



*GARGI COLLEGE
ANNUAL REPORT
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Chief Guest : Shri Kedar Nath Sahani

Chief Executive Councillor

College Day, Wednesday, March 1, 1978

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Sahani, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the students and staff of the college, it gives me great pleasure to welcome the Chief Executive Councillor to this Eleventh Annual Day of the College. We wish to assure you of our gratitude for finding some time from your overcrowded schedule and for having so graciously accepted our invitation to be the Chief Guest.

Mr. Sahani has been for the last two decades a well known figure in the public life of Delhi. After graduation, he actively participated in the freedom movement and has, over the years, rendered valuable service in the capacities of an Alderman, Deputy Mayor, Chairman of the Standing Committee and Mayor in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

The spirit which as a young man plunged him into the Nationalist Movement took him abroad during the recent emergency to counter-act the official propoganda about the hypothetical gains of the period. He was returned to the Metropolitan Council during last year's general elections and was elected the Chief Executive Councillor. It is a privilege, Sir, to have you with us today.

I have great pleasure in presenting the annual academic report of the college.

The college is one of the five started by the Delhi Administration in July, 1967. It was named after Gargi, the Vedic Scholar.

In 1967 we started with 207 students on the rolls of the college and we offered B.A. (Pass) and the Pre-Medical Course in Science. On 15th August, 1977 we had 1468 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 has proved to be a very popular subject. We also offer Honours in Hindi, Political Science,

Sanskrit, History and English. We have applied for Honours in Economics and Psychology and M.A. in Hindi, Political Science and History. So far we have not been sanctioned post-graduate courses, in any subject; as a result our good students have to seek admission in other colleges. 160 students were admitted to B.A. (Pass) Course this year, 130 to B. Com (Pass) Course and 164 to B.A. (Hons.) Courses.

In the field of Science we have made tremendous progress. We now offer B.Sc. (General) Group 'B' with Physics and B.Sc. (General) without Physics, Honours in Botany and Zoology with Physics in the First Year, and Zoology Hons. IInd Year. We have also applied for B.Sc. (General) Group 'A'. In B.Sc. (General) Group 'B' with Physics we have 62 students. In B.Sc. (Hons.) Botany and Zoology we have 149 students and in B.Sc. (General) Group 'B' without Physics there are 125 students. Our percentage for admission is steadily going up which clearly indicates that our public image as an educational institution is rapidly improving. We are attracting good students and find it very difficult to cope with the demand for admission to the College.

Our eighth batch of students appeared in the final Degree Examination of the University of Delhi held in March/April 1977 and September/October 1977 respectively. Our results have been very encouraging. The B.A. (Pass) Course percentage was 98.8. In Sanskrit (Hons.) the result was 100% with three first divisions; in Hindi (Hons.), Political Science (Hons.), and History (Hons.), our results were again 100%. The results for B. Com (Pass) Course was also 100%.

Our Science results have been still more encouraging. The pass percentage of B.Sc. (General) was 95.3. In the final year Botany Hons., our results were cent percent with 7 first divisions. The result of the second year Botany (Hons.) was again 97.25% with 8 first divisions. Amita Saxena of the First Year Botany (Hons.) stood third in the University securing 71% marks. The result of B.Sc. (Hons.) in Zoology was 97.25% with 18 first divisions. Miss Mamta Kumdra of First Year Zoology (Hons.) stood 9th in the University securing 70.7% marks. In B.Sc. (General) Group 'B' with Physics, the results were again 100% with 25 First Divisions. Miss Sunita Jain of B.Sc. (General) 1st Year stood

7th in the University securing 71% marks. About 30 students from this college have been admitted into various medical colleges during 1976-77 on the basis of very tough and open all-India Competitions. Today we can be proud of the fact that nearly in all the hospitals in Delhi there is at least one doctor who was once a student of Gargi College. We are equally proud of many of our former students who have distinguished themselves both academically and professionally after leaving us.

The Internal Assessment Scheme recently introduced by the University of Delhi, which has a bearing on the final result of a candidate, has been implemented successfully by the college.

