

MGVS KAPLANI HIGH SCHOOL

Annual Report

April 2012- March 2013

Kaplani School has seen a great year of strengthening in directions that have opened multiple possibilities up for the futures of our students. It is our joyful pleasure to reflect on the past year of Kaplani School activities in this report, and to share it with friends of MGVS and Kaplani School who have made hope unimagined, possible, through your combined efforts and continued support.

The year started off with a bang when Kaplani School gained permanent Junior High School recognition on June 20th, 2012 from Pauri Garhwal. On July 3rd 2012, High School recognition for Classes 9 and 10 was then filed in Ramnagar, Nainital with the Board of Education for Uttarakhand. And following an inspection of the Kaplani School campus on November 16th, 2012, the Chief Education Officer of Dehradun sent his recommendation to the state office in Ramnagar for final approval on November 26th, 2012.

This all-important development was made possible for Kaplani School through the Heidi Parker Memorial Building, so very generously donated to Kaplani School by Mr. Robin Parker (Woodstock School '48), because the building meets government standards for a high school. The Education Department has already given verbal recognition to Class Nine as of April 1st 2013. MGVS has been informed by the Education Department formal government recognition for Classes Nine and Ten may come through by September end or by October in 2013.

A total of fifty-five Kaplani School students (29 girls and 26 boys) have completed Tenth Grade at Kaplani School since 2008. Ten Kaplani graduates (5 girls and 5 boys) appeared for their 12th Grade examinations this year and 9 passed: Reeta Dumoga scored in the 1st division. Sixteen graduates (11 boys and 6 girls) are currently studying for a college B.A. or B.Sc. in Mussoorie or Dehradun. Three graduates have completed Hotel Management courses - one graduate has landed a job in the well-known *Madhuban Hotel* in Dehradun. One Kaplani graduate (a girl) is currently doing a course in Pharmacy.

In July 2012, Saphara of Northern Ireland set up a great new scholarship program for Kaplani School graduates that helped seven more graduates from poor families continue with their studies up to, and beyond, the 12th standard this year.

The Winterline Foundation has provided much encouragement to Kaplani School through the implementation of a maintenance program, and the overseeing of the subsequent construction of two *pushtas* (retaining walls), which have strengthened the physical structure of the school. The two *pushtas* now protect the Heidi Parker Memorial Building, pride of the students of the school and the Kaplani community, from the monsoon. Mr. Robin Parker funded the construction project with a kind generosity for which there are no words to describe! MGVS and Kaplani School staff have also worked together with each other, and the Winterline Foundation, to ensure the school is otherwise properly maintained.

Twelve years of amazing good will of so many friends have brought us to where we stand together today – on these high mountains of hope and courage to go onwards. With your strong and steady support, Kaplani graduates are finding ways to help their families as well as the confidence and skills to move toward their own dreams, through access to education. **PHOTO: Kaplani graduate,**



Kamlesh of Patrani Village, returns to Kaplani School to report on the progress of her studies. Kamlesh participates in the graduate scholarship program and works a part-time job in Mussoorie as well. (Kamlesh is the eldest of 5 children of the widow Kumla Devi) – 14/Jun/13

The Winterline Foundation is the network that has brought us together with the Alumni of Woodstock School, to keep Kaplani School running these past twelve years. The Mary Jane Folkers Endowment instructor fund, also overseen by the Winterline Foundation, has helped us afford the salary for Science teacher, Miss Neetu Singh, for two years now, and annual donations made to Kaplani School have been matched by the Winterline Foundation consistently since 2001 when the school opened. Additionally, the Winterline Foundation has patiently overseen the *pushtas* construction project for Kaplani School this year. The words “thank you” cannot express the appreciation we feel when we refer to their name each day at MGVS and in Kaplani School.

School Session:

The 2012-2013 school session ran from April 1st, 2012 to March 31st, 2013 as per government education department guidelines.

