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Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Longwood, Shimla

Annual Prize Distribution Function

16th October 2024

RKMV celebrated its 46th Annual Prize Distribution Function for the 2023-24 academic year with great enthusiasm. The event was made even more significant by the inauguration of the new Block 'C' building. The function was graced by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sh. Sukhvinder Singh as the Chief Guest, along with other distinguished guests including Sh. Harish Janartha, MLA of Shimla Urban, Sh. Surender Chauhan, Mayor of Shimla, Sh. Anupam Kashyap, Deputy Commissioner and Dr. Amarjeet Sharma, Director of Higher Education.



The Principal presented the College's Annual Report, highlighting its achievements, performances, and future vision. Awards were given to meritorious students across various fields such as academics, sports, youth festivals, clubs and societies, NCC, and volunteer services.

In his address, the Chief Guest, Sh. Sukhvinder Singh, praised the students' efforts and emphasized the importance of self-will and excellence. He also announced several development schemes for the college, including a digital library, smart classrooms, Rs. 50 lakh for the Science block, and Rs. 2 lakh for cultural activities.

Conferences/Workshops/FDPs

23rd October 2024

A workshop on “Cyber Security Awareness” was conducted by CDAC, Mohali, in collaboration with the Department of Computer Applications and the BCA Department. The session saw participation from 74 students.

The speakers, Mr. Yasarth and Mr. Harpreet, addressed key topics related to cyber security, including the latest trends in cybercrime, strategies for protecting oneself from cyber threats, and guidelines on where to report incidents of cyber fraud.



29th November to 1st December 2024

A “Three-day International Conference” was organized by RKMV Shimla in collaboration with DEST&CC(HP), HIMCOSTE, EARTHJUST and GIZ at HIPA. The Chief Guest of this conference was Sh. Prabodh Saxena, Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh. He emphasized on the need of sustainability and environment conservation in this era of materialism and wars.

The event brought together a diverse group of experts, academics, policymakers, and students from around the world to engage in meaningful discussions on critical issues related to climate change, sustainable development, and environmental justice. With a central theme of fostering innovation, policy integration, and practical solutions for sustainability, the conference highlighted the importance of collective action in advancing global environmental goals.



Conferences/Workshops/FDPs

8th to 14th December 2024

RKMV hosted a “One-week International Faculty Development Program (FDP)” on “Project-Based Teaching and Learning” in collaboration with Pennsylvania State University, USA. The program's inaugural session on December 9th was graced by Sh. Rohit Thakur, Hon'ble Education Minister of Himachal Pradesh, as the Chief Guest. The FDP featured expert trainers, including Prof. Maung Min, Prof. Mark Capofari, Dr. Subhadra Ganguli, and Dr. Vasu Singh. During his address, Sh. Rohit Thakur praised the college's partnership with a foreign university, emphasizing its potential to inspire students towards excellence in higher education.



He also highlighted the government's commitment to supporting such collaborations. He also congratulated the college for securing third place in the internal ranking of government colleges in Himachal Pradesh and for launching six new Post Graduate courses in 2024-25.

The program, aligned with the NEP 2020's vision of "Internationalization at Home," aimed to bridge classroom learning with real-world applications. It brought together educators, researchers, and practitioners to explore innovative teaching strategies and discuss effective ways to implement project-based learning across different educational settings.

Conferences/Workshops/FDPs

18th to 31st December 2024

The Annual Painting Exhibition cum Workshop, “Himrang” organized by the Department of Painting in collaboration with Mahasu Art Society, Shimla and IQAC and CSCA was held in college campus. The event was formally inaugurated by Prof Him Chatterjee, Chairman of Department of Visual Arts, HPU. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Ms. Sulakshana Arya, an eminent artist and art collector. The event showcased an impressive collection of over 200 art works created by students of the Department of Painting.



Inspections

3rd September 2024

A state-level inspection committee visited RKMV library for Grading/Rating of Libraries of the colleges across Himachal Pradesh. The committee consisted of following members:-

1. Dr. Lalita Chandan (Principal, GC Theog)
2. Dr. Bharti Bhagra (Principal, COE Sanjauli)
3. Mr. Muni Lal Thakur (Assistant Librarian, GC Theog)

RKMV Library was graded at Level-II as per the grading parameters and SOP's decided by the Directorate of Higher Education, HP.



