

The following was decided in the meeting:

1. At the very outset, Prof Bharti Bhagra (Principal) and Dr Chander Verma welcomed the members, especially external members from outside the institution.
2. Dr Chander Verma laid before the house two main agenda items of the meeting:
  - (a) Increasing membership
  - (b) Future activities
3. Dr Sandeep Chauhan, Associate Professor of Chemistry, HPU, Shimla-5 appreciated the current mechanism followed by the college for enrolling passing out/passed out students in the association. He suggested increasing the frequency of in-person meetings to at least 2 per year and once every three months in online mode. He suggested further strengthening the enrolment drive and emphasised upon registering alumni from all walks of life. Concerted efforts in this direction are the need of the hour to sustain the A+ grade. He exhorted the members, especially the staff of the college to work for obtaining the “Centre of Excellence” status from UGC as it would unfold numerous funding opportunities for the institution. All members present supported the views of Dr Chauhan.
4. Dr Vinay Mohan Sharma, Associate Professor of English at RKMV Shimla opined that the association needs to increase its finances through contribution from members and college and university teachers should take the lead in making generous contributions and motivate others to follow suit. He also suggested that in the functions of the association, each alumnus should be acknowledged in some way or the other. He suggested that small batch wise get-togethers could be organised, for instance batches 2010-15 and 2015 to 2020 et cetera. All the members appreciated the views.
5. It was decided that a series of programs shall be conducted by the association beginning with a walkathon on 15 March 2026 from the college campus to The Ridge, Shimla and back to campus where the members shall enjoy DJ and refreshments on their return. This walk shall be organized under the overarching theme of saving the society from the scourge of substance abuse, that is, an “Anti-Chitta Walkathon”. The next activity would be a cultural extravaganza to be organized in the new academic session 2026-27, preferably in July or August and it shall be followed with a luncheon or dinner get together. Some members suggested adding sports tournaments like badminton and cricket matches to the series of activities being organized. The members suggested strengthening the association in a phased manner with baby steps so that a strong base could be established for the coming times. The numbers of alumni participating shall increase with the quality of programs.
6. The members suggested getting special souvenirs and merchandise like t-shirts, caps and car stickers et cetera designed and distributed among the alumni at a nominal fee. Shri Sushant Kaprate, Additional Advocate General, took up this responsibility. He also offered to get the DJ sponsored. The members appreciated his generosity with a round of applause.

7. It was decided that students in all the three years shall be charged a fee of Rs. 200/- as Alumni membership fee and from the next academic session 2026-27, this fee shall be charged from the students of 1<sup>st</sup> year only.
8. All the members opined that in the present times, appropriate use of social media such as Facebook and Instagram should be made to reach out to the maximum number of alumni spread across the state and beyond. For this, the logo of the association should be created and the same shall be used for printing on banners and merchandise too.
9. It was decided that the Alumni/OSA hyperlink on the website shall be reworked and a fresh Google form link shall be generated with a scanner and a payment gateway for membership fee and alumni donations.
10. The members suggested institutionalizing scholarships for meritorious-cum-needy students once a handsome amount is collected in the association account. Principal Prof Bharti Bhagra too emphasized upon the importance of handsome donations from well settled alumni of the college.
11. Dr Sandeep Chauhan pledged an amount of Rs. 21,000/- for the cause of the association. The members appreciated his generosity with a round of applause.
12. The members believed a list of alumni should be prepared who expressed their wish to help the institution in any which way in the previous functions organized by the college. The OSA needs to reach out to them for the betterment of the college.
13. Dr Harsh Vardhan Khimta emphasized upon the need of networking with a larger purpose to increase both, the funding and participation. He also suggested to appoint batch coordinators who shall rope in their contemporaries and immediate seniors/juniors.
14. Some members suggested that a hard copy of the annual magazine be sent to each alumnus and a special page be dedicated to alumni affairs. With the strengthening of the alumni fund, hard copies of the magazine for all the students at the college could be sponsored by from the fund.
15. Some members suggested that a new WhatsApp group be created for important notifications and the control to post on it rest with the admin only.

The meeting ended with a formal vote-of-thanks which was proposed by Dr Chander Verma and it was followed by a lunch.

Dr Chander Verma

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