



**GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION,  
SECTOR-20D, CHANDIGARH-160020**

**National Girls Child Day Week**

**(20<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 - 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2022)**

**Report**

India celebrates National Girl Child Day each year on January 24. The day is an initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development and focuses on the need to address the challenges that girls face in Indian society due to gender biases. The purpose of the day is also to change the attitude of society towards girls and raising awareness on the issue of declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR). The objective of celebrating the day is to highlight the inequalities faced by girls in the country, promote awareness about the rights of a girl child and generate awareness on the importance of girl education, health and nutrition.

Various events are organised all across the country to celebrate the day. To mark National Girl Child Day, the government organises awareness campaigns under Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (Save the girl child, Educate the girl child) scheme. NSS cell of Government College of Education, Sec-20D, Chandigarh organised a weeklong online awareness programme on the theme "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Scheme".

Speakers for various webinars were:

- Dr. Anshul Sharma, Women Welfare Officer, Dept. of Social Welfare, Chandigarh Administration
- Mrs. Prabhjot Kaur Atwal, Gender Specialist, DSW, Chandigarh
- Ms. Rachita Gupta, Consultant cum State Coordinator, Bachpan Bachao Andolan and Kailash Satyarthi Children Foundation
- Mrs. Sunita Dhariwal, Social Activist, Panchkula, Haryana.

**Day 1: January 20, 2022**

NSS cell of the college organised a webinar on the theme "Introduction to Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Scheme - The Role of Youth". Dr. Ravneet Chawla, NSS programme officer welcomed all programme officers, NSS volunteers and speaker for the day, Dr. Anshul Sharma, Women Welfare Officer, Dept. of Social Welfare, Chandigarh Administration. Dr. Ravneet Chawla gave brief introduction about the event and explained the importance of girl's education, their health and nutrition.

Dr. Anshul Sharma made a great foundation on the theme by talking about the need that emerged to frame this drive by Government of India called "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Scheme". She statistically brought to the front the awareness on the trends in the last 3 census and the national surveys which point out at the urgency to wake up to the skewed numbers of girl child in the Northern India including the states of Punjab, Haryana and also the UT Chandigarh. She narrated in her deliverance the other concerns on how the women is still suffering in various allied aspects leading to poor health during

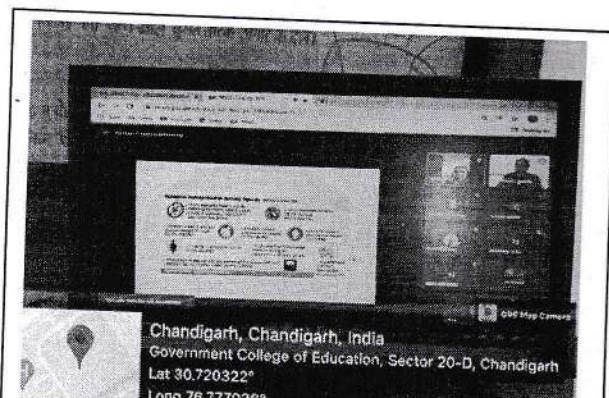
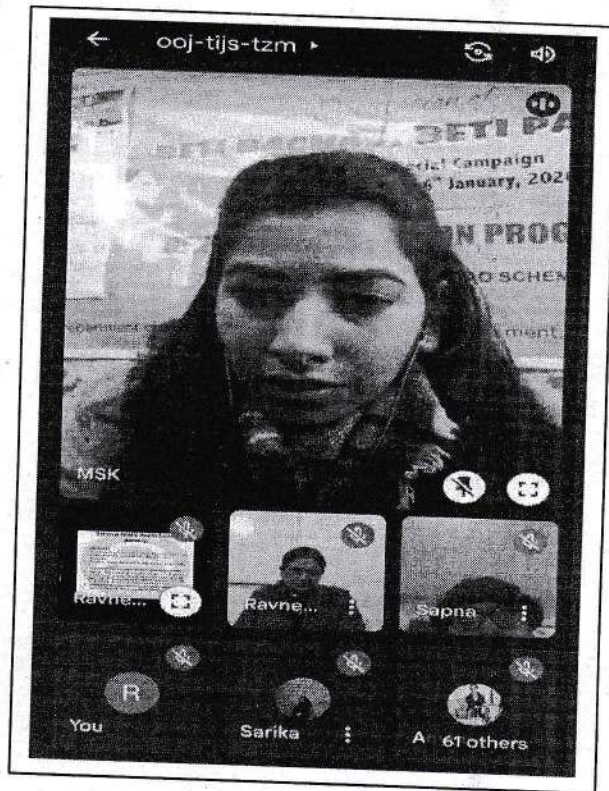
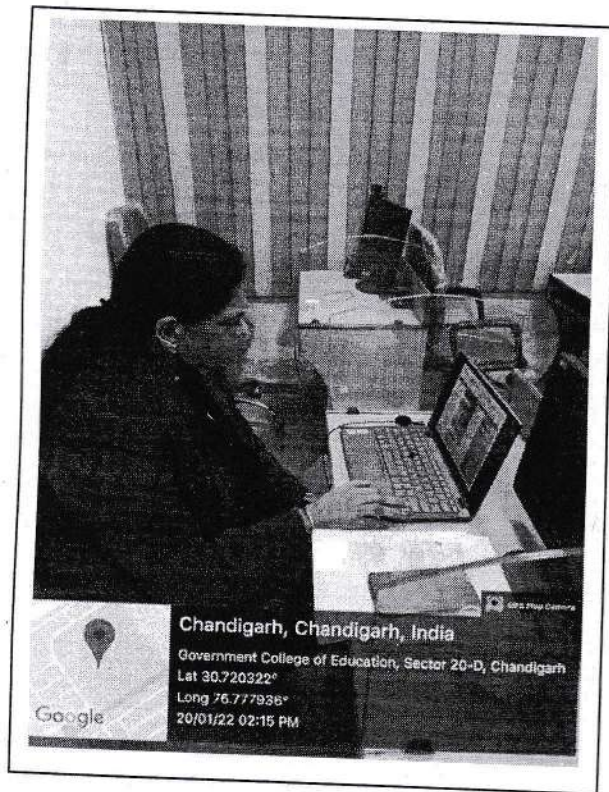
pregnancy, the foeticide, the socio-emotional issues and the consequences that apply up on a girl child. Dr. Anshul mentioned the role that we as community members have towards dealing with these things and the role that we have as teachers and pupil teachers also as youth. She interacted with the students, answered their queries and highlighted the cause of deficiencies in spite of the literate society.

