

ANNA ADARSH COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

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A pleasant Morning to all. It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 38th College Day celebrations. A warm welcome to President, Punjab Association - Dr. Vikram Aggarwal, General Secretary - Shri Ramesh Lamba, Vice President and Chairman (Non Academics) - Shri Vijay Bhatia, Correspondent - Shri Sunil Hasija and other esteemed members of the Punjab Association, Vice Principals, Deans, the Heads of the Department, the faculty, the parents and students present here today.

The beginning is the most important part of the work – Plato.

It is the philanthropic vision of the Management Punjab Association that serves as a beacon lighting the path of the college since inception. With its roots firmly embedded in service to society, the college was founded in 1985.

Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better- Maya Angelou

The college was accorded the 'A' grade in the first cycle of NAAC in 2011 and boosted its performance to achieve an A+ grade in the second cycle in 2017 and today we stand tall and proud with the highest grading of A++ in the third cycle of NAAC in 2023 placing us on par with some of the best institutions of higher education in the country.

The college has been ranked among top city colleges by Education World and was placed in the 101-150 band in NIRF Ranking in 2023. We have a superlative rating from India Today placing us within the top 10 bracket in arts, science and commerce streams amongst all arts and science colleges in the city in 2023.

Inception to Exception (Then and Now)

At inception, the college began with a small core team of 22 faculty members and 300 students offering just 6 undergraduate programmes. Registering exponential growth, the college today has 224 faculty members, close to 5428 students offering 29 programmes including UG, PG and research streams.

Vision and Mission

The vision and mission statements of the college are in consonance with the commitment of the institution towards creating students who will be able to realize the twin objectives of personal growth and national development.



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Ranks Galore

The impressive number of university ranks scored by our students is proof of their academic benchmarks set by the institution and followed year after year. 84 of our students were university rank holders last year with 7 being university toppers in their subjects. The pass percentage for the academic year 2022-2023 is 97.42%

Faculty Facts

The college has a dynamic mix of experienced faculty and energetic youngsters. They offer their expertise and share their knowledge in various capacities such as:

Chairman of Board of Studies of other institutions and universities,

Members of Board of Studies- 286

Recognized Research supervisors- 10.

Programme Coordinators and leadership roles outside college

Authors of books, Editors of journals, Editorial and Review Board members of journals

Leadership roles in NGOs

Resource person, judges of events/ Steering Committees of Conferences

The numbers of faculty in their multifaceted roles for last year is on the screen.

Participation in FDP/FOP/Refresher course- 112

Strengthening Our Foundation (Teacher Quality)

The number of faculty holding doctoral degrees is 138. With a focus on augmenting the research, faculty present papers, attend conferences and seminars, author books and book chapters and publish in reputed national and international journals in their chosen disciplines. The number of such faculty engagement work towards building a research culture in the institution is on the screen. 76 Publications in UGC Care Journals and 43 ISBN/ISSN Publications in edited books and conference proceedings by the faculty this year is proof of the research culture the college fosters.

Beyond Books (Enriched Learning)

The college strives to make education relevant, practical, useful and functional. The Departments organize conferences, seminars, symposiums and guest lectures to reinforce and reiterate concepts learnt in the classroom. These are at the international, national, regional and state level bringing the best of speakers addressing the students on cutting edge topics and contemporary issues. The students during the Q and A sessions get to interact with inspiring speakers and subject stalwarts. This year 51 programmes were conducted at every level.

5 FDP & 3 programmes for Non-Teaching Faculty were conducted.

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FacultyDevelopment/Workshop/Training Progammes conducted during 2022-2023

- 1. Central Library of College, in Collaboration with the American Center, US Consulate General Chennai, organized a Faculty Development Programme to Explore the American Center Resources and Services on 02-08-2022
- 2. PG Department of Computer Science Shift-I organized "Deep Learning: A Practical Perspective" on 12-08-2022
- 3. Department of Computer Applications Shift-II conducted Mobile App Development workshop for faculty on 27-01-2023
- 4. Central Library of College organized a training programme on DRILLBIT, Plagiarism Software by DELNET on 09-03-2023
- 5. PG Department of Computer Science Shift-I conducted Academic Roadmap in Research Capacity Building on 17-03-2023.

