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A BRIEF PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE

Government College Theog came into existence in 1998 as a co-educational institution, established by the Himachal Pradesh government. The college primarily serves the rural population in and around Theog and offers programs in B.A., B.Sc., and B.Com. The total number of students enrolled in various subjects is 945. The institution is a blessing, particularly for female pupils, who would otherwise be required to commute 30 km to the main city of Shimla. In 2006, the current building's magnificent exterior and its accompanying infrastructure were constructed. The college is equipped with smart interactive panel enabled classrooms, laboratories, a well-stocked library, a spacious campus, a conference room, and other essential amenities.

It is one among the "21 उत्कृष्ट महाविद्यालय" declared by the Government of Himachal Pradesh. As per the results of the internal ranking of the degree colleges of Himachal Pradesh released by the state government in December 2024, the college is placed at the 10th position among the 141 colleges of Himachal Pradesh. This ranking is a testament to the institution's commitment to academic excellence and holistic development of the students. It is pertinent to mention here that all the institutions placed at the first nine positions are comparatively much older and with a student strength above 3000.

Student Profile & Data

A total of 945 students across various disciplines are receiving education in the college. The detailed break-up of the student strength is as follows:

Course	Class Wise Enrollment	GEN		SC		ST		OBC		IRDP		Total -B	Total -G	Total -All
		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G			
B.A.	BA (Year 1)	83	84	34	49	0	0	0	4	10	20	127	157	284
	BA (Year 2)	72	115	34	55	0	0	0	1	6	8	112	179	291
	BA (Year 3)	51	112	25	41	0	0	0	0	2	11	78	164	242
	Total	206	311	93	145	0	0	0	5	18	39	317	500	817
B. Com.	B. Com. (Year 1)	14	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	20	7	27
	B. Com. (Year 2)	9	6	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	11	22
	B. Com. (Year 3)	16	5	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	7	29
	Total	39	16	13	7	0	0	0	1	1	1	53	25	78
B.Sc. Life Sciences	B.Sc. Life Sciences (Year 1)	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	3	7
	B.Sc. Life Sciences (Year 2)	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	6
	B.Sc. Life Sciences (Year 3)	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	4	8
	Total	4	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	11	10	21
B.Sc. Physical Sciences	B.Sc. Physical Sciences (Year 1)	7	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	9	4	13
	B.Sc. Physical Sciences (Year 2)	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
	B.Sc. Physical Sciences (Year 3)	7	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	3	13
	Total	16	4	3	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	21	8	29
Total UG														945



Expenditure of Budget/Grants/Augmentation of Infrastructure

The college received the due instalment of Rupees 50 Lakhs under the RUSA component, and it is being utilized for infrastructure augmentation, which includes expansion of the stage and construction of green rooms and separate washrooms for boys and girls. The work is in progress and shall be completed soon. The college is set to get another tranche of Rs. 50 lakhs under the RUSA component itself and elaborate plans have been made for optimum utilization of the grant in the interest of the students. The high priority areas include installation of solar panels to reduce electricity consumption, the repair of gymnasium and storerooms below the college ground. The college also intends to extend the ground and utilize the space for constructing a parking space.

Result

The annual examination result, conducted by the affiliating university, bears testimony to the quality of teaching-learning being imparted in the institution. The results declared in the session 2024-25 are as follows:

BA. I	67.73%
B.A. II	87%
B.A. III	92%
B.Sc. I	53%
B.Sc. II	100%
B.Sc. III	100%
B. Com I	89.2%
B. Com II	96%
B. Com III	100%

Scholarship

Under the able leadership of Dr Satish Kumar, Assistant Professor of Economics, the *Scholarship Committee* of the college works with complete dedication and perseverance to ensure that the nectar of various scholarship schemes reaches the deserving candidates. The students who have benefited from various central and state-sponsored scholarship schemes in the current academic session are as follows:

Scholarships		
S. No.	No. of verified Students	Fresh Beneficiaries
1	3	<i>Kalpna Chawla Chatravriti Yojana</i>
2	9	<i>Mukhya Mantri Vidyarathi kalyan Yojana</i>
3	13	<i>Centrally Sponsored Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students</i>
4	6	<i>PM Yashasvi Post-Matric Scheme for EBC students</i>
5	3	<i>Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships for College & University Students</i>
Renewal Beneficiaries		
1	16	<i>Kalpna Chawla Chatravriti Yojana</i>
2	7	<i>Mukhya Mantri Vidyarathi Kalyan Yojana</i>
3	5	<i>Centrally Sponsored Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students</i>
4	1	<i>PM Yashasvi Post Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT students</i>
5	1	<i>Post Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities</i>
Total number of beneficiaries: 64		



The institution takes great pride in sharing that one of the teachers of the college, Dr Vikas Nathan, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, sponsored the fee for two students of B.Sc., namely Vikas and Ruchi Chowdhary, for completing 8-weeks 'Add-on courses' from SWAYAM-NPTEL, a Govt. of India platform.

