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FROM THE CEO'S DESK

A Message to the GNCPS Community · August 2022 – January 2023



As we present the inaugural issue of our college newsletter, I feel a profound sense of pride in the collective achievements of our institution. Over the past six months, from August 2022 to January 2023, Guru Nanak College of Pharmaceutical Sciences has witnessed remarkable growth and dynamic engagement across academic, cultural, and social domains. From insightful seminars on pharmaceutical research and workshops on intellectual property, to vibrant celebrations of our national and cultural heritage, energetic sports events, and meaningful community outreach initiatives, this period truly reflects the spirit and dedication of our academic community.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the editorial team for their dedication and creativity in bringing together this publication. Their efforts have ensured that our collective accomplishments are thoughtfully documented and shared.

— Mr. Bhupinder Singh Arora, CEO

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A Message to the GNCPS Community · February 2023 – July 2023



The second half of the 2022-23 academic year, covered in this issue, was a period of consolidation and flowering. Students who had settled into their programmes at the start of the year were by now actively leading events, winning competitions, and contributing to the research and cultural life of the campus. Between February and July 2023, we witnessed workshops on pharmaceutical care, celebrations of women's achievement, pitches of student entrepreneurial ideas, and the quiet, steady work of final-year dissertations being completed and defended. I congratulate every student whose efforts are documented in these pages. To our outgoing batch whose farewell is recorded here: you leave behind a legacy of excellence, and we look forward to celebrating your future achievements as alumni of this institution.

– Dr. Mohit Gupta, Principal

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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The second issue of our newsletter follows closely on the first, covering the February-to-July 2023 semester. The editorial team has worked to maintain continuity of style while allowing each issue to reflect the specific mood of the period it chronicles. This semester was marked by a particular energy around research and entrepreneurship, and we have tried to let those themes come through in the selection and arrangement of content. As always, we welcome your reactions and suggestions.

— Ms. Kriti Dabral, Editor

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Guru Nanak College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dehradun

Guru Nanak College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dehradun, founded in 2018 under the guidance of the Northern Institute of Management & Studies Society, has steadily grown as a center of quality pharmaceutical education. The College is affiliated with Veer Madho Singh Bhandari Uttarakhand Technical University and holds approval from the Pharmacy Council of India. Located in Jhajhra along Chakrata Road in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, the institution offers Pharmacy programs aimed at developing graduates who are technically skilled, ethically responsible, culturally aware, and well-prepared for professional practice.

The College's vision is to create a progressive learning environment inspired by Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings, focusing on 'Learning by Doing,' providing practical experiences, and making quality education accessible to all.

Its mission is to integrate modern technology into its curriculum to promote practical and industry-relevant learning. It is committed to supporting female students and physically challenged individuals by providing necessary resources and encouraging entrepreneurial initiatives. The institution strives to maintain a team of experienced faculty members while also involving industry experts in its management to ensure quality education and professional exposure. It offers scholarships to diverse groups of students and extends its support to nearby villages by providing free educational opportunities. Additionally, it focuses on guiding students toward successful careers in employment, research, entrepreneurship, and higher studies. The institution also encourages research and development in the field of affordable generic medicines, working towards accessible healthcare solutions based on a no-profit-no-loss approach.

The College's PEO's are as follows

PEO1: Graduates will demonstrate comprehensive knowledge in pharmaceutical sciences, integrating multidisciplinary learning, Indian Knowledge Systems, and ethical practices to address contemporary healthcare challenges.

PEO2: Graduates will engage in advanced research, innovation, and collaborative projects that contribute to sustainable drug development, regulatory compliance, and translational healthcare solutions.

PEO3: Graduates will be equipped with 21st-century skills, digital fluency, and entrepreneurial mindset to thrive in diverse pharmaceutical sectors including industry, academia, and public health.

PEO4: Graduates will uphold values of equity, sustainability, and community engagement, contributing to responsible healthcare practices and environmental stewardship.

PEO5: Graduates will evolve as ethical leaders and lifelong learners, committed to continuous professional development, policy advocacy, and global best practices in pharmacy.

A committed team of faculty members, under the leadership of the Principal and supported by Heads of Department and senior professors, mentors students through programs that is both rigorous and enriching. The learning experience is further enhanced by well-equipped laboratories, a comprehensive library, modern classrooms, comfortable hostel facilities, and spaces for recreation.

