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INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS 2019-20

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Institutional Distinctiveness

Sri Guru Gobind Singh College, Chandigarh stands out in its distinctive endeavour for a holistic development of the students and commitment to the cause of academics supplemented with philanthropy, morality and social sensitivity amongst youth. The pedagogy used is contemporary, thereby keeping students in line with the changing scenario in the educational arena, amalgamating this with value systems imbibed from the teachings and lofty ideals of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, after whom the College has been named.

Within the mentioned framework, the unique Sikh practice of *Seva*, selfless service, is integrated in the academic and routine functioning of the College. The recent pandemic has brought this aspect of *Seva* to the fore, shining brightly through all the efforts and endeavours of the College. The NSS epitomised this spirit by organising a camp for Covid Awareness. Generous contributions were made by all staff members towards the PM Cares Covid Relief Fund, Punjab Flood Relief and Poor Patients Assistance Cell, PGIMER, Chandigarh. NCC cadets received training and were designated Frontline workers and second line of Defence during the pandemic.

The overarching humanism and the secular impulse that drives the College reflected in the ideals of 'Sarbat Da Bhala' (well-being of all mankind) and 'Manas ki Jaat Sabhe Ek Pehchanbo' (all mankind is one). These ideals are routinely integrated in the academic and social life of the institution. Gurmat Vichar Sabha and Centre for Sikh Religious and Cultural Studies continued their pursuit of cultivating and instilling ethical righteousness in the minds of all. The Centre for Sikh Religious and Cultural Studies orgnaised Katha and Gurbani Kirtan and also impart Gurmat Sangeet Classes.

The College is creating a niche in the field of environment sustainability with the creation of a mini urban Sacred Forest on campus with native species of trees which aims to contribute towards the National Mission and Environment Priorities of the Government. To attain Environmental Sustainability and Heritage Preservation, *Desi Beriyan (Zizyphus sp)* were planted to increase pollinator and bird diversity of the area and saplings were distributed to various colleges encouraging a spirit of brotherhood and mutual cooperation. Panel discussion on Sustainable Environment was held in ICSSR-sponsored International Conference on 'Roadmap to Sustainability: Environment and Health'. The College was awarded Best Environment Society Award 2019 by Department of Environment, Chandigarh Administration.

The tradition of excellence in Sports is the forte of our College and our Sportspersons have International representations. Alumni of the College are well placed in every walk of life and contribute towards their alma mater in a big way. The Alumni association started a sponsorship for the education of orphaned and other students lacking resources.

The unique Institutional Distinctiveness imparted by our College ensures all-round growth of the students by providing them equal opportunities to develop administrative and leadership qualities. It is evident from *Green ThinkerZ Academic Excellence Award 2019* under Institution category won by the College for remarkable contribution in the field of holistic education.