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GOVERNMENT MOHINDRA COLLEGE, PATIALA

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Our Patron

Our beloved patron, Principal Mukhtiar Singh, is an epitome of courage, dynamism and resourcefulness. His vast and varied administrative experience as Principal and also as Chairman, Punjab School Education Board, coupled with his unflinching zeal for discipline and excellence, has infused a new spirit of work culture into this premier educational institution of the state. No wonder, then, that under his able and inspiring leadership, the college is running smoothly like a well-oiled machine.



here that he gained in strength and stature as an administrator and was appointed Chairman, Punjab School Education Board (1996-97). It is a happy augury that he has come back to enrich this college again with his vision and imagination, pragmatic wisdom and impeccable insight.

Obviously, Mrs. Harinder Kaur, the First Lady of the college, is the unfailing source of his strength and inspiration.

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Born on Oct. 27, 1941 in a small village, Narike, near Malerkotla, he was nourished and nurtured in an atmosphere in which religious-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 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 career, he has served a number of colleges of the State including Govt. Barjindra College, Faridkot, Govt. College, Kapurthala, Govt. Kirti College, Nial Patran, Govt. Bikram College of Commerce and Govt. Mohindra College, Patiala.

His role as Principal, Govt. Mohindra College, deserves special mention, for it was

Our Forthcoming Programmes

- 125th Anniversary Celebrations.
- A directory of 1000 Life Members.
- A telefilm on 125 outstanding Old Mohindrians.
- A directory of the past & present members of the faculty of the college.
- Cultural extravaganza.
- Memorial Lectures.
- Enrolment of life members.

The Mystique of Mohindra College

"For men may come and men go
But I go on for ever".

- Tennyson

Situated in the south eastern part of the princely town of Patiala, with a lush green sprawling campus measuring 98 bighas and 5 biswas; Mohindra College is a living monument of rare glory and royal grandeur. At the time of its inception, it was the only institution of its kind in the vast area stretching from Lahore to Delhi. No wonder, it shines with singular scintillation on the academic horizon of North India.

Mohindra College owes its existence to the munificence and philanthropic zeal of H.H. Maharaja Mohindra Singh who ascended the throne of Patiala at the tender age of ten and left his monumental impression on the educational life of the state by creating this magnificent institution during the short span of 24 years of his eventful existence. His Highness invited His Excellency Lord Northbrook, the then Viceroy of India, to lay the foundation of this grand structure on 30th March 1875. The foundation was laid in accordance with the Hindu custom of placing an image of Shesh Nag at the base to propitiate the deity, but the European custom of placing some coins in the foundation was also observed.

The building was completed in about ten years and on 17th March, 1884, Lord Ripon, Viceroy of India, performed the opening ceremony of the college. In his brilliant address, His Excellency hailed it as a 'magnificent architectural monument' and appreciated the gesture of His Highness Maharaja Mohindra Singh who had spent more than Five Lakh Rupees on its construction.

Apart from its architectural grandeur which reflects a fine synthesis of Oriental and Occidental styles, its tradition of free and secular education made it very popular with all sections of society. Eminent scholars were drawn in all disciplines to lend prestige to the college. Though initially it was intended to impart instruction in Sanskrit, Persian and Arabic, the teaching of English and Mathematics was added shortly afterwards and the college was affiliated to Calcutta University.

In 1880 Intermediate classes were started and in 1887 the college was raised to B.A. standard of Punjab University in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Postgraduation in Mathematics was started in 1912 and in the same year the first meeting of Old Students' Association was held under the chairmanship of Principal E. Candler. F.Sc. classes were started in 1920 and in 1922 Postgraduation in philosophy was introduced during the tenure of Principal Manmohan. ***It was during the memorable tenure of Principal Teja Singh that for the first time in the country Postgraduation in Punjabi was introduced here in 1949.*** In the same year, the portals of the college were opened for girls in F.Sc. (Med.) and in the following year, B.Sc.(Non-Med.) was started.

With the creation of the Punjabi University, the affiliation of the college was shifted to the new University at Patiala in 1962.

The Govt. of India issued a Postal Stamp on Mohindra College on march 14, 1988 in recognition of its eminence as an institution of higher learning which has played a stellar role in shaping the destinies of its countless alumni for well over a century.

At present, with a faculty of 112 teachers, the college imparts instruction in Postgraduate courses in History, Economics, Political Science, English, Hindi and Punjabi. It runs Honours School courses in English, Economics, History and Pol. Science, besides the Undergraduate courses in Science and Arts, and the Vocational Courses in Advertising and Sales Promotion. The college has as many as 3956 students on its rolls this year.