More importantly, the College takes pride in its strong sense of community — where faculty, students, and staff collectively foster an atmosphere of learning, support, and shared purpose. This newsletter stands as a reflection of that vibrant and collaborative spirit.

THE PERIOD AT A GLANCE

February 2023 – July 2023

The period documented in this issue — February 2023 – July 2023 — represented a particularly vibrant chapter in the life of Guru Nanak College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dehradun. Across the semester, the institutional calendar was populated distinct events ranging from carefully-curated research seminars to student-led cultural festivals, from health-awareness camps to inter-class sports tournaments. Each of these events, documented in detail across the pages that follow, contributed in its own way to the rounded education that the College strives to offer.

Equally significant was the calibre of recognition our students earned at external competitions, carrying the Guru Nanak name to inter-institute, regional, and national platforms. These wins are celebrated with pride in the Awards section of this issue, and they serve as beacons of inspiration for students yet to take that first competitive leap. Taken together, the events and achievements of this semester reflect a campus in full, confident motion.

PUBLICATIONS HIGHLIGHT

Research & Scholarly Output during February 2023 – July 2023

The faculty and students of Guru Nanak College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dehradun, have consistently contributed to pharmaceutical research through publications in reputed national and international peer-reviewed journals. Their work covers a wide range of areas, including herbal drug formulation, nanoparticle development, phytochemistry, drug delivery systems, ocular therapeutics, antimicrobial resistance, environmental toxicology, clinical pharmacy, and pharmacognosy—demonstrating both the diversity of research interests and a strong commitment to original scientific inquiry.

To promote a robust research culture, the College actively supports initiatives through its Research Club, conducts regular workshops on literature review and scientific writing, and provides training in statistical analysis and reference management tools. Emphasis is also placed on maintaining high standards of publication ethics. Final-year students are mentored through dissertation projects that increasingly lead to peer-reviewed publications.

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Events & Activities

Events from February 2023 – July 2023

A chronicle of the seminars, workshops, celebrations, sports tournaments, and cultural programmes that shaped our campus life during this period.

Chess Competition

The values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and healthy competition are nurtured not only in the classroom but also on the playing field. The “Chess Competition” created an engaging environment of friendly rivalry and shared enthusiasm among students. Organised by the Sports Club, the event saw the participation of more than 40 students and highlighted the importance of strategic thinking.

Each match played and every move made reinforced core values upheld by the College – discipline, resilience, humility in victory, and composure in defeat. Beyond recreation, such competitions play a vital role in helping students develop leadership skills, build connections across different batches, and strength



One day workshop on yoga for stress relief

The College recognises that physical and mental well-being are as important as academic rigour, and the session on "One day workshop on yoga for stress relief" was organised with that philosophy at heart. Students were guided through practical techniques aimed at building daily habits of self-care and mindful living and was coordinated by Mrs. Kriti Dabral. Key focus: Stress Management Skills, Enhanced Well-being and Empowerment.

Such sessions form part of the wellness calendar of Guru Nanak College of Pharmaceutical Sciences and are regularly woven into the academic routine to help students manage examination stress, build stamina, and develop a holistic outlook that will serve them well in their professional careers.



Startup Idea Presentation

Entrepreneurship is the ability to transform ideas into meaningful impact, and in the pharmaceutical field, it often determines whether an innovation reaches patients or remains only a concept. The “Startup Idea Presentation” encouraged students to think creatively, evaluate their ideas critically, and learn through peer interaction. Organised by the Entrepreneurship Club, the event witnessed the participation of around 50 students, with the best presenters being recognised for their efforts.

The College’s continued focus on fostering entrepreneurial exposure remains a key aspect of its approach to holistic student development, equipping learners with the confidence and skills to innovate in real-world settings.



Seminar on Introduction to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

In the pharmaceutical industry, intellectual property serves as a key driver of innovation, with patents, trademarks, and copyrights influencing both the commercial and strategic aspects of drug development. The “Seminar on Introduction to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)” helped simplify these concepts for students by explaining the processes of patent filing, searching, and protection. The session was attended by 52 participants.