Establishment Report

Out of a total of 39 sanctioned posts (26 teaching & 13 non-teaching), 4 posts of non-teaching staff (2 posts of JLA, 1 post of clerk & 1 post of Tabla-vadak) are vacant. The following members of the staff were relieved from the college consequent upon their transfers to other institutions and the following members of the staff joined the college in the academic session 2024-25:

Relieved	Joined
Dr Lalita Chandan (on superannuation)	Dr Bhupinder Singh Thakur (as Principal)
Mr. Naresh Sharma (on superannuation)	Mr. Muni Lal (as Assistant Librarian)
Mr. Ravinder Chatra (transferred)	Mr. Dinesh Matta (as Superintendent, Grade- I)
Mr. Sandeep Sharma (transferred)	

CSCA

On the recommendation of the affiliating university, that is, the *Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla*, the CSCA was constituted as follows by a committee headed by Prof Anita Rathore in compliance to the directions and nomenclature prescribed:

S.No.	Name	Class	Nomination	Position
1	Rajat	BA III	Academics	President
2	Khushboo	B.Com. III	Academics	Vice-President
3	Vanshita Mehta	B.Sc. II	Academics	Secretary
4	Kumari Priya	BA I	Academics	Joint Secretary
5	Nitin Sharma	B.Sc. III	Academics	Member
6	Jyoti	BA II	Academics	Member
7	Pranav Sharma	B.Com. II	Academics	Member
8	Pranshul Sharma	B.Com. I	Academics	Member
9	Ankush	B.Sc. I	Academics	Member
10	Sahil	BA III	Rovers	Member
11	Payal	BA III	Rangers	Member
12	Ashutosh Sharma	BA III	NSS	Member
13	Priksha Gazta	BA III	NSS	Member
14	Saurabh Thakur	BA III	NCC	Member
15	Poonam Sharma	BA III	NCC	Member
16	Krish	BA III	Cultural	Member



S.No.	Name	Class	Nomination	Position
17	Shruti Verma	BA III	Cultural	Member
18	Sparsh Bhardwaj	BA III	Sports	Member
19	Monika	BA III	Sports	Member
20	Preeti	BA III	Clubs/ Society	Member
21	Monika Bijta	BA III	Clubs/ Society	Member

PTA

The new *Parent-Teachers' Association* (PTA) for the session 2024-25 was constituted as follows:

Patron	Dr. Bhupinder Singh Thakur (Principal)
President	Shri Sanjeev Sharma
Vice-President	Shri Rakesh Sharma
Secretary	Dr Mohinder Rathour
Joint Secretary	Mrs. Santosh Bhardwaj
Treasurer	Shri Ajay Sharma
Chief Advisor	Shri Rakesh Laik

The PTA is consistently supportive of the college's progress and development, as well as the well-being of its students. It helps in all of the college's endeavours. In the establishment of a positive relationship between parents and students, Dr. Mohinder Rathour, the Secretary of the PTA, has been highly impactful.

Career Counselling & Placement Cell (CCPC)

Under the impactful leadership of Prof Anita Rathour, Associate Professor of Sociology, the *Career Counselling & Placement Cell* of the college organised the following activities during the current academic session:

- On 1 August 2024, a career counselling session was organised for all the first-year students of the college with the aim of enlightening them regarding the aptitude they need to have to study the subjects they have chosen as Electives and to apprise them regarding career opportunities available. The session was addressed by all the faculty members and thereafter a window of 10 days was given to the students to change their subjects, in case they so decided.
- On 17 August 2024, four students of the college participated in a *Job Fair* held at *RGGDC, Chaura Maidan*, which was organised by the *Employment Exchange*, Shimla. The students were enlightened about various job avenues available in the banking, hospitality and ITI sector.
- On 23 September 2024, the cell organised a workshop on the theme "*Best out of Waste*" in collaboration with Kala Kendra, Rajasthan.
- On 26 September 2024, the cell organised a talk on "*Intellectual Property Rights*" (IPR) in which an external Resource Person, Mr Ashok Kumar, addressed the students.
- On 18 October 2024, the cell organised a "*Mehendi Competition*" in which 20 female students participated and displayed their talent. The winners were handsomely rewarded.



- On 19 October 2024, the cell organised a *one-day seminar* in collaboration with *UTOPIA Learning Resources* on the overarching theme "*Career Opportunities after Under graduation.*"
- On 15 February 2025, the cell organised an *online awareness session* in collaboration with Crack Academy, Chandigarh. About 40 students attended the online session.
- On 22 February 2025, the cell organised a talk on the theme "*Future Prospects for Final year Students*" in which about 120 students were present.

House Examination

Under the able and inspirational leadership of Dr Yesh Desh Dulta, Controller of House Examination(s), a total of 945 students appeared for the mid-term examination in 8 papers each across all the three years of B.A./ B.Sc. and B. Com. The exams were conducted w.e.f. 10 to 20 December 2024. Re-tests were conducted from 17 to 21 February 2025 for the students who could not appear due to any genuine reason and for those who failed to pass in their respective subjects.

Library

- A good library is an indispensable part of an educational institution as it provides a wealth of resources, from books to journals, thus facilitating deep academic research and learning. It serves as a quiet space for focused study and intellectual growth, offering students an environment conducive to learning and reflection. Libraries also foster a sense of community and collaboration among students, encouraging the exchange of ideas and academic support.
- Helmed by Shri Muni Lal, our library is one among the very few libraries in the State as it has joined the ambitious *One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)* plan of the *Government of India*, the budgetary outlay for which is Rs. 6000 crores at the National level. All the members of the faculty have been made subscribers to the scheme, and it has significantly enriched their teaching and research output as almost all journals of leading publishers across the world have been made fully and freely available on this single platform. It is a major step towards the digitalization of our library. Further, all the faculty members and students have been enlisted in the *National Digital Library of India (NDLI)* platform of the *Government of India*. The library routinely organizes book exhibitions apart from quiz contests and awareness sessions towards developing the habit of reading and accessing several platforms for teaching-learning.
- The college has a well-stocked library with 5106 books stacked in about 30 cupboards. The seating capacity of the library is 45 and it subscribes to about 7 newspapers in English and Hindi apart from 5 magazines and 3 journals for the students. The college offers a subscription to N-List (*National Library and Information Services Information for Scholarly Content*) to all its staff and students. A total of 700 students benefitted from the library infrastructure in the current academic year.