16th November 2024

A Cluster Level Evaluation Committee visited RKMV as part of the internal ranking process for government colleges. This visit aimed at the physical verification of institutional data and the Self-Assessment Report (SAR). The evaluation is part of an initiative by the Himachal Pradesh Government to improve quality, governance, and accountability in government-run colleges.

The Committee members included:

- Dr. Deepshikha, Chairperson and Principal, GDC Chaikoti
- Dr. Anjali Chauhan, Vice-Chairperson and Principal, GDC Sunni
- Dr. Dharmender Mehta, GDC Sunni
- Dr. Ajay Kaith, GDC Chaikoti
- Dr. Santosh Kumar, Govt. Sanskrit College, Tungesh

The IQAC team, supported and facilitated the inspection process. As per the final recommendations of the Evaluation Committee, received on 8th December 2024, RKMV has been ranked third among government run colleges.

New Initiatives

Diwali Mela Celebration

24th October 2024

The Diwali Mela at RKMV College transformed the campus into a vibrant celebration of creativity, energy, and sustainability. Guided by the Principal, the Departments of Health & Nutrition and Environmental Science led the event, presenting a wide range of eco-friendly initiatives, handmade crafts, and innovative plants and pots. Each display reflected a strong commitment to environmental stewardship, promoting the core principles of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.



19th December 2024

RKMV Shimla has launched an initiative to promote sustainability by encouraging the use of fountain pens. This campaign aims to reduce plastic waste, foster environmental responsibility, and highlight the educational and aesthetic benefits of fountain pens. Key activities include workshops, distributing affordable fountain pen kits, setting up ink refill stations and organizing handwriting and calligraphy competitions. By reducing reliance on single-use plastic pens, the initiative offers long-term cost savings, enhances writing experiences, and promotes creativity. This effort reflects RKMV Shimla's commitment to sustainability and aims to inspire mindful consumption and environmental stewardship among students and staff.

New Initiatives

18th November 2024

The First Historic Meeting of the Veteran Alumni Association was a grand affair. The historic gathering was something that many of the veterans never imagined they would witness. What began as a modest initiative, struggling on an uncertain foundation, gradually gained momentum and eventually culminated in a strong association of a significant number of people. To honor this collective spirit, the event was organized in the College campus. The veterans made their way for a nostalgic and spirited return to their former college, their alma mater, amid the sound of drums and a warm welcome by the teachers and students. Many fun games and other events were organized to celebrate the occasion. On this occasion, the veterans also felicitated their Professors, who were also part of the event.



Pre-Loved Fashion Show

18th December 2024

RKMV in collaboration with National Youth Climate Consortium supported by Yuva UNICEF and Earth Just Ecosystems organized Pre-Loved Fashion Show to promote sustainability. Over 60 students and teachers participated in the ramp walk to embrace pre-loved clothes for a greener future.



Achievements & Awards



GROUP - I

14th to 16th October 2024

In the HPU Inter-College Youth Festival Group-I (Creativity), held at Govt. College Bilaspur, thirteen students from RKMV took part in a range of events, including Debate, Elocution, Quiz, Painting, Collage, Poster Making, Clay Modelling, Cartooning, Rangoli, and Spot Photography. Parul Jharangta secured 1st place in Elocution. In Cartooning, Nawang Chhodon earned the 3rd place, further contributing to the college's success.

GROUP - II

22nd to 26th October 2024

In the HPU Inter-College Group II competition held at GDC, Karsog, RKMV bagged first position in Indian group song, third position in sitar and third position in western song.



GROUP - III

12th to 14th November 2024

In the H.P.U Youth Festival 2024-25 held at Gautam Group of College, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh, RKMV made a notable contribution, with students competing in both Folk and Classical Dance categories. In the Classical Dance category, Geetanjali Thakur, a third-year BA student, delivered an outstanding performance that earned her 1st place, demonstrating her mastery of classical dance forms. The Folk Dance team impressed the audience with a vibrant and synchronized performance, showcasing Himachal's folk traditions.



