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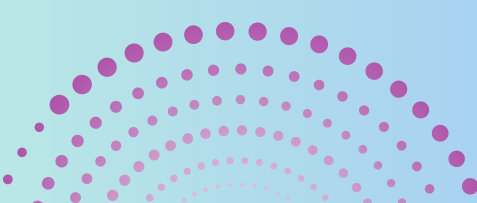
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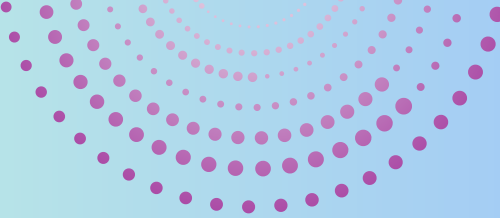
Govt. Arya Degree College, Nurpur, Dist. Kangra (H.P.) recognized under section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act 1956, is a constituent college of Himachal Pradesh University Shimla. It was established as Arya College for Girls in June 1978 with a meagre strength of 20 girls. The institution was started in the sacred memory of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, whose name stands among the greatest social and religious reformers of modern India, who propounded that knowledge should be imparted without prejudice of caste, creed and sex and that the basic purpose of propagating real education is to inculcate love for Indian cultural ethics in consonance with the Vedic ideas of universal brotherhood.

The Arya College for Girls was taken over by the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on 25th June 2002 as a co-educational institution and named as Govt. Arya Degree College, Nurpur with only Humanities. From the academic session 2009-10, this institution also started Science (Medical & non-medical) and commerce classes, thereby fulfilling the long-standing demand and aspirations of the people of this area.

The University Grants Commission launched an employment-oriented scheme on skill development as a part of college/ university education. This vocational degree programme (B. Voc.) started in our college w.e.f. June 2017 with two courses having 40 seats each, one in Retail Management and the other in Hospitality & Tourism.

Having made a mark on the educational horizon of the Himachal Pradesh University, our college strives to create an environment conducive to continuous academic, and co-curricular activities and holistic development of students as well as staff members. For this purpose, consistent efforts have always been made by all stakeholders to foster, encourage and motivate ideas and put them into practice. College tries to inculcate all the values enshrined in our constitution; the values of liberty, equality, justice and brotherhood. We encourage a sense of tolerance for different cultures and opinions among our students.





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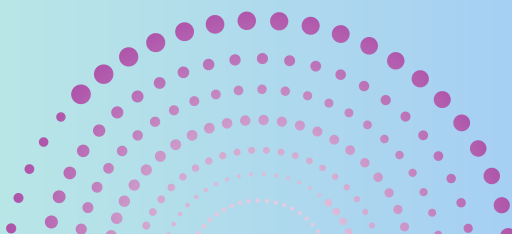
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LECTURE-CUM-WORKSHOP ON FIRST AID, BASIC LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM (CPR) AND ADOLESCENT EDUCATION

An awareness program Lecture-cum-Workshop on 'First Aid, Basic Life Support System(CPR)and Adolescent Education' was organised in the college campus on 03-03-2025. The resource persons for this program were Dr Shivam Mahajan (Medical Officer) and Mr Abhishek Kumar (Health Counsellor) from civil hospital Nurpur.



Dr Shivam Mahajan delivered a lecture on the topics 'First Aid' and 'Basic Life Support System (CPR)' in which detailed information about the precautions to be taken during the first few minutes of an accident/ emergency was given to the students. Further, she demonstrated CPR with a dummy patient and a small workshop was also conducted on 'Basic Life Support System'



'Save Wetlands Campaign' **(27 January to 2 February 2025)**

To sensitize and create mass awareness about the importance of wetlands conservation and management in the fight against climate change; the Eco-Club of Govt. Arya Degree College Nurpur, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, organized a 'Photography competition' under 'Save Wetlands Campaign'. This year theme was 'Protecting Wetlands for our Common Future'. On the last day of campaign i.e. 2nd February, 2025 which is also celebrated as 'World Wetland Day', winners of competition, Naznee, student of B.Sc. 2nd year (23ZOO003) and Arushi, student of B.Sc. 3rd year (22BOT016) who got first and second position respectively, were awarded certificates by the Principal of the college.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

'Self-Employability and Entrepreneurship Training on Mushroom and Fruit Cultivation' **ECO CLUB** **(8 February 2025)**

Govt. Arya Degree College Nupur organized a 'Self-Employability and Entrepreneurship Training' on mushroom and fruit cultivation on February 8, 2025, in collaboration with district authorities. The program provided 100 participants, including students, professionals, and villagers, with practical knowledge and skills in these areas.



