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**FROM THE
DESK OF
THE
PRINCIPAL**

It is a great honor to commend the dedicated staff whose tireless efforts have added another milestone to the college's journey. Thanks to their work, the institution is now easily accessible online to students and the wider community. In today's world, information is indispensable, and while technology is vital, it must be used wisely—mastered, not allowed to dominate us.

Students here are fortunate to pursue education at **Government College Nagrota Surian**, affiliated with Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. The college prides itself on a nurturing environment and strong values that shape the future of its learners. Our mission is to develop students into thoughtful individuals, skilled professionals, responsible citizens, and spiritually aware human beings. I firmly believe that the traditions and values instilled here will guide them toward greater achievements.

We are committed to continuous efforts for academic excellence, recognizing education as a powerful tool for social transformation. The success of our alumni inspires us and benefits society at large. Each student's holistic growth is our priority, supported by the mentor system and enriched through NCC, NSS, Rovers and Rangers, the Red Ribbon Club, and the Career Guidance Cell.

I extend my heartfelt wishes for success, peace, and prosperity to everyone contributing to the noble mission of spreading education and its values.

Dr. Pardeep K Kaundal

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Editor's
column

Dear Readers,

We are pleased to present the first edition of *Campus Mirror*, the college newsletter that reflects the wide spectrum of academic, cultural, and outreach activities of our institution. This issue showcases the dedicated efforts of both students and faculty in fostering knowledge, discipline, and social responsibility. *Campus Mirror* continues to serve as a vibrant platform for sharing significant events, accomplishments, and awareness initiatives across the campus. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all contributors and hope this edition proves insightful, engaging, and inspiring for our readers. Warm regards

- 1) Dr. Pushpa Yadav (AP Commerce)
- 2) Neha Choudhary (AP Commerce)
- 3) Yuv Raj (AP History)

June 17, 2025**Pre-Admission Counseling Sessions**

Government College Nagrota Surian organized pre-admission counselling sessions during the admission process to assist students in making informed academic choices. The initiative aimed to guide students and parents regarding various courses, admission procedures, and future career opportunities. The counseling sessions created a supportive and interactive environment

where students and parents could clarify their doubts. Overall, the initiative proved highly beneficial in ensuring a smooth admission process and guiding students towards the right academic path

**June 28, 2025****Orientation Program for First-Year Students (2025–26 Session)**

An orientation program for first-year students of the 2025–2026 session was held at Government Degree College Nagrota Surian. The Principal, Prof. Upendra Sharma, formally welcomed the students and guided them on the importance of knowledge and building a successful future through multidimensional learning. Prof. Neha Choudhary from the Commerce Department introduced students to the various streams and clubs available in the college and emphasized the importance of following rules and discipline. The program also included a campus tour where students visited different labs,



the computer lab, music room, and library. The event was anchored by Prof. Praveer Dhiman and attended by faculty members and staff.

July 11, 2025

IIC Kick-Off: 'Celebrating Failures' Podcast – Resilience in Entrepreneurship

The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) kicked off its activities with a live telecast of the debut episode of the 'Celebrating Failures' podcast. Under the guidance of the Principal Prof. Upendra Sharma, 53 students gathered in the smart classroom to listen to Mr. Mayank Bidawatka, co-founder of Koo, discuss the resilience required to succeed in entrepreneurship with Dr. Abhay Jere. The session aimed to inspire students by showcasing real-life stories of innovation and persistence following professional setbacks.



July 25, 2025

Online Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights & Patent Filing

Government Degree College Nagrota Surian organized an online workshop under the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission of the Government of India, in collaboration with the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Intellectual Property Management (RGNIIPM), Nagpur. Around 425 participants, including faculty and students from several regional colleges such as GDC Jawali and Y.S. Parmar Government PG College Nahan, attended the session led by Mr. Kumar Raju. The workshop focused on the process of obtaining patents, design filing, and the importance of intellectual property



The Principal highlighted its relevance in today's time, and the event concluded with a vote of thanks and encouragement to organize more such workshops in the future.

August 1, 2025

World Scarf Day Celebration – Rover and Ranger Unit

World Scarf Day was celebrated at Government Degree College Nagrota Surian. The programme was organized by the Rover and Ranger Unit of the college. The Principal attended the event as the Chief Guest and encouraged students to actively participate in such units to build a bright future. A senior Ranger student from BA third year explained the history of Scouts and Guides and demonstrated the correct way to wear a scarf. The event was conducted under the guidance of the Rover Scout and Ranger leaders.



