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Submitted by

**Mehr Chand Mahajan**  
**DAV College for Women**  
Sector 36-A, Chandigarh (U.T.)



# Our Beacon of Light



MAHARISHI SWAMI DAYANAND SARASWATI

## *Our Guide and Mentor*



*Dr. Punam Suri Ji, Padma Shree Awardee*

*Hon'ble President*

*DAV College Managing Committee*

*New Delhi*

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

India's villages- "A spotlight that holds promise with a determined action", the UBA Cell of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, is making big strides to touch the rural souls with the dynamism of concrete developmental initiatives. The UBA team has displayed exceptional commitment towards the upliftment and progress of the adopted villages viz. Maloya, Kajheri, Attawa, Badheri and Buterla falling in the ambit of college. Activities related to outreach programs have been the hallmark of our institution as Swami Dayanand Saraswati has said "It is in giving that lies the self-growth of a person and society at large". Our college staff has always been sensitized to the promotion of ventures and projects that address the crucial requirements of the under-privileged sector. The trails of progress that shape the betterment of rural India constitute the core of the activities undertaken. The UBA Cell of the college is, thus, a conglomerate of a variety of transformative activities and programs that are specially designed and administered according to the requirements of the villages. The deliberation and foresight that goes into the planning of the activities has a far-reaching impact on the sustainability of environment. I appreciate the painstaking efforts of the UBA Cell Coordinator and team members who are upholding the banner of rural development with the primary objective of making the villages move a step forward in all developmental domains. I feel blessed to be one among the trailblazers who are contributing to the bedrock of potential growth emerging from the rustic environs of our country.

I take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to our guide and mentor, our worthy President Dr. Punam Suri Ji, Padma Shree Awardee, DAV College Managing Committee (DAV CMC), New Delhi, for his wholehearted involvement and selfless service to the cause of education. I am indebted to Shri. H.R. Gandhar, Hon'ble Vice President and Sr. Governing Body Member DAV CMC, New Delhi and also to Sh. Shiv Raman Gaur, Director Higher Education, DAV CMC, New Delhi for their efforts in promoting the DAV philosophy of selfless service of humanity.

It is a matter of pride and honor for me to see the UBA cell of the college, function with an over-arching vision defining the contours of social responsibility streaks amongst the volunteers. The united efforts in a goal-oriented set-up, send across the message of universal brotherhood and selfless service.

“UBA looks towards the community with its hub in villages.”

Best Wishes !



**Dr. Nisha Bhargava**  
**[ Principal ]**



**Dr. Gunjan  
Coordinator, UBA Cell  
Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women**

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) is a high-powered mission touching the grassroots of the soil of India by executing transformational initiatives in the rural development process. It is an association of team members working together with knowledge institutions to help build the architecture of an Inclusive India. The vision of UBA is to enable higher educational institutions to work with the people of rural India in identifying development challenges and evolving appropriate solutions for accelerating sustainable growth. This concept was nurtured at IIT, Delhi in 2014 via consultation with the representatives of technical institutions viz. Rural Technology Action Group (RuTAG) coordinators, Voluntary organizations and Government agencies, actively involved in rural development work.

Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women rose to the call by becoming a participating member in 2019 and adopted five villages viz. Maloya, Kajheri, Attawa, Badheri and Buterla falling in the periphery of Chandigarh. The UBA Cell of the College promptly came into action, upholding the Gandhian vision of self-sufficient 'village republics', based on local resources and using decentralized, eco-friendly technologies so that the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, sanitation, health care, energy, livelihood, transportation, and education are locally met. It is aptly said, "Break the shackles of inertia and transcend the boundaries to merge into the bigger whole embracing the villages". The role of youth in any growth-related domain is paramount, and the student volunteers of UBA Cell, under the guidance of their teachers have played a commendable role in all community programs with their involvement right from the pen of planning to the pinnacle of the peak of completion. The face-to-face interaction with the villagers on various agendas and areas of common interest, has sensitized the student volunteers to understand the deprived sector at a profound level. The objective of UBA Cell is to march forward in its novel endeavours to alleviate the huge developmental disconnects between the rural and urban sectors such as inequity in health, education, income, basic amenities and employment opportunities, to name a few.

