

S.G.G.S COLLEGE SECTOR 26, CHANDIGARH

**INSTITUTIONAL
DISTINCTIVENESS**

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Institutional Distinctiveness

Sri Guru Gobind Singh College, Chandigarh stands out in its distinctive endeavour for a holistic development of the students and commitment to the cause of academics supplemented with philanthropy, morality and social sensitivity amongst youth. The pedagogy used is contemporary, thereby keeping students in line with the changing scenario in the educational arena, amalgamating this with value systems imbibed from the teachings and lofty ideals of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, after whom the College has been named. The paramount aspiration of the College is to inspire, prepare and empower students to be successful in the ever changing world by adopting the democratic and secular values of *Manas ki jaat sabhe eke pehchanbo* (all mankind is one) and *Sarbat da bhala* (Well-being of all mankind). Within the mentioned framework, the unique Sikh practice of *Seva* (service) is integrated in the academic and routine functioning of the College.

To raise the sensitivity towards community service, all mandated NCC and NSS programmes are executed with unmatched enthusiasm and additional College level programmes are also carried out to further instil 'service before self'. The NCC Army and Naval Wings of the College train their cadets in unity, discipline, decorum, achieving excellence and social responsibility in all spheres of life. This practise has resulted in selection of two NSS volunteers by Department of Youth Affairs for the prestigious National Service Scheme Award from President of India; whereas, the NCC cadets also get selected for Republic Day Parade after a rigorous selection process. The spirit of discipline and teamwork, the basic ideals of Sikh faith, is imparted through intensive training in different sports by the College, producing sportspersons with global competence who have won laurels for the Institute at National and International levels. The College has the distinction of upholding Sir Shadi Lal Trophy for 11 consecutive years among all affiliated colleges of Panjab University, Chandigarh.

The College offers the subject of Religious and Sikh Studies which embraces a comparative study of different religions of the world inculcating a spirit of tolerance and better understanding of secular traditions. As per tradition, Sri Akhand Paath is organised on the College Founders' Day and langar prepared by students and Faculty members is distributed. The students voluntarily hold a monthly prayer service, Sukhmani Sahib Paath, for peace and well-being of all on every Sangrand (the first day of each month of the Indian solar calendar). The Gurmat Vichar Sabha, a College society for the contemplation of spiritual knowledge,

initiates these activities. The Centre for Sikh Religious and Cultural Studies functions in the College to provide a platform to the students for learning Gurumukhi, Gurmat Studies, Sikh String Instruments, Percussion Instruments (Jorhi/Tabla) and Shabad Gayan. The College library named after the great Sikh scholar Bhai Kahn Singh Nabha, houses a rich collection of religious writings and reference material related to the heritage and culture.

As a tribute to Guru Nanak Devji's ideology to live in harmony with the environment, the College initiated a novel idea of creating Guru Nanak Sacred Forest, a mini forest on-campus with 550 trees planted in an area of 180 sq. metres with an objective to promote a sustainable environment. This habitation has now grown into a flourishing natural air-purifying dense forest with 37 native species of trees. It is a significant contribution towards the Government of India National Bio-Diversity Target Project which stresses on need to spread awareness among youth to play a positive role for the restoration, conservation and sustainable use of the vulnerable ecosystem. This modern scientific approach synthesises with the rich heritage of micro-history of environment in Gurbani – the Sikh Gurus have always inspired mankind to be in harmony with nature and its Creator, and took initiatives in planting trees with medicinal value in different parts of Punjab.

The unique Institutional Distinctiveness imparted by Sri Gobind Singh College ensures holistic growth of the students by providing them equal opportunities to develop administrative and leadership qualities. It is evident from the distinguished alumni who are serving the nation at various prestigious positions in Civil Services, Armed forces, Police Services, National and International Sports Players, Education, Politics, Medicine, Business, Media, Performance Arts, etc besides well-established NRIs.