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6 Warm Greetings and Congratulations to the Alumni Association of PG-GCG Sector 11, Chandigarh- Nostalgia for bringing out yet another edition of the annual Newsletter. I hope that you are all staying safe in the current coronavirus crisis that has engulfed humanity.

Prof (Dr) Anita Kaushal, Principal cum Ex-Officio President, Alumni Association, PGGCG-11, Chd

The year 2020 has perhaps been the most challenging year of our lives. Each one of us lived under a constant threat of an invisible virus that forced the mightiest of nations to impose harsh lockdowns. Some nations continue to be under lockdown even to this date. In these extraordinary conditions, all of us had to rewire and reboot ourselves to face the changed scenario that unfolded around us.

We owe perhaps an unrepayable debt to our health workers- doctors, nurses and support staff- who worked round the clock amid a raging pandemic, risking their own lives to save ours. They are the true Corona Warriors and the Saviours of humankind. It is therefore befitting that they should be the first to get vaccinated free of cost.

In this moment of crisis, the police also put their lives at stake while maintaining law and order and ensuring that people obey the lockdown rules so that everyone can be safe. This was a year of many 'firsts' and for the first time we realised that we are safe only if everyone else is safe.

This was also the first time that educators had to step up and conduct online classes. This posed a fresh set of challenges as teachers struggled with technology and in a kind of role reversal, the students helped them negotiate complex technology so that classes could be held smoothly. PG-GCG Sector 11, Chandigarh, always at the forefront of innovation, also faced the challenge head on and many webinars, online competitions, virtual lectures were organised in

keeping with the changed scenario. As the world collapsed around us, all of us rose to the challenge and emerged stronger and more knowledgeable.

Dear Alumnae, this was the first time in many years that we didn't have an in person get together because of the strict Covid protocols in place but I am confident that this spectre of fear would soon lift and we shall be able to laugh, sing and converse together very soon.

In the end I would like to say that Nature talks to us in many ways and this year it spoke to us through a tiny unseen virus. It taught the mightiest to be humble and submit to its dictates. We have learnt to be compassionate, loving and considerate human beings after having gone through the storm of the pandemic.

In the end I would like to exhort all of you to stay in touch with your alma mater by registering yourselves as members of the Alumni Association- Nostalgia and being a part of our ever growing GCG family. I hope that we shall have a reunion very soon where I am sure all of

you will participate wholeheartedly and enthusiastically. Meanwhile I pray that all of you Stay Safe. Stay Fit and Stay Positive.

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Our Star Achievers

adam Principal Prof (Dr) Anita Kaushal also an alumna of the college was awarded a certificate of Appreciation by Adviser to Administrator, UT Administration, in recognition of her exemplary duties towards the success of 'Electoral Literacy.'

The college feels proud to always work under her guidance and motivation.



Keeping the flag of the institutional glory aloft, another feather was added to the cap of the illustrious career of our alumna Prof (Dr.) Anita Kaushal. She was awarded the ICMR Centre for Innovation and Bio Design (CIBioD) Award for Best Innovation Promotion in Academics by ICMR Centre for Innovation and Bio-Design, PGIMER, Chandigarh. She has been instrumental in promoting a culture of research and innovation among the students and faculty of PGGCG-11, Chandigarh, and her dynamism and encouragement has resulted in the selection of faculty members and PG students of the college in various research endeavours under the aegis of CIBioD.





PGGCG-11 gave me the opportunity to make life long friends and understand people better. The curriculum helped me to prepare for my civil services examination in a more holistic way. The faculty here was always supportive of my endeavours not only during my college life but even after that. Taking part in youth festival was the most amazing part of my college life, where I met the best and most creative friends and cherish those fond memories till date. Thanks GCG for everything you

Preeti Yadav, alumna of the college, 2016 pass out. 2019 Batch IPS Officer. Under Training at SVPNPA,

Ms Anupama's father, Mr K.D. Vasudeva instituted a scholarship by the name 'Shrimati Nirmal Vasudeva Scholarship'. The award is given to deserving and needy students.

