

GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE

DARLAGHAT

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

VISION

“To be a centre of inclusive education which will transform young minds into credible, innovative & socially committed citizens.”

MISSION

“To nurture the students with the best of the new world humanistic, scientific & employability skills through a wide variety of curricular, co- curricular & extracurricular activities.”

Distinguished guests, the office bearers of CSCA, PTA, representatives from media and everyone present here, on behalf of the staff and the students of college, I welcome you all to the 8th Annual Prize Distribution Function of Govt. College Darlaghat.

ABOUT COLLEGE

Government Degree College, Darlaghat, District Solan is situated on the Shimla-Bilaspur-Kangra Highway, just over a kilometre ahead of the Darlaghat Bus Stop, towards Bilaspur. It overlooks the charming and picturesque Darla hills. The College was established on 23rd May, 2017, with a view to make quality higher education accessible in Darlaghat and its surrounding regions. It is currently being run in a privately hired complex. The college has already acquired 43.1 bighas of land in village Kotla Pujariyan and Kotla Numhal on the Darla Hill. In addition, administrative approval of Rupees 14.56 crore has been granted for construction of a new college campus. All codal formalities having been completed, the construction is set to start soon. Darlaghat is a sub-teshil and a panchayat of Solan District.

Interestingly, it derives its name from “**Dadu**”, a wild sour pomegranate, prolific in the area. It is known primarily for Dadu fruit, and limestone resources. In addition, Darlaghat Wildlife Sanctuary was established in 1974, known for hosting populations of black bears, sambhars, wild boars, leopard, and various migratory birds. Ambuja Cement Factory, established in 1995, is the economic lifeline of the region. It has facilitated development of a vibrant market network in the region. As a result, the region is also host to a substantial migrant population. What lends a peculiar distinctiveness to Darlaghat, is its ‘Rurban’ nature. Just beyond the highway, the factory, and the market, one will find the fields lush with the maize crop, the cows lazily grazing on hay, and the familiar sight of the hardworking Indian farmer. There is a certain solace in the very nature of Darlaghat, a mixture of a town and a village.

Government Degree College, Darlaghat is a leap forward in fulfilling the vision of providing affordable and accessible quality higher education to all. The institution primarily serves rural areas, but is well connected to urban facilities, by virtue of its location on National Highway and nearness to the Ambuja Cement factory. From the very beginning, 70-80 per cent of its students have been girls, a fact which represents both a responsibility and an opportunity to shape the future of these young girls, who are driven by a desire to learn, but for various hurdles are unable to go to major cities for their education. The college is an admirable attempt to bring quality education to the door of those not so privileged, marking a step forward in fulfilling constitutional values of equality and justice. The dynamic, hard-working, and driven students and staff members of Darlaghat, are a reflection of the bright future that the college has before it.

BUDGET ALLOCATION

ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURE
14,168,750	13,998,811

PM USHA

The communication received from the Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, under Letter No. EDN-HE (28) F(3)-29/2023-PM-USHA (Vol-II), has brought exciting news: Our college has been selected by the Ministry of Education for the Grant to Strengthen Colleges (GSC) component of PM USHA. This is a significant achievement for our institution and a splendid opportunity to build tangible assets that will enhance the learning process and empower both our students and faculty. The GDC Darlaghat team is committed to making the best use of this grant. Immediate steps have been taken to devise a plan for the optimum utilization of the funds, with an emphasis on improving infrastructure and equipping the college with state-of-the-art technology. Special attention is being given to skilling, inclusivity, sustainability, equity, and improved access to opportunities for students.

FACULTY MEMBERS

NAME	SUBJECT	DESIGNATION
Mrs. Margaret Sebastian	English	Associate Professor
Dr. Jai Prakash Sharma	Political Science	Assistant Professor
Mr. Puneet Thakur	Commerce	Assistant Professor
Dr. Bhawna Azad	Commerce	Assistant Professor
Mr. Akshay Kumar	Economics	Assistant Professor
Miss Bhuvi Sharma	History	Assistant Professor
Miss Rachna Tanwar	Hindi	Assistant Professor

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS:

ASSIGNMENT	HEAD/ IN- CHARGE
Principal (office)	Dr. Ruchi Ramesh
Bursar	Mr. Puneet Thakur
Scholarship	Dr. Bhawna Azad
AISHE	Mr. Puneet Thakur
NSS	Dr. Jai Prakash Sharma
Rovers & Rangers	Mr. Akshay & Miss Bhuvi
Road Safety Club	Mrs. Margaret Sebastian

