

INSTITUTION

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ENVIRONMENT

# Tribune coverage of the College

IN PICS

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Impending hazard: Jubilee Hall of NCSA College stands in the middle of storming storm. The Jubilee Hall's splendid facade is topped with three towers having weather vanes. The central one was built for protection against lightning and thunderbolts.



A tablet of the college inauguration was fixed on April 7, 1933.



A weather vane atop the Jubilee Hall at the NCSA College.

## Punjab's crowning glory



In 1856, when there was no major centre of learning in North India and when education in the region was mostly imparted by religious priests, the Kapurthala Royal family, under the patronage of the British, established the oldest centre of learning in the North — Nawab Jassa Singh Ahluwalia College or the erstwhile Randhir College. Tribune Correspondent Apama Banerji and photographer Malkait Singh take a trip down memory lane in the annals of Kapurthala's glorious educational history.



The entrance to the college, which was established in 1856.



Science Park on the premises of the college.



The interior of the Jubilee Hall. The cream and white marbles which have been dusted and royal parties now stay for repairs.

**ESTABLISHED** in 1856 as Randhir School, a Sanskrit Vidyalaya, Nawab Jassa Singh Ahluwalia College was a pioneer in the undivided Punjab and is the oldest surviving educational institute in North India. It was set up on a sprawling 28-acre site by Raja Randhir Singh, the ruler of then princely state of Kapurthala.

The college predates other renowned institutions of learning in undivided North India with the exception of Edwards College, Patna, re-established in 1860. The Government Mohindra College, Patna (1870) and Oudh College, Amritsar (1880) had not been established then and the Government College, Lahore, and Punjabi Christian College, Lahore, were also established only later — in 1894 and 1896, respectively. The 167-year-old institution — later renamed as Nawab Jassa Singh Ahluwalia College in 1973 — is a rare Punjab gem, which is, unfortunately, known as the present Punjab.

**COLONIAL-ERA ARCHITECTURE**

The Jubilee Hall's imposing facade has three towers that are topped with weather vane, making one for protection against lightning and thunderbolts. The red and white building features colonial architectural style, with arched windows and magnificently carved entrance door bearing the royal insignia. Presently, it is a dilapidated structure, the building which has become a ruin. Marked by rotting timber and crumbling masonry, the gopur also features striking architecture.

It was recognised by Punjab University in 1996. The subjects taught included English, mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology, history, philosophy, economics, Sanskrit, Persian, Arabic, French, Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi. It was the first Punjab college to take pupils in foreign languages.

A 200-year-old peepal tree — famous for hosting the first classes under it in the pre-independence period — still stands tall on the college lawn.

**Present day**

A magnificent vista lined with Ashoka and palm trees takes one into a vast campus with imposing colonial buildings. All historic buildings of the college — including the oldest U-block and the towering Jagatjit Jubilee Hall — are red. The U-block, which is the main building, comprises an administrative hall, library, science block, chemistry and commerce blocks, bio-labs, English departments, basketball court, gym, botanical gardens and a vermicomposting unit.

The current student strength of the college is 1,941.

It also boasts of being one of the government colleges changing the lowest fee in the region.

Former foreign minister S. Sheela Singh, poet Gurbir Puri, Akalpur member Surjan Singh Cheema, former Punjab governor Ghulam Mohammed, sportsman Mahesh Ahl and many more are on the glorious list of alumni.

Principal Tishu Singh Bains says: "We are proud to uphold the legacy of one of Northern India's oldest and most prominent institutions of learning. It is older than existing Punjab colleges and our aim is to uphold the legacy of the seat of education entrusted by its founders."

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A portrait of Nawab Jassa Singh Ahluwalia, founder of princely state of Kapurthala on whose name NCSA College is named.



Portraits of the previous principals of Randhir College adorn the present Principal's office.



An old building of Randhir School just adjoining the NCSA College building in Kapurthala.



College students pose for a photograph with Bollywood actor Dharmendra in Barmby.