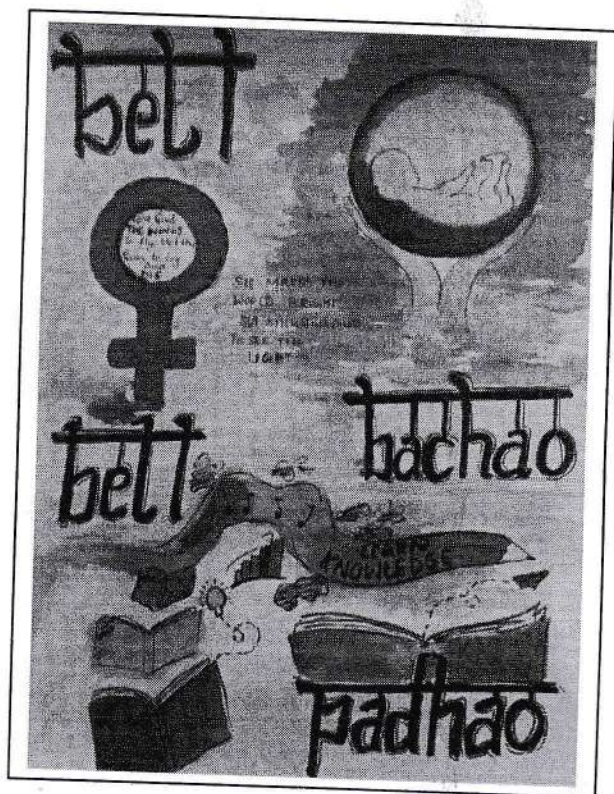
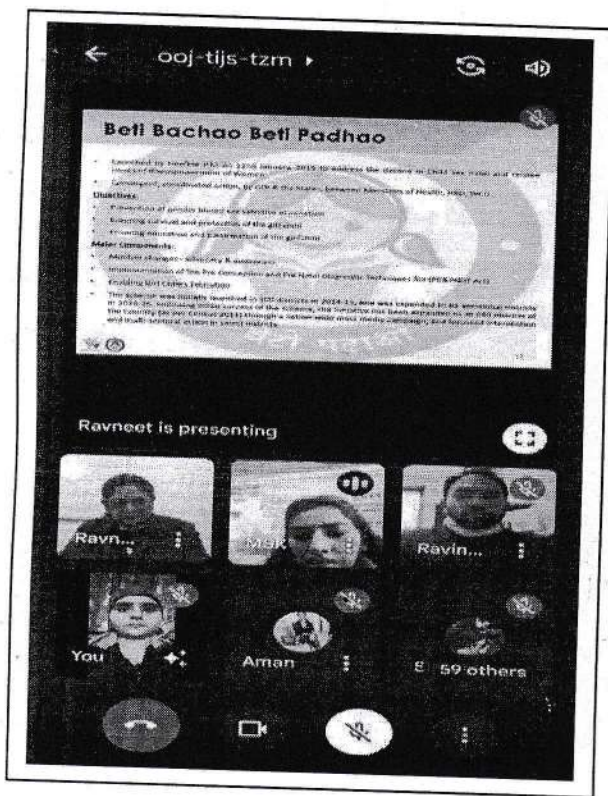
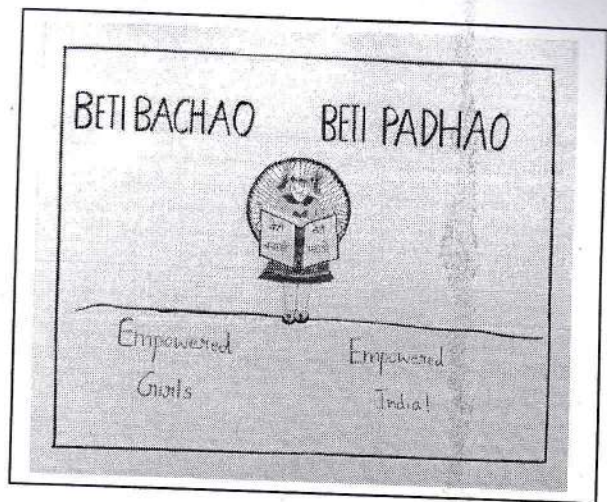
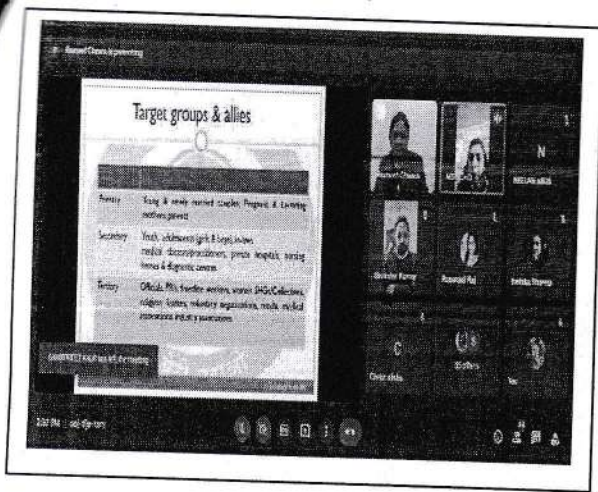
Dr. Ravneet Chawla, Head Incharge, NSS cell, applauded the meticulous presentation she made. Mr. Ravinder Kumar, NSS programme officer, expressed gratitude for her valuable presence. Dr. Dipanshu Sharma, NSS programme officer, thanked the speaker on behalf of students for such an interactive session.