Participants also received a practical demonstration of grafting techniques. The initiative aimed to empower individuals for sustainable livelihoods and promote entrepreneurship in agriculture and horticulture.



‘Celebration of World Wildlife Day’ (3 March 2025)

50 Eco club members of the college celebrated ‘World Wildlife Day. Students were encouraged to participate in environment conservation related activities, and showed how organisms are inter dependent on each other in an ecosystem. Importance of wildlife in nature and awareness regarding conservation of flora, fauna, natural resources and their sustainable use were also carried out.



A declamation competition on wildlife was also organized to sensitize the students regarding importance of wildlife. MsNazinee (student of B.Sc. 2nd year) and MsAkriti Sharma (student of B.Sc. 1st year) got 1st and 2nd prize in declamation competition. Students learnt about environmental pollution, rare and endangered species of flora and fauna, invasive species, importance and role of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries, biosphere reserve etc.



ON JOB TRAINING



LEVEL 4.5 B.VOC RETAIL MANAGEMENT

32 Students started their OJT at various places
KANGRA VISHAL MEGA MART, PANTALOONS
NAGROTA BHAGWAAN
RELIANCE TRENDS ,
PATHANKOT RELIANCE
SMART BAZAAR

LEVEL 4.5 B.VOC HOSPITALITY

37 students , Intradprastha
Resort , Lemonn Tree
Dharamshala, Sarovar
Premuim Dalhousie, J k
Clarks Exitoca



CAMPUS PLACEMENT



LEVEL 4.5 B.VOC RETAIL MANAGEMENT

Around 65% students got placed in the various companies through campus placement initiatives and others opted for higher studies courses. infinity Retail Limited CROMA , Tata Trent Zudio , Smart Shopping , Reliance Smart Bazaar

LEVEL 4.5 B.VOC HOSPITALITY

around 50% students got placed in the hospitality stream after on job training Wyndhan Gardens situated Sonipat , Novotel Ahmedabad Rezenta Central City Villa Palace , Best Western, Zlrakpur , Interior Suits



Career Counselling & Placement cell

'CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCIENCE GRADUATES'

(4 MARCH 2025)

- The Career Guidance and Counselling cell and the Botany and Zoology departments jointly organized a lecture on 'Career Opportunities for Science Graduates'.
- Dr. Sudhir Syal from Jaypee University was the resource person, addressing 80 science students.
- He provided insights and strategies for succeeding in competitive exams.
- Dr. Syal specifically discussed preparation for exams like GAT-B and IIT-JAM, highlighting opportunities for admissions with scholarships in reputed national institutes.
- He emphasized systematic preparation, mental and physical well-being, and engaged in an interactive Q&A session with the students.



DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY



'Workshop on Microbiological Techniques' **(4 March 2025)**



- A workshop on Microbiological Techniques was held on March 4, 2025, at Government Arya Degree College Nurpur.
- It was jointly organized by the Botany and Zoology departments.
- Eighty students participated in the workshop.

- Dr. Sudhir Syal from Jaypee University demonstrated microbiological techniques.
- Students actively participated and learned to differentiate Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria using the KOH string test.
- They also learned the 'Microbial Streaking Technique' for identifying catalase-positive bacteria through practical demonstration.



IQAC & LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Book Fair

4 March 2025



A Book-Fair was organized by the Library Advisory Committee on 4 March 2025 in the college campus by inviting different publishing houses, nearby colleges, schools, their faculty members with students to increase their interest in reading books and purchase the same (if required by them) at the maximum percentage discount.



