



**GARGI COLLEGE
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Chief Guest :

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Madam Chairman, Prof. Rohtagi, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure, Sir, to welcome you to the College on this important day. The pleasure is shared by the entire staff and students of the College.

Your association with the Delhi University has been distinguished and cover nearly three decades. We are happy that you have been entrusted with the heavy responsibility of the South Delhi Campus and the additional responsibility of looking after the Academic welfare of more than a dozen colleges situated in the South of Delhi.

In the short period since you took over this office you have given abundant evidence of your vision and your administrative skill, and all of us ardently hope that you will succeed in implementing a long wished plan of having a full fledged South Delhi Campus which will go a long way in not only solving problems of Administration but will contribute substantially to the growth of academic standards in the fast developing academic world of Delhi University.

It will not be out of place to sketch briefly your distinguished Academic career. You joined the University as a scholarship holder and completed your B.A (Hons.) in 1949 with distinction. In the next five years you took a double masters degree and a double law degree which very few students of the University can claim for themselves. You further distinguished yourself by acquiring a Doctorate In Law from the University of Cornell. Rejoining the Law Faculty in 1956 as Lecturer— you rose to be a Professor in less than five years which I dare say is an academic distinction which only a few can

claim. In 1971 you were appointed Dean of the Faculty of Law, one of the biggest Faculties, and I would add the most difficult to administer in the University. Your success as an administrator—the skill with which you managed the affairs for the faculty was rightly recognised when you were appointed Director of the South Delhi Campus last year. Besides that, you are a member of several Academic Councils of North Indian Universities namely Allahabad, Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh and various other academic bodies, besides being Chairman of several Colleges and Hostels of the University of Delhi.

All these administrative responsibilities have not interfered with your legal scholarship for your three massive publications namely Company Law, Company Law : Principles and Practice, Mercantile Law & Companies (Amendment) Act 1960 are recognised as standard works in their fields. That you have achieved so much both by way of academic scholarship and administrative experience at so young an age, should be an inspiration for the younger generation of teachers to emulate.

I have had the pleasure of knowing you personally now for over several years and can confidently say that your congenial personality, your soft spoken manners have contributed towards not only what you have achieved for yourself but also for the large measure of popularity that you enjoy among the teachers of Delhi University.

With these few words I have great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the College.

Named after the Vedic scholar Gargi who stands as a glorious symbol of Vedic womanhood, the College is one of the five started by the Delhi Administration in July 1967. It started functioning in a Boy's Higher Secondary School in Defence Colony and

shifted to the present school building in Lajpat Nagar on 1st October 1967. We had then 207 students on the rolls of the college and we offered the usual Pass Courses and the Pre-Medical Course in Science. On 15th August, 1975 we had 1186 students on the rolls of the College. The subjects now offered in B.A. (Pass) are English, Hindi, Political Science, History, Economics, Sanskrit, Philosophy, Psychology, Mathematics, Elective English, Elective Hindi and Commerce, which was sanctioned last year and has proved to be a very popular subject. We also offer now Honours in Hindi, Political Science, Sanskrit and History and have applied for Honours in Economics and English and M.A. in Hindi and Political Science. We have to lose some very good students as we have not yet been sanctioned Post Graduate Courses in any subject. 413 students were admitted to the B.A. (Pass) Course, 109 to B.Com. Pass and 319 to the B.A. (Hons.) Course.

In the field of Science we have made tremendous progress. We offer now B.Sc. (General) with Physics and B.Sc. (General) without Physics. We have been sanctioned Honours in Botany and Zoology with Physics in the 1st Year. We have applied for Zoology Hons. IInd year and B.Sc. (General) Group 'A'. In B.Sc. (General) Group 'B' with Physics we had 64 students, 119 in B.Sc. (Hons.) in Botany and Zoology and 162 in B.Sc. (General) Group 'B' without Physics. When we started the college in 1967 it was like starting from scratch. If you study the percentage of those who sought admission in the College in the first few years it remained between 40% and 45%. I must say to the credit of my staff that they were not despaired by the fact that they had to educate this section of the students community and turn out good results. Within a few years our percentage started going up which clearly indicated that our public image—as a public institution was steadily improving. We are attracting good students and now find it very difficult to cope with the demand for admission to the College.

