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About the Institution



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.

Annual Prize Distribution Function

The Government Arya Degree College, Nurgpur organized its Annual Prize Distribution Function on 14th March 2026 with great enthusiasm and zeal. The event was conducted under the able leadership of the Principal, Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur. The function commenced with National Song (Vande Matram) and the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp before Goddess Saraswati, followed by Saraswati Vandana. The auspicious beginning set a positive tone for the entire function.



The Principal presented the Annual Report of the college, highlighting the achievements and progress made in academic, cultural, and co-curricular domains during the session(2025-26). The report reflected the institution's commitment towards holistic development of students. Students enthusiastically participated in various cultural activities, including dance and music performances, showcasing their creativity and talent. These performances added colour and vibrancy to the function and were highly appreciated by the audience.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Rajil Vyas Executive Director, NHPC Ltd addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of value-based education, discipline, and dedication. He encouraged students to set clear goals and work diligently to achieve success in their careers. Dr. Sachin Kumar, Principal of WRS Degree College, Dehri also graced the occasion with his presence.

On this occasion, meritorious students were honoured with prizes and certificates for their outstanding achievements in academics, sports, and cultural activities. Their accomplishments served as an inspiration for other students.

Annual Prize Distribution Function



Inauguration of Digital Library

College Digital Library was inaugurated on 8th April 2026 by Sh. Ajay Mahajan Ji (Ex M.L.A Nurpur). This library has a seating capacity of 40 students at a time and availability of 60 Tabs for the use of students.



Training programme on 'Admission Management Software'

To familiarize the staff members with the features and workflow of an admission management software, college I.Q.A.C. organized a Training programme on 'Admission Management Software' on 16 April 2026. The staff members were informed about uploading of documents and their verification, preparation of merit lists and timely communication with the students.



Orientation Workshop on Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate programmes

Himachal Pradesh University organized an 'Orientation Workshop on Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate programmes' on 29th April 2026, in accordance with implementation of New Education Policy. This workshop held in hybrid mode from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Dr. Diljeet Singh attended this workshop at H.P.U. Shimla. The college Principal and all other faculty members participated by viewing the programme online; the arrangement of which was carried out by the college I.Q.A.C. in Room No. 16 of Science Block.



Capacity Building Workshop on NEP Framework Implementation

College I.Q.A.C. organized a 'Capacity Building Workshop on NEP Framework Implementation in the upcoming academic session 2026-27' on 5th May 2026 in the college IT lab. All the teachers presented ppts for their respective subjects based on the NEP framework covering single major or multidisciplinary tracks, along with corresponding workload details.



NCC Activities

Online Course on Basic Cyber Course on NDU Digital

From 30 April to 02 May 2026, 70 NCC cadets from Government Arya Degree College, Nurpur, completed an Online Basic Cyber Course on NDU Digital, organized by NIELIT. The curriculum covered cyber threats, safe internet practices, password management, and phishing awareness through interactive, self-paced modules and assessments.



All 70 cadets successfully registered, completed modules, and passed assessments. The course enhanced cyber awareness, developed digital safety skills, and empowered cadets as responsible digital citizens. This initiative supports national digital literacy goals and reflects the college's commitment to preparing cadets for secure online navigation.

Firing Competition Camp from 30 April 2026 to 09 May 2026

From 30 April to 09 May 2026, SW Cadet Vanshika of B.Voc. 2nd Sem. from Government Arya Degree College, Nurpur participated in a 10-day Firing Competition Camp at Indus International University, Una, organised by NCC Group Headquarters Shimla. She was among 5 selected cadets from 9 HP Bn NCC Dalhousie.

The camp included rifle handling, marksmanship training, and competitive firing exercises. Cadet Vanshika actively participated in all events, demonstrating discipline and focus. Her selection and participation enhanced her firing skills, confidence, and competitive spirit, reflecting the college's commitment to NCC excellence and holistic cadet development.



