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Tribune coverage of the College

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Improving rapidly, Jubilee Hall of NDSA College stands in the middle of storming storm. The Jubilee Hall's splendid facade is topped with three towers having weather vane. The central area was a lightning wire built for protection against lightning and thunderstorms.

A plaque of the college inauguration was held on April 7, 1923.

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

The entrance to the college, which was established in 1926.

Science Park on the premises of the college.

The interior of the Jubilee Hall. The ornate and white interior which have been restored and repaired.

College students pose for a photograph with Vice-Chancellor of Chandigarh in Bantley.

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 Malkiat Singh take a trip down memory lane in the annals of Kapurthala's glorious educational history.

ESTABLISHED in 1856 as Randhir School, a Sanskrit school, Nawab Jassa Singh Ahluwalia College was a pioneer and of learning in the undivided Punjab and is the oldest surviving educational institution in North India. It was set up on a sprawling 28 acres by Raja Randhir Singh, the ruler of the princely state of Kapurthala.

The college predates other noted institutions of learning in undivided North India with the exception of Edwards College, Peshawar established in 1860. The Government Mohindra College, Patiala (1875) and Khalsa College, Amritsar (1880) had not been established then and the Government College, Lahore, and Punjabi Christian College, Lahore, were also established only after 1904 and 1905 respectively. The 127-year-old institution — later christened as Nawab Jassa Singh Ahluwalia College in 1973 — is a rare Punjab gem, which is, unfortunately, known in the present Punjab.

History
In 1857, three universities

COLONIAL-EPA ARCHITECTURE
The Jubilee Hall's imposing facade has three towers that are topped with weather vane, making one by one for protection against lightning and thunderstorms. The red and white building features colonial architecture with arched windows and a grand entrance door facing the road. Presently, it is a dilapidated structure, the building which has been under repair for years. Marked by a red and white archway, the Jubilee Hall features a grand entrance.

It was recognised by Punjab University in 1946. 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 housing 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 verdant campus with imposing colonial buildings. All 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, English departments, basketball court, gym, botanical gardens and a vermicomposting unit.

The current student strength of the college is

1,061. It also boasts of being one of the government colleges changing the lowest fee in the region.

Former foreign minister S. Jaishankar, post-Sardar Bhindranagar leader, Rajan Singh Chhona, former Punjab governor Ghulam Mohammed, sportsman Mahesh Ahluwalia and many more are on the glorious list of alumni.

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

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A portrait of Nawab Jassa Singh Ahluwalia, founder of the college.

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

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

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

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

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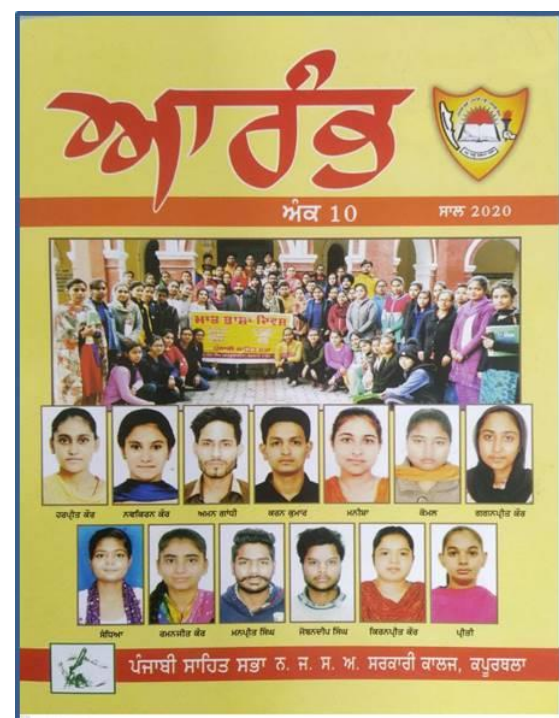
LASER SHOW TO COMMEMORATE THE 500TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF GURU NANAK DEV JI



