



Gargi College
Annual Report
1988 - 89

Gargi College Annual Day
Friday, February 24, 1989
Chief Guest: Dr. S. Padmavati

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the twenty second anniversary of Gargi College. The college was instituted in 1967 by the Delhi Administration to meet the growing need for more college for women in Delhi. It had only 250 students to begin with and was housed in a school building in Lajpat Nagar. It moved into its present premises in 1976 and has 1626 students on its rolls at the moment. The college has made steady progress throughout. Offering various courses in both Arts and Science, it can claim to be one of the premier institutions in South Delhi now.

The total number of admissions made for the session 1988-89 was 683 ; 129 in B. A. (Pass), 124 in B. Com. (Pass), 132 in B. Sc. (General), 212 in B. A. (Honours) and 86 in B. Sc. (Honours). The college has 1626 students on its rolls at present 348 in B. A. (Pass), 416 in B. Com. (Pass), 273 in B. Sc. (General), 405 in B. A. (Honours), 169 in B. Sc. (Honours) and 15 in M. A. (Political Science).

Our results in the final year University examinations of 1988 were quite satisfying: English (Hons) - 100%, Hindi [Hons] - 100%, Pol. Science [Hons] - 100%, History [Hons] 100%, Sanskrit [Hons] - 100%, Botany [Hons] - 95%, Zoology [Hons] 88%, B.Sc [General] - 87%, B. Com. [Pass] - 90%, and B.A. [Pass] 74%. The number of 1st divisions obtained were 35 in B. Sc. [General], 24 in Botany [Hons], 10 in Zoology [Hons], 3 in B. A. [Hons], 2 in B. Com. [Pass] and 1 in B. A. [Pass].

The performance of some of our students was outstanding. The positions secured by them in the University on the whole were as follows :- Rachna Singh-1st in Hindi (Honours) I year; Neetu Batra - 1st in B. Sc. (General) Group A I year; Rajeshwari - 1st in B. Sc. (Restructured) III year; Preeti Aggarwal - 2nd in B. Sc. (General) Group B II year; Leena Tandon - 3rd in B. Sc. (General) Group B I year; Juhi Jain 3rd in Political Science (Honours) II year, Alka Aggarwal - 3rd in political Science (Honours) I year, Neerupma Kapoor - 3rd in B. Sc. (Restructured) III year; T. V. Veena - 3rd in

Botany (Honours) III year, Geeta Narula - 4th in Sanskrit (Honours) I year, Bindu Nair - 4th in B. Sc. (Restructured) I year; Gurvinder-Kaur 4th in Zoology (Honours) III year; Sushila Pant - 5th in Hindi (Honours) III years Sharmeeksha Thakur - 7th in Hindi (Honours) III year; Varuna Bahel - 7th in B. Sc (General) Group A III year, M. Bhuvaneshwari - 7th B. Sc. (Restructured) III year; Amrit Pal Kaur - 8th in B. Sc.(Restructured) III year Karuna Aggarwal - 8th in Botany (Honours) III year Sushmita Mukherjee - 8th in Botany (Honours) III year, Vandana Jain - 9th in B. Sc. (General) Group A I year, Nalini Narain - 9th in Botany (Honours) III year, Purnima - 10th in Botany (Honours) III year Usha - 10th in Zoology (Honours) I year, Rashmi Kawat - 10th in B. Sc. (General) Group B III year.

Now there are 102 permanent members on the academic staff in the college. In addition to these, 3 lecturers are working against the restructured courses (Analytical Methods in Biochemistry and Entrepreneurship & Small Business). 2 more lecturers are working on part time basis against the present work load of the departments of Chemistry and Physics, 6 lecturers were appointed against study leave vacancies during this year.

