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Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Longwood, Shimla

## An Academic Milestone

### An Academic Milestone: PG Students Shine in First Semester Results

RKMV proudly celebrates the outstanding academic performance of its postgraduate students in the first semester examinations. All students achieved First Division and above, marking a significant achievement in the inaugural year of PG courses in English, Political Science, History, Geography, and Commerce (2024–25). Notably, Nitika (M.Com) secured 1st rank and Reeta Kaushal (Geography) secured 2nd rank in the H.P. University Merit List. These results reflect the students' dedication and the faculty's commitment to academic excellence. Heartfelt congratulations to all achievers!





## Conferences/Workshops/FDPs

### RKMV Hosts International Conference on Agricultural Entrepreneurship under Viksit Bharat Vision 2047

RKMV, in collaboration with Shoolini University and the Departments of Agriculture and Industries, Himachal Pradesh, organized a two-day International Conference on an ICSSR Project “Capacity Building and Youth's Perception of Agriculture Entrepreneurship in Himachal Pradesh” on March 25th–26th, 2025. Held in hybrid mode, the conference welcomed global participation and was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. Ravinder Singh Jasrotia, Additional Director, Department of Agriculture.



He emphasized the role of education, technology, and market access in modernizing agriculture and realizing the *Viksit Bharat Vision 2047*. Budding entrepreneurs showcased a variety of innovative products, while expert-led sessions fostered dialogue on sustainability, innovation, and economic growth. The event concluded with a shared commitment to empowering youth and transforming agriculture into a dynamic entrepreneurial sector.



## Conferences/Workshops/FDPs

### “Taana-Baana: Sanskriti Ke Rangon Ka” a One-Week International Conference-cum-Workshop

RKMV, in collaboration with Mahasu Art Society Shimla, organized a week-long international interdisciplinary conference-cum-workshop ‘Taana-Baana: Sanskriti Ke Rangon Ka’ from April 13th–19th, 2025, at Dhanku Kala Bhawan, Jubbal. Sponsored by Himachal Tourism, Toy Train, and Bhasha Sanskriti Vibhag, the event brought together 39 artists from India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Highlights included plein air painting at Hatkoti Temple, trekking, and a vibrant cultural fashion show. The conference fostered experiential learning while exploring the intersections of art, culture, history, and indigenous traditions in the context of socio-environmental transformation.



### FDP on Indian Knowledge Systems:

#### “Swadhyaya – A Journey to Fulfillment and Purpose”



From April 21st-26th, 2025, IQAC organized a thought-provoking Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Indian Knowledge Systems titled “Swadhyaya – A Journey to Fulfillment and Purpose”. Inaugurated by Principal Dr. Anurita Saxena, the sessions were led by Mr. Saurabh Mittal and Ms. Preeti Mann from QYON (Question Your Own Notions). The FDP encouraged introspection and critical thinking, focusing on personal belief systems and their origins. Through guided discussions and thought experiments, participants explored the alignment between being and doing, leaving inspired to seek greater harmony and self-awareness in both personal and professional spheres.



## Clubs/Societies/Cells

### Eco Club Leads Clean-Up Drive at Jakhoo Hills

RKMV, in collaboration with Healing Himalayas, Doordarshan, and Hike & Bike, organized a clean-up drive near 5 Benches, Jakhoo Hills on February 6th, 2025. Led by Principal Dr. Anurita Saxena and Mr. Pradeep Sangwan, founder of Healing Himalayas, the event saw enthusiastic participation from Eco Club students, faculty, and staff. The initiative promoted environmental awareness, responsible waste disposal, and emphasized the power of community action for a cleaner, greener future.



### Road Safety Club Spreads Awareness Through Speech and Nukkad Natak



On February 18th, 2025, the Road Safety Club organized a 'Speech and Nukkad Drama' presentation as part of its Road Safety Awareness Campaign on the college campus. Guided by Dr. Pratima Kapoor and committee members, students highlighted the consequences of violating traffic rules through impactful performances. The initiative successfully promoted safe road practices and was well-received by the audience, including numerous students and faculty who appreciated the meaningful effort.



