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to transform lives of students by transmitting and generating knowledge through innovations and ethical practices that will enable them to strive for greater excellence.

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From the Desk of Principal

"Do not judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant". Robert Louis Stevenson".

I always feel honoured to be bestowed upon with the responsibility of working as Principal of this prestigious institution of Higher Education in Palwan, Akhnoor.

The college has shown tremendous growth in the recent years. The number of students have increased from 1111 during the session 2009-2010 to 1452 in the session 2010-2011 which proves that public has developed faith in us in terms of functioning and quality of education imparted by the college.

Our prime objective is to impart value based education besides the academics which enables the students to attain degree for achieving the primary aim of education e.g. education for earning bread and butter.

Undoubtedly, Education plays a constructive role in the whole life of human being. In this connection it is the duty of the teachers and administrator (Principal) to take keen interest in teaching and building the character of students, so as to enable them to grow as ideal citizens of Indian society.

All types of education need to be managed strategically in order to provide broad based multi disciplinary education in incorporating composite skills and knowledge to meet the challenges posed by globalization.

In the present times, it is imperative to mobilize the potential of the youth for socio-economic reforms and to channelize their



energies towards ethical values. It is also essential to purify the nerves of the youth on value based education.

Education has several dimensions, one is qualification for material growth of mind, for the earning of the livelihood. Vidya' concept of education is awakening of inner conscious for a real senseful life which a true teacher lights in the soul of the scholar by his or her own example of ideality and virtues.

My submission to the dearest students is always:

"Fill the brain with high thoughts, highest ideals, place them day and night before you and out of that will come great work".

We are what our thoughts have made us, so take care about what you think"

We are also trying our best to enrich the infra-structure especially laboratories library, reading room etc.in our college

Publications are mirrors that

reflect the workings of the organization. As already said in the 5th volume of the newsletter that in a still new college they play even more important role in gaining experiences, sharing information and linking an institution with other educational and research centers.

The current newsletter that is now in its 6th volume is an able attempt to highlight various activities held during the years 2010.. I whole heartedly appreciate the efforts of editorial 'board of Awakener' to see the light of the day.

"Put your heart, mind and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success."

- Swami Shivranda

Dr. (Mrs.) Kaushal Smotra

Principal

GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE, AKHNOOR, J&K, INDIA

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Welcome to this issue of the **Awakener**. The issue in your hands includes a detailed overview of academic and developmental activities held in the college during the year 2010-11.

The issue is dedicated to the educators who impart education for peace, broader understanding and sustainable development and to those who give education for the well-being of mankind.

Awakener includes two types of events, one the routine programs that are undertaken like in many other educational institutions from time to time, and other

some extra –ordinary activities.

Facilitating the distribution of about 3000 saplings of Amla to the farmers of Akhnoor especially in the vicinity of college can be an eye opener for peers that educational institutions, besides imparting quality education and contributing in Research, can also help the society in many other ways (informally) - to alleviate extreme poverty and bring about sustainable development and prosperity.

Similarly, celebration of international events like international Day for Peace, Non-Violence and Human Rights, covered in this newsletter, was a sincere attempt

to familiarize the students and youth at college about the international issues, for promoting tolerance, non-violence, a culture of mutual respect, understanding and co-existence - both at home and abroad. And there is greater need to instill peace in the minds and hearts of younger generation to see future generations living in communal harmony and sustainable peace. Thus, Education for Peace or Peace Education is the requisite, and we have tried to start it from home.

The newsletter also mirrors some of the academic achievements of our students and staff.

Happy reading!!!

“Instruction ends in the school-room, but education ends only with life.”

- Frederic Robertson

“It is a greater work to educate a child, in the true and larger sense of the word, than to rule a state.”

- William Ellery Channing

Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school.

- Albert Einstein

Patron

Dr. (Mrs.) Kaushal Smotra

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Plantation Marks the Beginning of Session

Akhnoor (July 22, 2010): The new academic session in Govt. Degree College, Akhnoor commenced with plantation of trees in the College premises here today.