August 1, 2025

Formation of New PTA Executive Committee

A general meeting was held at Government Degree College Nagrota Surian for the formation of a new PTA Executive Committee under the chairmanship of the Principal. The previous committee was dissolved, and a new committee was formed with members elected to various positions. The Principal congratulated the newly formed committee and requested their support in the college's development. The new committee assured full cooperation and, in its first meeting, decided to work on key initiatives such as developing a sports ground, starting postgraduate classes,



improving the computer lab, installing a solar plant, and promoting a green campus for the benefit of students.

August 8, 2025

Book Exhibition — A First in College History

A book exhibition was organized at Government College Nagrota Surian. The event was formally inaugurated by the Principal, Prof. Upendra Sharma, who also addressed the gathering. All faculty members participated and were honored with badges. The exhibition was jointly organized by Prof. Neha Choudhary (Commerce Department), Prof. Neelkamal Kumar (Hindi



Department), and Prof. Ranjit (Political Science Department). The Principal highlighted that the exhibition would benefit students by exposing them to a wide variety of books and encouraging reading habits. The organizing committee noted that this was the first such initiative in the college's history. Around 300 students actively participated and benefited from the event, showing great interest and enthusiasm.

August 12, 2025

Sanskrit Day Celebration

Sanskrit Day was celebrated at Government College Nagrota Surian with the aim of creating awareness among students about the importance and rich knowledge of the Sanskrit language. The program was organized by Dr. Rajesh Kumar from the Sanskrit Department with the support of other faculty members. Principal, Prof. Upendra Sharma, attended the event as the Chief Guest and



keynote speaker. He highlighted the scientific nature and relevance of Sanskrit in modern times and encouraged students to take pride in the language and its cultural significance. Various competitions including shloka recitation and quiz were conducted. In shloka recitation: Mehak (1st), Pooja (2nd), Neha (3rd). In the quiz competition: Aneesh (1st), Geetanjali (2nd), Mehak (3rd). Winners were honored with cash prizes.

August 12–18, 2025

National Anti-Ragging Week

Government College Nagrota Surian successfully organized National Anti-Ragging Week under the coordination of Prof. Yuvraj from the History Department. The initiative aimed to spread awareness among students against ragging and promote a safe, respectful, and inclusive campus environment.



Throughout the week, various activities such as slogan writing, essay writing, poster making, online quiz, reel making, YouTube video, and Instagram thread competitions were conducted. Around 100 students actively participated and showcased their creativity. On the concluding day, August 18, a short film highlighting the harmful effects of ragging was shown, followed by the announcement of results and felicitation of winners. The Principal, Prof. Upendra Sharma, emphasized that ragging is a serious social and legal offense and assured strict action against any such incidents.

September 30, 2025

Volleyball Match: GDC Nagrota Surian vs. GDC Lanj

A volleyball match was organized between Government College Nagrota Surian and Government College Lanj. The event was inaugurated by the Principal, Prof. Upendra Sharma who was welcomed with a bouquet. Prof. Vijay Kumar from Government College Lanj was also honored with a badge. The Principal was introduced to the players of both teams and encouraged them to play with discipline and uphold the spirit of sportsmanship. His motivating address energized the players. Several faculty members were present on the occasion, including Prof. Ajay Kumar, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Dr. Pushpa Yadav, Dr. Anuragini, Prof. Parveen Dhiman, Prof. Neha Choudhary, Prof. Neelkamal, Prof. Ranjit, Prof. Abhishek Pal, Prof. Yuvraj, and Librarian Rajneesh Chand.



October 11, 2025

Volleyball Team Returns from Inter-University Tournament

The volleyball team reached the college premises after winning their first-stage entry match against GDC Barotiwala with a score of 2-0, before losing to GDC Sanskrit College, Solan. The team also participated in the Inter-University Volleyball Tournament held at Gautam Group of Colleges under the team in-charge Prof. Nilkamal. Principal congratulated the team and encouraged them to practice hard for future tournaments.



