students outshine with unequalled achievements by winning merit Positions. This year the students brought laurels for the college by bagging 9 university merits and 62 distinctions from different departments. Achievers Programme was organized to honour academic achievers of the college in which 74 students were honored by worthy management. In the field of extra-curricular activities, formidable efforts of the teachers to unleash the latent talent of the students brought laurels to the college when they bagged 1<sup>st</sup> position in Phulkari & Photography, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Collage making 3<sup>rd</sup> in Cartooning, Mehandi, Group Song, Shabad Gyan & Western song in youth festival held by GNDU, Amritsar.

The college is offering a wide range of curriculum programmes in Arts, Science, Computer, Fashion Designing and Commerce. The college is offering courses like B.A, B.A (Honours Eng, Pol. Sci.), BCA, B.Com, B.Sc. (Med/ Non-Med.), B.Sc. (Computer Science), B.Sc. (Economics), B.Sc. (Fashion Designing), M.Sc. (Computer Science), M.Sc. (Fashion Designing), M.Com & M.A (Punjabi). The skill based academic programmes like PG Diploma in Computer Application, UG Diploma in Stitching & Tailoring, UG Diploma in Food Production and UG Diploma in Cosmetology are running successfully. Along with these courses, the college commenced 7 Add-On Courses in Apparel Designing, Information Technology, Cosmetology, Basic Cooking & Catering Management, Functional English, Banking & Insurance & Bio-Technology. Short term Courses in Designing and tailoring, Spoken English and Beauty Therapy were also commenced

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by the college. During the session, 7 Skill Development courses in Vedic Maths, Financial Modelling, Fashion Designing, Cosmetology, Science, Web Designing and Soft skills were introduced by the college. Value Added course on titled 'Holistic Approach to Mental and Physical Well Being' was started for students. Bridge classes, remedial and advance learner classes were also conducted by the different departments.

The college is situated in 2.5 acres and has a superbly designed building. The surrounding creates a tranquil atmosphere that is ideal for intellectual pursuits. The college has beautiful green lawns. There are total 26 well-furnished and upgraded rooms including classrooms and smart classrooms to facilitate teaching through modern tools and techniques. Besides this, the college has 18 well equipped Laboratories, 1 Seminar Hall which is centrally air conditioned, 1 student Centre and cafeteria. The college library is an empowering unit possessing an array of books to assist in the process of self actualization. In this academic session, 412 books and 12 new journals and magazines have been added to the already existing stock. The computerized library has been given free internet access and access to DELNET and INFLIBNET e-resources, which satisfies the curious minds' need to delve into uncharted territory of knowledge. A book donation drive is also conducted by the college to help the students. A book bank is also available to help students to access necessary resources. The college has a high-speed Internet connection that supports Wi-Fi. The college has its own publications, including a newsletter 'Udaan' and a monthly magazine 'E-Darpan'. The College is endowed with renovated hostel, modern gymnasium, a huge parking facility (available to both students and faculty) and 3 playgrounds. The College provides an eco-friendly environment to its students with the latest initiatives of solar panel and other green initiatives. The campus is CCTV-enabled to cater the safety requirements of a well endowed and equipped campus receiving a huge footfall. Fire Setup and Rainwater harvesting was successfully installed in the college campus. The total numbers of computers available in the college are 111. One additional printer has also been added to the existing inventory. The college has various Clubs & Committees such as NSS, Rotaract Club, Enactus Club, Science Club, Youth Welfare Club, Red Ribbon Club, Health Club, Women Cell, Electoral Literacy Club, Environment Association, Central Association, Alumni Association, Open Mike Club, BYAS (Books You & Silence), Competitive Cell, Examination Committee, Admission Committee, Advisory Committee, Think Tank, Newspaper Club, Anti-Ragging Club, Sports Club, I.T Club, Patriotic Club and Cafeteria Committee. The College is attached to various NGOs and undertook many joint projects with these NGOs to work for the betterment of society.

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college is formulated for monitoring quality parameters in the college. The cell has been diligently involved in quality initiatives. This Cell meets quarterly to plan, direct, implement and evaluates the teaching, research and student-oriented activities in the college. One of our key practices is offering fee concessions to socially

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backward, economically weaker, differently-disabled, and meritorious students. This year the college has provided financial assistance with amount of 827000/- to 308 students. To foster communication, we hold occasional interaction between parents and teachers, keeping parents informed about their ward's progress and exploring ways to support their improvement. Student grievances are collected through a suggestion box, which is checked weekly to ensure timely responses. Furthermore, our Health Centre is an important initiative, featuring weekly check-ups by local doctor to promote student well-being.