NCC Activities

Commemorating Operation Sindhoor: 1st Anniversary

On 10 May 2026 at 12:00 noon, 70 NCC cadets from Government Arya Degree College, Nurpur organized a documentary screening marking the 1st Anniversary of Operation Sindhoor. The film highlighted the Indian Army's bravery, sacrifices, and strategic role in protecting national integrity and security. Cadets watched attentively, deeply moved by the stories of valour and dedication. The visual narrative brought to life the challenges faced by soldiers and underscored the importance of national defence. Faculty members and NCC officers were present to guide the cadets, ensuring the screening served both as an educational and inspirational experience for all participants.



Following the screening, an interactive discussion allowed cadets to reflect on the documentary's themes. The dialogue inspired patriotism, discipline, and deep respect for the armed forces. Faculty members and NCC officers motivated cadets to imbibe values of national service, duty, and unity. The programme successfully enhanced awareness about Operation Sindhoor and the sacrifices of Indian soldiers. It strengthened a sense of togetherness among participants, reinforcing the ideals of the NCC. Cadets left the event with renewed commitment to serve the nation, understanding that discipline and patriotism are essential for building a strong, united India.



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NCC Activities

10 Days Annual Training Camp 11 May 2026 to 20 May 2026

From 11 to 20 May 2026, 73 NCC cadets from Government Arya Degree College, Nurpur participated in the 10-day Annual Training Camp at NHPC Colony, Banikhet, organized by CO 9 HP Bn NCC Dalhousie. Activities included drill, firing, sports, and cultural competitions among 450 cadets from 10 colleges.



GADC Nurpur excelled with Overall 1st Prize (Company Alfa), 1st in Firing, Kho-Kho, Group Dance, and Drill Contingent. SUO Pragati Bhardwaj won Best Anchor, Camp Senior Award, and Classical Dance 1st Prize. The camp enhanced cadets' discipline, leadership, confidence, and patriotism significantly.



NCC Activities

All India Trekking Expedition Him Trek Camp 2026-27

From 18 to 25 May 2026, five SD NCC cadets from Government Arya Degree College, Nurpur participated in the 8-day All India Trekking Expedition Him Trek Camp 2026–27 at Rampur Bushahar, Shimla, organized by DG NCC Delhi. The camp promoted adventure, physical fitness, discipline, and leadership through trekking, endurance exercises, and mountaineering awareness sessions.



The five cadets actively engaged in all activities, developing confidence, courage, teamwork, and environmental awareness. Their successful participation brought pride to the institution. The expedition enhanced mental endurance and resilience, motivating cadets to become disciplined, responsible citizens. It served as an excellent platform for personality development and future national service.