Red Ribbon Club and Red Cross Society	Mrs. Margaret Sebastian
Women Cell	Principal (Chairperson)
Career Counselling and Placement Cell	Mr. Puneet Thakur

VACANCY POSITION OF TEACHING STAFF

DESIGNATION	Sanction Post	Filled Post	Vacant Post	Remarks
Principal	1	1	0	
AP English	1	1	0	
AP Hindi	1	1	0	
AP Sociology	1	0	1	Vacant due to transfer since 30 th August 2023
AP History	1	1	0	
AP Political science	1	1	0	
AP Economics	1	1	0	
AP Commerce	2	2	0	
Librarian	1	1	0	

VACANCY POSITION OF NON- TEACHING STAFF

DESIGNATION	Sanction Post	Filled Post	Vacant Post	Remarks
Superintendent Grade - 2	1	1	0	
Sr. Assistant	1	1	0	
JOA IT	2	2	0	
Class four	5	5	0	

COLLEGE STUDENTS' CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (CSCA)

The CSCA body acts as the bridge between the Administration and Students. It was nominated on the basis of merit of the students in academics, sports and cultural activities. The Oath Taking Ceremony of CSCA was held on 31st October, 2023.

CSCA Council Members:

DESIGNATION	NAME	CLASS
President	Himani	B.A. 3 rd Year
Vice- President	Bhawana Sharma	B.A. 3 rd Year
Secretary	Chandan Sharma	B.A. 1 st Year
Joint- Secretary	Pranchal	B.Com. 1 st Year

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The PTA plays an important role in the overall development and smooth functioning of the institution by providing a united effort to improve teaching and learning experience. The college PTA was formed on 9th September, 2023.

Details of PTA Budget Session 2023-24

TOTAL BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
1,65,172	64,261	1,00,911

PTA Council Members

DESIGNATION	NAME
Patron	Dr. Ruchi Ramesh, Principal
President	Sh. Rajesh Gupta
Vice President	Smt. Suman Devi
Secretary	Sh. Chet Ram
Treasurer	Sh. Hemraj Thakur

STUDENTS' ENROLLMENT

YEAR	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
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COURSE	B.A.	108	126	156	148
	B.COM	16	17	36	43

ARRIVAL

NAME	DESIGNATION
Dr. Ruchi Ramesh	Principal
Mrs.Margaret Sebestian	Associate Professor English
Dr. Bhawna Azad	Assistant Professor Commerce
Mr. Akshay Kumar	Assistant Professor Economics
Miss. Bhuvi Sharma	Assistant Professor History
Miss. Rachna Tanwar	Assistant Professor Hindi
Mr. Prabhu Dayal	Sr. Assistant

DEPARTURE

NAME	DESIGNATION
Mr. Manoj Kumar	AP English
Dr. Dhanisha Negi	AP Commerce
Dr. Ravinder Kumar	AP Sociology
Shri. Devi Chand	Sr. Assistant

HOUSE EXAMINATION

House examination for the session 2023-24 were held w.e.f. 8th to 17th Feb. All the scripts were evaluated and the performance was duly communicated to the students.

RESULT OF UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION

CLASS	APPEARED	PASSED	COMPART MENT	FAIL	PASS %
B.AI	45	34	05	6	75%
B.AII	36	16	19	1	44%
B.AIII	30	28	02	0	93%
B.COM I	12	07	04	1	58%
B.COM II	03	02	01	0	66%
B.COM III	04	04	0	0	100%

INTER COLLEGE YOUTH FESTIVAL

- Thirteen students represented the college in HPU Inter College Youth festival (Group 1) – CREATIVITY, held at Govt Degree college Nalagarh. They participated in Debate, Elocution, Collage, Clay Modelling, Poster Making, Quiz, Painting, Cartooning and Photography. Himani and Khushi got third price in Debate Competition. Kajal got second price in Collage-Making Competition. In the quiz competition college secured 8th position among 47 colleges. College quiz team consisted of Karan Kumar, Karan Sharma and Neelam.
- Eleven students represented the college in HPU Inter college youth festival (Group 4) THEATRE, held at Govt. College Seema Rohru. They presented one act play on Mantos' story *TOBA TEK SINGH*.

ACTIVITIES OF CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Clubs and societies in college offer numerous benefits for the upliftment of students.

