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**Annual Report**

March 2008 - February 2009

**Chief Guest**

**Mr. Arun Jaitley**

Senior Advocate and  
Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)

**Guest of Honour**

**Ms. Sagarika Ghose**

Senior Editor, CNN-IBN

**Presided by**

**Prof. Nargis Panchapakesan**

Chairman, Gargi College Governing Body



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**Gargi's Mission Statement**

*... That every student who passes through the portals of the college emerges as a wholly developed individual symbolizing the spirit of enterprise and inquiry that characterises Gargi.*

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Our illustrious Chief Guest, Shri Arun Jaitley, our eminent Guest of Honour, Ms Sagarika Ghose, our esteemed Chairperson of the college Governing Body, Professor Nargis Panchapakesan, <sup>other</sup> members of the Governing Body of Gargi College, proud parents of prize winners, our dearly loved alumni and other respected guests: *endless of prizes*

On behalf of the Gargi family – its principal, distinguished faculty, the staff and ~~dear~~ students, I extend a warm welcome to you all on this august occasion of Gargi College Day 2009.

We are indeed fortunate to have with us as Chief Guest today, the renowned Shri Arun Jaitley, an illustrious lawyer, former Union Minister and, what is of special pride to us, an alumnus of the University of Delhi. In fact some of you may not be aware that he was the President of the Students' Union of the University, popularly known as DUSU. His subsequent achievements and present status are a powerful rebuttal to the critics of students' unions!

*Mexico* Shri Jaitley graduated with a degree in Commerce from Shri Ram College of Commerce and in law from the Faculty of Law in 1977. His brilliant career as a lawyer earned him the appointment as the Additional Solicitor General of India in 1990. In 1998, he was a delegate of Government of India to the UN General Assembly Session, where the Law relating to *Drugs and Money Laundering* was approved. He has led the Indian delegations at several International trade dialogues including the one held at Cancun. In 2000 he became Union Minister of Law, Justice, Company Affairs and Shipping. He has presented several papers, a notable one being on *Crime and Corruption in India* before the Indo-British Legal Forum. Of course lovers of Cricket know that he also heads Delhi District Cricket Association.

Sir, we have all been impressed by your indomitable articulations on television and we are keenly looking forward to your address to our students here today. Thank you for so graciously accepting our invitation to be Chief Guest at our College Day function.

We are extremely happy to have as Guest of Honour another alumna of the University of Delhi – the well-known journalist, writer and broadcaster, Ms. Sagarika Ghose. After topping the University in B.A. (Hons.) History, she proceeded as Rhodes Scholar to study at the University

## YFLO Foreign Languages Organisation

of Oxford. She has worked with *The Times of India*, *Outlook*, *The Indian Express*, *BBC* and as a columnist with *The Hindustan Times*. She is currently Senior Editor with CNN-IBN. She merits a vanguard position among the new-age TV anchors, whose fearless questioning of people in power and exposé of crime and criminals, have greatly contributed to media's activism in monitoring governance. She has authored two novels: *The Gin Drinkers* and *Blind Faith*, both published by Harper Collins, as also numerous articles and commentaries. She is the recipient of *The Woman Achiever of the Year Award* from YFLO in 2006 and the Amity Media Award for *Best Anchor* in 2008.

Ma'am, we are proud of your achievements and thank you warmly for sparing time from your busy schedule to be with us today.

Gargi College is lucky to have as Chairman of its Governing Body, Professor Nargis Panchapakesan, yet another alumna of the University of Delhi and its former Dean, Faculty of Education. Interestingly, her Master's degree was in Physics, which she also taught at Delhi and in the USA, but later obtained a doctorate degree in Education from the University of Chicago. She was at the forefront in the conception and introduction of the B.El.Ed. programme in select colleges of the University. She has been consultant to various governmental and non-governmental organizations and was a resource person for the NCERT project for revision of the national framework of school curriculum.

Ma'am, your principles and wisdom have been a source of strength and guidance for me in steering the affairs of this college and we thank you for gracing the present occasion with your presence.

### **Vision and Mission:**

Gargi College was established in 1967 by the then Delhi Administration, which is now the Government of NCT, Delhi. It began with 247 students offering two courses. Since then it has grown from strength to strength and is today a multi-stream, multi-disciplinary college offering about 20 courses to 2100 students. We can confidently affirm that it is now also one of the most sought after colleges of the University of Delhi. In 2004 it was one of two colleges of the University and one of 45 colleges of the entire country, on which the University Grants Commission conferred the title, College with Potential for Excellence.

In our endeavour to fulfil this mammoth vision and mission, we have created a multi-tiered structure of opportunities that is constantly strengthened, reviewed and expanded. This report presents a brief survey of this vision and mission translating in action in the current year, 2008-09.

Manpreet Kaur B.Sc.(Hons.) Microbiology, III yr

Pooja Ghosh B.Sc.(Hons.) Botany, IIIyr

**Other Firsts in Delhi University:** *of U & I yr.*

Aakansha, ~~B.A.(Hons.)~~ Applied Psychology (Hons.), ~~H Yr~~

Sudha Saryu Malhotra, ~~B.Sc.(Hons.)~~ Microbiology, ~~H yr~~

Anupama Yadav, ~~B.Sc.(Hons.)~~ Microbiology, ~~I yr~~

Anju Sharma B.Sc(~~Prog.~~), Life Sciences, ~~I yr~~

**First in University of Delhi South Campus:**

Suvarna Vinod Menon , B.A.(Hons.) Applied Psychology, I Yr

Neha Malhan, B.B.E, I yr

Punya, B.A.(Prog.), I yr

Shubhangi Jain, B.Sc.(Hons.) Botany, II yr

Prachi Jain, B.Sc.(Hons.) Botany, I yr

Meenakshi Aggarwal, B.Sc.(Hons.) Physics, III yr

Ipsa Jain, B.Sc.(Hons.) Zoology, III yr

Kumud Saini, B.Sc.(Hons.) Zoology, II yr

Namrata Negi, B.Sc.(Prog.) Physical Sciences, I yr

Jyoti Nagraj, B.Sc(Prog.) Life Sciences, II yr

*you can see in the green leafy*  
**The following are course-wise highlights of first five positions:**

Class	Name	Position in
		<i>in the green leafy</i>
		<b>Delhi University South Campus</b>

**COMMERCE**

**B.Com. (Hons.)**

III Year	Vandana Mandiratta	III
II Year	Ridima Gupta	IV
I Year	Shruti Sudhakaran	III

**B.Com. (Prog.)**

II Year	Guncha Chopra	IV
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Class	Name	Position in	
		Delhi University	South Campus

I Year	Neha Singhal		III
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**B.B.E.**

I Year	Neha Malhan	IV	I
	Nidhi Kalra		II
	Roma Sawhney		III

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

**B.A.(Hons.) Applied Psychology**

III Year	Shivani Kapur	I	I
	Divya Jain	II	II
	Sakshi Oberoi	III	III
II Year	Aakansha	I	I
	Ruhi Jain	III	II
I Year	Suvarna Vinod Menon	III	I
	Payal Chandra	IV	II
	Krutika Bopanna	V	III

**B.A.(Hons.) Philosophy**

II Year	Kaveri Trehan	IV	II
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**B.A. (Prog.)**

III Year	Shweta Bhardwaj	I	I
	Shruti Adlakha		II
I Year	Punya		I

**SCIENCE**

**B.Sc(Hons.) Botany**

III Year	Pooja Ghosh	I	II
	Joyita Deb		III
	Namrata Dhaka		III
	Bhavya Khullar		V
II Year	Shubhangi Jain		I
	Sneha Datta		II

<i>Class</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Position in</i>	
		<i>Delhi University</i>	<i>South Campus</i>
	Suman Tyagi		V
	Meghna Aggarwal		V
<b>I Year</b>	Prachi Jain		I
	Payal Khullar		II
	Ritika Gandhi		V
<b><u>B.Sc(Hons.) Chemistry</u></b>			
<b>II Year</b>	Priyanka Thakral		III
<b><u>B.Sc(Hons.) Microbiology</u></b>			
<b>III Year</b>	Manpreet Kaur	I	I
	Dhiru Bansal	II	II
	Pallavi Lamba	III	III
<b>II Year</b>	Sudha Saryu Malhotra	I	I
	Arundhoti Das	III	III
<b>I Year</b>	Anupama Yadav	I	I
	Srijani Basu	II	II
	Vandana Garg	III	III
<b><u>B.Sc(Hons.) Physics</u></b>			
<b>III Year</b>	Meenakshi Aggarwal	II	I
	Neha Aggarwal	IV	II
<b>II Year</b>	Priyanka Kochhar		II
<b><u>B.Sc(Hons.) Zoology</u></b>			
<b>III Year</b>	Ipsa Jain	III	I
	Asha Shelly		IV
<b>II Year</b>	Kumud Saini		I
	Jaya Mishra		II
	Tanu Arora		V
<b><u>B.Sc. (Prog.) Physical Sciences</u></b>			
<b>II Year</b>	Harvinder Kaur		III
	Nida Hussain		V

Class	Name	Position in	
		Delhi University	South Campus
I Year	Namrata Negi		I
	Tanya		III
<b><u>B.Sc. (Prog.) Life Sciences</u></b>			
II Year	Jyoti Nagraj		I
	Ishita Bhatnagar		II
I Year	Anju Sharma	I	I
<b><u>B.El.Ed.</u></b>			
III Year	Divya Chaudhary		III
II Year	Sandhya Shankar	III	III

Details of course-wise result features later in this report.

### **The Gargi Pathfinder Awards**

In order to encourage research and innovation among our students, a new award has been instituted this year, as the Gargi Pathfinder Award in the streams: Science, Commerce and Humanities. Contestants had to submit an original project guided and certified by a faculty supervisor and supplemented with audio-visual presentation to a panel of external judges, followed by viva-vocé. It is our hope that this award will acquire increasing prestige in the years to come and attract quality research.

This year's awardees are :

**Science :** Sneha Datta, B.Sc. (Hons.) Botany, III yr

**Commerce :** Shelly Tevatia, Tanushree Tangri, Bhagyashree, Aakriti Choudhury, B.Com (Hons.) I and III yr *best project*

**Humanities :** Payal Chandra and Suvarna Menon, B.A. (Hons.) Applied Psychology, ~~II yr~~ *hard working*

### **2. Sports :**

Gargi College strives to achieve excellence in sports and our students receive intense coaching by professionals in volleyball, cricket, basketball, chess, yoga, tennis, table tennis and Judo. All students of the college are encouraged to participate in march-past, athletics, aerobics and other

events on the annual sports day. The Chief Guest at this year's Sports Day was Saba Karim, the former Test cricketer. Our college was the venue for the exchange of baton for the Youth Commonwealth Games held in Pune. The following are some of the highlights of this year's achievements in sports:

**Athletics:** **Pushpa Lakra** is one of our star sportswomen. She stood first in 400 meters and second in 800 meter races of the DU Athletic Championships, while **Amulya Janardan** came third in the 400 meters. The college Athletic team consisting of **Pushpa**, **Amulaya** and **Naseema** stood second in the DU Inter College Cross Country Championships.

