Human Values and Professional Ethics

7.1.9 Sensitization of students and employees of the Institution to the constitutional obligations: values, rights, duties and responsibilities of citizens

A REPORT ON THE

ACTIVITIES OF

ELECTORAL LITERACY

CLUB2023-24

Online Voter Enrolment Data Collection

The ELC devised a way to collect voter enrolment data of the students by creating a Google Form. The form link was then disseminated among the students through teachers in charge. The whole faculty of college took on the responsibility of collecting the data and the ELC team then collected and submitted the data to the department.

A Voter Awareness Drive was taken up by the ELC on occasion of the Independence Day on August 15, 2023 in the college premises. The drive was aimed at raising awareness about the importance of voting and electoral participation. A meeting of the ELC along with the college faculty was organized on August 29, 2023 with an agendato discuss strategies to achieve 100% voter enrolment by November 2023. The plan of action for the club was discussed. Notably, Mr. Arvinder Singh from the Department of Mathematics was inducted into the Club.

EVM Demonstration Camp

An EVM Demonstration Camp was organized in the college premises on 20 Jan 2024 incollaboration with the ECI in which the area BLOs helped students understand how the voting machines function.

Decoration of ELC Wall

An area was identified and designated to be the ELC Wall of the college. The wall was designed and decorated by the ELC volunteers in presence of Dr. Saurabh Sood, nodal officer, Mr. Parminder Singh, coordinator and Mr. Arvinder Mehta, member ELC on 23 Jan 2024. Dr. Meena Chopra, principal of the college visited the wall and hailed the efforts of the ELC in spreading awareness about voting among students



Poster-Making Competition

This was followed by a Poster-making competition, dedicated to the National Voters' Day,was celebrated on 24 January 2024.



The College ELC's commemoration of National Voters' Day stands as a testament to the institution's commitment to democratic values and civic engagement. The vibrant celebration on 25 January 2024 witnessed an enthusiastic participation of over a hundred students and faculty members, underscoring the collective resolve to uphold the sanctity of the electoral process.

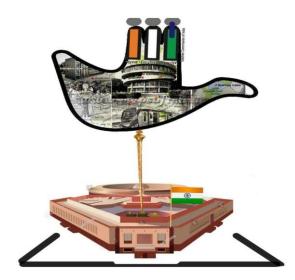
As the sun cast its golden rays upon the gathering, the campus buzzed with anticipation and fervor. Students, adorned with badges emblazoned with patriotic symbols, streamed into the venue, their faces reflecting the spirit of democracy that pulsated through the air. Faculty members, lent an air of solemnity and wisdom to the occasion, embodying the role of mentors in nurturing responsible citizenship.

The event commenced with a stirring rendition of the national anthem, echoing through the halls and reverberating in the hearts of all present. It served as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by countless individuals to secure the right to vote—a right that symbolizes the very essence of democracy.

Amidst the palpable energy, a solemn moment ensued as participants collectively recited the Voters' Pledge. With hands placed firmly over their hearts, they vowed to exercise their franchise responsibly, to uphold the principles of fairness and equality, and to safeguard the democratic fabric of the nation. The solemnization of the pledge served as a poignant reminder of the immense privilege and responsibility bestowed upon every citizen.



The celebration of National Voters' Day had not only united the College ELC community in a shared commitment to democratic ideals but had also ignited a spark of civic responsibility that would continue to burn brightly in the days and years to come. In commemorating this auspicious day, the College ELC had reaffirmed its dedication to nurturing informed andengaged citizens who would serve as the cornerstone of a vibrant and thriving democracy. In the latter part of January, Dev Samaj College for Women enthusiastically embraced the directive received from the Election Commission of India (ECI) via the Department of Higher Education. Adhering to this directive, the college engaged in the creative endeavour of crafting a mascot for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections of 2024 and sent it to the authorities.



Drawing inspiration from the vibrant tapestry of Indian identity, the envisioned mascot embodied the essence of the tricolor flag, symbolizing the nation's unity, diversity, and aspirations. Additionally, it paid homage to the emblem of the City Beautiful, reflecting the unique spirit and charm of the locale where the college resides. Moreover, the mascot was imbued with elements highlighting the educational ethos of the city, serving as a beacon of knowledge and enlightenment.