CLUB ACTIVITY

CAREER COUNSELLING AND PLACEMENT CELL

'CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN PLANT SCIENCES' AND 'INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)' (11 MARCH 2025)

- The Botany and Zoology departments jointly organized lectures on 'Career Opportunities in Plant Sciences' and 'Integrated Pest Management (IPM)' for B.Sc. (Medical) students.
- Dr. Sandeep Sharma (Director, HFRI, Shimla) discussed career paths in plant sciences, emphasizing skill development and dedication.
- Dr. Pawan Rana (Scientist-F, HFRI, Shimla) lectured on IPM, covering pest management methods, organic farming, plant regeneration technologies, and biopesticide products.
- Dr. Rana also highlighted research activities and challenges related to forest pests and vegetation in different regions.
- The College Principal acknowledged the speakers and expressed hope for future collaboration between the college and HFRI.
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CLUB ACTIVITY

Eco Club



**'Celebration of World Earth Day'
(22 April 2025)**



- The Eco Club and NSS unit of the college jointly celebrated World Earth Day on April 22, 2025, under the theme 'Our Power, Our Planet'.
- College Principal Dr. Anil Kumar stressed the importance of planting trees and adopting sustainable practices for future generations.
- He encouraged volunteers regarding sustainable farming, waste management, and clean energy initiatives.
- Eco Club convener Dr. Rakesh Kumar emphasized individual power in protecting the planet, advocating against plastic use and for the conservation of natural resources.
- Twenty Eco Club volunteers actively participated in the Earth Day celebration.





NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Govt. Arya Degree College Nurpur's Physics Department celebrated National Science Day on February 28, 2025, with a seminar under Principal Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur. The event, focused on the theme "Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovations for Viksit Bharat," aimed to raise awareness and encourage innovation. Around 80 students recalled contributions of scientists and were inspired by faculty members Mrs. Shashi Bala and Mrs. Alka to pursue science careers. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem.



ON JOB TRAINING COMPLETION



- OJT Completed: Feb 2025 for ~160 B.Voc. Retail & Hospitality students (Levels 4-7).
- Real-World Experience: At Kapsons, Red Tape, Radisson Blu, etc.
- Practical Skills Focused: Customer service, sales, hotel operations.
- Industry Guidance: Experts enhanced communication and problem-solving.
- Boosted Employability: Hands-on training builds confidence for careers.

VOCATIONAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME: EMPOWERING FUTURES AT GOVERNMENT SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Department of vocational Studies has organized a mobilization drive in various senior secondary schools of Nurpur to raise awareness among students about the vocational programs offered at the college, namely Retail Management and Hospitality & Tourism in the month of February-2025. The B.Voc. staff covered all the senior secondary schools for the awareness program, including GSSS Nurpur, Behi Lagor, Sadwan, Suliali, Gangath, and others.



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EMPOWERING FUTURE RETAIL LEADERS: EXPERT INSIGHTS FROM INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS



Industry Expert Insights: Axis Bank Branch Manager, Mr. Bijender Sharma, lectured B.Voc. Retail Management students (early April 2025) on practical aspects of cyber security, selling skills, and customer service relevant to the retail sector.

Real-World Application: The session bridged academic learning with industry demands, offering students valuable insights into current challenges and best practices in these key areas for successful retail operations.

Industrial Visit to ZUDIO (A Tata Group Company) Retail Outlet: A Valuable Learning Experience



On April 2, 2025, an industrial visit was organized for students of B.Voc Retail Management (Level 4.5) – Visual Merchandiser at Tata Company's Retail Outlet ZUDIO. This visit aimed to provide practical exposure to the students and enhance their understanding of retail operations, merchandising strategies, and customer engagement techniques



Exciting Career Opportunities: Placement Drive for B.Voc. - Empowering Students for a Bright Future



- On April 2, 2025, a Job Fair was organized at Arya Degree College, Nurpur, where HR Manager Rajiv Nair and Director Dr. M.L. Sahni from JobCoach.in conducted interviews for students. A total of 45 students from B.Voc. Hospitality & Tourism and Retail Management participated in the interview process. Out of them, 20 students were shortlisted for the second round.



