



# Manaswini

## Gargi College Alumnae Newsletter



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## From the Principal's Desk...



I am delighted to know that alumnae association of Gargi college is releasing yet another issue of its annual magazine "Manaswini".

Present is the reflection of past and foundation for the future. Our intention is to provide an environment, which enriches the intellectual, spiritual, emotional and physical development of the pupil in an atmosphere that is happy and nurturing. Our mission statement at Gargi College is to continue the tradition of fearless and confident enquiry exemplified by the Vedic scholar Gargi, whose legacy we proudly carry forward.

The college has achieved many important milestones and recognitions in past more than five decades. This cannot be a matter of chance; it's owing to commitment to excellence, intelligent planning and focused effort of our alumni. We are indeed the inheritors of a great legacy which is possible only because of former students, faculty and staff.

We feel extremely proud when we see our students securing various merit positions in the university and observe that many of our Alumni have

distinguished themselves in the fields of Teaching, Medicine, Scientific Research, Administration, Mass Media, Sports, to name a few. The consistent response of our alumni of appreciation for the opportunities that were provided to them and the care with which the teachers nurtured and guided them in the classroom and beyond to become confident citizens, is a real energy booster. I express my gratitude for your contributions in making this College rise so high and become one of the top academic institutes of the country.

'Manaswani' a bridge between कल आज और कल is worth appreciation and I congratulate the editorial team and contributors for the upcoming issue.

Dr. Promila Kumar

# EDITORIAL NOTE

We are happy to publish the sixth issue of the Gargi alumnae e-newsletter Manaswini. This newsletter, circulated electronically, to a larger readership each year, is a part of the institutional endeavour to strengthen Gargi's alumnae network.

This academic year has seen really special for the college as the college celebrated 50 years of existence. Each and every event organised in the college kept the celebratory ethos intact. In the spirit of jubilation, our college received two new washroom instalments from Dr. Bindheswar Pathak, founder of Sulabh International Social Service Organisation. Our alumna, Huma Qureshi visited the college along with internationally renowned director Gurinder Chadha to promote their movie '*Partition 1947*'. The vitality of the history of the prestigious institution was reflected in the Golden Jubilee Culmination event which was held on on 15th February, 2018. Dr. Pranab Mukherjee, the 13th President of India and Prof. Yogesh K. Tyagi, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delhi, were the Guests of Honour for the event. The guests unveiled the prestigious Alumni wall and launched a book on Gargi College to mirror its dynamism.

The institution that we enrolled in is the one that its previous alumnae helped to create. That the space and the ethos we inherited has been built over decades and continues to be built and rebuilt, leads us to see that the alumna is not only a thing of the past- the alumna doesn't only belong to a time which we may revisit at certain occasions. The Gargi alumnae network is an invitation to recognize ourselves as the institutions present and its future. At Gargi, we see our alumnae as part of our present. For this reason, we invite you to participate in everyday college life in whichever manner you wish to. We do have some suggestions, but you are welcome to contact us with other ideas as well. If you wish

to, you could contact your department about interacting with our existing students about their courses and general academic life, as well as career prospects and counselling; it is also possible to sponsor students in the institution, mentor students in research projects, recruit students for your organizations, or even help with a particular association or society.

As this newsletter is also the point of contact between the various alumnae of Gargi and all our faculty (teaching and retired), if you wish, you could use this space to discuss an issue with your erstwhile college-mates, or to the Gargi community at large; you could also write in with an experience, or anything else that you may wish to share or ask. Our e-mail ID is gargialumni@gmail.com.

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**COLLEGE**



**2017-2018**

# NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)



NSS, Gargi with its motto of 'Love all, Serve all, Help ever, Hurt never' celebrated its Diwali NGO Mela- Zistatva - in a grand fashion on 11 th October' 2017. Various NGOs like Jamghat, AADI, Cheshire Home raised funds by selling their handmade goods. A Blood Donation Camp was organised on 25th October 2017 in

collaboration with Red Cross and Rotary Club. Large number of students came forward for this noble cause.

On 31st October, 2017, the National Service Society sponsored the 2017 Rashtriya Ekta Divas / National Unity Day. Its focus was on spreading the message of peace and Unity. The intent was to pay tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who was instrumental in keeping India united.

Several cleanliness drives were organized by NSS volunteers throughout the year. Their motto was to make their college and environment a cleaner place. In response to the initiative "Sankalp-e- Siddhi" taken by the honorable Prime Minister, an essay-writing competition was held on the topic- "What will I do for cleanliness?" In addition to this, newspaper collection and clothes collection drives as well as other 'Daan Utsav' were organized to help several NGOs such as Family of Disabled, Goonj etc.

On 25 th January, 2018, NSS Gargi, along with the Political Science department celebrated National Voter's Day or Rashtriya Matdata Diwas. Pledge taking ceremony was organized in the college with the emphasis on Right to vote and to celebrate the vibrant democracy of India.

To spread happiness and joy, NSS Gargi celebrated 'Children's Day' with differently abled children from NGO-MUSKAAN and TAMANNA. It also organized several motivational talks on the 'Power of Positivity' and 'Managing Stress' etc.

