



Gargi College
Annual Report
1983-1984

Gargi College Annual Day

Thursday, 1st March 1984

Chief Guest : Lt. Governor Shri Jagmohan

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all on the XVIIth anniversary of Gargi College. named after the ancient woman scholar Gargi who figures in the *Brihadaranyaka Upanishad*. The college was instituted by the Delhi Administration in 1967. It functioned in a school building at Lajpat Nagar for nine years before it shifted to its present premises in 1976. The college offers courses in both Arts and Science and has made steady progress during the past seventeen years of its existence.

The total number of admissions made this year were 518:- 134 in B.A. (Pass); 89 in B.Com. (Pass); 111 in B.Sc. (General); 105 in B.A. (Honours). and 79 in B. Sc. (Honours) The college now has 1552 students on its rolls: 486 in B.A. (Pass); 351 in B.Com. (Pass); 261 in B.Sc. (General); 253 in B.A. (Honours) and 201 in B.Sc. (Honours).

The performance of our students in the Final year examinations has been quite satisfactory. In some of the courses, the results have shown a noticeable improvement: Botany (Hons.) 100%; Zoology (Hons.) 100%; B.Sc. (Gen) 100%; History (Hons.) 100%; English (Hons.) 100%; Sanskrit (Hons.) 94%; Political Science (Hons) 94%; Hindi (Hons.) 79%; B.Com. (Pass) 88% and B.A. (Pass) 82%. The number of Ist Divisions obtained by our students (all classes) in 1983 Examinations were as follows 19 in Zoology (Hons.); 31 in Botany (Hons.); 51 in B.Sc. (Gen.); 8 in B.A. (Hons.) and 2 in B.A. (Pass).

The positions secured by our students in the University Examinations which deserve special mention are as follows B.Sc. (Gen.) Part III—Anju Dureja 5th and Manju Dureja 7th, B.Sc. (Gen.) Part II—P.V. Leela 2nd; B.Sc. (Gen.) Part I—Suman Bajaj 6th; Botany (Hons) Part III—Jyoti Gulati 9th; Botany (Hons.) Part II—Sabina Lal 10th and K. Sudha Srinivasan 11th; Botany (Hons.) Part I—Priyadarshani Seth 13th; Zoology (Hons.) Part I—Vani T. Kurup 8th; [Sanskrit] (Hons.) Part II—Manju Kathuria 3rd.

The number of permanent Lecturers on the staff now is 91. Seven permanent Lecturers were appointed during the year 1983-84. Namely, Dr. (Miss) Sushmita Mukherjee and Dr. (Miss) Anil Kumari Jingan (Deptt. of Chemistry); Dr. (Miss) Shashi Bala Bhare (Deptt. of Botany); Miss Geeta Kaul & Miss Manju Mehta (Deptt. of Commerce); Mrs. Promila Kumar (Deptt. of Mathematics) and Dr. (Mrs.) Uma Jain (Deptt. of Physics). Besides these, 4 Part-time Lecturers were appointed on the basis of the increased workload in the different Departments. (Miss Kum Kum Roy and Miss Pragati Mahapatra (Deptt. of History); Mrs Asha B. Thackar (Deptt. of English); and Mrs. Geeta Mathur (Deptt. of Botany). In addition to these, 21 Lecturers were appointed from time to time, against different kinds of leave vacancies.

I am happy to announce, three of our Teacher were awarded Ph. D. degrees during the year under review. Namely, Dr. (Mrs.) Amrit Pritam (Deptt. of Zoology), Dr. (Mrs.) Kamlesh Malhotra (Deptt. of Psychology) and Mrs. Gita Mathur (Deptt. of Botany.) Mrs. Pritam had worked on the changes in Swiss Albini mouse during the onset of puberty and ageing. Mrs. Malhotra's thesis was on "The Internal Representations in Reasoning in Children". The title of Mrs. Mathur's thesis was "Flower colour changes and Pollination in Lankera Camera".

At present the following members of the faculty are on Study leave working towards their Ph. D. degrees on the topics mentioned against their names :-

Mrs. Kiran Whig. : "Anias Nin."
(Deptt. of English)

Mrs. Meenakshi Bakshi (nee Jain) : The Congress Party : 1967-1977.
(Deptt. of History)

Mrs Ishrat Haque : "Society and Polity as reflected in
(Deptt. of History) the Urdu poetry of the second
half of the 18th Century with
special reference to Sauda and
Mir".