School Vacations:

1. Summer vacations - 20th June 2012 to 30th June 2012
2. Winter vacations - 25th December 2011 to 31st January 2013

Total Strength of Students for School Session 2012 to 2013:

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
6 th	12	5	17
7 th	4	5	09
8 th	3	9	12
9 th	9	1	10
10 th	4	7	11
Total	32	27	59

Present School Staff:

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| 1. Mr. Vijay Notiyal | - Head Teacher | (Social Studies) |
| 2. Mr. Ajay Yahuna | - Teacher | (Math) |
| 3. Mr. Tej Prakash Bisht | - Teacher | (English) |
| 4. Miss. Mangla Dimiri | - Teacher | (Hindi) |
| 5. Miss. Neetu Singh | - Teacher | (Science) |
| 6. Mr. Ram Prasad | - Peon/Care Taker | |

Subjects:

Kaplani School follows the same syllabi as government schools. The following subjects were taught this year, from Grades 6th to 10th:

1. General Science - 6th to 10th compulsory
2. Hindi - 6th to 10th compulsory
3. Sanskrit - 6th to 8th compulsory/9th & 10th optional
4. Art and Craft - 6th to 8th compulsory
5. Painting - 9th & 10th optional
6. Social Science - 6th to 8th compulsory/9th & 10th optional
7. Economics - 9th & 10th
8. Geography - 9th & 10th
9. Political Science - 9th & 10th
10. English - 6th to 8th compulsory/9th & 10th optional
11. Environmental Studies - 6th to 8th compulsory
12. Disaster Management - 6th & 10th compulsory
13. Physical Training – PT - 6th to 8th
14. Physics, Chemistry and Biology - 9th & 10th
15. Mathematics - 6th to 10th compulsory for boys/9th & 10th optional
Home Science substitute for girls

Examinations:

From October 13th – October 19th, 2012, students took their mid-year examinations. Annual examinations for 6th, 7th and 8th Classes took place from March 15th – March 23rd, 2013. The 9th Class annual exams also took place in February 2013 (they were held at Government Intermediate College Ghannanand in Mussoorie). The 10th Class annual exams (Uttaranchal Board) took place from March 4th – March 23rd, 2013, at Government Inter College Ghannanand, in Mussoorie as well.

Examinations Results for Students 2012-2013:

All of the 6th, 7th & 8th Class students passed their exams. Ten students (9 boys and 1 girl) appeared for 9th Grade exam and all have passed this year. Eleven students (4 boys and 7 girls) appeared for 10th Grade exams this year and only 6 students (5 girls and 1 boy) passed. Out of the five students who failed their 10th Grade exams, three have taken admission again in Class 10 at Kaplani School.

Placement Results of 10th Grade Students Who Passed Their Exams:

2 nd Division	- 4 (3 girls, 1 boy)
3 rd Division	- 2 (2 girls)

Achievements of Kaplani School Alumni:

From year 2008 to 2013, fifty-five students (29 girls and 26 boys) have passed out from Kaplani School. Ten graduates (5 girls and 5 boys) appeared for 12th Grade examinations this year and nine have passed. Reeta Dumoga scored in the 1st division for her 12th Grade examinations. Sixteen graduates (11 boys 6 girls) are studying for a College B.A./B.Sc. in Mussoorie or Dehradun. Three Kaplani School graduates have completed Hotel Management courses, one of whom is now working at the well-known *Madhuban Hotel* in Dehradun. One Kaplani School graduate (a girl) is presently working on a Pharmacy course.

In-School Activities:



- ❑ A regular school days starts at 9:00 a.m. and finishes at 2:15 p.m.
- ❑ There is a half-hour break from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- ❑ From 9 A.M. to 9:15 a.m., Kaplani School holds a prayer time; any special

announcements are made afterwards.

- ❑ Classes begin at 9:15.

- ❑ There are eight periods in a day: each class is 35-40 minutes long
- ❑ Physical Education instruction is given during the final period.
- ❑ During the mid-day interval, students play: Cricket, Carom Board, Kho-Kho etc. Students maintain the school garden as a practical part of their Environmental Studies

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Mid-Day Refreshment for Kaplani Students:

The children of Kaplani School continue to receive the mid-day refreshment. Saphara of Northern Ireland, a long time friend and supporter of MGVS sustainable development village project work, Kaplani School and Donk Primary School, initiated the program in September of 2011 and supported the program again this year. Student attendance has improved greatly as a result of this program.