Mock Drill on Disaster Management



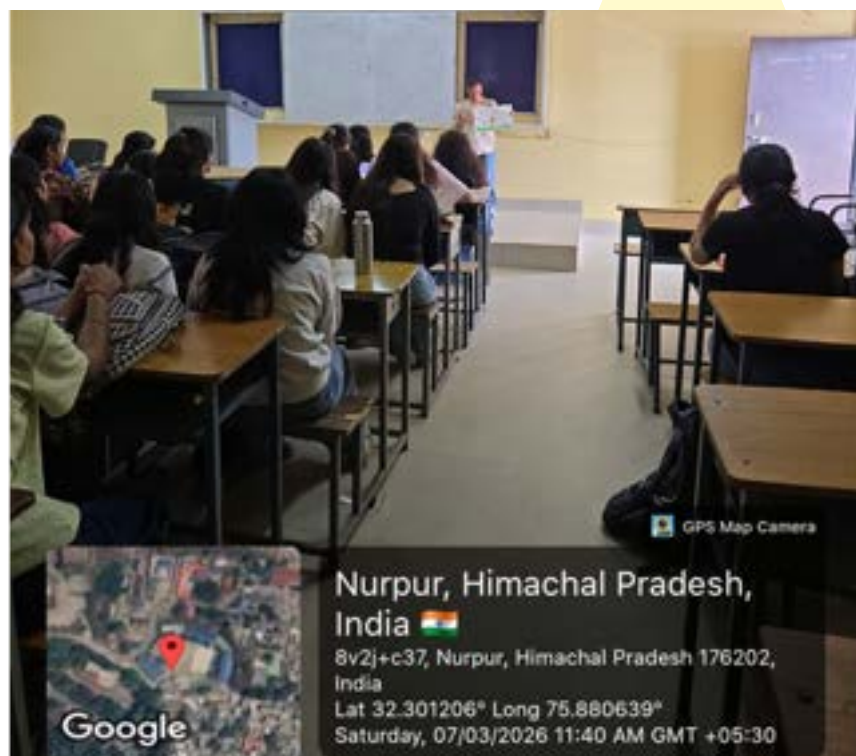
On 4 April 2026 at 12:00 noon, a Mock Drill on Disaster Management was organized in the institution by NCC and NSS volunteers, with 30 students participating. The programme aimed to create awareness about disaster preparedness and emergency response for events like earthquakes, landslides, flash floods, and fire incidents. Dr. Satya Prakash delivered an informative session on disaster types, preventive measures, evacuation methods, first aid, and rescue operations. He emphasized staying calm during emergencies to minimize loss of life and property. The session provided valuable knowledge on safety measures and timely action.

A practical mock drill was conducted where students demonstrated emergency response techniques including evacuation procedures, rescue operations, and emergency communication. All 30 participants actively engaged in demonstrations, showing great enthusiasm. Faculty members also attended and gained valuable insights. The mock drill enhanced awareness, confidence, and teamwork among participants, preparing them to handle emergencies effectively. It encouraged students to spread disaster management awareness in society. The programme proved highly informative and impactful, strengthening the institution's readiness to face emergencies and motivating students to become responsible citizens capable of helping society during disasters.



Women Grievances and Redressal Cell Activities

Celebrating International Women's Day Poster-Making and Declamation competition



On 7th March 2026, Government Arya Degree College, Nurpur, celebrated International Women's Day by organizing Poster-Making and Declamation competitions under the leadership of Principal Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur. The event began with a sensitization session on the POSH Act, emphasizing workplace safety and gender justice. The Poster-Making competition saw 15 enthusiastic participants, including members of the Ranger Unit, while the Declamation featured powerful speeches on gender equality and women's empowerment.



The programme successfully fostered awareness, creativity, and a strong commitment to building a respectful and inclusive campus culture. Key participants included Ruchi, Renu, Deepanshi Thakur, and Manpreet in Poster-Making, and Kanan, Sahil, Arush, and Siddharth in Declamation. Principal Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur praised the committee's proactive role, emphasizing that such activities foster equality and ensure students are aware of their rights and responsibilities, contributing to a safe and respectful campus environment.

Women Grievances and Redressal Cell Activities

Awareness Programme on Prevention of Harassment of Women at Workplace

On 25th March 2026, the Women Grievances and Redressal Cell organized an awareness programme on workplace harassment and its prevention, following the decision taken in its meeting held on 17th March 2026. The objective was to sensitize students about various forms of workplace harassment, their impact, and preventive measures.



Ms. Shweta, Store Manager, served as the resource person, delivering an insightful lecture on recognizing harassment and understanding one's rights. The session was interactive, with students actively participating by sharing views and asking questions. Ms. Shweta guided attendees on preventive strategies and encouraged them to maintain confidence and awareness in professional environments. The programme proved highly informative, contributing significantly to creating awareness and promoting a safe, respectful environment for all. It empowered students to raise their voices against harassment and fostered a culture of vigilance and support.



Women Grievances and Redressal Cell Activities

Lecture on Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act

On 8th May 2026, a lecture on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act was conducted in the Principal's Office by Advocate Pawan. He explained the meaning and forms of sexual harassment, the role of the Internal Complaints Committee, complaint procedures, and legal provisions including Section 354A and Section 509 of the Indian Penal Code.