At present, the following members of the faculty are on study leave working towards Ph. D. degrees on the subjects specified against their names :-

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| Mrs. Reeta Sahney
[Deptt. of English] | : Jane Austin's Heroes and other Male Characters. |
| Mrs. Manjeet Singh
(Deptt. of Political Science) | : The problem of Racial Discrimination at the United Nations - A study of the working of CERDS. |
| Mrs. Tara Natarajan
(Deptt. of Philosophy) | : The Nature and Structure of 'I' consciousness in the Vedanta and the Phenomenology of Edmund Russel a comparative study. |
| Mrs. Geeta Sheshamani
(Deptt. of English) | : American Poetry - Emily Dickenson (at University of Minnisota, U.S.A.) |
| Mrs. Kanchan Anand
(Librarian) | : A comparative study of Dwijendra Lal Roy's Chandra Gupta and Chandra-Gupta Maurya of Jai Shanker Prasad (Hindi Literature). |

The following are also on study-leave, doing post doctoral arch in the areas as mentioned below :-

(Mrs.) Lalita Sehgal : "Micropropagation of trees with special reference to ornamentals" (attached to the University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan)

(Mrs.) Bharti Bhattacharya : Ecological study of plant species diversity, in relation to soil variation. in the J.N.U. Complex (attached to the School of Environmental Sciences, J. N. U.)

I am happy to announce that Miss. Veena Tucker of (Psychology-artment) was granted Ph. D. degree in April '88 for her thesis on "Automaticity in the perception of size" and that Mrs Praveen rma of the (Deptt. of Hindi) is due to receive a Ph. D. degree her thesis entitled "Eachchan and unka Kavya" at this year's vocation.

The following research papers were presented/published by mbers of our faculty during '88 - '89

(Mrs.) Lalita Sehgal : "Sheet proliferation of Araucaria Columnaries in vitre", presented at a national symposium held in Madurai (January 1989) on "Forest Biology in the service of mankind".

"Studies of Micropropagation of Araucaria Columnaries" presented at the International symposium held on "Forest Tree Physiology" at Nancy, France (Sept, 88).

(Mrs.) Aruna Mohan : "Effect of Gonadectomy on the Histology of the Hypothalamic Neurosecretory System of Musk Shrew" presented at the All India symposium on Comparative Endocrinology held at Delhi University (Nov, 88)

- Dr. (Mrs.) Amrit Pritam (Deptt. of Zoology) : "LH and LHRH levels and petiuitary sensitivity to LHRH in Aging mice" is being published in the International journal, Neuroendocrinology (France) in March '89,
- Dr. (Ms.) Indu Sarna (Deptt. of Physics) : "A combined optical and X-ray diffraction study of Polytypism in Cleaved CdI₂ Crystals" presented at the International conference on Modulated structures held at Banaras Hindu University.
- Dr. (Mss.) Asha Rani Goswami (Deptt. of Sanskrit) : "The Caturbhujah Shri Krishna" presented at the 34th All India Oriental Conference held at Vishakhapatnam (January, 89)
- Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Sethi (Deptt. of Political Science) : "Determinants of Women's Active Political Participation" published in the Indian Journal of Political Science (Vol. 49).

Besides, a collection of poems by Dr. (Mrs) Vidya Sharma (Deptt. of Hindi) "Akali Shahaar Mein" got published recently. She had also presented some of these poems at the conference of Indian writers at Bombay (Jan. 89)

To mention some other academic achievements of the members of our Faculty, may I state the following: Mrs, Ira Bhaskar of the English department received the Kohli Memorial Award for being the best M. Phil student of the year 1988 Mrs. Bhaskar had cleared her M. Phil with distinction. Dr. (Miss) Vijaya Ramaswamy of the History Deptt. was sponsored by Delhi University for the Indo-U.S. Fellowship to carry out a study of the motifs and designs in the Indian and the American Indian textiles. She is presently working on this project at Berkelay University, California. Dr. (Mrs) C. K. Khurana (Deptt. of Chemistry) is presently engaged in an attempt to evolve a simple, economical and quick method of testing tetrogenic drugs at the enzyme level. Dr. (Mrs.) S

Bhanumati of the Chemistry Deptt. was invited to serve as a resource person at the workshop on the "Current Trends in Chemistry Education" organized by the Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education at Delhi University. Besides this, Dr Bhanumati's special research project on the "synthesis of Drugs involved in Neurotransmission" was selected for a U. G. C. grant for a period of three years. This project will be carried out in Gargi College itself, with a Junior Research Fellow working under her direct guidance. This does great honour to our college indeed, we being basically an unbergraduate college for sciences. Hopefully the stipulated research will make a useful contribution in the field of the medicine and Pharmaceuticals, vis-a-vis those related with the treatment of epileptic seizures, in particular Dr. (Mrs) Aruna Mohan was asked to chair a session in a symposium held at Chidambaram on "Reproductive biology".

