

Annual Report
of
B.L.J. Government P.G.
College, Purola, Uttarkashi
(2023-24)

1. About the College

Established in the hilly terrain of Uttarkashi, B.L.J. Government Postgraduate College, Purola, serves as a pivotal institution for higher education, catering primarily to students from marginalized and economically disadvantaged communities. The college offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs in Arts and Science, fostering intellectual growth, critical thinking, and civic responsibility. Committed to inclusivity and quality education, the institution emphasizes holistic development through a blend of academic rigor and co-curricular activities. Accredited by NAAC with a CGPA of 1.99 and a 'C' grade, the college continues to advance its academic and infrastructural resources. Situated in a region with unique socio-cultural dynamics, the college actively engages with the community through skill development initiatives, awareness programs, and regional development projects. B.L.J. Government P.G. College remains dedicated to empowering youth, bridging educational disparities, and contributing meaningfully to societal progress.

2. Achievements of the College (2023-24)

a. NAAC Accreditation

During its first cycle of assessment, the college achieved a significant milestone by successfully completing the NAAC accreditation process. The institution was accredited with a CGPA of 1.99 and awarded a 'C' grade. While this accreditation reflects the college's foundational strengths, it also highlights areas requiring strategic development and improvement. This accomplishment signifies the institution's commitment to fostering academic excellence and institutional growth. It serves as a stepping stone toward higher benchmarks in future assessments.

Recognizing the importance of this achievement, the college has resolved to undertake systematic efforts to enhance its academic programs, expand infrastructural facilities, and strengthen student support services. These initiatives aim to align the institution more closely with the quality standards set by NAAC, ensuring a comprehensive and sustained improvement trajectory.

b. Construction of the Arts Faculty Building

The construction work of the Arts Faculty building was initiated during this academic year. This development aims to address the growing infrastructural needs of the college and provide a more conducive learning environment for students pursuing courses in the Arts stream.

c. Hostel Construction Proposal

A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the construction of a girl's hostel facility was meticulously prepared and submitted to the governing authorities. This initiative highlights the college's efforts to improve student accommodation, particularly for those from remote and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, ensuring better access to education.

d. Publication of the third edition of College Newsletter

The second issue of the biannual college magazine, Mahavidyalaya Bulletin (January-June 2023), was successfully published. The newsletter serves as a platform for showcasing the academic, cultural, and creative endeavors of students and faculty, reflecting the vibrant intellectual life of the institution.

e. Establishment of Devbhoomi Entrepreneurship Center

In a significant step towards fostering innovation and self-reliance among students, the college established the Devbhoomi Entrepreneurship Center. This center aims to nurture entrepreneurial skills, provide resources for business development, and empower students to contribute to the economic growth of the region.

3. Admission

The following data represents the admission status of various undergraduate and postgraduate programmes offered by the college for the academic year 2023-24. It highlights the number of seats sanctioned for each programme and the number of students admitted:

Programme name	Number of seats sanctioned	Number of Students admitted
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)	240	179
Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. Math Group)	60	14
Bachelor of Science(Biology Group)	60	59
Master of Science (Botany)	20	10
Master of Science(ZOOLOGY)	20	8
Master of Science(CHEMISTRY)	20	6
Master of Arts(HINDI)	25	13
Master of Arts(ENGLISH)	25	5

For the completed academic year (2023-24), the details regarding the student and full-time teacher numbers are as follows:

Number of Students Enrolled	Number of Full-Time Teachers
676	15

4. Academic Performance in Final Year Examinations (2023-24)

The following table provides an overview of the academic performance of students across various undergraduate and postgraduate programs during their final year examinations. It includes the total number of students who appeared for the examinations and those who successfully passed in each program. The data highlights the performance trends in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Master of Arts (M.A.), and Master of Science (M.Sc.) programs.

Class	Appeared in Examination in Final Year		Passes Out
B.A. III Year	123		109
B.Sc. III Year	Bio	40	34
	Mathematics	20	13
M.A. Final Year	Hindi	8	7
	English	4	4
M.Sc. Final year	Botany	8	7
	Zoology	2	2
	Chemistry	2	2
	Total	207	178

5. Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) Centre Enrollment

In the academic session 2023-24, a total of 1,004 students were enrolled in 13 different academic programs at the Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) study centre located in the college. All the enrolled students appeared for their respective examinations, reflecting the centre's active participation in promoting higher education. The range of academic programs offered signifies a commitment to addressing diverse educational needs and advancing learning opportunities in the region.

