

## ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETS



## INTERACTION OF ALUMNI/ TALKS ON CAMPUS



**Mrs. Kirron Kher,**  
Member of Parliament,  
as the Chief Guest during  
inaugural session of  
Inter Zonal Youth Festival



**Dr. Neelam Gulati,**  
Director, (POS)  
Punjab State Council for  
Science and Technology,  
delivering a lecture on  
Renewable Energy Resources



**Mrs. Jasmine Sandhu,**  
Interacting with students of  
the college

## CANCER AWARENESS DRIVE



## ALUMNI MEMBERS INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS OF HAMARI KAKSHA, NGO



COURAGE TO KNOW

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THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
PGGCG SECTOR -11, CHANDIGARH

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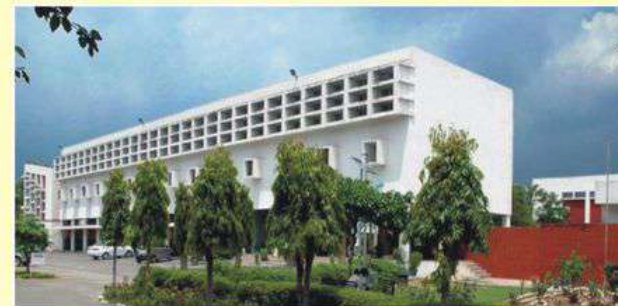
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## POST GRADUATE GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR GIRLS SECTOR-11, CHANDIGARH



### ABOUT THE COLLEGE:

P.G. Govt. College for Girls, sector-11, Chandigarh was established in the year 1956. The college motto "COURAGE TO KNOW" inspires the students to strive and seek the best in thought, word and deed. The college is on a sprawling 35 acres area out of which total constructed area accounts for 58116sq.mt. The college has 15 lush green lawns and gardens: the Botanical Garden, the Herbal Garden and the Solace Garden. It also has to its credit ample spacious playgrounds, indoor Badminton Court and a State of the art Gymnasium Hall. The college has Smart Classrooms, well equipped science, computer and language laboratories, seminar and conference room, research centre, open air stage and auditorium too. The college library houses 90,000 books, journals, magazines and online INFLIBNET facility. The common room, "Cozy Cove" acts as a stress buster and recreational centre for students. There is also a Day Care Centre for working mothers who can leave their kids in safe hands while they work. The college also has an arcade with facilities of meals, Photostat, STD, Coffee /Food Kiosk, Parlour, Boutique, Cobbler, General/ Book Store, Fruit/ Juice Shop and an ATM.

### HISTORY OF THE ALUMNI:

Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector-11, Chandigarh can be traced back to the year 1958, when the first meeting of the Alumni Association took place. The Byelaws and Memorandum of Association have been framed and a society under the Societies Registration Act is being registered shortly. PGGCG 11 holds the distinction of having nurtured and trained young ladies for over half a century, given to the country some of its finest minds in diverse fields. Even fifty year ago, when women were not seen in the professional arena to the extent they are now, and when under graduate study was simply a stepping stone to matrimony and a 'good catch', our alumni had the confidence and courage to break the norm; they ventured into sports, politics, civil services, creative writing, arts, dance and music, besides teaching. Infact, our current Principal, Professor (Dr.) Anita Kaushal, is an alumnus of this college, and many of our students have returned to us as teachers, strengthening the chain of knowledge, sharing and carrying forward the ideals of this institution. Over the years, our students have forayed into professions such as armed forces, business, chartered accountancy, civil services, journalism, judiciary, films, fine arts, IT, library science, marketing, mountaineering, performing arts, psychological counseling, science, sports, teaching etc. Today, we are proud that our GCGians are efficient multi-taskers, not just on their home front, but also excelling in their professional lives. The Association has been carrying out many activities for the welfare of the students, alumni and institution. With renewed vigor and new zeal, the Association now proposes to expand its activities, not only for the welfare of the alumni and students but also for all those who have been associated with Post Graduate Government college for Girls, Sector-11, Chandigarh, directly or indirectly.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Professor (Dr.) Anita Kaushal (Principal Cum-Ex Officio President)**

Established in 1956, the Post Graduate Govt. College for Girls, Sector-11, is one of the oldest educational institutions in Chandigarh being only few years younger than the city itself. Starting small, it has grown over the years to become a large entity. With a long history of nearly 60 years behind, it the college has accumulated many layers of richness and recall. From this vantage of age, we can look back with pride at the many generations that entered the portals of this institution, filled its classrooms, performed in its auditorium, played on its fields and then left to take their place of pride in the world. They are our strength and also the validation of our existence.