Mrs. Asha Juneja : "Reproductive Bilogy of Potato".
(Deptt. of Botany)

Dr. (Mrs) Asha Goswami is also on Study-leave and is doing post-doctoral research on the "Kirshna Legends in the Puranas & the non-Brahmanical sources".

The Teachers on Extraordinary leave, but engaged in academic work are, Mrs. Ranjit Bhalla (Deptt. of Pol. Science) Dr. (Mrs.) Aruna Mohan (Deptt. of Zoology) and Dr. (Mrs.) Karvita Walia (Deptt. of Botany). Mrs. Ranjit Bhalla is working on her doctoral thesis Dr. Mohan is presently attached to the Department of Physiology in the Medical School of the University of Calabar, Nigeria. Dr. Walia is engaged in a research project on the "Early Detection of Cancer" at the Department of Biophysics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

I may also state that Dr. A. Goswami's book on the "Krishna Legends" is awaiting an early release. Talking of publications, Dr. (Miss) Sanjukta Banerji (History Deptt.) contributed two articles to the "Indian Journal of American Studies", one on Martin Luther King and the other on the Ideological Perspective and Strategies in the Black Protest Movement in America" Dr. Banerji also presented research papers at the All India Seminars held at Udaipur, Bombay and Hyderabad, on "Ethenicity in America" and the "Black American Protest Literature" etc. Dr. (Mrs.) Geeta Mathur (Botany Deptt.) presented a paper at Madras on Plant - Insect Interactions in Pollination" at the Scientific Symposium organized by The Indian Science Academy. May I also add here that two of our teachers received Fellowships during the year 83-84, Mrs. Prakash Dabas (Chemistry Deptt.) was awarded a Teacher Fellowship by the U.G.C. Dr. (Miss.) Anil Kumari Jhingan, also of the Chemistry Department, was awarded the Government National Scholarship by the Ministry of Education for doing post-doctoral research in the field of Genetics at the University of California.

The extra-curricular activities were carried on with much involvement throughout the year under the careful guidance and supervision of Mrs. Amrita Singh and Dr. (Miss) Sanjukta Banerji. Details of these will be presented shortly by the President of the Students Union in her report. However, the major event of the year was the staging of the Ballet based on Kalidasa's "Meghadoot" in the Odissi dance form. This ballet was the outcome of the Dance and Music Workshop organized under the direct guidance of Shri. Mayadhar Raut, one of the most eminent exponents of the Odissi style in the country. The public performance of the "Meghadoot" was a great success, acclaimed by the audience and the Press alike. The credit for this goes to the students of course, who attended the Dance and Music Workshop. Many of them had had no earlier training in dancing, and yet they did their best to give a mature performance. Nevertheless, the success

of the Ballet was largely due to the initiative taken by Mrs. Monica Dass and Dr. Sanjukta Banerji. Their constant involvement was matched by the active assistance and support rendered by many other members of the Faculty. The names of Mrs. M. Chatterjee and Mrs. Kum Kum Srivastava deserve special mention in this connection.

On the Sports front, our students did quite well in Judo, Kho-Kho, Volley Ball, Table Tennis and Badminton. In Judo, Mamta Jain secured a Gold medal in the Delhi State Judo Competition and a silver medal in the St. Stephen's College Judo Tournament, Sujata Kakkar won a gold medal in the Nehru Inter - State Judo Tournament, and also a silver medal in the same tournament in her own weight category. She also procured a bronze medal in Delhi State Judo Championship. The Kho-Kho team under the Captainship of Paula Corera were declared the runners up in an Open State Tournament in which Madhu Negi was declared as the best player. Madhu Negi and Geeta Varma represented Delhi State in the National Women's Sports Festival held at Ahmedabad. Kanta Kondal represented Delhi State in the Senior National Kho-Kho Tournament at Calcutta. The Table Tennis team consisting of Vandana Kochhar, V. Aruna, Gurpreet Grewal and Latika Singh reached the Semi-finals in the Delhi University Inter-College T.T. Tournament. Our team stands IVth in the University now. Vandana and Aruna also represented Delhi State in the Sports Festival at Ahmedabad. The Volley Ball team under the Captainship of Ravinder Kaur secured the Vth position in the University Tournament. The newly formed Badminton team of the College reached the quarter finals in the same tournament.

320 cadets were enrolled for the N.C.C. during the year 1983-84. 43 cadets attended the Advanced Training Camp, and 15, the Pre-Republic Day Camp. The Gargi College Unit was placed First in the Drill competition at the Advanced Training Camp in which Geeta Lakhani of our College stood 1st in the Declamation competition.