6. Library Development in Alignment with the NEP Curriculum

In alignment with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP), the college library undertook significant measures to enhance its academic resources during the academic session 2023-24. To support the implementation of the NEP-aligned curriculum, the library expanded its collection by procuring approximately 400 new books. These acquisitions were carefully selected to cater to the multidisciplinary and skill-oriented focus of the NEP, ensuring that students and faculty have access to updated and relevant learning materials.

7. Research Projects Funded in the session 2023-2024

a. Department of Education: Co-Principal Investigator: Gauhar Fatima

- **Project Title:** Examining the Sociocultural and Educational Perspectives of Higher Education Students from Disadvantaged Communities in Pithoragarh District, Uttarakhand
- **Funding Details:** Sanctioned ₹561,750 by the Uttarakhand Government

- **Duration:** 2 years
- **Significance:** This project reflects the institution's commitment to addressing critical societal challenges by exploring the barriers faced by students from disadvantaged communities and proposing strategies for their empowerment through education.

b. Department of Physics/Mathematics: Principal Investigators: Dr. Ganesh Prasad and Dr. Deepak Singh

- **Project Title:** Measurement of Uranium Levels in Potable Groundwater of the Yamuna and Tons Valleys in the Garhwal Himalaya
- **Funding Details:** Sanctioned ₹160,000 by the Environmental Radioactivity Network Centre (ERAN), Japan Government
- **Duration:** 1 year
- **Significance:** This research focuses on a critical environmental issue, contributing to public health and safety by assessing uranium contamination in groundwater in the Garhwal Himalaya region.

These projects underscore the institution's active engagement in addressing pressing environmental, societal, and educational challenges, aligning its research endeavors with regional and global priorities.

8. Scholarships

In the academic year 2023-24, a total of 188 students in the college benefited from various government scholarships. The Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC students had the highest recipients (70), followed by SC students (62). The Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships supported 50 students, while the Inspire Scholarship (2) and scholarships for ST students (3) and students with disabilities (1) had fewer beneficiaries. The data highlights the need for increased awareness and accessibility for underrepresented groups, especially ST students and those with disabilities:

Session	Name of the scheme	Number of students benefited by government scheme
2023-24	Central sector Scheme of scholarship for College and University Student	50
	Post Metric Scholarship for SC Student Uttarakhand	62
	Post Metric Scholarship for ST Student Uttarakhand	3
	Post Metric Scholarship for OBC Student Uttarakhand	70
	Inspire Scholarship	2
	Post Metric Scholarship for Student with Disabilities	1

9. Collaborations and Academic Initiatives (2023-24)

In the academic year 2023-24, the college signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the Himalayan Action Research Centre (HARC), Dehradun, on March 19, 2023, and the Government Degree College, Nainbagh, on September 25, 2023. These collaborations aim to promote academic exchange, research collaboration, and resource sharing. As part of these collaborative initiatives, the college organised following activities:

- A three-week certified training program on plant tissue culture techniques was conducted from December 16, 2023, to January 5, 2024, with the participation of 45 students.
- A four-day workshop on the production of mushroom spawn was organized from February 7 to 10, 2024, in which 26 students actively participated.

10. Infrastructure Developments

- ❖ The construction of the Arts Faculty building was initiated subsequent to obtaining the requisite approval from the government.
- ❖ A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the construction of a girl's hostel facility was meticulously prepared and submitted to the governing authorities.
- ❖ A proposal for the construction of a multipurpose hall with a seating capacity of 500 students has also been submitted, and the processing of this proposal is underway.

11. E-Governance Enhancement:

- ❖ Digitalization of administrative operations, including online admissions, was successfully implemented through the SAMARTH portal.

12. Orientation Program (17 August 2023)

An orientation program for newly admitted students was held at Purala College, Uttarkashi, to familiarize them with the college's work culture, academic structure, and extracurricular opportunities.

The session focused on:

- The session emphasized active participation in academics and activities, discipline and respectful behavior, and the importance of personal and professional growth.
- **Major, Minor, and Elective Subjects:** Offering flexibility in subject selection to cater to diverse academic interests and career aspirations.

- **Skill Development and Communication Papers:** Integrating practical skill-based courses and communication modules to enhance employability and interpersonal skills.
- **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) and Credit System:** Introducing students to the ABC framework and the multidisciplinary credit system.