To conclude, I express my sincere gratitude to our Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava who has spearheaded the drive with excellence and whole-heartedness. Her unswerving support in all the activities guided with excellent direction, leads to the fulfilment of the desired targets.

# UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN

## (TEAM MEMBERS)

<b>Dr. Punam Suri Ji, Padma Shree Awardee, Hon'ble President DAVCMC</b>	:	<b>Patron</b>
<b>Dr. Nisha Bhargava</b>	:	<b>Convener</b>
Dr. Gunjan	:	Coordinator
Ms. Navdeep Kaur	:	Assist Coordinator

### **Village Coordinators**

- Dr. Amardeep Kaur (Village: Maloya)
- Dr. Arshdeep Kaur (Village: Buterla)
- Dr. Nidhi Tanwar (Village: Badheri)
- Dr. Gurjeet Virk Sidhu (Village Kajheri)
- Dr. Kanika Sofat (Village: Attawa)

### **Organizing Team**

- Dr. Ketaki Dwivedi
- Dr. Sarabjeet Kaur
- Dr. Amandeep Kaur
- Dr. Gunjan Sud
- Dr. Rishu
- Dr. Ramandeep Kaur
- Dr. Purnima Bhandari
- Dr. Aanchal
- Dr. Madhuri Tanaji Patil
- Dr. Nisha Dawra

### **Reports and Data Management**

- Ms. Navdeep Kaur
- Ms. Vandita Kapoor
- Dr. Prakriti Renjen

### **Non- Teaching**

- Mr. Kuldeep Singh
- Mr. Surjit Thakur



## Webinar on National Education Policy – 2020

21 September 2020

**Need of the Activity:** With an objective to deliberate upon the newly introduced National Education Policy-2020, The NSS units and Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan (UBA) cell of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh organized a Webinar on National Education Policy-2020, on September 21, 2020. The resource person of the webinar was Ms Arundhati Nilkanth Kawadkar, an educationist at Sanmitra Sainiki Vidyalaya, Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

The objective of organizing the webinar was to familiarize the participants with the various elements of the National Education Policy-2020.

**Description in 200 words (along with the Pictures):** The resource person of the webinar, Ms Arundhati Kawadkar, dwelt upon the importance of developing human potential from inside. She spoke about the National Education Policy-2020 being an India-centric policy which will enable the country's youth to generate employment opportunities, as it will focus on individual skill generation. She further spoke about how the policy blurs distinctions between various disciplines and manifests the latent potential in every child's mind. The new policy will take classroom teaching to the field and make it applicable in practical life.

Narrating practical examples of how nothing is extra-curricular and everything is a part of education, Ms Arundhati emphasized on the holistic nature of the NEP-2020. She also informed the participants that the NEP-2020 will focus on increase in Research for Resurgence.

