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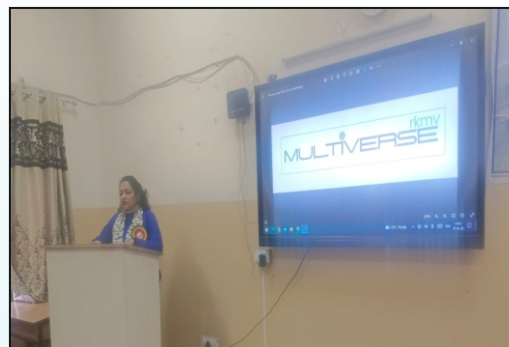


Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Longwood, Shimla

RKMV MULTIVERSE - Lecture Series

Lecture - 1

23rd February 2024. Multiverse Lecture Series' was initiated by the Principal, Dr Anurita Saxena to promote research amidst the teaching staff. She also shared her vision of compiling the lecture series and getting it published as a Journal in future. Multiverse is an 'infinite array of universes' accepting diversity and plurality across various disciplines, activities and thoughts. The lecture series originate with the idea of academic and research advancement in mind. In the plenary session the coordinator of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Dr Madan Lal Mankotia delivered the first lecture on 'Understanding NAAC.'



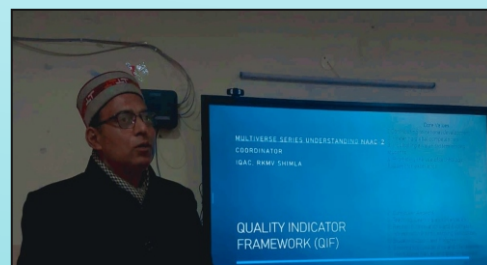
Lecture - 2

2nd March 2024. The Sociological Society of the college organized a poster making and slogan writing competition on 'Women Empowerment'. Dr. Geetika Sood, Assistant Professor, Department of Law (HPU) also delivered a lecture addressing the issue of "CYBER CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN".



Lecture - 3

7th March 2024. In this 'Multiverse Lecture Series,' a lecture was organized on the topic "Quality Indicator Framework (QIF) of NAAC". Dr Madan Lal Mankotia, Coordinator, IQAC elaborated on the intricacies of the seven criteria of NAAC and addressed the doubts and queries of the staff members. He also discussed about various initiatives and strategies pertaining to each criterion.



Lecture - 4

12th March 2024. The NCC unit of the college organized a lecture on the occasion of 'Women's Day'. Mrs. Meenakshi Chaudhary, a prominent writer and social activist was the keynote speaker. She emphasized that women empowerment promotes gender equality in society and adds to the country's development.



Lecture - 5

25th April 2024. Under 'Multiverse Lecture Series,' a lecture was organized by the IQAC of RKMV. The keynote speaker of the event was Dr. Ishwar Dutt Sharma, Associate Professor, Public Administration, RKMV. He threw light on Stephen R. Covey's book 'The 7-habits of Highly Effective People' emphasizing on the need to inculcate values, skills, ethics, knowledge and personality development not only in the students but also among the teachers. Dr Madan Lal Mankotia Coordinator, IQAC delivered a lecture on " Curriculum Framework (HPU), as endorsed strongly in National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.



Lecture - 6

7th May 2024. A special lecture titled " **Harmony in Relationship**" was organized by Brahma Kumaris Rajyog Education and Research Foundation(RERF) in the college under the Multiverse lecture series of IQAC, RKMV, Shimla. Prof. Girish Kumar (RERF) delivered a lecture on fostering understanding, empathy and effective communication to nurture healthy relationships. Besides Prof. Girish Kumar, Sh.Shiv Kumar Brahma Kumaris Suni Shivangi, Meenakshi were also present in the lecture.



Workshops/FDPs

17th February 2024. RKMV faculty and students joined a worldwide citizen science initiative of Cornell University USA, The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) facilitated by Bird Count India. Every year thousands of volunteers across the world from more than 200 countries send in eBird checklists. To facilitate the same a workshop was organized by the Department of Zoology in association with Eco Club, RKMV to teach birders how to use eBird and Merlin apps which use artificial intelligence and data processing to identify birds. Principal Dr Anurita Saxena was the chief guest. She shared her experiences with avid birders and expressed interest in birding. The workshop was conducted by Zoology faculty, Ms Kartik S M Chauhan and Mr Rajesh Azad. Following the workshop, the Principal flagged off eBirders who actually prepared 31 checklists in the college campus. Faculty members Ms Kavita Dhiman and Dr Meena Sankhyan assisted in the conduct of the workshop and bird walk.

20th February 2024. Department of Botany, Zoology, Biotechnology and Microbiology in association with Jaypee University of Information & Technology organized a One-Day Workshop for students of Life Sciences and Biotechnology in which about 200 students participated. Dr. Hemant and Dr. Jitendra from JUIT gave first hand experience to students in the Molecular Biology techniques and Plant Tissue Culture.