The Environment unit along with NSS unit of the College organized a joint plantation drive to mark the beginning of new session 2010-2011. Volunteers including students, academic and administrative staff of College planted various types of trees provided by Department of Social Forestry in the campus on the very first day of new academic

session. Prof. Harmanmeet Kour and Prof. Rohini Jamwal In charge of Environment and NSS units

youth and students to take part in this drive and making it a success.

Principal of College Dr. Kaushal Smotra applauded the commitment of organizing units to combat the grave challenges like climate change and global warming at local level. “We are very happy to begin the new session and welcome monsoons by planting the trees” she said. She also thanked the Department of Social Forestry for providing plants to the College and expressed her hopes for more such donations in the ongoing raining season.



Students planting trees in the college campus

respectively in the College admired the spirit of volunteerism among

donations in the ongoing raining season.

Anti-Drug Rally Organized at GDC Akhnoor

The NCC Wing of Govt. Degree College, Akhnoor organized an awareness programme on drugs and female feticide followed by anti-drug rally in the college premises on March 28, 2010.

Commissioner Secretary, Department of Higher Education, N.K. Verma was the chief guest on occasion. The pledge against



Anti-Drug/Female feticide program

female feticide was also taken. Earlier, Prof. Anjana Sharma, ANO at college briefed the audience about the programme.

Principal of College, Dr. (Mrs.) Kaushal Smotra, who presided over the function, advised the students and youth to abstain themselves from misuse of drugs and anti-social activities.

GDC Akhnoor facilitates about 3000 Amla Saplings to Farmers

Sham Launches National Amla Campaign at College

Akhnoor, 9 August, 2010: As part of the state Amla plantation campaign of J&K State Medicinal Plants Board launched in February 2010, Govt Degree College Akhnoor facilitates the distribution of over 3000 Amla saplings to farmers of neighbouring villages on August 9.



Minster of Health, Horticulture and Floriculture, Minster of Health, Horticulture and Floriculture, Sham Lal Sharma planting an Amla sapling.

Sh. Sham Lal Sharma Hon'ble Minister for Health, Floriculture, Horticulture and the Chairman J&K State Medicinal Plants Board launches the second phase of Amla (*Embilca officinalis*) plantation drive by planting and distributing Amla saplings to farmers assembled at Govt. Degree College Akhnoor. Speaking on the occasion Sh. Sharma said that Amla has great utility in AYUSH and large industries in the country as they are manufacturing amla products. Jammu division has 80% of kandi area and amla plantation can be encouraged in a big way to boost the economy of small and marginal farmers. He appreciated the innovative efforts of GDC Akhnoor to implement this kind of drive and setting up an example for other institutions to help the local population besides class-room teaching.

Hon'ble Minister issued spot instructions to set up botanical garden and to develop a patch of

about 16-20 kanals into a beautiful park. He also announced to open a health center in college, constructing a canteen shed, and assured to speed up the second phase work of this yet newly established college. Sh. Sham Lal inaugurated the water cooler for college and promised for an additional one and a bus for college as well. The Minister also launched the college website: www.gdcakhnoor.com on this day.

Dr. Abdul Kabir Dar, Director Indian Systems of Medicine J&K, and Chief Executive Officer J&K State Medicinal Plants Board said the main campaign is to promote the health benefits and mass cultivation of Amla, so as to boost the economics of growers, farmers and preserve the indigenous system of medicine. The cultivation practices of this wonder Medicinal Plant are simple with minimal maintenance. The Amla tree fruits after 6-7 years and continues to do so for 50 or more years. One Amla tree bears about 100 to 150 kg of Fruit and everyone of u must be knowing that one Kg of fruit costs about Rs 15-20. So a plant can yield about Rs 1500 to a farmer after 7 years and that will continue for years after with no maintenance at all. Apart from that the health benefits which the



Minster of Health, Horticulture and Floriculture, Sham Lal Sharma launching the college website.

Amla fruit possesses are extraordinarily amazing. It is useful for all parts of the human body due to the presence of excess quantities of Vitamin C which is the best anti oxidant.