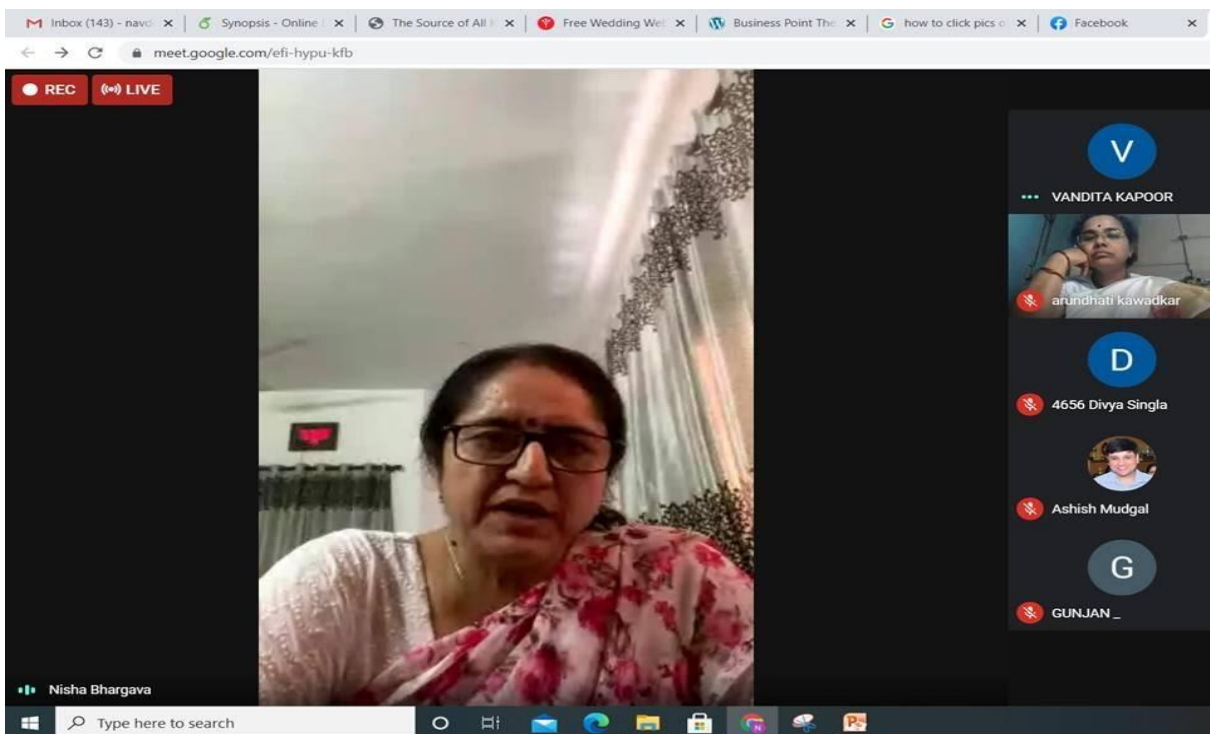
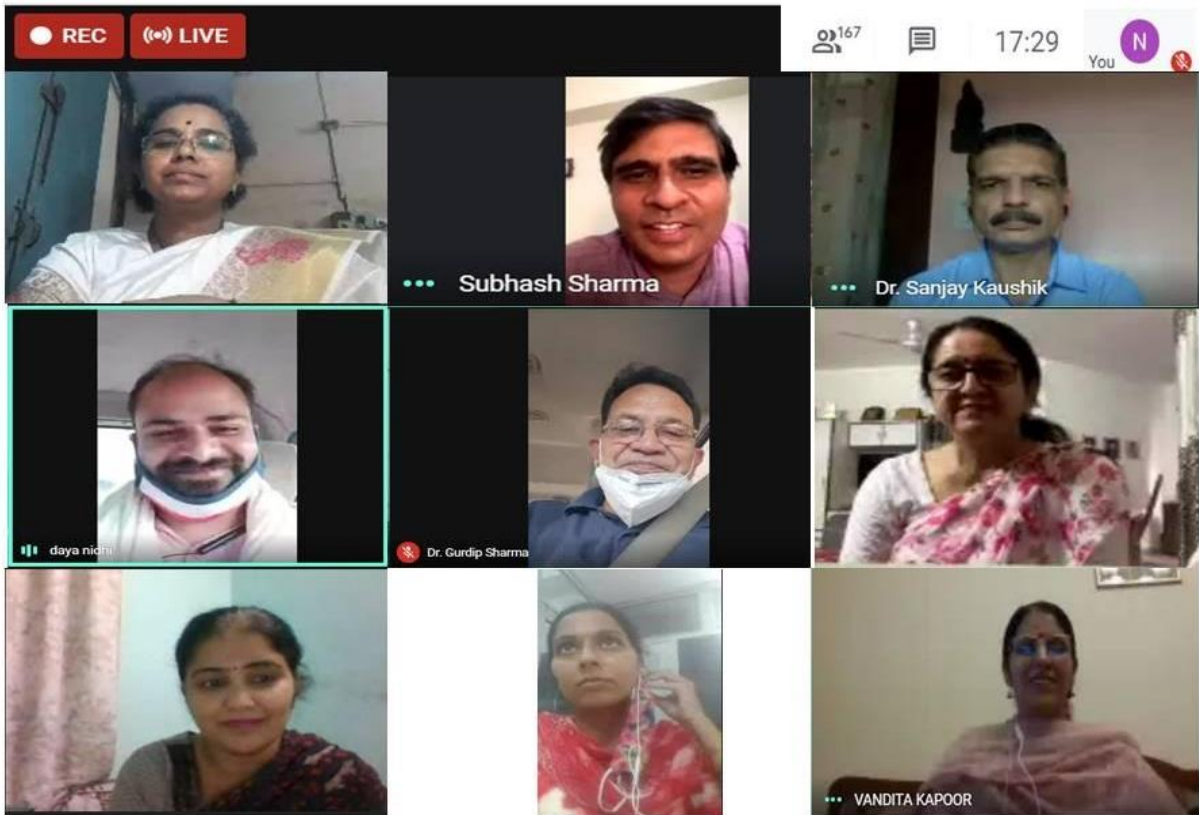
The other speakers who deliberated upon the National Education Policy-2020, were Dr Subhash Sharma, Founder Director, CEPR, and independent director of Hindustan Copper Ltd., Prof. Sanjay Kaushik, Dean, College Development Council, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Prof. Gurdip Sharma, Mr Dayanidhi ji and Dr Nisha Bhargava, Principal, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh.