When the college opened in 1967 we 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 87.

Quite a few members of the faculty are actively engaged in Research. They have either completed or are registered at the University of Delhi or Jawahar Lal Nehru University for their doctoral or M. Phil Degrees. Others are engaged in making valuable contributions to well-known Academic Journals or have submitted research papers at All India Conferences in their respective fields of discipline. The names of those engaged in creative work are listed below.

Mrs. Radha Aggarwal has been awarded the Degree of Ph. D by the University of Delhi.

Mrs. Jogesh Chadha of the English Department is engaged in research on the hero in Modern American Drama.

Mrs. Renu Maira of the Department of History is doing M. Phil in American Studies from the Jawaharlal Nehru University.

In the Department of Hindi, Mrs. Manju Dhawan and Mrs. Pushp Lata Kapoor; in the Department of History, Miss Ishrat Sultana, Miss Vijaya Ramaswamy and Miss Manjushree Prasad; and Mrs. Renu Sethi in

the Department of Political Science 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 Indu Tucker, and Mrs. Prakash Dabas are registered for Ph.D.

Mrs. C.K. Khurana, Mrs. Manju Avinashi and Miss S. Bhanumati, all Lecturers in the Department of Chemistry have been awarded Teacher Fellowship and are now actively engaged in research leading to Ph. D. degrees.

Mrs. C.K. Khurana and Mrs. V.B. Rastogi of the Department of Zoology have already submitted their theses.

Dr. (Miss) S. Mahapatra has contributed 300 original literary notes for incorporation in the "Bhartiya Sahitya Kosh" being produced by the Delhi University and published by National Publishing House.

Mrs. V. B. Rastogi has written a book on Zoology in Hindi which was selected by the UGC for National award last year. She has also been nominated by the NCERT as a member for their text book evaluation Committee for different states.

Dr. (Mrs.) Aruna Mohan of the Department of Zoology was given UGC Research Grant for conducting Post doctoral research work in the college. She published a research paper which was accepted for presentation at the Indian Science Congress held at Ahmedabad. She has also participated in various science programmes of the All India Radio and Doordarshan.

Dr. A.R. Goswami of the Department of Sanskrit has made major contribution towards Indological Studies.

Dr. (Mrs.) Lalita Sehgal of the Department of Botany and Dr. (Mrs.) Aruna Mohan of the Department of Zoology; Dr. (Miss) S. Mahapatra of Hindi Department; Mrs. Renu Sethi of the Department of

Political Science; Mrs. Kamlesh Malhotra of the Department of Psychology and Miss Savita Mohan of the Department of Physics have been publishing papers in various well known journals in their respective fields.

Mrs. Kamlesh Malhotra participated in the ICSR Discipline Specific Advanced Research Methodology Course on Psychological Problems in Learning and Development in Socially Disadvantaged Groups.

Shri V.S. Malik of the Department of Commerce co-ordinated the marketing and credit survey of small industries. The findings of the Survey and suggestions made therein were accepted for consideration by the Industries and Finance Ministries.

We have a spacious Library with an area of about 7000 sq. ft. located on the Ground, First and Second floors of the Library Block. It has a separate Reserve Section, a Periodical Section and reading space for 150 students. A separate reading space for teachers has also been provided.

2045 volumes were added to the Library during the year under review. Thus the total number of volumes in the main collection of the Library as it stood on 1.1.78 was 27,675 (14,188 in the main collection, 1166 in the text book collection, and 1586 in the Book Bank Collection. Out of these 495 books have been written off from the total collection).

We received Rs. 15,000/- as Recurring Grant from the U.G.C. Besides, we collect Rs. 40/- per annum as Library and Reading Room fee. A non recurring grant of Rs. 5,000/- was also received from the U.G.C. for the purchase of books in English. A special grant of Rs. 14,000/- was received for the purchase of books for improvement of instructional facilities. Thus the Library had Rs. 91,605/- to be spent during the year.

The total expenditure during the year on books and journals was Rs. 68,010/-. Another sum of Rs. 23,595/- was spent on binding, equipment and other items of Library accessories.