Sh. Sham Lal Sharma inaugurating the water cooler

Earlier Dr. Kaushal Smotra, Principal Govt. Degree College Akhnoor welcomed the dignitaries. While welcoming the guest she appreciated the role of Hon'ble Minister for bringing up the economical status of the residents of Akhnoor by his yeoman efforts. Prof. Shivani Manchanda thanked the guests.

Prominent among other present, include sh. J.L. Sharma, Director Horticulture, Sh. K.K. Sharma, Director, Floriculture, CMO Jammu, Dr. Taran Singh, Liaison Officer SMPB, Dr. Aftab Iqbal Mir Research Officer SMPB, and Sarpanch of the area.

Independence Day Celebrated in the College

Akhnoor, August 15, 2010.

Govt. Degree College Akhnoor celebrated Independence Day in the College campus here today. Col (Retd.) Bana Ram, a local, hoisted the national flag. Principal of College, Dr. Kaushal Smotra, welcomed the guests. A large number of students, staff members and locals attended the Independence Day function, organized for the first time in College since its establishment in 2005.



GDC Akhnoor Celebrates Van Mahotsav by Planting Trees

Akhnoor, August 20, 2010. Govt. Degree College Akhnoor in collaboration with Department of Social Forestry, Jammu, celebrates Van Mahotsav by planting trees and organizing a Symposium here on August 20.

The Environment Conservation and NSS Units of GDC Akhnoor, as part of month long plantation

drive, planted saplings of different plant species to mark the Van Mahotsav celebrations - tree planting festival, initiated in 1950 by K. M. Munshi, the then Union Minister for

Agriculture and Food. During the ongoing raining season, the students and staff members of college especially Environment Conservation and NSS volunteers have planted thousands of plant sap-

lings provided by Department of Social Forestry in the college premises.

A symposium on the occasion was also organized in which various speakers highlighted the importance of planting trees. District Forest Officer (Social Forestry), Jammu, Pritam Singh, Chief Guest on the occasion said forest covers are rapidly disappearing worldwide especially in the country and we are already facing the consequences like global warming, climate change, ozone depletion etc. Thus, there is urgent need to combat these grave global challenges by acting more locally and more responsibly. **In the speech competition, Sapna Sharma of B.A. 2nd year student won first prize whereas Jyoti Manhas, 2nd year, and Chitra Lekha, first year, stood second and third respectively.**

Earlier, Prof. Harmanmeet Kour, in-charge, Environment unit, welcomed the guests. Prof. Rajni presented vote of thanks.

Blood Donation Camp at GDC Akhnoor

Akhnoor, August 31, 2010: The Red Cross and the N.S.S. Units of College organized Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with Govt Medical College, Jammu on August 31. About 100 students and staff members in the college volunteered to donate the blood. Majority of donors were females. Principal of College, Dr. (Mrs) Kaushal Smotra was also among blood donors.

Earlier, an awareness programme was organized in which various speakers shed the light on the voluntary blood donation and its essence in saving the lives. Secretary of Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Jammu Division, Mr. Anil Kumar Padha high-



Students Donating Blood

lighted the spirit of volunteerism for humanitarian actions including blood donation. He appreciated the innovative role of Red Cross

unit and NSS volunteers in particular and College in general to organize this camp. Dr. T.R. Raina, Head Blood Bank, GMC, Jammu, a blood donor for more than 50 times, while explaining the biology of blood, made the students aware about voluntary blood donation. He said recent studies show that blood donation, besides saving the lives of others, reduces the heart attack risk to the donors itself. A person can donate blood for about 168 times in an average 60 years life span. "We have examples when people celebrate their birthdays or marriage anniversaries by donating the blood to save lives", he added. In her welcome address, Principal of College, who also presided over the function appreciated the role of both organizations - IRCS and GMC, Jammu, for turning an idea into ground reality.

GDC Akhnoor Celebrates International Peace Day

Akhnoor, 21 September, 2010: Govt. Degree College Akhnoor celebrated the International Day of Peace at college here today. The Red Cross and the N.S.S. Units of College organized and hosted the event initiated by United Nations on September 21, 1981 and took it a nearby hamlet by organizing a peace rally. Hundreds of students especially Red Cross and NSS volunteers, staff members both teaching and non-teaching, Heads of various Departments and Officers in-charge of Red Cross, N.S.S. and N.C.C units of college took part in this rally.