## Clubs/Societies/Cells

### International Women's Day Celebrated with Awareness Session

On March 8th, 2025, The Women Cell, in collaboration with the Road Safety Club, NCC, and NSS Units, celebrated International Women's Day with a special program on campus. Eminent lawyer Ms. Yogita Dutta graced the occasion as the guest speaker. She educated students about the Vishakha Guidelines and sensitized them on procedural protocols related to the prevention of sexual harassment at the workplace. The event emphasized the importance of legal awareness and women's safety in professional environments.



### Youth Red Cross Club Organizes Refreshment Drive at IGMC Shimla

The Youth Red Cross Club of RKMV Shimla, on March 18th, 2025, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club and Red Ribbon Club, organized a refreshment distribution drive at the Children's Ward of IGMC Shimla. Aimed at supporting young patients, the initiative brought smiles through the distribution of nutritious items like fruits and biscuits. The well-coordinated event was appreciated by hospital authorities and reflected RKMV's commitment to community service and nurturing a spirit of compassion and social responsibility among students.





## Clubs/Societies/Cells

### Career Counseling Session Empowers Commerce Students

The Department of Commerce, in collaboration with Chitkara University, held a Career Counseling and Guidance Session on February 18th, 2025. Mr. Kiran Kurwade, Director, Office of Strategic Initiatives, Chitkara University, delivered an engaging talk on career opportunities, employability skills, and professional development. Attended by nearly 200 students from M.Com, B.Com, and BCA, the session was graced by senior faculty and provided valuable guidance to help students plan their future career paths effectively.



### Career Counselling Session with Shoolini University

The Commerce and Science Departments, in collaboration with Shoolini University, organized a career counselling session on March 6th, 2025, to help students navigate future opportunities. Held under the guidance of Mr. Anshu Narula, the session introduced over 70 students to emerging career paths and specialized MBA programs. With a focus on current industry trends, the interactive session aimed to equip students with the knowledge needed to make informed and strategic career decisions.





## Clubs/Societies/Cells

### Career Guidance Session by CCPCA Cell

The CCPCA Cell of the college organized a career guidance session on March 7th, 2025, for students from various academic streams. The session aimed to provide valuable insights into career planning and preparation strategies for competitive examinations. The keynote speaker from Baddi University shared expert guidance on career opportunities and effective preparation methods for various competitive exams. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation and proved to be highly informative and inspiring for the students.



### Career Counselling Session for Competitive Exams Motivates PG students

The Career Counselling and Placement Cell organized a Career Counselling Session on March 28th, 2025, for postgraduate students, focusing on NET/SLET and administrative examinations. Dr. Rajendra Maan from Maan's Chandigarh IAS Academy was the guest speaker. Students from English, Political Science, Geography, and Commerce participated in the interactive session. Dr. Maan shared effective preparation strategies, stressed the importance of time-bound planning, self-discipline, and individual decision-making over societal pressure. The session concluded with a Q&A round, leaving students informed and inspired for their career journeys.