NSS

- Degree college Darlaghat have a half unit of 50 volunteers of NSS. During the session 2023-24, 50 volunteers were enrolled in the unit by Programme Officer Dr. Jai Prakash Sharma, out of 50 volunteers 10 were boys and 40 were girls.
- Ankita was appointed as the leader of girls wing and Karan was appointed as the leader of the boys wing . During the session various NSS activities were organised in the college or outside the college campus which include Tree plantation, College beautification, Cleanliness drive in the local vicinity of Darlaghat college.
- NSS volunteers organised *Amrit Kalash Yatra* and also participated in block level event of *Amrit kalash yatra* organised by Nehru Yuva kendre.
- A 7 day special camp was successfully organised in the month of December 2023.
- Great achievement of the unit was that two NSS volunteers of college were selected for the National Integration Camp (NIC) Which was held at Rajpura ,Punjab from 5th January 2024 to 11th January 2024. Ankita and Karan represented Himachal Pradesh in the National Integration Camp.

The Bharat Scouts & Guides

The Rangers and Rovers Unit of Government Degree College, Darlaghat as volunteers participated in various events organized in college.

There are 24 Rangers, led by Ranger leader Ms. Bhuvi Sharma, and 6 Rovers, led by Rover leader Mr. Akshay Kumar.

- On 29th August, 2023, the Rangers and Rovers unit conducted a plantation drive under the '*Meri Maati, Mera Desh*' programme in joint collaboration with NSS and Eco Club.
- On 7th November, 2023, Foundation day of the Bharat Scout and Guide was celebrated with great fervour in the college. Students were enlightened on the importance and role of the Bharat Scout and Guide.
- In addition, the Bharat Scouts & Guides also actively participated in the International Conference held on 11th and 12th December, 2023.

Electoral literacy Club

Electoral Literacy Club of Government Degree College Darlaghat organised various activities to sensitize the students under SVEEP.

- On November 18, 2023 representative of Election Commission of Himachal Pradesh conducted a workshop on Electoral Literacy.
- Electoral Literacy Awareness Campaign was organised for students.

- On 26th November 2023 Club celebrated Constitution Day.

CAREER COUNSELLING AND PLACEMENT CELL

Mr. Puneet Thakur was In-charge of Career Counselling and Placement of college. Various guidance programs organised by cell are given below:

- A lecture on "Digital and Financial Literacy and Employment Opportunities in the Banking Sector" was being organised by Mr. Devashish Pathak , Manager at State Bank Of India, Darlaghat on 14th September 2023.
- In a collaboration with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), a Smart Investor Awareness Program was organised on 21st November 2023.
- An insightful talk on GST was organised by Dr. Dhruv Pal, Principal of Government College Jukhala on 22nd November 2023.

ROAD SAFETY CLUB

Mrs. Margaret Sebastian is in-charge of Road Safety Club. Club has 43 members.

- Club organised a road safety awareness rally in Darlaghat on 6th November.
- An awareness talk was conducted by Mrs. Margaret Sebastian on the topic 'ROAD SAFETY'.
- Road Safety signs were painted on college entrance for students' awareness.

- Road safety symbols have been printed on Students' Identity Card for their awareness.

ECO CLUB

Mr. Puneet Thakur in-charge of ECO CLUB. It is a voluntary group which emphasis on awareness of environmental issues.

- Eco Club organised a Green Diwali celebration in the college premises.
- The club carried out tree plantation drive on 29th August, 2023.
- A Poster Making competition was organised on the theme 'Save Energy.'

RED RIBBON & RED CROSS SOCIETY

Mrs. Margaret Sebastian is a in-charge of RED RIBBON CLUB & RED CROSS SOCIETY. Objective of this society is to create and spread awareness on adolescent health and on HIV/AIDS. It has 40 active members.

- Three students of college participated in an HIV/AIDS training programme organised by District Hospital solan 'District Aids Control Society'.

DISASASTER MANAGEMENT CELL

Dr. Jai Prakash Sharma is in-charge of Disaster Management Cell.

- A Fire Safety Awareness Program was organised by Ambuja Cement Foundation.
- A mock drill on fire safety was also organised.

CO – CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Freshers' Party** titled '**Rubaru,**' was organized on September 8, 2023. Various activities such as Ramp walk, Talent competition, and Games were arranged for new students. Dance and singing performances by second and third-year students added greatly to the celebrations.
- Oath-taking ceremony of CSCA was organized on 31st October, 2023. Dr. Ruchi Rmesh Principal, administered the oath to the President Himani, Vice President Bhawna Sharma, Secretary Chandan, Joint Secretary Pranchal.
- In order to promote Hindi language and to enhance the talent of students HINDI PAKHWADA was organised. During Pakhwada students participated in Elocution, Poetry recitation and Collage making. Miss. Rachna Tanwar, Assistant Professor Hindi highlighted the significance of Hindi language.