**Basket Ball:** The college basketball team stood second in the AIIMS tournament.

**Chess:** The chess team stood second in the DU inter-college championships and at the LSR tournament. Team leader **Vasudha Talwar** and **Poonam Sharma** deserve special accolades.

**Cricket:** The cricket team bagged third prize in the Harry Cup. **Neha** and **Babita Negi** were declared best fielder, best bowler and best wicketkeeper in different matches. **Babita** also represented DU in the All India Cricket championships.

**Judo:** The Judo team stood second at Delhi State and DU inter-college championships as well as in the LSR sports festival. The college is proud of **Shally Manral**, who was the only member of the Indian contingent to win a medal (bronze) at the Asia Junior Sports Exchange held at Tokyo, Japan and was given a cash award by the Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi. She won two gold medals each in the DU and Delhi State championships and a bronze at the All India University Judo Championships. **Monica Goswami** has been selected to represent Delhi in the Senior National Championships.

**Tennis:** Team captain **Monica Menon** reached quarterfinals in the Delhi State Women's festival, was placed fourth in the DU Championships and won second prize in the LSR Sports festival.

**Table Tennis:** The college team was placed in the fourth position in the DU Championships and won third prize in the LSR sports festival.

*Principality of Andorra is a landlocked country bet Spain & France*

**Taekwon-do:** Gunjan Kumar was selected by the International Taek-won-do Federation to officiate in the 20<sup>th</sup> Delhi State and the 19<sup>th</sup> East Zone Championships.

**Volley Ball:** The college team stood fourth in the DU Championships. Kirti Pandal has been selected to represent DU at the All India Volley Ball Championships.

**Mountaineering:** Another star sportswoman of the college is Parineeta Chauhan, who successfully climbed Mt. Mulkila at a height of 6517 metres in a mountaineering expedition last year. This year she is the only woman to be selected to attend an International Skiing Training Programme at Andorra in Europe. She was also a special invitee at the Base Camp of the Indian Armed Forces in the Siachen Glacier.

### 3. Cultural:

Gargi College provides immense opportunities to students to develop and showcase their talents in various forms of art. The legacy of the various cultural societies continues to be further enriched each year and we proudly affirm that students are now carrying out tasks of conceptualisation, design, direction and production by themselves with great finesse, apart from putting up superb performances at various competitions and bringing laurels to the college. It is also noteworthy that the concept of the performances are very often based on contemporary social issues such as human rights, women empowerment, the state of education and so on and the sensitive and thoughtful content are often very moving. Reverie '08, our annual inter college festival was held in November '08 with participation from over 15 colleges of the University of Delhi. The festival, with its theme of *A Myriad of Colours*, was almost entirely carried through by the Students Council under the presidentship of Ms. Arushi Sharma and all members deserve tremendous applause for this feat. Their skill in leadership, teamwork, negotiating power with sponsors and service providers and attention to detail were in ample evidence and we are proud to say that the Gargi graduate is a potential leader in her chosen walk of life.

**Kshitij, The Street Play Society** prepared its piece on over-population entitled *Hum Kitne Hain* and won first prize at Deshbandhu College, Kalindi College, Deen Dayal Upadhyay College, Hindu College

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and IILM; third prize at Mata Sundari College and consolation prizes at IIT Delhi, Kamla Nehru College and at the Institute of Home Economics. **Nehal** won Best Actor Award at Deshbandhu College.

**Upstage, The Dramatics Society** enacted the Hindi play *Qaid* which explores the condition of women in jails. **Ananya Biswas** won Best Director Award at IP College and the Best Actor Award at National Institute of Immunology. The group was invited to perform at the women's film festival.

**Nazaakat, The Indian Dance Society** chose the Rajasthani dance form of ~~Kalbelia~~, in which dancers use ~~matkas and glasses~~ and won first prize in competitions at Maitreyi College, Institute of Home Economics and at Gargi's Reverie. They were placed second at Jesus and Mary College and at Kamla Nehru College and third at Khalsa College and at Mata Sundari College. In classical solo, first prize was won by **Devika Kundu** at IP, second prizes at IIT Kanpur by **Mrinal Sharma**, at Sri Venkateshwara by **Anjana Sheshadri**, and at Janaki Devi Mahavidyalaya and Jesus and Mary College by **Nitisha Nanda**.

**Sparx, The Choreography Society** departed from the traditional fusion of Indian dance and contemporary dance and experimented with some classical western ballet movements. They won the first prize at Hansraj College, where it was a hat trick for them this year and at Sri Venkateshwara College. They stood second at IIT Delhi and third at Reverie.

**Enliven, The Western Dance Society** won third prize at Reverie and at the Commerce festival at Kamla Nehru College. *KNC*.

**Samaranjini, The Indian Music Society** won first prize in the group category at IP and third at Gargi College and Sri Venkateshwara College; in the duet category they won the third prize at Reverie. In the solo category, second prizes were won at Gargi by **Madhumita**, at IP and KNC by **Murchana**, who also won third prize at LSR and Sri Venkateshwara. **Madhumita** made it to the top ten out of a hundred competitors at IIT Delhi.

**Euphony, The Western Music Society** chose a spiritual piece, *Ride the Chariot* from the African American repertoire. First prize was won in

the instrument solo category at IHE by **Aliya Das Gupta** and the group won second prize at Lady Irwin College and third at Gargi and KNC.

**Iris, The Photography Society:** **Pori Sandhya** bagged first prize at Gargi and second at Miranda House; **Ambuja Sabharwal** first at Sri Venkateshwara, **Juhi Srivastava** first at BITS Pilani and second at Hindu. A photography exhibition held at college saw a great footfall. Many of the photographs had captured a sensitive moment with penetrating force, which was moving indeed.

**Hues, The Fine Arts Society** follows an excellent tradition of providing thematic décor at every function in the college with great aesthetic appeal. Their winning prizes at BITS Pilani, KNC, IIPM, LSR, Gargi and at IIT Delhi for diverse art forms such as poster making, rangoli, tattoo, face painting and caricature testifies to the all round competence and enthusiasm of its members.

**QED, The English Debating Society:** ~~The~~ team of **Jagriti** and **Uditya** won first prize at Dayal Singh, Deshbandhu, KNC and Satya Sai Centre; **Pooja Menon** was Best Adjudicator at BITS Pilani and Best Speaker Award was obtained at KNC. **Pallavi, Shaleen and Saudamini, Pooja Menon** defeated the Pakistani team at a South Asian Debate Contest held at Sri Venkateshwara College.

**Samiksha, The Hindi Debating and Elocution Society** won first prize for poetry reading at Gargi, Janaki Devi Mahavidyalaya, LSR and KNC and second prize at Lady Harding College. The society hosted an inter-college debate on *The Media and Social Responsibility* on the occasion of *Hindi Diwas*. Eight Colleges participated and Gargi won second prize.

**Quizzite, The Quiz Society** won second prizes at AIIMS and KNC, third at IP. Our science team won the third prize at *Quest*, an inter college science quiz held by the Centre for Science Education and Communication, University of Delhi.

**Class I, The Film Club** held a film festival dedicated to Woody Allen and a short film making competition.

More details of cultural achievements appear elsewhere in the report.

#### **4. Faculty Shining:**

Gargi College has a highly qualified and committed faculty. At date there are more than 135 permanent members, with about 80 of them possessing doctorate degrees. They combine teaching with research, publications and presentations at national and international seminars; and also take on the responsibilities for academic administration, organization of discipline-based events, extra curricular activities and conduct of add-on courses. The following is only a sampling of their academic output. More details appear later in the report.

#### **Awards and Grants**

**Dr. Aparajita Mohanty** (Botany) was awarded a research grant from Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the Fast Track Scheme for young scientists.

**Dr. Shweta Vandana** (Botany) won the First Prize in *Young Scientist Presentation* organized at Indian Agriculture Research Institute, New Delhi, during its Golden Jubilee.

#### **Higher Degrees:**

**Dr. Pooja Gulati** (Microbiology) was awarded a Ph.D degree for her thesis, *Molecular characterization of strains of Y. enterocolitica isolated from India* under the supervision of Dr. J. S. Viridi, Department of Microbiology, University of Delhi.

**Dr. Sonali Ahuja Dua** (Commerce) was awarded the Ph.D degree for her thesis, *Investor Protection in the Indian Capital Market*.

#### **Publications, Paper Presentations:**

**Dr. Sheela Kumari** (Physical Education) has co-authored a book, *Fitness, Aerobics & Gym Operations*.

**Dr. Gita Mathur**, (Botany) acted as resource person for a workshop on *Design and Development of Science Laboratory Kit for Secondary Level School Education*, for NCERT, Delhi.

She also presented a paper alongwith **Dr. Promila Kumar** of Mathematics department on *Developing Open Educational Resources: WikiEducator Gargi 2009 - A Step Forward* at a seminar on **Freed in**

→ Radha Chelvanthir

2009 : ~~Getting there together~~, organised by Linux users' group, at Jawaharlal Nehru University. *get together*

Dr. Aparajita Mohanty's (Botany) paper on ~~Wide Hybridization Between Hirschfeldia incana and Brassica carinata~~ : ~~Towards Development of New Genetic Resource~~ will be appearing in the next issue of *Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources*. *needed*

Dr. Shweta Vandana's (Botany) Paper on ~~Recent developments in the localization of oil body-associated signaling molecules during lipolysis in oilseeds~~ has been accepted for publication in *Plant Signaling and Behaviour*.

Dr. Priyanka Kapoor (Botany) presented a paper titled ~~Micropropagation, the practical way for mass scale production and conservation of Green Gold~~ in International Conference on Improvement of Bamboo, Productivity and Marketing for Sustainable Livelihood. *I am proud to announce the work being done*

Dr. S. Bhanumati's (Chemistry) paper entitled ~~Green Gates to Solid waste management in a Chemistry Lab~~ was presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference at Washington DC. *on green chemistry*

Dr. Chandana Mukherjee and Dr. S. Bhanumati (Chemistry) contributed an article, ~~From Green to Clean Energy to Quanta, 2008 and on Chemistry on a Green Path-Green and Sustainable chemistry~~ to *Invention Intelligence* published by the National Research Development Corporation, India, 2009.

Dr. Indu Sidhwani's (Chemistry) paper entitled ~~Development of a Green Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory: Principles, Practices and Procedures~~ has been accepted for presentation at 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference at Washington on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2008. *contributed*

Dr. Indu Sidhwani and Sushmita Chowdhury (Chemistry) published a paper ~~Green Analysis of Cations without H<sub>2</sub>S and Sulphur compounds in~~ *Journal of Chemical Education* (American Chemical Society), August 2008.

**Dr. Sushmita Chowdhury** (Chemistry) presented a poster on **Green Cation Analysis** at Bangladesh Chemical Congress, Dhaka in collaboration with Dr. Indu Sidhwani. *contributed*

**Dr. Shashi Chawla** (Microbiology) published a chapter entitled **Carbon and Nitrogen metabolism** to NDIL, NISCAIR for development of e-learning material for B.Sc. (Hons.) Microbiology course. *relating to*

**Dr. Pooja Gulati's** (Microbiology) paper on **Multilocus variable number tandem repeat analysis (MLVA) as a tool to discern genetic relationships among strains of *Yersinia enterocolitica* biovar 4A** has been accepted for publication in *Journal of Applied Microbiology*.