Women Cell

The following activities were organized by the *Women Cell* of the college, functioning under the transformational leadership of Dr Nidhi Dhatwalia, Assistant Professor of Zoology:

- On 6th August 2024, a special interactive session was organized at *Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Theog* to empower girl students through a *Role Model Interaction Program*. Dr Nidhi Dhatwalia was the *Resource Person* for the event. The objective of the session was to inspire young girls by discussing the essential virtues that contribute to a successful and fulfilling life. Dr. Dhatwalia engaged the students in a thought-provoking discussion, emphasizing the significance of self-confidence, perseverance, discipline, and resilience in shaping one's future. She highlighted the importance of education as a key tool for empowerment and encouraged the students to set ambitious goals while maintaining a strong moral compass. The session also covered aspects of gender equality, leadership skills, and effective communication, which are crucial for personal and professional growth.
- On 19 October 2024, the *Women Cell* organized a special event to showcase a documentary on personal health and hygiene for college students. The objective of this event was to spread awareness about the importance of maintaining hygiene and leading a healthy lifestyle. The documentary provided insightful information on various aspects of hygiene, including handwashing, sanitation, menstrual health, and the role of a clean environment in preventing diseases. Students actively participated in the discussion following the screening, sharing their thoughts and asking questions about best practices for maintaining personal health.
- On 4 December 2024, a lecture on *Adolescent Health and Gender Sensitization* was organised. The external Resource Person for the event was Dr. Sahil from *Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) Shimla*, who provided valuable insights into the physical, emotional, and psychological changes that adolescents experience. Dr. Sahil elaborated on the importance of maintaining good health, understanding gender roles, and promoting equality. The discussion also covered crucial aspects such as mental well-being, reproductive health, and the need for open communication regarding adolescent concerns.

Sports

Under the guidance and inspirational leadership of Dr. Vikrant Gautam, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, the following activities were organised by the *Department of Physical Education*:

- On 29 August 2024, *National Sports Day* was celebrated with much fanfare.
- On 22 February 2025, the *Annual Athletic Meet* was organised. Professor Ramesh Chauhan, Former Director of Physical Education, HPU, was the Chief Guest. The event began with an impressive march past. Thereafter, several track and field games were organised, and gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the winners.

The students of the college participated in the following HPU Inter-College events and performed exceedingly well:

- The students participated in the *HPU Inter-College Chess Championship* held at Govt. College Sujampur, w.e.f. 14-16 October 2024.
- The cricket team of the college participated in the *HPU Inter-College Cricket Championship* held at Govt. College Reckong Peo w.e.f. 19-25 October 2024.
- The basketball team participated in the *HPU Inter-College Basketball Championship (M)* held at Govt. College Sarkaghat w.e.f. 19-22 November 2024.



- The volleyball team of the college participated in the *HPU Inter-college Volleyball Championship* held at Govt. College Seema w.e.f. 23-26 October 2024.
- The Kabaddi team participated in the *HPU Inter-College Kabaddi Championship* held at Govt. College Jwala Ji w.e.f. 23 to 26 November 2024.
- The Kho-Kho team participated in the *HPU Inter-College Kho-Kho Championship* held at Govt. College Ani w.e.f. 14-16 November 2024.
- The women's Basketball team of the college participated in the *HPU Inter-College Basketball Championship (W)* held at DAV College, Kangra, w.e.f. 25-26 October 2024.
- The Taekwondo team participated in the *HPU Inter-College Championship* held at Govt. College Amb w.e.f. 23-24 October 2024.

The inter-college championships provided an excellent opportunity for students to engage in competitive sports, hone their skills and build team spirit. The participants demonstrated exceptional grit and their efforts were commendable. The institution acknowledges their efforts and looks forward for further growth and learning.

Cultural

Under the guidance and creative leadership of Dr Mohinder Rathour & Dr Kalpana Sharma, Assistant Professor(s) of Music, the *Department of Music* organised an educational tour-cum- field visit to the *All-India Radio*, Shimla on 15 November 2024. The objective of the exercise was to provide students with hands-on experience and knowledge about radio broadcasting. Around 20 students participated and benefited greatly as they gained deep insights into the process of recording and mixing different tracks. The students also witnessed live broadcast, interacted with the RJs, and experienced the 'Transmission Room' live.

A "*Mega Cultural Extravaganza*" was jointly organized by the Departments of Sociology, Public Administration and Music on 13th March, 2025 which showcased the rich cultural heritage of District Shimla and particularly the Theog region. The main aim of the exhibition was preservation and propagation of indigenous culture. "*Re-visiting our Roots*" is one of our best practices and this cultural extravaganza was the 2nd edition of observing this practice. The highlights of the event were the rich cuisine on display besides the other cultural and historical artefacts.

NCC

Under the adept leadership of Prof Chandresh Kumar, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and NCC Caretaker Officer, the following activities were organized:

- From 18 to 28 May 2024, Cadets Riya Chauhan and Prikshit Chauhan attended the *EK BHARAT SHRESTH BHARAT CAMP-1* held at Rupnagar (Punjab). The cadets underwent rigorous training and participated in games, cultural events, NIAP competition, and visited the Bhakra dam and Virasat-e- Khalsa.
- From 18 to 25 May 2024, Cadets Arun and Rohan, attended the *ALL-INDIA NCC TREKKING EXPEDITION (HIM TRAK -III)* organized by 8 HP Battalion NCC Rampur, Rampur Bushehr.
- From 1 to 10 July 2024, Cadet Pallavi and Cadet Umesh, attended the *THAL SENA CAMP-I* organized by 1 HP Battalion NCC Solan, at MNU Sultanpur (Solan). After their spectacular performance, they were selected for *THAL SENA CAMP - II*. Cadet Umesh was selected for 7 PB BN NCC (ARMY) ROPAR CAMP and Cadet Pallavi was selected for 12 HARYANA BN NCC SONIPAT CAMP. These camps were held from 11 to 20 July 2024.