AWARDS / HONORS/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Government College Darlaghat achieved third place in the debate competition and second place in the collage-making competition at the Group 1

Youth Festival held at Government College Nalagarh.

- In the quiz competition, Darlaghat College secured the 8th position among 47 colleges in Group 1 Youth Festival held at Government College Nalagarh.
- In a District level Quiz Competition organized by the District Excise and Taxation Department and Jaypee University of Information Technology, Our students Bhawana and Laxmi secured the second position.
- Two NSS volunteer of college got selected for National Integration Camp at Rajpura, Punjab.
- Dr. Ruchi Ramesh, Principal received 'International Life Time Achievement Award – 2023' by Indian Council Of Forestry Research And Education (ICFRE) & HFRI, Shimla.
- A two-day **international conference** on "**Development in the Mountains: Issues, Challenges, and Solutions**" organized by Government Degree College, Darlaghat, and the Sociological Society of Himachal Pradesh. The conference discussed contemporary issues related to mountain life and the challenges faced by people living in these regions. It explored topics such as unemployment, economic empowerment of mountain women through self-help groups, and addressing challenges like natural disasters.

COLLEGE MAGZINE – SRIJAN

College publishes its annual magazine SRIJAN .It enhances writing and communication skill of students .It provides a platform to showcase noteworthy articles, artwork and achievements, reflecting the vibrant campus culture. It also serves as a documentation of the college’s progress, initiatives, and community engagement.

ENGLISH	Mrs. Margaret Sebastian	Khushi Gupta
HINDI	Miss. Rachna Tanwar	Nikita
PAHADI	Miss. Rachna Tanwar	Ankita Gautam
PLANNING FORUM	Mr. Sandeep Kumar	Bhawana Sharma

STUDENT SUPPORT

1. SCHOLARSHIPS

The college ensures that the benefit of all the central and state sponsored scholarship schemes percolate to all the eligible students.

The details of various scholarships applicant as under:

SCHOLARSHIPS	APPLICANTS
Kalpna Chawla Chatraviti Yojana – HP	01
Centrally Sponsored Post-Matric -Scholarship for SC and ST students – HP	01

2. THE LIBRARY

The library has been established with the arrival of the new librarian in this academic session. The Library has a collection of 692 books as per record. Students are provided 02 newspapers in Hindi and English on a daily basis.

3. OLD STUDENT ASSOCIATION (OSA)

The college has been maintaining proper record of its old students and the registration process of its OSA is under process.

AISHE

Every information and detail regarding the ALL INDIA SURVEY ON HIGHER EDUCATION has been uploaded on the AISHE portal on 8th February

CAPACITY BUILDING

**(RESEARCH/PUBLICATIONS/WORKSHOPS/
SEMINARS/FDP)**

**MRS. MARGARET SEBESTIAN Assistant Professor
ENGLISH**

- Presented Research Paper in International Conference in GDC Darlaghat on 11th December 2023 on the topic ‘William Wordsworth’s Call For Return To Nature’.
- Member of Organising Committee of International Conference held in GDC Darlaghat on ‘Development in the Mountains : Issues, Challenges and Solution’.
- Give a lecture on Road Safety in GDC Darlaghat.

**Dr. Jai Prakash Sharma Assistant Professor Political
science**

- Presented a Research Paper “ Empowering Tribal Tourism for Poverty Reduction” in International Conference organized by Govt. College Pangi in Collaboration with Himalayan Council for Scientific Research (HCSR), on 1st, 2nd and 4th October 2023.
- Presented a Research Paper “Echoes of the Past : Exploring the Dynamics of Postmodernism in Modern Politics ” in the International Conference organized by Govt. College TAFES IN Collaboration with Madan Mohan Malviya University of Technology Gorakhpur and LJNIH Govt. Girls Degree College Kotla Khurd, Una H. P. on 2nd , 3rd December 2023.
- Presented a Research Paper, “Globalisation's Economic Impact: Opportunities, Challenges and Consequences" in the International Conference organized by the Department of the Commerce and Economics, Government College Dehri, Kangra. Himachal Pradesh on 6th and 7th November 2023.

- Presented a Research Paper "Cultivating Sustainability: An Integrated Educational Initiative for Transformative Environmental Practices" in the National Seminar organized by the Department of Commerce Centre of Excellence Govt Degree College Sanjauli, Shimla-06 on 28th ,29th December 2023.
- Wrote M.A. Political Science course "International Political Economy " of 4th Semester for ICDEOL of H . P. University.
- Completed two week Refresher course in "Advanced Research Methodology " from 21 November 2023 to 05 December 2023, from Teaching learning Centre of Ramanujan College. University of Delhi.
- Convener of an International Conference organised by GDC Darlaghat in Collaboration with SSHP on 11th & 12th December 2023.