The webinar witnessed an enthusiastic participation from around 230 participants. There were 900 registrations received in all. The participants were a mix of students, faculty members, NSS and UBA volunteers and residents of MCM DAV's adopted villages. The event was telecast and streamed live on Youtube, Google Streaming and Google Meet.






### Photographs of the Activity:





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**Mehr Chand Mahajan**  
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Welcomes you to *Webinar on*  
**National Education Policy-2020**  
*organized by*  
NSS Units and Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan (UBA) Cell

**Resource Person**  
Ms. Arundhati Nilkanth Kawadkar  
Sanmitra Sainiki Vidyalaya  
Chandrapur, Maharashtra



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arundhati kawadkar



Dr. Gurdip Sharma



Dr. Sanjay Kaushik



Subhash Sharma



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Meeting details

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- 4854HARLEEN ..
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- 4954SUCHINT ..
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- 5194Sakshi ..
- 5196AASHIMA ..
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- 5205Priyanka ..
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## **Online Career Counselling Session for the students of Government Senior Secondary School, Village Maloya**

**November 20, 2020**

**Need of the Activity:** In order to instil awareness amongst the students of Government Senior Secondary School, Village Maloya regarding the planning of their careers and the prospective career opportunities available to them, an Online Career Counselling Session was organized for them by the Maloya Chapter of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. The session was organized with the objective of bridging the gap between the jobs available and their awareness of the same. Information regarding the various professional career options available along with their respective financial viability was shared by the resource person in the session.

The career counselling session was organized at an opportune time as the vicious grip of the pandemic has led to widespread loss of jobs which has further generated an uncertainty coupled with an apprehension about the financial security, stability and personal growth offered by various career options, in the youth. All these career related anxieties were put to resolved and all career-related doubts were resolved by the resource person.

**Description in 200 words (along with the Pictures):** An online Career Counselling Session was held for the students of Government Senior Secondary School, Village Maloya, on November 20, 2020 from 11:00 am to 12: 00 pm by the Maloya Chapter of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. The resource person for the session was Dr Manoj Kumar, Associate Professor, PGGCG, Sector 11, Chandigarh. The convener of the session was the Principal of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, Dr Nisha Bhargava, while the coordinators of the session were Dr Amardeep Kaur, Assistant Professor, Department of Punjabi, Dr Sarabjeet Kaur, Department of Zoology, and Dr Ketaki Dwivedi, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, at MCM DAV College for Women, Chandigarh.