With meticulous attention to detail and a fervent dedication to the task at hand, the college community collaborated in the design process, infusing the mascot with creativity and significance. Upon its completion, the emblematic mascot was proudly shared with the department, symbolizing not only the college's artistic prowess but also its unwavering commitment to the democratic process and civic engagement.

Voters Awareness Rally

Students of the college headlined a Classroom to Classroom Voter Awareness Rally on 14 Feb 2024 where it was reiterated that the students should install and use the Voters' Helpline App to update their voter cards, if needed, and be responsible citizens while exercising their votes.





One-Day Seminar on Voting Rights and Responsibilities

A one-day seminar under People's Education Programme (PEP) was organized by the Triveni Literary Club in collaboration with the ELC on 15 Feb 2024 to highlight the importance of voting rights and civic responsibilities among the students. This was strategically planned at the threshold of the Lok Sabha elections so as to motivate them to surely vote in the elections.





Tashan-e-Basant

The Electoral Literacy Club set up a voter awareness stall at the event

Tashan-e- Basant organized at college on 16 February 2024. Posters made by the student members of the Club were showcased during the event. The stall was visited by dignitaries

including Dr. Agnese Dhillon, Secretary Dev Samaj College Managing Committee ,Dr. Neeru Malik, principal and Dr. Jaspal Kaur, advisor among others.

The stall was managed by Madhusmita, brand ambassador and other student members of ELC in the presence of Dr. Saurabh Sood and Mr. Parminder Singh, nodal officer and coordinator, ELC, respectively.



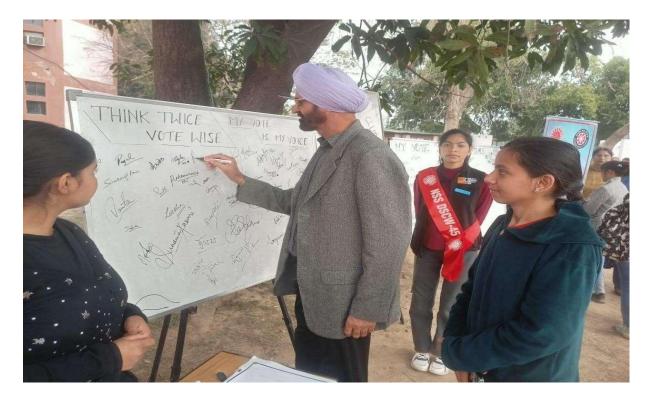


Promoting Electoral Enrolment Awareness

Signature Campaign under the Pledge to 'Vote for Sure' and 'Vote

Wisely' The 38th Annual Athletic Meet of Dev Samaj College for Women, Sector 45, Chandigarh was held on 1 March 2024 where the ELC of the college in collaboration with the NSS units organized a signature campaign under the pledge to 'vote for sure' and 'vote wisely' under the supervision of Dr. Saurabh Sood, Nodal Officer, Mr. Parminder Singh, Coordinator, and Mr. Arvinder Mehta, Member ELC. The NSS Programme Officers Ms. Ruchi Arora and Dr. Lovleen Kaur Sohi were also present on the occasion.





The Chief Guest for the occasion was Shri Bagicha Singh, Asian Games Gold Medalist and Arjun Awardee. The Chief Guest of Honour was Prof. (Dr.) Agnese Dhillon, Secretary, Dev Samaj College Managing Committee. Prof. (Dr.) Neeru Malik, principal of the college motivated students to participate in the signature campaign.





The chief guest and the guest of honour participated in the signature campaign to set an examplethus motivating participation by as many as 850 students in the campaign.

Voter Awareness Rally

The Electoral Literacy Club carried out classroom to classroom rally on 3 April 2024 in which the ELC Team along with the student ambassador Madhusmita and other volunteers carrying the ELC banner took rounds of classrooms and appealed to them to vote for the nation. The students were apprised of the four dates on which they can apply for a new votercard. An awareness drive of 'Know Your Candidate' was also carried out on this occasion.