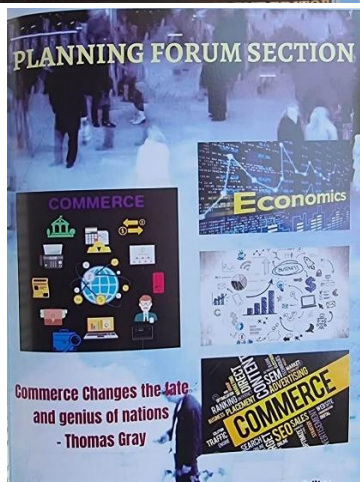
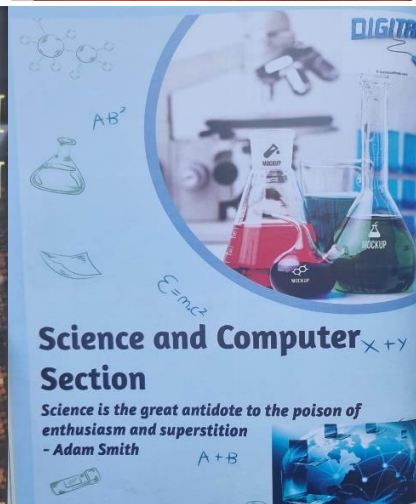
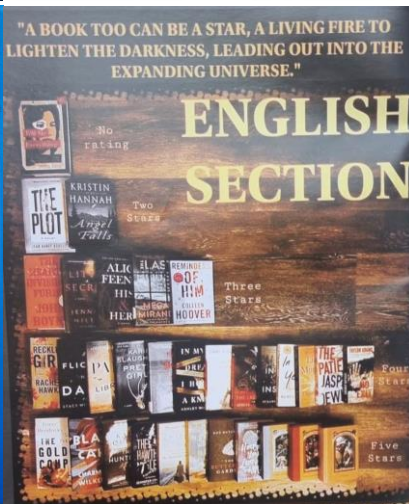
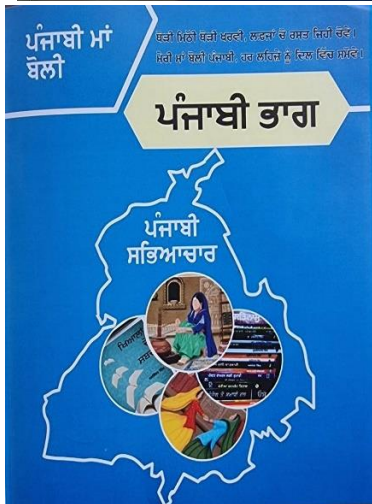
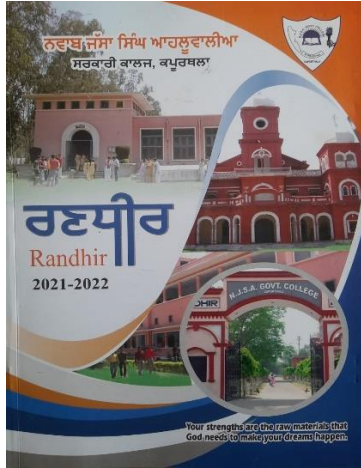
YOUTH FESTIVAL