A sound understanding of IPR has become essential for pharmacy graduates, particularly for those aspiring to build careers in research, regulatory affairs, or pharmaceutical management. Recognising this, the College continues to integrate IPR awareness as a regular and important component of its academic activities.



Innovation Challenge

The “Innovation Challenge” was conducted as part of the College’s ongoing efforts to enhance student engagement and support a well-rounded approach to pharmacy education. Organised by the Entrepreneurship Club, the event brought together 42 students and focused on encouraging creative thinking, with winners being awarded prizes for their ideas.

Such activities enrich campus life by offering learning experiences beyond the classroom, while also helping students develop practical skills, foster meaningful connections, and create lasting memories that extend well beyond their academic journey.



Seminar on Introducing Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJK)

Guest lectures and expert-led seminars have consistently served as powerful enhancers of student learning, and the “Seminar on Introducing Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJK)” upheld this tradition with both depth and relevance. With the participation of 100 students, the session provided valuable insights into the objectives, structure, and impact of the PMBJK initiative in making affordable medicines accessible to the public. It also helped students understand the practical and policy-level dimensions of pharmaceutical services in India.

By bringing such contemporary topics and expert perspectives into the academic environment, the College ensures that students remain connected to real-world developments in the field. These interactions not only broaden their knowledge but also encourage critical thinking and professional awareness. In a discipline that is constantly evolving with advancements in science, emerging therapies, and changing regulations, the ability to adapt and continue learning is essential. Through such initiatives, the College actively cultivates this mindset of lifelong learning among its students, preparing them to become informed, responsible, and forward-thinking pharmacy professionals.



Women's Day Celebration

Women constitute a vital part of the pharmacy profession, not only as healthcare providers but also as patients and caregivers who shape the broader healthcare landscape. Recognising their contributions and the challenges they continue to face, the “Women’s Day Celebration” was organised on campus to honour their achievements and promote a culture of inclusivity and respect. The event, conducted by the Cultural Club, witnessed the participation of more than 80 students faculty members and focused on fostering gender sensitivity and awareness.

The programme featured a range of activities, including speeches, performances, and meaningful discussions that highlighted both the progress made and the work that still lies ahead in achieving true gender equity. These interactions encouraged students to reflect on the importance of creating supportive and inclusive environments in both academic and professional spaces.

Through this observance, the College reaffirmed its commitment to building a campus culture where every individual is valued and empowered. It reinforced the belief that a truly progressive institution is one where all students, irrespective of gender, are given equal opportunities, encouragement, and the confidence to excel and lead.



Table Tennis League

The values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and healthy competition are nurtured not only in academic spaces but equally on the playing field. The “Table Tennis League” served as a vibrant platform where students came together in a spirit of friendly rivalry and shared enthusiasm. Organised by the Sports Club, the event witnessed the active participation of 55 students and focused on indoor sporting excellence, particularly enhancing reflexes, coordination, and concentration.

Each match, rally, and point played during the league reflected the core values upheld by the College — discipline, resilience, humility in victory, and composure in defeat. The fast-paced nature of table tennis demanded sharp focus and quick decision-making, allowing students to develop both physical agility and mental alertness.

Beyond recreation, such tournaments play a significant role in shaping well-rounded individuals. They encourage leadership, foster collaboration among students from different batches, and build a strong sense of camaraderie on campus. Moreover, the stamina, focus, and perseverance developed through these activities prove invaluable in the demanding field of pharmacy, where both mental strength and sustained dedication are essential for success.



Young Entrepreneur Competition

Healthy competition plays a vital role in sharpening the mind and shaping character, and the “Young Entrepreneur Competition” successfully reflected both these qualities. Students participated with great enthusiasm, presenting well-thought-out ideas and showcasing their creativity, confidence, and business acumen. The event added a dynamic energy to the academic environment, reinforcing the spirit of innovation and active learning on campus. Organised by the Entrepreneurship Club, the competition witnessed the participation of 36 students and focused on identifying and nurturing entrepreneurial talent.

Guru Nanak College of Pharmaceutical Science actively uses such platforms to recognise potential, reward sincere effort, and encourage students to think beyond conventional career paths. Competitions like these not only highlight individual capabilities but also create inspiring examples for others to follow. By fostering a culture of innovation and leadership, the College continues to prepare students to become future-ready professionals who can contribute meaningfully to both industry and society.



