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Gargi College  
Annual Report  
1981-82



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Friday, 5th March 1982  
Chief Guest : **Dr. Amrik Singh**

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*Mr. Chairman, Hon'ble Chief Guest, Ladies & Gentlemen,*

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all on this occasion, the XVth anniversary of Gargi College. No doubt, fifteen years are but a short span in the history of an educational institution. But the steady progress made by Gargi College during this short period extends a strong hope of it becoming, in course of time, a leading Women's college of Delhi University. The college was established by the Delhi Administration in 1967 and was named after Gargi, an enlightened woman of remote antiquity. Gargi figures in the *Brihad-Aranyaka Upanishad* as one who had posed the most penetrating and challenging questions before the great sage Yajnyavalkya. The knowledge imparted by the master was questioned by Gargi at each step, leading him on to explain himself further each time. The questioning by Gargi never stopped; it was the master who, at one stage, ceased to offer the answers. In the aforesaid Upanishad, Gargi seems to represent the spirit of inquiry juxtaposed to faith, and the intellectual potentiality of man, which continues to manifest itself at every stage of the advancement of knowledge. If we must remember Gargi on this day for the sake of the name we carry, it is not her name so much, but the spirit she represented which needs commemoration. We must aim at creating and keeping that spirit alive in the college. And that spirit can prevail only in an atmosphere in which the student has the courage to question, and the teacher has the humility to acknowledge the limits of the knowledge acquired.

Please may I now present the Annual Report for the year 1981-82.

The College has 1384 students on its rolls at present; 489 in B.A. (pass); 337 in B.Com. (Pass); 226 in B.Sc. (General); 146 in B.A. (Honours); and 186 in B.Sc. (Honours). The total number of admission made this year

were 573 :- 193 in B.A. (Pass); 157 in B.Com. (Pass); 88 in B.Sc.(General) 56 in B.A. (Honours) and 79 in B.Sc. (Honours).

The performance of our students in the final year examinations has been as good as last year. In some of the courses, the results have shown a noticeable improvement also : Zoology (Hons.) 100%; English (Hons.) 100%; Political Science (Hons.) 100%; B.Sc. (General) 100%; B.A. (Pass) 100%; Hindi (Hons.) 93.33% and B.Com. (Pass) 93.1%. The results of the Honours courses in Botany, History and Sanskrit are not listed here since there had been no admissions to these courses in 1979 on account of the change over to the + 2 School System.

The number of First Divisions obtained by the examinees (all classes) were as follows :- 15 in Zoology (Hons.); 27 in Botany (Hons.); 31 in B.Sc. (General); 3 in B.A. (Hons.) and 1 in B.Com. (Pass). Some of the positions secured by our students in the University deserve special mention. Miss I. Vasanthi secured the 1st position in the University in the First year examination of B. Com. (Pass). Miss Bandana Khanna stood 2nd in 2nd Year B. Com. (Pass). In B.Sc. (General) Group 'A', Miss Anju Duneja and Miss Manju Duneja secured the 2nd and 3rd positions. Miss Rewa Sharma of Hindi Honours (II Year) was placed 5th. In the Final year examinations, Miss Sandhya Singh stood 3rd in Hindi Honours, and Miss Saswati Sengupta, 6th in English Honours. In B.Sc. (General) Group 'B' Miss Sanjan Maan ranked 6th in the University.

The number of permanent Lecturers on the staff remains the same as last year i.e. 86. 18 Lecturers were appointed from time to time during 1981-82 against different kinds of leave vacancies. Namely, Miss Veena Sharma, Miss Nira Mira Gupta, Mrs. Neela Bhalla, Mrs. Madhavi Bhalla, Miss Mridula Kapoor and Miss Nishi Bir (Deptt. of English); Mrs. Usha Sukul, Miss Nayanjot Kaur Bassi and Mrs. Neelam Gupta Deptt. of History); Mrs. Sneh Chawla (Deptt. of Mathematics), Dr. (Miss) Veena Kapoor (Deptt. of Physics), Miss Priyamavada Thakur (Deptt. of Commerce), Miss Anil Kumari Jhingan and Mrs. Rafia M. Rizvi (Deptt. of Chemistry), Dr. (Mrs.) Shama Bhatt, Mrs. Mridula Rajbanshi and Mrs. Nira Aeron (Deptt. of Zoology) and Dr. (Mrs.) Manju Mathur (Deptt. of Botany). Besides the above appointments made against leave vacancies,

one full time and four part-time teachers were also appointed (on temporary basis) to meet the increased work load of some departments :- Mrs. Vijaya Verma in Chemistry (full time); Miss Vibha Gupta in Commerce (part-time); Dr. (Mrs.) Savita Mohan Dutta in Physics (part-time); Dr. (Mrs.) Aradhana Salapekar in Botany (Part-time) and Dr. (Mrs.) Usha Ashtana in Mathematics (Part-time).

