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OUR PATRON



Principal Mukhtiar Singh

Our beloved patron, Principal Mukhtiar Singh, is known for his courage, dynamism and resourcefulness. His unflinching zeal for reform has infused a new spirit into the academic and cultural life of this old institution. No wonder, therefore, that under his enlightened and inspiring leadership, the college is running smoothly like a well-oiled machine.

Born on Oct. 27, 1941 in a small village, Narike, near Malerkotla, he was nourished and nurtured in an atmosphere in which religio-cultural streams of Sikh, Muslim and Hindu influences merged and shaped his sane and secular sympathies. He came over to Mohindra College, Patiala, for his higher education and left it in 1965 after completing his post-graduation in History. This experience deepened his understanding of life and opened up new vistas of hope and new opportunities for service for him.

He made his debut as a teacher way back in 1965 at Govt. College Jind. But soon after the reorganisation of Punjab, he opted for the Punjab Education Service. During the last three decades of his teaching career, he has served a number of colleges of the State and left the indelible imprint of his personality.

His role as Principal, Govt. College, Faridkot deserves special mention, for it was there that he

gained in strength and stature as an administrator. Now he has come to enrich this college with his vision and imagination, experience and expertise.

It appears that Mrs. Harinder Kaur, the first lady of the college, is the unfailing source of his strength and inspiration.

Change of College Telephone Number

The college telephone number has changed recently. Now you will dial 813195 to get in touch with the college administration and 60003 for the Principal residence.

Office-Bearers of the OSA

Patron :

Prof. Mukhtiar Singh, PES (I)

President :

Shri Ram Lall Kad

Imm. Past President

Brig. Sukhdev Singh

Vice-President :

Dr. Jogindar Singh

Secretary :

Prof. M. S. Salh

Jt. Secretary :

Prof. S. C. Sharma

Finance Secretary :

Prof. Bhag Singh

The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth and have it found out by accident.

—Charles Lamb

We wish you a very Happy New Year

OUR PROGRAMMES AT A GLANCE

Interaction with Aussies

In collaboration with the English Literary Society of the college, we organised an international Interaction in which Mr. John Hamlyn Ray and other members of the GSE Team from Australia participated in a question-answer session. National Anthems of India & Australia were sung in a spirit of brotherhood and friendship. Principal Mukhtiar Singh was in the chair. Prof. SC Sharma very ably compered the programme. A Gallery of Portraits of English writers sketched by Mr. Parminder Singh was also inaugurated on this occasion.

Painting Competition

The OSA organised an Inter-College Painting competition in collaboration with the Fine Arts Society of the college. Maharani Preneet Kaur gave away the prizes and blessed the participants.

Face-to-face with Mr. NS Rattan

Mr. NS Ratan IAS shared his perceptions as a litterateur with his readers & fans at an interesting programme Roo-Broo organised in the college in collaboration with Punjab Sahit Academy. Dr. Dalip Kaur Tiwana, President, Punjab Sahit Academy, was in the chair. Dr. Satish Verma ably compered the programme. Incidentally, all those who shared the limelight were old students of the college.

Surjit Judge's Book Released

Another literary programme was held in the College Sabha Bhawan to mark the release of Surjit Judge's Book **Sadak Ton Garage Tak**. Papers were presented highlighting the literary excellence of the writer. An eminent scholar, Prof. Kirpal Singh Kasel, presided over the function. Mr. Anup Singh Virk compered the programme. Prof. M. S. Salh proposed a vote of thanks.

Interaction with A Canadian Poet

Mr. Navtej Bharti, a poet from Canada and an old Mohindrian, recited his poems before a select gathering of like-minded litterateurs. Mr. Harpal Tiwana and Mrs. Neena Tiwana also graced the meeting. Finally, Prof. M.S. Salh, Secretary OSA presented a memento to the poet.

Flood Havoc

The July, 1993 flash-floods which inundated Patiala and its surrounding areas caused extensive damage to our Alma Mater. The wrecked open-air theatre,

the damaged sanitary fittings, the lingering trail of dirt and garbage and the soiled rooms and walls and broken, uneven floors are monuments to the devastation caused by the floods. Moreover, the College Campus served as an Island of Hope and Succour to the distressed and displaced victims of the Mathura Colony, Tejbagh Colony, Sanjay Gandhi Nagar and other areas largely inhabited by the under-privileged sections of society.

Therefore, there is a crying need for renovation and repair so that the college may regain its traditional glory and grandeur. No doubt the Principal, staff and students are doing their utmost to meet the exigencies by collecting, diverting funds from various sources. Yet the situation requires Herculean effort and huge funds.

We, therefore, appeal to you to donate generously for this great cause and send your cheque/D.D. drawn in favour of the Principal, Govt. Mohindra College, Patiala, at the earliest.