- On 1st June 2024, NCC cadets of the college were deployed at their nearest polling station for Lok Sabha Elections-2024. Two cadets handled boarding and lodging of polling personnel at Govt. Degree College Theog from 27th May to 31st May 2024.
- On 28 June 2024, NCC cadets participated in the *Van Mahotsav* program organized by 133 INF BN (TA) ECO DOGRA at Kufri. They planted 300 saplings in collaboration with Mahila Mandal, G.S.S.S. Kufri, and *Heal Himalaya* (NGO).
- From 4 to 13 July 2024, twenty cadets attended CATC (*Combined Annual Training Camp*) organized by 7 HP (I) Coy NCC Shimla at GC Sunni.
- From 15 to 24 July 2024, twelve cadets attended another CATC camp at GC Sunni.
- On 15th August 2024, five NCC cadets participated in the *Independence Day Parade* at the historic *Ridge Maidan* Shimla, showcasing patriotism and inspiring youth to join the NCC. The cadets were: Pallavi, Nancy, Anchal, Rohan and Sunny.
- On 28 August 2024, enrolment of new cadets in the army wing of GC Theog was conducted by Subedar Som Dut and Havildar Purna Ghale of 7HP (I) Coy NCC Shimla. A physical test and interview were conducted, enrolling 16 selected candidates for NCC activities.
- From 23 September to 4 October 2024, Cadet Rishap Verma attended the prestigious *Army Attachment Camp* organized by *100 FD Regiment Artillery* at McLeod Ganj, Dharamshala.
- From 18 to 29 December 2024, SGT Ashok and Cadet Subhash attended the prestigious *Army Attachment Camp* organized by 15 Kumaon Indore at Pathankot, Punjab.
- From 18 to 29 December 2024, SGT Sakshi Sharma attended the prestigious *Army Attachment Camp* organised by Punjab regiment at Pathankot.

NSS

The NSS plays an important role in the overall personality development of the students and in inculcating many qualities like leadership and discipline in them. The college NSS unit, is helmed by Dr Vikas Nathan and Prof Chetna Negi, Assistant Professor(s) of Chemistry & English, respectively. The unit provides its services in all spheres of the college. During the current academic session, a plethora of activities were organised which are as follows:

S. No.	Name of the Activity	Date	No. of Volunteers involved
1	Interaction with NSS Volunteers	25-07-2024	50
2	Meeting with NSS Volunteers	01-08-2024	50
3	Discussion on Union Budget 2024-25	05-08-2024	30
4	Lecture on the Fight Against Drug Abuse	06-08-2024	100
5	Session on Cyber Awareness	07-08-2024	40
6	Tree Plantation Drive	10-08-2024	60
7	Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign	14-08-2024	100
8	Independence Day Celebrations	15-08-2024	40
9	Rally for AIDS Awareness	27-08-2024	100
10	Health Camp at BDO Office in collaboration with <i>Red Ribbon Club</i>	27-08-2024	100
11	Poshan Maah Interactions	12-09-2024	30
12	Lecture on Cyber Security	13-09-2024	50
13	<i>Swachhta Hi Sewa</i> Cleanliness Drive	01-09-2024	45
14	World Peace Day	21-09-2024	20
15	Participation in District Level Pre-RD Selection Camp at RGGDC Chaura Maidan	23-09-2024	4



S. No.	Name of the Activity	Date	No. of Volunteers involved
16	Participation in State Level Pre-RD Selection Camp at MLSM Sunder Nagar	30-09-2024 to 1-10-2024	2
17	National Pre-RD Selection Camp VGU Jaipur	14-10-2024 to 23-10-2024	1
18	Oath 'Swachhta hi Sewa'	19-09-2024	50
19	NSS Day Celebration	24-09-2024	100
20	Organ Donation	01-10-2024	100
21	Cleanliness Drive	05-10-2024	65
22	Environmental Awareness Camp	26-10-2024	65
23	Deep Utsav	28-10-2024 to 1-10-2024	35
24	Communal Harmony and Flag Day	5-11-2024 to 12-11-2024	35
25	One Day Camp for Distribution of Items among Needy	19-11-2024	25
26	Blood Donation Camp	04-12-2024	55
27	Participation in <i>National Integration Camp</i> at Chandigarh University, SAS Nagar, Mohali Punjab	5-02-2025 to 11-02-2025	1
28	NSS Annual Camp 2024-25	14 to 21 Feb., 2025	75
29	Activities under <i>Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan</i>	14 to 21 Feb., 2025	75
30	APAAR ID Creation	Throughout the year	50
31	Awareness related to Government Schemes	Throughout the year	50

Rovers & Rangers

Under the visionary leadership of Dr Saroj Devi Negi and Prof Mrityunjay Sharma, the following activities were organised:

- On 10 August 2024, a *tree plantation drive* was organized in collaboration with various clubs and societies of the college. Saplings were planted in the temple area of the college premises. The students undertook a pledge to care for and nurture these saplings. This initiative aligns with our commitment to environmental sustainability and community engagement.
- Three Rangers-Samiksha Devi, Prajal Sharma, and Payal Sharma, students of BA III, participated in the *State-level Rajya Puruskar Testing Camp*. The event was organized by the *Bharat Scouts and Guides* at its headquarters, that is, the *State Training Centre* at Rewalsar, District Mandi, HP, from 5-9 September 2024. Samiksha Devi and Prajal Sharma became the first ever rangers from GC Theog to be awarded the prestigious *Rajya Puruskar*.
- In September 2024, the students began extensive preparations for the *State Level Nipun Testing Camp*. These sessions were aimed at equipping the Rangers with the necessary skills and knowledge required for the camp.
- From 23 to 27 October 2024, six Rangers, namely Shalini Verma, Shivashni, (BAII) Pooja Thakur, Ankita Thakur, Sneha and Neha (BA I) participated in the *State-Level Nipun Testing Camp*, held at the State Training Centre in Rewalsar, District Mandi, HP. Two Rovers, namely Ashok (B. Com. III) and Aryan (B.Sc. I) too participated in the camp and performed their level best.
- On 7 November 2024, the *Rovers and Rangers Unit* in collaboration with the *Department of Public Administration* organised a one-day event in the campus where several food stalls were put up with the aim of raising funds for the needy. A multitude of local cuisine prepared by the students and their family was appreciated and purchased by the attendees. A donation drive was also undertaken where the students and staff donated generously. The amount collected was deposited with the local administration.



- From 27 November to 1 December 2024, six Rangers participated in the *Republic Day Parade 2025* selection camp for rovers and rangers (*pre-RDC 2025*) which was organised by *The Bharat Scouts and Guides Himachal Pradesh State Headquarters* at Rewalsar, Distt. Mandi H.P.
- From 20 to 26 January 2025, four rangers participated in state level *Republic Day Preparatory Camp for Rovers and Rangers* which was held at Rajiv Gandhi Govt. Degree College Kotshera, Chaura Maidan, Shimla, H.P. Two of our students successfully sealed their selection for the final *Republic Day Parade* at the historic *Ridge Maidan Shimla* on 26th January 2025.

Red-Ribbon Club

Under the dynamic leadership of Dr Nidhi Dhatwalia, Assistant Professor of Zoology, the following activities were organised by the club:

- On 27th August 2024, a *Slogan Writing and Poster Making Competition* was organised to spread awareness about AIDS among students. The competition was part of a broader initiative to educate the student community about HIV/AIDS prevention, dispel myths, and promote empathy towards those affected by the disease. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students across various departments, all coming together to creatively express their understanding and perspectives on AIDS awareness.
- On 27th August 2024, the *Red Ribbon Club* organized an impactful *AIDS Awareness Rally* to promote understanding and awareness about HIV/AIDS among students and the local community.
- The college's *Red Ribbon Club* organised a *Blood Donation Camp* in collaboration with IGMC Shimla on 4 December 2024. A team of expert doctors and medical staff led by Dr. Sahil were present to conduct the donation process efficiently and safely. Over 35 units of blood were collected, with donors including students, teachers, and local residents.
- Dr. Nidhi Dhatwalia led select students of the college to a specialized training program on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, which was organised at the *Centre of Excellence (COE)*, Sanjauli, on 28th November 2024. The training aimed to educate students on the causes, transmission, prevention, and management of HIV/AIDS while also emphasizing the importance of eradicating stigma and discrimination associated with the disease.
- Dr. Nidhi Dhatwalia and Dr Vikrant Gautam led select students of the college to the district level marathon "*RED RUN*" organized at Shimla on 11 August 2024, coinciding with the
- celebration of *International Youth Day*. The event aimed to promote health, fitness, and community engagement among the youth, encouraging them to lead active lifestyles. The RED RUN was an exemplary event that significantly contributed to raising awareness about HIV/AIDS and promoting safe sexual behaviour. The marathon started from Chaura Maidan to
- Summer Hill and back. Six students from our college namely Umesh, Varun, Aashish, Riya Chauhan, Nirmala and Priyanka Chandel participated in the marathon.
- On 1 December 2024, three students of the college-Riya Chauhan (BA II), Ashish (BA II), and Nirmala (BA II), participated in the *State-Level Marathon* from Oak Over to *The Peterhoff*, Shimla. The marathon, organized to promote fitness, sportsmanship, and awareness about health and wellness, saw participation from athletes and fitness enthusiasts across Himachal Pradesh.
- On 2 December 2024, *World Aids Day* was observed to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS, its prevention, and the importance of eliminating stigma around it. The event was marked by several activities which included PowerPoint presentations, slogan and poster making competitions, a documentary screening, Nukkad Natak, songs and poetry recitation.



ECO CLUB

Under the proficient leadership of Dr Rajender Prakash, Assistant Professor of Botany, the following activities were organized by the *Eco Club* of the college:

- On 10 August 2024, the *Eco Club* in collaboration with *the Department of Botany* organized a tree plantation drive in the surrounding areas of the college. Around 50 saplings of Deodar and other angiosperms were planted.
- On 14 September 2024, the *Eco Club*, again in collaboration with the *Department of Botany* organized a cleanliness drive in and around the college campus to encourage everyone to keep their surroundings clean. The campaign aimed to instil a sense of responsibility and make a promise to prioritize environmental cleanliness for a better future.
- On 16 September 2024, in collaboration with other departments of the *Faculty of Sciences*, the *Eco Club* celebrated *World Ozone Day*. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of the ozone layer and the adverse effects of its depletion on the environment and human health.
- On 25 September 2024, in collaboration with the *Campus Beautification Committee* of the college, the *Eco Club* organized a campus beautification drive. The students enthusiastically participated in this drive and planted about twenty-five saplings of ornamental & medicinal plants in the Botanical Glass House of the college apart from other places in the campus.