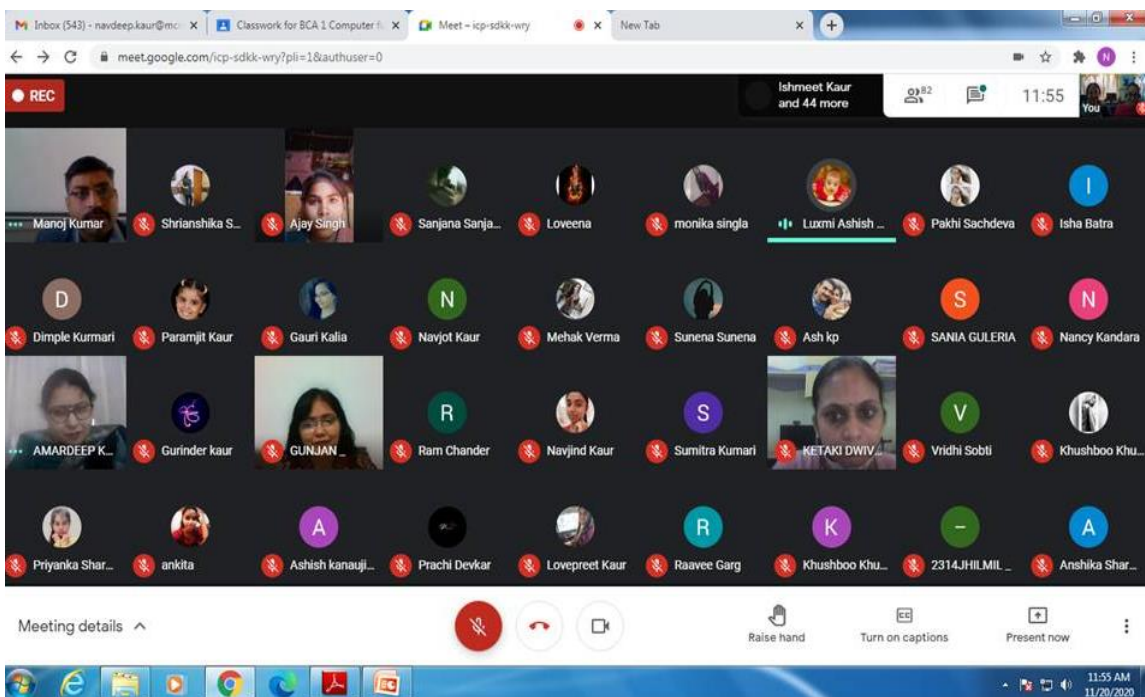
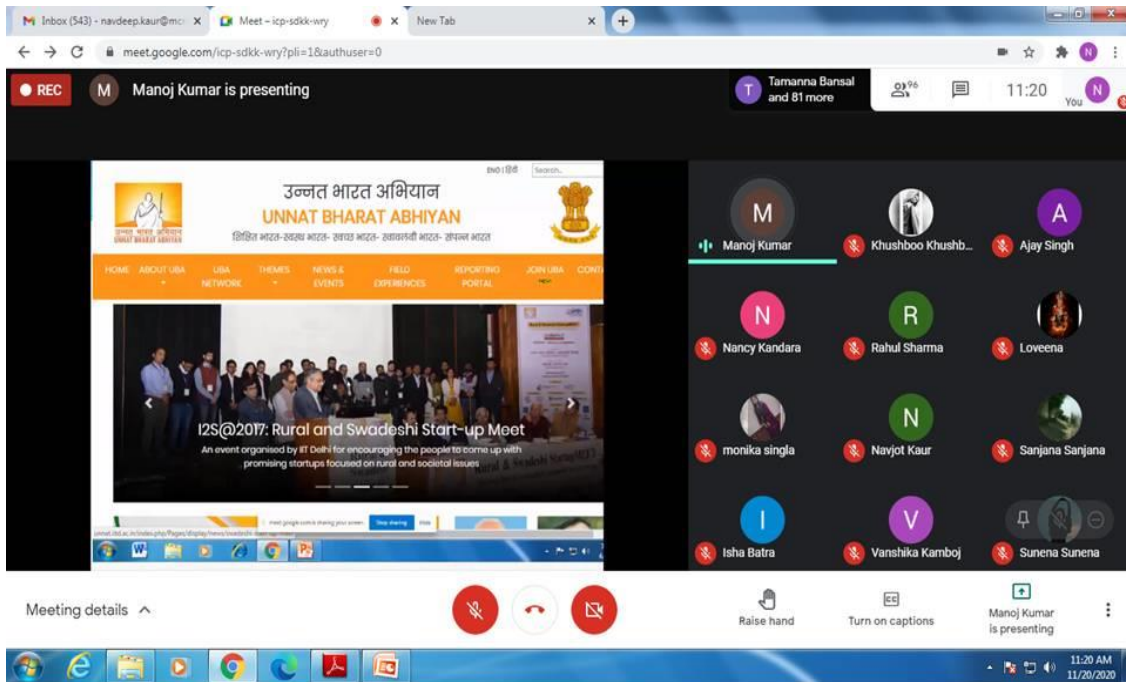
The session witnessed a good participation of 100 students while the number of outside stakeholders was 80. The session proved to be extremely valuable for the students as they were made aware about the need for upgrading their skill sets in order to meet the requirements of the