"Give Peace a chance", "Peace is beautiful, war is ugly", "Peace is the key to prosperity" were some of the slogans accompanying this year's observance focusing on youth and

development, under the slogan: "Peace = Future."

Principal of College, Dr. (Mrs) Kaushal Smotra who was heading the rally, in her address as-



Peace March outside college campus

serted upon the students and younger generation that then can play a more active role in bringing peace and tolerance in the world that is full of conflicts and misunderstandings. "You can be the ambassadors of peace and co-existence for future generations", she said.

Dr. M. Ashaq Malik, Officer in-charge, Red Cross Unit at College, and a peace worker briefed the participants about the essence of organizing a peace promoting event at college, one of biggest amongst newly established Colleges in state with about 1500 students, whereas Prof. Rohini Jamwal, officer in-charge NSS presented vote of thanks. The participants especially students were also served a light refreshment.

NSS Day Celebrated at College

Akhnoor, 24 September, 2010: Govt Degree College Akhnoor celebrates the NSS Day here today. The N.S.S. Unit of College organized an impressive function on the occasion in which various speakers highlighted different objectives of National Service Scheme (N.S.S) ranging from community service, national integration, communal harmony and disaster management to environmental conservation that prepare the students and youth for social well-being.

Prof. Rohini Jamwal, Officer in-charge, NSS Unit of the College briefed about the doctrine and work of NSS to the audience. She said the concept of NSS evolved even before independence by Mahatma Gandhi and after independence by UGC under the headship of Dr. Radhakrishnan and has gradually incorporated in the educational system. On September 24, 1969, the NSS was officially launched by the then Union Education Minister Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao in 37 universities altogether involving some 40,000 volunteers. Ever since the scheme expended tremendously and is implemented today with an involvement of more than 2.6 million volunteers spread over in 200 Universities, Colleges, Polytechnics and +2 Systems across the nation. The whole exercise is about producing a socially more responsible youth (citizens) by inculcating the spirit of volunteerism among them that demonstrates the motto of NSS "Not me but You" reflecting the essence of democratic living and self-less service.

Principal of College, Dr. (Mrs.) Kaushal Smotra who presided over the function appreciated the role of NSS unit for involving and preparing the students for social service and nation building. She underlined the need of volunteerism and integrity among younger generation for attaining lasting peace and sustainable development. "You are change makers and future of upcoming generations is in your hands" she said. Be the agents for social change with a spirit of service above self, she added. The programme was followed by a cultural programme in which NSS Volunteers sang the patriotic songs. Heads of various Departments, staff members and officers in-charge of NCC and Red Cross Units of college also attended the programme. Later, a cleanliness drive was organized in the college campus.



Students engaged in campus cleaning

International Day of Non-Violence Celebrated at College

Symposium on Gandhi

To commemorate the birth anniversary (Gandhi Jayanti) of father of nation on October 2, also regarded as the International Day of Non-Violence, Govt. Degree College Akhnoor organized a symposium on October 5.

The N.S.S. and Red Cross units of College organised and hosted a symposium on the topic "Mahatma Gandhi: Symbol of Truth, Non-violence and Peace". In a colourful programme comprised of *bhajans*, poetry, songs and speeches, the students and staff members of college paid rich tribute to the father of nation. For the best presentations in the symposium, Rama Devi of B.A Part I stood first whereas Bharti Sharma and Asha Bhat of B.Sc Part I bagged 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively.

Principal of College, Dr. (Mrs.) Kaushal

Smotra who presided over the function highlighted the role of Mahatma Gandhi in Indian Freedom Struggle and his overall service to humanity. She underlined the fact, why this man (Mahatma Gandhi) is regarded as father of nation and apostle of peace, and why his birth day is celebrated across globe as International Day of Non-violence, and advised the youth and students to opt his noble doctrine in their daily lives for attaining global peace. **"Why should we celebrate one day, we should opt non-violence in our lives for 365 days"**, she said.