Friendship Day was celebrated with people from Old Age homes like 'ARADHANA' and 'SANDHYA'.



# NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)



The session 2017-18 of NCC Gargi College began with the rank panel selection held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and unit got a new energetic rank panel consisting of SUO Arushi Jauhari, 4 JUOs, 6 SGTs and 7 CPLs. The year began with 90 cadets in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year and 70 fresh enrollments to the 1<sup>st</sup> year.

This year had a chain of events beginning with The Yoga Camp followed by Tree Plantation Drive, hence promoting environmental awareness. Cadets held a

Rally in and around college in the name of *Swachha Bharat Abhiyan*. NCC cadets actively participated in the mock drill of management during earthquake in college building organized by National Disaster Management Academy. 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018 was a remarkable day for Gargi College NCC as the cadets got opportunity to escort former President of India, Dr. Pranab Mukherjee, who was the Chief Guest for the Golden Jubilee Celebration of College.

Apart from these activities at, cadets actively participated in various camps and competitions and brought laurels to the college. NCC cadets had attended many training camps. Priya Choudhary attended Mountaineering Adventure camp from 10<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Uttarkashi and secured 1<sup>st</sup> position in NCC run. Sgt. Sunita and Cpl. Heena participated in the Advanced Leadership Camp held from 21<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at Agra. SUO Arushi Jauhari went for NCC North India Shooting Coaching Camp from 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 held at Ropad, Punjab. Then she attended NCC National Shooting camp from 25<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Asansol, West Bengal. She was one of the eight cadets who got selected from Delhi State for the NCC's All India Inter Directorate Sports Shooting Competition and secured 13<sup>th</sup> position in India. To conclude the year round activities of NCC the Annual Inter-College Festival cum Valedictory function, SAHAS'18 was organized.

## UNMUKTI-

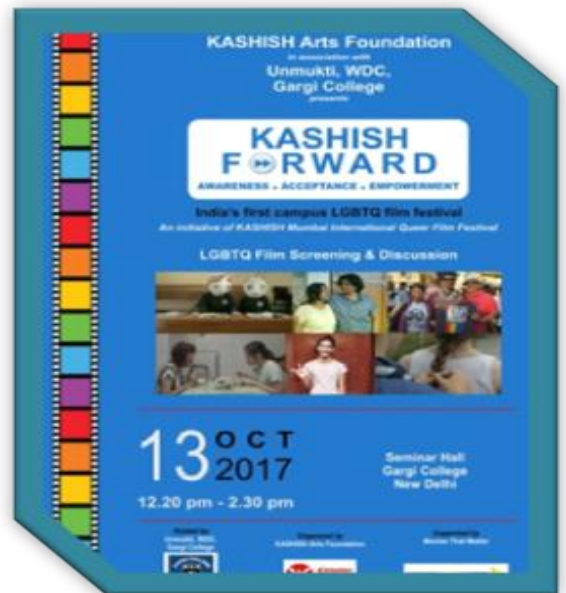
## Women's Development Centre

UNMUKTI, the Women's Development Centre, Gargi College, imagines a world free of discrimination and violence for our students. Our goal is to strengthen

and empower our students so that gender is not experienced as a constraint.

To this end we conduct a variety of activities. This year, we introduced a weekly open-house discussion, called Feminist Fridays. Hosted on Fridays, this forum asks students each week to consider themes of relevance to the various gender-related issues we confront, such as Body Image, or Sexuality, or Consumer marketing that uses women in regressive ways. Each session is lead by students who do intensive study of the subject first with teacher members on the committee, so that the work of undoing repressive stereotypes can be understood by all.

We screen Indian-made documentary films from our specially developed collection of the same in order to facilitate discussion of issues around gender as experienced in Indian contexts. we conducted a film festival, with Kashish Forward, of specially curated films in the theme of sexuality, a very vital and important subject for young people.



Creative art has a major role in helping shape minds and views. To this end, we invited Sukhmanch Theatre's "A Woman Alone", written by Dario For and Franca Rame in the 1970s, and adapted to an impeccable local idiom by dramaturge Shilpi Marwaha.

This Women's Day our annual fest examined how discourses of the digital era are changing the fraught relationship with safety, and by extension, autonomy for persons/bodies marked as feminine. We talked of how to delink discourses of morality from discourses of safety in our panel discussion where one of our distinguished guests, Javier Aguilar (Chief Child Protection Officer, UNESCO India) said that gender-based violence and discrimination can end if India's adolescent population of 250mn+ has more say in three questions: what to wear, who to love, and what to do. These are three shaping questions for all young women today: so many forms of control



we experience as women are also centred around these questions.

Our fest also launched an app markedly different in content from most other available apps: Stri Suraksha, made by Enfold, CDAC and UNICEF in collaboration, is an information app that provides morality-free practical and strategic advice that is legally and procedurally sound.

