

RAJKIYA KANYA MAHAVIDYALAYA SHIMLA

ANNUAL REPORT (2024-25)

Hon'ble Chief Guest Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, Governor of Himachal Pradesh; Guest of Honour, The First Lady of Himachal Pradesh Smt. Janki Shukla, Chairperson of State Red Cross Hospital Welfare Section; and all the other dignitaries present here. On behalf of the staff and students of RKMV Shimla, I welcome you all to the 47th Annual Prize Distribution Function and present before you the Annual Report of our esteemed institute RKMV for the Session 2024-25.

ABOUT RKMV

RKMV, situated on the cliff of the picturesque Elysium Hill came into existence in the Year 1977, when the erstwhile RPCSDB College was taken over by the State Government. Today, it has become one of the premier institutes of higher learning. As against 919 girl students who took admission in the college during 1978, the institute has come a long way, and now takes pride in imparting quality education to more than 3100 girl students in Arts, Commerce, Science streams and B.Voc courses. The college was accredited B+ by NAAC in 2023.

Apart from regular disciplines, the Institute also offers professional courses like Biotechnology, Microbiology, BCA, PGDCA and Home Science. Besides regular day classes Vocal/Instrumental Music and Dance classes are also offered in Sandhya Sangeet Mahavidyalaya (Evening Hobby classes). Students are also awarded “*Visharad*” degree on completion of the course.

From the current session 2024-25, the College has started PG classes in English, Political Science, History, Geography and Commerce. The College provides different facilities for the students like Computer Labs with internet, Digital Library, Dispensary, Canteen, Language Lab, E-Commerce Lab, Internet Cafe, Gymnasium, TT Room, Bookstall and Juice Bar.

To hone the creative talent of the students the College publishes its annual magazine “Padam”. Starting from this session the quarterly Newsletter “Elysium” has already published five issues.

RKMV is the only girls' college in the state with two hostels, Sainik and Tribal. Students are admitted on merit basis and are provided with all the necessary facilities with a congenial environment for their academic and personal growth.

Along with studies our aim is to train the young women to face the challenges of the modern globalized world. In our endeavour to be an eco-friendly campus, the college has taken the initiative of becoming a plastic free campus.

Vision :

"To transform young girls into well-integrated individuals through inclusive education, who can face the challenges of life with courage and commitment for a successful life and devote

themselves towards nation building with a sense of dedication, duty and respect for humanity."

Mission :

"The college focuses on the holistic development of girls motivating and moulding them into world citizens who would illumine the lives that they would touch."

BUDGET ALLOCATION

The Department of Higher Education has approved a budget of Rs. 14,23,19,235/- for the financial year 2024-25. This includes salary, travel expenses, office expenses, medical reimbursement, and Rent, Rates and Taxes.

Audit of all the funds of the college has been conducted up to 31st March 2025.

THE STAFF

Total number of employees: 82 (59 teaching and 23 non-teaching).

Self-financed Courses: 15 (9 teaching and 6 non-teaching)

B.Voc. Courses: 9 (6 teaching and 3 non- teaching)

SESSION AT A GLANCE (2024-25)

Students' Strength

Arts:	2006
Science:	330
Commerce:	330
B.Voc.	157
PG:	104

Self-financed Courses:

BCA:	158
PGDCA:	20
Biotechnology:	44
Microbiology:	31

Total – 3180

NCC, NSS and Rovers and Rangers

Our college has one unit of NCC, two units of NSS, and one unit of Rovers and Rangers. Our cadets and volunteers are contributing their services to the best of their capabilities. They play a significant role in community service and national integration. This year, in the NCC Annual Training Camp held at Nauni University, Solan, RKMV was adjudged as the "All Round Best Institute" and also clinched the overall 1st position in cultural activities. In the Firing competition, Priyanshu & Suhani secured first and third position respectively. Sergeant Disha got the chance to attend the SSB Super 30 camp.

Youth Red Cross, Red Ribbon and Rotaract Club

RKMV is one of the few colleges in Himachal to have a registered Youth Red Cross wing, and also a Rotaract Club and Red Ribbon Club. Our volunteers are highly motivated, dedicated and enthusiastic and carry out various social activities.