Road Safety Club

Under the convenorship of Dr. Aditya Singh Dulta, the *Road Safety Club* of the college routinely organises activities such as quiz, power-point presentation, poster-making, collage-making and slogan-writing contests to sensitize the students regarding safe road behaviour and the importance of being a 'Good Samaritan.' The winners in each contest are felicitated. On 04 December 2024, in collaboration with the *Red Ribbon Club* of the college, an awareness session was organised for the students in which Dr. Sahil, from the Blood Bank, IGMC, Shimla was the Resource Person. On 18 February 2025, two external Resource Persons were invited to sensitize the students on important medical and legal aspects of safe road behaviour. The Resource Persons were Dr Baburam from the *Department of Surgery, IGMC, Shimla* and Shri T C Sharma, Inspector, HP Police, and posted at *State CID Headquarters, Shimla*.



ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STAFF

- **Dr. Bhupinder Singh Thakur**, Principal, served as *Chairperson* of a *Cluster Level Committee* constituted by the DOHE, HP for the Internal Ranking of the degree colleges of Himachal Pradesh and he evaluated the *Self-Assessment Report (SAR)* of 6 colleges. He also serves as President of the *HP University Sports & Co-Curricular Activities Council*. He also serves as President of the *Principals' Welfare Association* of Degree Colleges of Himachal Pradesh.
- **Prof. Anita Rathour**, Associate Professor of Sociology, presented a paper in an *International Conference* on "*Gandhi and Ambedkar's Philosophy: Inclusion, Equality & Dignity*" organised by *Panjab University, Chandigarh* w.e.f. 23-24 September 2024. The paper presented was published in an edited book with ISBN. She also presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled "*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*" organised at HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024. She also participated in an FDP on "*Advance Tools & Techniques for Research Methodology*" organised by *Research Foundation of India* w.e.f. 2-12 December 2024. She also participated in an FDP on "*Practical Aspects of ICT Tools & Online Teaching in Current Scenario*" organized by the *Research Foundation of India (RFI)* w.e.f. 3-10 March 2025.
- **Dr. Vinay Mohan Sharma**, Associate Professor of English, presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled "*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*" organised by HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024.
- **Dr. Vikrant Gautam**, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, attended an FDP organized by IIT Spoken Tutorials Bombay.
- **Dr. Nidhi Dhatwalia**, Assistant Professor of Zoology, published a research paper in the *IAR Journal of Agriculture Research and Life Sciences*, 2024. She published another research article in *Himalayan Journal of Agriculture* 2024. She presented a paper in a *National Seminar on Nature and Society* organized by *Government Arya Degree College Nurpur* on 2nd September 2024. She presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled *Recent Advances in Materials and Biological Sciences* organized by the *Department of Sciences, Centre of Excellence, Government College Sanjauli* w.e.f. 19 to 20 November 2024. She also participated in an FDP on *Advanced Tools and Techniques for Research Methodology* organised by *Research Foundation of India* from 2nd to 12th December 2024. She also presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled "*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*" organised at HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024.
- **Dr. Yesh Desh Dulta**, Assistant Professor of Physics, presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled "*Recent Advances in Materials & Biological Sciences*" organized by the *Centre of Excellence, GC Sanjauli* under the DBT Star College Scheme w.e.f. 19-20 November 2024.
- **Dr. Neeraj Sharma**, Assistant Professor of Commerce is a Member of the *Board of Studies (BoS)* at the Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, constituted for drafting curriculum for UG students. He presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled "*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*" organised by HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024. He also acted as a *Resource Person* and chaired a session at this *International Conference*.



- **Dr. Raksha Kalta**, Assistant Professor of English, presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled “*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*” organised by HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024. She also participated in an FDP on “*Advance Tools & Techniques for Research Methodology*” organised by *Research Foundation of India* w.e.f. 2-12 December 2024.
- **Dr. Mohinder Rathour**, Assistant Professor of Music, presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled “*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*” organised at HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024. He also participated in an online FDP on “*A Step-by-Step Guide to Write a Good Research Paper*” organised by *Research Foundation of India* from 19-30 December 2024. He also participated in an online *International FDP* on “*Tools & Techniques of AI in Future Research and Higher Education*” organised by GDC Rajpura and Cape Comorin Trust from 24-30 September 2024. He also participated in an FDP on “*Research Paper Writing*” organised by the *Research Foundation of India* from 1-8 July 2024. He attended another online FDP on “*Innovative Teaching & Learning Pedagogy*” organised by the *Research Foundation of India* from 7-14 October 2024.
- **Prof. Rashika Sharma**, Assistant Professor of Geography, presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled “*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*” organised by HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024. She also participated in an FDP on “*Advance Tools & Techniques for Research Methodology*” organised by *Research Foundation of India* w.e.f. 2-12 December 2024. She also participated in an *International Workshop* on “*Sustainable Development and Environmental Conservation*” w.e.f. 13-19 February 2025.
- **Dr. Rajender Prakash**, Assistant Professor of Botany, presented paper in an *International Conference* on “*Exploring Climatic Sustainability: Opportunities and Challenges*” organized by S.D.W.G. Govt. College Beetan, Una (HP), from 26-27 July 2024. He also presented a paper in a *National Seminar* on “*Nature and Society*,” organized by *Govt. Arya Degree College Nurpur*, District Kangra (H.P.), on 2 September 2024. He also presented a paper in an *International Conference* on “*Recent Advances in Material and Biological Sciences*” organized by *Centre of Excellence Govt. College Sanjauli*, Shimla, HP, from 19-20 November 2024. He presented a paper in an *International Conference* on “*Digital Transformation & Its Impact on Business, Economy and Environment: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*” organized by *Rabindranath Tagore Govt. Degree College Sarkaghat*, District Mandi, from 29-30 November 2024. He participated in a one-week *National Faculty Development Program* on “*Harnessing AI Tools: A Step Towards Strategic Teaching Approach*” organized by *Govt. College Karsog*, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh in collaboration with *Nucleus of Learning and Development* from 23 to 28 December 2024. He participated in a one-week *National Faculty Development Program* on “*Navigating The Process of Writing a Research Paper*” organized by Faculty of Computer Science and Application, *Gokul Global University*, Siddhpur, Gujarat, in collaboration with *Nucleus of Learning and Development* from 22 to 28 January 2025. He also participated in a one-week *International Workshop* on “*Sustainable Development and Environmental Conservation*” organized by Department of Geography, *TJCM Govt. College Sujampur Tihra*, District Hamirpur HP from 13-19 February 2025.
- **Dr. Satish Kumar**, Assistant Professor of Economics, presented a paper in an *International Conference* on “*Digital Transformation & Its Impact on Business, Economy and Environment: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*” organized by *Rabindranath Tagore Govt. Degree College Sarkaghat*, District Mandi, from 29-30 November 2024. He presented another paper in an *International Conference* on “*Gender Equality Rhetoric to Action: Balancing Achievements with Unresolved Issues*” organised by *PSR Govt. College Baijnath*, Kangra w.e.f. 8-9 March 2025. He also