Our panel discussion includes a lawyer, an IPS officer, a media person, besides representatives from Enfold and Safetipin, another major women's-safety app. Our fest concluded with a performance by Sukhmanch Theatre, of Mahesh Dattani's play *Seven Steps around the Fire*, which will help us consider the question of what it means if we don't have a body marked with the privilege of normative masculinity, because feminist work is committed to fighting gendered violence of all kinds.

In addition to these visible events, WDC provides students in need with a space from where to access counselling, arbitration, referral and other support in matters of personal violence they may be facing. A significant number of students approach the committee with regard to either continuation of support sought earlier or for fresh matters involving various forms of gender based violence.

Our other services available to students and employees alike, developed and operated by the WDC, including the college's Day-Care Centre and the Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine, are also going strong.

# DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS SCIENCES

The following activities have been conducted by the department in the year 2017-18:

- Admission Trial in Volleyball (W) for Under Graduate Admission on Sports Basis on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
  - Gargi Olympiad Inter Stream Competition (August-January) This year a total 286 students were participated in Gargi Olympiad Inter Stream Competition from all three streams. We have also introduced one new event i.e. Futsal. This year the best stream trophy was won by the Arts stream
  - Pre-Sports Day Activities for Teaching and Non-teaching Staff (January-February). Non-teaching staff were participated in following activities:-
    - Cricket Match for Non-Teaching Male (Administrative Vs Lab Assistant) on 4<sup>th</sup> January'18
    - Cricket Match for Teachers Male on 10<sup>th</sup> January'18
    - Volleyball Match for Non-Teaching Male (Administrative Vs Lab Assistant) on 15<sup>th</sup> January'18
    - Vo-Le-Ball Match for Non-Teaching Female on 17<sup>th</sup> January'18
    - Throw ball Match for Teaching Female on 21<sup>st</sup> February'18
- Annual Sports Day (22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018)
- Sports Specific Coaching of 15 sports (July 2017-March 2018)
- Participation in Inter College tournaments of 15 sports
- External Examination for GE Physical Education Sem-II students on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017



Gargi Olympiad Inter Stream



Activities for Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff

## Annual Performance Record

This year college participated in 15 sports discipline (around 135 students) in Inter College Tournaments i.e. Archery, Aerobics, Athletics, Ball Badminton, Basketball, Chess, Cricket, Cross Country, Judo, Netball, Shooting, Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling and Yoga.

College Produce 4 International, 39 National and 70 State Level players in different sports discipline. In total 88 medalists, 3 players represented the college in International level.



College Champions and Runners-up teams in Inter College Tournaments

## International achievers

1. Ms. Pincky Balhara, B.A.P. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year is selected for 18th Asian Games, Palembang, Jakarta, Indonesia to be held from 18th august to 2nd September 2018. She also participated in World University Games 2017, Taipei, China from 19-31 August'17. She also won the bronze medal in 11th



Cadet & Junior Judo Asian Championship, Kirgizstan from 13to 17th July, 2017.

2. Ms. Mahima Tokas, B.A.P. 1<sup>st</sup> Year won silver medal in 48 kg in Bali Open International Judo Championship, Bali Indonesia From 13th 16th July 2017. She also won the bronze medal in Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, Ashgabat Olympic Complex, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (Kurash), 19-24 Sep 2017.

3. Ms. Aarti Khatri, B.A.P. 1<sup>st</sup> Year participated in Cadet & Junior Judo Asian Championship, Kirgizstan from 13to 17th July, 2017

#### The Annual Sports Meet 2017-18

This year college celebrated its Annual Sports Meet i.e. SPIN'18 on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. \_\_ A total 644 students enthusiastically participated in various Sports events.. The theme of the day was "Samridh, Sampurn and Sashakt". The chief guest of the day was young and dynamic, Mr Sandeep Singh Maan, an Arjun awardee Indian Para Athlete, and the guest of honour was Gargi Alumna, Mrs. Sunita Sharda, Volleyball player and a Physical Education teacher. The main attraction of the day was "Sports Medally Demonstration" which was performed by sports students.

This year total 72 sports achievers were awarded by the cash prizes, mementos and tracksuit/sweatshirts for their annual sports performance in Inter college/State/National and International Competition.



Annual Sports Meet 2017-18

# GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR

## CELEBRATIONS

Gargi College celebrated its Golden Jubilee function on February 15, 2018. Dr. Pranab Mukherjee, the 13<sup>th</sup> President of India was invited as the chief guest. Prof. Yogesh Tyagi, Vice Chancellor of Delhi University presided over the function.

A book showcasing glorious 50 years of Gargi College was released on this occasion. A wall of fame was also unveiled by Shri Pranab Mukherjee.



**Dr. Pranab Mukherjee unveiling Wall of Fame**

All the Principals were felicitated by Shri Pranab Mukherjee for their contributions to the Gargi College. The function was attended by members of General body, teaching, non-teaching staff and students. A Kavi Sammelan was also organized.



**Release of Golden Jubilee Book**

**Dr. Pranab Mukherjee with Gargi Fraternity**

**Kavi Sammelan**

**Felicitation of Principals**

# REVERIE 2018



Reverie, 2018 promised to be bigger and better this year and it sure did keep its promise!