Our Youth Red Cross unit has been actively engaged in various noble initiatives like organizing blood donation camps, distribution of clothes, grocery and hygiene kits to underprivileged labour families, and distribution of fruits and juices at the Children's Ward of IGMCH.

Anti-Drug activities are also regularly organized in the college. Guest speakers from different fields like administration, police, legal, social work and community medicine are invited from time to time for lectures and awareness campaigns. Also, in collaboration with Vyaktitva Foundation Noida and Rotary Club Shimla a programme on "Prevention of Substance Use" was organised by IQAC, RKMV.

Other Clubs and Cells

Eco Club, Energy Club, Road Safety Club, Nrityanjali Dance Club, Women Cell, Career Counselling and Placement Cell etc. are also active in the college and various activities are carried out by them throughout the session.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Three of our UG students secured positions in the HPU Merit List.
Deepika, of B.Sc. Microbiology Hons. was placed 1st
Anjali Sharma, of B.Sc. Biotechnology Hons. was placed 5th
Payal of BCA was placed 5th in the HPU Merit List
- All PG students of First Semester English, Political Science, History, Geography, and Commerce scored First Division, making a significant achievement in the inaugural year of PG courses.
Notably, Nitika (M.Com) secured 1st rank and Reeta Kaushal (Geography) secured 2nd rank in the H.P. University Merit List.
These results reflect the students' dedication and the faculty's commitment to academic excellence.
- Five of our college students were among the top 10 in the HPU PG entrance examinations.
Divya Marwah (1st rank in Zoology and 2nd in Botany), Diwanshi Sharma (1st rank in Microbiology), Aishwarya Thakur (3rd Rank in History), Madhu Thakur (5th Rank in History) and Devangi (8th Rank in History).
- Pass percentage of UG final year students ranges from about 85 to 96%

B.A. - 86%
B.Sc. - 85 %
B.Com. - 96%
B.C.A. - 80%
- 26 of our B.Voc. students have been placed in top class retail management stores and in the hospitality and tourism industry. The result of B.Voc. (Retail Management) is 100%.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

Sports

1. In the **Inter-College Boxing (Women's Category)** held on 20th & 21st November 2024 at Gayatri College of Education, Sundernagar, RKMV remained the **Overall Trophy Winner** with a medal tally of 2 Golds, 4 Silvers and 1 Bronze. Sunidhi & Muskan Rana were selected for the All India Inter-University Boxing Championship.
2. **RKMV won the overall 2nd Position in Inter-College Table Tennis Competition** held at St. Bede's College, Shimla on 18th & 19th October 2024.
3. **In HP University Athletic Meet** held at GC Hamirpur from 13th to 15th November 2024, Vipasha won Gold in 10,000 meters race.
4. **RKMV clinched the 2nd Runners up trophy in Inter-College Kho-Kho Championship** held at Government Sanskrit College Nahan from 25th to 27th November 2024
5. **RKMV secured the 2nd Runners up position in Inter-College Women Shooting (Pistol) Championship** held at GC Nalagarh from 17th to 19th December 2024.
6. **In Inter-College Judo Championship** held at GC Rajgarh on 28th & 29th November 2024, Kashwi Gangta won the Silver and Anchal won the bronze medal.
7. **In Inter-College Taekwondo Championship** held at GC Amb from 23rd to 24th October 2024, three bronze medals were bagged by Hemlata, Ritu, and Neha Bhandhari.
8. **In Inter-College Cross-Country Championship** held at GC Haripur, Manali on 27th September 2024. Vipasha from RKMV bagged the 4th position and was selected for North Zone Inter-University.
9. **HP Police Half Marathon** held on 29th September 2024, Vipasha secured 1st position in 3 km category and Suman bagged 10th position in 21 km category.
10. **In Open Kabaddi Tournaments** held on 27th October and 06th November 2024, RKMV was the runner up, and got a cash prize of Rs 18000 and Rs 8000.
11. During the current session, **ten girls** from the College participated in **North Zone Inter-University** and **All India Inter-University Championships** in various games.