OSA DONATES TROPHY

The OSA and Youth Club Mahendra College jointly organised an Inter-College Music competition. Mr. R. L. Kad, president OSA and Prof. M. S. Salh Secretary, presented the trophy to the Principal on this occasion. Mrs. Surinder Kapila, Principal, Govt. College of Physical Education, Patiala, was the Chief Guest. Prof. Rajpal Singh, Coordinator, Youth Club, conducted the programme in which Govt. College, Chandigarh, Sec. 42, bagged the running trophy.

Appeal for Advertisement

We are bringing out a souvenir to mark the occasion of the release of our Directory.

You are, therefore, requested to collect/give advertisement for the souvenir at the following rates.

Rs. 1,000/- Full Page

Rs. 2,000/- Coloured page

Rs. 3,000/- Inner spread

Rs. 5,000/- Title inside and back inside

The cheque or demand draft should be drawn in favour of Old Students' Association, Govt. Mohindra College, Patiala.

UPDATING OUR INFORMATION

A growing association must, from time to time, have an update of information regarding its members. However, in the absence of regular feedback from the members, it is not always possible to give an exhaustive list of all the developments, achievements and losses. Yet, we hope, the effort will generate enthusiasm among the members and will pave the way for better communication and interaction.

Shri Surinder Singla, our representative in the Rajya Sabha, has been nominated to the Syndicate of Punjabi University, Patiala.

Shri Sant Ram Singla who represents our voice in the Lok Sabha has been appointed member of the Telephone Advisory Committee.

Our Berth in the Punjab Cabinet

Our distinguished old Mohindrian, Shri Brahm Mohindra is now Minister, Medical Education & Research, Punjab.

Mr. Jasbir Singh MLA Sangrur, has been nominated to the Syndicate of Punjabi University, Patiala.

Chairpersons

Shri Brij Lal Goyal, a former M. L. A., has been appointed Chairman of PUNSUP while Shri R.P. Attri, President D.C.C Urban, has been appointed Chairman of PUNSEED.

Our Young IAS/IRS Officers

Mr. Sarabjit Singh S/o Prof. Manmohan Singh has joined the IAS (Punjab Cadre).

Mr. Anurag Verma S/o Prof. B.C. Verma has joined the IAS.

Mr. Navaljit Kapoor S/o Dr. Navratan Kapoor has joined the IRS as Assistant Commissioner, Income Tax, Ambala.

Our City Fathers

Mr. Surinder Pal Singh Sunny

Mr. Inderjit Singh Khraud (Advocate)

Mr. Gurdiv Singh Punia.

Mr. Sharanjit Singh 'Ranjha' (Advocate)

Mr. Tejinder Singh Walia

Mr. Vijay Sehgal has been elected President of the District Bar Association, Patiala.

Mr. N. S. Waraich has been elected Secretary of the District Bar Association, Patiala.

Mr. Rajdev Singh has been appointed Member of the Bar Council, Punjab.

Mr. S. K. Ahluwalia PCS has been appointed Director, North Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala.

Mr. A.R. Talwar IAS has been appointed Finance Secretary, UT, Chandigarh.

Mr. G. S. Grewal PCS has been appointed MD, PRTC, Patiala.

Mr. R. S. Randhawa PCS has been appointed Addl. MD, PRTC, Patiala.

Mr. Satinder Pal Singh PCS has been appointed Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Mr. Arun Goel IAS has been appointed Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.

Mr. Amarjit Singh Sidhu has been elevated to IAS and appointed Commissioner Transport, Punjab.

Dr. Amarjit Singh Dhillon has taken over as Dean, College Development Council, Punjabi University, Patiala.

Prof. N. S. Sidhu has taken over as Principal, Govt. Ripudaman College, Nabha.

Dr. Gurbhagat Singh is now Prof. & Head, Dept. of English, Punjabi University, Patiala.

Mr. Harpal Tiwana has returned with laurels from his tour of England after his wonderful presentation of Sirhind Di Diwar.

Mr. B.I.S. Chahal is now Director, Public Relations, Police Deptt. Punjab.

Mr. M.P. Pandove is now Addl. Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Punjab.

Mr. Amar Singh PCS has been appointed SDM Mansa.

Mr. Jagjit Puri PCS has been appointed Director, Tourism, Punjab.

Mr. Chanranjit Singh Channi has been appointed Member of the College Development Council, Punjabi University, Patiala.

Mr. Virender Kukreja is President, Rotary Club, Patiala.

Mr. Ram Lall Kad, Past District Governor, has been honoured by the Deputy Commissioner for his distinguished services during the Floods in Patiala.