This year 39 PG and 202 UG students completed their degree. Out of which 11 students completed PG in Commerce, 7 in Punjabi, 6 in PGDCA, 9 students in M.Sc. Fashion Designing and 6 students in M.Sc. Computer science. 28 students completed diploma in Cosmetology and 8 students completed their diploma in Food Production and Stitching & Tailoring respectively. During this session, convocation was held in college in which 250 degrees were conferred to the graduates and post graduates of the session 2022-23. Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu, the Vice-Chancellor of GNDU Amritsar, graced the occasion as the esteemed Chief Guest, adding prestige to the ceremony.

21 workshops were organized in the college campus by different departments, clubs and committees. The cosmetology department organized 5 workshops on 'Advance Hair cut', 'Professional Makeup', 'Nail Art', 'Self Grooming' and Hydra facial. Fashion Designing department organized 3 workshops on 'Fashion Illustration; Rendering of various Fabric Textures', 'Resin Art' and 'earn while learn'. Science department organized 2 workshops on 'Preparation and mounting of slide' and 'Life Style for Environment Action'. Commerce department organized 2 workshops on 'Financial Awareness for Youth' and 'Requisites of Income Tax and E- filing. English department conducted a workshop on 'Language Proficiency' Physical Education department organized a workshop on 'Yoga and Meditation' .IQAC organized a workshop on 'Examination Module'. Fine Arts department organized 2 workshops on 'Calligraphy' and 'Portrait Making'. Sociology, Physical Education and Home Science Dept. organized a workshop on 'Nutritional Diet and Yoga'. Research Promotion Committee organized a workshop on 'Building Research Aptitude'. Fashion Designing dept. in collaboration with IIC orchestrated a workshop on 'Sewing machines',

2 National, 1 Regional Seminar and 4 college seminars were organized by various departments of the college. Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) organized a National Seminar on 'Entrepreneurship Development through Skills'. Environment Association organized a National Seminar on 'Towards 2030: Teaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for Learners'. Commerce department organized a Regional Seminar on 'Sustainable Innovation: Researching for a better future'. Red Ribbon Club, NSS Unit and Sociology department in collaboration with Asst. Director Youth Services, Gsp organized a seminar on 'AIDS Awareness'. A seminar on 'Drug

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Addiction-A Legal Services Initiative' by Legal Awareness Club & Sociology Dept. in association with Legal Services Authority, S.A.S Nagar was conducted in the college. A Seminar on 'Menstrual Hygiene' was organized by Health Club and Science Dept. IQAC and FDP Committee organized a seminar on 'Preparation of NEP'. Health Club and SD Swachh Committee in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club, Gurdaspur organized a seminar on 'Diet and Care during menstruation'.

English department organized **National Conference** on 'Creative Writing'. Dr. Pritam Priya Goswami, (Asst. Prof.), Don Bosco University, Assam, Dr. Vijay Mehta, Dean, Arni University, Kathgarh, Dr. Siddharth Satpathy, Asst. Prof., Central University, Hyderabad act as resource persons and shared their insightful views on creative writing.

9 Guest Lectures were organized in the college by various departments. IQAC and FDP of the college organized First Upkar Krishan Sharma Memorial lecture on the topic 'NEP' by Dr. Sameer, Asst. Prof. Central University, Bathinda. Social Sciences department in collaboration with History Society, Gurdaspur organized a lecture on 'Homage to the Heroes of the Battle of Trimmupattan, 1857' by Prof. Raj Kumar (Retd.), Govt. College, Gurdaspur. Library committee observed National Librarian's day in which a guest lecture on 'Innovative Al Tools for Research and Education' was organized. Dr. Gurpreet Singh, Head Librarian, GGDSD College, Chd. was the resource person. Women Cell and Hindi Department organized a guest lecture on 'Contribution of Youth in National Progress' by Smt. Gayatri, Parmukh Karenahika, Rashtriya Sewika Samiti. Punjabi Dept. organized a guest lecture on 'Amrita Pritam Di Kav-Samvedna' by Prof. Surinder Bir, former Prof., GNDU, Amritsar and a lecture on 'Ethical Education' by Mr. Baljit Singh Ji, President, Guru Gobind Singh Study Circle, Ludhiana. A lecture on 'Keeping Yourself Healthy during Examination' was organized by the Physical Education, FD and Cosmetology department of the college. Mr. Variam Singh was the resource person. Psychology department conducted a lecture on 'Depression, its types and management' by Dr. Rupinder Kaur Oberoi, Psychiatrist. A guest lecture on 'How to Develop Personality' and 'Speaking Skills' were organized by the English department in which Ms. Anika Kanwal, Asst. Prof. in English from Sardar Beant Singh State University, Gurdaspur and Ms. Sandeep Kaur, Asst. Prof. in English, Regional Campus, Gurdaspur were the guest speakers.