Fees Waived:

MGVS Kaplani School charges fees, although very minimal, to the parents of students to encourage villagers of the area to value education. However, some students are still not able to pay the fees as they come from very poor families. Therefore, Kaplani School considered the cases of the following students and waived their fee requirement this past year (10 Boys and 7 Girls):

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| 1. | Reena Negi | - Class 6 th |
| 2. | Pooja Koli | - Class 6 th |
| 3. | Rahul Dass | - Class 6 th |
| 4. | Aman Bisht | - Class 7 th |
| 5. | Sidharth pundeer | - Class 7 th |
| 6. | Parveen Singh | - Class 7 th |
| 7. | Priyanka Bisht | - Class 8 th |
| 8. | Mukesh Bhandari | - Class 8 th |
| 9. | Rakesh Bhandari | - Class 8 th |
| 10. | Vimal Goarh | - Class 9 th |
| 11. | Parvesh Negi | - Class 9 th |
| 12. | Parbha | - Class 9 th |
| 13. | Sushma Misarwan | - Class 9 th |
| 14. | Manjeet Singh | - Class 9 th |
| 15. | Pooja Chauwan | - Class 10 th |
| 16. | Parveen Uniyal | - Class 10 th |
| 17. | Pooja Uniyal | - Class 10 th |

Kaplani School Graduate Support Program:

This year, seven students (3 girls and 4 boys) received financial help to continue their education at the 12th Class, B. A. and B.Sc. levels in Mussoorie and Dehradun through a special program sponsored by Saphara of Northern Ireland. The program commenced in July 2012. School fees, books and transportation costs are provided to students from poor families who qualify for the program.

Extra Curricular Activities / Special Events:

- ❑ On August 15th, 2012, Independence Day was celebrated in high spirits. The local forest department officers were chief guests. Kaplani School's old

students also attended the event and performed in a joint cultural program together with current students. There were sweets and refreshments for everyone afterwards.

- ❑ Mukesh Bhandari of Class 7 received treatment for his eyes this year. Mukesh has been diagnosed with an extreme case of allergies that causes his eyes to water profusely and caused him difficulty in seeing clearly. Mukesh's father is passed away and his mother is a serious kidney patient. He now has glasses and treatment for his allergies began on August 30th, 2012. Mukesh is finding it easier to see.



PHOTO: Mukesh Bhandari of Class 7 & Head Teacher Mr. Vijay Notiyal at the MGVS Office in Jabarkhet on their way back from a check-up at Landour Community Hospital – May/13

- ❑ On September 5th, 2012, Kaplani School students celebrated Teacher's Day. Students organized a cultural show and a tea party for their teachers and gave them presents as a sign of appreciation. Kaplani School all-time favourite Mathematics & Physics teacher, Mr. Ajay Semwal, had been selected for a teaching job in a government school, and his last day of teaching happened to fall very close to the same day. Therefore, his farewell event was celebrated by the staff and students on Teacher's Day itself.
- ❑ A new Mathematics teacher, Mr. Ajay Yahuna, joined Kaplani School on December 5th, 2012. Extra classes were conducted by Mr. Yahuna during the winter vacations to make up for gaps in mathematics studies for students.
- ❑ On May 8th & 9th and June 11th, 18th & 19th, 2012, Head Teacher, Mr. Vijay Notiyal took part in developing a project development plan for the organizational development of MGVS as an NGO as a whole under the Small and Emerging Partners Initiative funded by TEAR Australia. Kaplani School's involvement in this process was important as MGVS moves forward to strengthen its organizational structures.
- ❑ On November 27th, 2012, the Head teacher of Kaplani School, Mr. Vijay Notiyal, also attended a workshop on the Right To Education (RTE), organized by the Education Ministry of Uttarakhand in Nurkhera, Dehradun, together with other education school representatives of Uttarakhand. The workshop focused on issues around the standard of education for the state of Uttarakhand.
- ❑ On November 12th, 2012, two girls and two boys from Kaplani School took part in a competition, along with their teacher Ms. Neetu Singh, between 12

schools of the area on art, poetry and science models. Kaplani School won second prize.