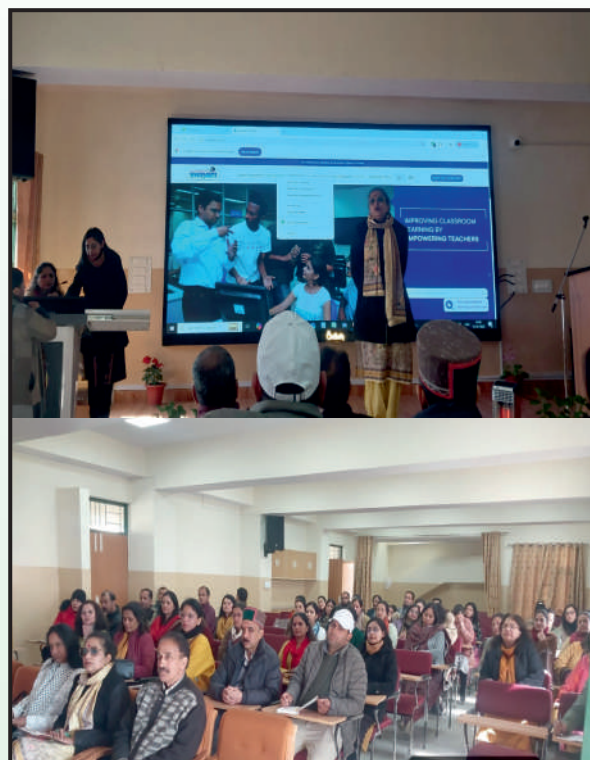




## Multiverse Lecture Series

### Awareness Lecture on SWAYAM Portal

As part of the Multiverse Lecture Series, the IQAC and Department of Computer Application organized a lecture on the SWAYAM online learning portal for teachers on February 13th, 2025. The session emphasized increasing student enrollment in quality online courses led by top educators, aiming to bridge the digital divide. Teachers were guided on promoting course registration, explaining eligibility, certification criteria, and the relevance of course credits under NEP 2020.



### Lecture on Environmental Laws Enlightens Students Across Streams

The IQAC and Department of Environmental Science under Multiverse Lecture series hosted a lecture on March 3rd, 2025, focusing on Environmental Laws and Policies in India. Mr. Deven Khanna, Advocate at the HP High Court and expert in environmental legislation, served as the keynote speaker. He provided in-depth insights into key environmental laws, including the Environmental Protection Act, Water and Air Acts, Wildlife Protection Act, and Ozone-Depleting Substances Rules, emphasizing their significance and origin. Students from all streams attended the informative session.



## Multiverse Lecture Series

### Lecture on Skin Health and Grooming

IQAC and the Women Cell on March 18th, 2025 jointly organized a lecture on 'Skin Health and Grooming' as part of the Multiverse Lecture Series. Dr. Shikha Sharma, the resource person, addressed staff and students on skin-related concerns across age groups, emphasizing the importance of inner health for naturally glowing skin and hair. She cautioned against the use of over-the-counter products. Principal Dr. Anurita Saxena also stressed holistic well-being through nutrition and exercise over cosmetic shortcuts.



### Interactive Session Highlights New Initiatives for Postgraduate Students

An engaging interactive session was held on March 20th, 2025, for postgraduate students by Principal Dr. Anurita Saxena and faculty members of PG courses at RKMV. The session focused on encouraging students to set clear goals and work toward a meaningful future. Various institutional initiatives aimed at academic and professional growth were discussed. Students were motivated to pursue research and contribute through scholarly work, while their suggestions were welcomed to shape more student-centric programs.





## Multiverse Lecture Series

### Lecture on 'Attitude'

As part of the Multiverse Lecture Series, IQAC on April 9th, 2025, organized an inspiring lecture on 'Attitude' delivered by Ms. Geeta Kapur, Retd. CMD, SJVNL. Welcomed by Principal Dr. Anurita Saxena, Ms. Kapur emphasized how attitude plays a pivotal role in shaping one's personality, relationships, happiness, and success. She highlighted that while external outcomes and others' actions are beyond our control, our thoughts, responses, and efforts are within our power. The session was attended by teaching, non-teaching staff, and postgraduate students, leaving all with a renewed perspective on self-empowerment.





## Cultural Activities

### Hostel Farewell “Naye Udaan”

The final-year students of Sainik Hostel and Tribal Hostel organized their farewell function “Naye Udaan” on March 5th, 2025, in the College Auditorium. As this occasion marks the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of passing-out students, all the staff members of the college graced the occasion and blessed the students for their future. The event was indeed a memorable one.





## Cultural Activities

### Farewell Party “Radiance” Bids a Warm Goodbye to Final-Year Students

RKMV hosted “Radiance”, a heartfelt farewell party for final-year students on March 12th, 2025. Renowned theatre director and actor, Ms. Amala Rai, an alumna of the college, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, inspiring students to embrace the future with confidence and dedication. Principal Dr. Anurita Saxena welcomed the dignitaries, including judges and the PTA President. Title winners included Geetanjali as *Miss RKMV*, Manjula as *First Runner-Up*, Swati Sharma as *Second Runner-Up*, Lonia Verma as *Miss Talented*, and Pranjal as *Miss Confident*. Judges for the event were Ms. Shailja Gautam, Dr. Namita Rai, and Ms. Kanika Lakhanpal.