October 13, 2025

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

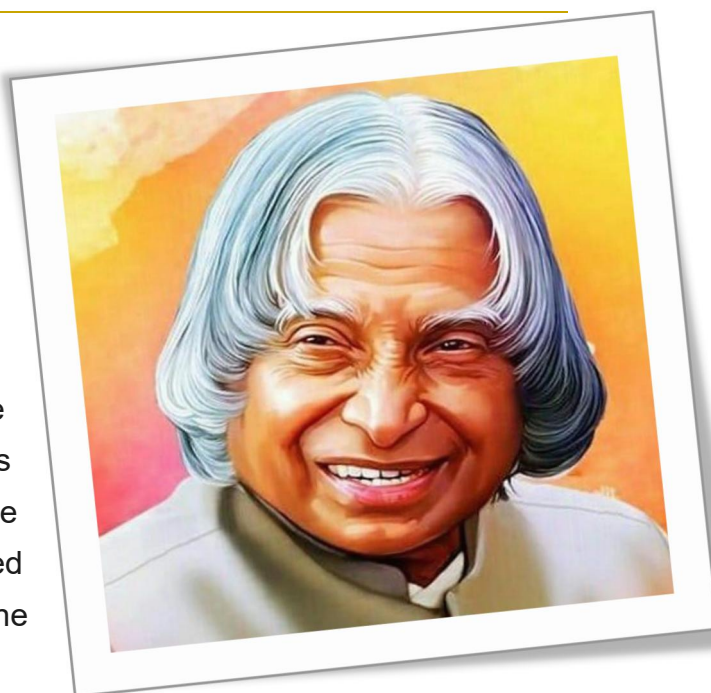
The college celebrated the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction on October 13, 2025 — a day that encourages every citizen to build more resilient communities and a stronger nation. Students and staff took a collective pledge to make communities more resilient and to create greater awareness among families for future disaster preparedness.



October 15, 2025

National Innovation Day — Honouring Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

To honour the birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the college celebrated National Innovation Day. The IIC organized a Digital Poster Making competition themed 'Future of IT Innovation' and a Short Animation/Video Editing competition focused on 'Future of Education with AI'. The Principal Prof. Upendra Sharma emphasized the importance of developing problem-solving skills in a rapidly evolving technological world, while students like Sunita and Anuj were recognized for their creative and technical excellence in the respective categories.



October 16, 2025

Diwali Festival Celebration — Commerce Department

The Department of Commerce celebrated a joyful Diwali Festival, showcasing students' entrepreneurial and marketing skills. The event was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Upendra Sharma, who praised the initiative for providing students with practical leadership and management experience. With 12 creative stalls featuring food, games, and traditional activities, students handled all planning, expenses, and profits themselves — a true hands-on learning experience. The celebration beautifully combined festivity, learning, and teamwork, making Diwali even more meaningful.



October 2025

Special Lecture on Horticulture & Organic Farming

A special lecture on horticulture and the relevance of organic farming in daily life was organized at Government College Nagrota Surian by the Career Counselling and Placement Cell. Chief guest Shri Jeevan Singh Rana, a well-known organic farmer for dragon fruit cultivation, emphasized the importance of health and explained how agriculture forms its foundation. He shared practical knowledge about organic manure preparation, water conservation, and eco-friendly methods to control pests and diseases. Ms. Anamika, Horticulture Extension Officer from the BDO office, highlighted horticulture's potential for self-employment. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Ajay Kumar.



October–November 2025

Special Lecture: Career Opportunities after Graduation

A special lecture on 'Career Opportunities after Graduation' was organized under the guidance of Principal Prof. Upendra Sharma. The keynote speaker, Dr. Arun Kant Poinoli, Dean of the School of Management Studies at Baddi University, delivered an expert session drawing on his 21 years of teaching experience. He highlighted the changing career landscape in the 21st century, emphasizing the importance of skill-based and multidisciplinary knowledge in fields such as digital marketing, data analytics, artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, financial management, and personality development. The session concluded with an interactive question-answer round, where students actively participated.



November 8, 2025

Online Workshop on Financial Freedom — Commerce Society

The Commerce Society organized an online workshop on 'Financial Freedom' featuring well-known personal finance educator Sharan Hegde. The session focused on money management, budgeting, and investment strategies such as asset allocation and mutual fund awareness for B.Com students. By providing practical insights and relatable examples, the workshop encouraged students to start their investment journey early in life to achieve long-term financial security.