participated in a one-week *International Workshop on "Sustainable Development and Environmental Conservation"* organized by Department of Geography, TJCM Govt. College Sujampur Tihra, District Hamirpur HP from 13-19 February 2025.

- **Dr. Aditya Singh Dulta**, Assistant Professor of English, completed an 8-weeks online FDP on "*Developing Soft Skills & Personality*" from SWAYAM-NPTEL conducted under the aegis of *Ministry of Education, Govt. of India*, w.e.f. August to October 2024. He also completed another 8-weeks online FDP on "*Posthumanism: An Introduction*" from SWAYAM-NPTEL conducted under the aegis of *Ministry of Education, Govt. of India* w.e.f. August to October 2024. He presented a paper in an *International Conference on "Art & Society: Navigating the intersections of Creativity, Culture & Change"* organised by JLN Govt. College of Fine Arts, Shimla w.e.f. 5-6 November 2024. He served as member of the *Cluster Level Committee* constituted by the DOHE, HP for the Internal Ranking of the degree colleges of Himachal Pradesh and he assisted in evaluation of *Self-Assessment Report (SAR)* of 6 colleges. He was also part of the committee constituted by the DOHE, Himachal Pradesh, to prepare the proceedings of the *Principals' Conference* held at *The Peterhoff* w.e.f. 30-11-2024 to 1-12-2024.
- **Dr. Satya Narain Snehi**, Assistant Professor of Hindi, was appointed as Executive Member of the *Himachal Pradesh Language, Art & Culture Academy* by the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. He was invited as Keynote speaker in a *National Conference* organized by *Kendriya Hindi Directorate* and Govt. College Arki w.e.f. 27-28 September 2024. He presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled "*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*" organised at HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024. He published a chapter in an ISBN book entitled "*हिन्दी साहित्य में पर्यावरण विमर्श*". He participated as "Resource Person" in the "*यशपाल जयंती*" celebrations organized by the *Department of Language & Culture, Himachal Pradesh* on 6 December 2024 at PG College, Rampur. He was appointed as Jury Member in the State Level event on Hindi Divas organised by the *Department of Language & Culture, Himachal Pradesh*.
- **Dr. Vikas Nathan**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, completed online FDPs on "*Energy Literacy Training*" and "*Solar Literacy Training*" from SWAYAM-NPTEL conducted under the aegis of *Ministry of Education, Govt. of India* w.e.f. July to August 2024. He also completed another 8-weeks online FDP on "*Introductory Organic Chemistry-II*" from SWAYAM-NPTEL conducted under the aegis of *Ministry of Education, Govt. of India* w.e.f. August to October 2024. He also attended a workshop on "*Computational Chemistry Techniques*" from NPTEL w.e.f. 18th-19th January, 2025. He presented a paper in an *International Conference on "Art & Society: Navigating the intersections of Creativity, Culture & Change"* organised by JLN Govt. College of Fine Arts, Shimla w.e.f. 5-6 November 2024. He served as member of the *Cluster Level Committee* constituted by the DOHE, HP for the Internal Ranking of the degree colleges of Himachal Pradesh and he assisted in evaluation of *Self-Assessment Report (SAR)* of 6 colleges. He was also part of the committee constituted by the DOHE, Himachal Pradesh, to prepare the proceedings of the *Principals' Conference* held at *The Peterhoff* w.e.f. 30-11-2024 to 1-12-2024. He participated as *Resource Person* in the *NSS Annual Camp* organized at Govt. Senior Secondary School (Boys) Kotkhai on 18 October 2024.
- **Prof. Pratibind Pandey**, Assistant Professor of History, presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled "*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*" organised by HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024. He also participated in an *International FDP* on "*Research Writing & Research Methodology*" organised by *Cape Comorin Trust* w.e.f. 24-30 November 2024.