Cultural

- **HPU Youth Festival Group-I (Creativity)** held at Govt. College, Bilaspur from 14th to 16th October 2024, Parul Jharangta secured 1st position in Elocution, and Nawang Chhodon secured 3rd position in Cartooning
- **HPU Youth Festival Group –II (Music)** RKMV bagged first position in Indian group song, and third position in instrumental music (Sitar) and Western song. The event was held at GDC, Karsog from 22nd to 26th October 2024.
- **HPU Youth Festival Group – III (Dance)** held at Gautam Group of Colleges, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh from 12th to 14th November 2024. Geetanjali Thakur, delivered an outstanding performance in the Classical Dance category and earned herself the 1st place.
- In a **State-Level** competition organized by the Department of Language and Culture, on the occasion of Hindi Diwas, our students, Meenakshi Sharma secured second place in

Declamation, Simran Negi secured third place in Essay Writing, and Kusum Sharma secured third place in *Sanskrit Geetika*.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF RKMV

- **H.P. State Environment Leadership Award** was conferred on the college for our continuous efforts in protecting the environment, by the Department of Environment, Science Technology & Climate Change, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. A cash prize of Rs 50,000 was bestowed on the College.
- The college received an “**Award of Honour**” from the Municipal Corporation (MC) Shimla on 2nd October 2024 during the closing ceremony of 'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign. This prestigious recognition was in acknowledgment of the remarkable efforts of the college in contributing to management of plastic waste. Since August 2024, 600 kg of plastic has been collected and handed over to MC Shimla, resulting in an earning of over Rs 45,000 (@ Rs75/kg).
- According to the **State Annual Ranking 2024**, Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya secured **3rd position among the 136 Government colleges** of Himachal Pradesh.
- An ICSSR Project on “Capacity Building and Youth’s Perception of Agriculture Entrepreneurship in Himachal Pradesh” was granted to RKMV, Shimla in collaboration with Shoolini University, Solan. The duration of the project is one year (Sept 2024-Sept 2025) and the amount sanctioned is Rs. 20 Lakhs. Three members from RKMV, the Principal, Dr. Anurita Saxena, and Assistant Professors Dr. Reenu Devi and Dr. Munish Sharma are working on the project.
- A team of 4 faculty members from **the Penn State University, Pennsylvania, USA** visited RKMV from 8th to 14th December 2024 to train teachers and students on ‘Project Based Learning and Student Exchange Program’. 30 girls and 12 teachers were part of this programme. 9 students and 3 teachers shall be going to PSU in February 2026 as part of the Exchange Programme.
- In May 2025, our Principal, on their invitation, visited Penn State University Main Campus at State College and other campuses. She also attended an International Conference on Entrepreneurship, engaged in meetings with the PSU Global Affairs Team, and participated in discussions with the Chancellors to come up with a new roadmap for widening the meaningful collaboration.
- On 12th August 2024, RKMV took a leap and started **Postgraduate Classes in five subjects** after getting provisional affiliation for PG courses of M.Com, MA (English), MA (Political Science), MA (Geography) and MA (History) from the Session 2024-25.
- In this session the college organised 11 Workshops, 3 Conferences and 2 Faculty Development Programmes. 7 lectures by experts from different departments and 4 lectures under Multiverse Series were also organised for students and teachers.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TEACHING FACULTY

In addition to teaching, our faculty is at the forefront of research and publication. They have authored **10 books**, contributed **4 chapters** and published **30 research papers** during the session. Out of 30 research papers 28 have been published in International Journals.

Dr. Munish Sharma was awarded “Excellence in Innovation and Research Award 2025” under International Altiora Excellence Awards 2025, by Multi Spectrum Rural Skill Development and Social Education, India & Indology Classic Input Society & E-Shift International Academy, Sri Lanka.

Dr. Rajesh Azad, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology was awarded a Ph.D. degree.