Mrs Gurdeep Kaur, also an ex faculty member of the Psychology Deptt., introduced a silver medal, in the memory of her mother, Late Mrs Devinder Kaur. The medal is given to the student of B. A. III, who tops in the subject of Psychology.

father, Late Sh Dharam Rattan, IAS(Retd.) on the basis of academic performance.

Ms Prabha Kapila's husband, Sh N.C. Kapila, instituted a alumna of the college Prof. (Dr.) Anita Kaushal graced the evening as the Chief them and motivated them to raise voice to stop scholarship in the memory of Prabha Kapila. The scholarship is given to two needy and poor students.

Monika Khosla's father, Sh N. K. Khosla instituted 'Sunder Lal Ram Woman, Dr. Rachana Srivastava, Woman Scientist, Department of Community Prashad Khosla Charitable Trust Scholarship' to two BCom students.

Mrs Sangam Kapoor, ex-faculty member of the Department of Commerce, instituted an award for honesty in the memory of her father, Empowerment when the speakers shared their journeys and experiences with Late Sh S. P. Dutta.

Panna Lal Scholarship is given to two students for standing first in the university in MA Music Vocal and MA Music Instrumental

It is a matter of great pride and honour for the college as our "Alumna Lieutenant Preeti Choudhary" became the first woman from the city to hold the coveted Sword of Honour during the passing out parade of Officers Training Academy (OTA) in Chennai.

She was the only woman Contingent Commander in the Republic Day Parade 2021 at Rajpath New Delhi.

She is also the citie's first Air NCC Cadet to be selected for this prize in the military academy

Squadron was best of the academy's 259 graduates, including 41 lady officers, who walked out with the rank of Lieutenant.

As Air Wing Cadet, she represented the group headquarters of Chandigarh at the 2016 Republic Day Parade and marched down Raipath in New Delhi. She was second best Air Wing Girl Cadet in the country then.

Post Graduate Government College for Girls Sector 11 Chandigarh observed International Day of the Girl Child on 11th October 2020. A webinar on 'Women's Empowerment' was organised on the occasion under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Abhiyan of the Government of India. Over 250 students and faculty members participated in the event.

The keynote speaker was our alumna Ms Gurpreet Kaur Sapra IAS Special Secretary Finance-Punjab.

The Invited speaker was Prof. Jyoti Seth (Retd.) also the alumna of our college and Former Head, PG Deptt. Of Sociology PGGCG-42 Chandigarh.

Mrs Neelam Rattan instituted a scholarship in the memory of her On the eve of International Women's Day, "Nostalgia", in association with Hostel- discrimination, dowry related problems, eve 2 of the college celebrated the day with an empowering event when our alumna Dr. Salil Sharma organised an "Open Discussion" on United Nation's theme, "Women in leadership: Achieving a future in Covid-19 world". Principal also the with the students about the problems faced by Guest with Dr. Sangeeta Mehtani another alumna as the Guest of Honour. The such types of violence panel was acclaimed by our alumnae Aditi Sheoran, Advocate, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Ms. Sakshi Malhotra Chartered Accountant and Business Medicine, PGI, Prof. Gunjan Malhotra, Assistant Professor and Biker, Dr. Gunjan Khurana, Homeopathic Physician and Ms. Shivani, Fashion Stylist, Poise, Chandigarh. The evening thrived with Strength, Courage, Kindness and alumni and the entire student body of the hostel. The evening was epitomised by Dr. Anita Kaushal's speech where she urged the young women to stand up for themselves because each time a woman stands up for herself, she stands up for all, women.



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> NOSTALGIA- The Alumni Association in collaboration with PRAKRITI - the Environment Society of the College organised a webinar on various issues of Domestic violence on 17th February 2021. Dr. Shafila Bansal, Assistant Professor in Environment Studies from MCM-DAV College, Sector 36, Chandigarh who is alumna of the College was the resource person of the Day. Dr. Shafila Sharma talked about various problems faced by girls like gender teasing, sexual harassment, Domestic Violence etc. in a very informative way. She also interacted

