## Mental Health & Wellness Committee Hindu Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Jind Event: Awareness Program on 'Mind Matters: Building Resilient Mental Health and Stress Management Practices in Academia' 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

The Mental Health & Wellness Committee of Hindu Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Jind organised an awareness program in online Mode titled 'Mind Matters: Building Resilient Mental Health and Stress Management Practices in Academia' on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The session was presided over by College Principal Dr. Punam Mor and began with a gracious welcome address by Mrs. Kranti, the in-charge of the committee.

Dr. Urmila Panghal, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Dayanand Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Kurukshetra, served as the resource person for the event. In her thorough presentation, she underscored the vital importance of mental health awareness within today's fast-paced academic landscape. Dr. Panghal outlined various strategies for managing academic stress, fostering emotional resilience, and achieving a sustainable work-life balance. She placed particular emphasis on the escalating mental health challenges faced by both students and educators. Her discussion covered topics such as the significance of positive thinking, the responsibilities of parents, students, and teachers, the promotion of self-confidence and self-care, the incorporation of physical and mental exercises, and the importance of assertive communication in learning to say no and yes. The session provided participants with valuable insights into identifying early signs of stress and anxiety, as well as effective coping mechanisms for both students and faculty.

In her address, Dr. Punam Mor congratulated the participants and highlighted the timely relevance of mental health discussions in academic institutions, noting that such awareness directly contributes to enhanced academic performance and overall well-being. She commented Dr. Panghal for her expertise and practical approach to the subject matter. The success of the program was credited to the dedicated efforts of committee members Mrs. Shivani and Mrs. Ritu. The College Management Committee praised the organizing team for facilitating such an impactful session and extended their best wishes to all participants. The event witnessed active involvement from both students and faculty members, representing a significant advancement toward fostering a mentally healthy academic environment.

## **Glimpses and Media Coverage of the Event**