A college campus is a young and exciting place to be in. And we educationists are invigorated by the sheen energy that surrounds us. We watch young girls coming to us from different parts of the country and it is indeed a very fulfilling experience to be a part of their journey of growth, both intellectual and emotional. We are with them when they arrive, hesitant and groping. And we then bid them adieu when they leave us as confident young women. It is a role we perform over and over again but it never palls on us and we all, in this institution, look forward to a future filled with many more generations of bright, young girls stepping out into the world and doing us proud.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE ALUMNI:

1. To promote interaction among all members of the Association and the College staff both existing and retired.
2. To promote and encourage the members to take active interest in promoting welfare of the alumni, students and institution in general.
3. To institute scholarships to the needy and deserving students.
4. To honor the distinguished Alumni members.
5. To publish News-letters, Souvenirs, Journals etc.

### ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Alumni Association has been working with a view to enhance the students' experience, to connect students with Alumni and to ignite opportunities, resulting in strengthening the bonds.

- 1) Annual Alumni Meets
- 2) Fostering Education /Scholarships
- 3) Giving back to Society
- 4) Interaction of Alumni/Talks on Campus
- 5) Awareness Drive

## ALUMNI SPEAK



**Mrs. Kirron Kher - Member of Parliament**

“ The young alumni should be equipped with knowledge in order to take on the world and also to shed their inhibitions, not to be afraid of failures and live the life to the fullest.”

### Mrs. Keshni Anand Arora, IAS

Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana  
School Education, Electronics and IT Department.

I still cherish my memories of my student life in GCG. GCG provides the right environment needed for creativity and development of a holistic personality of an individual.



### Mrs. Neelkamal Puri

Associate Professor in English, PGGCG Sector -11A, Chandigarh.



As a little girl in the early sixties I had come to meet my cousin sister studying at, what was then known as the Government College for Women. And there was only one then. I remember standing in front of the porch with my parents. My cousin had been sent for and in those days the numbers were small enough for girls to be located quite easily. As she emerged from its vast innards, I was awestruck. The porch and its connected arterial corridor seemed to lead far away into a mysterious, magical land. I longed to walk that corridor, and I did do just that in later years for thirty five years! Sometimes wishes do become horses!

### Ms. Rasneet Kanwar

Executive Member, Alumni Association PGGCG Sector -11, Chandigarh.

3 years in GCG-11 were the best time of my life! Apart from the academic excellence, I was encouraged to participate in competitions and other activities. This Multitasking - Cross-Functional training was subtle but a very effective lesson of my life. I am a successful entrepreneur today because my college taught me 3 fundamental rules: 1. Ask a lot of Questions 2. Every Problem has a Solution 3. Always try your best!



### Mrs. Astinder Kaur

First and Best Woman Parajumper of Chandigarh, all India Best Shooter and best Cadet commander and Recipient of National Award in recognition of Community Service



I joined GCG Sector-11 in 1976 for doing my graduation in Arts. During my stay in this college I participated in many activities & brought laurels to my college. This college provides very good environment for the overall development of the students. It has state of art infrastructure, all types of indoor and outdoor sport activities. Very hygienic and healthy food facility in the hostels and at other eating outlets. Highly qualified and experienced staff members who are always available to the students for removing their academic and non academic problems. I acquired all my leadership qualities and confidence from this college

### Mrs. Raka Ghirra

Punjab Police Service

Some of the best memories of my life are from my time spent in GCG-11. Our experience with our favourite teachers' i.e. Mrs. Singh (Psychology), Ms. Sokhy (French), Ms. Grewal (English), Mrs. Wasu (English) and Mrs. Vasudav (Sociology) were very worthwhile. What we are today is the outcome of our grooming which we had with our teachers and Principal D. Amarjit Kaur. I still have fond memories of our breaktime with our favourite Golgappa wala, sitting in the canteen for hours during long intervals and discussing every minutest detail with my friends (who are now scattered all over the world). I love my college.