## Cultural Excursion

The Department of English, RKMV Shimla, organized an educational excursion on April 17th, 2025, for postgraduate students to attend the week-long International Interdisciplinary Conference-cum-Workshop ‘Taana-Baana, Sanskriti Ke Rangon Ka’ at Dhanku Kala Bhawan, Jaitola, in collaboration with Mahasu Art Society. Featuring live art, cultural showcases, and interactive sessions, the event deepened students’ understanding of Indian traditions and literature. The group also visited Giri-Ganga and participated in a cultural fashion show, graced by Principal, Dr. Anurita Saxena as Chief Guest.





## Celebrations

### Holi Celebrated with Vibrant Festivities at RKMV

Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya celebrated the festival of Holi on March 13th, 2025, with great enthusiasm and joy. Principal Dr. Anurita Saxena, along with staff and students, actively participated in the colorful celebrations. The event began with a lively cultural program featuring dance and music, capturing the festive spirit. Highlights included the symbolic 'Holika' Dahan and the use of eco-friendly Gulal and flowers. The celebration promoted cultural unity, joy, and environmental awareness within the RKMV community.





## Departmental Activities

### RKMV Participates in Global Bird Count Initiative

RKMV proudly participated in the 'Great Backyard Bird Count' (February 14th–17th, 2025), a global citizen science initiative led by Cornell University, USA, with over 190 countries contributing 325.9K checklists. The Bird Club, Eco Club, and Departments of Zoology and Botany spearheaded the college's involvement. An eBird workshop introduced students to AI tools in birding, followed by a nature walk in nearby areas where students prepared bird checklists on the eBird platform and learned about the local fauna.



### Commerce Students Attend SEBI's Investor Awareness Programme

On March 8th, 2025, undergraduate and postgraduate students of the Commerce Department attended a special lecture on 'Investor Awareness Programme' organized by SEBI at the Department of Commerce, HP University, Shimla. The session aimed to provide students with foundational insights into financial markets, including the workings of NSE, BSE, and Mutual Funds. It served as a valuable opportunity to enhance financial literacy and investment awareness among aspiring commerce professionals.





## Departmental Activities

### Guest Lecture by Dr. O.C. Handa Enlightens History Students

On March 19th, 2025, The Department of History organized an insightful guest lecture for postgraduate students, featuring Dr. O.C. Handa, a renowned expert in Western Himalayan History, Architecture, and Archaeology. Dr. Handa shared his vast knowledge and research experiences, offering students a deeper understanding of the region's historical and cultural heritage. The session provided a valuable academic enrichment opportunity, sparking interest and engagement among aspiring historians.



### Lecture on GIS Technology Organized for Auckland Students

On March 24th, 2025, The Department of Geography, RKMV Shimla, organized an informative lecture on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Auckland House School students. The session aimed to provide hands-on experience and deepen students' understanding of the practical applications and benefits of GIS technology. The event successfully introduced participants to modern geographic tools, enhancing their analytical skills and spatial awareness in the field of geography.



### Inauguration of State-of-the-Art IT Lab at RKMV

On April 2nd, 2025, Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya marked a significant step towards digital advancement with the inauguration of its newly established IT Lab by Principal Dr. Anurita Saxena. The lab is equipped with 20 all-in-one computers featuring the latest hardware and software, designed to support modern programming and basic computing needs. This initiative reflects the institution's commitment to strengthening its technological infrastructure and enhancing students' academic and practical learning experiences.



## New Initiatives

### RKMV Conducts Pre-Admission Counseling Across Shimla Schools

RKMV recently organized pre-admission counseling sessions in eight schools across Shimla, aiming to motivate Class 12 students—especially girls—to pursue higher education. The college team provided guidance on career options, scholarships, subject choices, and the importance of a college education. The initiative received an enthusiastic response, with many students expressing a strong interest in joining RKMV. By addressing financial concerns and social barriers, the sessions encouraged a brighter academic future. The college extends heartfelt thanks to the participating schools for their warm support.