**Dr. Aruna Mohan** (Zoology) presented a paper at The All-India Oriental Conference held at the University of Kurukshetra. *contributed*

**Dr. Poonam Sharma** (Zoology) published a paper on **New Metabolites in the Degradation of alpha- and gamma-Hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH): Pentachlorocyclohexenes are Hydroxylated to Cyclohexenols and Cyclohexenediols by the Haloalkane Dehalogenase LinB from *Sphingobium indicum* B90A** in the *Journal of Agricultural Food Chemistry* (2008) 56(15) : 6594-603.

**Ms. Atreyi Mazumdar** (Economics) presented several papers this year, notable among them being, a paper entitled **Nature and Causes of Population Movements sub-Saharan Africa** in the National Seminar on Africa; **Issues of Governance and Development** at the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi; and a paper entitled **Impact of Globalization on Migration via consumerism** in the National Seminar on Globalization, consumerism and Protection of Consumer Rights in India, organised by Group of Adult Education, JNU in collaboration with Netaji Academy of Sub-continental Studies.

**Dr. Monica Das** (Economics) was sponsored by the Rivers of the World foundation (ROW) Crofton, Maryland, USA in June 2008 for undertaking a training in river keeping and other associated matters, with the Patuxent Riverkeepers, Maryland, USA. She arranged a talk on the Yamuna waters for our students. *understanding river Yamuna*

*guided me*  
**Dr. Sunita Gupta** (Sanskrit) has had one student successfully completing Ph.D and another M.Phil under her supervision this year.

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**Dr. Rekha Navneet** (Philosophy) presented a paper on **Rasa: An indicator of a Unique Sensibility** at a National Conference held by University of Delhi and ICPR.

*I am happy to record the academic aspiration of our staff*  
**Dr. Deepika Chatterjee**, Philosophy, presented a paper on **Nataraja** at India International Centre.

*as well*  
**Non-academic staff: Mr. Khan**, Senior Assistant obtained an M.Phil degree through Distance Education from **Vinayaka Missions University**, Tamil Nadu.

**Mr. Mahesh Prasad**, Assistant received a Post Graduate Diploma in Mass Communication and Journalism from **Kendriya Sansthan**, Agra, under **MHRD**.

## CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

### Major seminars and workshops:

A National Interdisciplinary Seminar was hosted by the college on the topic **Rights for Human Dignity** on **17<sup>th</sup> February, 09**. It was inaugurated by Ms. Kiran Walia, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, of the NCT of Delhi. Corporate heads, sociologists and academics, lawyers and doctors led the deliberations on Right to Employment, Food, Pregnancy Rights and Euthanasia.

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The Commerce department held a seminar on **India's Growing Impact in the World: A Business Perspective**. Shri Kamal Nath, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated the event and rendered an inspiring address on the road ahead for India especially in entrepreneurship. *the*

A workshop on Open Educational Resources was conducted for the faculty under the aegis of the Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver, Canada. It was facilitated by Dr. Gita Mathur, **Reader, Department of Botany**. Its target was to impart skills for **Collaborative e-Content Development** in the WikiEducator website. This workshop will provide impetus for research, and for academic deliberations and sharing of knowledge outside the classroom. *which will be a great*

### Other Departmental Meets:

Gargi College has a rich tradition of major annual academic events conducted by each department. These consist of panel discussions by experts on emerging new areas of knowledge in the disciplines, followed by presentations by students as well as inter-college competitions. While details appear elsewhere in the report, the following provide a glimpse of the varied fare offered by them.

The **History association** held a panel discussion on *History, Cinema and Nation Building*. Filmmakers and critics presented an overview of historical cinema in India, with the help of clippings from films and their role in sensitising audiences to the traumas of partition. Thereafter students presented papers on these subjects.

The **English Association** invited academics from various colleges to share their researched knowledge on the relation of Author, Text and Reader as well as the pedagogical issues involved in the production and dissemination of meaning. This was followed by a competition of students' paper presentations on the role the study of literature played in shaping their lives.

The **Sanskrit Association** organized an inter-college recitation competition. **Mamta Khatik** and **Anita** won prizes at Gargi and at other colleges. Twenty students passed the exam held by Vivekanand Smarak Samiti.

The **Philosophy Association** arranged a panel discussion on *Higher Education in the Context of Globalization* by scholars in the field.

The **Political Science** Association chose for deliberations this year the topic *Poverty, Politics and the State of India*. Among others it was addressed by the **Magasasay Award Winner** and Chairperson for National Commission for Children, **Prof. Shanta Sinha**.

The **Psychology Department** <sup>celebrated completion of 20 years of its existence</sup> organized a panel discussion on *Two Decades of Applied Psychology: The Road Ahead*. Some highly successful alumni of the department who are now Assistant Professors in Universities in the US and corporate executives, shared their experiences and advised students on career options in the discipline.

The **Physics Association** held a workshop on *Recent Trends in*

*Learning Physics.* This was followed by an inter-college poster competition on Clean Technologies, Green Energy. Prof. Annapoorni of the Department of Physics, University of Delhi gave a talk on the *Importance of Nanophysics*.

The **Chemistry Association** arranged a lecture on *Laws relating to environment safety and lessons learnt from the Bhopal Gas Tragedy* by Dr. Usha Ramanathan. *as also a lecture Chemistry applied to the cash crop*

The **Botany Association** invited Prof. Anil Grover to speak on *Stress Biology and its Impact on Crop Improvement*.

The **Microbiology Association** invited Prof. S.K. Kar to speak on *Understanding Immune Response during Infections* and Dr. Nandini Seshadri to speak on *Genetically Modified Organisms and the Challenges Ahead*.

The **Zoology Association** held its festival on the theme of *Environment Conservation*.

The **B.A. Programme Association** held a seminar on *Impact of Globalization on Indian Culture*. It was addressed among others by Ms. Sayeeda Hameed, Member, Planning Commission.

The **Business Economics Association** arranged a lecture cum workshop by an eminent management consultant on the topic *Campus to Corporate: Dreams to Reality*.

The **Department of Elementary Education** that imparts professional training for careers as teachers for primary and middle school, organized two workshops this year in the following areas: *Writing Reflective Journals* and *Musicality and Short Story*. Prof. Krishna Kumar, Chairman, NCERT gave a keynote address in the first event.

## **BUILDING SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Gargi College maintains a healthy tradition of making its young adults aware of social disparities and environmental hazards. It provides them diverse avenues for making their contributions to society.

### **1. National Service Scheme**

The National Service Scheme unit organized a blood donation camp, a festival for differently-abled children and a friendship day with senior

citizens. Students participated in a camp organized by Sri Satya Sai Centre.

## 2. National Cadet Corps.

The National Cadet Corps of Gargi have participated in a number of camps and competitions and brought laurels to the college.

Special appreciation is due to JUO **Ambika** who was declared Best Cadet and Best Master of Ceremonies of Delhi for which she received medals both from the Prime Minister of India and the Chief Minister of Delhi and received coverage in the media.

Our students participated in RDC, TSC, CM's Rally, Trek camp, mountaineering, parasailing, horse riding, firing etc. SUO **Shweta Dogra** represented Delhi Directorate in TSC and became All India Camp Senior in Sikkim Trek 2008 for which she got gold medal for being the best camp senior. SUO **Pooja Singhal** participated in RDC 2008 and was selected as All India Guard Commander 2008 and also got best cadet award. **Ankita Verma**, participated in parasailing in 2008. JUO **Aradhana Muthana, Manjari Bera, Kavita and Sangeeta** had attended Sikkim trekking camp in 2008.

## 3. Women's Development Centre:

Among other events, the WDC a) collaborated with three NGOs and organized a workshop on sex education with special focus on HIV-AIDS; b) held a panel discussion on the topic *The Marriage Market*; c) organised an inter-active workshop *inter-personal relations* conducted by Dr. Kumkum Malik, a clinical psychologist from USA; d) and arranged an interactive session with area police personnel for tips on safety measures.

## 4. Gandhi Study Circle :

The Gandhi Study Circle was launched this year and it was inaugurated by Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharya, grand-daughter of the Mahatma. Films on Gandhi, panel discussions on the relevance of his philosophy and a skit by our students on *The Politics of Mahatma* are some of the events of the year. Our students and faculty were very actively involved in the organization of, and poster exhibition at, the International Seminar recently conducted by the University of Delhi on the centenary of the publication of Gandhi's *Hind Swaraj*.

## 5. <sup>As part of</sup> The Environmental Awareness <sup>workshop activities</sup>

Eight students participated in the Yamuna Action Plan hosted by ACORD; eleven attended a 2-day winter school organized by TERI.

## 6. The International Experience: <sup>Our students have also been</sup>

<sup>travelling</sup>  
<sup>with</sup>  
<sup>for</sup>  
<sup>made</sup>  
<sup>global</sup>  
<sup>presence</sup>  
<sup>this year</sup>  
**Kamakshi Tiwari** was one of two women from India selected to participate in the Annual Ottenheim International Youth Project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Arkansas. **Rashee Mehra** was selected for a ~~four-week~~ programme on leadership skills development by the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State at Green River Community College. **Prakriti Gupta** received a Gold Medal as an International Award for Young People conferred by the British Council.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND NETWORKING

### 1. Magazines and Newsletters:

<sup>As Principal</sup>  
<sup>I find</sup>  
<sup>these</sup>  
<sup>are</sup>  
<sup>very</sup>  
<sup>helpful</sup>  
<sup>not</sup>  
**Logos**, the annual magazine is the voice of Gargi-ites in all their moods. ~~This year's issue has focused on the theme of A Myriad of Colours.~~ The college publishes a vast array of newsletters and magazines that give students opportunities to comment on issues, their research findings and a general critique of happenings around them. **Eureka**, from students of Sciences, **Manthan** of History, **Oracle** of Humanities, **Demos** of Political Science, **Gnosis** of Philosophy and **Comascent** of Commerce **Anthesis** by Botany, **Flight** by Zoology, **Savera** by NSS and **Ipsita** by WDC are newsletters produced and edited by students. Chemistry department released its first annual magazine, **Amalgam**. <sup>to provide useful</sup>

### 2. Alumni Outreach :

The fifth alumni meet was held in December in which some of our highly successful alumni were honoured. An interactive database development has been created at our website.

## PLACEMENT

Most students of Gargi College pursue higher studies after graduation. However to those interested in a job after the under-graduate degree, the college has been facilitating placement through a group of very committed faculty members operating the placement cell. Several private sector

organizations such as Google, ICICI, Barclays Bank, E&Y, Capital IQ, Wipro, Gail Research and Genpact visited the college for their presentations of company profiles and for recruitment drive. In spite of the current economic meltdown, I am happy to report that 15 students have already received job offers and some others are awaiting results. **Anupam Chaudhry** has been selected through the Service Selection Board to become a flying officer in the Air Force. The placement cell also organizes workshops on *Preparing for Careers*.