Annual Prize Distribution Function

Government Arya Degree College Nurpur celebrated its Annual Prize Function on March 1, 2025, with a vibrant display of academic excellence and cultural performances. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Nurpur, Gursimar Singh was the chief guest and Dr Sachin Kumar , Principal Govt College Dehri was the guest of honour



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CSCA Function

UMANG 25/02/2025



The Central Students' Central Association (CSCA) of Govt. Arya Degree College, Nurpur, successfully organized its annual cultural function, aptly named "Umang," showcasing the vibrant talent and enthusiasm of the students. The event commenced with the auspicious lighting of the pious Jyoti (lamp) by the esteemed Principal of the college, Dr. Anil Thakur .



The "Umang" platform provided a diverse range of cultural expressions, with students actively participating and demonstrating their skills in various art forms.



Club Activities



7-DAY CELEBRATION (MARCH 3RD - MARCH 9TH, 2025)

International Women's Day

Cultural Club in collaboration with Women Cell and Rovers and Rangers Unit observed International Women's Day with a vibrant and engaging week-long celebration from March 3rd to March 9th, 2025.

Day-wise Activities:

Day 1: Monday, March 3rd, 2025 -

Lecture on Women's Health and Hygiene

Day 2: Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 - Yoga
Camp

Day 3: Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 -
Selfie Point with Theme "Stronger Her,
Healthier Future"

Day 4: Thursday, March 6th, 2025 -
Sports Activities

Day 5: Friday, March 7th, 2025 - Poster
Making and Slogan Writing Competition

Day 6: Saturday, March 8th, 2025 -
Walkathon in Collaboration with Inner
Wheel Club Nurpur

Day 7: Sunday, March 9th, 2025 -
Closing with Pink Sunday on Cycles





NCC BEE CERTIFICATE EXAM 2025 - 01 & 02 FEB 2025.

On 2nd February 2025, 16 NCC cadets of 2nd Year from the college appeared for the NCC BEE certificate exam at Government College, Dharamshala. The practical portion of the exam is scheduled to take place on 1st Feb., 2025, where the cadets will be tested on their practical skills and knowledge gained through their NCC training.



NCC CEE CERTIFICATE EXAM 2025 - 15 & 16 FEB 2025.

On 16th February 2025, 27 NCC cadets from the college appeared for the NCC CEE exam 2025, which was held at Government College, Una. This exam is an important milestone for senior cadets, as it evaluates their leadership abilities, training, and overall understanding of NCC principles.



EXAM CENTRE FOR NCC AYE CERTIFICATE EXAM 2025- 23 FEB., 2025

On 23 February 2025, 304 NCC cadets from various schools in Chamba and Kangra districts appeared for the NCC 'A' Certificate Examination at Government Arya Degree College, Nurpur. The participating schools included those from GSSS Tundi, Sihunta, and Chowari (Chamba) and Raja Ka Talab, Rehan, Nurpur, Indora, Ganoh, Raja Ka Bagh, Vijay Memorial School, and Pratap World School (Kangra).



WORLD WATER DAY- PUNEET SAGAR ABHIYAN - 22 MARCH 2025.

On the occasion of World Water Day, the NCC unit of the college took a significant step in promoting water conservation and river cleanliness under the Puneet Sagar Abhiyan. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of preserving water and keeping rivers clean. The event included a speech competition and a poster-making competition.



THREE DAYS CIVIL DEFENCE MOCK DRILL (07 MAY 2025 TO 09 MAY 2025)



A mock drill was successfully organized by NCC cadets on dated 7 May 2025 to provide information about disaster management, explain the process of quick action in case of war and crisis and to make the students and staff alert specially during India Pakistan war.

On May 26, 2025, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally signed between our esteemed institution and the prestigious **ICFRE-Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI)**, Shimla. This landmark collaboration, endorsed by Dr. Anil Thakur, Principal of GADC Nurpur, and Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Director of ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla, lays a robust framework for mutual growth and advancement. The primary objectives of this MoU are to foster quality research and cultivate a highly skilled human resource pool, essential for addressing contemporary challenges and driving innovation.