Join the OSA and share the pride of being an old Mohindrian.

For enrolment forms, suggestions, queries etc. please write to :

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Kavi Darbar

A Punjabi Kavi Darbar, dedicated to the Tercentenary of the Khalsa, was held by the OSA in collaboration with the NZCC, on 15th April in the college Sabha Bhavan. Shri B.S. Rattan, IRS, Addl. Commissioner, Income Tax, presided over the function.

Welcoming the poets, Principal Mukhtiar Singh lauded the historic contribution of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji in the field of literature and religion.

Well known Punjabi poets including Sh. G.D. Singh, IPS, DIG (Delhi), Mr. B.S. Rattan, IRS, Addl. Commissioner, Income Tax, Principal Amarjeet Sidhu, Ms. Kanwal Sandhu (Australia), Prof. Kulwant Singh Grewal (Pbi. Univ.), Mr. Bachanjit, Mr. Darshan Buttar, Mr. Baldev Singh Cheema, Mr. Sushil Dosanj, Mr. Surjit Judge, Mr. Sadhu Singh and Prof. Anup Singh Virk recited their poems. Prof. Virk compered the Kavi Darbar.

Mr. Rattan presented mementos to the poets.

A shawl and a memento were presented by the Principal to Mr. B.S. Rattan.

Prof. M.M. Singh, Vice-Principal of the college, thanked the Chief Guest and the poets.

Friends of the OSA

The following colleagues have done us proud.

- Dr. Ranbir Singh Sarao is Registrar, Punjabi University, Patiala
- Dr. V.S. Soni is Principal, Govt. College, Ropar.
- Dr. GS Walia is Principal, Mata Gujri College, Fatehgarh Sahib.
- Dr. G.K. Jaggi is Principal, Govt. College for Girls, Patiala.
- Dr. Indu Sarwal is Principal, Govt. College Nial Patran.
- Prof. Labh Singh Dhaliwal is Principal, Desh Bhagat College, Bhikhi.
- Prof. Rajpal Singh is Secretary, Sangeet Natak Academy, Punjab.
- Prof. Anup Singh Virk's book 'Dukh Dassan Dariya' has been released by Dr. M.L. Hasija, Director, Languages Dept., Punjab.

Distinguished Visitors

Sh. G.P.S. Sahi, IAS, Principal Secretary, Higher Education and Languages, Punjab, paid a visit to the college and delivered the Convocation address.

Dr. J.S. Puar, Vice-Chancellor, Pbi. Univ., Dr. Ranbir Singh Sarao, Registrar, Dr. M.L. Hasija, Director, Languages Dept., Punjab, Dr. Bhagat Singh, Former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Gursewak Singh, Former DPI, Sh. B.S. Dhillon, Commissioner (Appeals) Income Tax, Mr. B.S. Rattan, Addl. Commissioner Income Tax, Sh. G.S. Anand, Director, NIS, Dr. G.K. Jaggi, Principal, GCG and Dr. Kanwarjit Singh, Principal, State College of Education were prominent among those who graced the occasion.

Sh. R.P.S. Pawar, IAS, Commissioner Patiala Division was the Chief Guest at the annual Prize Distribution Function of the College.

Sh. S.K. Ahluwalia, IAS, Director, NZCC was the Chief Guest of the function when the noted Wadali brothers - Puran Chand & Piare Lal - regaled the college with their musical virtuosity. Prof. Daljit Singh, Director, Youth Welfare, Punjabi University, presided over the function.

Prof. Kashmir Singh Gill, DPI (C), Pb. was given a befitting farewell on his retirement.

Dr. H.S. Deol, DPI (C) Pb. was warmly felicitated on his first visit to the college after his elevation.

Felicitations

We congratulate the following Old Mohindrians on their election :

- Prof. Gursewak Singh, Vice-President, Indian Hockey Federation.
- Shri Ajit Inder Singh Mofar, MLA, Sardulgarh.
- Sh. Balkrishan Singla, President, Punjab Aarhtia Association.
- Prof. Bhag Singh Sandhu, General Secretary, GCTA, Punjab.
- Sh. Balbir Singh Billing, President, Dist. Bar Association, Patiala.
- Sh. Bhupal Singh, President, Rajindra Gymkhana Club, Patiala.

Kaleidoscope

Please update your directory regarding the following old Mohindrians.