During the session many other co- curricular activities were organized by the different departments. Various events were conducted by the college to celebrate the important days throughout the year. The IQAC of the college organized G20-Exhibition to special walkway showcasing the economy, politics, scientific and technological achievements, environment preservation, culture and heritage of all the G20 nations. An awareness program-2023 was organized by the college under the campaign 'Beti Bacho, Beti Padhao'. This event was

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organized to enhance the inner talent of the students. In this program, total 444 students participated in 26 different activities. From 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2024 Social Sciences Club organized Patriotic Week. It is our regular feature to celebrate 'Patriotic Week'. This year also various activities were arranged. Career Counselling, Placement and Guidance Cell and English department of the college in association with Naandi Foundation, conducted a Cambridge English language proficiency test to give the hand on practice to the students. The cell also organized a 5 days training programme in collaboration with DBEE Gurdaspur, Naandi Foundation and Mahindra Pride classroom. This training program was conducted on 'Employability Skills' for the final year students. The Fashion Design (FD) department organized a fashion show 'Rangrez 2'. The event showcased the creativity and talent of the students through five captivating rounds: Western, Gown, Saree, Innovative and Bridal. Electoral Literacy Club organized an event focusing on voting awareness. A booklet on Voter Guides was distributed to students, educating them on how to vote in the upcoming Lok Sabha Election. The Club decorated the campus for Elections 2024. 4 booths were also decorated and all facilities were provided to BLOs for smooth functioning of the elections. First time voters were also honoured in the college campus. Central Association celebrated Labour Day. 16 support staff members were honoured.

Faculty Development Programme is a broad range of activities that an institution evolves to renew or assist faculty in their roles. These activities are designed to bring about serendipitous improvement in an individual's knowledge and skills as Teachers, Educators, Readers and Researchers. IQAC and FDP Committee organized an FDP on 'Preparation of NEP' for colleges. Prof. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Dean Social Sciences, GNDU was the resource person. The IQAC and FDP Committee of the college organized an online training programme on NAAC Preparedness in accordance with revised framework. Dr. Ajay Sharma, Principal GGDSD College, Chandigarh acted as a resource person.

The college established the **Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)** aims to foster creativity, problem-solving skills and an entrepreneurial mindset among students. It organizes workshops, seminars and other activities to provide hands-on learning experiences. The college has achieved **two stars appreciation** after working of **two quarters.** IIC conducted 4 workshops, 1 webinar, expert talks and other activities to enhance the teaching learning process in the college.

The Alumni Association acts as a link between the "Alma Mater" and the "Alumni". It is moving ahead, with selfless intentions for the growth and development of the institute and the students. Alumni Association of the college organized 'SD Alumni Exposition' to bring together alumni from different batches and for creating a memorable experience. An inspiring session

was organized with Ms. Priya, college alumni who shared her journey in the makeup industry. An Alumni meet was organized highlighted creative talents through an exhibition by the Fashion Designing, Home Science and Fine arts department. A summer clothing exhibition by alumna Sakshi Sharma featuring vibrant and comfortable summer dresses was organized. 63 books were also donated by the college alumni.

The Central Association, Rotaract Club and NSS unit of the college actively engages students in decision-making processes, fostering a sense of discipline through collaboration rather than imposition. NSS unit in collaboration with Institute for Environment Conservation Advocacy, Hyderabad organized 7-day camp at adopted village Babowal. Various activities like creation of NSS Park and plantation drive; rally regarding 'Youth for Better Environment'; Swachh Bharat campaign; distribution of fruits and clothes etc. were undertaken by the NSS volunteers. The Central Association and NSS unit of the college celebrated Diwali under Projects 'Sharing Happiness with others' and 'Sarthak Diwali' aims to spread happiness with people of old age home 'Manvata Di Sewa' at Lehal village. Rotaract Club in collaboration with District International organization 3070 organized a food donation drive 'Annapurna'. On the occasion of Mahashivratri, the Rotaract Club organized a fruit and milk distribution drive in Gurdaspur.

