

# GARGI COLLEGE

## UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

### Best Practices (2021-22)

#### **Best Practice 1: Undergraduate Research:**

**Objectives:** To equip the students with skills to design sound research, to identify and apply appropriate research methodologies, and to develop the skill for cogent interpretation of findings.

**Context:** Institutions of higher education have the pursuit of scholarship as part of their mission. In this direction, research becomes an integral part of higher education's mission around learning and discovery.

**The Practice:** Students are mentored by their teachers in their research endeavors and encouraged to present papers or posters at conferences both at the National and International levels as well as publish articles in reputed journals. Research projects in college under 'Pathfinder' is a competitive event for interdisciplinary projects undertaken by our students under teacher mentors, and many projects have collaboration with various government and non-government agencies. Various students and teachers are also involved in research projects with funds awarded under the schemes of CPE and STAR-COLLEGE.

**Evidence of Success:** The students and faculty of Gargi College have successfully published their papers in both National and International Journals. They have also actively participated in various conferences and have been recognized for their outstanding contributions, winning several prizes. Due to the research contributions made by its faculty, the college has been granted the prestigious status of a STAR College.

**Problems encountered and resources required:** Institutions are often constrained by limited funds when it comes to providing researchers with access to high-quality software and tools. Additionally, a lack of available lab infrastructure and materials can pose challenges for students and mentors who are interested in pursuing research in their areas of interest. On top of this, students and faculty may also face an extensive workload that leaves little time or energy for research pursuits.

#### **Best Practice 2: Service to Humanity**

**Objectives:** Gargi College focuses on providing students with quality education and enriching experiences that allow them to develop into well-rounded active citizens through selfless engagement with society. This is accomplished through outreach programs that help develop compassion and empathy.

**Context:** Humanity is not about maintaining a gracious relationship between one another in the society but it is about building a bond amongst the society with the help of sustainable values. This objective is achieved through engaging our students with communities to understand their problems, developing outreach programs to selflessly serve those who are disadvantaged, unconditionally sharing resources, and creating psychosocial support systems.

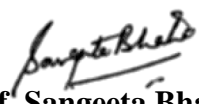
**The Practice:** True to its motto of "Love all, Serve all", Gargi college organized a multitude of activities throughout the year. Flagship NSS Events like Sadbhavna Diwas and the Offline Blood Donation camp -"SAMARPAN" were successfully organized. NSS Gargi also collaborated with the Delhi Government to connect its volunteers to the "Desh Ke Mentors Program".

The Annual Cultural Fest “Zistatva” was successfully organized virtually, where various social entrepreneurial entities digitally marketed their products through NSS Gargi’s website. A 2-day environment campaign was run from 5-6th June to usher environmental awareness. A campaign on environment awareness titled “KUDRAT” propagated green sensitisation through various activities.

A week-long special camp was planned where volunteers went to the village Shahpur Jat for a need survey and undertook various awareness activities oriented towards social service. With a vision to produce conscientious, smart, and confident citizens who serve humanity, Gargi always strives to reach out to the larger society through the sacred actions of service.

**Evidence of Success:** Our NSS volunteers reach out to the larger society through their numerous actions of service. They have done a commendable service in organizing several flagship events such as blood donation camps, working with NGOs such as The Vidya Foundation, CDF, the Vidya Jyoti project, JAAV, Wishes and Blessings, AADI, Cheshire Home, Asiad Village, etc. Furthermore, students undertake various community services in the form of increasing literacy, improving sanitation, and enhancing awareness of hygiene in underprivileged communities. Volunteers organized several newspaper collection drives for recycling by giving it to an NGO, FOD (Families of Disabled), as well as a clothes collection drive for providing to those who are less privileged.

  
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