The resource person highlighted constitutional rights under Articles 14, 15, and 21, ensuring equality and dignity of women at workplaces. He also discussed institutional responsibilities in maintaining a safe, gender-sensitive environment. The session emphasized confidentiality, complainants' rights, and penalties for offenders, empowering attendees with legal awareness and fostering workplace safety and dignity.



Department of Economics Activities

Statistical Strengthening & Data Literacy Initiative

The Department of Economics, Government Arya Degree College, Nurpur, successfully organized a series of academic events under the Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS) Scheme, sponsored by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India, and the Department of Economics and Statistics, Government of Himachal Pradesh. These initiatives bridged theoretical classroom learning with real-world data applications, empowering students with analytical tools for careers in economics, research, and governance while promoting essential data literacy skills.



One-Day Seminar: Statistical Strengthening February 26, 2026

The seminar, themed "Statistical Strengthening: Importance and Practical Relevance of Statistics," witnessed enthusiastic participation from 90 students of Economics and Commerce departments. Dr. Amit Srivastava, Professor & Head of Jaypee Business School, delivered an expert address on the Government of India's framework for tracking economic health. Prof. Kiran Bala, Head of the Commerce Department, conducted two insightful technical sessions on "Statistics and Governance," emphasizing data's role in policy excellence. Students actively participated in interactive sessions, with high-quality contributors receiving pens as tokens of encouragement. Refreshments were provided to all participants, fostering a conducive learning environment.



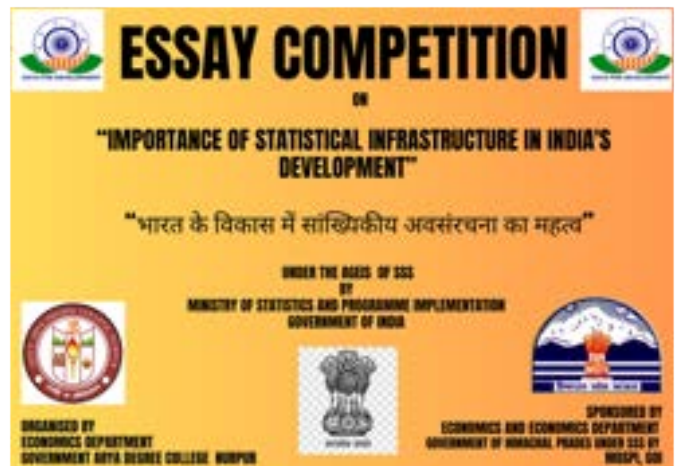
Department of Economics Activities

Statistical Strengthening & Data Literacy Initiative

Essay Writing Competition

March 6, 2026

Thirty-one students participated in the research-oriented essay competition on "Importance of Statistical Infrastructure in India's Development." The entries were evaluated by Prof. Kiran Bala and Prof. Surjeet Singh, who adjudged Nainvi (B.A. 3rd Year) as the winner, followed by Banishika (B.A. 1st Year) as runner-up and Sakshi (B.A. 1st Year) as third prize holder. Winners received prizes and certificates, while refreshments were served to all contestants, encouraging academic excellence and research



Specialized Workshop & Technical Session

March 11, 2026

The concluding workshop on "From Data to Decisions: Modern Techniques in Statistical Dissemination" focused on practical tools and policy leveraging. Technical lectures were delivered by Prof. Shashi Bhushan of GC Sugh Bhatoli and Prof. Pearl Bakshi, Convener. Students Ishaan, Arush, and Sonia received Best Presentation Awards. An on-the-spot quiz saw Nihar, Arush, and Surinder emerge as top scorers, receiving prizes and certificates. The event was attended by 83 students and faculty members including Dr. Diljeet Singh and Dr. Rakesh Kumar. Refreshments were provided during the technical break.