job market. The students were also made aware about the respective advantages and limitations of public and private sector jobs. The students raised relevant queries and doubts which were cleared by the resource person. All in all, the session was a well-meaning and well-executed event.

### Photographs of the Activity:





Meeting details

12:16 PM 11/20/2020

Meeting details

12:18 PM 11/20/2020



# एमसीएम में मलोया के विद्यार्थियों के लिए ऑनलाइन करियर काउंसिलिंग सत्र

चंडीगढ़, 24 नवंबर (राकेश): मेहर चंद महाजन डीएवी कॉलेज फॉर वूमैन के उन्नत भारत अभियान (यूबीए) सैल ने सरकारी सीनियर सैकेंडरी स्कूल, मलोया के विद्यार्थियों के लिए एक ऑनलाइन करियर काउंसिलिंग सत्र का आयोजन किया। विद्यार्थियों को करियर के विभिन्न अवसरों के बारे में जागरूक करने के साथ-साथ उन्हें अपने भविष्य की योजना तैयार करने के लिए किन-किन प्रमुख बिंदुओं पर ध्यान देना है तथा उसके लिए उन्हें उपयुक्त कौशल से समृद्ध करने के उद्देश्य से आयोजित इस कार्यशाला का संचालन पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट गवर्नमेंट कॉलेज फॉर गर्ल्स,

सैक्टर 11 चंडीगढ़ में समाजशास्त्र विभाग के एसोसिएट प्रो. डा. मनोज कुमार ने किया। इस महत्वपूर्ण जानकारीपूर्ण सत्र में विद्यार्थियों को नौकरी के लिए आवश्यक ज्ञान, प्रतिभा, कौशल के साथ-साथ सरकारी क्षेत्र की नौकरियों और निजी क्षेत्र की नौकरियों के फायदे और नुकसान के बारे में भी बताया गया। इस सत्र में लगभग 100 से अधिक विद्यार्थियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लेकर अपने भविष्य के सपनों को साकार करने का प्रशस्त मार्ग प्राप्त किया। कॉलेज की प्रिंसिपल डा. निशा भार्गव ने कॉलेज के यूबीए सैल की इस सामाजिक जिम्मेदारी पहल की सराहना की।





## विद्यार्थियों के लिए ऑनलाइन कैरियर काउंसिल

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## मलोया के विद्यार्थियों के लिए ऑनलाइन कैरियर कॉन्सलिंग सत्र



### जगमार्ग न्यूज

**चंडीगढ़।** सरकारी सीनियर सेकेंडरी स्कूल, मलोया के विद्यार्थियों के लिए एमसीएम डीएवी कॉलेज फॉर वीमेन के उन्नत भारत अभियान (यूबीए) सेल ने एक ऑनलाइन कैरियर कॉन्सलिंग सत्र का आयोजन किया।

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इस महत्वपूर्ण जानकारीपूर्ण सत्र में विद्यार्थियों को नौकरी के लिए

आवश्यक ज्ञान, प्रतिभा, कौशल के साथ-साथ सरकारी क्षेत्र की नौकरियों और निजी क्षेत्र की नौकरियों के फायदे और नुकसान के बारे में भी बताया गया।

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कॉलेज की प्रिंसिपल डॉ. निशा भार्गव ने कॉलेज के यूबीए सेल की इस सामाजिक जिम्मेदारी पहल की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि इस तरह के सत्र विद्यार्थियों को उनके लिए उपलब्ध विभिन्न कैरियर के अवसरों के बारे में शिक्षित करने के लिए अत्यधिक प्रासंगिक हैं।