Seminar on cultural competence in pharmacy industry

Academic excellence is greatly enriched when students are exposed to perspectives beyond their regular classroom learning. Recognising this, the “Seminar on Cultural Competence in the Pharmacy Industry” was organised to provide students with valuable insights from an experienced professional. The session was led by Mrs. Yashika Uniyal, who engaged students through an informative and well-structured presentation followed by an interactive question-and-answer discussion.

The seminar focused on key areas such as awareness, effective communication skills, and patient-centered care—essential competencies for modern pharmacy professionals. Students were introduced to the importance of understanding cultural diversity in healthcare settings and how it directly influences patient outcomes, trust-building, and professional responsibility.

Events like these form an integral part of the College’s educational approach, acting as a bridge between theoretical knowledge and real-world application. By interacting with experts, students gain clarity about industry expectations, develop a more nuanced understanding of their roles, and become better equipped to navigate the complexities of the healthcare sector.



World Poetry Day

Art and culture are not mere additions to academic life—they play a vital role in shaping an individual’s ability to express, empathise, and meaningfully engage with the world. With this perspective, the “World Poetry Day” celebration was organised on campus, receiving an enthusiastic and heartfelt response from students. Conducted by the Cultural Club, the event saw the participation of 55 students and focused on promoting literature, creativity, and self-expression.

The programme provided a platform for students to share their thoughts, emotions, and perspectives through poetry, fostering confidence as well as artistic appreciation. It also encouraged students to explore language as a powerful medium of connection and reflection. Such initiatives highlight the importance of balancing scientific education with creative pursuits. A pharmacy graduate who can also appreciate poetry, perform, or engage in artistic expression carries a broader outlook, stronger communication skills, and a deeper sense of empathy—qualities that enrich both personal growth and professional practice.



Coding seminar for pharmacists: Introduction to programming

Modern pharmacy is increasingly positioned at the intersection of life sciences and information technology, making digital literacy an essential skill for today's students. Recognising this shift, the "Coding Seminar for Pharmacists: Introduction to Programming" was organised to equip participants with foundational knowledge of programming and its relevance to pharmaceutical practice. The session was led by Mrs. Yashika Uniyal, who introduced students to key concepts and practical tools that are shaping contemporary workflows in the field.

With a strong focus on building basic programming skills, the seminar combined conceptual understanding with hands-on exercises, enabling students to move beyond theory and actively engage with real applications.

The session not only enhanced technical awareness but also broadened students' perspectives on the evolving role of technology in pharmacy. Many attendees left with a deeper appreciation of how digital tools will influence diverse career pathways, including research, retail pharmacy, hospital practice, and the pharmaceutical industry.



Research Seminar on Advances in Pharmaceutical Technology

Academic discourse thrives when students are given consistent opportunities to engage with experts beyond their regular faculty. The “Research Seminar on Advances in Pharmaceutical Technology” served as a valuable platform in this regard, bringing specialists into direct interaction with students. A total of 86 participants attended the seminar, making it a vibrant and intellectually stimulating event.

Such initiatives form an integral part of the College’s educational philosophy, acting as a bridge between theoretical classroom learning and the rapidly evolving landscape of pharmaceutical science.

Students who regularly participate in such discussions often demonstrate enhanced curiosity, improved analytical thinking, and greater clarity regarding their career paths. Moreover, these interactions cultivate confidence, communication skills, and a deeper appreciation of the diverse opportunities within the pharmaceutical profession, reinforcing the College’s commitment to holistic and future-oriented education.



Farewell Party

The moments that truly define a student’s journey through college are seldom limited to examinations; instead, they are shaped by shared experiences such as induction programmes, farewells, alumni interactions, and the informal celebrations where lasting friendships are formed. The “Farewell Party” was one such memorable occasion, embodying the warmth and camaraderie that the College community is known for. Organised as a heartfelt send-off for the graduating students, the event marked both an ending and a new beginning in their academic and professional journeys.

Faculty members, staff, and students came together in a spirit of togetherness, celebrating achievements, sharing memories, and expressing their good wishes for the future. The atmosphere was filled with emotion, gratitude, and joy, reflecting the strong bonds nurtured over the years. Such gatherings highlight how Guru Nanak College of Pharmaceutical Science is not merely an academic institution, but a close-knit community that feels like a shared home for all who are a part of it.