### ADD-ON COURSES

*rising* Academia has of recent times begun to break conventional bounds and rise to meet the challenges of an increasingly competitive and constantly innovating world outside. The curriculum is supplemented by concurrently offered short courses. Gargi college has made a name for itself in this area, both for the number and the diversity of courses offered each year. They are offered in two series; *career oriented courses* catering to the job market and, as *expanding horizons*, which may open up new choices for our young women and may also encourage entrepreneurship. These courses are taught entirely by external faculty drawn from academia, the industry and from government departments. In 08-09 the following courses were conducted with great success: *the current year*

#### Career-oriented courses:

Advertising and Marketing Communication

Banking and Financial Services

Tally Accounting Programme

CPT course, accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants

#### Expanding Horizons series:

Introduction to Biotechnology and Bioinformatics

Recent Advancements in Forensic Science, in collaboration with the Central Forensic Science Laboratory. A visit to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Chandigarh, was also arranged for the students.

Environmental Conservation

Molecular and Computational Biology

Women in History

*as part of the course*

Entrepreneurs for Tomorrow

Certificate courses in German and Russian

Gargi college also serves as a study centre for the Indira Gandhi National Open University.

## INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

A new seminar hall was inaugurated this year with a seating capacity of 150. It has been installed with state of the art audio-visual systems. The ongoing construction of the auditorium is progressing at a steady pace and it is our fond hope that the next year's College Day will be held in the new auditorium.

A Bio-informatics laboratory is in the final stages of completion. It has been made possible by a grant from the Department of Biotechnology of the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Government of India. The lab will not only be a useful centre for hands on experience for some topics in the curriculum, but we also hope to offer short add on certificate courses on the subject for our students.

**Library:** 1718 books were added this year bringing the total to 63473 volumes and 75 journals. The library is fully computerized.

I would like to end this report with expressions of warm gratitude to the top leadership of the University of Delhi as well as to the members of the Governing Body for their constant guidance and support. I must place on record my appreciation for the tremendous cooperation I have received, year after year, from faculty and staff in the conduct of the academic administration of the college. I am particularly thankful to them for giving their time to extended activities like add-on courses, placement and alumni networking and for the fund raising efforts for the ongoing construction of the auditorium complex. And to my students, who have always manifested love as well as promise, I wish you the best in the forthcoming examinations and in all pursuits beyond.

Thank You,

H. Ramachandran

**Meera Ramachandran**  
Principal

Sheela  
Deby  
Irfan Ahmad  
Shikha Khan  
Jyoti Khetri  
have dedicated  
the entire year

(21) in guiding the students!  
Genuinely organizing all  
events

## **GARGI COLLEGE GOVERNING BODY**

Prof. Nargis Panchapakesan	Chairperson
Mr. R.K. Aggarwal	Treasurer
Ms. Usha Albuquerque	Member
Ms. Aruna Makhan	Member
Ms. Yasmin Kidwai	Member
Mr. Shiv Charan Gupta	Member
Dr. D.S. Mann	Member
Mr. Anirudh Lal	Member
Prof. H.B. Singh	Member
Prof. Anil Grover	University Representative
Prof. V.K. Kaul	University Representative
Dr. Veena Bhatnagar	Teachers' Representative
Dr. Preeti Pant	Teachers' Representative
Dr. (Mrs.) Meera Ramachandran	Principal & Secretary

## **STUDENTS' COUNCIL**

Aarushi Sharma	President
Sara Bhutani	Vice President
Gauri Puri	Cultural Secretary
Shelly Tewatia	General Secretary
Ruhi Jain	Treasurer
Kanika Sharma	Sports President
Prakriti Gupta	Arts Representative
Rashi Sharma	Commerce Representative
Divyangana Dhankar	Science Representative
Mridul Kataria	Proctor
Pradeepa Viswanathan	Proctor

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Awards and Grants

**Dr Aparajita Mohanty** (Botany) was awarded a research grant from **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** under the Fast Track Scheme for young scientists.

**Dr Shweta Vandana** (Botany) won the First Prize in Young Scientist Presentation organized at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, during the Golden Jubilee Conference on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2008.

### Faculty awarded Ph.D.

**Dr. Pooja Gulati** (Microbiology) was awarded PhD degree in Microbiology from University of Delhi for her thesis titled Molecular characterization of strains of Y.enterocolitica isolated from India.

**Dr. Sonali Ahuja Dua** (Commerce): obtained Ph.D. in Commerce from University of Delhi. Title of the thesis is Investor Protection in the Indian Capital Market.

### PUBLICATIONS. PRESENTATIONS.....

#### BOTANY

**Dr. Gita Mathur:**

**Resource person to Workshops organised by NIE- Workshop Division, NCERT:**

Workshop on *Design and Development of Science Laboratory Kit for Secondary Stage*, from July 7 to 11, 2008.

Workshop on *Pedagogic Uses of NIE-Workshop* from October 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. School teachers from many cities were trained to use the laboratory kit along with its manual.

Participated in WikiEd-08, Workshop on Open Educational Resources at Acharya Narendra Dev College(ANDC) October 3, 4 and 6, 2008.

Nominated to the interim advisory board of WikiEducator- India at the launch of the Wikieducator – India chapter by Prof. M.S.Swaminathan, held at India International Centre, New Delhi on December 15, 2008.

**Organized a Workshop** WikiEducator-Gargi 2009, on *Open Educational Resources* at Gargi College, for the faculty (list appears in Annexure) of all departments of the college, on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, '09 with support from Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver, Canada.

Presented a paper on **Developing Open Educational Resources: WikiEducator-Gargi 2009 – A Step Forward** at a seminar on : **Freed.in: Getting there together**, organised by Linux users' group, at Jawaharlal Nehru University, on Feb 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>, '09 (alongwith Dr. Promila Kumar).

**Dr Geeta Mehta** was resource person to a workshop on *Design and Development of Science Laboratory Kit for Secondary Stage* held at NCERT from 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July '08.

**Dr Aparajita Mohanty** et al. published a paper entitled **Wide Hybridization Between *Hirschfeldia incana* and *Brassica carinata*. : Towards Development of New Genetic Resource** in *Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources* (in press)

**Dr Shweta Vandana** : Paper entitled **Recent developments in the localization of oil body-associated signaling molecules during lipolysis in oilseeds** in *Plant Signaling and Behaviour* accepted for publication.

**Dr Priyanka Kapoor** published a paper titled **Micropropagation, the practical way for mass scale production and conservation of Green Gold** in International Conference on improvement of Bamboo, productivity and marketing for sustainable livelihood.

### **CHEMISTRY**

**Dr. S. Bhanumati :**

Paper entitled **Green Gates to Solid waste management in a Chemistry Lab** sessioned under poster at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference at Washington DC was presented.

Hindi poems and cartoons published in Children magazines published by the National Book Trust of India.

Eight students (including five from IGNOU) participated in the YAP II (Yamuna Action Plan) meet hosted by ACORD, in response to invitation to Dr. S. Bhanumati as former eco-club in-charge. The students registered themselves as future activists. The activists joined the YAP march on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb., '09 to create awareness in the society.

**Dr. Chandana Mukherjee and Dr. S. Bhanumati.**

Article **From Green to Clean Energy** published in *Quanta* 2008, pages 13-15, MLNC, Physics Society Magazine.

Invited article **Chemistry on a Green Path-Green and Sustainable chemistry** published in Jan-Feb. 2009 issue of INVENTION INTELLIGENCE published by the National Research Development Corporation India, pp 3-7 & **cover page**.

**Dr. Indu Tucker Sidhwani:**

Guided three M.Sc. students under a DST sponsored project on **Green Chemistry Experiments**.

Invited to do Green Experiments for three days in an add-on course in Green Chemistry for Delhi University Students at Miranda House

Paper entitled **Development of a Green Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory: Principles, Practices and Procedures** accepted for presentation at 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference at Washington on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June, '08.

**Dr. Sushmita Chowdhury:**

Published a paper **Green Analysis of Cations without H<sub>2</sub>S and Sulphur compounds**, *Journal of Chemical Education* (American Chemical Society), August 2008 (alongwith Dr. Indu Tucker Sidhwani)

Adapted the book **Inorganic Chemistry** by G.L. Miessler and D.A. Tarr (Pearson Publication) (alongwith Dr. Indu Tucker Sidhwani). The work involved modification of the book as per the requirement of Indian Universities and introduction of new chapter.

Co-authored a chemistry text book for class XI (Bharati Bhavan Publication)

Attended National Workshop on *Emerging Issues in Chemical Safety and Management* organized by Toxics Links on 8<sup>th</sup> Aug., '08.

Attended two seminars in October and November '08 pertaining to Chemistry course of B.Sc. Programme and B.Sc(Hons) Chemistry.

Invited alongwith Dr. Indu Sidhwani to speak on and demonstrate **Some Green Experiments** at an add-on course for students of Delhi University on *Green Chemistry and Environment* at Miranda House in Nov. '08.

**Coordinator** alongwith **Dr. Renu Aggarwal** for the Add-on course on *Recent Advances in Forensic Science*.

**Dr. B. Vaijayanthi:** Co-ordinator of *WikiEducator Gargi 2009* workshop on *Open Educational Resources* held on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Jan., '09.

Co-authored a chemistry text book for class XI (Bharati Bhavan Publishers).

### **COMMERCE**

**Dr. Geeta Kichlu:** Attended a workshop for 5 days, conducted by ILLL and ICICI on *Faculty Development programme* from 4<sup>th</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> May '08.

**Co-ordinator** of the Add-on course *Advertising and Marketing Communications*.

**Mrs. Manju Sahai:** **Convenor** of Add on course *Banking and Financial Services*

Attended the sixth **Annual Management Festival, Aura 2009** on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Feb., '09. The theme was based on *Combating Recession*.

Article written on *True Education* in newsletter Comascent, Sept., 2008.

**Dr. Sangeeta Jerath:** Prepared Question Bank for Institute of Life Long Learning, University of Delhi.

Attended sixth **Annual Management Festival, Aura 2009** at Amity Campus on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Feb., 09 on *Combating Recession*.

**Dr. Geeta Siddharth:** Prepared Question Bank on Microeconomic Paper of B.Com(Hons.) I year for ILLL, University of Delhi.

**Dr. Sonali Ahuja Dua:** Participated in a three weeks Refresher course in the subject **Women Studies** conducted by C.P.D.H.E. – ILL from 7<sup>th</sup> March to 29<sup>th</sup> March.,08.

Participated in a three weeks refresher course in 'Commerce' from 29<sup>th</sup> Sept., to 21<sup>st</sup> Oct., 08.

Attended a seminar on *Investing in Indian Financial Markets: Opportunities and Strategies* on Feb., 23<sup>rd</sup>, '08 conducted by Department of Financial Studies, University of Delhi South Campus.

**Ms. Anjni Anand:** Attended UGC sponsored 3-week Refresher Course in Commerce and Business Management organized by Academic Staff College, Jamia Milia Islamia from 15<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2008 to 6<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2008 and obtained grade "A".