Special programmes conducted in association with MSME of the government of India and flagships programmes of the government such as Poshan Mann, Swachhta Pakhwada, Swachh Bharat are implemented through various programmes.

Accessories and Ancillaries (Curriculum Enrichment)

A range of courses are offered to provide students with additional skills and practical know-how. 135 Career Oriented courses, Capacity Building Workshops, Skill Development courses were conducted this year to help students in the acquisition of sought after skills and qualifications. Apart from bringing in courses that find a direct correlation with the employment scenario, the college also offers other courses that strengthen and consolidate curriculum learning and provide prowess to students making them competent and capable. The courses are structured as value added, Add on, certificate and Bridge courses.

The no.of. Addon courses conducted were 53

Paper Proof

The college magazine, Adarsh Vani is a compilation of the happenings on campus recorded meticulously. Adnel is the official college newsletter. Inhouse magazines are published by the departments with the students managing content, presentation, and publication. These articles are written/compiled by students focusing on current trends and best practices in their chosen academic disciplines. Each department has a newsletter with a detailed run through of all activities hosted, conducted, organized by the department.

Collaborate to Educate (MoUs, linkages)



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Knowledge exchange and interchange leads to knowledge enrichment and the college has signed MoUs and linkages with academic institutions including industries, banks, corporate houses, NGOs, hospitals - internationally, nationally, and locally. This year there are 35 live and 627 linkages.

The Fitness Quotient (Sports)

The college takes a keen interest in encouraging students to participate in sports and games with intercollegiate and inter departmental tournaments organized every year in all major sporting events.

Practice sessions in the morning and afternoon, coaches for specialized games have resulted in producing Individual and Team Champions.

Indoor Games facility along with gym and dedicated space for Yoga are available for exercise and strength training.

With a special emphasis on traditional martial arts like silambam and yoga, the college has produced champions at the district, university, state, national and international level in games and sports.

Some notable performers are Sivateja, Khelo India winner and national swimming champion and Meenakshi, International, National, and regional Silambam competition winner. Students won a total of 25 medals in various sporting events in the year- 4 International, 2 National, 15 State and 4 University level.

Refresh and Rejoice (Celebrations on campus)

The college calendar is marked with a varied range of celebrations. These include. Regional and Religious festivals like Pongal, Diwali, Christmas, Navarathri Golu, Punjabi Mela, Lohri are celebrated.

Traditional Day, Science Day, Earth Day, Women's Day, Environment Day are celebrated with activities, programmes, contests, art displays and street plays.

Oaths are taken and awareness drives are conducted on important national Days.

The three events - Manjari for the I years, Meghmalhar - the inter department fest and Neharika - the inter collegiate fete mark the cultural landscape.

A total of 47 sports and cultural events were conducted during the year.

Lessons in leadership (The Student Council)

The Student Council is the elected body voicing the aspirations of the students. The Council has access to all levels of administration ensuring that their opinions are heard and needs are addressed. The representatives of the Council are elected through a democratic voting process where every student in the college votes through an indigenously developed e- voting system.



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One for Everyone (Club activities)

The following clubs expose the students to a multitude of issues, concerns and handling them helps students gain confidence and clarity in thinking. Every student is a member of a club. Citizen Consumer Club, Enviro Club, Students' Exnora Club, Fine Arts Club, Health and Wellness Club, Book Club, Institutional Innovation Council (ED Cell), National Cadet Corps(NCC),National Service Scheme (NSS),Red Ribbon and Prevention of Abuse Club, Road Safety Club, Rotaract Club, Soft Skill club, Youth Red Cross Society & Electoral Literary club. The clubs also promote talent spotting, involvement in social service, honing leadership skills, creating an entrepreneurial mindset, showcasing artistic temperament.