- ❑ On December 17th, 2012, Mrs. Saroj Kapadia, Founder and long time friend of MGVS and Kaplani School, arranged a Christmas Lunch for all the children of Kaplani School as her own personal contribution to the students of the school. She also very kindly gifted two good quality pens to each student. MGVS Coordinator, Surender Singh, and Kaplani School staff assisted Mrs. Kapadia with the event.
- ❑ On December 18th, 2012, a Christmas gift event was celebrated with a special guest – Santa Claus. Donk Primary School teachers and students joined in the festivity. Santa's costume and his gifts all placed by a Christmas Tree: new uniforms and shoes (shoes, dress and ribbons for 21 girls and 18 boys) socks, chocolates, toffees, pens, pencils, sweaters, bags and caps were financed by Saphara, of Northern Ireland.



Donk Primary School students joined in the fun for Christmas at Kaplani School and received gifts from Santa – 18/Dec/12

- ❑ **Woodstock School Interaction:** From April 21, 2012 to February 23rd, 2013, groups of 12 – 20 students from Grades Six, Seven, Eight and Nine from Woodstock School participated in seven exposure visits to Kaplani School this year. During these visits, Woodstock School students interacted with Kaplani School students through learning about the environment, English, art, crafts and music.

The HEIDI PARKER MEMORIAL BUILDING Maintenance Program:

In an effort to maintain the Kaplani High School Heidi Parker Memorial Building properly, MGVS conducts a walk-through on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis to identify issues of concern. The Winterline Foundation is very helpful in encouraging MGVS and Kaplani School in this regard with follow-ups and in addressing any other major needs of the school's new building.

On July 20th, 2012, MGVS and Kaplani School consolidated maintenance needs into one list and the following needs were addressed this year:

25/Jul/12

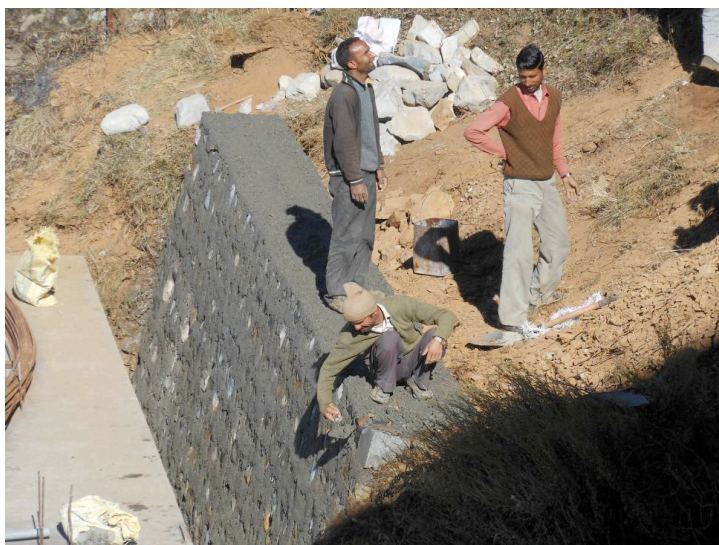
- 8 fuse bulbs were changed in the Boys & Girls Toilets

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| 24/Sept/12 | - 20 tube lights were repaired/replaced (whole building) |
| | - 20 m of wiring was changed in Classroom Seven |
| 24/Sept/12 | - toilet and cistern replaced in Principal's Office |
| | - 3 taps replaced in Boys & Girls toilets |
| | - 2 CFLs replaced at back side of building |
| 24-30/Sept/2012 | - ceiling supports in Boys & Girls toilets welded with 4" piping and upper portion of walls near ceiling re-plastered |
| 10/Dec/2012 | - 8 doors were replaced by Contractor, Mr. Surinder S. Panwar |
| 10/Dec/2012 | - 8 new extra locks and latches replaced for new doors by MGVS |
| 12/Dec/2012 | - 3 window panes were replaced (Classrooms Six, Eight and Nine) |
| Apr/12 – Mar/13 | - regular water tank cleaning and bleaching by Peon/Chowkidar |

The Pushta Project:

This past year, a serious concern for the building was a need to construct retaining walls (*pushta*) to hold back erosion that threatened the pathway to the school where it meets the roadway up to the main road – Tehri Road above, right up to the building's stairway near the entrance to the school. This pathway also travels above the house of a Kaplani Village home, whose property was also in need of protection by the construction of a smaller *pushta* to prevent any further land sliding down

from Kaplani School's pathway onto the roof of this home, especially during the monsoon. MGVS and Kaplani School are extremely grateful to Mr. Robin Parker for his kind generosity in financing the construction of two *pushtas*. **PHOTO: A *pushta* is built above Mr. Bhatt's house in Kaplani – Jan/13**



MGVS invited contractors to submit estimates for this project and three different estimates were scrutinized by the Board. Contractor, M/s Rakesh Singh Rawat of Village Kandi, Jaunpur, Tehri



Garhwal was selected for the project. Construction work began in December 2012 and was completed in February 2013. The two new *pushtas* were built with quality river stones only and the work was completed in a timely fashion. **PHOTO: A second pushta now supports the path leading up to the Heidi Parker Memorial Building's entrance – Feb/13**

The Heidi Parker Memorial Building and the approach to the building are all now safe for all and both are protected from the harsh weather of this area. **PHOTOS: (Left) The second pushta connecting the Kaplani School path to the roadway up to the Tehri Road above (Right) the path continuing up to the memorial stone area at the entrance to the Heidi Parker Memorial Building – Feb/13**



Visitors:

- Each year, since 2009, the NGO, Saphara of Northern Ireland, has been visiting Kaplani School with approximately 12 teachers and 54 students aged 16 to 17 for an intensive exchange program. This program is run by Saphara's Founder and Director, Dr. Christine Burnett. This year, three groups of 18 high school students and 4 teachers each, visited Kaplani School from July 9th - 12th, July 16th – 19th and July 23th – 26th, in 2012. Irish students arrived prepared with lesson plans and activities they conducted with Classes 6 through 10; scheduling was worked out with the staff at Kaplani School in advance, to ensure Kaplani School students were not missing out on important study of their own syllabi, while opportunities of learning from the exchange were maximized for increased learning.

Exchange activities included crafts, songs, sports, dances and English grammar and some Hindi. Kaplani School students benefited in many educational ways from interaction with Saphara student groups, but the skits directed by Saphara's students, and performed by Kaplani School students in English, at the end of the third week boosted confidence tremendously



among Kaplani School students and their teachers. **PHOTO: Use of flash cards and patience assisted with direction of skits in English – Jul/12**



At the end of four solid days at Kaplani School, each of these groups trekked down to Patrani and Donk Villages to meet with some of the families of the students at Kaplani School in their homes and to visit with the students of Donk Primary School. On the Saturday, following each week, Saphara's students engaged in a participatory workshop on

development with MGVS Coordinator, Surender Singh where deep questions about cultural differences and development are explored. **PHOTO: Saphara students join Kaplani School students for morning "PT" (Physical Training) each day that they work with them – Jul/12**



Teaching Staff and Director Dr. Christine Burnett (fourth from the Right) of Saphara and Kaplani School and MGVS Staff outside the Principal's office at the Heidi Parker Memorial Building – Jul/12

- On February 19th, 2013, the Chairman of Saphara, Northern Ireland, Dr. Linda Thompson, and Director, Dr. Christine Burnett, visited Kaplani School. They met with the students as well Kaplani School alumni who are participating in the Saphara scholarship program.

Financial Statement: MGVS Kaplani High School Income and Expenditure Account for 1st April 2012- 31st March 2013:

RECEIPTS: Foreign Contribution	Amount [INR]	Totals [INR]
Winterline Foundation:		
Kaplani School Running Costs	3,22,430.00	
Mary Jane Folkers Endowment fund	60,049.00	
Retaining Walls (for two pushtas)	6,65,561.00	
Subtotal from Winterline Foundation	10,48,040.00	10,48,040.00
Saphara Northern Ireland	1,11,462.00	
Saphara Graduates Student Support	47,338.00	
Subtotal from Saphara N. Ireland	1,58,800.00	1,58,800.00
Total F/C Receipts		12,06,840.00
RECEIPTS: Local Contribution		
Kaplani School Fees	29,100.00	
Mr. Rahul Amin	51,000.00	
Mr. Stephen Alter	10,000.00	
Total Local Contribution	90,100.00	90,100.00
EXPENSES: Foreign Contribution		
MGVS Administrative Costs	98,788.00	
Subtotal Admin Costs	98,788.00	98,788.00
School Staffing Expenses:		
Basic Salary	2,78,861.00	
Dearness Allowances	1,95,203.00	
Provident Fund	56,892.00	
Allowances	70,200.00	
Staff House Rent	56,000.00	
Leave Encashment	4,216.00	
School Costs:		
Electricity and Water Charges	5,534.00	
Equipment	1,525.00	
Gift and Presents	5,400.00	
Newspapers and Periodicals	819.00	
Hospitality	1,012.00	
Printing and Stationary	4,856.00	
Program/Function	3,820.00	
School Recognition	1,07,490.00	
School Stationary	9,091.00	
School Uniforms	13,199.00	
Supplies	780.00	
Travelling	6,250.00	
Computer Maintenance	1,050.00	
Building Maintenance:		
Two pushtas (retaining walls)	5,03,578.00	
TDS Exp.	10,110.00	
Mid-day Meal	86,910.00	
Graduate Students Support	36,104.00	
Subtotal School Expenses	14,58,900.00	14,58,900.00
Total F/C Expenses		15,57,688.00
Excess of expenditure over income		(3,50,848.00)
EXPENSES: Local Contribution		
Kaplani School Recognition Exp.		60,521.00
Total Local Contribution Expenses		60,521.00
Balance Local Contribution		29,579.00

Acknowledgments:

On behalf of all of us here at MGVS and Kaplani School, I wish to express our sincerest thanks to the Winterline Foundation and the members of the Winterline Board, including Mr. Tenzing Nima of Mussoorie, for the incredible support they have provided to us for over twelve years now. Your continued faith in us and the generous matching of contributions made to Kaplani School have provided us with the special opportunity to help families of this remote part of Garhwal through an education for their children. We especially appreciate the amazing work of Executive Director, Mr. Glenn Conrad, in bringing friends of Woodstock School, Kaplani School and MGVS together with his dedicated perseverance toward this cause. His great language skills too, have supported our newsletters and reports these many years in a heartfelt manner that has been invaluable to us!

We are deeply grateful to Mr. Robin Parker for the great generosity he has shown MGVS and Kaplani School, and the community of Kaplani as well, in funding the construction of the Heidi Parker Memorial Building, for purchasing the land for Kaplani School, and for the construction of two pushtas for Kaplani School this year. On behalf of the students who smile with thanks when they play cricket in Kaplani School's wonderful playground, and who walk into their school with a feeling of respect and pride, I offer the humblest of thanks to Mr. Parker for the change you have brought about in their lives. Your practical contributions of such greatness have brightened lives with a meaningful focus on education and learning.

MGVS and Kaplani School are sincerely thankful to Saphara of Northern Ireland, for their ongoing interaction with the students of Kaplani School, which continually reminds us all that striving for higher standards is for anyone and everyone. A special thank you to Director, Dr. Christine Burnett, for her very efficient!, enthusiastic, and continued support.

Our deepest thanks to friends of Woodstock School and Alumni, who are the backbone that has held Kaplani School together these twelve years! It is the remarkable and invaluable support of individuals that have come together in support of Kaplani School, that have helped us keep our school open and running for yet another year. Thank you so much.

MGVS also offers our thanks to Woodstock School itself, once again this year, for their continued support and ongoing involvement and interest in Kaplani School.

Thank you Mrs. Saroj Kapadia! for your friendliness and for your affection shown to the students of Kaplani School through the Christmas Lunch and personal efforts to connect MGVS with Alumni of Woodstock School interested in our school and its progress.

We would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the generous personal contributions of Mr. Tenzing Nima and Mr. Glenn Conrad toward MGVS administrative costs for Coordinator house rent and office space in Mussoorie that allows MGVS regular and easy access to an internet connection, the bank, post office and friends and visitors of MGVS & Kaplani School.

We are also especially grateful to the MGVS Board of Directors and Managing Committee, for their guidance this past year in administrative matters relating to the execution of the Pushta Project. Your selfless service to MGVS and Kaplani School is highly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Staff of Kaplani School and the extra time and positive energy you put into seeing the school and your students succeed.

Sincerely yours,

Surender Singh
Coordinator MGVS