Apart from this many of our faculty members are part of the Board of Studies in HPU and 2 teachers are also on the Editorial Board of reputed Journals. The faculty from most of the Departments of our college are members of the Curriculum and Credit Framework (Syllabus) Formation for UG classes as per NEP-2020 guidelines.

OUR NEW EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- **Value-Added Courses** enhance student learning outcomes, foster personal and professional development, aligning with the evolving demands of the job market. These courses are structured to be interactive, hands-on, and experiential, empowering students to apply theoretical concepts to real-world scenarios and develop practical skills. In this session 11 value added courses have been completed with participation of 465 students. Courses offered were **Self Defence, PowerPoint Presentation, Folk Music of Himachal Pradesh, Basics of Fabric Decoration, Painting, Yoga for Holistic Health, Desktop Publishing, Bollywood Dance, Management Skills, Bakery and Cookery, and Basics of Gardening.**
- **Online Coaching classes** were conducted by various departments (B.A./B.Sc./BCom.), for final year students, to prepare them for their upcoming PG Entrance and Competitive Examinations.
- **Professional Internships** are also being offered to students from other institutes in the departments of Physical Education and Library. Nine students completed their internship in our college. In a significant step toward enhancing practical knowledge, RKMV has initiated an internship collaboration with ITI to equip students with essential technical and professional skills in the electrical industry. Six students of B.Sc Physical Science completed their internship under this collaboration.
- **Project Based Learning** is being emphasised in the college to enhance the analytical and Team Building skills of our students. Most of the departments actively engage their students in various project-based activities.

- **Educational Visits** have become an intrinsic part of the institution. During the session six departments organised educational tours, surveys and industrial visits for their students.
- **Campus Mitra**, a new initiative of the college in which 60 active and responsible students from different faculties were selected. They acted as a bridge between the students and teachers and helped to organise various events in the institution and maintain discipline.
- **Star Batches** at RKMV is an initiative to improve academic performance by focusing on high-achieving students. These batches offer advanced learning opportunities, personalized mentoring, and targeted academic guidance to help students excel further. The initiative aims to boost overall college results, increase success rates in competitive exams, and promote greater student engagement and motivation toward academic achievement. Top 10 students of each stream are a part of these batches.
- **Remedial classes** have been introduced as a part of student support services to help students struggling with their coursework. These classes provide personalized attention, enhance basic academic skills, and build confidence, targeting students with below-average performance or those seeking extra help. A total of about 400 students have attended remedial classes.
- **Inter-Faculty Lectures** were organized to make best use of the diversified expertise of different faculties. It provided an opportunity to both faculty and students to learn from new perspectives, thus enriching academic pursuits.
- RKMV organized **Pre-admission Counselling Sessions** in eight schools across Shimla, aiming to motivate Class 12 students—especially girls—to pursue higher education. The college team provided guidance on career options, scholarships and subject choices at RKMV, Shimla.

Steps towards Sustainability

- **Installation of 20KW Grid-Connected Solar Panels** - The College has installed a 20KW grid-connected solar power system, on the rooftop of Blocks B and C, at the cost of Rs 8,16,690. This initiative aims to promote sustainable energy use and reduce electricity costs by harnessing solar power. The project reflects the institution's commitment to green energy and environmental responsibility.
- **Milk Packet and Single Use Plastic Collection and Recycling** - To reduce plastic menace the students and teachers are encouraged to bring plastic milk packets which are collected in the college and approximately 150 kgs have already been sent to a Mumbai based NGO for recycling and in addition 600 kg of plastic has been handed over to MC Shimla, resulting in an earning of over Rs 45,000 (@ Rs75/kg).
- **Waste to Wealth** - Vermicompost project at RKMV Shimla is a sustainable initiative aimed at converting organic waste into valuable compost using earthworms (vermicomposting). This eco-friendly project not only reduces waste but also produces nutrient-rich compost for college gardens, promoting green practices and

environmental awareness among students. 350 kgs of green manure has been sold out till date.

