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Greetings from the President

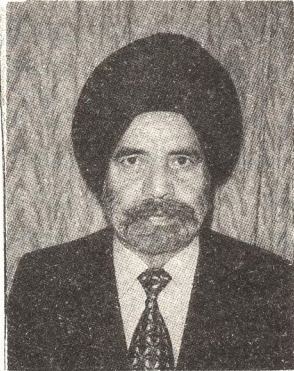
There comes a luminous moment in the life of an institution when it wakes up to a new challenge, a new vision, a new idea. Such a moment came in 1985 when the OSA in its present form emerged from the womb of the past and Brig Sukhdev Singh became its Founder President. Another such moment came during the Presidentship of Shri Ram Lall Kad when His Excellency Shri S.S. Ray, Governor Punjab released a commemorative Postal Stamp on the College. Yet another glorious moment the Tercentenary of the Khalsa has come when I have been called upon to make my humble contribution to the OSA as its third President.

I, therefore, take this opportunity to extend my warm greetings and felicitations to you on this momentous occasion. Let us resolve to dedicate ourselves to the noble cause of kindling hope and faith in the minds of our brethren and work with zeal and enthusiasm for the glory of the Alma Mater.

Joginder Singh

The OSA joins the nation in saluting Guru Gobind Singh on the Tercentenary of the Khalsa.

Share the vision and the glory of being an old Mohindrian - Join the OSA to serve the Alma Mater.



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Health Care Symposium and Camp

As many as 104 patients were examined at a free heart check up camp organised by the Old Students' Association of the College. A Free Diabetes Test was also conducted by Dr. Balbir Singh Babbar and his team Dr. Baljit Singh, Principal, Govt. Medical College, Patiala inaugurated the camp.

Dr. Manmohan Singh Prof. & Head, Dept. of Cardiology, Dr. B.K. Chopra, Prof. and Head, Dept. of Medicine, Dr. A.S. Sekhon, Prof. of Social and Preventive Medicine and Dr. B.S. Babbar, Dept. of Medicine, Govt. Medical College, Patiala, expressed their views in the symposium.

Earlier Dr. S.K. Sarad, Principal and patron of the association, welcomed the guests. Dr. Joginder Singh proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the association. Prof S.C. Sharma was the Coordinator of the camp and the symposium.

Our President



Dr. Joginder Singh

Born on 3rd March 1929 Dr. Joginder Singh, Founder Patron of the Association and former Principal of Mohindra College, is an energetic and dynamic person. He did his Ph.D on the 'Critical Study of Commentaries in Japuji' from Punjab University, Chandigarh in 1975. He has twelve books and thirty research articles to his credit.

He remained a member of the Syndicate and Senate, the Academic Council, the Sports Executive and various other bodies of Punjabi University and Punjab University from 1977 to 1987. He was invited to present a paper at an International Conference entitled 'Imperatives of Co-operation between Afro-Asian countries held in New Delhi in 1986. He is also periodically invited to participate in various literary & religious programmes telecast by Doordarshan and broadcast by A.I.R. He was nominated by the Punjab Government to the Advisory Board of Guru Nanak Foundation, New Delhi, for five years.

Dr. Joginder Singh also worked as commanding officer of an NCC Battalion while on deputation with the Ministry of Defence, Government of India. He topped in the All India Refresher Course of NCC Officers at Poona in 1969 and got an outstanding grade. These days, he is the President of the Old Students' Association of Mohindra College.

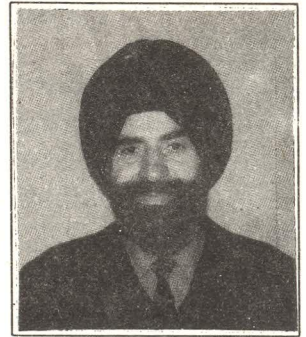
The history of the world is but the biography of great men.

-Thomas Carlyle

Language is the archives of history

-Emerson

Our General Secretary



Prof. M.S. Salh

Born on 3rd May, 1941 at village Barsat, Dist. Patiala, Prof. M.S. Salh had his graduation and postgraduation in Pol. Sc. from Mohindra College, Patiala. He is a holder of College and Punjabi University Colour in Volleyball. He joined Govt. Service as Lecturer on 14th Nov., 1969. He came to Mohindra College in October 1975 and is still serving the Postgraduate Dept. of Pol. Science in the college.

He was elected President of Punjab Govt. College Lecturers' Association in 1978 and had four terms of office. He was Vice-President PFUCTO and a member of the Executive of AIFUCTO. He was elected Secretary of Old Students' Association in May 1986 and is now serving as General Secretary.

He remained Warden of the College Hostel; Dean Students' Welfare of the college; member of Board of Postgraduate studies, and Faculty of Social Sciences of Pbi. University, Patiala and member of Punjab School Education Board.

He remained member of the Senate of Punjabi University Patiala, member of the College Development councils of Punjab University and Punjabi University and was on its steering committee also. He was also on the Examination Reforms Committee of the University and Punjab School Education Board.

It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.

-Christopher Society

'Tis education forms the common mind,
Just as the twig is bent, the tree is inclined.