A poster making competition on the theme "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" was also held. Many of the NSS Volunteers participated and showed their creativity. Winners for the poster making competition are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Position: - Rubby Kumari (B.Ed 1<sup>st</sup> Sem)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Position:- Vijay Laxmi( B.Ed 1<sup>st</sup> Sem)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Position:- Monika (B.Ed. 1<sup>st</sup> Sem)

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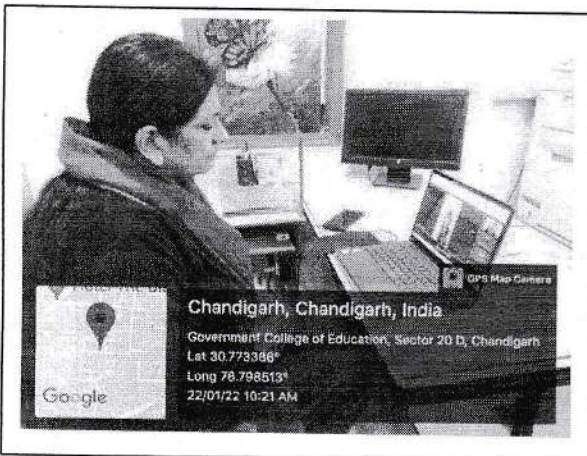
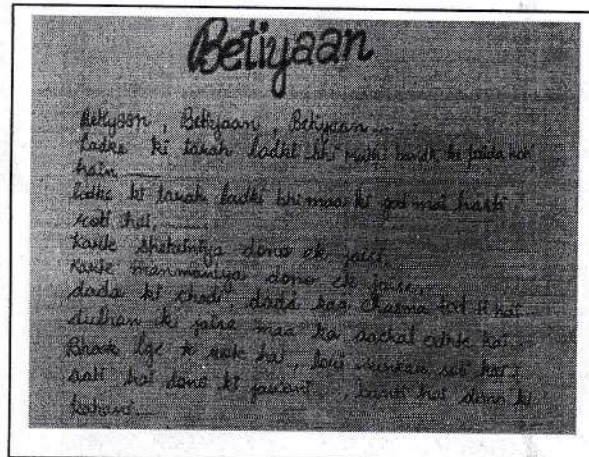
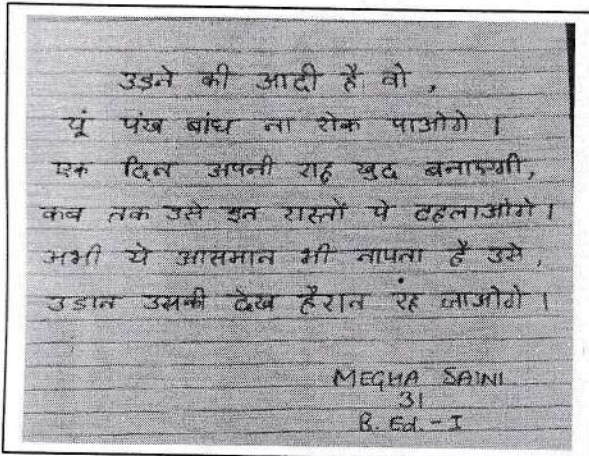
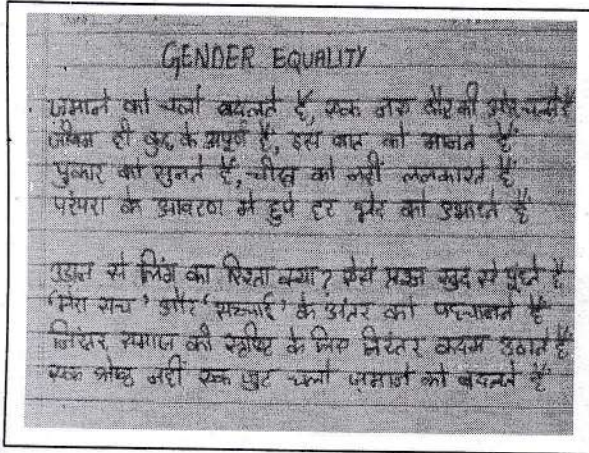