Then GICU Vice-Chancellor JS Grewal being welcomed by college staff and students.



A portrait of Maharaja Randhir Singh, founder of the college.

## TEEJ CELEBRATIONS



## LOHRI CELEBRATIONS



## ECOFRIENDLY DIWALI CELEBRATIONS



## BLOOD DONATION CAMP



## LASER SHOW TO COMMEMORATE THE 500<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF GURU NANAK DEV JI

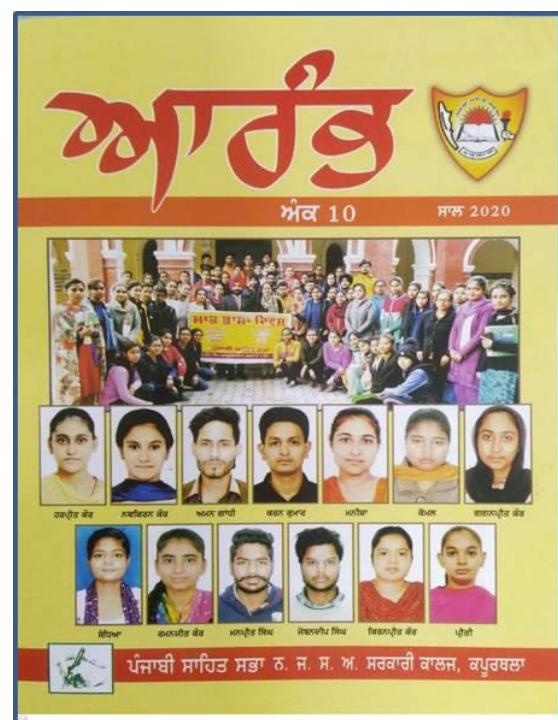


## YOUTH FESTIVAL

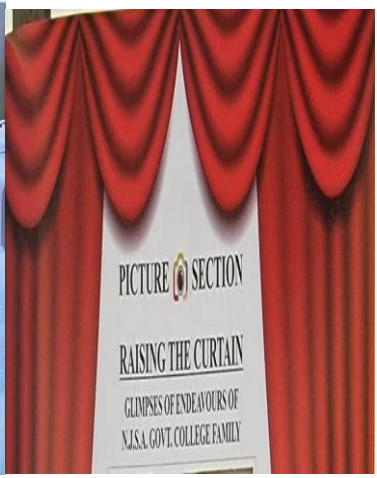
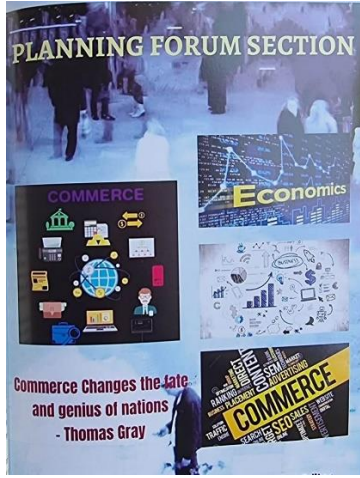