Organised a workshop titled *Campus to Corporate – Dreams to Reality* for BBE students on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec., '08.

**Seminars attended:** *Sub-Prime Crisis in US* seminar organized by Department of Business Economics, Delhi University in August 2008.

*Endeavour towards Corporate Excellence* seminar organized by DDU college on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept., '08.

**Ms. Romita Popli:** Participated in a seminar on *e-filing under the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the Companies Act, 1956* jointly organized by NIRC of Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi, on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2008.

Attended UGC sponsored 3-week Refresher Course in Commerce and Business Management organized by Academic Staff College, Jamia Milia Islamia from 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. to 6<sup>th</sup> Nov., '08 and obtained grade "A".

**Co-ordinator** of *Tally Accounting Programme*, an add-on course for learning accounting on computers conducted by the Commerce Department for the second successive year.

Member of Organizing Committee, *WikiEducator – Gargi 2009* for conducting a workshop on Open Educational Resources on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2009 in the college.

## **ECONOMICS**

### **Ms. Atreyi Majumdar**

Gave a lecture on "Feminisation of Migration in India with special reference to Orissa" on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2008 at Orissa Bhawan, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi.

### **Papers Presented:**

*Socio-economic Implications of International Movements of Human Resources* in the National Conference on Globalisation and Multiculturalism: Contemporary Trends in Language literature and Media, 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Mar., 2008 at Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, Delhi University.

*Nature and Causes of Population Movements sub-Saharan Africa* in the National Seminar on *Africa: Issues of Governance and Development* on Mar., 26<sup>th</sup> and 27, 2008 at Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi.

*Impact of Globalization on Migration via consumerism* in the National Seminar on *Globalization, consumerism and Protection of Consumer Rights in India*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 28-29<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2008, organised by Group of Adult Education, JNU in collaboration with Netaji Academy of Sub-continental Studies.

Invited to speak on *Migration and media* in the seminar on *Role of Media on Mainstreaming women's Political Participation*, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2008 at IIMC auditorium, New Delhi, organised by Draupadi Trust, in association with NASCS and ISCA, India.

Invited to speak on *Informal Sector in Urban Delhi* in the International Workshop on *Social Protection Policies for the Urban Informal Sector Across South Asia*, 30-31<sup>st</sup> Jan., 2009, organised by DCRC, Delhi University.

Paper on *Challenges of Ageing* – accepted for International Conference on *Mobility and Successful Ageing*, Umea University, Umea, Sweden, 1-3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2009 (Deptt. Of Social and Economic Geography, Centre for Population Studies).

**Dr. Monica Das:**

**Sponsored** by the Rivers of the World foundation (ROW) Crofton, Maryland, USA in June 2008 for undertaking a training in river keeping and other associated matters, with the Patuxent Riverkeepers, Maryland, USA. Subsequent to this a certificate was awarded.

As a follow up to the above, a seminar/interactive session with the executives from the Centre of Science and Technology, was organised at Gargi college for the students of the college. The theme was on "Save Yamuna Movement" and was titled *Know your Yamuna*. A similar seminar was organised in Kamala Nehru college with participation from a different set of students and teachers.

Participated in a group discussion at the Embassy of Sweden during October 2008. The theme was *Swedish initiatives and the Indian Economy*.

Delivered a talk at the Odissa forum on **Gender Perspectives with special reference to Orissa**.

**Ms. Atreyi Majumdar and Dr. Monika Das**

Invited to participate in the UGC sponsored workshop on *Capacity Building for Women Managers in Higher Education* from Feb 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, '09).

**Interdisciplinary Department of German**

**Ms Rima Chauhan:** Participated in the Teacher Training in Foreign Language Education organised by the Department of Germanic and Romance Studies, University of Delhi, from Feb. to April 2008.

Attended a one day workshop on developing worksheets and test for the German language class organised by Indo-German Teachers Association, New Delhi at Delhi Public School, Mathura Road on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan., 09.

**MATHEMATICS**

**Dr. Promila Kumar:** Presented a paper on **Developing Open Educational Resources: WikiEducator-Gargi 2009 – A Step Forward** at a seminar on : **Freed.in: Getting there together**, organised by Linux users' group, at Jawaharlal Nehru University, on Feb 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>, '09 (alongwith Dr. Gita Mathur)

*International conference on Mathematical Sciences*, organised by the Faculty of Mathematical Science, Delhi University, was attended by the following faculty members from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Dec., '08 : **Dr. Promila Kumar, Mrs. Arshmeet Kaur, Mrs. Bhawna Kapoor & Ms. Pooja Gupta**

**Ms. Arshmeet Kaur:** Attended Refresher course on *Computer Applications* conducted by CPDHE, University of Delhi held in Sept., '08.

Member of Organising Committee, *Wiki Educator - Gargi 2009*

### **MICROBIOLOGY**

The following teachers attended *International Symposium on Microbial Biotechnology, Diversity Genomics and Metagenomics* held at Department of Zoology, University of Delhi, from Nov. 18-20, 2008: **Dr. Surabhi Shrivastava, Dr. Shashi Chawla, Dr. Rekha Gupta & Dr. Pooja Gulati**

**Dr. Shashi Chawla:** Published a chapter entitled **Carbon and Nitrogen metabolism** to NDL, NISCAIR for development of e-learning material for B Sc. (Hons.) Microbiology course.

**Dr. Pooja Gulati:** Published a paper entitled **Multilocus variable number tandem repeat analysis (MLVA) as a tool to discern genetic relationships among strains of *Yersinia enterocolitica* biovar 1A** in *Journal of Applied Microbiology* (in press). Vol 107(3)

Published a book Chapter entitled ***Yersinia enterocolitica* and Yersiniosis** in *Gastrointestinal infections* (ed. C. Vaishnavi), Paragon International publishers

Presented a Poster on **Development of multilocus variable number tandem repeat analysis and its use to discern clonal relationships amongst strains of *Yersinia enterocolitica* biovar 1A** in the AMI (Association of Microbiologist of India) conference held in Delhi from 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. to 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. '08.

### **PHILOSOPHY**

**Dr. Rekha Navneet** presented a paper on **Rasa: An indicator of unique sensibility** at a National Conference held by University of Delhi and ICPR on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov., '09.

**Dr. Deepika Chatterjee** presented a paper on **Nataraja** at India International Centre.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**Dr. Sheela Kumari. S**

Co-authored a textbook on *Fitness, Aerobics and Gym Management* published by Khel Sahitya Kendra, Delhi, with Dr. Amita Rana and Dr. Seema Kaushik.

Member of Organising Committee and participant in the **National Workshop on Review and Development of Curriculum of M.P. Ed.** organized by the Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences (Faculty of Inter-disciplinary and Applied Sciences, University of Delhi) at IGIPESS, Delhi (March 5-6, '08).

Member of Organising Committee and participant in the **Sports and Community Volunteer Leadership Trainer's Course** organized by the Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences (Faculty of Inter-disciplinary and Applied Sciences, University of Delhi) at University of Delhi (March 18-20, '08).

Member of Organising Committee and participant in the Two day workshop on **Revisiting Application Course: Fitness, Aerobics and Gym Operations** organized by the Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences (Faculty of Inter-disciplinary and Applied Sciences, University of Delhi) at IGIPESS, Delhi (March 24-25, '08)

Member of Organising Committee, *Wiki Educator - Gargi 2009*.

### **PHYSICS**

**Dr. Alka Garg:** Attended *National Symposium on Indian Physics and Mega Projects* organized by D.S. Kothari Centre for Research and Innovation in Science Education, Miranda House, University of Delhi.

Associated actively with the **PAHEL** group working on awareness about environmental issues.

**Dr. Vandna Luthra:**

**Participated in the following Workshops:** 4 day workshop at Keshav Mahavidyalaya from 23-26th July, 2008.

Workshop on *Interfacing of experiments* held at Inter University Accelerator Centre held during Aug. '08.

A One day workshop on *Accelerator based research on Polymer Science* held at **Inter University Accelerator Centre** on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. '08.

**Paper Published : Fabrication and characterization of  $\text{Fe}_{1.9}\text{Ti}_{0.1}\text{O}_3$  resistive sensors for carbon monoxide detection**, Vandna Luthra, Keith F.E. Pratt, Ivan P Parkin, D.E. Williams and R. P. Tandon, *Sensors & Actuator B*, 135(2009) 430-35.

Organized a one day workshop on **Recent Trends in Physics learning and Research** at Gargi College.

### **SANSKRIT**

**Dr. Sunita Gupta** : Supervised the work of two students who have obtained M.Phil and Ph.D degree respectively from University of Delhi. One new student has been registered for Ph.D.

### **ZOOLOGY**

**Dr. Aruna Mohan:**

#### **Papers Presented:**

*Reference of Music in Buddhist Studies* at the All India Oriental Conference held in July 2008 at Kurukshetra University.

*Environment vs Religion* in National Seminar on *Environment and Indian Literature* on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., '08 at Kamala Nehru College, Delhi University.

Paper accepted for presentation : *Scientific Approach to Religion* at the 3<sup>rd</sup> SSEASR conference to be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June, '09 at Bali, Indonesia.

**Co-ordinator** – Add-on course on *Environmental Conservation*

Trained more than 5000 school teachers and laboratory staff under SCERT.

Author of Book/Training material for school curriculum – class IX, X, XI, XII

Written for e-courses in Life Science, Environmental Studies and Zoology for Institute of Life Long Learning.

Involved in the scheme called "Yuva" by Education Department through Ms. Rina Roy as resource person.

**Dr. Poonam Sharma**

Paper accepted for Publication : **New Metabolites in the Degradation of alpha- and gamma-Hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH): Pentachloro-cyclohexenes Are Hydroxylated to Cyclohexenols and Cyclohexenediols by the Haloalkane Dehalogenase LinB from *Sphingobium indicum* B90A.** Raina V., Rentsch D, Geiger T, **Sharma P**, Buser HR, Holliger C, Lal R, Kohler HP (2008) *Journal of Agricultural Food Chemistry* (American Chemical Society) 56(15):6594-603.

Co-ordinator of an Add-on Course on *Molecular and Computation Biology: A Practical Approach*. Under this add-on course, many bacterial strains were isolated from various habitats like Gargi Soil, Ganga Water, Sulfur Hot spring, Industrial Area and Garbage Sites and work is underway on Molecular Microbial Taxonomy of these strains.

Participated in 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of AMI held during Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> '08, at Delhi University.

**LIBRARY**

1718 books were added during the year 2007-08. The total number of volumes in the library as it stood on 21<sup>st</sup> January, '09 are 63473. Out of these, 59963 books are in the main and gift collection, 1166 are in the Text book collection and 2344 are in the Book bank collection.

Library has been fully computerised and computerised cards have been issued to students, academic and non-academic staff.

As many as 1,30,431 volumes were loaned out to borrowers. This excludes use of loose issues of periodicals, reference books, books kept in the reading room and open stacks of the Library. Some 49935 members visited the library.