13. National Service Scheme (NSS)

a. Orientation Program

On September 23, 2023, an orientation programme welcomed 120 new volunteers, introducing them to the objectives and activities of NSS.

b. NSS Day Celebration

On September 24, 2023, NSS Day was marked with campus cleaning drives, cultural events, and the construction of a parking platform.

c. Self-Defense Training

A self-defense training session was conducted on December 16, 2023, equipping students with practical skills to enhance their safety and confidence.

d. Organization of Annual Camp:

The seven-day NSS Special Camp (24th February–1st March 2024) at Khiladi Pujeli village included diverse activities such as clean-up drives, a health camp with free consultations and menstrual hygiene awareness, a plantation drive, a mental health session, and voting awareness campaigns with street plays. Additionally, a socio-economic survey of 98 households was conducted, culminating in a cultural program and reflections on community engagement and inclusive development. In addition to the activities mentioned above, the following initiatives and actions were undertaken during the camp:

S. No.	Activity Name	Activity Details
1	Cleaning of the approach road	01 kilometer
2	Cleaning of water sources	01 stream
3	Construction of garden beds for saplings at Upper Primary School and Primary School, Pujeli	04 structures
4	Development of a vegetable garden at Upper Primary School, Pujeli	01 vegetable garden
5	Health camp and health check-up activities	80 individuals benefitted
6	Social awareness rallies	03 rallies
7	Socio-economic and educational survey	100 families surveyed
8	Plantation activity	60 saplings planted

14. Rover Ranger

From 11th to 15th March 2024, 10 Rovers and Rangers participated in the NIPUN Pariksha event in Bhopalpani in Dehradun along with this under the banner of rover and rangers many one day's camps and activities were organized.

15. SVEEP Program 2023-24

The SVEEP program at the College, initiated on August 24, 2023, aims to promote voter awareness. Key activities include forming a Literate Voter Club, organizing an awareness rally, conducting street plays, hosting essay and poster competitions, distributing Form 16, and administering the voter

pledge, all designed to encourage informed and responsible electoral participation.

16. Sports and Cultural Achievements

(a). A Two-Day College-Level Sports Competition:

A two-day college-level sports competition was organized on February 4-5, 2024, featuring a range of athletic and team events. Students participated enthusiastically in races 100, 200,400,800, 1500-meter, javelin throw, shot put, discus throw, long jump, high jump, kabaddi, volleyball, and kho-kho. The event promoted physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship, fostering holistic development and community bonding among participants.

(b). Participation in Intercollegiate Sports Tournament:

Students from the college actively engaged in the intercollegiate sports tournament organized by Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University for the academic session 2023-24. Their participation exemplified remarkable enthusiasm and commitment to athletic excellence. The college contingent competed in multiple disciplines, including Kho-Kho, Athletics, Chess, and Volleyball, showcasing their diverse talents and fostering a spirit of sportsmanship.

Achievements:

- **Prakash Joshi** (B.Sc. II) secured a gold medal in shot put and a silver medal in javelin throw.
- **Sachin** (B.A. II) achieved a gold medal in discus throw.

These accomplishments highlight the students' exceptional talent and commitment to sports excellence.

17. Entrepreneurship and Skill Development

The college is promoting socioeconomic development by initiating programs that encourage entrepreneurship and innovation. It collaborated with the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship Development, Gujarat, to conduct the "Devbhoomi Entrepreneurship Program" from December 5-10, 2023, covering topics like economic viability, startup ecosystems, and entrepreneurial skills. A two-day boot camp followed, leading to the establishment of an Entrepreneurship Development Center. In alignment with the Devbhoomi Udhyamita Yojana (DUY), training programs were organized, resulting in **four students** receiving seed funding for innovative products made from local fruits. Additionally, partnerships with agro-technological institutions and the Devbhoomi Udhyamita Kendra (DUK) support technical expertise and sustainable growth in the community.

18. Student Elections

The **student union elections** for the 2023-24 academic session were conducted on **07/11/2023**, with 15 candidates contesting for six positions:

- **President:** 3 candidates
- **Vice President:** 2 candidates
- **Secretary:** 3 candidates
- **Joint Secretary:** 3 candidates
- **Treasurer:** 3 candidates
- **University Representative:** 2 candidates

A total of **559 students** (185 males and 374 females) were registered, with **471 votes cast** (147 males, 324 females).