Yoga & Fitness Session

Recognising that true academic success is closely linked with both physical and mental well-being, Guru Nanak College of Pharmaceutical Sciences places strong emphasis on promoting a balanced and healthy lifestyle among its students. In line with this philosophy, a “Yoga & Fitness Session” was organised to encourage students to adopt mindful practices and develop habits that support overall wellness.

Organised by the Sports Club, the session witnessed the active participation of over 90 students. It included guided exercises, breathing techniques, and simple routines that students can incorporate into their daily lives to enhance focus, reduce stress, and improve physical fitness. The session also highlighted the importance of mental clarity and emotional balance, especially in the context of demanding academic schedules.



World Dance Day

A vibrant cultural environment plays a vital role in shaping well-rounded individuals within any educational institution. Recognising this, the celebration of “World Dance Day” at the College brought together performers, organisers, and audiences in a lively expression of creativity, tradition, and shared enthusiasm. Organised by the Cultural Club, the event witnessed the participation of 75 students and served as a platform to encourage and showcase dance as a powerful form of artistic expression.

The programme highlighted not only the talent of the participants but also the spirit of collaboration and appreciation among students. Through such cultural engagements—be it dance, music, literary activities, or theatrical performances—students are given the opportunity to reconnect with their creative instincts, explore diverse forms of expression, and interact with peers beyond academic boundaries.

The Cultural Club continues to be one of the most active and widely participated platforms within the College, consistently fostering an environment where creativity is celebrated and students are encouraged to express themselves freely



Seminar on conflict reduction in pharmacy sector

Academic growth is significantly enriched when students are exposed to perspectives beyond their regular classroom teaching, particularly through interactions with subject experts. The “Seminar on Conflict Reduction in the Pharmacy Sector” served as an important platform in this regard, bringing experienced professionals into direct engagement with students. The session, led by Dr. C. Subramaniam, combined structured presentations with interactive discussions, allowing students to explore real-world challenges and practical solutions in depth.

The seminar focused on key areas such as conflict management, effective communication, and patient care—topics that are increasingly critical in modern pharmaceutical practice. Through case-based insights and open dialogue, students were encouraged to think critically, ask questions, and understand the complexities of professional interactions within the healthcare ecosystem.

Events of this nature continue to play a vital role in the College’s educational approach, acting as a bridge between theoretical knowledge and the dynamic realities of the pharmaceutical field.



Folk Art Exhibition

Art and culture are not merely supplementary activities; they play a vital role in shaping an individual's ability to express, empathise, and connect with the world. With this understanding, the “Folk Art Exhibition” was thoughtfully organised on campus, receiving an enthusiastic and heartfelt response from students. Conducted by the Cultural Club, the event witnessed the participation of 60 students and served as a platform for appreciating the richness and diversity of folk traditions.

The exhibition not only celebrated artistic expression but also encouraged students to engage with cultural heritage in a meaningful way. Such experiences go beyond recreation, helping students develop confidence, creativity, and a deeper sense of identity. They also foster interpersonal skills and emotional intelligence—qualities that are increasingly important in professional life.



Active lifestyle workshop

Guest lectures and interactive workshops have consistently served as powerful catalysts for enriching student learning, and the “Active Lifestyle Workshop” upheld this tradition with both depth and practical relevance. The session, coordinated by Ms. Kriti Dabral, focused on promoting awareness and encouraging positive behavioural change among students, particularly in relation to maintaining a balanced and healthy lifestyle. Through engaging discussions and real-life insights, participants were encouraged to reflect on their daily habits and make informed choices that support long-term well-being.

By introducing students to contemporary perspectives and practical approaches, the College ensures that learning extends beyond textbooks and into everyday life. Such initiatives also help instil the habit of continuous self-improvement and lifelong learning – qualities that are essential in the field of pharmacy, where advancements in science, evolving therapies, and changing regulations demand constant adaptation and awareness.