TEN DAY YOGA CAMP



आज दिनांक 12 मार्च 2025 बुधवार के दिन राजकीय आर्य महाविद्यालय नूरपुर में 10 दिवसीय योग शिविर का समापन डॉ अनिल कुमार ठाकुर के निर्देशन में किया गया | 10 दिनों से चल रहे योग शिविर में महाविद्यालय के शारीरिक शिक्षा विभाग के लगभग 50 विद्यार्थियों ने योग के अलग-अलग आसान सीखें एवं जीवन में उनके महत्व को जानने का सफल प्रयास किया | महाविद्यालय के प्राचार्य डॉ अनिल कुमार ठाकुर ने अपने अभिवादन भाषण में विद्यार्थियों को योग से जीवन में होने वाले लाभों एवं उन्नति के बारे में प्रेरित किया | उन्होंने यह भी बताया कि किस तरह से योग हमारे जीवन को स्वस्थ व उन्नत बनाता है | शारीरिक शिक्षा विभाग की सहायक आचार्य मोनिका ने विद्यार्थियों को अलग-अलग दिनों में अलग-अलग आसनों की जानकारी देते हुए जीवन में उनके महत्व को समझाया | अंतिम दिवस पर डॉ श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी शारीरिक शिक्षा संस्थान की ओर से रजत ने विद्यार्थियों को विभिन्न प्रकार के आसनों की जानकारी देते हुए योग को मानव जीवन के लिए उपयोगी बताया | इस अवसर पर महाविद्यालय के प्रो सीमा ओहरी, प्रो संजय कुमार जसरोटिया, डॉ राकेश कुमार, डॉ दिलजीत सिंह, प्रो मनजीत सिंह, डॉ अनिल कुमार, पंकज जरियाल तथा महाविद्यालय का समस्त स्टाफ उपस्थित रहा |





ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET

Govt. Arya Degree College Nurpur recently concluded its Annual Sports Competitions on 15/02/2025, graced by College Principal Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur as Chief Guest. The event began with a march-past and lamp lighting, followed by Dr. Thakur's address emphasizing sports' role in holistic development. Key competitions included various track and field events, with students like Nishant, Karunesh, Priya Chaudhary, and Rajniwala excelling and securing multiple medals across categories.



The successful organization saw immense cooperation from all college staff, with 400-450 students participating enthusiastically.



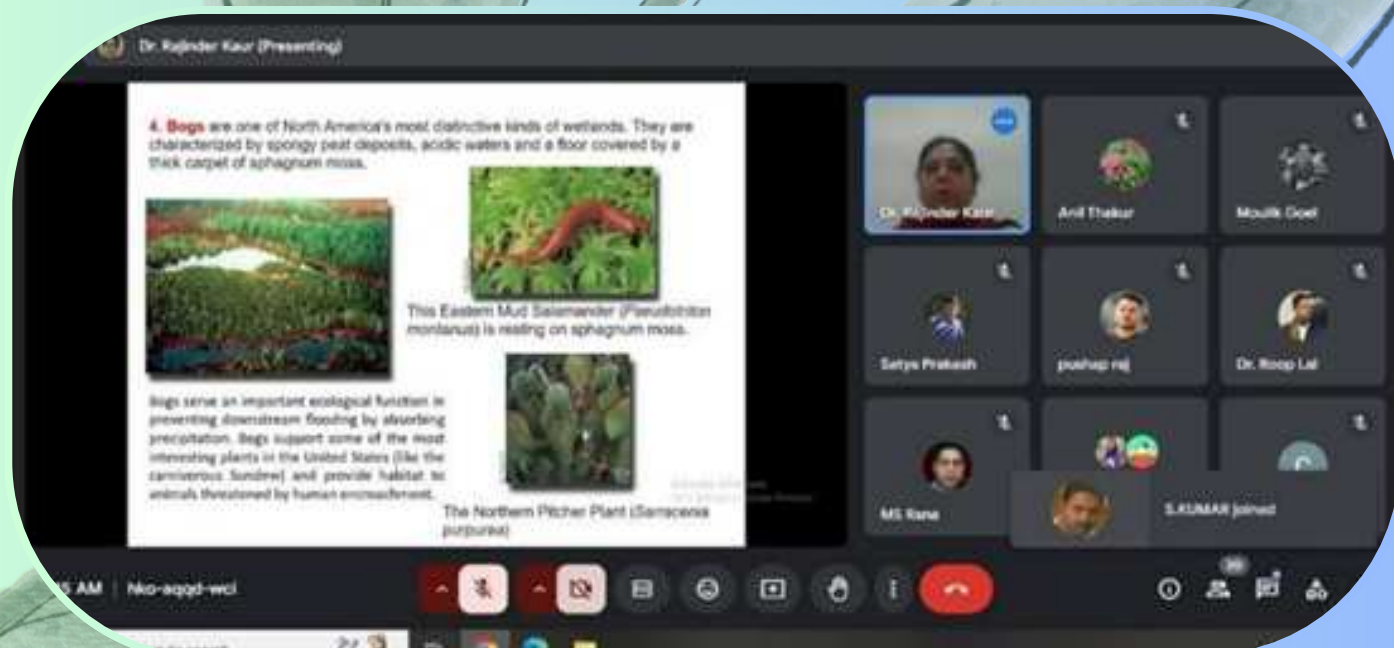
NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT (NCE-2025) **(7-8 MARCH 2024)**