Results:

- **President:** Ajay Kumar (B.Sc. 3rd Year) and Ritik Chunar (B.A. 3rd Year) tied and were declared joint winners. Rifat begins the term first.
- **Vice President:** Rojita (B.Sc. 3rd Year)
- **Secretary:** Anjali (B.A. 3rd Year)
- **Joint Secretary:** Mohit (B.A. 3rd Year)
- **Treasurer:** Khushi Chauhan (B.Sc. 1st Year)
- **University Representative:** Ritik Dobhal (B.A. 3rd Year)

19. Achievements of Faculty Members (2023-24)

- **Dr. A.K. Tiwari**, Principal, participated in the "e-Governance: Government Process Re-engineering" workshop at the Uttarakhand Academy of Administration, Nainital, from October 5-7, 2023.
- **Dr. Ganesh Prasad**, Head of the Physics Department, received the Teacher of the Year Award at the 4th Dehradun International Science and Technology Festival 2023.
- **Mr. Rajendra Lal Arya**, Head of the Economics Department, was honored with the Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar National Fellowship Award 2023.
- **Mr. Deepak Singh**, Head of the Mathematics Department, participated in the "E-Governance Emerging Technologies" workshop at the Uttarakhand Academy of Administration, Nainital.
- **Dr. Vinay Nautiyal** participated in the Faculty Mentor Development Program under the Devbhoomi Entrepreneurship Scheme at EDII Ahmedabad, Gujarat, from December 5-10, 2023.

20. Some other Events and Celebrations (2023-24)

a. Harela Festival

Celebrated on July 16, 2023, the festival witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and NSS volunteers. A tree plantation drive was organized, symbolizing environmental stewardship. Over 200 saplings, including medicinal plants such as tulsi and neem, were planted across the campus.

b. Independence Day

On August 15, 2023, the college commemorated India's 76th Independence Day with cultural programs, flag hoisting, and student rallies. The "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign was incorporated, engaging over 500 students in activities such as tree plantation, pledge-taking, and poster competitions to celebrate India's heritage and legacy.

c. Hindi Day Celebration

Observed on September 14, 2023, the event included a symposium discussing the role of Hindi in literature and culture. Faculty members delivered lectures on the historical significance of Hindi, while students actively participated in debates and essay writing competitions.

d. Unity Run

Held on October 31, 2023, in honor of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary, the event included a run promoting de-addiction awareness. Over

150 students participated and pledged to uphold national unity and contribute to societal well-being.

e. Road Safety Awareness

Conducted in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority and RTO, Uttarkashi, from August 1-15, 2023, the campaign featured street plays performed by students, reaching over 1,000 community members. Workshops on road safety regulations further enhanced awareness and education on the subject.

f. Cervical Cancer Awareness Workshop

Organized under the initiative of UCOST on December 26, 2023, the workshop featured expert speakers, including Dr. Narottam Sharma and Dr. Ankita Singh. The event educated 300 students on early detection, HPV vaccination, and preventive measures against cervical cancer.

g. Foundation Day Celebrations

On November 9, 2023, Uttarakhand Foundation Day was celebrated with cultural programs that highlighted local traditions and the state's contributions to national development.

21. Future Goals and Development Strategies

- To introduce subjects such as Music, Drawing, Home Science, Geography, and Sanskrit at the B.A. level, providing students with a wider range of academic choices and opportunities.
- To introduce the Bachelor of Commerce (B. Com) program under the Commerce Faculty at the undergraduate level.
- To construct a sports ground for conducting sports competitions at the college.

- To introduce professional courses in agriculture, forestry, horticulture, and other locally relevant areas, alongside soft-skill courses like communication, digital literacy, and personality development, to boost employability and align education with regional needs and priorities.
- To publish the first combined issue of the college magazine, 'Kamal Medha.'
- To establish an NCC (Senior Wing) unit at the college.

21. Acknowledgments

We extend our sincere gratitude to all those who have contributed to the success and progress of the college during the academic year 2023-24. Our heartfelt thanks go to the Governing Body for their guidance and support, and to the faculty and staff for their dedication to the academic and personal development of our students. We appreciate the active participation of our students, whose enthusiasm has been vital to the college's growth.

We also acknowledge the collaboration of the local community, government authorities, and various organizations in supporting our initiatives. Lastly, we thank the College Administration for ensuring the smooth operation of all activities. With your continued support, we look forward to further advancements in the years to come.


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