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS DURING  
ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2008**

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of First Divisions</b>	<b>Total No. of Students</b>	<b>PASS %</b>
<b><u>B.Sc.(Hons.)</u></b>				
<b>Botany</b>	I	7	18	88.89
	II	23	27	100.00
	III	32	35	100.00
<b>Chemistry</b>	I	7	20	90.00
	II	12	16	100.00
	III	17	18	100.00
<b>Microbiology</b>	I	16	22	90.91
	II	13	18	88.89
	III	16	18	100.00
<b>Physics</b>	I	7	14	85.71
	II	12	12	100.00
	III	16	16	100.00
<b>Zoology</b>	I	20	29	96.55
	II	20	22	90.91
	III	8	16	100.00
<b>B.Sc.(Prog.) Life Sc.</b>	I	31	44	95.45
	II	27	44	97.73
	III	26	32	100.00
<b>B.Sc.(Prog.) Phy. Sc.</b>	I	11	19	94.74
	II	5	24	100.00
	III	10	17	100.00
<b><u>B.A. (Hons.)</u></b>				
<b>App. Psychology</b>	I	16	20	100.00
	II	15	19	100.00
	III	14	20	100.00

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<b><u>B.A. (Hons.)</u></b>				
<b>English</b>	I	1	22	100.00
	II	2	26	96.15
	III	3	23	100.00
<b>Hindi</b>	I	3	23	100.00
	II	3	26	96.15
	III	8	21	100.00
<b>History</b>	I	2	33	87.88
	II	1	15	80.00
	III	1	23	100.00
<b>Philosophy</b>	I	2	15	86.67
	II	4	14	100.00
	III	1	15	93.33
<b>Political Science</b>	I	2	44	97.73
	II	5	49	100.00
	III	5	64	100.00
<b>Sanskrit</b>	I	-	4	100.00
	II	1	9	100.00
	III	1	9	88.89
<b>B.B.E.</b>	I	21	32	100.00
<b>B.A. (Prog.)</b>	I	30	99	98.99
	II	15	91	98.9
	III	33	88	100.00
<b>B.Com. (Prog.)</b>	I	30	98	95.92
	II	49	102	98.04
	III	30	87	100.00
<b>B.Com. (Hons.)</b>	I	50	74	100.00
	II	71	102	97.06
	III	39	59	100.00

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<b>B.El.Ed</b>	I	16	23	82.61
	II	15	22	95.45
	III	19	21	100.00
	IV	15	21	100.00
<b>M.A. (English)</b>	I	—	5	100.00
	II	1	7	100.00
<b>M.A. (Political Sc.)</b>	I	—	—	—
	II	—	15	100.00
<b>M.Sc. (Chemistry)</b>	I	1	1	100.00
	II	—	—	—

## PLACEMENT CELL

In order to facilitate the three major objectives of providing guidance and support in the areas of placements (and internships), career guidance and higher education options to students, Gargi Placement Cell took up the following activities:

To streamline the process of identifying the needs of final year students, Placement Cell designed and distributed, 'Registration forms.'

This initiative received enthusiastic response from students across all disciplines defying all the prevailing conceptions.

The following statistical records reflect the genuineness of the above mentioned facts.

Placement Cell organised recruitment processes with the following companies through in-house sessions and in co-operation with other colleges:

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|------------------|-----------|
| * Google         | * ICICI   |
| * Barclays Bank  | * E&Y     |
| * Capital IQ     | * Wipro   |
| * Grail Research | * Genpact |

Internship opportunities were also made available to all students (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year) in the fields of advertising, marketing and social work.

A career talk related to openings in Media and Communications was organised on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

The Placement Cell organised a session titled '**Campus to Corporate**' on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb., '09 for final year students.

The Placement Team designed a **blog** to make communication more interactive to reach out to more number of students.

Gargi Placement cell worked in close collaboration with the **Central Placement Cell (CPC) of University of Delhi** through facilitating CPC registrations and disseminating information regarding the first and second phase of placement sessions at the North Campus .

About 15 final year students have been selected by various companies while a few others are awaiting results.

## **THE GARGI PATHFINDER AWARD**

### **SCIENCE**

**Committee : Dr. Aruna Mohan (Convenor)**

**Dr. Sushmita Chowdhury**

**Dr. Surabhi Shrivastava**

**Dr. Gita Mathur**

**Dr. Alka Garg**

<b>Finalists</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
1. Sneha Datta	Microbiological and Physical Analysis of the Sacred Sarovars	Dr. Gita Mathur
2. Rashi & Reema	Fibre Optic Microbend as Pressure Sensors	Dr. Alka Garg
3. Kumud & Dhanya	Finding and Using Plants and their Products as Scavengers for Heavy Metal Ions....	Dr. Aruna Mohan
4. Richa & Bhavana	Synthesis and Characterisation of Titanium Dioxide	Dr. Vandna Luthra
5. Jaya & Sakina	Exploration of Pathogenic Organisms in Water	Dr. Neelam Sachdeva

### **Judges**

Dr. K.D. P. Rao, Retd. Teacher of Zoology, Sri Venkateshwara College

Dr. Rajendra Gupta, Department of Botany, Delhi University

Dr. Mrs. K. Mehra, Retd. Teacher, Gargi College

### **COMMERCE**

**Committee : Dr. Geeta Siddharth (Convenor)**

**Dr. Nidhi Gupta**

<b>Finalists</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
1. Ankita Singh Shruti Sharma Vaishali Khattar	Innovative Business Proposal : Sofzeit Co. Pvt. Ltd.	Dr. Geeta Kichlu

2. Shelly Tevatia      Innovative Business Proposal :    Ms. Sheela Dubey  
 Tanushree Tangri    Carbo India Enterprise Ltd.  
 Bhagyashree  
 Aakriti Choudhury
3. Nisha Rai              Innovative Business Proposal:    Dr. Sangeeta Jerath  
                                  Daisy's Women Healthcare  
                                  Centre

### **Judges**

Dr. Savita Hanspal, Commerce Department, Kamla Nehru College  
 Dr. Nisha Rana, Deen Dayal Upadhyay College

### **HUMANITIES**

**Committee : Dr. Shashi Mutatkar (Convenor)**  
**Dr. Meenakshi Jain**  
**Dr. Rekha Navneet**  
**Ms. Manjeet Singh**  
**Dr. Veena Sharma**

<b>Finalists</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
1. Payal Chandra	Body Image: Its Impact on Self Esteem: A Study	Dr. Neera Pant
2. Kaveri Trehan Teesta Rajan	We, the Second Sex	Fr. Rekha Navneet
3. Aditi Sharma Niharika Kochar Thangblakching	Igniting the Old Flames	Dr. Rashmi Bhardwaj

### **Judges**

Dr. Minoti Chatterjee, Principal, Kamla Nehru College  
 Ms. Deepti Sachdev, Psychology Department, Lady Shri Ram College

## DEPARTMENTAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES AND ADD-ON COURSES

### **Botany :**

**Faculty Advisors:** Dr Geeta Mehta, Dr Priyanka Kapoor

The Botanical Society invited Prof. Anil Grover from Department of Plant Molecular Biology who delivered an enlightening lecture on **Stress Biology in Plants and its Impact on Crop Improvement**.

Inter college Festival Ficus was held on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 08. Events such as Turn Quote, Rangoli, Botanical quiz were held. Students of Botany Honours and Life sciences from Gargi and other colleges actively participated and won several prizes. Our students also won several prizes in intercollege competitions held at Maitreyi College, Kamla Nehru College, Sri Venkateswara College and others.

### **Chemistry (Rasgandhayan):**

**Faculty Advisors:** Dr. Indu Sidhwani, Dr. Sushmita Chowdhury, Dr.Sushma Bhan, Dr. Chandana Mukerhjee

The Chemical Society of Gargi College is an association of individuals motivated for a common cause – to explore and enjoy topics of interest, not necessarily restricted to only chemistry. The society stresses on exposing the students to latest developments in Science and encourages them to come forward to display their talents.

The inaugural lecture was delivered by Dr. Usha Ramanathan, an expert in environment law who spoke on **environment safety, management and legal ratifications** highlighting the lessons learnt from the Bhopal Gas Tragedy. Interactive sessions with alumni were held and students were made aware of various career options. Ozone- Day was celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept., 08, by having on the spot poster-making and slogan-writing competition in which large number of students from various disciplines participated. The main event, the inter college Chemistry festival **Chemaroma** was held on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec., 08 which was extremely well attended. The events ranged from paper presentation, ad-design, quiz, cross-word, turn quote and stage blaze. The highlight was the release of the first

issue of the Chemistry journal *Amalgam* – a forum to present interviews with scientific personae and provide an opportunity to students to learn the art of scientific journalism.

The students had an opportunity to attend a National Workshop on *Chemical Safety and Management* organized by Toxics Link. There were eminent speakers from different fields who spoke on diverse issues concerning chemicals. Eleven students (names appear at the end of the report) attended a two-day winter school organized by TERI University where they interacted with eminent scientists and academicians working in the field of environment safety and management. Many of our students have won prizes in Chemistry and Science festivals in other colleges.

The valedictory function was held on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb., 09. Prof. D. Bandopadhyay, IIT (Delhi) was the Chief Guest and the student members of the 2007 batch received their degrees.

As part of the Add-on course on *Recent Advances in Forensic Science*, the students were taken to Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Chandigarh, the well-equipped laboratory in North India where they visited various divisions like voice Authentication, Firearms, Ballistics, Explosives, DNA Profiling, Video superimposition, Forensic Psychology etc. to gain first hand knowledge.

### **Commerce (Cascade)**

**Faculty advisors:** Mrs. Usha Vaish, Dr. Sonali Ahuja Dua, Ms. Romita Popli

The mega event organised by the Commerce Department every year has been its annual inter-college festival **CASCADE 2008** that took place on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov., 08. The theme for this years festival was *India's Growing Impact in the World: A Business Perspective*. The festival was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Commerce Minister Mr. Kamal Nath and had a panel of distinguished guest including Prof. Sanjay Sehgal, Head, Department of Financial Studies, Mr. Rajiv Takru, Director General NIFT, Hauz Khas, Dr Y.P. Bhatia Expert in Health Tourism, Prof. Aradhana Agarwal, Head, Department of Business Economics. The events of the seminar included Business Plan, Just-a-minute, Face painting, Fashion Photography

competition, Rags to Riches and the college witnessed participation from various colleges in large numbers.

A seminar was conducted by Career Launcher on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov., '08 on *Career Counselling*. A few other seminars have been organised for the benefit of the students.

Commerce department also conducted three add-on courses: Banking and Financial Studies, Advertising and Marketing Communication, Tally Accounting Programme.

A newsletter **Comascent** is brought out every term, which focuses on the vital issues.

### **Elementary Education**

#### ***Faculty advisor: Ms. Suman Lata***

A workshop on *Writing Reflective Journals* was organised for the fourth year students of all the B.El.Ed colleges of University of Delhi. Prof. Krishna Kumar, Prof. Nargis Panchapakesan, Prof. Anita Rampal, Prof. Poonam Batra and Faculty members of B.El.Ed colleges were the resource persons for the same.