Gargi College celebrated the annual cultural festival with three star-studded days and gala evenings.

Apart from the usual food, fun, activities, and crowds, the invitees really did steal the show.

The theme for REVERIE this year



# DAY 1



The extravagant affair began with inauguration by Ms. Barkha Dutt, a reputed TV journalist.

Dr. Aman Bathla, the fastest pianist of the world enthralled the audience with his soft melodies during the ceremony.

Shubhanshi, the co-convenor of Nazakat-the Indian dance society of college enthralled the audience with her folk dance performance.

In the evening, bands Unplugged Faridkot mesmerised the audience with their musical notes.



**DAY** 

DJ Candis and DJ Myris enthralled the audience at the EDM Night.



# DAY 3



The last day of the spectacular fiesta was marked by a surprise visit by RJ Rahul Makin during the Body Positivity themed Fashion Show of teachers and students.

Arzz Band also did a showcase of their musical talent.

The source of most excitement for the audience was undoubtedly the star night where Monali Thakur, Bollywood singer and actor sung her peppy numbers



# GLIMPSES OF ZISTATVA- THE NSS DIWALI MELA

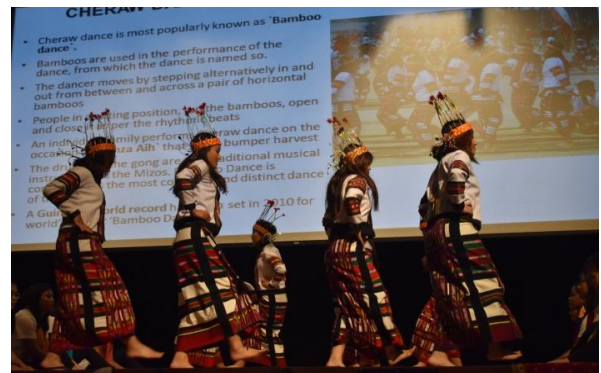






# The North East Cell

The North East Cell of Gargi College organized its first North East Cultural Festival on the theme "Exploring North East" on March 23, 2018. The purpose of the event was to promote North East culture, art, music and ethnic cuisines and to celebrate diversity and richness of the region. Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika, Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiatives was the guest speaker for the occasion. He delivered a talk on "Glimpses of North East". North East students of Gargi College performed traditional dances from Mizoram (Cheraw dance), Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur. Some talented students were invited to enthral the audience with their melodious songs. Stalls were put by various start up entrepreneurs from NE exhibiting their products such as pottery, jewellerys, art, handicrafts and North East Cuisines. The event culminated into the ethnic attire show from the eight states of the region showcasing the diversity in the traditional attires.



# ALUMNAE WRITE IN

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ANNAPURNA GARG

COURSE: B.A. (HONS.)  
APP. PSYCHOLOGY

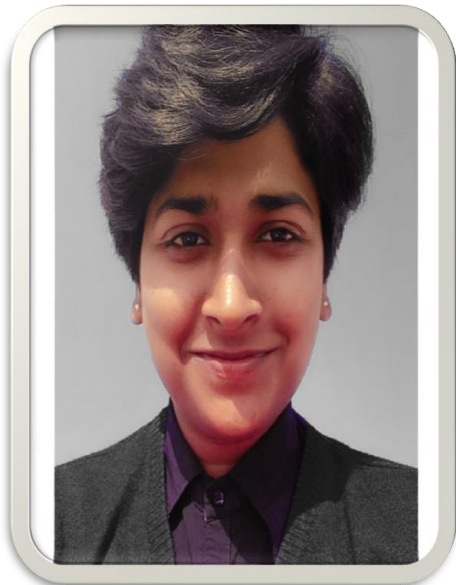
BATCH: 2008-2011

ASSISTANT DISTRICT  
MAGISTRATE, BAGHPAT,  
UP (IAS 2016)

## REMINISCING THE BLISS

Life is what, it's a collection of memories - some pleasurable, some not. Memories are what keeps us alive and take us through the roller coaster of hills and valleys of our existence. Whenever, I go through this journey down the memory lane, my three years spent in Gargi College always bring a smile on my face and joy in my heart. It's difficult to bind the beauty of those days in few words. For me, coming to Delhi University for higher education came with many life changing experiences. It brought a fresh air of independence and confidence for me, as travelling daily from home to college was itself a learning experience. Though I had always lived in NCR, but college life brought first direct exposure to the culture(s) and lifestyle of Delhi. Delhi is a myriad of cultures which exposed me to the idea of co-existence of so many ideologies and beliefs together. Having friends from North east diluted the psychological gap between 'We' and 'They'. I grew as a more sensitive person - sensitive to the needs,

desires and expectations of others. Psychology being my discipline deepened this all the more. This helps me a lot during my public dealing now. On a lighter note, much of fashion sense was also learnt here only. What I remember most from my college days was the family kind of atmosphere that the department of psychology provided to us. No day was a burden to come to college and every day is worth cherishing now. Faculty was so much approachable and caring that it was such a pain to leave this family behind after third year. I owe a large part of what I am today to Gargi College, and the Department of Psychology. A part of my heart and soul still reside in those corridors which have the words and wisdom of Freud and Jung.