-Alexander Pope

Prof. P.S. Sidhu : A Profile

Prof. P.S. Sidhu is a living legend of the college. As a matter of fact, nature has conferred on Prof. Sidhu the rare distinction of having the longest association with the college; first, as a student, then as a teacher; and finally, as an administrator for three brief periods, the last of which is the most memorable. Fair and friendly to all, Prof. Sidhu exudes warmth and affection and is the cynosure of every body's attention. As a gifted conversationalist, he generates guffaws of laughter when he is surrounded by his select coterie of friends.



Born on 16th February, 1941 in the erstwhile princely state of Patiala, Parminder Singh Sidhu S/o S. Gurbhagat Singh, Under Secretary PPSC, had his education at Khalsa School and Mohindra College respectively. He did his postgraduation in English from Punjabi University, Patiala, in 1963.

He made his debut as a teacher way back in 1963. Interestingly enough, he joined the Punjab Education Department in the women's cadre and served at Govt. College for Girls, Govt. Bikram College of Commerce and Govt. Mohindra College, Patiala, for well over three decades.

Then in 1994 this doyen of English blossomed into a Principal and started his administrative career at Govt. College, Fazilka. Shortly afterwards he came nearer home to Govt. College, Dera Bassi, as a scintillating successor to esteemed Prof. Kashmir Singh Gill who had been elevated to the rank of D.P.I. (C) Punjab. Prof. Sidhu took over as Principal of this college for the third and final time in 1998. He deserves kudos for building a new Biology Lab and a girls' common room in a record time.

Prof. Sidhu has been associated with various bodies of the University, including the

Faculty of Commerce, the Faculty of Languages, the Advisory Committee for Youth Welfare Department, and the Selection Committee for Teachers and Principals.

He is happily married to Mrs. Kawaljit Sidhu, the gracious First Lady of the College who provides him ceaseless psychological support and spiritual strength to attain ever higher pinnacles of glory.

I love everything that's old :

Old friends, old times,
old manners, old books,
old wines.

- Oliver Goldsmith

The Executive Committee

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Towards New Horizon

An ambitious programme regarding the 125th Anniversary of the College was approved at the last General Body meeting of the OSA.

The speakers focussed their attention on the maintenance of the old building, creation of a corpus of Rs. 5 lacs for funding various projects such as social awareness regarding drug abuse, health care, illiteracy and inculcation of moral values and reading habits among the students.

Dr. Bhagat Singh, Prof. Gursewak Singh, Prof. Harbaksh Singh, Shri J. Roy Mangla, Sh. O.P. Gupta, Dr. Balkar Singh, Mr. Ashok Verma, Mr. S.K. Chawla, Brig Sukhdev Singh, Dr. Joginder Singh, Prof. M.S. Salh, Prof. S.C. Sharma and Prof. Bhag Singh addressed the gathering.

Shri Ram Lall Kad, outgoing president of the association, presided over the meeting.

Many new amendments to the constitution of the OSA were accepted by the house.

It was decided that a Directory & a Tele-film of 125 outstanding old Mohindrians be brought out to mark 125 years of the college.

A Directory of the Faculty of the college past & present would also be published as part of the celebrations.

Finally the office bearers of the Association were elected and Dr. Joginder Singh took over the reins of the OSA. The efforts of the outgoing president Ram Lall Kad were appreciated.

It's not a Laughing Matter

It is said that the Irish people laugh three times at a joke- first, when they hear it; second, when they understand it; and third, when they understand why they didn't understand it the first time.

Human life is but a series of footnotes to a vast obscure unfinished masterpiece.

-Vladimir Nabakov

Humour is emotional chaos remembered in tranquillity.

-James Thurber

Felicitations

We congratulate the following old Mohindrians on their appointment/elevation/election etc.

1. Shri Amarjit Singh Sidhu, IAS, Member, Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala.
2. Shri Jagdev Singh Sandhu, Chairman, Punjab State Subordinate Services Selection Board, Chandigarh.
3. Shri Kirpal Singh Badungar, OSD to Shri Parkash Singh Badal, Chief Minister, Punjab.
4. Shri Surjit Singh Kohli, MLA, Patiala.
5. Shri Gurbachan Singh Bachi Chairman, Punjab State Cooperative Bank, Chandigarh.
6. Mrs. Surinder Kaur Grewal, Chairperson, Women's Commission, Punjab.

Our Losses

May their souls rest in peace!

1. Justice C.S. Tiwana - Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Courts.
2. Giani Lal Singh -Former Chairman, P.P.S.C.
3. Dewan K.S. Puri - An International Fingerprint Expert
4. Sh. Basant Singh Khalsa- Former Education Minister, Punjab.
5. Sh. Dara Singh Advocate- Former Minister, Pepsu.
6. Sh. Ram Partap Garg- Former M.P.
7. Sh. Rajdev Singh -Advocate
8. Prof Dharam Pal Sharma
9. Prof. Surjit Singh Khera
10. Sh. Kewal Krishan Chopra
11. Sh. Amrik Singh -Sanour
12. Prof. Gurcharan Singh-Former Registrar, Punjabi University
13. Prof. V.P. Bansal - Former Principal
14. Sh. Achhra Singh Advocate
15. Prof. Kartar Singh- Former Principal
16. Sh. Harchand Singh Joshi
17. Sh. Vijay Sehgal Advocate
18. Sh. Amarjit Singh - Chairman PPSC(Retd.)