The following members of the faculty are on study leave at present, working towards Ph.D. degrees on the topics mentioned against their names :-

1. Mrs. Kiran Whig  
(Department of English) —Anias Nin.
2. Mrs. Manju Dhawan  
(Department of Hindi) —Bhakti Kaleen Sufi  
Kavya Mein Barahamassa  
Varnana.
3. Mrs. Kanchan Manaktola  
(Department of Mathematics) —Multiplicative ideals theory of  
Commutative Rings. (Working at  
Kyoto University in Japan).
4. Sh. R. K. Jain  
(Department of commerce) —A critical study of Agricultural  
financing by State Bank of India  
with special reference to Delhi  
circle.
5. Mrs. A. Majumdar  
(Department of Economics) —Structural change and Economic  
Development with special  
reference to India.
6. Mrs. Yogesh Chadha  
(Department of English) —Concept of the Hero in  
American Drama ( for Ph. D. )  
( Receptient of the U. G. C.  
Short Term fellowship).

Those on extraordinary leave, but engaged in academic work are, Dr. (Miss) S. Bhanumati (Deptt. of Chemistry), and Dr. (Mrs.) Aruna Mohan (Deptt. of Zoology), Dr. Bhanumati is presently doing post-doctoral work at the Technion Institute, Haifa, Israel. She received the Lady Davis-Post doctoral fellowship from that institute to pursue her research there. Dr. Mohan is at present attached to the Department of Physiology in the Medical School of the university of Calabar, Nigeria.

Two of our teachers were awarded Ph.D. degrees during 1981-82. They are Mrs. Renu Sethi (Department of Political Science) and Miss Vijaya Ramaswamy (Department of History). The doctoral thesis of Mrs. Renu Sethi was on "The Women in Lok Sabha", and that of Miss Vijaya Ramaswamy, on "The Weaver Communities in Medieval South India." Mrs. Vidyawati Das Arora (Department of English) has qualified for the award of M. Phil degree. Mrs. Renu Maira (Department of History) and Mrs. Amrit Pritam (Department of Zoology) have submitted their doctoral thesis and are awaiting their results. Mrs. Maira had worked on the "Black Muslims in America"; and Mrs. Pritam, on the "Changes in Hypothelamic LHRM of the Swiss-Albino Mouse".

I am happy to report on the following publications by members of the Faculty :-

Dr. (Mrs.) Chandra Prabha of the Department of Sanskrit published a critical edition of the *Sundara-Kanda* (15 to 25 cantos) of Valmiki Ramayan (Oct'81). Dr. (Miss) Asha Goswami of the same department participated in the fifth International Conference of the Association of Sanskrit Studies at Varanasi and presented a paper there on the Krishna theme. Dr. Goswami has also contributed a paper for presentation at the First International Symposium on the Sanskrit Language, held in Mexico in February'82. The title of the paper was "The Ailments of the Modern Society and their Cure Prescribed in Srimad Bhagavad Gita". Dr. Goswami has also undertaken a post-doctoral research project (sponsored by U. G. C.) to work on "A Critical and Comparative Study of Krishna Legends in the Puranas and Non-Brahmanical Sources" Dr. (Miss) Indu Tucker of the Deptt. of Chemistry presented a

paper on the "Chromium Tin Complexes" at a meeting of The Electrochemical Society of U.S.A. in September '81. She also published a paper on that subject in the Journal of Organometallic Chemistry (Sept. '81).

Dealing with the academic activities, I must mention here the Inter-College Seminar held in the college (25th February, 1982) on the "Noval Form" by the Department of English. Six papers of very high quality were presented at this Seminar by some eminent teachers of Delhi University. This was the first time that such a Seminar was organized by Gargi College. May I congratulate the English Department for taking the lead in this, and Mrs. Ira Bhaskar in particular, for taking the initiative. Hope the Inter-college Seminar held this year will generate greater activity of this kind in future.

Reporting on the college Library, I may state 1110 volumes were added to it during the year 1981-82 bringing the total number of our collection to 33609. (30857 in the main collection; 1166 in the text book collection and 1586 in the book bank collection). As many as 8,16,766 volumes were loaned out to students in the current years as against 1,02,269 in the year-'80-81. The figure of readers' visits recorded this year stands at 78,789, as against 65,727 of last year. About 125 new volumes were processed every fortnight and the fortnightly lists were regularly displayed on the Notice Boards of the Library and the Staff Room.

