**PRESS NOTE**

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Government College of Nursing, Patiala organized a state level workshop in collaboration with Nursing Scholar Society (NSS) Chapter 11 DISA, Punjab on 20TH and 21ST April, 2023. The theme of the workshop was ‘Gender Based Violence’. The two days workshop was a huge success with many new learnt facts. The Patron of the workshop was Dr. Rajan Singla, Director- Principal, Government Medical College, Patiala and the Co- Patron was Dr. Harnam Singh Rekhi, Medical Superintendent, Rajindra Hospital, Patiala. The organizing chairperson was Dr. Balwinder Kaur, Principal, Government College of Nursing, Patiala.

Two days workshop constituted the opening speech delivered by Dr. Balwinder Kaur, Principal, Government College of Nursing, Patiala. The chief guest for the workshop was Resp ADC Isha Singhal. The guest of honor for the event was Sh. Chand Singh, SP, Patiala. The special guests included Dr. Harnam Singh Rekhi, Medical Superintendent, Rajindra Hospital, Patiala, Dr. Dangwal, DMS, Rajindra Hospital, Prof. Daljeet Kaur Toor, Vice President, NSS, Punjab. Various important topics were discussed by esteemed speakers like violence against women, sexual harassment of women at workplace and first line support for survivors, POCSO Act, role of nursing staff in mental health assessment etc. Parallel Oral Paper presentations were also delivered by participants from Punjab and other states. Practical defense sessions techniques were also included in the workshop which were demonstrated by Mrs. Pushpa Devi, Inspector Incharge, Road and safety traffic education cell, Patiala. This workshop was attended by delegates from the nursing colleges all over Punjab. The workshop was a collective effort of the organizing chairperson Principal Dr. Balwinder Kaur, along with the co ordinators Mrs. Amandeep kaur, Ms. Jaspreet Kaur sodhi and Mrs. Sukhwinder kaur, faculty members, and students of GCON, Patiala and it increased knowledge level from 40% to 85% of all delegates as evaluated by pre and post test.