On the directions received from ECI and a DHE, a creative titled 'Verify your Vote' was uploaded on the college website on 9 April 2024. Other creatives such as 'All that matters is your vote' and 'Be a smart and vigilant voter' were uploaded on the website on 15 April 2024. These and other creatives provided by the department were shared by faculty members in their respective WhatsApp groups of students.





Special Camp for Awareness

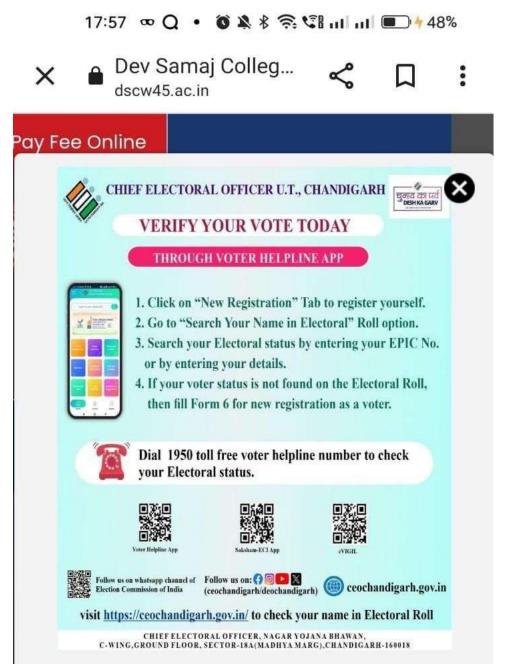
The ELC organized a special camp on 25 April 2024 for spreading awareness about fair and free voting in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The chief guest for the event was Mr. J. S. Jayra, former principal, institute for the Blind, and State Icon for PWD voters, Chandigarh in the august presence of Mr. Neeraj Raheja and Mr. Dharampal along with a team of the Nodal officer, PWD Chandigarh.



Dr. Saurabh Sood, nodal officer, Mr. Parminder Singh, coordinator and Mr. Arvinder Mehta, member ELC were present along with Dr. Shiva Malik, senior faculty member. Mr. Jayra discussed the importance of voting and apprised the students of various schemes of the government for the super senior voters above 85 years of age, and those with over 40% disability, who can avail the facility of transportation for voting, and can also avail the option of voting from home.



Mr. Raheja, in his address, motivated the young voters to use various apps related to the election process and participate in this festival of voting. Over 50 students attended the event. Prof. (Dr.)Neeru Malik, principal of the college thanked the guests for enlightening the gathering on various schemes of the Election Commission for the convenience of public.





Successful Completion of the Tenure of ELC

The annual photograph of the college ELC was organized on 26 April 2024. Prof. (Dr.) Neeru Malik, principal of the college, Dr. Saurabh Sood, nodal officer, Mr. Parminder Singh, coordinator and Mr. Arvinder Singh, member, ELC along with Mr Pertik, the college superintendent got a photograph clicked with Madhusmita, the college ambassador and other volunteers to mark completion of the tenure of the current ELC before the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. On this occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Malik thanked and congratulated the ELC team on successful completion of its tenure before the Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

Dev Samaj College for Women Sector 45/B Chandigarh

Activities under VADA Club (Session 2023-24)

1. Declamation Contest:

The VADA (Victory against Drug Abuse) Club of Dev Samaj College for Women, Sector 45 B Chandigarh in collaboration with D-Masters' Club organized a Declamation Contest on 13th September, 2023 on the themes of 'The Crisis of Drug Addiction in Punjab' and 'Drug Abuse and Peer Pressure under "Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan" to tackle the issue of Substance Abuse. With the goal of making India drug-free, the Ministry strives to raise public awareness about substance use disorder through the engagement of its key stakeholders, youth and adolescents, women, educational institutions, and the general public. Students participated actively in the competition. Arpita Jain of B.Sc. II stood first. Tanya Jasti of B.Com. II and Drishti Baweja of B.Com. III won the 2nd and the 3rd positions respectively. Dr. Shiva Malik, Officiating Principal and Dr. Jaspal Kaur, Advisor graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour respectively.