November 26–27, 2025

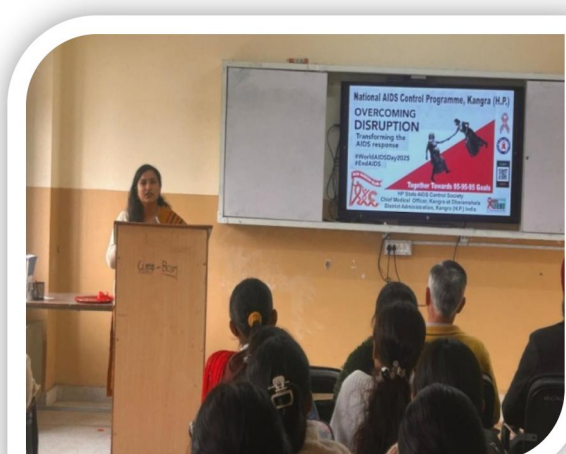
Annual Sports Festival

The two-day Annual Sports Festival commenced at Government College Nagrota Surian. The event was inaugurated by the Principal, Prof. Upendra Sharma, who attended as the Chief Guest. He was welcomed by Sports In-charge Prof. Ajay Kumar, who also administered an oath to the students to play with true sportsmanship. Various competitions were held on the first day, including long jump, 400-meter race, discus throw, volleyball, shot put, and table tennis for both male and female categories. Students performed enthusiastically across events, with winners securing first, second, and third positions in different categories. The event witnessed active participation and was attended by all faculty members and staff of the college.


December 1, 2025

World AIDS Day Observation

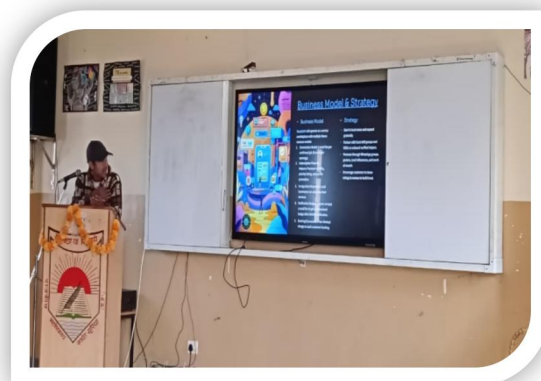
World AIDS Day was observed at Government College Nagrota Surian. Dr. Sukhwinder Singh, an Ayurvedacharya from Government Hospital Bantungli, delivered an informative lecture on the seriousness of AIDS and preventive measures. Pharmacist Mr. Neeraj also attended the program. The event was organized by the Red Ribbon Club under the coordination of Prof. Priya and benefited more than 300 students. At the end of the program, the Principal, Prof. Upendra Sharma, honored Dr. Sukhwinder Singh with a certificate of appreciation and encouraged him to continue guiding students about health and Ayurveda.



December 2, 2025

Idea Carnival 2025 — IIC Innovation Event

The IIC successfully hosted the 'Idea Carnival 2025,' which featured three interactive segments: an App Development Challenge, a Business Plan Competition, and a 'Weirdest Idea' Competition. Students across various streams presented structured business plans and innovative applications, while the fun 'weirdest idea' segment encouraged quirky, unconventional thinking. The event proved to be a resounding success, strengthening the campus culture of creativity and ideation through practical exposure and peer competition.



December 2025

Road Safety Awareness Rally — Road Safety Club

Students of Government College Nagrota Surian organized a Road Safety Awareness Rally under the Road Safety Club to spread awareness about road safety and drug de-addiction in village Bantungli. The rally was flagged off by the Principal, Prof. Upendra Sharma. The event was coordinated by Dr. Rajesh Kumar, along with Prof. Neelkamal Kumar and Prof. Ranjit. Around 300 students participated enthusiastically, raising slogans such as 'Road Safety, Life Safety,' 'Helmet is necessary even for short distances,' and 'Fast drive, last drive.' The Road Safety Club continues to actively engage students in spreading social awareness.