**ANUSHKA MISHRA**

**COURSE: B.SC  
(HONS.) CHEMISTRY**

**BATCH: 2013-2016**

**CURRENTLY: PURSUING  
MSC. CHEMISTRY FROM  
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**

Walking on the streets  
When nobody's there,  
Aroma of the Cestrum still stuck in the air  
though it's hard,  
to start at 5 ...  
Cosy bed appeals, mysterious dream reveals,  
the secret of extended sleep.

Yet, an unwanted ring  
that breaks the tranquility...  
a thousand musings starts,  
to run the morning errands.  
As I pace on the path,  
Accompanied by some creatures,  
who are in great slumber to bark;  
with the scattered beam of street-lamps  
through the dusky scarf...  
I palm over the shadows  
of my recent past.  
"Accelerate a bit, you need to catch the bus" - inner  
voice calls.  
I leave the musings  
and start to run...  
Adrenaline rush,  
as I see the bus  
I got a seat...

What a hush!!!  
There, I open the window,  
It's still dark  
Let the music start...  
15 minutes later;  
The chill of breeze  
Touches my cheeks,  
I gain the consciousness  
to look up the sky,  
they are still there, 'The diamonds'  
though passing a bye.  
Eventually I notice,  
The blanket pouring magical pink...  
with the first ray, which expands  
Like a fairy with the magic wand!  
To my excitement,  
Another magic begins:  
A disc rises up,  
Piercing the glittering blanket...

With the hues of pink.  
Chirrup of birds surrounds the ear,  
Folks get ready to start the gear.  
It peeps a little more- the pink disc!  
Turning to peach, cutting the mist.  
I check the time, its 7 am  
When I scroll the playlist,  
The songs that play...  
Switch to Nico & Vinz,  
No offence to Taylor Swift,  
I hardly say.  
Oh my my... The disc is full!

How I wonder, the crimson red..  
Rich with Glory as it ted.

Pink-Peach-Red till yellow  
I keep on enjoying,  
Without bothering about the adjacent fellow.  
I follow to reality,  
When the bus stops.  
It's 7:30!  
The Metro and its AC  
- a less alluring journey  
Restricts the direct connection  
With spiritual-serene nature.  
Me and my lofty musings  
Get somehow lost,  
in the materialistic congestion.  
1 more hour!  
and I would reach,  
"The Department of Chemistry"  
-a Lackadaisical Situation.  
What to do! -again my soul points.  
Close the eyelids,  
take a deep breath  
and paddle on the musings,  
that nobody cares

`cuz only some can bear,  
the intensity of these mighty flares...  
...The winter musing



**BARKHA RAVI**

**Course: B.Sc  
(HONS.) BOTANY**

**BATCH: 2012- 2015**

**CURRENTLY PHD RESEARCH  
SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF  
PLANT MOLECULAR  
BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF  
DELHI**

It was bright morning of amiable summer when I entered this place, one of the most prestigious college of Delhi university; our GARGI COLLEGE. With several hopes, dreams and goals young alluring girls begin their college journey. Attending classes, conferring presentations, organising events, being President of this department, all these things gave an ace to my college life. From academics to extra-curricular activities we are shaped in way to be unbeatable in our field. I personally got no coaching for cracking entrances for Master's as my class notes were my best companion and my teachers were my tutor. Whenever I was in any doubt the extra time they provide, paying attention to the condition of every student in class in spite of having a large number of strength is quite appreciable. An incidence I still remember during an interview after cracking entrance of master's when I was asked about my bachelor's college and the kind of expression I could see on the faces of each and every faculty over there after

hearing the name of my college GARGI! It was the day when I realised that we have got a whole set of legacy passed into us without our additional efforts and luckily I was able to grab a seat in several reputed places but the tale ends not here so the kind of teaching and exposure to the real world scenario we get here we realise its significance when we step out to real world. It was very hard time for us after giving crucial five years to plant sciences (bachelor's and masters) to find out a way. So, In search of several options after getting degree of masters in botany in hand we begin to search on for further options. I still remember a time when people use to say the field has no scope and I contacted my teachers. They made me realise the actual meaning of proverb "where there is will, there is a way". As my mentors were always available for me to support, encourage and assist me in the way I want and at the time I needed it the most. So, finally the knowledge of extensive Botany made me eligible to crack several round of entrances in one of the most prestigious medical coaching institute "AAKASH INSTITUTE" at a faculty position. The knowledge of applied botany gets me to a position in few Pharmaceutical companies. But there was more for me to explore so I decided to pursue my carrier in Research and Development and Finally I earn a place as a PhD Research scholar at department of plant molecular biology, university of Delhi. Also I was awarded with CSIR-NET-JRF within a short period of time. There will be several ups and downs but how to deal with it is the most important part that I learnt here. I was never into a mode of missing this place but once I was marked as an alumina of this place I realise that whatever I am today GARGI COLLEGE has contributed the most to it.