- Sh. N.S. Rattan, I.A.S., has been elevated to the rank of Principal Secretary, Technical Education, Punjab.
- Sh. R.P.S. Pawar, I.A.S., Commissioner Patiala Division, is now Commissioner for the Disabled, Pb.
- Mr. Amarjit Singh, IAS, is Special Secretary, Higher Education, Punjab.
- Dr. R.M. Goel is Pro Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University.
- Sh. Sukhdev Puri, I.P.S., is ADGP, Maharashtra.
- Sh. M.P.S. Aulakh I.P.S., is ADGP, Punjab.
- Sh. Jagjit Puri, I.A.S., is Chief Executive, Punjab Energy Development Agency cum Director, Public Relations, Punjab.
- Sh. G.S. Grewal, I.A.S. (D.C. Faridkot) has been elevated to the rank of Special Secretary.
- Sh. S.K. Ahluwalia, I.A.S., Director, N.Z.C.C., has been elevated to the rank of Special Secretary.
- Sh. N.P.S. Aulakh, I.P.S., is IGP, Punjab.
- Sh. Charan Singh Azad, I.P.S., is IGP, Maharashtra.
- Sh. R.N. Vasudev, I.P.S., is D.I.G. Haryana.
- Sh. G.S. Sidhu, I.R.S. is Vice-President, Income Tax Settlement Commission, Govt. of India.
- Sh. G.S. Sekhon, I.R.S., is Director-General, I.T., U.P.
- Sh. J.S. Ahluwalia, I.R.S., is Commissioner I.T. Agra.
- Sh. Harmol Singh Gill, I.P.S., is I.G.P., U.P.
- Sh. Kirandeep Singh Bhullar, I.A.S., is Secretary, Punjab State Electricity Board, Patiala.
- Sh. Arun Goyal, I.A.S., is D.C., Ludhiana.
- Sh. Anurag Verma, I.A.S., is A.D.C., Amritsar.
- Sh. Sarabjit Singh, I.A.S., is A.D.C., Ludhiana.
- Ms. Sukhwinder Khanna, I.R.S., is Assistant Commissioner (Income Tax), Patiala.
- Sh. Navaljit Kapoor, I.R.S., is Assistant Commissioner (Income Tax), Chandigarh.
- Sh. Amarjit Singh Kaleka is Additional Commissioner, Excise & Taxation, Punjab.
- Sh. R.S. Randhawa, P.C.S, is A.D.C., Patiala.
- Sh. Shiv Dular Singh Dhillon PCS, is S.D.M., Anandpur Sahib.
- Sh. Ashwani Kumar, P.C.S., is D.T.O., Faridkot.
- Ms. Surinder Kaur Riar, P.C.S., is Additional Controller, Govt. Press, Patiala.
- Ms. Amrit Gill, P.C.S., is S.D.M., Dhuri.
- Dr. G.S. Anand is Director, NIS, Patiala.
- Sh. Inderdeep Singh is Deputy Director, Food & Civil Supplies, Ferozepur.
- Dr. B.S. Bedi is Principal, Govt. College, Malerkotla.
- Prof. S.R. Sahni is Principal, M.M. Modi College, Patiala.
- Prof. Aprajita-Malhotra is Principal, Bikram College of Commerce, Patiala.
- Dr. Kanwarjit Singh has taken over as Principal, State College of Education, Patiala.
- Dr. Ranjit Kapoor is Professor & Head, Dept. of English, Punjabi University.
- Dr. S.K. Gupta is Head, Dept. of History, Punjabi University.
- Dr. A.S. Sekhon is Professor & Head, Dept. of SPM, Govt. Medical College, Patiala.
- Dr. Manmohan Singh is Professor & Head, Dept. of Cardiology, Govt. Medical College, Patiala.
- Sh. Ravinder Mohan Gupta, is Dist. & Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur.
- Sh. Paramjit Singh is Addl. Civil Judge, Samrala.
- Sh. Vijay Singh is Addl. Civil Judge, Nabha.
- Sh. Sanjay Agnihotri is Judicial Magistrate, Kharar.
- Sh. Inderjit Singh Chahal is AETC, Patiala.
- Prof. D.S. Rahi is ADPI Colleges, Punjab.
- Prof. T.S. Sohi is ADPI Colleges, Punjab.
- Sh. Tejinderpal Singh Sandhu is M.D., Dist. Coop. Bank, Patiala.
- Sh. Satpal Singh is S.P. Vigilance, Bathinda.
- Dr. Sarabjeet K. Sandhwalia has been awarded the title of Awaaz-e-Wattan in England.
- Prof. S.C. Sharma has been appointed Asst. Governor, R.I. Dist. 3090.

Our Losses

They have left us in tears. May their souls rest in peace !

- Maj. B.S.S. Bedi, Senior Vice-President, Old Students' Association.
- Prof. R.C. Verma, former Prinicpal.