February 7, 2026

Donation Camp by Commerce Society — Social Responsibility Initiative

The Commerce Society of Government College Nagrota Surian organized a donation camp in nearby slum areas as part of its social responsibility initiative. The program was conducted under the guidance of Principal Prof. Upendra Sharma and supervised by Dr. Pushpa Yadav and Prof. Neha Choudhary. During the camp, clothes were distributed to needy people. Students and staff actively participated by collecting usable clothes from their homes and villages, which were then sorted and distributed to underprivileged families. Local residents appreciated the effort and expressed gratitude to the college. The Principal also praised the Commerce Society for its commendable work.



February 9, 2026

Awareness Lectures on Higher Education at Nearby Schools

Special awareness lectures on 'Opportunities in Higher Education' were organized at Government Senior Secondary Schools Spail and Sakri. Assistant Professors including Prof Neha Choudhary, Prof. Yuvraj, and Prof. Priya delivered lectures and guided students on undergraduate and postgraduate courses, admission procedures, scholarships, and career prospects. This awareness campaign is being conducted under the guidance of Principal Prof. Upendra Sharma across nearby schools. The initiative was well appreciated by the school authorities and students for its usefulness.



February 13, 2026

Special Lecture: AI Tools in Learning — AI for Atmanirbhar Bharat

Modern technology took center stage during a special lecture on 'AI Tools in Learning' as part of the 'AI for Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. Resource person Prof. Parveer Dhiman introduced students to a wide array of tools, including Gemini, ChatGPT, Notebook LLM, and Adobe AI, demonstrating their applications in research and content development. The Principal Prof. Upendra Sharma highlighted that the judicious use of AI is essential for contemporary education, helping students explore new possibilities in their future career development.



February 20, 2026**On-the-Job Training Program — BCA Department**

A three-day On-the-Job Training (OJT) program organized by the BCA Department of Government College Nagrota Surian concluded on February 20, 2026. The training covered digital literacy, office tools, and basic web design, benefiting 18 students from SBS School Baldoa, who received certificates upon completion. The program was conducted under the guidance of Principal Prof. Upendra Sharma and was highly appreciated for enhancing students' technical skills.

**February 24, 2026****Annual Cultural Program — 'Jhankar'**

Annual Cultural Program 'Jhankar' was successfully held at Government College Nagrota Surian. The event was inaugurated by Principal Prof. Upendra Sharma with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony. Students presented various performances including Saraswati Vandana, solo singing, solo dances, group dances like Bhangra, Luddi, and Himachali Nati, and a tabla performance by Prof. Abhishek Pal. The Principal appreciated the efforts of students and faculty and encouraged them for their future. The program concluded with a vote of thanks,



followed by Vande Mataram and the National Anthem, in the presence of faculty, staff, and students.

February 28, 2026

National Science Day — Special Lecture on Ayurvedic Dinacharya

National Science Diwas celebrated at Government Degree College Nagrota Surian with a special lecture on 'Ayurvedic Dinacharya' delivered by the Principal Prof. Upendra Sharma. The session highlighted the importance of Ayurvedic daily routines, the scientific basis of PanchTatva and the balance of Vata, Pitta, and Kapha for maintaining physical and mental well-being. Emphasis was placed on adopting a healthy lifestyle, proper diet, and disciplined habits to improve concentration and academic performance.

Around 143 students participated actively, and the event concluded with encouragement to integrate these principles into daily life.



March 8, 2026

Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony was held at Government College Nagrota Surian, with Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Minister Prof. Chander Kumar as the Chief Guest. The event began with a lamp-lighting ceremony and included cultural performances such as folk dances and music. Principal Prof. Upendra Sharma presented the annual report, highlighting the college's achievements. Meritorious students were honored with certificates and mementos for their excellence in academics, sports, and cultural activities. The Chief Guest praised the students, emphasized the importance of hard work and discipline, and announced a grant of Rs.



21,000 to encourage them. Scholarships under the 'Lala Shri Jagdish Chand Mahajan Scholarship' were awarded to Tamanna (BA), Sejal (B.Com), Rahul Verma (B.Sc. Non-Medical), Sakshi Guleria (B.Sc. Medical), and Diksha Soni (BCA), instituted by Shri Sanjeev Mahajan. A New prestigious scholarship "Inspector Mahendra Pal Dhiman Merit Award" of Rs 5000/- is initiated by the generosity of Dr. Harbans Lal Dhiman in honor of his brother, starting this academic session. For this year, the scholarship amount was distributed among the following students: Simran Chaudhary (BA), Nitin Sharma (B.Com), Vantika (B.Sc N/M), and Jahnvi Kahlon (BCA). Each of these students will receive a scholarship amount of ₹1250.