Workshop on E-health Tools for pharmacist

Guest lectures and specialised workshops have consistently played a vital role in enhancing the academic experience of students, acting as powerful catalysts for deeper learning. The “Workshop on E-Health Tools for Pharmacists” upheld this tradition by offering a well-structured and engaging platform for knowledge exchange. The session was coordinated by Dr. C. Subramaniam, whose expertise brought both clarity and practical relevance to the subject. The workshop focused on knowledge enhancement and provided valuable hands-on experience, enabling students to better understand the application of digital health tools in modern pharmacy practice.

Through such initiatives, the College ensures that students remain aligned with current trends and advancements in the pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors. Exposure to emerging technologies and contemporary practices not only strengthens their academic foundation but also prepares them to adapt confidently to real-world professional environments. Moreover, these experiences help cultivate a mindset of continuous learning — an essential quality in a field that is constantly evolving with new scientific developments, innovative therapies, and changing regulatory frameworks.



Research Seminar on How to Design Future Medicines

Academic growth is significantly enriched when students are exposed to perspectives beyond their regular classroom teaching. Recognising this, the “Research Seminar on How to Design Future Medicines” provided a valuable platform where experts interacted directly with students, sharing insights into emerging trends and innovations in pharmaceutical science. The session, attended by 103 participants, featured structured presentations followed by engaging question-and-answer discussions that encouraged active student involvement.

Such initiatives play a vital role in broadening academic horizons by connecting theoretical learning with real-world advancements. By facilitating direct interaction with specialists, the College ensures that students gain a deeper understanding of the evolving landscape of drug design and development. These seminars also nurture critical thinking, inspire research-oriented mindsets, and help students align their academic pursuits with future career opportunities.



Fitness Awareness Run

Recognising that true academic success is closely linked with physical vitality and mental well-being, Guru Nanak College of Pharmaceutical Sciences places equal emphasis on wellness alongside academic excellence. In line with this philosophy, the session on “Fitness Awareness Run” was organised to encourage students to adopt healthier and more balanced lifestyles. Conducted by the Sports Club, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 150 students and highlighted the importance of maintaining an active routine.

During the session, students were introduced to practical approaches for building sustainable habits of self-care, including regular physical activity, mindfulness, and stress management techniques.

Such programmes form an integral part of the College’s wellness calendar and are thoughtfully integrated into the academic schedule. By doing so, the institution ensures that students are better equipped to manage academic pressures, improve their physical endurance, and cultivate a well-rounded outlook.



Research workshop on Systematic Approach to Pharmaceutical Care

Academic discourse thrives when students are exposed to perspectives that extend beyond their regular classroom interactions. In this spirit, the “Research Workshop on Systematic Approach to Pharmaceutical Care” was organised to provide students with the opportunity to engage directly with subject experts. The workshop witnessed the participation of 86 students and featured structured presentations that were both informative and practice-oriented, followed by dynamic question-and-answer sessions that encouraged active student involvement.

Such interactions play a crucial role in deepening students’ understanding of pharmaceutical care by connecting theoretical knowledge with real-world applications. By engaging with experienced professionals, students gain insights into current practices, emerging challenges, and evolving trends within the field.

Events of this nature form an integral part of the College’s educational philosophy, acting as a bridge between classroom teaching and the advancing frontiers of pharmaceutical science.



Seminar on Higher Studies Abroad & Becoming a Successful Entrepreneur

Guest lectures and expert-led seminars have always played a vital role in enhancing student learning, and the “Seminar on Higher Studies Abroad & Becoming a Successful Entrepreneur” carried forward this tradition with depth and relevance. Conducted by Mr. Saithjeet Arora, the session offered valuable insights into global education opportunities as well as the mindset and skills required to succeed in entrepreneurial ventures.

Such initiatives reflect the College’s commitment to bridging the gap between academic knowledge and professional practice. By introducing students to contemporary ideas and global pathways, the institution ensures that its learners develop adaptability, awareness, and confidence. More importantly, these experiences help cultivate a mindset of continuous growth and lifelong learning – an essential quality in the field of pharmacy, where constant advancements in science, evolving therapies, and changing regulatory frameworks demand professionals who are always ready to learn and innovate.



FACULTY CORNER

Voices from the Teaching Community

The faculty of Guru Nanak College of Pharmaceutical Sciences represents a rich blend of experience across pharmaceutical education, research, and industry practice. Their collective expertise forms the backbone of the institution's academic strength and student mentorship. In this feature, members of the teaching community share their reflections on the semester gone by — highlighting key moments, unexpected insights, and the lessons they intend to carry forward into the upcoming term.