27th February 2024. The English Literary Society 'Muse' of Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya Shimla organised a One-Day Workshop on “Personality Development and Communication Skills”. The Literary Society also organized other events like story writing, self composed poetry competition, role play, vocabulary test and fusion of classical and western dance. Dr. Meenakshi F Paul, Principal, HPU Evening Studies, Shimla was the key resource person for the event. About 350 students and 45 teachers participated in the workshop.



28th February 2024. The Faculty of Science organized a function on ‘Science Day’ to commemorate the anniversary of the Raman Effect discovered by Dr. C.V. Raman. On this occasion, a One-Day Workshop was organized in association with Earth Just. During the event, Mr. Abhishek Taneja and other resource persons interacted with students regarding waste management. They emphasized the need of household composting. Many competitions like model making, PPTs and intercollege poster making were also organized.



29th February 2024. A One-Day Workshop was organized by the BCA Department in collaboration with Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Landran for the BCA final year students. It aimed to inform the students about the current trends and opportunities in the field of information technology, such as software development, data science, digital marketing and cyber-security.



21st - 28th March 2024. IQAC, RKMV in collaboration with HIMCOSTE organized a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Intellectual Property Rights” (IPR). As a part of this FDP, a One Week Training -cum- Workshop was held. This workshop emphasized on the need for understanding the intricacies of IPR, enforcement and compliance of laws and regulations thereof. Various speakers emphasized on evolving an ecosystem for research, innovation and creativity. The workshop provided comprehensive knowledge on Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks, Trade Secrets, Geographical Indicators and Industrial Designs.



27th March 2024. As a part of the IPR workshop, a field visit to Shoolini University was organized by IQAC. In the technical session a lecture was delivered by Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Head, IPR Cell of Shoolini University wherein the participants were made aware of the “Process of Successful Patent Filing”. The participants also visited the IPR Cell, Yogananda Library and Agriculture Farm of the University.

8th April 2024. The IQAC of RKMV in partnership with Penn State University, Pennsylvania, USA hosted a Workshop on 'Global Horizons: Foreign Collaborations Under National Education Policy (NEP), 2020'. The Chief Guest of this event was Shri Rakesh Kanwar, Secretary (Education), Government of Himachal Pradesh. In his Keynote address, he endorsed and elaborated on 'Multilingualism and Cultural Diversity' as foregrounded by NEP, 2020. He also brought forth the need to break the 'Hierarchy of Intelligence' in which some subjects are favoured over the others and also advised the educators to focus on the mental health of the students.

The other dignitaries present in the Workshop were Dr Tina Q. Richardson (Chancellor, PSU), Dr Vasu Singh (Advisor on International Collaborations, PSU), Dr Avnee Khosla (VP, Shoolini University) and Dr Rahul Shrivastava (JUIT, Solan). Dr Tina Q. Richardson extolled the benefits of foreign collaboration in higher education. The Workshop was also graced by the presence of the Principals of the neighbouring colleges, Ms. Bharti Bhagra (GDC Sanjauli), Dr Gopal Chauhan (GDC Kotshera) and Dr Manisha Kohli (OSD, Directorate of Higher Education). Dr Anurita Saxena, the Patron and Principal, RKMV emphasized on necessity of fostering international research collaboration in our increasingly interconnected academic world.



8th May 2024. One-day workshop was organized by IQAC-RKMV in collaboration with Shoolini University on "How to Write a Scientific Research Paper". The keynote speaker for the workshop was Dr. Vihang Vivek Ghalsasi, Assistant Professor (Biotechnology) at Shoolini University. The workshop incorporated various aspects of writing a research paper including understanding the structure of a scientific paper, identifying suitable journals, writing techniques, tips for successful publication.



Cultural Events

14th February 2024. The College organized “Saraswati Vandan” on the eve of Basant Panchami. The new session started with the blessings of Devi Saraswati, the “Goddess of Knowledge” and celebration of “Basant Panchami”.



14th March 2024. Indira Gandhi Tribal Hostel of the College organized a farewell party “HEY CHHUKSHE”. The girls of the hostel gave cultural performances such as Kinnauri, Chambyali and Himachali fusion dances. The Principal, Dr. Anurita Saxena wished good luck to the final year students.



Clubs/Cells/Societies/Departmental Activities

21st February 2024. A lecture on " Environmental Awareness regarding various Global Issues leading to Environmental Degradation" was organized by the Department of Environment Science for the students. The resource person for the lecture was Dr. I D Sharma (Associate Professor, Public Administration, RKMV, Shimla). Also a demonstration and talk was organized to initiate a project on "Milk Packet Collection and Recycling" to reduce plastic menace under best practices of RKMV.



29th February 2024. The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony of RKMV Road Safety Club was celebrated. During the programme, various activities of the club were organized. The winners of essay writing, slogan writing and poster making competitions were honored & awarded with certificates and mementoes.



1st March 2024. The Women Cell of the College distributed clothes, toys, soaps, lunch boxes, water bottles, painting kits and crayons to the families of labourers working in nearby areas.