Dr (Mrs) C. Biswas (Deptt. of Botany), Dr. (Mrs) A. Mohan (Deptt. of Zoology) Mrs. Urmil Khara (Deptt. of Zoology) and Dr (Mrs) Gita Mathur (Deptt. of Botany) have been appointed as counsellors by the Indira Gandhi open University, in their respective disciplines.

Here, I must also mention the extra-academic achievement of one of our staff Ms. Sehjo Singh of the Political Science department produced and directed two very good films related to the theme of women's problems, namely, "A Day in a Working Woman's Life" and "Ghisi Bai ka Sapna". The latter has been accepted by the Delhi Doordarshan for telecast.

Co-Curricular Activities

Sports

The VIIth Gatgi Sports Festival was held in December. We happen to be the only college to organize a women's inter-college meet of this kind. An invitational cricket tournament was also organized in December. All the eight women's colleges that have full fledged cricket teams, participated in it. The beginnings made in cricket during '88 - 89. seem very promising indeed. A cricket team was formed for the first time in the college in August '88, Considering the short span of training our girls had from August to December only,

their performance in the aforesaid tournament was spectacular. The Gargi team emerged as the runner up and two of our players were adjudged as the top. Geeta Narula [Sanskrit Hons II year] was declared as the best bowler, and Shashi Gupta [Fass II year] as the best fielder. The steady progress made thereafter by our cricket players has been outstanding, Geeta Narula, Shashi Gupta and Sunita Sharma of our team represented Delhi State in the Junior cricket championship held in Lucknow. Geeta Narula has also been selected for the Delhi University coaching camp.

Gargi College was chosen as the venue for the Delhi State cricket camp for women (Dec. '88 - Feb. '89). The North zone inter-state junior women's tournament organized by the Delhi Women's Cricket Association was played on our ground. The Junior National Women's Cricket Championship matches are also being played on our fields. As always the college maintained its place in Judo and Kho - Kho. Lata Thakur represented Delhi University in the Inter - university tournament held at Patiala. We emerged as the champions in the Delhi state Judo championships organized by the Atal Martial Club (Manjeet Siddhu and Veena Chotala)-(Gold) Anuradha (Silver) Kavita Saini (Bronze). Besides that Veena Chotala got 3 golds and a silver in three different tournaments including the National women's judo cup championships, Manjeet Sidhu bagged a silver in one, Veena Chotala and Manjeet Sidhu were selected to represent Delhi in the National Judo Championships at Indore. Manjeet Sidhu has been further selected to represent Delhi University at the Inter university level and to attend the Indian Judo coaching camp for the Asian Judo championships. Besides, 9 bronze medals were also received by some of our players. In addition to our achievements in Judo and Kho-Kho may I also mention that Jaswinder Kaur did very well in Volleyball. She has been selected to represent Delhi State in the 13th National women's sports meet at Ranchi.

N. C. C.

350 cadets enrolled for the N.C.C. during the year under review. Our cadets did quite well in all the three wings - Air, Army and Navy. Indrani Rangachari was declared the best all round cadet at the annual training camp of June '88. She also got the 1st prize in the

cultural programme held at that camp. Neetu Nair bagged the 2nd. The college was awarded the 2nd prize in the kit lay-out competition held at that camp. Anju Sharma was declared the best cadet in the annual training camp, held in October '88 securing 1st position in drill and the 2nd in First Aid. Ritu Joshi shared the 1st prize in drill with Anju Sharma, and also got the 2nd prize in the declamation contest. Ncelam Aggarwal was awarded a special prize for medical services and first aid in the same camp. In the competition held of the Air wing cadets Sarita Sreenivasan was adjudged as the 2nd best all rounder. Naval cadet Shobha Vikal and the Air wing cadet Kavita Sreenivasan were selected for participation in the Republic Day parade. Some of our our cadets have shown a growing intrest in flying, gliding and para-sailing. Our cadet Jhumur Bannerjee was selected for training in para-sailing. The N. C. C., worked under the supervision of Dr. V, B Rastogi and Dr. Reenu Sethi.