“A pharmacy graduate is not just trained in medicines, but entrusted with the responsibility of safeguarding lives — every academic effort must reflect that purpose.”

— Dr. Mohit Gupta

Principal

“One of the most rewarding aspects of teaching is watching students grow into capable and self-assured individuals. Given the right opportunities, their progress is both rapid and inspiring.”

— Ms. Kriti Dabral

Associate Professor, Pharmaceutics

CAMPUS LIFE GALLERY

Moments from February 2023 – July 2023

A campus is, at its best, a mosaic of moments — the shared laugh in a corridor, the quiet concentration of a laboratory, the roar of a sporting victory, the hush of a research presentation. The pages that follow invite readers to see this semester through a gallery of such moments.



STUDENT VOICES

Reflections from the GNCPS Student Community

A college newsletter would be incomplete without the voice of its students. In this section we share brief reflections from our students – on what the semester meant to them, on the events that left a mark, and on the friendships and learning that defined their time on campus during this period.

"What I carry away from this semester is not just the knowledge but the confidence. The Research Club workshops taught me to read a scientific paper critically, and I now feel ready to contribute my own research to the literature."

— **Jayita Bacchar, Final-Year Student, B. Pharm**

"The cultural events on campus gave me a chance to discover sides of myself I didn't know existed. I signed up for a dance performance as a dare and ended up helping coordinate three more. GNCPS has a way of drawing the best out of its students."

— **Hemanti Bist, Third-Year Student, B. Pharm**

"The industry visits and seminars from external experts opened my eyes to the many career paths in pharmacy. I came to college thinking of one profession; I am leaving this semester with awareness of at least five."

— **Bharti, Second-Year Student, B. Pharm**

"My induction at GNCPS set the tone for everything that followed. Seniors welcomed us warmly, faculty members were approachable, and by the end of the first week the campus felt like a second home."

— **Aman Singh, First-Year Student, B. Pharm**

ALUMNI CORNER

Reflections from the Extended GNCPS Family

Our alumni carry the spirit of Guru Nanak College into every workplace and every professional community they join. In this feature we share brief messages from alumni who graduated in earlier batches and are now practising pharmacy in various capacities across India and abroad. Their reflections remind current students that the journey from B. Pharm to professional pharmacist is as much about character as it is about curriculum.

"The patient-counselling sessions at college felt like minor exercises at the time, but in my current role at a multi-speciality hospital they turn out to have been the most valuable training I received. The faculty's insistence on empathy and clarity has defined the kind of pharmacist I have become."

— **Mohd. Akram, GNCPS Alumna, Hospital Pharmacy**

"Looking back, the research methodology workshops at GNCPS were far ahead of what most undergraduate programmes offer. Arriving at my first R&D job with an actual understanding of literature review, experimental design, and publication ethics put me several steps ahead of my peers from other institutions."

— **Aditya Yadav, GNCPS Alumnus, Pharmaceutical Industry R&D**

LOOKING AHEAD

What the Coming Semester Holds

As this issue reaches publication, the groundwork for the forthcoming semester is already taking shape, bringing with it new student cohorts, renewed energy, and a wide range of opportunities for academic and personal development. The upcoming calendar reflects the institution's commitment to holistic learning — with Research Club sessions delving deeper into advanced methodologies, Entrepreneurship Club initiatives encouraging innovative thinking and venture-building skills, Sports Club events fostering teamwork and competitive spirit across all batches, and Cultural Club programmes celebrating important festivals and national occasions.

The academic environment will continue to be enriched by faculty-led seminars on emerging areas of pharmaceutical science, alongside interactions with distinguished guest speakers from industry, regulatory authorities, and academia through the Industry-Academia Engagement Cell. Students will also step beyond campus boundaries to participate in external competitions, carrying forward the name of Guru Nanak College of Pharmaceutical Sciences at regional and national levels.

The next edition of this newsletter will chronicle these developments with the same depth and engagement. In the meantime, every member of the GNCPS community is encouraged to actively engage, contribute, and make the most of the vibrant opportunities that lie ahead.

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freedom.”*

- George Washington Carver

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