The co-curricular (sports, N.C.C. N.S.S.) and extra-curricular activities were carried out quite successfully throughout the year.

The Gargi Inter College Sports Festival was held for four days in the month of November (12th-16th). Twelve women's colleges participated in the festival in which a number of matches were held in Hockey, Table-tennis, Kho-Kho, Volley-Ball and Judo. Gargi College was declared the winner in Table Tennis and as the runner up in Judo. We have been the first and only college to organize such a festival at the colleg level on that scale. It was first held in 1979. Now that it has been held successively for three years, and considering it has had good response



from other colleges each time, we trust it will eventually acquire the nature of a significant annual sports event in Delhi University.

Like last year, some of our students were selected during '81-82 also, to play for Delhi in the Inter-State events. In the VIIIth National Sports Festival for Women held at Hyderabad, Chandra Kala (II Year) and Renu of our college represented Delhi in Table Tennis and Kho-Kho. Dipika Singh and Ramnika Suri were selected to represent Delhi in the Senior and Junior National Championship Tournaments in volley Ball held at Tatanagar and Kanpur. Renu Srivastva, Urmil, Seema Mehiratta and Madhu Kanaujia were selected to play for the National Kho-Kho Championship at Kolhapur. Indu Verma represented Delhi University in hockey in the Inter-University Meet at Ranchi. Our performance in the Inter College Competitions of Delhi University ('81-'82), however, leaves much to be desired. Although our Judo Team secured the 2nd position in the University, we could reach only the semi-finals in some others.

The efforts made this year to add a new dimension to the Physical Education programme in the college deserves special mention. Regular Yoga classes were held throughout the 2nd term, and a trained Yoga teacher was appointed for that purpose. The students response was also good. Let us hope we succeed in regularising this activity on a more sound footing in the coming years, extending it to all students interested in it irrespective of the fact whether they have opted for sports or not.

Talking of sports and physical education, may I add here that we are trying for the selection of the sports field of Gargi College to serve as one of the practising grounds for the Asian Games. Located as we are, so close to the Asiad Village, we stand a good chance. If selected, we can look forward to some major improvements in our sports grounds.

During the year under review, there has been a sizeable increase in the enrolment of N.C.C. Cadets. 320 students enrolled themselves as N.C.C. cadets as compared to 249 of last year. 41 cadets of the college attended the Annual Training Camp held near Nainital, last summer. Some

of our cadets secured the first positions in a number of events at the said camp. Manju Tiwari stood first in the cross country race; and Alka Sethi, in the Quiz competition. Preeti Anand and Alka Sethi shared the first position in the shooting competition. The Boat Pulling Regetta team of Gargi College, stood first in the Boat Pulling Competition held at Okhla on the Republic Day. The students who constituted the team are Sunita Sharma, Shashi Kala, Mini Mallick, Reena Dogra, Manju Dhingra and Lalita Goel. 15 members of our N.C.C. unit attended the Inter-unit pre-Republic Day competitions held in Delhi. Girija of Gargi College stood first in the First Aid and Home Nursing competition. Neelam and Hema, bracketed together, secured the first position in the cross Country race.

215 students enrolled themselves for the National Service Scheme for the year 1981-82. The N.S.S. Unit of Gargi College worked in close collaboration with the students and doctors of The All India Institute of Medical Sciences in the commonly adopted areas of Dakshin Puri, Masjid Moth and Gautam Nagar. The work involved medical welfare and the surveys connected with family planning. Survey work related to the handicapped was also undertaken by our N.S.S. volunteers in conjunction with the Delhi School of Social Work in the slum areas adopted for this purpose. A team from the N.S.S. Unit of Gargi College attended a special orientation programme held at the Medical Institute in October. The concentration of the programme was on problems connected with environmental pollution, deficient nutrition, and some common diseases. Apart from these special programmes, our N.S.S. volunteers continued with their regular activities of helping the Blind Relief Association and the Nehru Homeopathic Hospital. The Gargi Store, which is run by the needy students of the college under the auspices of the N.S.S., functioned throughout the year as before.

I leave the task of giving a full account of the extra-curricular activities to the President of the Students Union. However, I shall touch upon a few major events of the year.

An Inter-College Cultural festival was held between the 4th and 7th November, 1981. It proved a great success, particularly the Fine

Arts Exhibition and Competitions organized at that time. One of the highlights of the festival was the Oddissi dance performance by the eminent artist of all India fame, Miss Madhavi Mudgal.

