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Event	World Teachers' Day Celebration
Date	Monday, 5 October 2026
Venue	SVN Hall
Time	9:55 a.m.
Organised by	Traing and developmental cell Dronacharya PG College of Education, Rait, Kangra (H.P.)
Stage Anchor	Anish Korla
Chief Guest	Dr. B.S. Pathania, Executive Director
Presided by	Dr. Parveen Kumar Sharma, Principal
Participants	Principal, faculty members, staff and student-teachers of the college

1. Introduction

World Teachers' Day is observed every year on 5 October to honor teachers and to draw attention to the role they play in shaping individuals and societies. The day commemorates the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, the global benchmark for the rights, responsibilities, preparation and working conditions of teachers, and has been observed internationally since 1994. The year 2026 marks sixty years since that Recommendation was adopted.

In keeping with this spirit, training and developmental cell organised a programme on 5 October 2026 at SVN Hall, commencing at 9:55 a.m., to express gratitude to teachers, to sensitize future teachers to the dignity and responsibility of the profession, and to reflect on the evolving expectations from educators in the context of quality assurance and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The programme combined a formal inaugural ceremony, institutional and student addresses, and an inspiring keynote by the Chief Guest.

2. Objectives of the Programme

- To honor and express gratitude towards teachers for their contribution to nation-building.
- To create awareness among student-teachers about the status of the teaching profession nationally and globally.
- To familiarize the college community with the vision of NAAC and the aspirations of NEP 2020.
- To reinforce core values, self-discipline and the philosophy of continuous learning among future educators.

3. Proceedings of the Programme

3.1 Welcome and Introduction to the Theme

The programme was conducted by Mr. Anish Korla, who served as the stage anchor. He welcomed the Chief Guest, the Principal, the faculty and the students, and opened the proceedings by speaking on the theme of this year's World Teachers' Day, "Standing with teachers: 60 years of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures." He explained that the theme recalls the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation and renews the global commitment to safeguard teachers' rights, strengthen their professional standing and recognise them as central to the future of society.

Mr. Korla further acquainted the gathering with the vision of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), which seeks to make quality the defining element of higher education in India through self and external quality evaluation, promotion and sustenance initiatives. He linked this vision to the role of teacher education institutions in building a culture of quality, accountability and continuous improvement.

He also spoke on the National Education Policy 2020, highlighting its emphasis on holistic, multidisciplinary and flexible education, on critical thinking and experiential learning, and on placing teachers at the heart of the learning process through continuous professional development and a stronger, integrated teacher-preparation framework.

3.2 Lighting of the Lamp

The formal ceremony commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, the Principal and the dignitaries on the dais. The ceremony symbolized the dispelling of ignorance and the spread of knowledge, and set a dignified and auspicious tone for the programme.



3.3 Address by the Principal

The Principal, Dr. Parveen Kumar Sharma, delivered the presidential address. He extended his heartfelt gratitude to all teachers for their dedication and service, and offered his blessings and good wishes to the student-teachers who are preparing to join the profession.

Drawing attention to the status of teachers across the world, the Principal observed that in countries such as New Zealand, South Korea, Indonesia and Japan, teachers are held in high respect and their working conditions are regarded as very good. He urged that the dignity, recognition and professional environment enjoyed by teachers in these countries should serve as an inspiration for strengthening the status of the profession in India. He also recited the well-known Sanskrit verse that expresses the exalted place of the teacher in Indian tradition:

गुरुर्ब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः ।
गुरुः साक्षात् परं ब्रह्म तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः ॥

(The teacher is Brahma, Vishnu and Maheshwara; the teacher is the supreme reality itself. Salutations to that revered teacher.)

The Principal further quoted Dr. D.A. Paire in support of his message on the transformative power of teachers, and encouraged the future teachers to carry the responsibility of their calling with pride, humility and commitment.



3.4 Student Speeches

Two student-teachers, Ms. Divya and Ms. Avantika, addressed the gathering on the importance of World Teachers' Day. In their speeches they acknowledged the role of teachers in shaping character, nurturing talent and guiding society, and emphasised why a day dedicated to teachers matters, both to honour their sacrifices and to remind students and society of their duty to respect and support the profession. Their words reflected the sincerity and gratitude of the younger generation towards their teachers and were appreciated by the audience.





3.5 Address by the Chief Guest

The Chief Guest, Mr. B.S. Pathania, Executive Director, delivered an inspiring address in which he threw light on the importance of values in education and on the core philosophy of Dronacharya College, where knowledge is created, not merely communicated. The key ideas of his address were:

- **Importance of values.** He stressed that values are the foundation of education and of the teaching profession, and that a teacher's conduct teaches as much as the curriculum.
- **Knowledge is created, not just communicated.** He explained that the college philosophy goes beyond transmission of information; learners should be encouraged to question, explore and construct knowledge for themselves.
- **Self-discipline.** He underlined self-discipline as an essential quality of a teacher and a prerequisite for success in any field.
- **Learn, unlearn, and relearn.** He urged future teachers to adopt the mantra of learn, unlearn and relearn, staying open to new ideas and letting go of outdated practices in a rapidly changing world.
- **Teacher as a change maker.** He concluded that a teacher is a change maker who can transform individuals, communities and the nation.



4. Programme at a Glance

S.No.	Item	Presented by
1	Welcome, theme of World Teachers' Day, NAAC vision and NEP 2020	Anish Korla (Stage Anchor)
2	Lighting of the lamp	Chief Guest, Principal and dignitaries
3	Presidential address and blessings	Dr. Parveen Kumar Sharma (Principal)
4	Speeches on the importance of World Teachers' Day	Divya and Avantika (students)

5	Keynote address on values and the role of the teacher	B.S. Pathania (Executive Director, Chief Guest)





5. Key Takeaways

- Teachers are the cornerstone of society, and the global theme for 2026 calls for protecting the profession and advancing its status.
- The vision of NAAC and the goals of NEP 2020 both depend on competent, motivated and respected teachers.
- Countries such as New Zealand, South Korea, Indonesia and Japan offer examples of high regard for teachers and good working conditions.
- Values, self-discipline and continuous learning (learn, unlearn, and relearn) are essential attributes of a twenty-first-century teacher.
- Dean of academics address teacher attributes under NEP 2020 like subject mastery and competence, continuous professional development, inclusivity and sensitivity towards gender, learner with special needs and multilingualism.
- Education should aim at creating knowledge and not merely communicating it, with the teacher serving as a change maker.



Vote of thanks presented by assistant professor Shilps Sethi.

6. Conclusion

The World Teachers' Day celebration at Dronacharya PG College of Education was a meaningful and well-organized event that blended tradition with contemporary educational thought. The addresses by the Principal and the Chief Guest, the thoughtful speeches of the students and the clear framing by the anchor together left the participants with a renewed sense of pride in the teaching profession and a commitment to its ideals. The programme concluded on a note of gratitude, with the resolve that every future teacher of the institution would strive to be a learner, a role model and a change maker.