2. Anti Drug Rally

The VADA (Victory against Drug Abuse) Club of Dev Samaj College for Women Sector 45 B, Chandigarh in collaboration with the Red Ribbon Club of the college organised a Rally under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) on 30th September 2023 in Burail village to create awareness against drug addiction. The volunteers carried placards and posters with slogans "Say No to Drugs" and raised slogans about its ill effects. The rally was flagged off by Principal (Officiating) Dr. Shiva Malik and Dr. Jaspal Kaur, Advisor. As many as 70 college students along with convenors of VADA club and Red Ribbon club participated in the rally.





3. Poster Making Competition

A Poster Making Competition based on the theme of 'Say No to Drugs' was organised on October 31st, 2023 at Dev Samaj College for Women Sector 45 Chandigarh. The competition was organized by the VADA (Victory against Drug Abuse) Club and the Department of Fine Arts under the aegis of Nasha Mukt Bharat Campaign and the Department of Social Welfare, Chandigarh Administration. The aim of the competition was to sensitize the students about the hazards of drug abuse. Students actively participated and displayed their talent. Principal, Dr. Meena Chopra appreciated the students for their active participation.



4. Interactive Discussion

The VADA (Victory against Drug Abuse) Cclub of Dev Samaj College for Women Sector 45 B, Chandigarh in collaboration with Red Ribbon club organised an interactive session under Nasha Mukt Bharat campaign at the college campus on 9th October, 2023. The workshop was attended by around 60 students. Mr. Sunil, Assistant Project Director, Chandigarh State Aids Control Society discussed negative consequences of drug abuse. He elaborated the students about the level of drug misuse, dependence and addiction. Convenors of VADA club also sensitised the students regarding the drug menace prevailing in the society. Dr. Meena Chopra, Principal of the college applauded the efforts of Nasha Mukt Bharat team for organising such interactive sessions. She advised students to keep safe distance from those indulging in substance use.











5. Talk cum Workshop on the topic "Menace of Substance Abuse and Women":

Talk cum Workshop on the topic "Menace of Substance Abuse and Women was held on February 22, 2024. Ms. Prabhjot Kaur Atwal, Nodal Officer, Drug Abuse, Department of Social Welfare, Women and Child Development, Chandigarh Administration was the resource person. She explained that the need of the hour is nurturing family bonds and initiating open conversation amongst vulnerable sections which is a key to victory against drug abuse. To counter the problem, she stressed the need for medication, counselling and psychiatrist. Further, Helpline numbers and De-addiction centres were shared with the students. College Principal (Prof.) Dr. Neeru Malik encouraged students to take the message of countering drug menace to the larger society. The event was followed by a rally in adopted village 'Burail' flagged off by Ms. Prabhjot Atwal.

Date: February 22, 2024

Number of Participants: 80







6. Anti-Drug Awareness Photo Booth:

The VADA (Victory against Drug Abuse) Club of Dev Samaj College for Women in Sector 45, Chandigarh held an 'Anti-Drug Awareness Photo Booth' event on March 7, 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness about drug abuse among students and celebrate International Women's Day.

Event Highlights:

The photo booth featured slogans such as "Say no to drugs", "Get rid of drugs" and "Let's make

a difference,addiction"importance ofdrugs. Students





don't get drug emphasizing the staying away from enthusiastically participated in taking selfies at the photo booth, using props and decorations related to the antidrug theme. The event also included educational component, such as discussions to provide students with information about the dangers of drug abuse and ways to prevent it. The Principal (Prof.) Dr. Neeru Malik expressed her appreciation for the initiative taken by the students and organizers of the Anti-Drug Awareness Photo Booth event. She commended their efforts in raising awareness about such an important issue and encouraged them to continue their efforts in promoting a drug-free campus.