5th March 2024. The Political Science Society organized the annual activity titled "Democratic Spheres". In this event, various activities such as debate, declamation, poster making and slogan writing were organized. The young voters were also sensitized about their role in strengthening the Indian Democracy through electoral processes.



12th March 2024. The Department of Environment Science organised a plantation drive of 'Indoor Plants' in the college campus. The Principal Dr. Anurita Saxena, along with the Chief Guest, Ms. Meenakshi Chaudhary also graced the occasion. It was an initiative by the college to develop love, care, and a sense of belongingness towards the plants & environment.



13th March 2024. The Department of Commerce organized an educational tour to RBI Regional Office, Shimla. The aim of the visit was to make the students aware about the role and functioning of RBI as a Central Bank and its role of 'Money Control' in the economy.



17th March 2024. Youth Red Cross and Rotaract club RKMV organized an Organ Donation awareness program in the college. Mrs. Rameshwari, Media Consultant, State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTO), Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla was the keynote speaker of the event. She emphasized on the importance of organ donation. Sixty students and twelve staff members were motivated and filled the online form for organ donation.



22nd April 2024. Earth day was celebrated in the college campus in accordance with the theme of this year, “Planet vs Plastic”. During this event, students and teachers were sensitized regarding the need of proper disposal of waste, especially plastic. On this occasion, about 4 kg of plastic milk packets, 2 kg wrappers and about 100 bottles of plastic were collected for safe disposal.



29th April 2024. Electoral literacy club of RKMV organized a voter awareness program for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections under Sweep activities to encourage ‘Youth to Vote’. The Principal, Dr. Anurita Saxena asserted that the youth is the real wealth of the nation and they must realise their duty to choose the government.



MoUs

22 February 2024. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between RKMV Shimla and Earthjust. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between RKMV Shimla and Earthjust marks a promising collaboration aimed at advancing waste management initiatives. The partnership will focus on waste segregation, sending segregated plastic waste for recycling, and composting biodegradable waste within the college premises. Earthjust will play a crucial role in organizing workshops, guest lectures on waste management, and providing training on chemical-free cleaners and home cleaner products. This collaboration underscores a commitment to environmental sustainability and community engagement in tackling waste management challenges.



27th March 2024. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between RKMV and Shoolini University to foster knowledge sharing and collaborative research among the faculty of both the institutions.



28th March 2024.

I - The Environment Science Club and the Milk Bag Project under an NGO run by Hansu Pardiwala, Kunti Oza and Chitra Hiremath of Mumbai formalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on sustainability initiatives and environmental conservation efforts. The MoU aimed to establish a strategic partnership in order to promote environmental awareness and sustainable practices among students and staff members. It also aimed to facilitate the collection, recycling, and repurposing of plastic milk bags to reduce waste and minimize environmental impact.



28th March 2024.

|| - An MoU was signed with Mr. Anil Jyoti to start Smt. Nidhi Lakhanpal Scholarship in memory of his late wife, who was an old student of RKMV. A sum of 15 lakhs has been donated to create a corpus in the college which will generate 1 lakh per annum to give away as scholarship to the students.



8th April 2024. RKMV signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Penn State University, Pennsylvania, USA**. It is the **first international MOU** signed by any Government College in the state of Himachal Pradesh. Through this project based MoU, faculty/scholar exchange and professional training programmes, joint research and educational programmes, exchange of scientific publications/information will be achieved in near future. Dr. Anurita Saxena, Principal, RKMV voiced the goal of 'internationalization at home' (in tune with NEP, 2020) which would enhance academic quality and lead to exchange of ideas, cultures and perspectives.



20th May 2024. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between RKMV and Himachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board. The two organizations agreed to focus on areas of common interest like academic/scientific collaboration, trainings, workshops, conferences, lectures and seminars, in order to enhance the skills and knowledge of the faculty as well as the students.



Our Achievers



Ms. Sunidhi, student of Department of Physical Education of the college represented the State in Boxing and won a **silver medal at Khelo India Youth Games 2024** held in Tamil Nadu from 19th to 31st January, 2024.

25th January 2024. Ms. Gitanjali from the Department of Dance showcased her talent by being a part of the group performance at Bharat Parv, a prestigious event held in New Delhi.



7th February 2024. Isha, Gitanjali and Ishika(students of dance department) joined hands with the Himachal Pradesh Police orchestra, “The Harmony of the Pines” to produce a song with an aim to spread awareness about the importance of voting.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



30th April 2024. RKMV bid a warm farewell to Mrs. Kiran Sood (Superintendent Grade - I), who superannuated after serving the Education Department for nearly four decades. On behalf of the college, the Principal wished her a happy post-retirement life.



31st May 2024. After imparting valuable knowledge and important life lessons for nearly four decades, Dr Vandana Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry superannuated from RKMV. On behalf of the college, the Principal wished her healthy and prosperous second innings of life.

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