Reaching Out (Institutional Social Responsibility)

The college takes reaching out to the community as a committed responsibility with its unique Institutional Distinctiveness Programme- Adarsh Seva Yojna.

The commitment to producing community conscious students and faculty with a sense of social responsibility is a guiding principle of the college in resonance with the spirit of Punjab Association.

Some of the activities conducted as part of Adarsh Seva Yojana were adoption of five villages under the Unnat Bharat Abhigyan by the NSS with annual camps bringing the students and the village community together to address issues of health,hygiene, education and empowerment.

An effective E -waste and Scrap Policy clearly conceptualized Waste Management Practices.

Each department has social service extension activities, collaborating with institutions like schools for the differently abled, homes of the elderly, organizations for the underprivileged and disadvantaged sections of people.

Events are conducted with NGOs to promote civic engagement and community participation. Some of the community outreach activities conducted in the last year are on the screen with a total of 43 extension programmes for the last year.

Campus to Corporate (Placement data)

The Placement cell prepares the students through pre-placement training including mock interviews, Personality Development and Aptitude test.

There is an exclusive placement officer on campus liaising with corporates to provide employment opportunities.

The number of students placed last year was 560 on campus and 12 off campus.



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We care (Welfare Measures for faculty and Students and Student Scholarships)

The institution believes in supporting students in every way possible to enable them to complete their education.

Endowment prizes are instituted for best students in various fields. Scholarships and freeships are provided for meritorious, socially, and economically disadvantaged students and for students excelling in sports. 290 scholarships and freeships were provided to the students by the government, NGOs, and private bodies this year.

Helping Hands, Open Minds

Each department has a mentor-mentee system with a mentor hand holding students through their years of study on campus.

The counseling center has a dedicated team of qualified and experienced psychologists who are available physically on campus, on the phone and by mail. The counseling center is a welcoming space with motivating and upbeat decor providing a relaxing atmosphere. Counseling has helped scores of students navigate the most difficult phase of their life - transition from teenagers to responsible young women determined to make their mark in the world.

Girl power all the way (Women Empowerment)

The college has been at the forefront of several programmes with its focus on women autonomy, independence and self-reliance. 10 gender equity-based programmes were organized in the year. Adarsh Stree Shakthi, programmes geared towards creating women entrepreneurs conducted 23 programmes to espouse the cause of women led business initiatives

Proud AACians

The Alumni Association is a registered body with scores of active members.

Regular alumni meet brings in a sense of belonging and togetherness among the students.

Alumni provide financial support, resource and material support.

Spread across a range of services, corporates, industries, institutions, the alumni are an integral and invaluable part of the institution. Every Department has a yearly alumni meet and this year too we had a joyful and purposeful reunion.

The Centre Holds

The IQAC functions as the central pivot that plans, organizes and coordinates the events on campus be it academics, extracurricular, co-curricular, sports or cultural and also provides the



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roadmap for us to plan and proceed in everything we do and ensures that these are aligned with policies of the institution.

In the News (Media Presence)

The college has a visible and viable presence across media platforms. Apart from print media reporting on the events and activities on campus, the college has a strong social media presence.

A website with consistent and regular updates

A Facebook and Instagram page to announce events.

A YouTube channel to livestream programmes.

Media houses regularly cover college activities and

A digital display board near the gate is a window to the recent events on campus.

A final word for young achievers who have received accolades today.

If we have been triumphant in our endeavors, be it successfully navigating education through the pandemic or achieving the coveted A++ status, it has been our ability to change, adapt and adopt new practices, new methodologies, new approaches- that has been the cornerstone of our success.

When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be - Lao Tzu

We wish all our students to be flexible and malleable and make the changes not just to survive but to succeed in the world and discover who they are capable of becoming.

Thank you.