- **Diwali Mela Celebration** - The Departments of Health & Nutrition and Environmental Science led initiative, presented a wide range of eco-friendly initiatives like handmade articles, self-designed pots, handmade candles, decorated diyas and plants etc. Each display reflected a strong commitment to environmental stewardship, promoting the core principles of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.
- **Pre-Loved Fashion Show** - RKMV in collaboration with National Youth Climate Consortium supported by Yuva UNICEF and Earth Just Ecosystems organized a Pre-Loved Fashion Show to promote sustainability. Over 60 students and teachers participated in the ramp walk to embrace pre-loved clothes for a greener future.
- **The Handwriting Competition** organized by the scholarship committee encouraged the use of fountain pens to promote sustainability. This campaign aimed to reduce plastic waste, foster environmental responsibility, and highlight the educational and aesthetic benefits of fountain pens.

OUR SCHOLARSHIPS

Apart from the National Scholarship schemes, RKMV has started its own scholarships from the session 2024-25 to encourage students for further studies:

Shrimati Nidhi Lakhanpal Jyoti Memorial Scholarships

Smt. Nidhi Lakhanpal Jyoti Memorial Scholarship has been instituted in the memory of Late Smt. Nidhi Jyoti, who was an ex-student of RKMV (1991-1993), by her husband Sh. Anil Jyoti and her daughters. They have created a corpus of 15 lakhs which will generate approximately one lakh rupees every year for scholarships.

11 Merit-cum-Means Undergraduate Scholarships are conferred on the students on the basis of their academic merit and financial needs. Scholarships worth 1,10,000 were given to 11 students in this session.

PTA Sponsored Merit Based Scholarship

The “Merit-Based Scholarship” has been instituted by the PTA to encourage academic competition amongst the students and to recognize and reward outstanding achievers. A total of 154 students were awarded scholarships during the session.

Need Based Scholarship

Need-Based scholarships have been designed by RKMV from the session 2024-25. These scholarships aim to alleviate the financial burden of purchasing books. In this session 340 syllabus books worth Rs. 1,68,899 have been provided to support students from economically weaker backgrounds in order to promote equity in access to educational resources.

PTA Sponsored ‘Learn and Earn’ Internship Scheme

An internship scheme "Learn and Earn" is initiated by the PTA, in which each department, club or cell of the college is encouraged to engage students as “Interns” to learn valuable skills

in college and also to help conduct various activities in the college. The student interns are being paid on hourly basis for their active engagement in various activities of respective departments, clubs or cells. A total of 65 students have opted to be interns in this session.

OUR PROJECTS

Green Gifting “Pyare Podhe”

RKMV embraces the tradition of gifting potted plants to guests during college functions, symbolizing growth, sustainability, and the nurturing of relationships. These plants are grown, nurtured and propagated in the college greenhouse. This eco- friendly gesture aligns with the commitment of the college towards environmental stewardship and serves as a meaningful token of appreciation for visitors. The project is self - sustaining.

Project “Chitrakari”

Under this project the students of the Department of Painting have been creating paintings that are a testament of their skill. This endeavour also plays a vital role in refining students' artistic credibility and provides them with an opportunity to earn while they learn. The art works created serve as a unique gift for our esteemed guests. The funds generated from the sale of these paintings help students to sustain themselves and purchase art materials.

Project “Katran”

An initiative of the Clothing and Textiles wing of the Home Science Department, strives to join a national level effort towards promoting upcycling as a solution to divert waste from reaching municipal dumps. Under this project, students are being taught the concept of redesigning and recreating various usable textiles. The project aims to inculcate environmental and sustainable values. This project also aims at earning while learning.

Old Veteran Association

RKMV has taken an initiative to reunite Veteran Alumnae of RPCSDB (Raja Padam Chand Sanatan Dharm Bhargava) college. With joint efforts of the college 168 veterans have been brought together on a common platform. Some of our distinguished veterans are Mr. Anand Sharma, former Union Cabinet Minister, Col. Dhani Ram Shandil, Cabinet Minister in the present State Government, and Sh. Suresh Bhardwaj, Ex-Education Minister in the previous State Government, Brig. (Retd.) Brijendra Singh, a 1971 war veteran; and Brig. (Retd.) Govind Singh Sisodia, who led Operation Black Tornado during the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.