B.Voc. Department Activities

Industrial Visit(9th March 2026)

On 9th March 2026, the Department of Vocational Studies (B.Voc Retail Management Level 4.5) organized an industrial visit to Zudio for 34 students, escorted by Trainers Abhishek Sharma and Ankush Mahajan. The visit aimed to provide practical exposure to retail operations. Students observed store layout, visual merchandising, billing counters, and stock management. They learned about inventory control, barcode scanning, and customer handling, bridging the gap between theoretical concepts and real-world business practices.



During the visit, students actively engaged with store staff, asking questions about daily operations, inventory management, and customer service. This hands-on interaction gave them valuable insights into teamwork, quality standards, and the diverse career opportunities available in the retail sector. The experience broadened their understanding of modern retail systems, from supply chain logistics to point-of-sale technology, and sparked genuine interest in pursuing retail careers. Thanks to the trainers' careful guidance, the visit was well-organized, interactive, and informative. Overall, the trip successfully bridged classroom theory with real-world industry practices, providing a practical learning opportunity that enhanced students' professional awareness and motivation.



B.Voc. Department Activities

On Job Training (4th May 2026)



On 4th May 2026, the Department of Vocational Studies (**B.Voc. Retail Management Level 4.5**) commenced a 210-hour On-the-job training program for 34 trainees of 2nd semester at Vishal Mega Mart and Smart Point. The initiative offers hands-on exposure to retail operations, including billing, inventory, visual merchandising, and customer service. Under expert supervision, students are learning team leadership, communication, and problem-solving in real workplace settings, preparing them for future managerial roles.

All 34 students actively participated in the training, gaining practical skills that bridge classroom theory with real-world industry demands. The program enhances confidence, professionalism, and decision-making abilities through hands-on tasks. Store managers and staff provide excellent continuous mentorship, offering valuable insights into customer service, operations, and quality standards. This industry partnership boosts employability by equipping trainees with key competencies essential for the retail sector, such as teamwork, communication, and inventory management. The program prepares students to become effective strong team leaders, ready to contribute to the service industry with efficiency and responsibility. Overall, the visit was a valuable learning experience connecting education and practice.



B.Voc. Department Activities

Job Placements: Retail Management

The B.Voc. Retail Management Department of Government Arya Degree College, Nurpur, achieved remarkable placement outcomes for the 21 students of Level-5.5 (Retail Store Manager) during March–April 2026. With the training and placement support of Edubridge Learning Pvt. Ltd., 16 students secured positions with renowned retail organizations, including Reliance Retail, Croma, Tata Trent (Zudio), Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail (Pantaloon), PUMA, Adidas, Superdry, Kapsons, and U.S. Polo Assn.. The remaining five students chose to continue their higher studies. This notable achievement reflects the department's strong industry partnerships, effective skill-development initiatives, and unwavering commitment to enhancing students' career prospects and employability.

List of Placed Students:

S. No.	Student Name	S. No.	Student Name
1	Sunny	9	Mansi Rana
2	Amol	10	Deeksha
3	Tania Chaudhary	11	Priya
4	Tania	12	Sonia Khan
5	Nazia Akhtar	13	Muskan
6	Najma Akhtar	14	Kiran Bala
7	Abhay Mahajan	15	Rahul Daviyal
8	Jatin Kumar	16	Vishal Thakur



B.Voc. Department Activities

Job Placements: Hospitality & Tourism

The Department of Vocational Studies (B.Voc. Hospitality & Tourism, Level 5.5 – Restaurant Manager) at Government Arya Degree College, Nurpur, successfully conducted a Job Placement Drive in collaboration with Edubridge Learning Pvt. Ltd. during March–May 2026. Demonstrating exceptional placement performance, all 17 participating students secured employment opportunities, achieving a 100% placement rate. The students were placed with reputed hospitality brands, including ITC Welcome Heritage, Radisson Blu, The Leela Palace, Hyatt Place, and Le Méridien. This remarkable accomplishment reflects the program's strong alignment with industry requirements, effective skill-development initiatives, and commitment to enhancing students' career opportunities, bringing immense pride and recognition to the institution.