The National Conference on Environment (NCE-2025), held at Govt. Arya Degree College, Nurpur, on 7-8 March 2025, marked a resounding success in fostering dialogue, knowledge sharing, and collaborative action towards a sustainable future. Supported by HIMCOSTE (Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology & Environment), the two-day conference attracted nearly 100 participants, including leading scientists, environmental professionals, dedicated students, and influential policymakers.



NCE-2025 has undoubtedly laid the groundwork for future collaborations aimed at addressing the environmental challenges that lie ahead. Participants left inspired, equipped with new knowledge, and imbued with a shared sense of responsibility to drive meaningful change for the betterment of the environment. The spirit of collaboration and commitment ignited at NCE-2025 holds the promise of a more sustainable and environmentally conscious future for all. The conference served as a vital catalyst for action, empowering individuals and institutions to work together towards a brighter, greener tomorrow.

NCE-2025



EXHIBITION ON 'ENVIRONMENT AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES' AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS CUM PHOTOGRAPH

The exhibition and poster presentation served as a powerful tool for raising awareness about ecological conservation, biodiversity, and sustainable living among students and other participants. The interactive nature of the exhibits encouraged attendees to learn more about the importance of environmental protection and to consider their own role in contributing to a healthier planet.

Ms Poonam Choudhary, Mr Kushal Kourdar and Ms Minakshi got first, second and third prize respectively in exhibition. Ms Akriti Sharma, Ms Neeharika and Ms Samiksha got first, second and third prize respectively in poster presentation. Adding a tangible dimension to the conference's commitment to environmental action, the Arjun Save Earth Foundation generously distributed approximately 200 medicinal plants to visitors. This initiative aimed to promote the importance of nurturing greenery in both urban and rural environments, encouraging attendees to actively participate in fostering environmental consciousness and contributing to a greener landscape. Dr Anil Kumar Thakur, Principal of GADC Nurpur also displayed 40 photographs of medicinal plants along with Arjun Save Earth Foundation with about 20 photographs and posters



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON TUBERCULOSIS DAY

Red Ribbon Club

March 24, 2025 – To mark Tuberculosis Day, the Red Ribbon Club of GADC Nurpur successfully hosted a seminar that brought together around 30 enthusiastic students. The event, attended by distinguished guests including Nodal Officer Professor Kiran Bala, Professor Surjeet, and Red Ribbon Club President Sparsh Dhiman, aimed to significantly boost awareness and commitment in the ongoing fight to eradicate Tuberculosis (TB). Students actively participated, gaining vital knowledge and collectively pledging their dedication to a TB-free future.



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