- **Prof. Ritika Panjta**, Assistant Professor of Commerce, participated in a UGC sponsored online *Refresher Course* entitled “*Teaching & Research in Commerce & Management Studies*” organised by UGC-MMTTC, Panjab University, Chandigarh w.e.f. 15-01-2025 to 28-01-2025. She presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled “*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*” organised by HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024.
- **Dr. Saroj Devi Negi**, Assistant Professor of Public Administration, is a Member of the *Board of Studies* for UG Classes in the subject of Public Administration, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. She presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled “*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*” organised by HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024. She also presented a research paper in a *National Seminar* on the theme “*Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now,*” organised by *Department of Public Administration, HPU* in collaboration with RC-48, *Political Science Association (IPSA) & Society of Public Administration HPU*, on December 10, 2024. She also participated in a *Faculty Development Programme* on “*Advance Tools and Techniques for Research Methodology*”, organised by *Research Foundation of India* w.e.f. 2-12 December 2024.
- **Dr. Kalpana Sharma**, Assistant Professor of Music, is Member of Board of Studies for UG programs at the *Department of Visual and Performing Arts, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla*. She presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled “*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*” organised by HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024. She also participated in an FDP on *Advanced Tools and Techniques for Research Methodology* organised by *Research Foundation of India* from 3 to 13 February 2025. She attended a one-week *International Workshop-cum-exhibition* entitled “*Oneness*” organised by RKMV Shimla w.e.f. 17-23 July 2024.
- **Prof. Sat Paul**, Assistant Professor of Hindi, qualified the exam conducted by the *HP Board of Departmental Exams*. He presented a paper in a two-day *National Seminar* entitled “*समकालीन साहित्य में विविध विमर्श*” held at GC Arki w.e.f. 27-28 September 2024. He participated as Judge in the District Level competition organized in collaboration by Govt. College Pajhota, and *Nehru Yuva Kendra* on 5 December 2024.
- **Dr. Rajesh Kumar**, Assistant Professor of Geography, presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled “*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*” organised by HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024. He presented a paper in an *HCSR International Conference* on “*Modernization, Globalization, and the Paradoxes of Transformation in Indian Society*” held at Govt. College Pangti, Chamba, Himachal Pradesh on 11 & 13 October 2024. He also participated in a one-week *International Workshop* on “*Sustainable Development and Environmental Conservation*” organized by Department of Geography, TJCM Govt. College Sujampur Tihra, District Hamirpur HP from 13-19 February 2025. He published a paper in the *IJIRT International Journal of Innovative Research in Technology*. He attended another online FDP on “*Innovative Teaching & Learning Pedagogy*” organised by the *Research Foundation of India* from 7-14 October 2024.
- **Prof. Mrityunjay Sharma**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, is Member, Board of Studies, *Department of Computer Science at HP University, Shimla*. He actively contributed to the development of curriculum and credit framework under *National Education Policy (NEP-2020)* 4-year UG programs in Computer Science and applications. He published a paper in SCI Indexed “*ACS Omega*”, a journal of the *American Chemical Society*. He was invited as Resource Person in an On-job Training/ Workshop on “*Coding Bootcamp*” organized by COE, GC Sanjauli under *DBT Star College Scheme*. He also attended an FDP organized by IIT Spoken Tutorials Bombay.



- **Dr. Kamlesh Kumari Sharma**, Assistant Professor of Sanskrit, presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled “*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*” organised by HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024. She participated in a one-week *International Workshop* on “*Sustainable Development and Environmental Conservation*” organized by Department of Geography, TJCM Govt. College Sujampur Tihra, District Hamirpur HP from 13-19 February 2025. She also participated in a 1-week FDP on “*काव्यशास्त्र के विविध आयाम*” organised by the *Department of Sanskrit*, HPU, Shimla w.e.f. 30-08-2024 to 6-09-2024.
- **Prof. Chetna Negi**, Assistant Professor of English, completed the 1-month *Faculty Induction Program* under the Malviya Mission Teacher Training Program (MM-TTP) of UGC from 30-12-2024 to 25-01-2025.
- **Prof. Chandresh Kumar**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, completed the 1-month *Faculty Induction Program* under the Malviya Mission Teacher Training Program (MM-TTP) of UGC from 30-12-2024 to 25-01-2025. He also presented a Research Paper in an *International Conference* entitled “*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*” organised by HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024.
- **Prof. Anamika Ramchaik**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled “*Recent Advances in Materials and Biological Sciences*” organised by the *Department of Sciences*, COE GC Sanjauli w.e.f. 19-20 November 2024. She also presented a paper in an *International Conference* entitled “*UDBHAVAH 2024: Emerging Trends in Research*” organised by HPU, Shimla on 30 November 2024.
- **Shri Muni Lal**, Assistant Librarian, participated in the 1-month 14th *Faculty Induction Program* (FIP) organised by UGC-MMTTC, *Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya* Bilaspur, a Central University, from 01-08-2024 to 30-08-2024. He also participated in the 5-days *Capacity Building Program* of *National Mission on Libraries* (NML) for Public Library Personnel organised in collaboration with *Allama Iqbal Library*, University of Kashmir w.e.f. 11-15 March 2024. He also participated in the 1-week “*INFLIBNET Regional Training Program on Library Automation (IRTPLA)*” jointly organised by IAS, Shimla & INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar w.e.f. 13-17 January 2025. He also participated in the 1-week online Training Program on “*Operation of SOUL 3.0 Software*” organised by INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar w.e.f. 21-25 October 2024.

Future Readiness

Government College Theog is excitedly anticipating the construction of the new building which shall accommodate the Science Block, Library and auditorium -cum- multi-purpose hall. The college has applied for approval to start new courses in the subjects of Tourism and Journalism. Request letters have been submitted to the Government of Himachal Pradesh and the Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. On strong request from parents, the college also plans to approach the government for approval regarding offering 'Education' as an Elective subject or starting integrated B.A.-B.Ed. course. The college is ready for the implementation of “*National Education Policy 2020*” from the academic session 2025-26.



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