Our sixth batch of students appeared in the final Degree Examination of the University of Delhi held in March/April 1975. Our results have been very encouraging. The B.A. (Pass) Percentage was 84.4%. In Hindi Hons. we secured 93%, in Sanskrit Hons. 77% with one 1st Division and in Political Science Hons. 90%. Miss Gurpreet Mahajan from B.A. (Hons.) Political Science secured 60% standing third in the University of Delhi. Results of the B.Com. (Pass) course which was introduced only last year, was 100%, Usha Rani secured 60.3% marks.

Our Science results have been still more encouraging. In Botany Hons. our result was 97.4%. In second year Botany Honours Sadhna Suri stood first in the University and in the first year Botany Honours. Miss Anju Pahwa secured second position in the University. The results of Zoology Hons. was 82%. B.Sc. (General) Group 'B' students pass percentage was 100%. Miss Saroj Dhar secured second position in the University in the final B.Sc. (General) Group 'B' Examination.

A large number of students from our college are pursuing studies in medical sciences admission to which is not easy. They have to go through a very tough competitive examination on all India basis and are, to be congratulated on their success in getting admission.

Recently the University of Delhi introduced an internal Assessment scheme whereby the assessment of each individual candidate has to be recorded after each term and the assessments thus recorded shall have a bearing on the final result of the candidate. I am glad to say that our College has successfully implemented the scheme in a methodical manner.

When the college opened in 1967, I had 16 lecturers in the teaching staff. With the increase in the number of students and

the subjects offered, it became necessary to appoint additional staff each year. The strength of the teaching staff at present is 81. Dr. (Mrs.) Vidya Sharma of the Department of Hindi obtained the Ph.D. Degree during the year under report.

Quite a few other members of faculty are actively engaged in Research. They have either completed or registered at the University of Delhi or at Jawaharlal Nehru University for their M. Litt or M Phil degrees.

In the Department of Hindi Mrs. Radha Agarwal, Mrs. Manju Dhawan and Mrs. Pushp Lata Kapoor and in the Department of History Miss Manjushree Prasad are working for their Doctoral Degrees at the University.

The science Faculty is more active. Most of the members have got their Ph. D. degrees and others have registered for it. In the Chemistry Department Miss S. Bhanumati, Miss Indu Tucker, Miss Rashmi Suri, Mrs. Manju Avinashi, Mrs. Prakash Dabas are registered and Mrs. C.K. Khurana should be submitting her thesis by the end of this academic year. In the Department of Zoology Mrs. V.B. Rastogi is also working for her research and Miss V. Jamuna has applied for registration.

Dr. A.R. Goswami of the Department of Sanskrit has made major contribution towards indological studies.

Miss A. Chatterjee from the Department of Economics is engaged in research on the subject of *Urbanization Population and Family Planning* and has contributed several papers and given lectures at several seminars and conferences.

Dr. (Mrs.) Lalita Sehgal of the Department of Botany and Dr. (Mrs.) Aruna Mohan of the Department of Zoology and Mrs. Renu

Sethi of the Deptt. of Political Science have been publishing papers to various well known journals in their respective fields.

Various members of the faculty have been participating in All India Conferences in their respective fields of discipline.

To commemorate the International Women's year the college initiated this year the publication of research monographs. The first Gargi College publication is "The impact of Family Size on the Family's Welfare" by Miss Attreyi Chatterjee of the Department of Economics. It is my ardent hope that members of other Departments will also be forthcoming with their research studies. We hope to get some financial help from the University Grants Commission for this project.

2993 volumes were added to the library during the year under review as against 2360 in 1974-75. Thus the total number of volumes in main collection of the library to date is 24252 of these 22009 in the main collection, 1166 in the Text book collection and 1077 in Book-Bank Collection. Out of this 421 books have been written off from the total collection.

We are receiving Rs. 15,000/- as Recurring Grant from the UGC. Besides we are collecting Rs. 30/- per annum as Library and Reading Room Fee. A non-Recurring Grant of Rs. 10,000/- was also received from the UGC to purchase books in Botany, Commerce and History. A special grant of Rs. 20,000/- was also received for the purchase of books for needy students. Thus the library had Rs. 80,000/- to be spent during the year under review.