Mr. Puneet Thakur Assistant Professor COMMERCE

- Presented Paper in International Conference (11th and 12th December,2023) held at GDC Darlaghat, title: "Mountain Tourism: Economic Issues and Challenges"
- Paper Presented in National Conference at GC Sanjauli (28th and 29th December,2023)Title: "Management Strategies for Environmental Sustainability"
- Attended two week Refresher course on Commerce and Management from Ramanujan College, Delhi University.

Dr. Bhawana Azad Assistant Professor COMMERCE

- Attended an online two week FDP on Interdisciplinary refresher course in “Advanced Research Methodology” organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from 22nd April to 6th May 2023.
- On Economic Development and Tourism in Mountain Regions: A case study of Himachal Pradesh in 3rd SSHP International Conference (Hybrid) on Development in Mountains: Issues, Challenges and Solutions organised by Govt. Degree College, Darlaghat, Solan, Date: 11th and 12th December, 2023
- On “Emerging Business Frontiers in Health and Tourism, International Conference on Communicating health, happiness and longevity for sustainable growth” organised by GC Ani, Kullu H.P. India, organised on 2nd, 3rd and 4th December.
- On “Green Finance in Driving Investments towards Renewable Energy” in National Seminar organised by Department of Commerce, GC Sanjauli, December 28-29, 2023
- Organising member of 3rd SSHP International Conference (Hybrid) on Development in Mountains: Issues, challenges and Solutions organised by Govt. Degree College, Darlaghat, Solan.

Mr. Akshay Assistant Professor ECONOMICS

- Attended the Induction Training Programme for Assistant Professors organized by SCERT, Solan from 21st August 2023 to 28th August 2023.

- Presented a paper titled, “Traditional Crop Patterns in Himachal Pradesh: A Sustainable Approach to Safeguarding Mountain Ecosystems and Ensuring Food Security. ” , at an International Conference on the theme, “Development in Mountains: Issues, Challenges, and Solutions” organized by Government College, Darlaghat in collaboration with SSHP from 11th-12th December, 2023.
- Member of Organising Committee of International Conference held in Govt Degree college Darlaghat dated 11- 12 December 2023.
- Presented a Research Paper "Cultivating Sustainability: An Integrated Educational Initiative for Transformative Environmental Practices" in the National Seminar organized by the Department of Commerce Centre of Excellence Govt Degree College Sanjauli, Shimla-06 on 28th ,29th December 2023.

Miss. Bhuvi Sharma Assistant Professor HISTORY

- Attended the Induction Training Programme for Assistant Professors organized by SCERT, Solan from 21st August 2023 to 28th August 2023.
- Presented a paper titled, “Indian Economy through a Historical Lens” , at an International Conference on the theme, “Business, Sustainable Development and Indian Society” organized by Department of Commerce and Economics, Wazir Ram Singh Government College, Dehri from 6th-7th November 2023
- Participated in a one week International Workshop on the ‘Brahmi Script’ (as a part of Indian Knowledge System)

organized by Government Degree College, Dhama in collaboration with Himachal State Museum , Shimla from 22nd to 28th November, 2023

- Presented a paper titled, “Urbanization in Shimla city: A Historical Overview” , at an International Conference on the theme, “Development in Mountains: Issues, Challenges, and Solutions” organized by Government College, Darlaghat in collaboration with SSHP from 11th-12th December, 2023
- Organized one day online workshop for students participating in Youth Festival, Group – I .
- Member of Organising Committee of International Conference held in Govt Degree college Darlaghat dated 11- 12 December 2023.

Miss. Rachna Tanwar Assistant Professor Hindi

- Pursuing PhD from Central University of Kerala.
- Presented Paper in National Seminar held in Govt Degree College Sanjauli on 15th March 2023 (Topic - स्त्रीमनकीसूक्ष्मसंवेदनाओंकापरिचायक : रेतसमाधि)
- Attended 6 Days Induction Program at SCERT Solan from 11 September 2023 to 16 September 2023
- Member of Organising Committee of International Conference held in Govt Degree college Darlaghat dated 11- 12 December 2023

- Presented Paper in International Conference in GDC Darlaghat on 11 December 2023 (Topic - समकालीनसाहित्यमेंपारिस्थितिक स्त्रीवाद)




Principal

Govt. Degree College Darlaghat,

District Solan