## मलोया के छात्रों के लिए करिअर काउंसलिंग

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## **Tree Plantation Drive**

**26th November, 2020**

**Need of the Activity:** The objective of this activity was to take note of the various types of herbal and other plants required in the parks of the village. It was considered appropriate to have a discussion with the village councillor and get an idea of the size of plants required, their quantity and category. The UBA team comprising Dr. Gunjan, Coordinator and Dr. Gunjan Sud, Assistant Professor, also had on its cards the need to suggest to the village councillor, the significance of setting up a Bio Gas Plant.

**Description in 200 words (along with the Pictures):** The UBA Cell of the college comprising Dr. Gunjan, Coordinator and Dr. Gunjan Sud, Assistant Professor, visited the parks in the precincts of the village and spent over two hours in overseeing the plants and gaining knowledge of the same. They were accompanied and assisted in this activity by the village Councillor, Mr. Hardeep Singh, his daughter, some senior citizens, gardeners, and other employees. Around 25 'Black Ficus' plants were sown in the park outside Govt. Senior Secondary School, sector 41, Chandigarh. The UBA team also rolled out two bags of cow dung in the flower beds of this particular village park. A view of all the three parks of the village exhibited a remarkable sense of team spirit apparent in their upkeep and maintenance. It was a rare spectacle to see the exquisite landscaping done in the parks. The herbal plants were abundant like amla, tulsi, mint, giloy etc. The gardeners of the parks shared exhaustive benefits and medicinal cure available with the application of herbal plants via different concoctions. The UBA team had also planned to sow the seeds of 'Champa' flower but it was postponed owing to its seasonal non availability. In an ensuing discussion with the Councillor, the UBA team offered a proposal to set up a Bio Gas plant in the village. The activity was overall an enriching experience and a tryst with herbal plants and their miraculous benefits. The UBA team and the village Councillor along with senior citizens and gardeners present in the gathering, had a nice exchange of views and knowledge. Lastly, as a token of gratitude, the village councillor gifted some plants to the UBA team and looked forward to a continual follow-up of such initiatives.



## Photographs of the Activity











## **Donation Drive of Stationary Kits among students of Government Model School, Village Kajheri**

**March 12, 2021**

**Need of the Activity:** With an objective to develop the literacy skills as well as to inculcate a habit of reading and learning among the students of Government Model School, Village Kajheri the UBA team of the College organized a Donation Drive of Stationary Kits on **March 12, 2021**. The drive was organized with a need to achieve Quality Education Goals among the students belonging to poor and underprivileged sections of society.

**Description in 200 words (along with the Pictures):** Under the esteemed guidance of Dr Nisha Bhargava, Principal, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, a donation drive was organized on **March 12, 2021** in Government Model School, Village Kajheri, Chandigarh (U.T.) The kits were distributed by UBA Coordinator, Dr Gunjan assisted by her team members, Dr Purnima Bhandari and Dr Gurjeet Virk. A donation of **100 stationary kits** was made among the students which included essential items like notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, colour, sketch pens, crayons etc.

The UBA members also enlightened the school children regarding the importance of education in their daily lives. The activity was held under the esteemed support of the school principal Mrs Diljeet Kaur and other staff members of the school.

Although the number of students participating in the drive was lesser than the estimated target, due to the ongoing exams, yet the activity generated a good deal of enthusiasm for academic activities of reading, writing and learning among the students. Around **60-70 students** participated in the drive.





**Awareness Regarding Covid-19 and Mask Donation: A Campaign,  
Village Attawa  
March 15, 2021**

**Need of the Activity:**

With an objective to create awareness among people about Covid-19 and to guide them to take precautions and safety measures related to the same, an awareness campaign was held in Village Attawa on **March 15, 2021**. The awareness drive was organized to disseminate knowledge to the people of Village Attawa regarding the importance of hygiene, sanitation and adequate Covid-19 behaviour like wearing masks.