List of Placed Students:

S. No.	Student Name	S. No.	Student Name
1	Arjun Singh	10	Ritik Kalotra
2	Sahil Kumar	11	Diwanshu Choudhary
3	Nitin Choudhary	12	Amit Kumar
4	Aniket Kumar	13	Ravinder Kumar
5	Sagar Singh	14	Ranjeet Kumar
6	Aditya Rana	15	Aditya
7	Abhishek Singh	16	Vishav Kumar Dogra
8	Abhishek Singh (dup.)	17	Shekhar Singh
9	Rahul Singh		



B.Voc. Department Activities

On Job Training

On 28th April 2026, the Department of Vocational Studies (**B.Voc. Hospitality & Tourism Level-4.5 Guest Service Executive**) commenced an On-the-Job Training program for 39 students at Sarovar Presidium Dalhousie, JK Clarks Exotica, Fortune Park Moksha Dharamshala, Asia Health Resort, and ITC Fortune Park Palampur. In collaboration with Edubridge Learning Pvt. Ltd., trainees were integrated into real hospitality operations including guest interaction, front office coordination, housekeeping, food and beverage service, and grievance management.



All 39 students actively participated, gaining hands-on experience that bridged classroom theory with industry practice. The training enhanced their communication, adaptability, teamwork, and professional accountability. Students developed self-assurance, workplace readiness, and a deeper understanding of service quality benchmarks. This immersive initiative significantly reduced the skill gap, preparing trainees for successful careers in the hospitality sector while fostering discipline, empathy, and ethical responsibility essential for guest service excellence.



Faculty Achievements

Dr. Diljeet Singh

Associate Professor, Department of Zoology

Research Publication (March 2026)

Published a research paper in a peer-reviewed international journal: "Roosting ecology, diurnal behaviour and threats of the Indian Flying Fox (*Pteropus medius*) in Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh, India" International Journal of Zoology Studies, 2026, 11(1):77-85.

Workshop Attended (April 2026)

Participated in a One-Day Orientation-cum-Workshop on ***"NEP-2020"*** organized at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla on 29-04-2026.

Anjana Gautam

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

Ph.D. Completion

Awarded with Ph.D. degree for the research on "Women's Representatives in PRIs of Tehsil Nurpur, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh" by Career Point University, Hamirpur.

Dr. Kumari Seema

Assistant Professor, Department of Physics

1. Attended **One Week Online Faculty Development Programme** on "Revitalizing the Tankri Script: A Capacity-Building Initiative in Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Cultural Preservation".
2. Attended **One-Week online FDP** on "Decoding the NAAC Binary Accreditation Framework (10 attributes), Overview of the Maturity-Based Five-Level Grading Model" & Implementation of NEP 2020 in HP.

Bharti Bhagsain

Assistant Professor, Department of Music

1. **Ph.D. Completion:** Awarded with Ph.D. degree for the research on "Bharmour kshetra mein prachalit Avnadh Vadyon ki Vadan Sheili Evam Paunmata Vadya ki vadan parmpra ka vishesh Adhyayan " by Deptt of Music, Panjab University Chandigarh
2. Attended **One Week Online Faculty Development Programme** on "Revitalizing the Tankri Script: A Capacity-Building Initiative in Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Cultural Preservation".
3. Attended **One-Week online FDP** on "Decoding the NAAC Binary Accreditation Framework (10 attributes), Overview of the Maturity-Based Five-Level Grading Model" & Implementation of NEP 2020 in HP.

Monika

Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Education

Ph.D. Completion: Awarded with Ph.D. degree for the research on "Effect of Physical Education classes on selected physical fitness variable and physiological parameters of middle school students in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh: A longitudinal study" by Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.