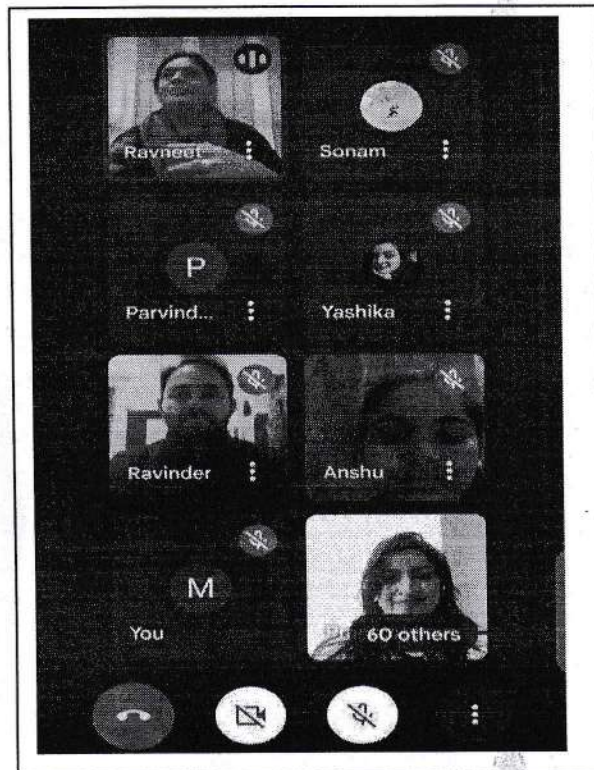
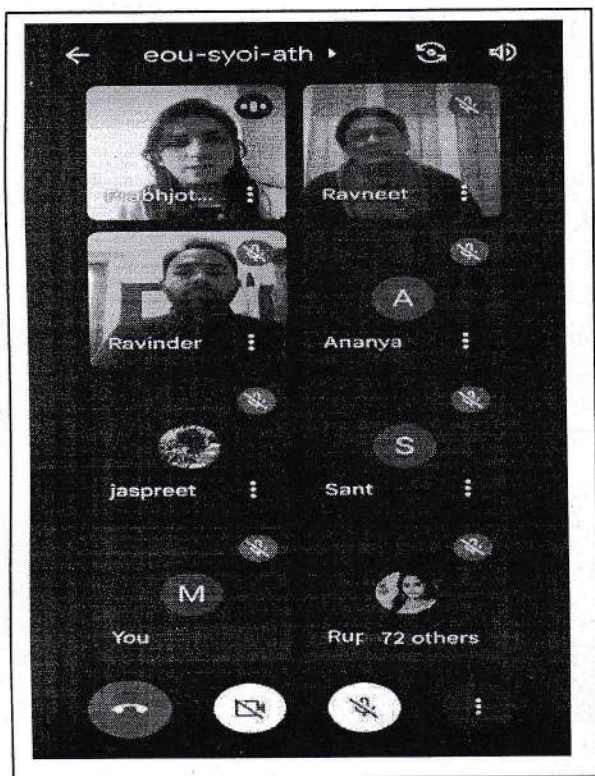
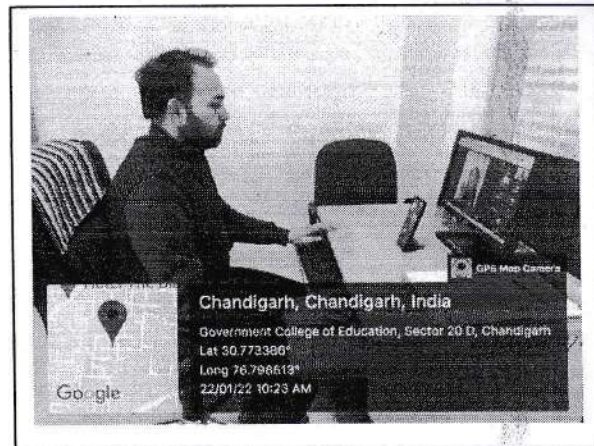
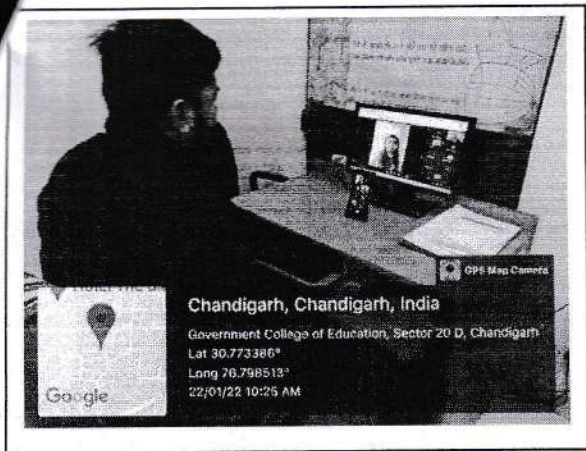
**Day 2: January 22, 2022**