As many as 94,875 volumes were loaned out to borrowers as against 93,433 in 1976-77. Besides, 1,300 books were loaned out to deserving

candidates for the whole term from the Book Bank Collection. This excludes use of loose issues of periodicals, reference books, reserve section books, and books kept in the reading room and open stacks of the Library. Some 61704 members visited the Library during the year.

About 200 new volumes are processed every fortnight and arranged in the New Arrivals' rack on the 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. A copy of the fortnightly list of new books added to the Library Collection is sent to the Staff Room and the Students' Common Room. Besides, these lists are prominently displayed on the Library Notice Board.

The Governing Body was reconstituted in September, 1977. Shri Kuldip Nayar was unanimously elected as Chairman and Shri Inder Mohan Sehgal as Treasurer. The Governing Body consists of the following members :-

Shri Kuldip Nayar (Chairman), Shri Inder Mohan Sehgal (Treasurer), Mrs. Archana Kumar, Mrs. Kailash Rekhi, Shri Jittender Kapoor, Smt. Shiela Devi Ghatate, Shri Om Prakash Shastri, Shri S.K. Aggarwal, Shri Swarup Chand Rajan and Shri S. N. Tiwari (Representatives of Delhi Administration), Prof. K. N. Saxena and Dr. Yudhishter (University Representatives), Dr. (Mrs.) Radha Aggarwal, Miss S. Vijay Lakshmi and Mrs. Nalini Mathur (Staff Representatives). This year was significant as the Governing Body decided to invite the President of the Student's Union to attend its meetings. This year, therefore, Miss Arti Laroia has been attending the meetings of the Governing Body.

The college was originally lodged in a school building at Lajpat Nagar. The Foundation Stone of this building at Siri Fort Road was laid on March 1, 1973 by Field Marshal Manekshaw. Since then 1 March has been observed as the Annual College Day. Due to circumstances

beyond our control the building programme was stalled for a while. The Science Faculty moved into the present site in July, 1976. Since the Delhi Administration was in need of the school building, we shifted the entire college at the beginning of the Academic session 1977-78 though the building was far from complete. It is still not complete. We have been facing innumerable problems and the problems will continue till the building is completed. We are very fortunate in having as our Chairman a writer of international repute, Mr. Kuldip Nayar. I am sure with his help and that of the Treasurer, Mr. Inder Mohan Sehgal and the other members of the Governing Body, the money which is the main obstacle will be released by the Delhi Administration and the University Grants Commission, and the building will be fully completed by the next academic session. The Chief Executive Councillor can judge for himself the progress the college has made during the short span of eleven years. I think I can say with some pride that once completed, the building will perhaps be one of the most attractive in the South Campus and an academic institution of which the Delhi Administration can well be proud.

Under the Presidentship of Miss Arti Laroia, the College Students' Union has been working smoothly. She will present the Students activities report. Briefly, Inter-class competitions have been held as usual. We have also participated in Inter-College Competitions and won some laurels. The first year participants are to be congratulated as they have to compete with seasoned debators and actors. I am sure they have a very brilliant future before them. SMRITI 1978, our week of cultural activities, was a great success and definitely helped to raise the image of the college. The organisers, both staff and students, are to be congratulated. The participants from other colleges as well as the judges greatly appreciated and praised the efforts made by the college in promoting cultural activities.

I would like to record my appreciation to all the Staff Advisers and students, specially to the members of the Students' Union, for their co-operation and help in the various programmes. The laurels and public appreciation which we have received would not have been possible without the enthusiasm of all concerned.

I take this opportunity of expressing my deep gratitude to all my colleagues, both Academic and Non-Academic, as well as the students of the college for the full co-operation which they have always given me. We have worked together as a family, sharing and trying to solve each other's problems. I hope and pray that this feeling of kinship along with the traditions which we have established will continue in the years to come.

Once again, I thank the Chief Executive Councillor and the guests who have graced this occasion by their presence. I will now ask Arti Laroia, to present the Student's Activity Report.

Mrs. I. Thakurdas
PRINCIPAL