Third year students visited Nehru Planetarium and Jantar Mantar. They visited Jaipur and Bodh Gaon to understand the urban and rural schools of Bodh Shikhsa Samiti, a non-governmental organisation working on issues of elementary education and community participation.

Third year students attended a talk on *Right to Education Bill* organised by USRN.

They also attended a lecture on *International Polar Day* organised by W.W.F.

Further, they visited a photo exhibition organised by Children's Museum on Heritage of Delhi.

A six-day workshop on *Musicality and Story Telling* was organised for second year students. It was conducted by Dr. Ashish Ghosh of ANANT theatre group.

Second year and first year students attended a workshop on *Puppet making and Story telling* at I.H.E.

Also, a workshop on *Physical Education* was organised for the second years at Mirambika.

First year students visited I.H.E. to attend a craft workshop and visited Dolls Museum and Bal Bhavan.

An article, *My Learnings*, by Sonia Kadyan, a fourth year student was published in the December issue of Magazine **Seminar** (Theme: Neglected Teacher).

First year students attended a workshop organised by *Katha* on *Elementary Education and Intuitive Teacher* to understand early childhood experiences through children's creations.

## Hindi

### **Faculty advisor : Dr. Veena Sharma**

हिन्दी साहित्य परिषद ने 2008-09 वर्ष में विभिन्न अन्तर्कक्षा एवं अन्तर-महाविद्यालय कार्यक्रमों (मौलिक-कविता, कविता-पाठ, कहानी लेखन) एवं सृजनात्मक प्रतियोगियाओं का आयोजन करवाया। हिन्दी ऑनर्स तृतीय वर्ष की आंचल सिंह ने जानकी देवी कॉलेज में स्वरचित कविता प्रतियोगिता में द्वितीय पुरस्कार प्राप्त किया। हिन्दी ऑनर्स तृतीय वर्ष की आंचल सिंह एवं जया मिश्रा ने कमला नेहरू कॉलेज में आयोजित कविता प्रतियोगिता में चल वैजयन्ती ट्रॉफी प्राप्त की। कॉलेज रेवरी समारोह में कविता प्रतियोगिता में जया मिश्रा ने प्रथम पुरस्कार प्राप्त किया। लेडी श्री राम कॉलेज में आयोजित सृजनात्मक लेखन में कृति की कविता को सर्वोत्कृष्ट चुना गया और प्रथम प्रस्कार प्रदान किया गया।

प्रसिद्ध राष्ट्रकवि रामधारी सिंह 'दिनकर' की जन्मशताब्दी वर्ष के उपलक्ष्य में एक दिवसीय सेमिनार का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें केन्द्रीय हिन्दी संस्थान आगरा के निदेशक डॉ. शम्भूनाथ, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के एक्जिक्यूटिव एडीटर श्री पुण्य प्रसून वाजपेयी जैसे विद्वान वक्ताओं ने अपने विचार रखे।

## History

### **Faculty Advisor: Ms. Shatarupa Bhattacharya**

Department organised a heritage work in November 2008. Students were taken to have a look at Old Delhi's heritage buildings. The department also organised the Add-on course on *Women in Indian History and the contemporary World*. Eminent scholars from Jawaharlal Nehru University and Delhi University were invited. Lectures were delivered on the role of women in History. The department in Feb 09 organised its festival on *History and Cinema*. A talk was given on the theme by Dr. Ira

Bhaskar. Dr. Gauhar Raza spoke on *Secularism in Indian Cinema* and Sh. Ravi Kant's talk was on *Choosing a Nation: The film Pinjar and the Novel*. Students participated in a visual quiz on *Historical films in Indian and World Cinema*. Another inter-college event was paper/powerpoint presentation on the topic *Historical Films: Perpetuating Myths on portraying reality*.

### **Microbiology (G.E.R.M.S)**

**Faculty Advisor : Dr. Surabhi Shrivastava**

The Department of Microbiology organised one day inter-college festival on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, '08. It consisted of two lectures one by Prof S.K. Kar on *Understanding Immune Response during Infections*, and other by Dr.Nandini Seshadri on *Genetically modified organisms: Present and Future Challenges*. Other activities included Quiz, JAM, Ad Mad, Face painting on Bioterrorism or bioindicators

### **Philosophy**

**Faculty Advisor: Dr. Rekha Navneet**

A two day festival **Dialectica** was held between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Dec., '08 on "Higher education in the context of globalisation". A panel discussion was held on this key theme. The panelists included Prof. Sanjay Sehgal, Head, Deptt. of Financial Studies, Dr. Anjana Neira Dev, Principal, Vivekanand College, and Prof. Rakesh Chandra, Head, Deptt of Philosophy, University of Lucknow. The session was chaired by our Principal, Dr Meera Ramachandran.

Besides, there were inter-college student events, including a debate competition, picture speak and collage making competition.

### **Political Science**

**Faculty Advisor: Ms. Manisha Priyam**

The quest for our students of politics is the perpetual and ceaseless desire to know about issues that challenge society and politics. The activities of the Association have aimed to assist this quest of our students through a series of lectures and discussions that introspect on the state of the nations, as well as issues that have global ramifications.

On 1<sup>st</sup> Aug., '08, the Inaugural lecture on *Poverty, Politics and the state of India* was delivered by Magasasay award winner Prof. Shanta Sinha, currently chairperson of the National Commission for protection of Child Rights and Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad. The grand event of term one was the Political Science Departmental Festival coupled with the inauguration of the **Gandhi study circle** on 12<sup>th</sup> Aug. '08. Grand daughter of the Mahatma **Mrs Tara Gandhi Bhattacharya**, Prof Sucheta Mahajan, CHS-JNU, Prof. Vibha Chaturvedi, and Prof. Ashum Gupta, Delhi University lectured on various aspects of Mahatma's life and works. The students put forward a play on the *Politics of Mahatma*. The festival included student activities such as a quiz, poster making and debate competition. In the second term, on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov., '08 we went global interrogating the *Obama phenomena and implications for the Post-American World*. Prof Achin Vanaik, Head, Department of Political Science and noted peace activist lectured while Mr. B. Venkat Rao, Group Editor, ZEE News was in Chair.

In the third term, as we head closer to the national elections Psephologist Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, interacted with our students on *The Impending General Elections: Issues Before the Nation* on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb., '09. The last on the calendar of the association's activities is the Question and Answer interaction with Captain Devi Sharan, Air India, who was the pilot of IC-814 hijacked to Kandhar. This is one of our first attempts at "Evolving a Responsible Understanding of Terrorism" amidst a young student audience, which is suddenly faced with a flurry of such events in the country.

The leitmotif of our activities has been high degree of student involvement, and team work on the part of the faculty. Our students also enjoyed visit to Surajkund.

### **Physics (RAY)**

**Faculty Advisor: Dr. Alka Garg**

The year started with an enlightening inaugural lecture by Prof. Annapoorni on *The Importance of Nanoparticles*. This was followed by a seminar on the topic *Paradigm Shift – Recent trends in Physics*

*learning and research*. It was presided over by Dr. Dinesh Singh, Director, University of Delhi South Campus. Dr. R.P. Tandon, Professor, Department of Physics and Astrophysics, was amongst those who graced this event.

Our main event for this year was the inter-college physics festival **Quasar-08** in which the real competitive spirit of the students came out. A career counseling session and test was organized by MBA guru for all CAT aspirants. The various competitions were Ad-Mad, Sudoku, Circuit making and Rangoli making. A poster session was also organized to bring out the artist in our budding physicists.

### **Applied Psychology**

#### **Faculty Advisor: Dr. Neera Pant**

In September, the department held a seminar : *Two Decades of Applied Psychology ....Through the Eyes of the Alumni*, which proved to be very helpful for the presently enrolled students as it gave them an insight on how their journey could be from here on. The department hosted its annual seminar based on a similar theme, named "Looking Beyond: Career Options in Psychology". This included a talk by distinguished speakers on careers options in psychology as well as fun activities related to the same.

The speakers included Dr. Madhavi Menon who is an alumna of Gargi College, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Nova Southeastern University; Dr. Meenakshi Menon who was also an alumna of Gargi college and is currently a Lecturer in the Department of Psychology at the University of Surrey in Guildford, UK; Miss Jyoti Grover who was an HR consultant at Quadrangle Consultancy; Dr. Shrividya Rajaram who is a clinical psychologist in Escorts.

The event was a great success and had participation from various colleges all over Delhi. The students of the department also participated in inter-college psychology events held by other colleges during their festivals; these included Daulat Ram College, Indraprastha College and Jesus and Mary College.

## **SANSKRIT**

**Faculty Advisor: Dr. Tripta Gupta**

The Sanskrit association has been very active throughout the year 2008-09. It organised an interclass recitation competition and majority of the students participated in the same. Anita and Mamta Khatik of III yr got the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes respectively.

Our students participated in a number of inter-college competitions such as recitation, Prasna manch, antyakshari etc. Mamta of III yr won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in inter-college recitation competition and Mamta Khatik of III yr got consolation prize in inter class paper reading competition held in Gargi College.

Our students took active part in the examination held by Vivekanand Smarak Samiti. Twenty students passed the examination and four students of III yr i.e., Neeraja, Anita, Sheetal and Raj Kumari also attended the camp held by the samiti.

## **Zoology (Albatross)**

**Faculty Advisor: Dr. Veena Bharti**

The department of Zoology organised its annual festival *Animagus* on 19<sup>th</sup> Sept., '08. It was based on the theme 'Biotechnology' which has taken over the scientific world in a number of ways. Mr.N.S. Samant, Joint Secretary, Department of Biotechnology presided over the function as the Chief Guest. Apart from the number of student competitions there was also screening of BBC documentary. The festival saw a huge response from colleges all over Delhi. The second issue of the departmental magazine *Flight* was released and the students looked cheerful in the departmental T shirts.

Three add-on courses were also conducted by the department: *Environmental Conservation, Introduction to Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, Molecular and Computational Biology* where in lectures by eminent scientists were organised throughout the year.

### **BA Programme association (Navdrishti)**

#### **Faculty Advisor : Dr. Promila Kumar**

Annual Festival on *Impact of Globalization on Indian Culture* was held on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov., '08. The keynote address was given by Mrs. Sayeeda Hameed, Member, Planning Commission. Other speakers were Mrs. Vinodini Gupta, Fitness consultant and Ms. Atika Dhandhia, Director, Training World Alliance for Youth Empowerment, Art of Living.

### **B.A.(Hons) Business Economics (BBE)**

#### **Faculty Advisor : Ms. Anjni Anand**

An inter-college BBE sports meet **Roister '09** was held in RLA (E) college from 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. to 10<sup>th</sup> Jan., '09. Nine colleges offering BBE participated in the week long event. Gargi won the Rolling Trophy for Best Performing Girls College. The college also won trophy for Best Woman Team in Athletics, Badminton and Tug of War. In all Gargi won 11 medals- 6 Gold (Badminton, Tug of war, 800 m, 200 x 4 relay, Shot Put, Standing Broad Jump); 3 silver (Carrom, Volley Ball, Shot Put) and 2 Bronze (Table Tennis, 100 m race).