Achievements in Sports

RKMV continues its legacy of sporting excellence with remarkable performances by its athletes at various levels—inter-college, state, and district competitions.

Marathon

- **Mini-marathon by Department of Health:**
The 1st, 2nd & 3rd positions were bagged by Vipasha, Shruti & Suman respectively
- **5 km Run by District Youth Services (National Sports Day 2024):**
The 1st & 3rd positions were bagged by Vipasha & Suman
- **HP Police Half Marathon:**
The 1st position in 3 km category was bagged by Vipasha and 10th position in 21 km category by Suman
- **Wildlife Wing HP Mini Marathon:**
The 1st position carrying a cash award of Rs 8000 was bagged by Vipasha and 3rd position carrying a cash reward of Rs 3000 by Suman.
- **Pinkathon by Sparsha Jeevant Foundation:**
The 1st position carrying a cash award of Rs 10000 was bagged by Vipasha and 3rd position carrying a cash reward of Rs 5000 by Suman.

Cross-Country

- In Inter-College Cross-Country Championship held at GC Haripur Manali, the 2nd position was bagged by Vipasha

Athletics

- In HP University Athletic Meet held at GC Hamirpur, Vipasha won the Gold in 10,000 meters race.

Volleyball and Kabaddi

- RKMV Volleyball team were the winners in the Independence Day Utsav Volleyball Trophy held at Theog
- RKMV were the runners up in two open Kabaddi Tournaments, winning cash prize of Rs 18000 and Rs 8000 respectively.



Achievements in Sports

Table Tennis

- In the Inter-College Table Tennis Competition held at St. Bede's Shimla, RKMV won the overall 2nd Position.

Boxing

- In the Inter-College Boxing (Women's Category), RKMV remained the Overall Trophy Winners with a medal tally of 2 Golds, 4 Silvers & 1 Bronze.
- Sunidhi & Muskan Rana have been selected for All India Inter-University Boxing Championship.

Taekwondo

- In the Inter-College Taekwondo Championship held at GC Amb (Una), Hemlata, Ritu, and Neha Bhandhari won bronze medals.

Shooting

- In the Inter College Women Shooting (Pistol) category, RKMV secured the second Runners up position.



STAR ACHIEVERS

8th October 2024

Vipasha and Suman made RKMV proud with their exceptional achievements in the Mini Marathon conducted by the Wildlife Wing of the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department. Vipasha secured the 1st position with a cash prize of Rs 8,000, while Suman claimed the 3rd position with a cash prize of Rs 3,000. Their remarkable performance has brought great honor to RKMV.



Achievements & Awards

2nd October 2024

RKMV is dedicated to reducing plastic pollution through a unique initiative focused on collecting single-use plastic and clean, dry milk packets. These materials are responsibly handed over to the Municipal Corporation (MC) Shimla for proper disposal. Since August 2024, 150 kg of plastic has been collected in three months resulting in an earning of over Rs10,000 (at Rs75/kg). Additionally, RKMV was also honored with an Award of Honour from MC, Shimla for its continuous efforts in protecting the environment.



Club Activities

22nd October 2024

A blood donation camp was jointly organized by the Youth Red Cross, Red Ribbon Club, and Rotaract Club of RKMV Shimla, in collaboration with the Rotary Club Shimla, with the goal of promoting voluntary blood donation and raising awareness about its significance.

The event saw enthusiastic participation of students, as well as teaching and non-teaching staff members. Dr. Saroj Bhardwaj, the organizing secretary, shared that a total of 35 units of blood were collected from 53 donors, including both students and faculty.



Club Activities

1st December 2024

The Red Ribbon Club of RKMV Shimla marked World AIDS Day with a series of awareness-raising events. Approximately 150 students participated in a Walkathon to promote HIV/AIDS awareness. This collective effort underscored the college's commitment to social responsibility. The students participated in a state-level marathon organized by HPSACS, where Vipasha, a B.A. II Year student, won a consolation prize by finishing in 5th place. The students also attended a program at Peterhoff, where the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Health Minister, and NGO representatives spoke to educate and sensitize youth about HIV/AIDS.



