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## Press Release

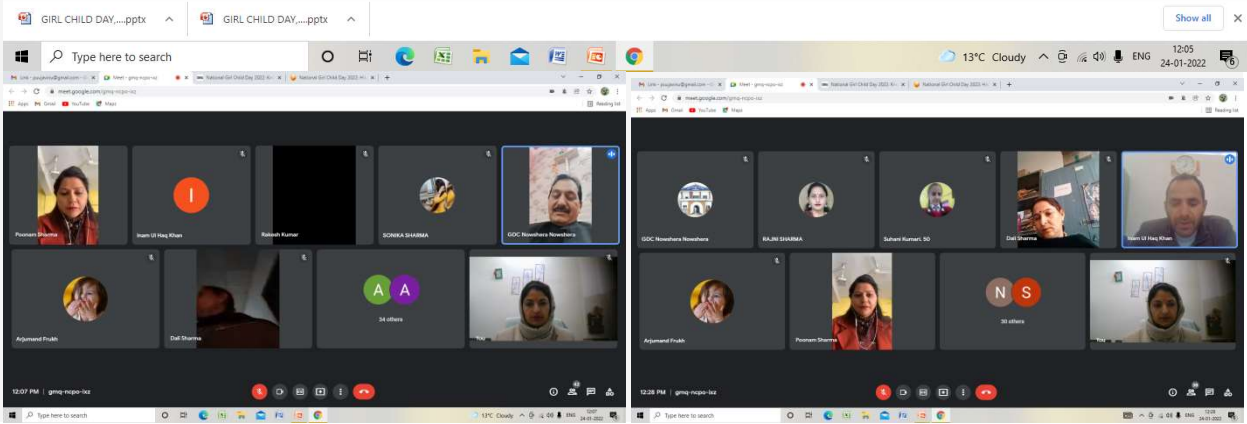
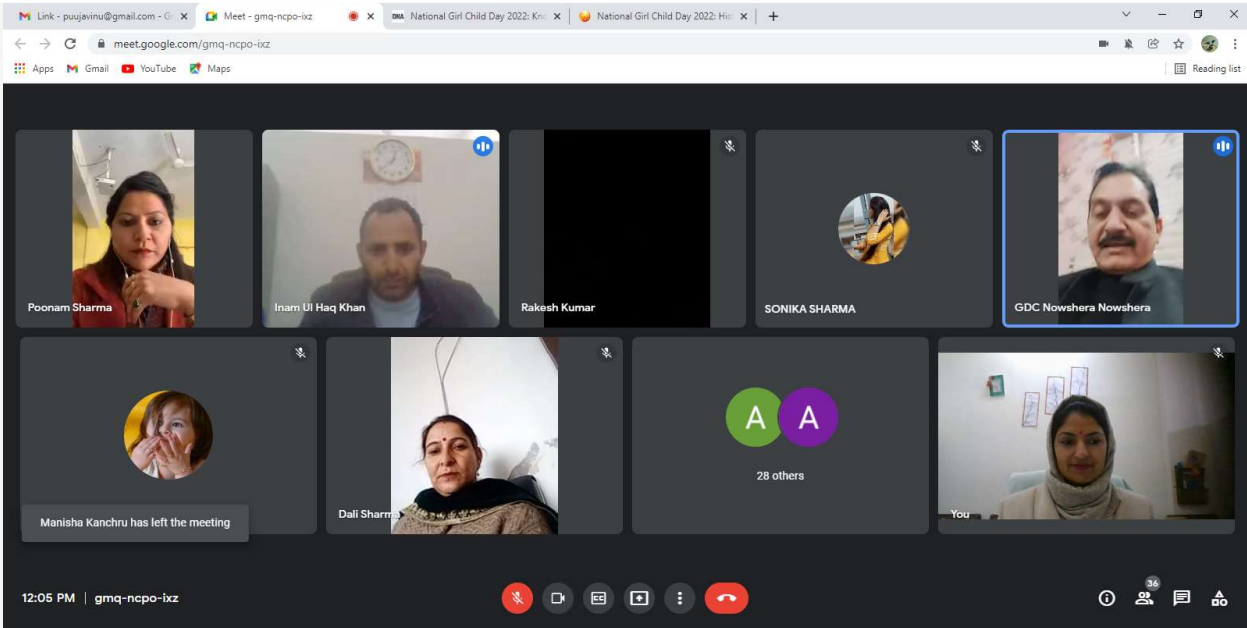
**GDC Nowshera organized online activities to celebrate National Girl Child Day, 2022 under the aegis of AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAVA.**

National Girl Child Day is celebrated across the country on 24<sup>th</sup> of January every year in order to spread awareness and empower girls. With an aim to spread awareness among the college girls about the inequalities faced by girls in Indian Society and to promote awareness about the rights of girl child, the NSS Unit and Women Empowerment Cell of GDC Nowshera organized two online activities viz., an Essay Writing contest on the theme "DECLINING CHILD SEX RATIO" and a Webinar based on the theme "EMPOWERING GIRLS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW". These activities were conducted as a part of commemoration of AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAVA, CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE.

A large number of students expressed their views and submitted their Essay compositions on the provided e-mail address. Top 3 positions were secured by Kirandeep Kour (B.Sc. Sem I), Minakshi Devi (B.Sc. Sem I) and Nasreen Akhter (B.A. Sem V), respectively. The toppers shall be provided e-certificates.

The Webinar on the theme "EMPOWERING GIRLS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW" started with the Inaugural Speech by Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma, Principal of the college. In his address, worthy Principal deliberated upon the inequalities faced by girls since ancient times. He stressed upon the need to change the mindset of the society so that girls can be empowered. He motivated the girl students to be aware of their legal rights and raise their voice to gain a position equal to men in the society. Then, Prof. Pooja Devi, Convener, Women Empowerment Cell enlightened the participants about the History, the objectives of celebration of this day and the laws and facilities available in India for the empowerment of girls. She also talked about the importance of Female Education, their Health and proper Nutrition. She also motivated the students to raise their voice against any form of Sexual harassment being faced by them and report the case to Internal Complaint Committee Against Sexual Harassment (ICCASH) of the college. The Webinar was carried forward with the speech by Mrs. Poonam Sharma, a social reformer. She discussed in detail about the various awareness campaigns being run for the empowerment of girl child such as SAVE THE GIRL CHILD, BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO, SAMAGRA SHIKSHA SUKANYA SAMRIDHI YOJANA etc. She also talked about the role played by Savitribhai Phule, a social reformer, who worked for the improvement of the position of women in India. Ms. Jagmohan Kour and MS. Dolly Sharma, the Social activists, also expressed their views on the topic of the webinar.

The entire programme was conducted under the guidance and supervision of Dr. Surinder Kumar, Principal GDC Nowshera and the proceedings were conducted by Prof. Inam Ul Haq, NSS Programme Officer. The webinar concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks by Prof. Pooja Devi, HOD, Botany.



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(Dr. Surinder Kumar)  
Principal