ARAMBH MAGAZINE STRESSING UPON IMPORTANCE OF MOTHER TONGUE



COLLEGE MAGAZINE 'RANDHIR' WITH SECTIONS OF VARIOUS LANGUAGES



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS



WOMENS' DAY CELEBRATIONS



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



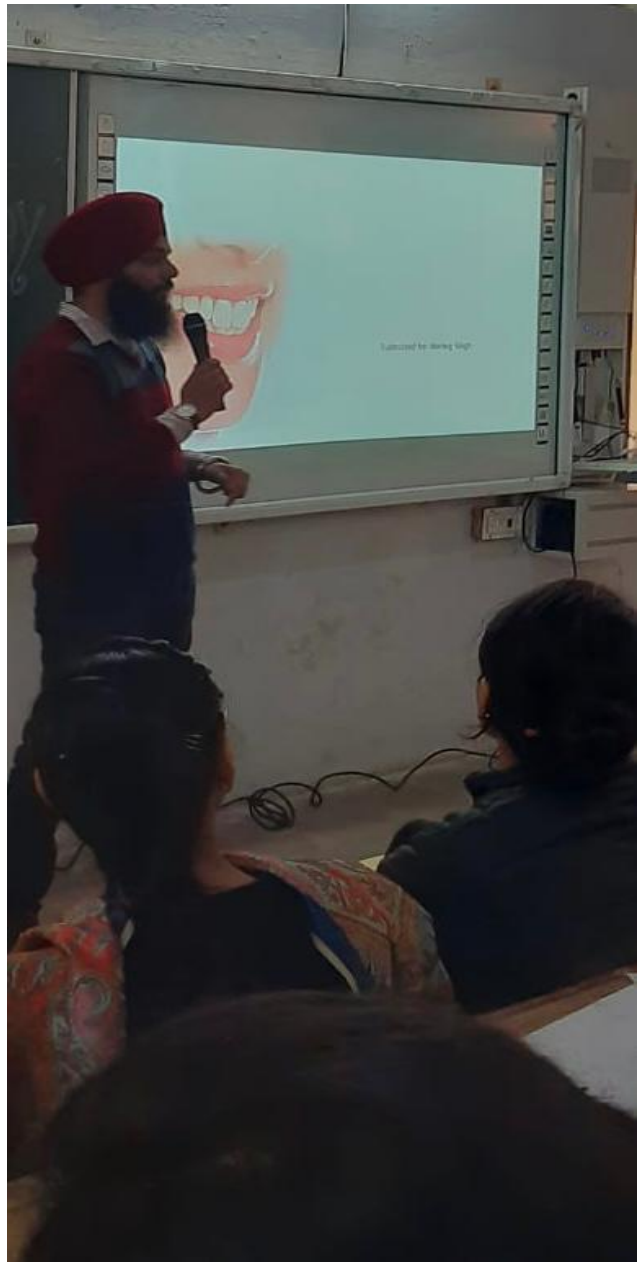
Teaching use of Electronic Voting Machines



NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY



WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY



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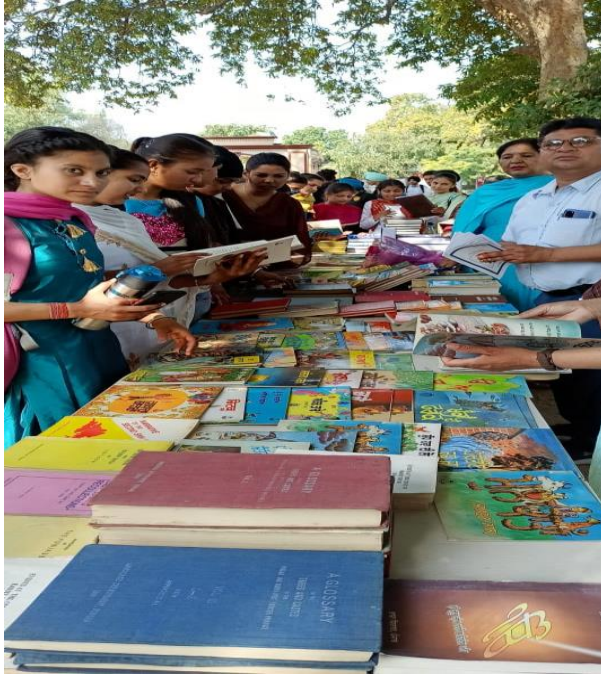
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PROSPECTUS RELEASE FUNCTION