March 28, 2026

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

Meritorious students were honored under the "Lala Shri Jagdish Chand Mahajan Scholarship," instituted by Shri Sanjeev Mahajan in memory of his father. The scholarship is awarded annually to students securing top positions in their respective streams. This year, students Tamanna (BA), Sejal (B.Com), Rahul Verma (B.Sc. Non-Medical), Sakshi Guleria (B.Sc. Medical), and Diksha Soni (BCA) were awarded scholarships. Principal, Prof. Upendra Sharma, thanked him for this initiative, highlighting its motivational value for students. Shri Sanjeev Mahajan and Dr. H.L.Dhiman, were honored during the event.



March 28, 2026

New Academic Scholarships Announced for Current Session

New prestigious scholarship "Inspector Mahendra Pal Dhiman Merit Award" is initiated by the generosity of Dr. Harbans Lal Dhiman in honor of his brother, starting this academic session.

Under this annual scheme, top-performing students who secure the first position in their respective streams during their second-year annual examinations will be honored with a cash scholarship of ₹5,000. This scholarship pool has been evenly distributed among four exceptional second-year toppers across various disciplines. For this year, the scholarship amount was distributed among the following students: Simran Chaudhary

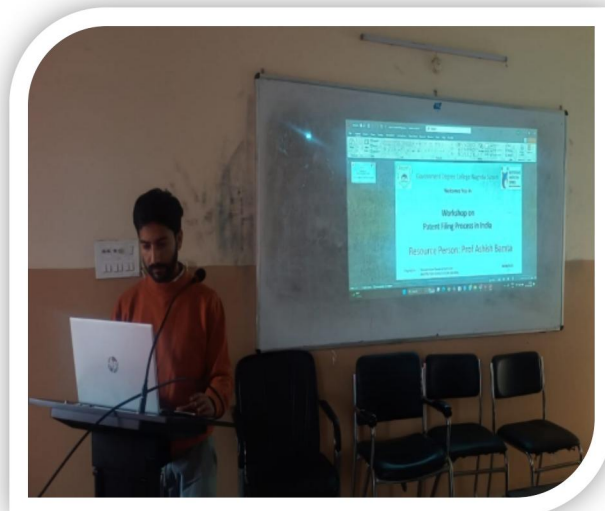


(BA), Nitin Sharma (BCom), Vantika (BSc N/M), and Jahnvi Kahlon (BCA). Each of these students will receive a scholarship amount of ₹1250.

April 4, 2026

Workshop on Patent Filing Process — IIC & R&D Cell

The IIC and the Research & Development Cell organized a workshop for BCA students on the 'Patent Filing Process in India.' Prof. Ashish Bamta served as the resource person, providing a step-by-step guide on prior art searches, drafting applications, and the examination process. The session specifically guided students on how to convert their academic projects into patentable innovations, thereby bridging the gap between classroom learning and intellectual property protection.



April 22, 2026

Plantation Drive — International Mother Earth Day

On the occasion of International Mother Earth Day, a plantation drive was organized at Government Degree College Nagrota Surian by the Eco Club. The event witnessed the gracious presence of the Principal, Dr. Pardeep K. Koundal, along with faculty members Prof. Kaku Ram Manhas and Prof. Neha Choudhary. Assistant Librarian Sh. Rajneesh Chand and Sh. Yash Pal (Class IV) also attended the programme. The Eco Club in-charge, Prof. Yuvraj, was the overall coordinator. The initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness and encourage sustainable practices among students and staff.



April 24, 2026**Staff Photo**

The staff of Government Degree College Nagrota Surian came together for a memorable staff photograph session organized for the college magazine. The session was conducted in a spirit of unity, professionalism, and pride, capturing the collective strength and dedication of the institution's faculty. All teaching and non-teaching staff members participated enthusiastically, dressed in formal attire, reflecting the dignity and academic ethos of the college. The photograph session was carefully arranged within the campus premises, providing a fitting backdrop that symbolizes the institution's commitment to excellence in education. The event not only aimed at documenting the faculty for the college magazine but also served as a moment of togetherness, strengthening bonds among staff members. The atmosphere was filled with coordination, smiles, and a shared sense of belonging.



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