KARUNA KHURANA

COURSE-  
B.SC (HONS.) PHYSICAL  
SCIENCE

BATCH - 2014-2017

CURRENTLY: PURSUING  
B.ED FROM MAHARAJA

Life changes every day, in fact every minute and so does people and things around us. Everything happens for a reason and teaches us something. My experiences in Gargi College were amongst the best things that ever happened to me.

College life is a time filled with anticipation, some anxiety, and wonderful discoveries. I discovered the qualities that make me wonderful and unique, despite of what others say.

I think that my college experience was not only about gaining knowledge, but a better way at gaining life skills, which include social and work, also not only studying what I was passionate about, but doing things I loved. It was about finding me throughout all the different experiences and I learnt that rejection isn't as terrible as it's cracked out to be; in fact it teaches one to be stronger and try harder.

Along with academics, the activities that were organized were great as well. I miss the fests and all that time spent in the labs and canteen.

Been the President of my department for two consecutive years I learned so much. The faculty was so helpful and great. They inspired me to be a better person. Not just the teachers, it was great getting to know all different types of students I became friends with.

Now that the three years have passed I realize how much I learned and grew as an individual and all the lessons I learned. All this now holds a special place in my heart and I will always cherish the time spent in Gargi College.



PRERNA BHATIA

COURSE: B.COM(HONS.)

BATCH: 2013-2016

CURRENTLY:  
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER &  
FOUNDER STRII

Gargi, it's not just a five letter name or merely a College of University of Delhi where students spend their three years of youth, but for me Gargi is a solitaire in Heart kept precisely at my core, Gargi is an Indelible Value which I carry Proficiently with Pride and Honour where ever I lead.

Gargi has shaped my Persona from a Girl into a Promising Young Lady and has inculcated the Ethics of

Being Human first by making me believe that rest will truly follow.

Gargi has given me the Wings of Confidence to fly high, all in the huge sky of New Initiatives and Endeavors.

I strongly believe that I was fortunate enough to have an Opportunity called Gargi as my Dream College.

From the Depth of My Heart all I hold is Gratitude sheer gratitude for this Premier Institution and for my Teachers who made me a person Called Prerna.



**RADHIKA KHANNA**

**COURSE: B.COM (HONS.)**

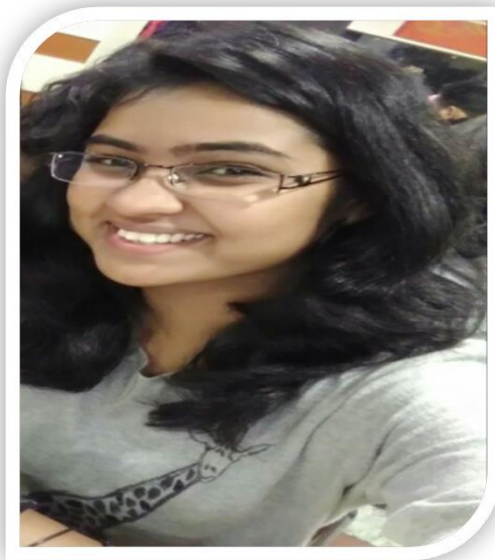
**BATCH: 2014-2017**

**CURRENTLY: SENIOR  
ASSOCIATE, CORPORATE  
COMPLIANCE, CRISIL**

Three years in Gargi College have not just given me memories to cherish, but have also helped me grow as an individual. It has been the most exciting and wholesome journey of my life.

Whether it was discovering my love for debating or participating in competitions across various disciplines, I have learnt to look at things from a different perspective. Organising Inter-College tournaments with my society members has taught me what team work is all about and brought in the sense of professionalism in a way that nothing else could have. The platform for development that this college

has given me has been undoubtedly holistic with the teachers being absolutely fantastic in their domain and equally encouraging when it comes to extra-curricular activities. College has let me explore a whole new world, each experience shaping my personality in its own way. From being the nervous Fresher to becoming the woman who stands for what she believes in, I have come a long way and I cannot thank this institution enough.



SHIVANGI JAIN

COURSE: BBE

BATCH: 2014-2017

CURRENTLY: SENIOR  
CONTENT DEVELOPER,  
NIIT

All of us are on a journey, an expedition and my journey achieved a milestone when I got into Gargi. The three years' time that I have spent being a part of the BBE Department of Gargi College, is by far the richest experience till date. The spirit of converting every challenge into an opportunity and then making the most of it, that is what this, small in size but big in achievements, department does to you. There is a reason that even today I carry the spirit of being the Founder President of my department in my heart, there is a reason why I am still a Gargiite, there is a reason why my smile broadens like a hundred times when someone mentions

Gargi, the reason is Gargi is not only a college for me, it's a part of my life, the best one, the never to be forgotten one! Always a Gargiite!