Earlier, Prof. Rohini Jamwal, officer In-charge N.S.S. of College briefed the audience about the life, works, and relevance of Gandhian philosophy of non-violence in today's world. Dr. M. Ashaq Malik, Officer In-charge Red Cross Unit of College, who presented the vote of thanks, also high-



Dr. (Mrs.) Kaushal Smotra , Principal, addressing the participants

lighted Gandhi's role against apartheid and eradication of leprosy in country besides his popular non-violence theory.

"Whenever you are confronted with an opponent, conquer him with love." —Gandhi

Two-Days Awareness Programme on Disaster Management

Akhnoor, 9 October, 2010: Govt. Degree College Akhnoor in collaboration with Civil Defense Department, Jammu organized two days Awareness Program on Disaster Management on October 8 and 9. The N.S.S. N.C.C and Red Cross units of College organized and hosted this awareness program.

Alok Nanda, Deputy Divisional Warden, Civil Defense, Jammu along with his team comprising of D.N. Ganju, Ram Chand,

volunteers and NCC cadets of college.

The civil defense team made the students aware various types of disasters and their management. They explained how a person can save lives of others while saving his/her own life during natural



Students demonstrating how to deal with emergency



Sudershan Saini, Shibani as well as Kuldeep Kour, social worker, from Civil Defence, Akhnoor, delivered two days awareness program on disaster management to NSS

treatment of bleeding areas, preparation of temporary stretchers, transferring casualties from multi-storey buildings by ropes and ladders, etc.

Principal of College, Dr. (Mrs.) Kaushal Smotra, in her welcome address highlighted the need of knowledge of disaster management among common masses particularly the youth and students. She appreciated the role of civil defence department for bringing about such programs of informal learning and raising awareness to younger generation. She underlined how youth and students could be the driving force of civil defence rather self – defence to protect themselves, their communities and the country at large. Prof. Rohini Jamwal, officer In-charge N.S.S. of college briefed the audience about the program whereas Prof. (Lt.) Angana Sharma, ANO – NCC at college, presented vote of thanks. Dr. M. Ashaq Malik, Officer in-charge Red Cross Unit of College, conducted the proceedings of program.

College Celebrates National Education Day

Seminar on Moral , Ethical Values

While joining the nation in paying tribute to Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of Country, Govt Degree College Akhnoor in collaboration with Vichar Kranti Manch, organised a symposium on moral and ethical values here on

November 11.

A team from Vichar Kranti Manch, Jammu comprising its founder Dr. R.R. Khajuria, Vice President Madan Mohan Sharma and Senior journalist Rohit Jand-

yal delivered lectures on moral, ethical and spiritual values and linked them the mainstream education. They raised the concern on how rapidly moral and ethical values have deteriorated in recent past and in turn emphasised upon all stakeholders - parents, teachers, religious leaders, govt. Institutions, non-governmental organizations, and students and youth alike to stand for keeping these values alive and the rich cultural heritage intact. The speakers underlined the need of inculcating moral and ethical values besides imparting formal education for overall personality development of youth and students. Various students also spoke on the occasion. The win-

ners were given prizes whereas certificate of appreciation were distributed among the participants.

Principal of College, Dr. (Mrs.) Kaushal Smotra, who chaired the function, in her speech, paid rich tribute to the first Education Minister of nation, who not only was a great educationist, reformer and visionary but also a great human being rather role model of moral and ethical values for younger generation throughout his life. She appreciated the role of Vichar Kranti Manch in organizing this pertinent symposium and making National Education Day more thoughtful. Prof. Reena Bhagat conducted the proceedings of program.

Human Rights Day Celebrated at College

Akhnoor, 10 December,

2010: Govt Degree College Akhnoor celebrates the International Human Rights Day in the college premises here on December 10. The Red Cross Unit of College organized a brief but impressive programme to mark the 62nd anniversary of adoption of universal declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by United Nations on Decem-

ber 10, 1948. A group of 30 students were involved to read 30 different articles of UDHR. Various speakers highlighted the essence of human rights education and awareness among common masses especially youth

and students for lasting peace and equitable development in the world today.