### Fostering Holistic Growth Through Informal Learning

Mrs. Veena Sood, the President of the Old Veterans' Association conducted communication classes for postgraduate students at RKMV. These sessions emphasized the importance of informal education in complementing academic learning by fostering social skills, confidence, and effective self-expression. She also highlighted personal growth, teamwork, and self-worth as essential qualities for holistic development. The classes aimed to instill lifelong habits of observation, clear communication, and versatile personality development, leaving a lasting impact on the students.





## Infrastructure Development and Sustainable Initiatives at RKMV, Shimla

### Extension of I.G Tribal Hostel at RKMV, Shimla

To address the growing demand for postgraduate accommodation, the I.G Tribal Hostel at RKMV, Shimla, was extended. Originally serving undergraduate Scheduled Tribe students since 2006, the existing facility was inadequate for M.A. students. The extension aims to provide safe, inclusive, and well-equipped housing to support their academic journey. The plan was successfully implemented with the construction of 08 new rooms, offering proper amenities to ensure a conducive living and learning environment for postgraduate students.



### Installation of 20KW Grid-Connected Solar Panels at RKMV, Shimla



The College has proposed the installation of a 20KW grid-connected solar power system on the rooftops of the Administrative Block and Block C. This initiative aims to promote sustainable energy use and reduce electricity costs by harnessing solar power. The project reflects the institution's commitment to green energy and environmental responsibility. The installation will be carried out by Him Urja, a reputed agency in the renewable energy sector, ensuring efficient and eco-friendly implementation.



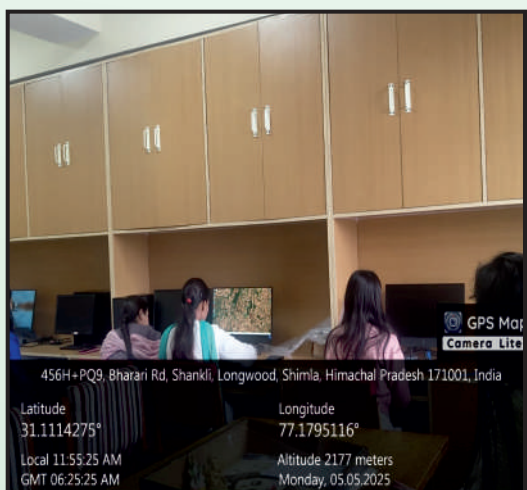
## Internships

### Bridging Theory with Practice: Empowering RKMV Students Through ITI Internship in Electrical Systems

In a significant step toward enhancing practical knowledge, RKMV has initiated an internship collaboration with ITI to equip students with essential technical and professional skills in the electrical industry. This hands-on training will allow students to deepen their understanding of electronic systems, execute wiring layouts, and learn critical tasks like load distribution, installation of switches, sockets, MCBs, and grounding systems—bridging academic learning with real-world application.



### Library Internship Completion Certificate



Six students—Jyoti (M.Lib.), and Sheetal, Parul, Khushboo, Neeru, and Vinita (all B.Lib.)—have successfully completed their internship in the Library Department of Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya (RKMV), Shimla. During the internship, they actively participated in various library operations, including cataloguing using SOUL 2.0, circulation services, classification through the Dewey Decimal System (DDC), and assisting users. Their dedication and involvement significantly contributed to the effective functioning of the library and enriched their practical knowledge in the field.

### Four-Month Fine Arts Internship Enhances Professional Skills

A four-month internship program was initiated in the Department of Painting at Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya (RKMV), Shimla, running from March to June 2024. This 2-credit program was designed to provide practical experience and professional exposure to postgraduates in Fine Arts. The selected interns for the session were Sushma Sharma, Susmita Rai, and Jamuna Gurung—each holding an M.A. in Painting from HPU. The internship supports career development in teaching, art practice, curatorial work, art history, research, and Ph.D. preparation. This initiative offers a valuable platform for young artists to engage in hands-on learning, academic enrichment, and professional growth in the visual arts field.