7. Workshop on "Philosophy of Shaheed Bhagat Singh: Inspiring the Fight against Drug Abuse"

To mark the celebration of International Women's Day, VADA (Victory against Drug Abuse) Club of Dev Samaj College for Women, Sector 45 B, Chandigarh in collaboration with Shaheed Bhagat Singh (SBS) Organisation, Panjab held a workshop on "Philosophy of Shaheed Bhagat Singh: Inspiring the Fight against Drug Abuse" on March 12, 2024. The workshop began with an introduction to both organizations, highlighting their commitment to fighting drug abuse and promoting the teachings of Shaheed Bhagat Singh. The session aimed to educate participants about the life and principles of Shaheed Bhagat Singh and their relevance to the fight against drug abuse. The Principal (Prof.) Dr Neeru Malik highlighted the importance of discipline and focus in resisting peer pressure and temptations, including drugs. The event was concluded with







a cake-cutting ceremony to celebrate the women in society and stand strong against the use of drugs and convey the message in the society through the students.

8. Two-Day Valedictory Function of VADA (Victory Against Drug Abuse) Club at Dev Samaj College, Sector 45 B Chandigarh on 27th and 28th March 2024 for the session 2023-24

Details: The Valedictory Function of the VADA (Victory against Drug Abuse) Club was a poignant event highlighting the club's commitment towards Anti-Drug Awareness. On 1st day college students saw the movie "Udta Punjab" and in the evening of 2nd day, hostellers also saw the same movie which vividly portrays the devastating effects of drug abuse in the society. It served as a powerful medium to educate students about the harsh realities of drug addiction. It also depicted the challenges faced by individuals trapped in the vicious cycle of substance abuse and its impact on their lives. The day concluded with a pledge ceremony where participants vowed to stay away from drugs and promote a drug-free lifestyle. Principal (Prof.) Dr Neeru Malik appreciated the efforts of the Vada Club in organizing such a meaningful event. She emphasized the college's commitment towards supporting such initiatives and creating a drug-free campus environment.

Date: March 27th-28th, 2024

No. of participants: 150

State: Chandigarh

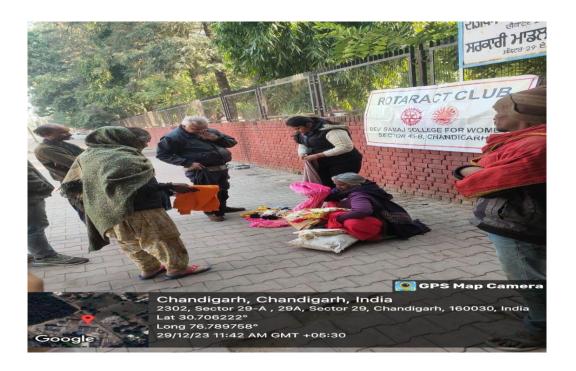




Cloth Distribution by Rotaract Club







Flood relief donations fund



Nukkad Natak



Blood Donation camp

Blood Donation Camp:

The Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with PGIMER and Sukh Foundation was organised on this day. It is an annual feature of the NSS CAMP. The camp was inaugurated by Dr Parveen Goyal, NSS Programme Coordinator PU. He interacted with the volunteers and boosted their morale. The camp aimed to promote voluntary blood donation and contribute to the community's blood supply. A team of doctors screened the volunteers to ensure eligibility for donation, followed by the blood donation process itself. The camp successfully collected 81 units of blood, potentially saving lives and raising awareness about the importance of regular blood donation.



Dr Parveen Goyal (NSS Coordinator, PU) inaugurating the Blood Donation Camp





Dr Parveen Goyal interacting with the NSS Volunteers and donors



Dr Goyal appreciating the work and addressing the volunteers

Health survey in Burial

Health Survey in Burail

After the pledge and learning the importance of cleanliness, the focus was to create awareness on health. With much enthusiasm the students visited the adopted village Burail to

conduct a health survey. The girls prepared a questionnaire and went door to door filling it and interacting with the people on importance of health. The students also learnt how unaware people are about hereditary diseases and were reluctant to talk about it. Thus the volunteers realised the importance of conducting such surveys to understand the society.



Volunteers interacting with Burail residents and filling the survey form

Swachtha Pledge

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Following the theme of the camp the girls took a Swachhta Pledge administered by NSS PO Dr Lovleen Kaur Sohi along with Ms Leena Gupta of Red Ribbon Club. The participants reaffirmed their commitment to upholding cleanliness and environmental stewardship. The pledge emphasized the importance of individual accountability in preserving the cleanliness of the community.





Dr Sohi administering the swachhta pledge to the volunteers