Total expenditure during the year on books and journals was Rs. 65,000/- and Rs. 15,000/- on binding, equipment and other items of Library accessories.

As many as 85308 volumes were loaned out to borrowers as against 67352 in 1974-75. Besides, 1000 books were loaned out to

deserving candidates for whole term from Book Bank Collection. This excludes use of loose issues of periodicals, reference books, books kept in the Reading-Room and open stack of the Library. Some 49322 students visited the Library.

We have also extended timings of the Library for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to meet the increasing demand of students for the use of Library. Now the College Library functions from 8.00 A.M. to 5-30 P.M.

About 150 new volumes are processed every fortnight and put in the new arrival's rack on 15th and 30th of each month where they are kept for two weeks. Any of these new arrivals can be consulted during the normal working hours.

In order to help its members in selecting books for their personal use as well as class studies, the Library continues to provide bibliographical services to its patrons in the field of books. A copy of fortnightly list of new books added to the library collection is being sent regularly to the Staff Room and Common Room. Besides these lists are prominently displayed on the library Notice Board.

We are deeply grateful to USIS and American Study Research Centre, Hyderabad, who have donated books and periodicals to the library.

The college was allotted a new site in the year 1971. We had the foundation stone ceremony on the 1st March 1973. The College building was to be completed in two phases. It got stuck up as a result of extra-ordinary rise in the price of basic materials like steel, cement etc. in which we lost precious 18 months. With all the moral support that I could get from the Chairman, Treasurer, University authorities and University Grants Commission, we have been able to tide over what seemed to be a depressingly difficult period and we now hope that the science block whose progress had been stalled will be completed by the beginning of next academic session. We

do look forward to it with great eagerness for obvious reasons. I have no doubt that given a measure of goodwill, imaginative understanding and a kindly helping hand, from all those who are concerned, we shall have the Arts and the Administrative Blocks ready by 1977.

The student President will read out the Union Report which will give you some idea of our activities and achievements in all fields—Cultural, Sports, N. S. S. and N.C.C. I would like to highlight a few features. To implement, and to make the students understand the 20 point Economic Programme of the Prime Minister we organised a series of lectures by eminent Economists. To mention some, Prof. Raj Krishna spoke on the Food Crisis in India, Prof. Ashish Bose on Women in India—Facts and Fancies, Mrs. Prabha Roy on the "Role of women in India".

The College has also organised a Vocational Training Scheme and has started knitting, sewing and cutting classes. We invited Mr. M.C. Bhandari, Chairman of the National Youth Forum to deliver a lecture on "Career as an Enterpreneur". Our students took a very active part in the Anti Dowry Week organised by the Delhi Administration. Mr. Radha Raman, Chief Executive Councillor addressed the girls on the Anti Dowry Campaign. The students took a pladge to eradicate this ancient evil.

I do want to draw your attention to the fact that in the nine years of our existence there has been no occasion of student trouble and nothing that disturbed the administration of the University in one way or other had any kind of repercussion in this college. When I say this I am paying a tribute as sincere and genuine as I can, to the Students Union of this college and its office bearers—both past and present and to my dear colleagues who have stood by the College and have helped me to overcome the occa-

sional moments of difficulty that I experienced. The college has been able to lay the foundation of traditions and commands now the affection of its alumni whose letters which I received from time to time are full of affections and memories of the time they spent here.

I have to record my debt of gratitude to Mrs. Nirmala Malhotra Chairman of the Board, who has ever since she took over, been a friend and whose wise counsel has been a great help to me. The Treasurer Mrs. Prabhjot Kaur and all the members of the Governing Body whose interest in the college have been a great moral support to me.

To the students in general for maintaining the hard won traditions of the College, Last but not the least is the wonderful spirit of co-operation shown by the faculty members and the administrative staff and the karamcharies of the college, one and all who feel proud that they belong to Gargi College.

May I once again express my warm appreciation to you for accepting to grace this occasion. I will now ask the President of the Students Union to present the students Activity Report before I request you to give away the prizes.

(Mrs.) Indira Thakurdas

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