In the sphere of Dramatics, the major event of the year was the Theatre Workshop conducted in the college (Nov.-Dec.) with the financial help from the Sahitya Kala Parishad. The Workshop involved a series of lectures on the history of Drama, and the training of the participants in theatrics through the related exercises and audio-visual aids. The objective of the workshop was to train and prepare an entire crew of novices, for a full fledged production. Twenty six students of the college attended this workshop. It finally culminated in our staging a Hindi Play, the *Kaag Panth* (based on a story written by Vijay Daan Detha) for the public on December 21st and 22nd. The play was uniformly acclaimed by the Drama Critics in the columns of various newspapers. Dr. (Mrs.) S. Luthra needs to be congratulated for having taken the initiative with respect to the Theatre Workshop and the staging of the *Kaag-Panth*. A large band of teachers gave their time and active assistance to Mrs. Luthra. The efforts put in by each one of them deserves appreciation.

Many of our students participated in various Inter-College Competitions during 1981-82. The names of those who did very well in some of these competitions are stated here.

Jyoti Dahia won the 1st prize in Creative Writing at the competition held at Lady Irwin College. K. Usha got the first prize in "On the Spot" Oil Painting Exhibition held at Sri Venkateshwara College. Rashmi Bhakuni bagged the first prize in the Fine Arts Competition held at the All India Medical Institute. She was also awarded the 2nd prize in a similar competition held at Maulana Azad Medical College, and also the 3rd, at the I.I.T.. Sandhya Gupta got the 3rd prize in the Fine Arts Competition held at the Medical Institute. Jyoti Dahia had won the 3rd prize in the Painting Competition at Miranda House.

Meera Gupta received the first prize in Flower Arrangement Competition held at Miranda House. Jyoti, Reena Aggarwal, Mala Kapoor

and Maheshwata Das Munshi secured the 2nd prize in the same competition. The Gargi College Team (Arati Karmarkar, Sushma Kaul, Anasuya Banerjee) got the 2nd prize in the Botany Guessing Competition at Hans Raj College. Anasuya Banerjee of this team was also awarded a special prize for the "Best Illustration". In the guessing Game held at the I.I.T., Arati Karmarkar got the 1st prize, and Sushma Kaul and Anasuya, the 3rd.

In the Inter-College Herbarium Competition held at S.G.T.B. Khalsa College, Sushma Kaul and Anasuya Banerjee were awarded the first prize. In the Delhi University Flower Show, our students got the 1st prize, (the Flower Show Committee Cup) in Rangoli. The name of the students who formed the team which got us the first prize in Rangoli are : Sushma Kaul, Sangeeta Mehdiratta, Neera Uppal, Anasuya Banerjee and Arati Karmarkar. The first prize for Flower Arrangement went to Vijaylaxmi.

I have great pleasure in reporting the progressive improvement made throughout the year in so far as the physical lay out of the campus is concerned. Major part of our grounds have been cleared, and have a levelled look now. Much work has been done in the past one year on the Japanese style garden planned for one side of the college. The irregular shapes and placing of the flower beds, lawns, mounds, and pathways in the garden have been planned to produce a mosaic effect which should go well with the modern architecture of the college buildings. The garden is yet to take full shape, but we can legitimately hope to see the total effect by the end of next year. The efforts put in by the Garden in charge, Dr. (Mrs.) K. Walia and the members of the Garden Committee deserve recognition.

Generally speaking, the year 1981-82' has been far from normal. It could not be otherwise considering the unsettled conditions that prevailed in the University life throughout the year in one form or another. The frequent disruptions in work and discipline were bound to take their toll. Many of us are left with a feeling, we are just trying to keep alive a system which is fast losing its vitality. The struggle to regenerate it, however, must go on.

May I take this opportunity to thank both the academic and non-academic staff for the assistance rendered by them. I feel deeply grateful to all such members of the Faculty who have devoted much of their time to the extra-curricular activities of the college with a sense of responsibility and dedication. I also wish to congratulate the President and Secretary of the Students' Union, Miss. Rashmi Bhakuni and Miss Arati Karmarkar, for steering the students' activities well. My thanks are also due to Mrs. Monica Dass for having coordinated all extra-curricular activities of the college throughout the year.

Lastly, I wish to record my sincere thanks to the Chairman and the members of the Governing Body of Gargi College for their valuable guidance and assistance.

Dr. (Miss) Krishna Sharma  
*Principal*