Mr. J. Roy Mangla, Secretary, Rotary Club Patiala Midtown, has been honoured by the Deputy Commissioner for his distinguished services during the floods.

Mr. Bal Krishan Singla led the Rotary GSE Team from RI District 3090 (India) to Australia.

Prof. SC Sharma has been recognised by the Punjabi University for his meritorious services for AIDS Awareness Programme. He has been nominated to the Intervarsity Board for Uniform Syllabi in English.

Prof. MS Salh, Secy. OSA has been appointed Member of the College Development Council and the P.G. Board in Pol. Sc. Punjabi University, Patiala.

Dr. Manjit Tiwana has been awarded Sahitya Academy Award for her distinguished book of Punjabi Poetry **Uneendra Vartamaan**.

Dr. Navratan Kapoor, Former Head, Dept. of Hindi, Mohindra College, has been presented Sahitya Academy Award for his distinguished translation of Dr. Nagendra's book **Ras Siddhanta** into Punjabi.

Dr. Yogendra Bakhshi has been honoured for his Ghazals by Rotary Club, Patiala, at a special function.

Mr. Jasdev Singh Jasowal Ex-MLA is now President of Prof. Mohan Singh Memorial Foundation Punjab.

Dr. R. L. Mittal, Professor and Head, Dept. of Orthopaedics, Govt. Medical College has been elected President of the Indian Orthopaedics Surgeon Association.

Mrs. Surinder Kaur Grewal has been appointed Member of the Distt. Consumer Forum Patiala.

Mr. M. S. Guram is Chief Engineer, PWD B & R Punjab.

Mr. Raj Kishan Bedi IPS is SSP Khanna.

Mr. Amarjit Singh, ex-chairman PPSC, has been appointed Director, Shipping Board of India.

Mr. Msnpreet Singh has joined the Delhi Civil Service.

Mr. MPS Aulakh IPS has been promoted and appointed IG Intelligence, Pb.

Mr. NPS Aulakh IPS has been appointed DIG Administration, Punjab.

Mr. Jatinder Singh Naurath IRS has been appointed Asstt. Commissioner Jammu.

Mr. Gurbakshish Singh IPS is now First Minister of India in Tokyo, Japan.

Mr. G. S. Sidhu IRS is now Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Jaipur

Mr. S. J. S. Ahluwalia IRS is now Commissioner of Income Tax, Patiala.

Shri. S. K. Goyal IRS is Commissioner of Income Tax, Rohtak.

Mr. G. S. Bhullar IPS is now I.G (Crime) Punjab Chandigarh.

Mr. H. S. Gill IPS is DIG I.T.B.P. Delhi.

Mr. Azad Charan Singh, IPS is Police Commissioner, Aurangabad.

Mr. S.D.S. Dhillon PCS is GA to DC, Patiala.

Mr. Gurbhajnik Singh PCS is SDM, Patiala.

Mr. Dharam Pal PCS is now Principal Staff Officer to Commissioner, Patiala.

Mr. Ashwani Kumar PCS is GA to DC, Sangrur.

Mr. J.S. Dardi, Chief Editor, Chardikala Group of Newspaper has been awarded Shiromani Pattarkar Award by the Punjab Govt.

Retirements

Mr. K. R. Mahajan retired Session Judge, Patiala has now started his practice as an Advocate of Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Mr. P. S. Singhal, Session Judge, Patiala, following his retirement, has started his practice at the Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.

Recipient of the Indian Sahitya Academy Award, Dr. Dalip Kaur Tiwana retired as Professor of Punjabi, Punjabi University, Patiala.

Prof. H. S. Sekhon retired as Head, Dept of Physical Education, Govt. Mohindra College, Patiala.

Obituary Note

Mr. Ajmer Singh, Ex.-Minister, Punjab has left for his heavenly abode. May his soul rest in peace.

Friends of Mohindra College

Prof. Prakash Singh, Principal, Khalsa, College, Sultanpur Lodhi, has been nominated to the Senate and Syndicate of GND University, Amritsar.

Dr. Ranbir Singh has been appointed Director, IAS Studies Centre, Punjabi University, Patiala.

Dr. Gian Singh Mann has taken over as Principal, Govt. College, Ludhiana.

Prof. Mrs. Shanta Chahal has returned after her American ODYSSEY,

Prof. Rajpal Singh has come back after his participation in the Cultural Festival of Wales, England.

Toward New Horizons

After achieving the target of enrolling 500 Life Members and Life Patrons, we are now forging ahead towards the mark of one thousand members.

Similarly, after the publication of the directory in progress, we propose to bring out another directory of past and present members of the Faculty of Mohindra College.

Feedback requested

Please do send us your latest achievements in various fields to enable us to highlight the same in our next newsletter. If you have a fine joke or anecdote to tell, please write it legibly and mail it to us.