## Old Students' Association

### RPC SDB College Veterans Reunite at RKMV

A heartwarming reunion of over 60 veterans of the erstwhile RPC SDB College was held on April 26th, 2025, at RKMV, filled with nostalgia and camaraderie. The gathering featured a joyful ramp walk and interactive activities, with the highlight being a presentation by Ms. Veena Sood, the association's president and noted writer. She celebrated the achievements of distinguished alumni, including Mr. Anand Sharma, former Union Cabinet Minister; Brig. (Retd.) Brijendra Singh, a 1971 war veteran; and Brig. (Retd.) Govind Singh Sisodia, who led Operation Black Tornado during the 26/11 Mumbai attacks. The event revived treasured memories and honored the rich legacy of the institution.



### Alumni Contribution to Sainik Hostel

RKMV Old Students' Association (OSA) generously donated a washing machine to the Sainik Hostel on April 29th, 2025, enhancing the daily convenience and hygiene for resident students. This thoughtful contribution reflects the continued support and commitment of alumni towards improving student welfare and hostel facilities at RKMV, Shimla.





## Academic Achievements of the Staff

### **Dr. Anurita Saxena** (*Principal*)

Dr. Anurita Saxena contributed to international academic literature with a chapter titled "*Gender-Responsive Capacity Building for Climate Change Adaptation: Integrating Biotechnological Interventions with Social Inclusion in Rural Himachal Pradesh*". This chapter was published in the book *Gender Perspectives in Public Policy and Development* in 2024 by Qtanalytics Publications, under the affiliation of R.K.M.V.

### **Dr. Praveen Bhatia** (*Associate Professor*)

Dr. Praveen Bhatia of the Music Instrumental department made impactful contributions with two international publications. His 2024 study titled "*Indian Instrumental Music: A Comprehensive Study Of Its Evolution*" appeared in *NSS Naveen Shodh Sansar*, and in 2025, he published another work on Indian classical music elements in the *International Journal of Arts & Education Research*.

### **Dr. Luxmi** (*Associate Professor*)

Dr. Luxmi from the Music (Vocal) Department, published a research paper in 2025 titled "*The Influence Of Lyrics On Emotional Response In Music*" in the *International Journal of Arts & Education Research*.

### **Dr. Rajesh Kumar Azad** (*Associate Professor*)

Dr. Rajesh Kumar Azad from the Department of Zoology made significant contributions with two international publications in reputed journals:

- "*Purification And Characterization Of  $\alpha$ -Amylase From *Acanthoscelides Obtectus* (Say) (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)*" was published in the *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules* (Elsevier) in 2024.
- Another study focusing on enzymatic activity and plant-based inhibition of proteases appeared in the *Indian Journal of Entomology* the same year.

### **Dr. Arvind Paul** (*Assistant Professor*)

Dr. Arvind Paul from Geography Department made two significant contributions. Internationally, he co-authored a chapter titled "*Comprehensive Study on the Diverse Physical and Demographic Dimensions of North-West India*", published in *International Studies of Literature* in 2024 by ACS Publisher. Nationally, he also contributed to *From Independence to Influence: India's Geopolitical Codes*, published by Tulip Publications. Additionally, in 2025, he published "*Demographic Shifts: Exploring the Impacts of Population Ageing in North-West India*" in *Prakriti – The International Multidisciplinary Research Journal*.

### **Mr. Pardeep Malhotra** (*Assistant Professor*)

Mr. Pardeep Malhotra, from the Physics Department, published two international research papers in 2024 related to electrocaloric and energy storage materials.

- The first, published in the *Journal of Alloys and Compounds* (Elsevier), explores optimization in morphotropic phase boundaries.
- The second, in the *Journal of Energy Storage* (Elsevier), examines synergistic effects of sintering temperature to improve energy storage performance in lead-free ceramics.