6th December 2024

The Road Safety Club of RKMV Shimla organized a successful Road Safety Awareness campaign, with Dr. Anurita Saxena, Principal of RKMV, as the chief guest. She emphasized the dangers of distracted walking and driving, particularly the use of mobile phones, urging everyone to stay focused on the road. The event, led by Dr. Pratima Kapoor and the Road Safety Club committee, saw active participation from students. Key activities included:

1. Pledge Ceremony: Students committed to following traffic rules and promoting road safety.
2. Signature Campaign: A drive to encourage students to support road safety initiatives.
3. Selfie Point: A photo booth with road safety themes, encouraging students to share awareness messages on social media.

26th December 2024

The Women Cell, Rotaract Club and Red Cross Society of the College jointly organized an activity under which ration and hygiene kits were distributed to 25 labor families living in the vicinity of the College campus. This philanthropic activity is a part of the Share and Care initiative of the College.



NSS Week

11th to 17th December 2024

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Seven-Day Camp 2024 was held from 11th to 17th December 2024 at Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya (RKMV), Shimla. The camp featured diverse activities aimed at community engagement and holistic development. The volunteers conducted a cleanliness campaign at the adopted village Ragmaan near Bharari, Shimla, and organized a rally from RKMV to The Mall Road, Shimla. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with Ragmaan village for sustained collaboration. Other activities included a cleanliness drive across RKMV, Lakkar Bazaar, and Indira Gandhi Medical College.



Inspirational lectures were delivered by Retd. Prof. Dr. Ishwar Dutt Sharma and Prof. Meena Sharma on environmental conservation, along with Dr. Saroj Bhardwaj. Each day began with morning drills and exercises, followed by creative workshops featuring poster-making, slogan writing, drama, dance, and singing. The closing ceremony, graced by Principal Dr. Anurita Saxena, included cultural performances like Saraswati Vandana, nati, and the NSS song. Dr. Saxena praised the efforts of NSS Program Officers Ms. Shradha Shandil, Dr. Tanendra, Dr. Devender, and Mr. Shrikant for their commendable contribution.

College Events

Freshers' Party for MA Students

5th October 2024

The event "Aagaz" at RKMV marked a significant milestone as a welcome party for the first batch of Master's students. The Chief Guest was Dr. Anurita Saxena, with Mrs. Veena Sood and Mrs. Pallavi Chaturvedi as Guests of Honor.

MA students from various departments—Commerce, English, Geography, History, Political Science, and PGDCA—showcased their talents through modeling and choreography, followed by fun games that fostered camaraderie. Cultural performances further enhanced the event's spirit.

The Principal praised the participants and emphasized the importance of merit and excellence in postgraduate studies. The event "Aagaz" marked the beginning of a journey for students to fully engage in their academic and social experiences, fostering lifelong friendships and growth.



College Events

CSCA Oath Ceremony

15th October 2024

The College Student Central Association (CSCA) Oath Ceremony event was presided over by Principal Dr. Anurita Saxena. Ms. Anjali Chauhan, Dean Students Welfare and senior staff members administered the oath to the newly elected office bearers.

The newly sworn-in CSCA office bearers include:

- President: Monika (M.A. Geography)
- Vice-President: Payal (BCA-III)
- Secretary: Madhu (BA-II)
- Joint Secretary: Vanshika Thakur (B.Sc-I)
- Class Representatives for UG and PG programs
- Executive Committee members from NSS, NCC, Rangers, Sports, Cultural, and various Clubs & Societies.



New PTA Body for 2024-25

19th October 2024

The General House meeting of the Parents Teachers Association (PTA) for the 2024-25 session was held under the chairpersonship of Dr. Anurita Saxena, Principal, RKMV.

Dr. Madan Mankotia, the outgoing Secretary, presented the financial statement for the 2023-24 session.

Elections were held for the new executive members. The newly elected executive body include:

- Patron: Dr. Anurita Saxena (Principal, RKMV)
- President: Sh. Madan Lal Kaushal
- Vice-President: Smt. Meenakshi Thakur
- Secretary: Dr. Surinder Sharma
- Joint Secretary: Smt. Neelu Thakur
- Treasurer: Smt. Draupda Bhardwaj

In addition, four members each were elected from the parents and teachers.