NSS cell of the college organised a webinar on the theme "WOMEN EMPOWERMENT". Dr. Ravneet Chawla, NSS programme officer welcomed all programme officers, NSS volunteers and speaker of the day, Mrs. Prabhjot Kaur Atwal, Gender Specialist, DSW, Chandigarh. She is also holding an additional charge of Nodal Officer (Nari Niketan, One Stop Centre, After Care Home for Girls and Drug Abuse) with an experience of 9 years in Social Welfare Department, Chandigarh Administration. She has Masters in Sociology and pursued Bachelors in Education. In the webinar, she talked about Women Empowerment and Gender Equality. She shared her own personal experiences and the practices that are still in society leading to gender discrimination. She talked about women's health and problems faced by them in present society from birth till death. At every stage, many kind of problems are faced by women. She also discussed that the same is happening with the boys. She then highlighted the incidents and cases happened in society. She also told about various organizations that are contributing in changing the society and changing the views of the people regarding gender inequality.

On the theme "Gender Equality and Women Empowerment", some NSS volunteers expressed their views in the form of poems. All of them shared their poems through Email.

**Glimpses:-**





### Day 3: January 24, 2022

NSS cell of the college organised a webinar on the theme "Survival And Protection of Girl Child". Dr. Ravneet Chawla, NSS programme officer welcomed all programme officers, NSS volunteers and speaker of the day, Ms. Rachita Gupta, Consultant cum State Coordinator, Bachpan Bachao Andolan and Kailash Satyarthi Children Foundation looking after Punjab state and other allied programmes. As an expert of POCSO Act, she made the students aware about the ongoing crisis, the patriarchal thought process, the stereotyped approach and the instances that still occur which bring challenge for the people working for protection of children especially the girl child. She brought forth the statistics from the census, the surveys and the skewed girl child birth ratio with respect to the boy. She emphasized on the idea, time and need to talk about it, to take on the role as ambassadors, to protect the children, to bring dignity to girl child, to change the mindset of their own and to reinforce the idea of re-looking women from her prenatal time when the girl child is just a foetus, still very vulnerable to be a victim of foeticide. She mentioned about the preference of the male child and mentioned about the different

of view of education and finances still wanting a male child. She shared some experiences about dealing with certain cases which are abandoned, left to mercy of the community workers, the ugly anecdotes where the foetus were killed and thrown away in the garbage that were mind boggling. She centralized the focus to alarm the community members yet to take their roles not to let girl child suffer, to let the girls be born and allow them to go through the education. She mentioned in detail all the acts and the provisions which have been there for years and till now initiated, updated and in practice for the cause.

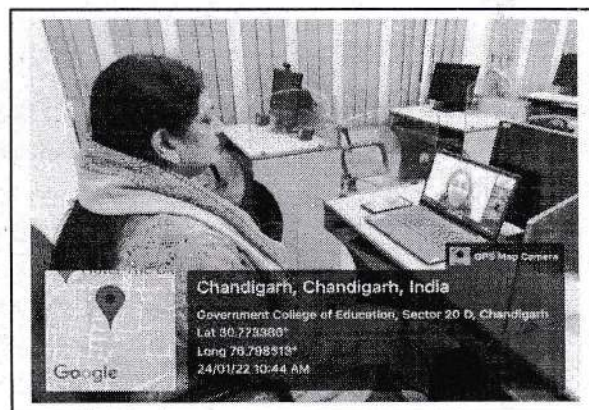
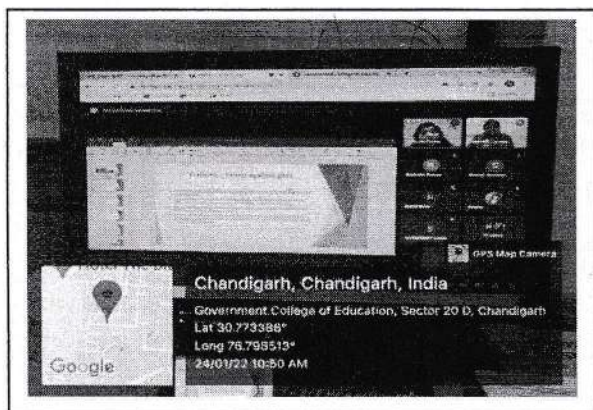
She systematically brought forth the documents, the titles and mentioned the crucial role that the organization take under the Kailash Satyarthi Ji, which is dedicated to rescue the victimised children especially the girl child who may have been victims of human traffickers under the guise of early marriage, the sold brides and abused girls who are used by their own spouses to sustain their daily life.