In College premises Important International and National Days as well as religious festivals are commemorated to promote the values of vast and rich heritage among the students like wise International Language Day, International Women's Day, World Human Rights Day, World Poetry Day ,World Literature Day, World Literacy Day, World Ozone Day, World Theatre Day, National Education Day, Republic Day, Teacher's Day, Diwali, National Integration Day, Lohri, National Youth Day, National Girl Child Day, National Science Day, No Tobacco Day, Yoga Day, Kargil Vijay Diwas, , Basant Panchami, Birth Anniversary of Bhagat Singh and Mahatama Gandhi ji.

Co- curricular activities which provides support to the students to venture into professional fields like fashion, music, painting, art, acting, photography, printing and many more. Personality Development Program was organized in the college campus. Various events like PDF making, cooking, art and craft were the main highlights of the event. More than 100 students from all streams participated in this event. Youth Club of the college organized 'Talent Hunt: Khoj Ek Prayas' event with an aim to unleash the hidden talents of the students. Youth Club also organized a 'Natya Utsav' in collaboration with India International Rural Cultural Center, New Delhi. Smt. Asvari Pawar (Kathak Dance Artist) was the performer of the day. Computer Science department organized an Inter college fest 'Technofun 2k23' in which Mr. S.B.Nair was the chief guest. 105 students from 13 different colleges participated in this fest. Environment Association and Botany Department in collaboration with 'Samagr Unnayan Foundation' under

Environment Education Programme supported by Ministry of Environment Forest And Climate Change arranged a three day Nature Camp to Harike Wildlife Sanctuary at Harike.

Regular trips and tours are organized for students to places of tourist, historical and educational interest. Commerce department of college organized an industrial visit to 'ITC Ltd. Kapurthala' and one-day field visit to 'The Gurdaspur Co-operative Sugar Mill Ltd., Paniar'. Science Club organized an educational visit to Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala. Fashion Designing department of the college organized a One-day Industrial Visit to OCM Private Ltd, Amritsar. Fashion Designing and Cosmetology departments organized a visit to 'Zudio' in Gurdaspur. Cosmetology department orchestrated an insightful educational excursion to KC Beauty City, Amritsar. Recreational trip to wonderland, Jalandhar was organized by Trips and Tour committee of the college. Start-up Cell of IIC arranged a one-day visit to Golden Jubilee Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (GJCEI), GNDU Amritsar. Maths department organized a trip to Amritsar in which students paid obeisance at Golden Temple and visited Jallianwala Bagh, Mall of Amritsar and Baba Budda Sahib Gurudwara.

Sports are an essential part of the growth and development of a student. They assist in developing the body's mental health and physical fitness. Our Sports is our Pride", the sportswomen of our college are shining stars of GNDU. To promote sportspersons of the area, the college provides free ships and scholarships to these students. During this session our students have participated in Block Level Tournament under the Scheme of 'Kheda Watan Punjab Diyan' held at Government College, Gurdaspur in which Kick Boxing team of our college got 8 Gold medals. Boxing team got 8 Gold medals. Gold medalists got 10,000 cash prize, Silver medalists got 7000 and Bronze medalists got 5000 cash prize. Other medals were also won by the students in different events.

#### **College Achievements**

- Received Letter of recognition for outstanding performance in Sustainable Development from the Institute for Environment Conservation Advocacy, Hyderabad.
- Certificate of Appreciation from Vertiver Sustainability Foundation, for arranging a 3 day Nature Camp sponsored by PSCST and Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Changes.
- College got 'Best Green Campus Initiatives Award 2024-25" by National Edu Trust of India.
- The college achieved a remarkable milestone of securing 2 stars in the IIC star rating under the Ministry of Education.
- Our college giddha team was honored by Cabinet Minister Sh. Lal Singh Bullar on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Certificate of appreciation was awarded to college.