Departmental Activities

15th October 2024

The Department of Retail Management (B.Voc.), in collaboration with the Frankfinn Institute of Air Hostess, Chandigarh, organized an insightful guest lecture titled "Polish Your Presence: A Guide to Grooming & Makeup."

The session conducted by expert groomer, Ms. Savitri Rawat, offered practical grooming advice and makeup techniques, along with hands-on activities. Both students and faculty actively engaged in the event, gaining valuable knowledge on enhancing their professional appearance. The lecture highlighted the crucial role of personal presentation in achieving success in the corporate world, making it a truly enlightening experience for all attendees.



22nd October 2024

The Department of Retail Management (B.Voc.) organized a guest lecture on the topic, "From Storefront to Success: Exploring Retail Career Growth." Sh. Sanjay Samkaria, Store Manager at PUMA Sports Pvt. Ltd., shared valuable insights on retail career progression, making the discussion both informative and inspiring.

22nd & 23rd October 2024

The Department of Retail Management (B.Voc.) hosted an exciting two-day team-building event. This engaging experience not only strengthened team spirit but also sparked creativity and agility among the students.



Departmental Activities

24th October 2024

The Department of Environmental Science hosted a guest lecture for undergraduate students on the topic "Environmental Pollution: An Insight into Causes, Effects, and Solutions." The lecture was delivered by Dr. S.P. Bhardwaj, former Vice Chancellor of MBU Solan and Professor at Dr. YS Parmar University.

Dr. Bhardwaj offered an in-depth discussion on the causes, effects, and control measures of environmental pollution, engaging students in an interactive Question and Answer session. The lecture concluded with a comprehensive discussion, enriching students' understanding of pollution and potential solutions.



18th November 2024

The first group of 11 second-year B.Voc. Retail Management students began their On-the-Job Training at Decathlon, Zirakpur. Each of the student will get a stipend of Rs. 20,000 for their 2-month internship.

21st November 2024

The Department of Biotechnology and Microbiology hosted a guest lecture by Dr. Ishwar Dutt Sharma, Associate Professor of Public Administration at RKMV. The topic of the lecture was "Leading Change: The Importance of Visionary Leadership." Dr. Sharma highlighted the significance of leadership qualities and their impact on effective decision-making, shaping the future of both organizations and nations.



Departmental Activities

23rd November 2024

The B.Voc Retail Management Department, in partnership with Decathlon, organized a campus placement drive that attracted notable Decathlon representatives, including HR Manager Mr. Pushpam Upadhyay, Store Manager Mr. Abhilash Verma, Marketing Manager Mr. Sonu, and team members Nitika and Shalini.

A total of 30 students from RKMV participated in the selection process that consisted of three rounds: sports activities, group discussions, and personal interviews. After evaluation, the two best candidates, Ms. Anjali (3rd Year) and Ms. Sanjana (2nd Year) were selected for internships at the Decathlon, Solan store.



25th November 2024

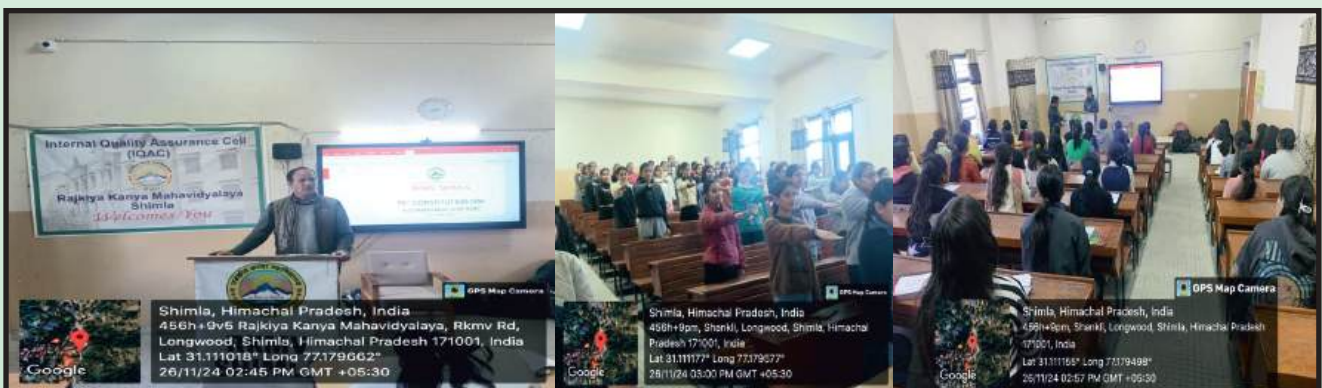
The Department of Retail Management (B.Voc.) hosted a campus placement drive in collaboration with the renowned sports brand, PUMA. 6 final-year students were selected by PUMA for PAN India roles, with an impressive annual package of 3.65 LPA. In addition, 6 second-year students secured 2-months internship in the Punjab region which will provide them with valuable industry experience.