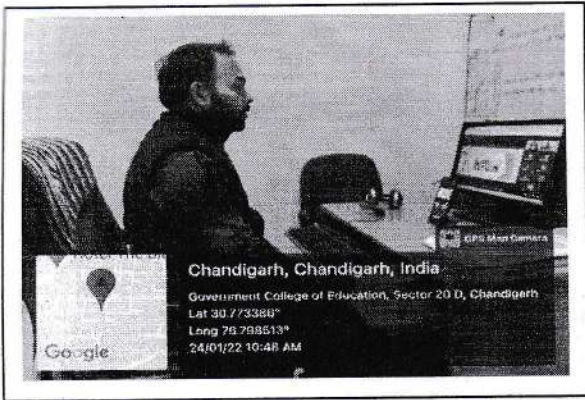
Dr. Ravneet Chawla who moderated the webinar on behalf of NSS cell along with Programme Officers, Mr. Ravinder Kumar and Dr. Dipanshu Sharma, also added to the personal experiences, the daily life anecdotes and the crucial role that the pupil teachers can bring in the future and to be the agents of protecting girl child giving dignity to each and every person of all age groups, enabling the girl child to study, to fulfil her potentials, to be a person of self-sustenance and to ultimately move towards the equilateral society. There was an intention shared with the speaker to sign an MoU in the future with the organization so that the present students can work for community to protect them from the vulnerable abuse that is going on and to take them towards a life of dignity. The day, National Girl Child, at the college also observed oath taking. The students took oath at the beginning of the webinar. The offline oath was also led by the NSS cell in the presence of Vice Principal, Dr. Savita Arya, where all the staff, teaching and non-teaching, were included to preserve dignity of girl child.

A Slogan Writing Competition on the theme "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" was also held. Many of the NSS Volunteers participated and showed their creativity. Winners for the poster making competition are:

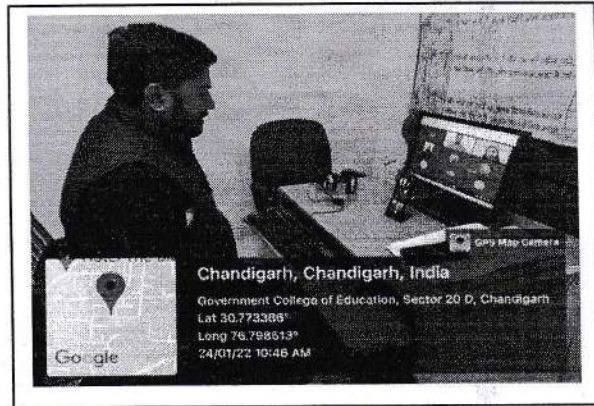
- 1<sup>st</sup> Position: - Tanuja Upreti(B.Ed - 1<sup>st</sup> Sem)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Position:- Kavita Singh(B.Ed. - 1<sup>st</sup> Sem)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Position:- Umisha Kalia (B.Ed - 1<sup>st</sup> Sem)