#### **Staff Achievements**

## Dr. (Mrs.) Neeru Sharma (Principal)

- Got book published on 'Punjab Assembly Elections 2022' by Bookman Publishers, Delhi with ISBN: 978-93-5510-064-1.
- Edited conference proceedings of a National Seminar in book on 'Journey of Great Indian Elections' published by Between Lines, Patiala with ISBN: 978-81-954175-8-1.
- Attended 5 days FDP on 'Research Skills and Quality Publications' organised by The Kingdom College, Bangalore.
- Attended two Orientation Programme and 3-day online Faculty Development Program on 'NAAC Accreditation'.
- Attended Viksit Bharat 2047 event at Punjab Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023.
- Appointed as a paper setter for four subjects in session 2023-2024 by the autonomous college.
- Honored by the History Society, Gurdaspur; Guru Gobind Singh Study Circle, Ludhiana and Bharat Vikas Parishad, Gurdaspur.
- Attended 3 day online FDP on 'How to Prepare for NAAC peer team visit' organized by ARCNET, India.
- Received award of honor for Best Principal by National Edu Trust of India, Chandigarh.
- Got appreciation certificate for arranging the workshop under the Environment Education Programme organized by Vertiver Sustainability Foundation; appreciation certificate from the District Training Officer, DBEE, Gurdaspur for conducting 5 days Employability program; appreciation certificate for arranging 3 day Nature Camp sponsored by PSCST and Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change; letter of appreciation from MOE, Govt. of India for innovation and entrepreneurship; Rotaract International District 3070 for being a supportive club advisor; appreciation certificate from Bhasha Vibhag, Gurdaspur for promoting mother tongue 'Punjabi', appreciation letter from Red Cross Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts, Gurdsapur for celebrating World Environment Day.

## Dr. (Mrs.) Rama Gandotra (Assoc. Prof. in Sociology)

- Published and presented papers in 'proceedings of ICSSR sponsored National Seminar, in Proceedings of National Seminars
- Attended 5 days FTP on 'NAAC Accreditation Process and Documentation' and orientation program on 'NAAC Accreditation Process and Documentation'.
- Acted as chairperson in a session in an international conference on 'Social Science and Business' organized by the Center for Academic and Professional Development and Research, Italy.

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# Dr. (Mrs.) Ravneet Kaur (Asst. Prof. in Commerce)

- Got her 3 papers published in different journals and books.
- As an IIC convener, accomplished coordination of 6 sessions, 4 workshops, 3 field visits, 2 mentoring events, 2 outreach programs, 3 MIC activities, and led 15 days as celebration activities and 1 webinar on 'Best Practices for Improving NIRF Ranking'.

# Dr. (Mrs.) Sukhwinder Kaur (Asst. Prof. in Punjabi)

- Got her 3 papers published in different journals and books.
- Presented a paper in the National Seminar on 'Punjab Mei Rachit Guru Gobind Singh Bani' at HKMV, Dhariwal.
- Presented 3 papers

## Dr. (Mrs.) Dinesh Sharma (Asst. Prof. in English)

 Co-authored a new edition of two books: Communication Skills for BCA 1st Sem and Business Communication for B.Com 1st Sem , a book on English Grammar with ISBN: 81-88887-12-9 and a book on English Grammar and Composition for +1 class.

### Mrs. Seema Mahajan (Asst. Prof. in Commerce)

- Presented 4 papers in National seminars
- Participated in the program 'Financial Education for Young Citizens', organised by the National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) and one webinar on Wealth Creation through Financial Planning.
- Appointed as Coordinator for National Institutional Ranking Framework, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and as a paper setter for autonomous colleges.

### Dr. (Mrs.) Khushboo Aggarwal (Asst. Prof. in Commerce)

- Got paper published 'Factors Affecting Investments in Intangible Assets: Insights from Indian Companies' in SAJM listed on UGC-CARE List and C ranking Journal in ABDC ranking in Vol. 30 (4) Oct-Dec, 2023.
- Presented a paper titled 'Statistical Software used in Data Analysis' in ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar organized by Khalsa College for Women, Amritsar.
- Participated in National Webinar on Wealth Creation through Financial Planning and 1 webinar on NAAC.

### Mrs. Money Ohri (Asst. Prof. in Commerce)

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# Mrs. Sandeep Kaur Goraya (Asst. Prof. in Computer Science)

- Cleared UGC-NET.
- Attended 5 days FTP and an orientation program on 'NAAC Accreditation Process and Documentation'.
- Completed International level two-week Faculty Development Program on 'Data Science and Scientific Computing' jointly organized by the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda.

Our 23 Faculty members published and presented papers in different books, journals etc. received appreciation awards for their contributions and acted as judges by various organizations.

Within a few years, the institution has proved itself as a prolific exponent to shift felicitous opportunities for its students and has given freedom to students to develop their talent in any avenue they desire. With egregious efforts and perseverance, we are proud to form such a great family which has justified the faith and trust of its stakeholders. With dedicated efforts, we are going to touch zenith of success and glory in times to come and fulfill the dreams of our worthy founder Pt. Mohan Lal Ji.

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