

SCDGC alumni pay tributes to M S Gill

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Ludhiana: The SCD Government College Alumni Association, Ludhiana, on Monday paid their tributes to Dr Manohar Singh Gill, who passed away on October 15. IAS officer Dr Gill, who served as the chief election commissioner before retiring in 2001 and later as a Union minister, studied at Ludhiana's SCDGC from 1953 to 1957.

To remember the rich legacy of whom they called an 'illustrious alumni of the college', the alumni association members — including association spokesperson Brij Bhushan Goyal, principal Ashok Kapoor, Prof I P Setia, K B Singh, Shivdular S Dhillon, Dr Tara Singh Kamal, and others — gathered at the college campus on Monday.

Goyal said, "Dr M S Gill made his alma mater proud as he became a torch bearer, and his life will always be a lighthouse for the new generation students. A Padma Vibhushan awardee, Dr Gill always yearned to visit the institution and also helped it with ample funds from his MPLads quota."

He said he had also provided the college with Rs 50 lakh for the construction of new rooms at the girls' hostel.

Dr Gill's last visit to SCDGC was on March 15, 2018, when he was the chief guest at the convocation. He had then also released the Punjabi and Hindi versions of his book, 'Lahaul Spiti di Kahaniyan', in the presence of then principal Dr Dharam Singh Sandhu. The book talks about the life and culture of Ladakh, and is a collection of Dr Gill's personal anecdotes from the Himalayan region, when he was posted there in 1961. Copies of the book are present in the college library.

Before that, Dr Gill had visited the college in 2015 and in 1981, added Goyal.

Another alumnus and former DGM of Punjab National Bank, K B Singh shared that Gill had also helped start the 'Apni Mandi' near the PAU rose garden in 1980s, which helped farmers sell their produce every week.