26th November 2024

The Department of Political Science in collaboration with the IQAC, celebrated the 75th anniversary of Constitution Day. The event highlighted the Constitution's role as the supreme law of India. Dr. Vipin, Assistant Professor of Political Science, delivered a detailed lecture on the Constitution's history, focusing on the Constituent Assembly's efforts and the vision behind its creation.

The program included a declamation session where students spoke about the Constitution's role in shaping Indian society, emphasizing its significance in promoting social justice, democracy, and the rule of law.



Departmental Activities

4th December 2024

The internship program for students of B. Voc. Hospitality and Tourism was officially started. All sixty seven students from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-year have secured placements at prestigious hotel chains like ITC Welcome Hotel, Taj, Radisson, and Royal Orchid. The 2nd and 3rd-year students will receive a stipend for four months, along with free accommodation and meals at renowned hotels like ITC Amritsar, Taj Chandigarh, ITC Fortune, and Velmore by Royal Orchid Kasauli. The 1st-year students will also start their first local on-the-job training (OJT) placements with a stipend for one month, along with free accommodation and meals at well-known hotels in Shimla, including Radisson, ITC Fortune, Kufri, Hotel Marina, and Auramah Valley, Naldehera.



12th December 2024

The Department of Physics along with the College Energy Club organized an educational tour for the students to Kufri Radar Centre. The students got an opportunity to see the working of the weather forecasting station. They also saw the working of the solar heater panels.

12th December 2024

The Department of Sociology organized an Inter-Faculty Lecture on "Climate Change and Global Warming." The students of all three year of Sociology attended the lecture delivered which dealt with impact of climate change and global warming on the Society and flora fauna as well. A few measures to combat the impact of climate change were also discussed.



Departmental Activities



19th December 2024

The Department of Mathematics at RKMV Shimla celebrated Mathematics Day honoring Srinivasa Ramanujan's legacy. The main highlights included a mathematics quiz, chart and project displays, and an inspiring address by the Principal. The event concluded with prizes awarded for outstanding performances, sparking enthusiasm for mathematics among students.

19th December 2024

The Department of Biotechnology and Microbiology hosted a compelling documentary screening on the topic "The Genetic Revolution: The Manipulation of Human DNA" in the college Seminar Hall. The faculty members and students from various departments including Biotechnology, Microbiology and Life Sciences enthusiastically participated in this enlightening event exploring cutting-edge genetic engineering technologies.



23rd December 2024

The Department of Commerce organized an enriching industrial visit to SS Enterprises and Shimla Hills at Shoghi. A group of 80 students of the Department accompanied by faculty members explored these industries and gained valuable practical insights.



Departmental Activities

26th December 2024

The Department of Sociology organized a Guest Lecture on the topic "Popular Artificial Intelligence Tools in Social Sciences" for students of Sociology Department. The main objective of this lecture was to equip students with artificial intelligence applications in the academics as well as in other disciplines/ organizations. It was emphasized that In the coming years education system and learning platforms will also benefit from multi-modal AI models that can process audio, video, charts and images to provide an even more effective learning experience.



Retirements/ Farewell

RKMV family joined together to bid farewell and celebrate not just the end of a career, but the beginning of a well-deserved new chapter in the lives of the following Professors who retired during this Quarter of the Financial Year:

Dr. Bhagwati Charan, Associate Professor, Department of Botany superannuated on 31st October 2024.

Dr. Ishwar Dutt Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration superannuated on 30th November 2024.

Dr. Anjali Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Music superannuated on 31st December 2024.



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