N. S. S.

400 students were enrolled for the N.S.S. During the current academic session, N S S. programme was supervised by Mrs. Bimla Dhar and Dr. (Mrs.) Aruna Mohan. Our volunteers continued with the on going programme of helping the handicaped at Lady Noyce School, and the blind at the Blind Relief Association (Lodhi Institutional Complex) and National Association for the Blind (R, K, Puram). They also continued to render help at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in its various wards and in its immunization programme. Besides, our students held a number of Blood donation camps and conducted useful surveys in the nearby slums and villages. During the year under review a large number of them participated in the "Each One Teach One" scheme of the Adult Education programme.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Under the Adult & Continuing Education programme of Delhi University, the college continued to hold classes in Secretarial practice as before. These comprise a basic course at completion of which, formal certificates are issued to the successful students. Under the said programme however, there was greater concentration this year on issues related to problems faced by women, and work required for women's development. I may add here that the college has a Women's Development Centre, also which is financed by the Government of

India. The Centre, remained quite active throughout the year in the areas of personal counselling and career guidance. It has been of considerable help to students in enabling them to build a positive self image and to inculcate self-confidence.

NON-COLLEGIATE

The college has been running a Non collegiate centre for B.A. (Pass) students since last year under the supervision of Dr. (Mrs) Mohan. We have now 600 students studying at this centre in the 1st and 2nd years. I must congratulate Dr. Mohan for her efforts to widen its dimensions through organizing regular extra-curricular activities for the non-collegiate students.

SEMINARS

Two seminars/workshops were held during the year under review. A 3 day media workshop was organized in October. 50 students participated in it. The objective of this workshop was to introduce them to the different forms of the media and the modalities of working involved therein. The programme consisted of talks by eminent journalists (like Mr. Kuldip Nayar, Mr. Akshaya Kumar Jain, Mr. Nikhil Chakravarty), question and answer sessions, individual and group exercises by students under technical guidance and supervisions. Although the range covered included the audio-visual modes like documentary films etc. also, the overall concentration was on journalism (Hindi as well as English). The participants had to undertake full fledged exercises in reporting as well as feature writing, in proof-reading as well as sub-editing, and also in script writing for the radio and television. An interesting feature of the workshop was the concluding session devoted to its detailed evaluations by the student participants. The said media-workshop has provided a useful exposure for students who wish to take up journalism as a profession. Encouraged by their enthusiastic response, the college is contemplating the introduction of a post-graduate diploma course in journalism. It is presently being planned for submission to the University for the required approval. I must put on record here, my deep appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Sehjo Singh (Deptt. of Pol, Science) Mrs. Radhaarani Chakravarty (Deptt. of English) and Miss Mahua Lahri (no longer on our staff now) in planning and organising the media workshop, which brought the students and faculty on one platform.

A seminar-cum-workshop was organised by the English Deptt. this February. "On 19th Century Poetry; contexts and Correspondences" under the COHSSIP programme of the U.G.C. I am told whereas a number of seminars have been held in Delhi University on 19th century fiction, that has not been the case in respect of the 19th century poetry as a whole. The said seminar therefore, aroused a lot of interest and was very well attended. There was a large participation from the University Deptt. and from other colleges, and the J.N.U. as well. Its unique feature was the active participation by the students at the formal level. In other words; it provided a common platform for the faculty and the students offering the students an equal opportunity for presentation of papers and conducting of discussions. Academic engagements of this nature are very much required, I think for interchange of meaningful ideas between teachers and students in all disciplines. Such ventures can go a long way indeed in introducing the seriousminded students to independent attempts at research within their disciplines. In fact, it was a joy to see in the leaflet of the seminar, the names of the student participation and the titles of their papers printed in equally bold print alongside those of the teachers. We can justly take pride in the fact that we have been the first college in the university to hold a seminar of this kind under the COHSSIP (U.G.C.). May I congratulate the English Department at its success, and Mrs. Ira Bhasker in particular, for taking the initiative in getting it organized.