BOOKS EXHIBITION



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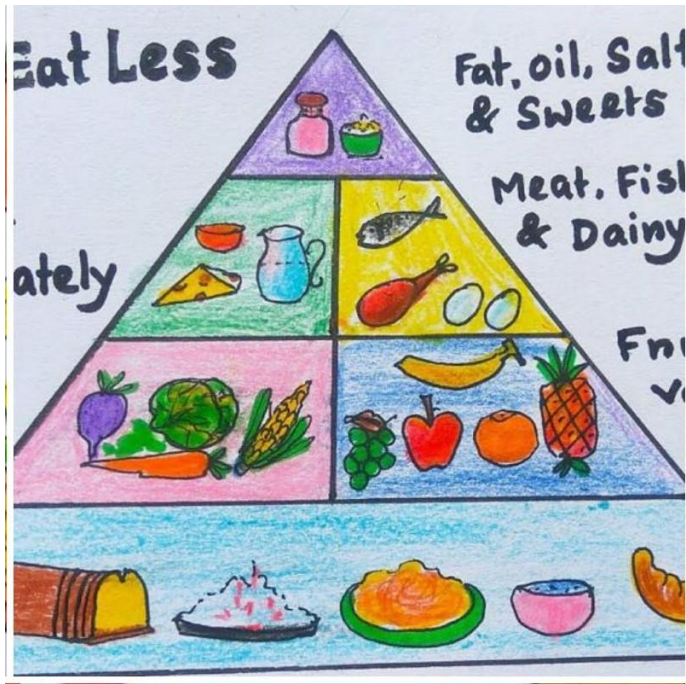
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COMMEMORATION OF 75TH INDEPENDENCE DAY



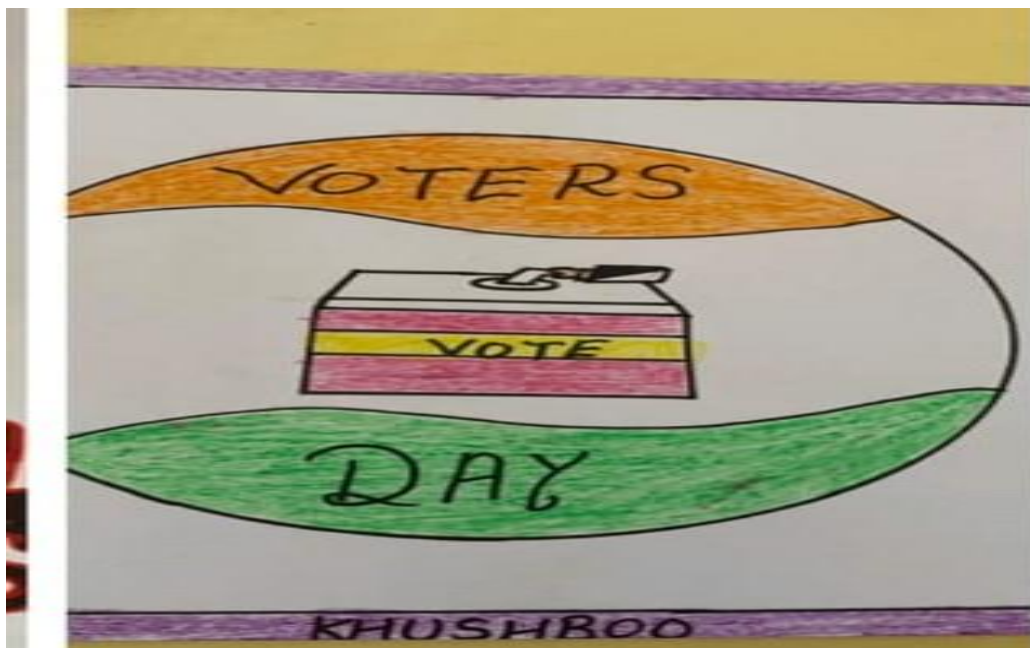
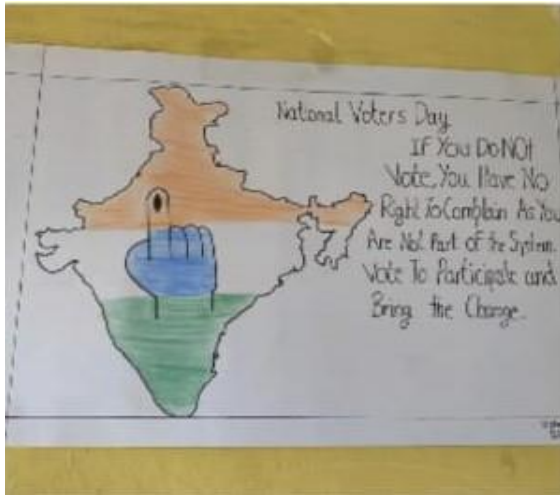
NUTRITIONAL AWARENESS



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