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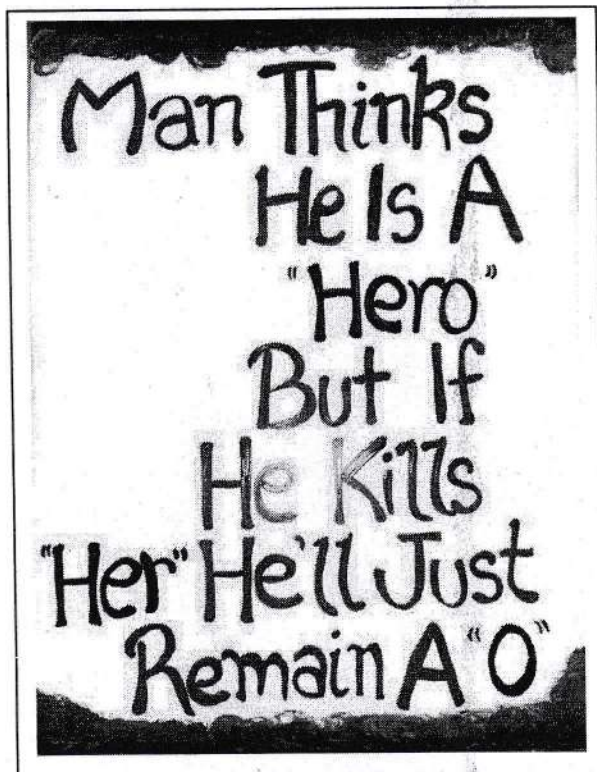
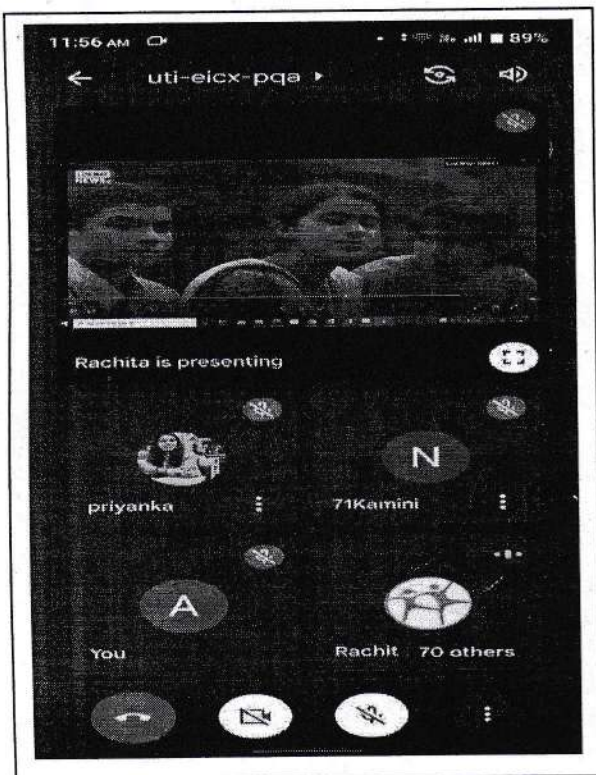




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## Day 4: January 25, 2022

A webinar on the theme "Education and participation of the Girl Child" was organised through Google Meet. Dr. Ravneet Chawla, NSS programme officer welcomed all programme officers, NSS volunteers and speaker of the day, Mrs. Sunita Dhariwal, Social Activist, Panchkula, Haryana. At the beginning, Dr. Ravneet Chawla gave some brief introduction about the theme and explained the importance of education in Girl's life.

Mrs. Sunita Dhariwal began her talk by thanking Dr. Ravneet Chawla for inviting her in the webinar. She sensitised on how parents and extended family responded to a girl going to school 30 years back and now. She shared some cases on real life situation where girls are still considered as "Paraya Dhan" and spending patters on girl education were brought forth.

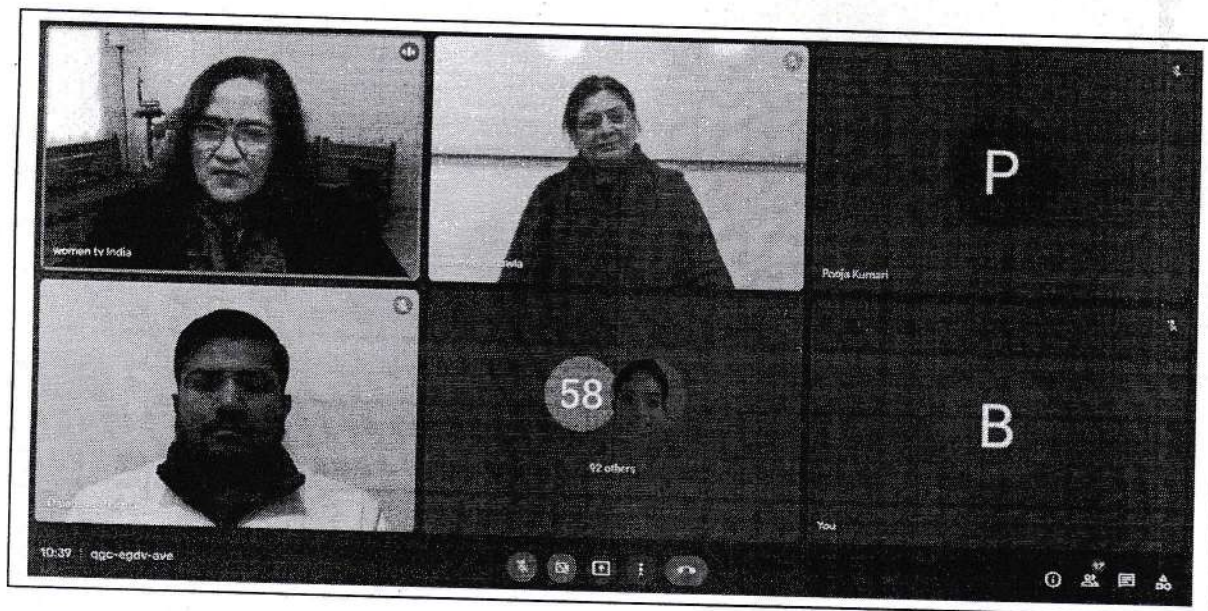
She dig into the North Indian culture observations and her own journey from an early married girl to pursuing education for next many years and spending next 30 years on building up other girls and women who search for their identity. She touched upon the rushed marriages ongoing now to otherwise implied shift from 18 to 21 years of age eligibility for girls. She drew attention to house hold abuse, neglect and the girl child quietly suffering the awkwardness of going to school after witnessing the violence at home too, often seen in families with poor home environment.