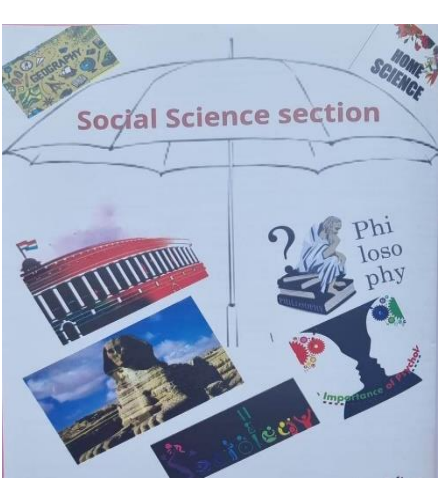
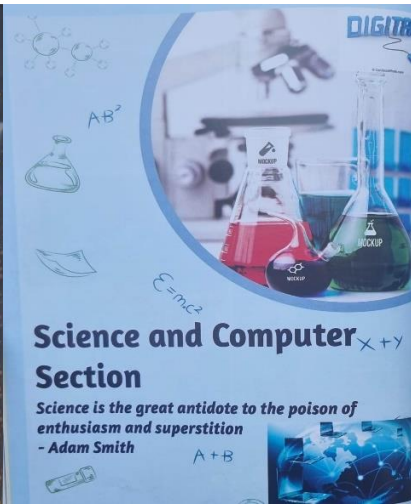
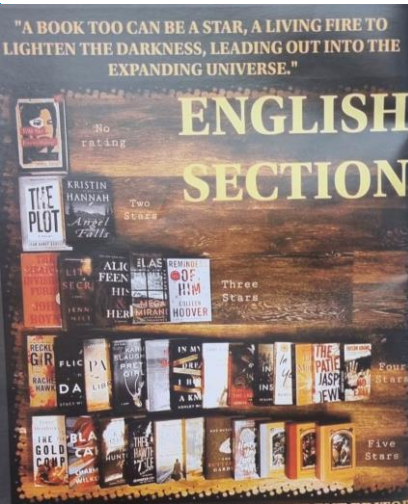
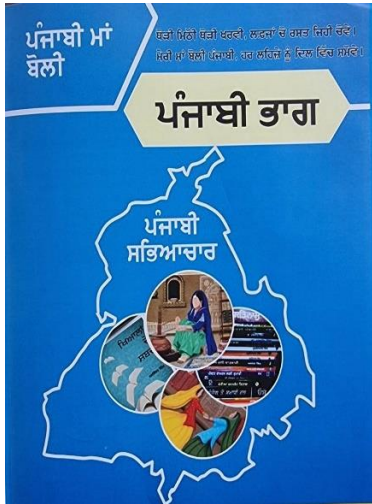
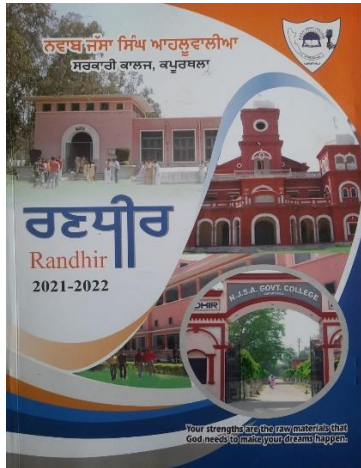




# ARAMBH MAGAZINE STRESSING UPON IMPORTANCE OF MOTHER TONGUE



# COLLEGE MAGAZINE 'RANDHIR' WITH SECTIONS OF VARIOUS LANGUAGES



## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS



## WOMENS' DAY CELEBRATIONS



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## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