DR. VANDANA CHOUDHARY

COURSE: B.SC. (HONS)  
MICROBIOLOGY

BATCH: 2003-2006

CURRENTLY: ASSISTANT  
PROFESSOR, GARGI  
COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF  
DELHI

Firstly I would like to thank e- manaswani team to make me walk through the memory lane. After passing from school, like any teenager, I was extremely happy and enthusiastic about being a College student. My journey at Gargi began in 2003, when I joined B.Sc (Hons) Microbiology as an undergraduate student. Gargi today (and will always) hold a special place in my life.

It's really difficult to put up what all I learnt being in Gargi in a few words. It was a great, enriching experience for me. Those three years that I spent in Gargi have made me a confident, self determined girl.

The wonderful, intelligent and best teaching faculty at microbiology department taught the basic concepts of microbiology in such a simple and understandable manner that it stays with me even today after a decade of graduating from the college. My teachers

always focused on all round development of the students through sound theoretical as well as practical knowledge of the subjects being taught. The teachers always encouraged us to participate and organise quizzes, competitions and other academic events like lectures by eminent scientists from time to time. I learnt extensive practical skills like growing the microbial cultures, testing the portability of water, testing my own blood group, analysing the micro flora of air and the college garden soil to name a few during my tenure. I would like to thank the efficient laboratory staff who kept all the preparations for the practical sessions always ready. The laboratories are well equipped with instruments and informative library has helped me immensely.

The experience at Gargi made me grow personally and professionally. My class was a good mix of students and we all used to interact a lot in the free time. Being in the course of microbiology, the extensive course curriculum used to keep us exhausted. So to my rescue, two of my friends (Megha and Anu) became the best buddies which whom I had good fun time gossiping, completing practical files and crafting our future dreams.

The memories of Gargi college fest Reverie are still fresh in my mind. Although I moved out of Gargi after graduation for pursuing masters and PhD, still my heart was somewhere there.

I feel extremely fortunate that after completing my PhD from AIIMS, I got selected to teach on ad-hoc basis in my own department in July 2014 to July 2015 and now back again in 2018. So, I am teaching the undergraduate students with my own teachers as colleagues who always make me feel very comfortable and we all are like a family.



SIMRAN DHINGRA  
COURSE: B.A. (HONS.)  
ECONOMICS

BATCH: 2013-2016

CURRENTLY: PURSUING  
MASTERS IN GERMAN  
LANGUAGE AND  
LITERATURE FROM THE  
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Day 1 - started with searching for a room,  
For a batch of 250 in the Economics class,  
And little did we assume,  
How Gargi would be able to surpass!

Well, what we thought was:  
All girls college means no fun.  
But who knew Gargi was the cause,  
Of an exciting phase that had just begun.

Kshitj is the highlight,  
And performs street plays,  
Seems like it practices even in the moonlight,  
And also on sunny days.

When the stock markets were high,  
And advertising was no more shy,  
When the economics dept. was doing its best,  
We knew it was the time for NAAC and  
Econovation- Ecomantra's Annual fest.

I remember the 8 hours revision sessions  
Just before the test;  
And solving those problems on regressions  
Occupied major part of the quest.

Undoubtedly it is the teachers,  
Who have played a major role.  
They have been our encouraging mentors  
And helped us achieve our goal.

We called them for the term paper submission  
One night before the deadline.  
Thank God, it was not a prohibition,  
And they still guided us, they did not decline.

Sitting for hours in the sports ground  
under the sun in winters was relaxing.  
We saw NCC and sports people around  
that the time passed so quick while interacting.

We also experienced the beautiful sky with chirping  
birds,  
The other side some geeks and nerds.  
Some clicked selfies in the noon,  
While some were under stress in the exam room.

The discussions on various topics in the soothing  
atmosphere  
Began from love to agony of a disease to bear.  
Life teaches us something new every day,  
But we should learn to obey.

Being in PMR had so many perks:  
From the backstage fun and star night  
To learning how sponsorship works  
And making MOUs right.  
Zistatva and Reverie have been grand;



Reminiscing the performances of Sparks and the music band.

For the pre-jitters we had Aditya Roy Kapoor;  
Hugging him was the next level crazy Fitoor.

At Nescafe- the deep conversations  
Are what I also miss.  
We also discussed about politics of nations  
Over coffee and Thelka which were indeed a bliss.

College and Ecomantra became my Family  
At Gargi I lived happily.  
Thinking about the memories,  
I feel, good passing years never mar:  
Experiences great or small,  
have made us who we are.

College life was pretty:  
In its nitty and gritty.  
Strive for excellence and never yield to challenges  
that come your way,  
Because each path brings in a new ray.

Live each moment Now!  
Don't question yourself How!  
Consider special people, who you love and care,  
And others who enriched your life, just being there.

Seek new vistas and find noble goals,  
Experience and enjoy life in different roles.  
Feel the beauty in each creature,  
Whose presence makes life worth living in nature.

I hope you also feel deep in your heart,  
As incidents come and go,  
How much Gargi means to me,  
It is lot more than you could know.