Principal of College, Dr. (Mrs.) Kaushal Smotra, who presided over the function, in her address, underlined the need of protection and promotion of human rights for all irrespective of caste, creed, colour, ethnicity or boundaries, for peaceful co-existence. While highlighting article 26 of UDHR that everyone has right to education, she emphasised upon its part 2 ***“Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and it shall promote understanding, toler-***

ance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups.....for maintenance of peace.”

Earlier, Dr. M. Ashaq Malik, Officer in-charge, Red Cross Unit at College, and a peace worker, briefed the audience about United Nations and the historic act (UDHR), when the UN assembly called upon all Member countries to publicise the text of the Declaration and “to cause it to be disseminated, displayed, read and expounded principally in educational institutions. Prof. Neeru Sawhney and Prof. Sapna Sharma, heads of Physics and Chemistry Departments respectively also spoke on the occasion.

NSS Camp Organized at College

Akhnoor, 31 December, 2010: The NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College, Akhnoor organized 6-day winter camp at college from December 26–31 December, 2010.

During the camp, the NSS Volunteers inter-

acted with various dignitaries and adopted the village Ramnagar Colony in Pulwan, Akhnoor. During visit to village, the NSS volunteers interacted with villagers and aware them about the importance of education and proper hygienic conditions in life.

Principal Dr Kaushal Smotra in her address advised the NSS

volunteers for upliftment of the downtrodden and needy people. She advised them to indulge themselves in social services and creating the message of ***one-ness and brotherhood.***

NSS PO Prof Rohini Jamwal, read the detailed report and highlighted the various activities held during the camp.



Students attending seminar on ethical values



College Students Write for Rights on the eve of International Human Rights Day.



NSS Volunteers at service

Academic and Research Activities at College

Staff

- Sanjay Kotwal, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Zoology, attended 5th J&K Science Congress held at University of Jammu between 8-10 February 2010 and presented paper entitled "Review on the feeding and breeding biology of some species of snow trout"
- Rohini Jamwal, Assistant Prof & Head, Department of Mathematics, attended 20th Annual Conference of The Jammu mathematical Society and national seminar. On "Topological Algebraic Analysis" between February 26-28, 2010 at Department of Mathematics, University of Jammu
- Dr. M. Ashaq Malik, Assistant Prof. & Head, Dept. of Botany, attended 10 days workshop on "Diagnosis & Management Of Plant Viruses," at School of Microbial Technology, Amity University between 15-25 June, 2010.
- Sanjay Kotwal, Assistant Professor & Head, Dept. of Zoology, IQAC Co-ordinator of GDC Akhnoor, attended two -Days workshop on NAAC accreditation organized by Department of Higher education, J&K Govt, at G.G.M Science College, Jammu on 20-21 August 2010.
- Lt. Anjana Sharma, Assistant Professor & ANO of Govt. Degree College Akhnoor attended Pre-Commission Training at NCC Officers Training Academy, Gwalior (M.P) in early September 2010. She bagged First Position (Senior Wing) and brought laurels to the college and the state.
- Shivani Manchanda and Dr. M. Ashaq Malik, in-charges, Women Cell and Red Cross unit respectively of GDC Akhnoor attended two days workshop on "Convention on Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)" at Center for Women Studies, Govt. College for Women, Parade, Jammu on November 1 - 2, 2010.
- Savita Gupta, Librarian, Govt. Degree College, Akhnoor attended Refresher course in Library and Information Science at Academic Staff College, University of Jammu from November 15-25, 2010.
- Sushma Bala, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Education attended Refresher Course in Education at Academic Staff College, University of Jammu from December 6- 25, 2010
- Dr. M. Ashaq Malik, Assistant Prof. & Head, Dept. of Botany, attended Indo- Italian workshop held at Amity University Uttar Pradesh during November 29 - December 1, 2010 and presented the paper "Combined application of *Paecilomyces lilacinus* and *Posse* for the Management of *Meloidogyne incognita* and *Rotylenchulus reniformis*" .