## Hospitals Visit by the institute students



**Visit to Lepers' Home with fruits**

# VOTING AWARENESS



## Harvest Festival ( Maghi )





## Field Visit



## Convocation



# NATIONAL UNITY DAY



## BIDDING FAREWELLS



# CENTENARY COMMEMORATION OF JALLIANWALA BAGH MASSACRE



## Linguistic harmony function



## Teaching use of Electronic Voting Machines

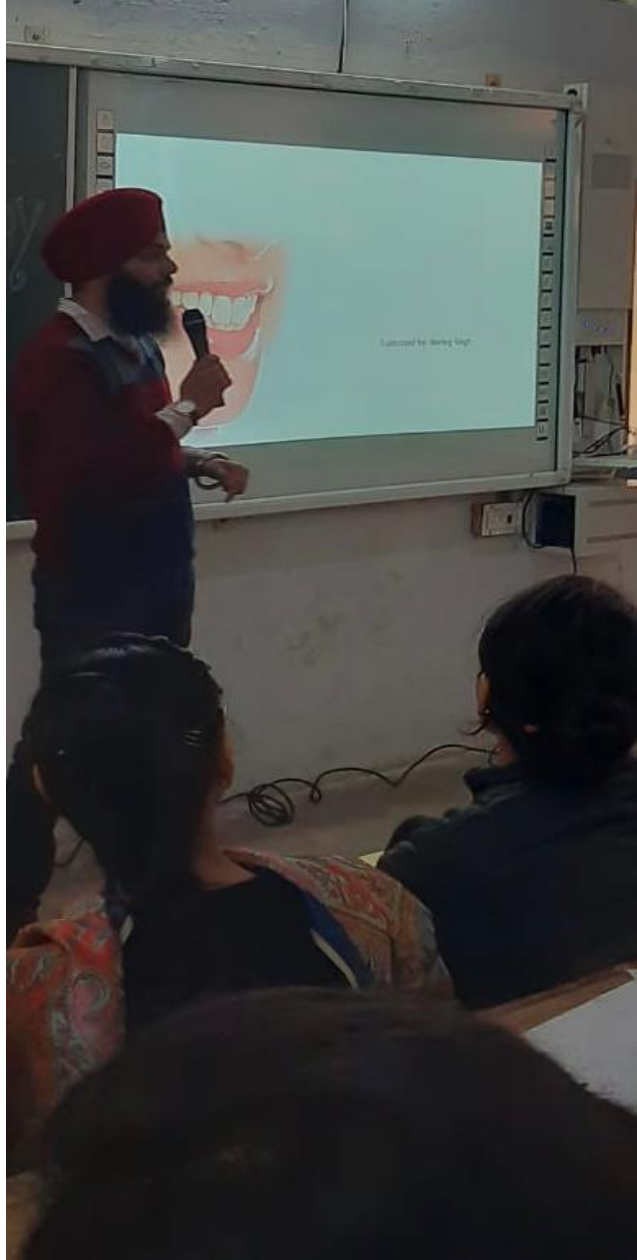


# NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

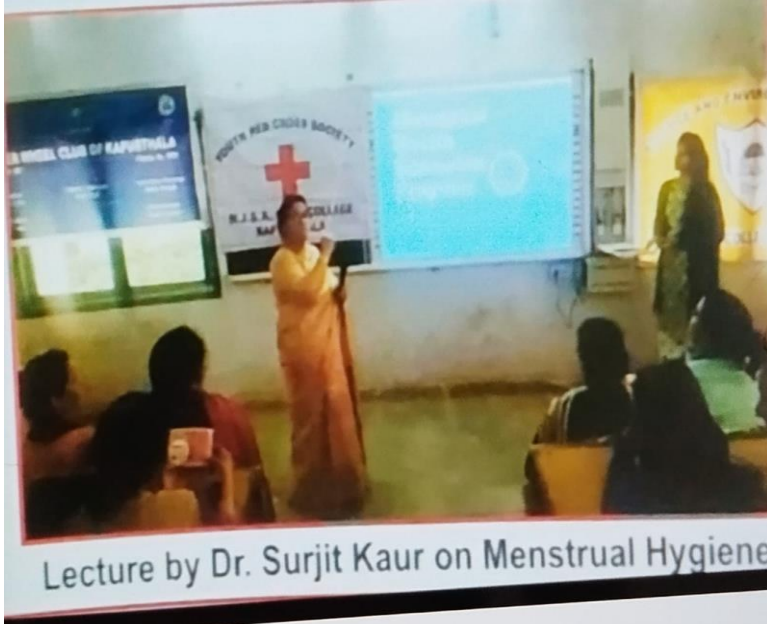




# WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY



## RED CROSS SOCIETY



Lecture by Dr. Surjit Kaur on Menstrual Hygiene



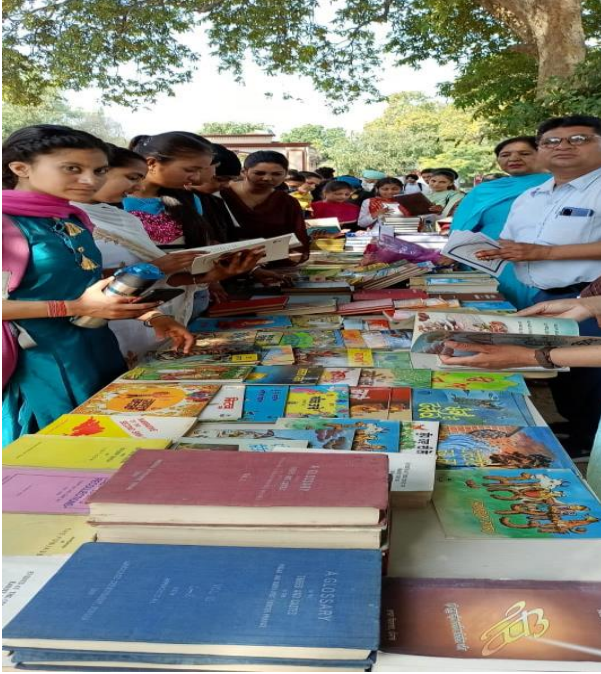
## PLANTATION



## PROSPECTUS RELEASE FUNCTION



## BOOKS EXHIBITION



**Cadets giving momentos to families of Martyrs**



## ECOFEST

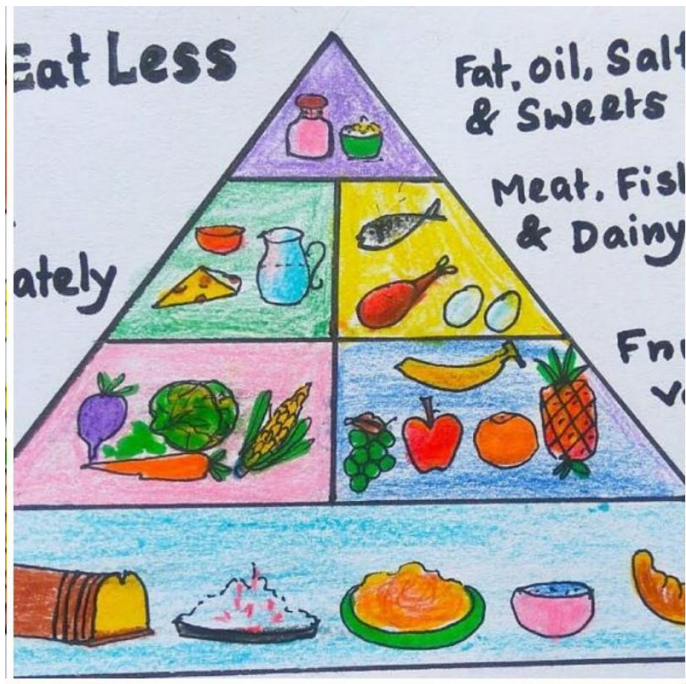


## COMMEMORATION OF 75<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY





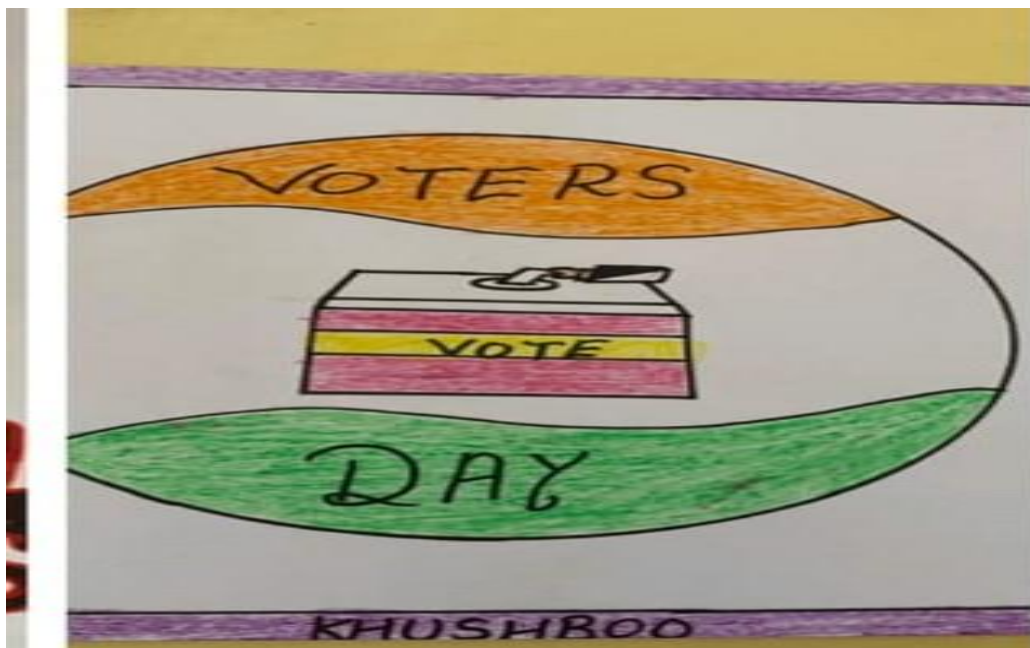
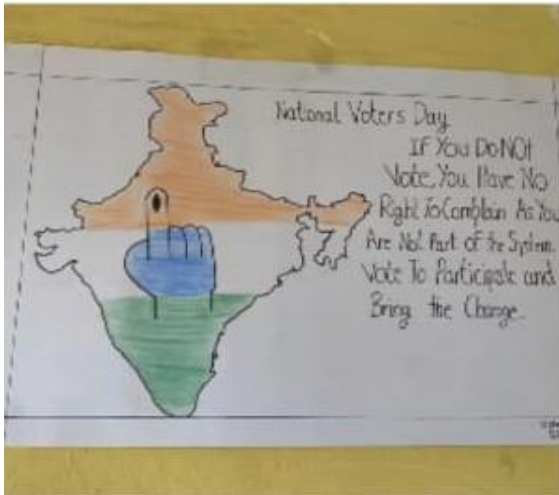
## NUTRITIONAL AWARENESS



## YOGA ACTIVITIES



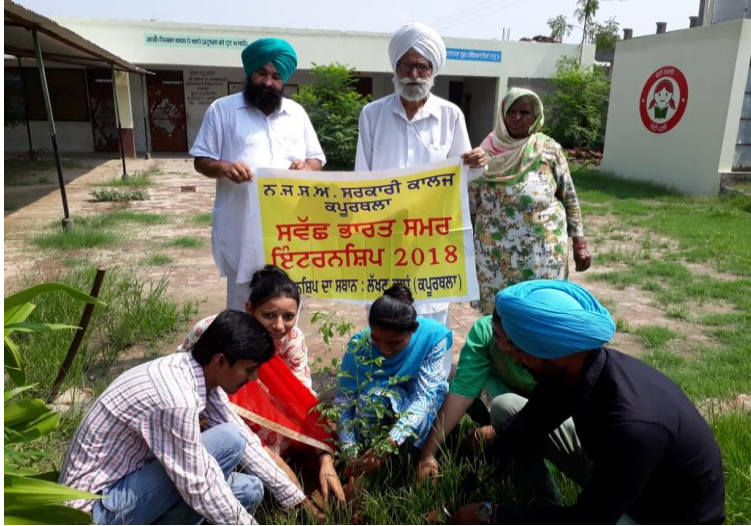
## CELEBRATION OF VOTERS' DAY



# COMMEMORATION OF BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF BHAGAT SINGH JI



## Cleanliness Activities Beyond The Campus



## Systematic Voters' Education & Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Program Celebrations



# International Mother Tongue's Day Celebrations



## Constitution Day Celebrations





## Disability Friendly Activities



## Pulse Polio Campaign



## Cultural Event during last NAAC Peer team visit



## NJSA Govt. College family is reminded of all round harmonious environment in the institution