# ALUMNAE ACHIEVERS

S. No.	Name of Achiever	Department	Current Designation
1.	Annapurna Garg	Applied Psychology	IAS, Govt. of India
2	Ummul Kher	Applied Psychology	IAS, Govt. of India
3	Neha Malhan	BBE	Manager, Revenue Team, Myntra
4	Monika Rai	Botany	Partner in the Life Sciences Group of Mathys & Squire LLP property firm, London
5	Pooja Ghosh	Botany	(DST-INSPIRE Faculty, Centre for Rural Development and Technology IIT,
6	Sohini Dev	Botany	The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology , CCMB Hyderabad
7	Archana Balhara	B.Sc. Program	Captain, Indian Army
8	Cheshta Shankar	Chemistry	Meteorological Officer, Indian Air Force
9	Megha Karki	Chemistry	Post doctoral Research Associate at Department of Chemistry, The Scripps Research Institute, USA

10	Preeti Barnwal	Chemistry	Scientific Officer, Chennai Forensic Department
11	Pallavi Gurtoo	Commerce	Senior Consultant, Ernst & Young
12	Shivna Jain	Commerce	Senior Consultant, Deloitte
13	Sonam Mohla	Commerce	Head, Finance, Wadi.com, Dubai
14	Manisha Shastri	English	Social Worker, Disability and Mental Health Retardation
15	Huma Qureshi	History	Actor
16	Aditi Mehta	Microbiology	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Munich
17	Vidisha Sehgal	Microbiology	Research Associate at Zymergen Inc, San Francisco
18	Nidhi Sinha Fisher	Philosophy	Commonwealth Scholar, Prospect Development Manager, University College London
19	Gargi Lamba	Physics	Deputy Manager. SBI
20	Meghna Acharjee	Physics	Network Engineer at Cisco Systems Pvt. Ltd.
21	Amritha Sruthi	Political Science	Bharatnatyam Dancer
22	Gauri Puri	Political Science	Advocate, Bar Council of Delhi
23	Sarah Fatima	Political Science	Research Associate, Jammu Kashmir Coalition of Civil Society
24	Sonal Spalzin	Political Science	Jammu Circle, ASI

25	Kumud Saini	Zoology	Postdoctoral Researcher NIPGR, JNU
26	Sneha Balani	Zoology	Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia

## AWARD FOR ALUMNAE

### LONG STRIDER AWARD

This award is instituted by our former Principal Dr. Hema V. Raghavan, is given to alumnae who have displayed commendable excellence in their field after graduating from college no more than 10 years ago. The award recognizes the meaningful social commitment and potential for invigorating research that the candidate has achieved during this period.

Pooja Ghosh (Botany (H)) received this prestigious award for year 2016-17.



Dr. Pooja Ghosh  
(DST-INSPIRE Faculty, Centre for  
Rural Development and Technology  
IIT)

## Members of Alumnae Association (2017-18)

S. No.	Name	Department	Designation
1	Dr. Sushmita Chaudhary	Chemistry	Associate Prof.
2	Dr. Sheela Kumari	Physical Education	Associate Prof.
3	Dr. Kavita Vasudev	Microbiology	Associate Prof.
4	Ms. Mudita Mohile	English	Asst. Prof.
5	Dr. Poonam Phogat	Psychology	Asst. Prof.
6	Ms. Smita Choudhury	Zoology	Asst. Prof.
7	Ms. Sumant Meena	Commerce	Asst. Prof.
8	Dr. Renu Soni	Botany	Asst. Prof.
9	Dr. Neha Sharma	Chemistry	Asst. Prof.
10	Dr. Beena Negi	Chemistry	Asst. Prof.
11	Dr. Manju Kumari Saroj	Chemistry	Asst. Prof.
12	Ms. Shailly	B.El.Ed	Asst. Prof.
13	Dr. Suchitra Bharti	Sanskrit	Asst. Prof.
14	Ms. Aakriti Chaudhary	Commerce	Asst. Prof.
15	Dr. Vandana Chaudhary	Microbiology	Asst. Prof.
16	Ms. Jyotika Bahl	BBE	Asst. Prof.
17	Ms. Shyamolima Ghosh Choudhury	Psychology	Asst. Prof
18	Ms. Pooja Bagrodia	Psychology	Asst. Prof.
19	Ms. Nzanmongi Patton	English	Asst. Prof
20.	Ms. Rajni	Botany	Lab Assistant

# ALUMNA BACK TO COLLEGE



## Alumnae back to the college



**Dr. Sheela Kumari**  
Physical education  
Department



**Ms. Mudita Mohile**  
English Department



**Dr. Kavita Vasudev**  
Microbiology Department



**Dr. Poonam Phogat**  
Psychology department



**Ms. Sumant Meena**  
Commerce Department



**Ms. Smita Ray**  
Zoology Department



**Dr. Suchitra Bharti**  
Sanskrit Department



**Dr. Renu Mundhara Soni**  
Botany Department



**Dr. Beena Negi**  
Chemistry Department



**Dr. Neha Sharma**  
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**Dr. Manju Saroj**  
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**Ms. Pooja Bagrodia**  
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**Dr. Vandana Chaudhary**  
Microbiology Department



**Ms Rajni**  
Laboratory assistant  
Botany Department