A one day symposium on "Chemicals in Everyday Life" was organized by the Chemistry Department on 9th Feb. The talks given covered a wide range of areas of general concern such as pesticides, textiles, plastics, medicines, drugs and food. Alongside the structural analysis of the chemicals used in them, their significance and impact as well their abuses and consequent hazards were duly examined. The scholars and experts who contributed to this symposium were: Prof S. K. Mukherjee of IRAI, Prof. Fushpa Bajaj of I.I.T. (Delhi), Dr. Meera Shiva of UHAI and Mrs. T. Jacob. The symposium aroused the interest of students and faculty of both the science and non-science departments. Besides, a large number of Chemistry teachers from various colleges, the University Department, the I.I.T. came to attend it. Dr. (Miss) Anita Katyal and the Department of Chemistry deserve our appreciation for this undertaking.

Talking about seminars etc. I must mention here the achievement of 2 of our students as well. Niharika Pande (III year Botany Hons) and Purnima Sarin (II year Botany Hons) had presented their papers at an All India Competition on "Bio energy in Indian Development" held at Delhi University sponsored by the Deptts. of Science and Technology and of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. Their papers were highly appreciated and were accepted for publication.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

The report on other extra-curricular activities will be presented shortly by the President of the Student's Union Miss Shalu Phokela. While leaving a detailed account of those to her, may I mention the following extra-curricular achievements of our students in the inter-college and other competitions. Paramjeet Kaur secured the 1st prize in painting at both Zakir Hussain College and the I.I.T. (Delhi). In cartooning she got the 1st prize at Daulat Ram College; and the 3rd at Hindu College. At the I.I.T. (Delhi) she got the 3rd prize in cover designing. At Maulana Azad Medical College Jyoti was awarded 1st prize in non-classical music (vocal) and Shano Dhimbri in ghazal. Jyoti got a prize for vocal music at Aurobindo as well. Neetu Nayar bagged the 1st prize in the All India dance competition of the Vayu Sainik camp held at Jaipur. She was also chosen as the only Kathakali performer at the 4th Yuva Mahotsav held at Delhi. In vocal music Ipsa Chhugani got the 3rd prize at Sri Ram College of Commerce, and a consolation prize at Bhagat Singh College. She was also given the 1st prize for acting in the Hindi dramatic competition held by the Capital Foundation Society (15 colleges had participated in it). The college team (Purnima Sarin and Chanda Handa) was awarded the 1st prize and a trophy in the debate held at Khalsa College in which Purnima Sarin was declared the best speaker. The team of Suhasini Bhatnagar, Vaishali Sarkar and Alka Gupta got the 2nd prize in the Botanical quiz held at Hindu College. The same team got the 3rd prize at Hans Raj College in a similar competition. The students of Gargi College were awarded the 3rd prize in the Indo Soviet Youth Dance Festival for their performance in Oddissi, Kathakali, Western and Russian dance, (Archa Sharma, Piyali Sanyal, Neetu Nayer, Shalu Phokela, Sushmita Behara and

Ritu Kapoor). Purnima Sarin (Botany Hnd yr Hons) deserves special mention for her efforts to boost up creative writing amongst the students within the college. The Newsletter "Horizon" brought out by her last year is gaining ground. It has doubled in size in one year and is hopefully on its way to assume the form of mini-magazine run totally by the students.

LIBRARY

1091 books were added to the library during the year under review. The total number of volumes in the library is now 42752. The total expenditure during the year on books and journals was Rs. 1,53,745/-. As many as 1,65,907 volumes were loaned out to the borrowers in the year. The college remains closed on Saturdays these days. But on demand made by the students this year, the library remains open on Saturdays as well. No demand could be more welcome and pleasurable.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all members of the faculty for their help and cooperation. I am particularly grateful to all those who, alongside their teaching obligations, gave much of their time to serve the institutional interest at large. I am also thankful to the non-academic staff for having fulfilled their obligations.

May I congratulate the Student President, Shaloo Phokela, and all office bearers of the Student's Union for the work done by them during the year under review. I also wish to express my gratitude to Dr (Mrs) Geeta Mathur and Miss Sheela Kumari, the Staff Advisers to the Student's Union, for the hard work put in by them in steering the students' activities.

In the end, please may I convey my very sincere thanks to the Governing Body of the college. I am most grateful to the Chairman Shri Kuldip Nayar, the Treasurer, Shri Jagdeesh Kodesia and all its members for the valuable guidance and assistance rendered by them for the smooth functioning of the institution.

Dr (Miss) Krishna Sharma
Principal