Shobha Sharma was selected from the Pre-R.D. Camp to participate in the Republic Day parade. The College team (Mini Mallick, Sunita Gupta, Usha Sharma, Lalita Goel, Shashi Kala and Reena Dogra) secured the First position in the All-India Boat Pulling Regatta. At the N.C.C function organized on 14th November, in which 10,000 cadets had participated, Babloo Khandpur of Gargi College was selected for ushering in the Prime Minister. Besides this, Gulshan Tikka attended the Trecking Camp in the Nilgiri Hills and was selected for Para Sailing. Mini Mallick and Renu Chaujer participated in the Trecking Camp in the Western Ghats. Ritu Bharadwaj and Neena Kalra were selected for the N.C.C. Air Wing.

200 students volunteered for the National Service Scheme during the year 1983-1984. The N.S.S. unit of Gargi College worked throughout the year for the Blind School and the School for Mentally retarded Children. Besides, they continued with their social welfare activities in the Dakshinpuri slum areas, as before. Our N. S S. volunteers worked in close collaboration with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. They also lent a helping hand to the Red Cross Society. The Gargi College unit had participated in the All India Confederation for the Blind, and in the Traffic March, centrally organized by the N.S.S. A blood donation camp was organized within the College. Over and above that, the N.S.S. volunteers had also participated in the blood donation camps organized by the Lions Club and the Hauz Khas Bus Depot, under the D.T.C. Bus cleaning project undertaken by Delhi University, was highly appreciated. Under the N.S.S. activities, I must mention the name of Miss. A. V. Lakshmi who attended the National Integration Camp at Coimbatore in May 1983.

May I take the opportunity to announce that Gargi College has been selected as one of the centres for the Adult and Continuing Education scheme sponsored by the U.G.C. The 'Population awareness Project' under this scheme was initiated in the college this year and we mean to carry on with it on a permanent basis. Besides, plans are now ready for starting courses in "Secretarial Training", and in "Proficiency in Essential Skill for Home Management". We are looking forward to their implementation during the next session. Mrs. B. Dhar and Dr. (Mrs.) A. Chintamani are in-charge of the Continuing Education Programme in the college. We are quite confident, it will prove a success.

1431 new volumes were added to the Library during the year 1983-84 bringing the total collection to 36,052. The Library records the number of readers' visits and of the books loaned out this year showed a substantial increase as compared to last year. However, we foresee a severe problem in connection with the library. We are fast running out of space there. With the constant increase in the number of books, there will be no place left for stacking them within three years or so.

In so far as matters pertaining to college building and campus-development are concerned, we continue to face a stalemate. The accounts of the building-cost have not been settled till now, and bills to the tune of Rs. 5 lakhs have yet to be cleared. Under the circumstances, we cannot initiate anything new in the way of campus development—not even the basic essentials. We still don't have a permanent electric connection. Nor do we have a permanent sewage system. The front of the college still remains unpaved. I regret to report, that this year also, we did not receive any grant from the U.G.C. and the Delhi Administration to meet our immediate needs. We, on our own part, however, have been trying to do what we can to meet our requirements. Over the past few years, we have built up an Institutional Benefit Fund at our own initiative.

The cost of the extension of the canteen and of the additional furniture needed in the college was borne out of the fund during '83-84. We were also able to procure more than 3500 plants, free of cost, from the D.D.A. The plantation work is going on with great speed and we hope the college will have a much greener look in the coming years. But one of our urgent needs is an auditorium. We do not have a single room in the college which can accommodate more than 100 students at a time. This is a great impediment in the development of a full collegiate life on this campus.

I wish to convey my thanks to both the academic and non-academic staff for their assistance and co-operation. I am grateful to all such members of the Faculty who, alongside their teaching obligations, gave much of their time to serve the institutional interest at large. I must also congratulate the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Students Union Miss Arati Sahani, Miss Lokesh Ranjana and Miss Deepali Lal for steering the students activities carefully and with a sense of responsibility.

May I also convey my sincere thanks to the Governing Body of the college. I am most grateful to Justice A.N. Grover (Chairman), Shri R. R. Bahl (Treasurer), and all other members of the Governing Body for their valuable guidance which helped me a great deal in ensuring the smooth and efficient functioning of the college administration.

Dr. (Miss) Krishna Sharma
Principal