College Stars

GDC Akhnoor Wins First Prize in Poster Competition on HIV/AIDS

Akhnoor, 11 December, 2010: Bharti Sharma of Govt Degree College Akhnoor won first prize in the poster competition on HIV/AIDS organized by M.A.M. College Jammu on World AIDS Day, December 1.

Gandhian Studies Centre at M.A.M. College, Jammu, in collaboration with J&K AIDS Prevention and Control Society organized Poster/Slogan competition on the topic "AIDS: Prevention and Cure" in connection

with World AIDS Day on December 4. Bharti Sharma, a student of B.Sc. Part I at GDC Akhnoor who participated in the poster competition stood first.

In a brief function held here on December 11, Principal of College, Dr. (Mrs.)



Bharti Sharma

Kaushal Smotra, appreciated Bharti for raising awareness through art about this dreaded syndrome, and congratulated her for bringing laurels to the college. Principal expressed her hopes that other students will also follow the same path, and no doubt, they will be an asset for the institution and the nation in broader prospective. She also applauded the efforts of both Gandhian Studies Centre and J&K AIDS Prevention and Control Society for taking lead in raising awareness about the HIV/AIDS – a grave threat to the world society today.

First College Student to Attend RD Camp

Akhnoor, December, 2010: NCC Under Officer Neeraj Sharma, B.A. Part II, attended Republic Day Camp at New Delhi. She became first cadet of Govt. Degree College, Akhnoor to attend this all India level NCC camp of 17 Directorates (including all the states of country). The cadets took part in various competitions like drill, flag area, firing, cultural programs etc. Later, they participated in RD Parade on 26th January and also in PM's rally.



Neeraj Sharma

3rd Position
in B.A. Arts

Pooja Devi of Govt. Degree College, Akhnoor, secured 3rd position in B.A. Part III examination held during the session 2009-10.

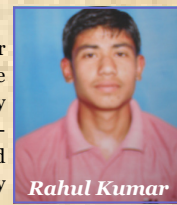
She also served as President of Students' Union in the college during the session 2010-11.



GDC Akhnoor wins Bronze Medal in Wrestling

Makhan Lal, B.A Part I, won bronze medal in 60kg weight wrestling held in September/October 2010 at Jammu University.

Rahul Kumar, B.A. part I, of our college, participated in inter- college (state Level) and inter-university (national level) volley ball tournaments held at Jammu University and Kurukshetra University respectively during the academic session 2010-11.



Rahul Kumar

In general, our College participated in 10 games viz. Kabaddi, Volley Ball, Judo, Kho-Kho, Cricket, Wrestling, Cross-country, basket Ball, Badminton and

College and World



Govt. Degree College Akhnoor: Basic Facts

- ⇒ **Established:** in 2005 by the J&K Govt. under Prime Minister Reconstruction Plan
- ⇒ **Location:** Located at Village Palwan, About 7 and half Km from Akhnoor main town.
- ⇒ **College Area:** 340 Kanals
- ⇒ **Students:** 1499

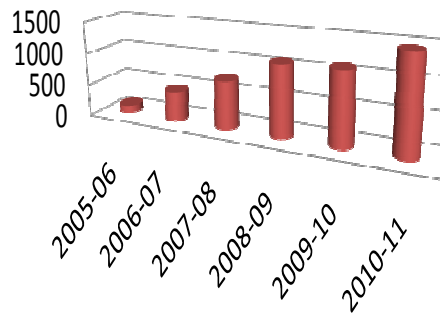
Infra-Structure



Community Service



Students population per year



College Library



International Affairs

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Students population per year	117	456	737	1089	1111	1449

Computer Lab

Mile Stones Ahead.....

- ⇒ Construction of Students Hostels
- ⇒ Auditorium
- ⇒ And above all, impart quality education and undertake quality research
- ⇒ extreme poverty through education.
- ⇒ Staff Quarters
- ⇒ Herbal Garden
- ⇒ And contribute in world peace and understanding
- ⇒ Play grounds
- ⇒ College Canteen
- ⇒ Also, help alleviate
- ⇒ Parking facility



Vision

To make Govt Degree College, Akhnoor one of pioneer institutions of higher education in the state by imparting quality education as well as developing wholesome personality of younger generation.