## Academic Achievements of the Staff

### **Dr. Munish Sharma** (*Assistant Professor*)

Dr. Munish Sharma, from the Commerce Department, was the most prolific contributor, publishing four papers internationally in 2024. His work spans multiple themes including consumer behavior, financial literacy, and influencer marketing. His publications include:

- *"Green Consumer Practices: How Does Gender Matter?"* in *International Journal. Bitumen*
- *"Youth's Buying Behaviour Through The Lens Of Influencer Marketing"* in *International Journal of Current Research*
- *"Building Financial Bridges Through Digital Channels Among The Youth Of Himachal Pradesh"* in *International Journal Of Advanced Research*
- *"Financial Literacy and Investment Decisions among Youth: An Analysis Using Prism of Age"* in *International Journal of Current Science Research and Review*

### **Ms. Nisha Kumari** (*Assistant Professor*)

Ms. Nisha Kumari from the History Department published two research articles in 2024:

- *"The Case Study of the Sākta Sculptures of Karsog Region of Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh"* in the *Journal of History, Archaeology and Architecture*
- An article on folk elements in religious sculptures in *Shrinkhla Ek Shodhparak Vaicharik Patrika*

In 2025, she also published the chapter *"Śāktism in the Sutlej Valley: A Study of Sākta Sculptures of Shimla Region, Himachal Pradesh"* in the international volume of *Indian Art History Congress*, affiliated with R.K.M.V.

### **Dr. Jitender Thakur** (*Assistant Professor*)

Dr. Jitender Thakur from Physical Education Department had an exceptional year with four national publications in 2024, across multiple educational volumes related to physical education:

1. As second author, he contributed to *Introduction to Physical Education & Olympic Movement and Organization of Tournaments for B.A 1st Year*.
2. As first author, he wrote in *Human Anatomy and Physiology, Sports Medicine, Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation (with practicals) and Sports Psychology and Sports Training for B.A 2nd Year*.
3. He also authored content in *Recreation, Kinesiology & Biomechanics, Methods of Teaching in Physical Education, Officiation and Coaching (with practicals) for B.A. 3rd Year*.
4. Finally, he contributed as second author to *Health Education, Nutrition and Yoga (Generic) for B.A 3rd Year*.

All works were published by **Khel Sahitya Kendra** under the affiliation of RKMV.

### **Dr. Nisha Chauhan** (*Assistant Professor*)

From the Hindi Department, Dr. Nisha Chauhan authored a research paper titled *"Nav Nikash"* in 2024, published in *Aksharvarta*, an international research journal.



## Academic Achievements of the Staff

### Dr. Ritu Sharma (Assistant Professor)

Dr. Ritu Sharma from the English Department had an exceptional year with three national publications between 2024 and 2025:

- *"Bound By Honor: Towards A More Equitable Future For Women In South Asia"*, published in *Conifers Call Shimla Journal of Poetry and Criticism* (2024)
- *"Sustaining Shimla's Heritage: The Role Of Self-Help Groups In Ecotourism And Craft Promotion"*, and
- *"The Honor Paradox: Tradition, Modernity And The Human Cost"*, both published in *Journal of Research: The Bede Athenaeum* in 2025

### Ms. Upma Sharma (Assistant Professor)

Ms. Upma Sharma, from the English Department, authored a 2024 research paper titled *"Unveiling the Veiled: An Islamic Feminist Study of Orhan Pamuk's Snow"*, which was published in *The Criterion: An International Journal in English*.

### Dr. Reenu Devi (Assistant Professor)

Dr. Reenu Devi, from the Geography Department, co-authored the study *"Demographic Shifts: Exploring the Impacts of Population Ageing in North-West India"* published in 2025 in *Prakriti – The International Multidisciplinary Research Journal*.

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## Retirements

Mrs. Veena Sharma retired as Superintendent Grade-I from RKMV, Shimla on January 31st 2025, marking nearly four decades of dedicated service. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to her, for years of dedicated service and unwavering commitment. Her contributions have left a lasting impact and set a benchmark for excellence.



RKMV bid a heartfelt farewell to Mr. Prem Prakash, Senior Laboratory Assistant in the Chemistry Department, on his retirement on April 30th 2025. . With decades of dedicated service, Mr. Prakash played a vital role in supporting the academic and practical needs of the Chemistry lab. The college extends its gratitude and best wishes for his health and happiness in this new chapter of life.



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