Other important veterans are Sh. S.N Joshi (Retd. IAS), renowned academician and author Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj K Singh (Retd. Chairperson, Dept. of English, HPU), Senior Advocate Mr Rakeshwar Lal Sood, Mrs. Veena Sood, Mr. Bhanu Sood, Mr. Kuldeep Bali, Mr. Rajan Mishra, Adv. Sulakshna Arya, Dr. Sneha Sood and many more.

The first meeting of the Veteran Alumni Association was held on 18th November 2024 and the second General meeting was held on 26th April 2025, at RKMV which was attended by over 60 veterans. The historic gathering was like a home coming and a nostalgic experience for all of them.

The veterans are actively and wholeheartedly involved in the activities of the college throughout the year.

Four scholarships have been sponsored by our Old Veterans. Scholarships worth Rs. 2,60,000 have been given to 10 students.

- Uma Neem Chand Scholarship has been started by 4 sisters-Anita Sood, Rachna Sood, Vandna Sood and Poonam Sood. 4 students have already been awarded Rs.120000.
- Scholarship Roshni has been started by Mr. Ashwini Goel in the memory of his mother Shanti Devi Goel and father Roshan Lal Goel. 2 students have received Rs. 60000.
- Raja Krishan Chatravas Scholarship was started by Anil Mehrotra. 02 students have been awarded Rs.50000
- Dinesh Gupta Scholarship- Started in memory of his mother Smt. Sarla Devi Gupta for 2 students at 2500 per month per student for economically weaker meritorious handicapped students. It is distributed through Share and Care.

Old Students' Association (OSA)

RKMV Old Students' Association (OSA) is quite active and has donated a washing machine to the Sainik Hostel, enhancing the daily convenience and hygiene of resident students.

New Collaborations and MoUs

RKMV is not just an institution of higher education, but also a centre of social engineering. To foster progressive changes in environment, education, culture, media and gender issues, **10 new MOUs** were signed this year.

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

- A new building (Block C) was handed over to the college in this session.
- Provision has also been made for the PG students' accommodation in the Tribal Hostel.
- The library has been shifted to a more spacious and well-lit area in Block C. It has been upgraded to SOUL 3.0. NVDA software for visually impaired students has been installed and ONOS access to e-resources has been made available for faculty and students. 849 new books have been added to the library in this session.
- New CCTV cameras have been installed in the campus.
- An Open Gymnasium facility has been provided.
- A new ground and basketball court has also been constructed.

Honourable Chief Guest for the occasion, I would like to add here that, in the best interest of the students we, at RKMV, try our level best to sync curricular and co-curricular activities. Our emphasis on experiential and project-based learning gives an edge to our students in becoming more self-reliant, confident and an asset to the society.

I, on behalf of the entire RKMV family, express my sincere gratitude to you and feel honoured by your gracious presence. Thank you for sparing your precious time. The college will forever remain indebted to you for your benevolence.

Last but not the least, our aim is to develop character and ethical leadership in our students. We wish to see RKMV to be recognised as a role model for excellence in academics, art, culture and sports. I hope each pass-out from this institution will demonstrate a spirit of respect, responsibility and civic excellence.

A message to our dear students:

राह में मुश्किल होगी हजार, तुम दो कदम बढ़ाओ तो सही,
हो जाएगा हर सपना साकार, तुम चलो तो सही, तुम चलो तो सही।
मुश्किल है पर इतना भी नहीं, कि तू कर ना सके,
दूर है मंजिल लेकिन इतनी भी नहीं, कि तू पा ना सके,
तुम चलो तो सही, तुम चलो तो सही।

- नरेंद्र वर्मा

On this memorable occasion, as we look back on our accomplishments with pride and joy, I would like to dedicate all our achievements to the unwavering efforts of our committed team — The RKMV FAMILY.

I would like to conclude with these lines: -

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” — Eleanor Roosevelt

I wish to convey my heartfelt gratitude to the CSCA, Students, PTA, Teaching/ Non-Teaching staff for their support and coordination.

Thank You

Jai Hind.

Jai Himachal.