Dr Ravneet Chawla, NSS Incharge extended gratitude to the much experienced social activist and working for dedicated cause of uplifting the she gender to have sensitised and trained the minds of youth to contribute in their way for the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Andolan' at all levels and consistently.

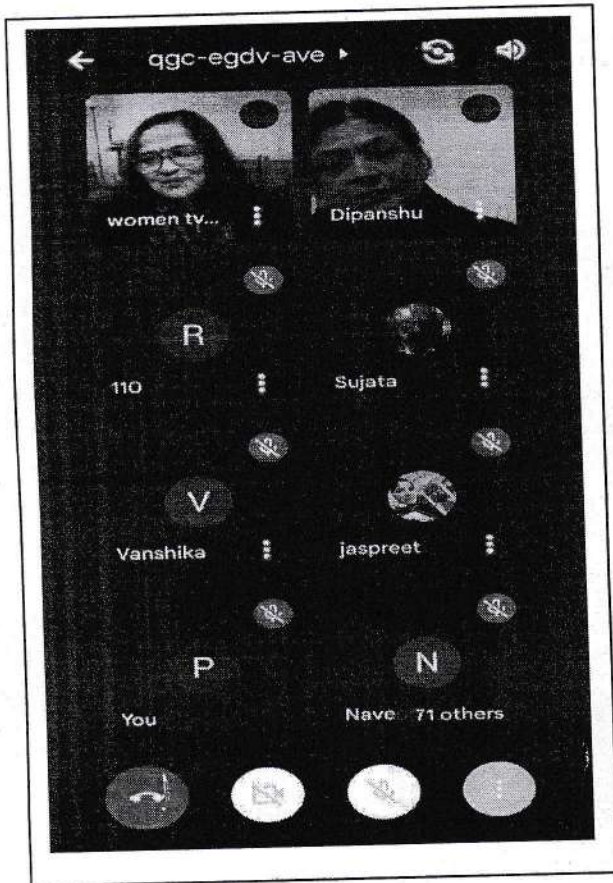
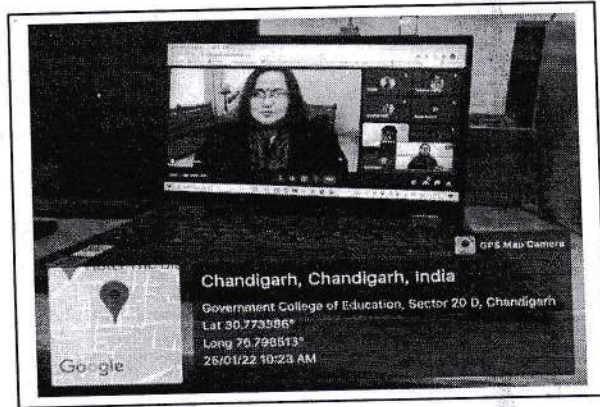
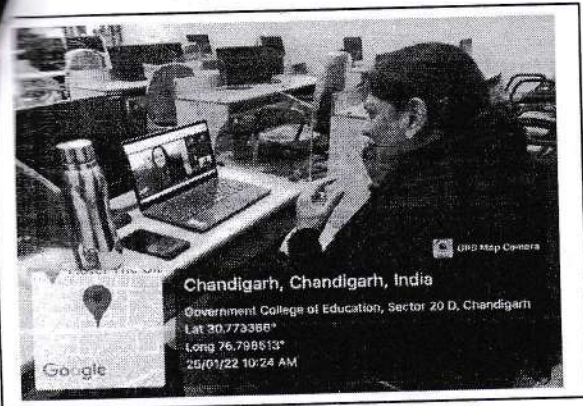
Dr. Dipanshu Sharma, NSS PO moderated the interactive session where students shared their concerns with the speaker which were answered by the speaker at length. The series of webinars and other activities were concluded today by the Vice Principal, Dr. Savita Arya, related to 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Andolan' which she appreciated for being organized with dedication and enthusiasm.

The NSS Programme Officers, Dr. Ravneet Chawla, Dr. Dipanshu Sharma and Mr. Ravinder Kumar applauded the efforts of organizing team among students including President, Vice President, Press team and the attendees also. Each NSS Volunteer of the college took part in daily activities.

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Dr. Ravneet Chawla

Mr. Ravinder Kumar

Dr. Dipanshu Sharma

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