**Description in 200 words (along with the Pictures):**

The awareness campaign regarding Covid-19 and Mask Donation was organized in Village Attawa on March 15, 2021 by the UBA cell of the College. The Coordinator of the campaign was Dr Kanika Sofat, assisted by Dr Namita Bhandari, both Assistant Professors, Department of Commerce, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh. Around 6 students participated in the drive. The drive was organized at an opportune time when Covid-19 cases were seen to be rising once again due to complacency and fatigue in people regarding social distancing and wearing of masks.

The UBA cell members disseminated awareness regarding proper Covid-19 behaviour which should be followed besides also making the people aware about other precautions and safety measures. Important information related to hygiene and sanitation was shared with the village residents to curb the spread of the disease.

Covid-19 masks were also handed over to the village school teachers so that they could further guide their students and distribute the masks to them. The campaign catered to key people like shopkeepers and school teachers who could share the valuable information related to the pandemic further. The drive garnered a lot of attention of the onlookers thereby making it a successful one.





### Photographs of the Activity









## **LED-An Emerging energy effective Technology: Activity on Awareness, Assemblage and Distribution of LED Lights, Village Maloya**

**22 March, 2021**

**Need of the Activity:** In order to spread awareness regarding the assemblage and distribution of LED lights, an activity was carried out by the UBA (Maloya) team of the College in Government Senior Secondary School, Maloya on **22 March, 2021**. The primary objective of the activity was to disseminate awareness regarding the use and significance of LED which is an eco-friendly and a cost-effective alternative to traditional lights. The activity also aimed to impart knowledge about the assembling process of LED bulbs. The LED bulbs were finally distributed to the participants.

**Description in 200 words (along with the Pictures):** A lecture-cum-interactive session was organized by the UBA (Maloya) team and the Renewable, Energy and Eco club of the College for the students of Government Senior Secondary School, Maloya on **22 March, 2021**. The students were made aware about LED lights and their energy efficiency and cost effectiveness by the resource person, Dr Pallavi Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, MCM DAV College for Women. The Interaction was followed by a hands-on workshop to impart training to assemble LED bulbs for student participants. Finally, the LED lights were also distributed to the participants and they were encouraged to adopt their use.

The interactive session and workshop proved to be very beneficial as the students were imparted an entrepreneurial skill of assembling LED lights besides sensitising them towards the energy efficiency and cost effectiveness of the same. However, the activity could not cater to a large number of students because of Covid restrictions on the number of participants.

The coordinators for the activity were, Dr Amardeep Kaur, Assistant Professor, Department of Punjabi, Dr Sarabjeet Kaur, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology and Dr Ketaki Dwivedi, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology at MCM DAV College for Women, Chandigarh.

The activity catered to 34 stakeholders.





### Photographs of the Activity





## **Tree Plantation Drive to mark the celebration of the World Forest Day. Buterla**

**March 22, 2021**

**Need of the Activity:** To commemorate the “World Forest Day and inculcate a spirit of green fruition and healthy living, “Forest restoration: a path to recovery and wellbeing” was the theme that was attempted to be achieved. This is an extremely important day proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly. The objective of the activity was to spread the culture of green conservation and importance of planting saplings and contribute to ecological balance in different areas of the village by the team consisting of the activity Coordinator Dr. Gunjan Sud, student volunteers in the UBA group along with combined efforts and support of the locales. The entire event was conducted following proper norms of COVID-19 pandemic.

**Description in 200 words (along with the Pictures):** “Trees are the lungs of Life”. Creating awareness about saving this gift of nature with unparalleled utility is a challenging task and requires constant efforts. The International day of Forests is celebrated every year around the world to create awareness about the importance of all types of forests and the need for their conservation. Both the former and latter are indispensable for sustainability and for maintaining the ecological balance of the Mother Earth. Adhering to the theme, saplings were planted in different areas of the village by the team consisting of the activity Coordinator Dr. Gunjan Sud, students and the locales. The entire event was conducted following proper norms of COVID-19 pandemic. Keeping in mind the prevailing circumstances only a few people were involved. In all 10 people participated in the drive which was conducted in association with the Deputy Mayor Hardeep Singh Butrela. The biggest concern was the safe procurement of the plants and handling of the plantation drive.





## Photographs of the Activity