A workshop for BBE students was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec., '08 titled *Campus to Corporate – Dreams to Reality*. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Sumit Choudhary, a Management Consultant. The students gained valuable insight into the requirements of the corporate sector and the right skill, knowledge and aptitude required to be successful in the corporate sector.

## **ADD-ON COURSES**

**Convenor:** Dr. Deepika Chatterjee

### **Title of the Course**

### **Coordinator**

Advertising and Marketing Communication	Dr. Geeta Kichlu
Banking and Financial Services	Ms. Manju Sahai
Tally Accounting Programme	Ms. Romita Popli
CPT course accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants	Dr. R.K. Jain
Introduction to Biotechnology and Bioinformatics	Dr. Neelam Sachdeva
Recent Advancements in Forensic Science	Dr. Sushmita Chowdhury Dr. Renu Aggarwal
Environmental Conservation	Dr. Aruna Mohan
Molecular and Computational Biology	Dr. Poonam Sharma
Women in History	Dr. Manjushree Singh
Entrepreneurs for Tomorrow (in collaboration with <i>Dhriti</i> )	Dr. Deepika Chatterjee
Certificate courses in German and Russian	Mr. Muthuraman Ms. Neelima Mathur

## ACTIVITIES OF CULTURAL AND OTHER SOCIETIES

The societies of Gargi College in the year 2008 have performed very well and grabbed a number of prizes at various college fests apart from our own! Apart from winning competitions Gargi has left everyone amazed with their performances this year. This is a result of all the hard work they put in throughout the year and their dedication towards their respective society.

### ➤ **NAZAAKAT – The Indian Dance Society**

**Teacher Convenor: Dr. Keya Banerjee**

Nazaakat began their intensive training for their annual production-Rajasthani '**Kalbelia**'. The piece received a lot of appreciation from the audience especially the use of glasses, matkas and parats as props. It was a challenging and risky task but Nazaakat performed beautifully with utmost grace.

### ➤ **SPARX – The Choreography Society**

**Teacher Convenor: Dr. Deepika Chatterjee**

The biggest challenge this year for Sparx was that it had an entirely new team, all in their 1st year except for 2 others- Convener and co-convener who are in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Alongwith a new team, they had a completely new style of dance form. Their piece was purely contemporary. This dance form is not done by many colleges who still perform the typical form of theatre dance. Gargi brought in this trend of Modern dance for the first time in Delhi University. It's a simple concept, a simple choreography but the difficult part was to express it to the audience which they managed to do successfully.

### ➤ **ENLIVEN – The Western Dance Society**

**Teacher Convenor: Ms. Kranti Biswas**

Their piece has received a lot of appreciation from the judges and they have emphasized that the use of veils and ribbons as props in the piece is impressive. Enliven is working towards their costume and technique.

We hope that Enliven leaves a mark in the forthcoming fests.

➤ **SAMARANJINI – The Indian Music Society**

*Teacher Convenor: Dr. Tara Natarajan*

The Indian Music Society, apart from performing at various fests also inaugurated Reverie'08. Samaranjini or the Gargi Choir has performed on a lot of prestigious occasions of Gargi. **Madhumita** made it to the **top 10** out of 100 at IIT Delhi.

➤ **G- CLEF – The Western Music Society**

*Teacher Convenor: Ms. Pooja*

Gargi's Western Music Society had a relatively eventful year. With a promising turn-out of sixteen members, the choir trained for a little longer than a month, and prepared a Negro Spiritual piece – **Ride the Chariot**. Among the colleges who sang gospels and other traditional songs, Gargi was undoubtedly the best.

➤ **KSHITIJ – The Street play Society**

*Teacher Convenor: Ms. Joya John*

Kshitij's production this year, "HUM KITNE HAIN?" portrayed the problem of overpopulation in our country being the root cause to a several other problems. It managed to win almost every competition they went for. Also **Nehal**, The convener of Kshitej won the prize for **Best Actor** at Deshbandhu College. Kshitij today boasts of being one of the best street play teams in the Delhi University and all this, in just 6 years of its existence.

➤ **UPSTAGE – The dramatics Society**

*Teacher Convenor: Dr. Neeta Mathur*

The first English production of the year was 'Positively Democratically Abused' an adaptation of Tom Eyen's 'Kamasutra: An Organic Happening'. Working with schizophrenia last year, this year Upstage made a play 'Siya', an adaptation of Flora Rheta Schreiber's 'Sybil'; a

documentation of the first recorded case of multiple personalities. This play was appreciated for its theme in its two performances.

The Hindi production for the year was '**Qaid**' an adaptation of Miguel Pinero's 'Short Eyes'; it won three awards and was selected to perform in Atelier's theatre festival where it was highly appreciated. '**Qaid**' explores the issue of pedophilia in a women's prison, and it was this theme that led to us being invited to perform at a women's film festival.

➤ **GLASS - I - The Film Society**

**Teacher Convenor: Ms. Vidya Das Arora**

The club has been active throughout the year. This year we introduced on the basis of experimentation, that each member will get and screen one film of her choice. This was particularly interesting as we saw varieties of films. We screened **Thoda sa roomani ho jaye** by Amol Palekar, **Kannathil Muthamittal** (*A Peck on the Cheek*) an award-winning Tamil feature film directed by Mani Ratnam was a great hit among students. The other films brought by the members were **The Chorus**, a french film by Christopher Barrister and **Aguntuk** by one of the greatest film maker Satyajit Ray.

Glass -I supports any collaboration with other societies within Gargi. We collaborated with the W.D.C and recently screened on "Women, Conflict and the State", "Search for Freedom", a documentary by Munizae Jahangir and a feature film **Hazaar Churasi Ki Maa** by Govind Nihalani.

➤ **IRIS - The Photography Society**

**Teacher Convenor: Ms. Prachi Kalra**

At Reverie'08 Iris organized a photography exhibition **From The Lens of IRIS** exclusively displaying the best works of its 14 members. This exhibition invited huge number of audiences on all three days and was highly praised and admired by all. IRIS has kept up with its initial tradition of achieving tremendous success in every endeavor it pursues since last year, when it was formed.

➤ **HUES – The Fine Arts Society**

**Teacher Convener: Dr. Manjeet Singh**

Hues has been a very hard working society. Be it any event of the college, the fine arts society is always ready with ideas to make our college look colorful and vibrant. Its work at Reverie'08 was commendable and depicted the theme very well. All in all the college is pale and dull without this society.

➤ **Q.E.D – The English Debating Society**

**Teacher Convenors: Ms Pragya Gupta**

The year 2008 – 2009 was highly successful for Q.E.D., the debating society of Gargi College, with the members making a mark wherever they participated. Q.E.D. also actively participated in Parliamentary Debates held at an international level and our team was successful in defeating teams from Pakistan, Jodhpur, Gujarat, Pune, Delhi etc. Our adjudicator was made the Chair in the Finals of the debate held at BITS, Pilani. **Shalin**, the convener of the society reached the **octo-finals** of the debate at **National Law School, Bangalore**. For the first time ever, Gargi also successfully held an independent Parliamentary Debate in November '08, as part of the annual fest, Reverie, called **WAX ELOQUENT**, where we saw participants thronging from the entire Delhi University.

➤ **SAMIKSHA – The Hindi Debating Society**

**Teacher Convenor: Mr. Shreeniwas Tyagi**

सत्र 2008-2009 में हिन्दी वाद-विवाद समिति 'समीक्षा' ने पहलीबार हिन्दी दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में 'मीडिया पर सेंसरशिप होनी चाहिए' विषय पर अन्तर-विश्वविद्यालयी वाद-वाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया, जिसमें भारी संख्या में प्रतिभागियों ने हिस्सा लिया। इसमें गार्गी कॉलेज की छात्रा जया मिश्रा (प्राणी-विज्ञान-Zoology) को द्वितीय पुरस्कार मिला।

इस सत्र के दौरान आयोजित विभिन्न वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिताओं में भी 'समीक्षा' के सदस्यों ने भाग लेकर गार्गी कॉलेज का प्रतिनिधित्व करते हुए अनेक पुरस्कार भी जाते हैं इनमें से प्रमुख पुरस्कार इस प्रकार हैं-

लेखिका संघ द्वारा आयोजित वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता में उम्मूल खैर (मनोविज्ञान-Psychology) ने प्रथम पुरस्कार जीता। उम्मूल खैर ने लेडी हार्डिंग्स कॉलेज में आयोजित वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता में भी द्वितीय स्थान प्राप्त किया।

गार्गी कॉलेज के वार्षिकोत्सव में आयोजित वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता में कृति श्रीवास्तव को द्वितीय एवं वर्षा भारद्वाज को तृतीय प्रस्कार मिला।

इस प्रकार वाद-विवाद समिति 'समीक्षा' इस सत्र में अत्यन्त सक्रिय रही और कई महत्वपूर्ण आयोजन में कॉलेज का नाम रोशन कर महाविद्यालय परिवार को गौरवान्वित किया है।

### ➤ **QUIZZITO - The Quiz Society**

**Teacher Convenor: Ms. Suman Lata**

Quizzito in its second year has already won at a couple of places under the expert guidance of Mr. Sabhyasachi Dasgupta. For example, Quiz-Me: Is there a Quizzer out there? at Reverie 2008 was successfully conducted by Mr. Manimugdha Sharma, a very well known Quizmaster in Delhi University. The event saw participation from over 25 teams from various colleges. Other activities that Quizzito organized were 3 Intra-College Competitions to stir up the spirits of non-Quizzito members. Quizzito also conducted a surprise Quiz for the Teachers on their special day which was great fun.

### ➤ **Women's Development Centre**

**Convenor: Mudita Mohile**

The Women's Development Centre facilitated the formation of the **Gender Sensitising Committee** as per guidelines of Delhi University and held an *Orientation Workshop* for its members on 12<sup>th</sup> Aug. '08. Student representatives were duly elected to the College Complaints Committee Against Sexual Harassment at this Workshop.

An *Outstation Students' Committee* has been formed under the aegis of the WDC to look into the special needs of outstation students.

A series of lectures and workshops in September 2008 on *Sexuality and Health* to promote awareness among students on *HIV-AIDS*, *sexuality education* and *alternative sexuality* were organised. The

NGOs that collaborated with the WDC were Naaz Foundation, TARSHI and Sangini India Trust.

A workshop on *What you should know about the Police* was conducted for WDC office bearers on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. '08, to introduce the participants to the basic procedures of the police force.

An attitude-building discussion was held with the elected members of the College Complaints Committee Against Sexual Harassment on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. '08, to highlight the salient features of Ordinance XV(d) and enhance co-operation between the WDC and CCCASH.

The **WDC Annual Inter-college Festival** was held on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. '08. The festival centred around the theme *The Marriage Market* and included students' competitions, and interactive lectures by the eminent speakers Dr. Patricia Uberoi and Ms. Madhu Kishwar. A documentary film, *The Brides of Hyderabad*, was also screened on the occasion.

The **Annual Crafts Mela** for women from underprivileged sectors, **Srujan**, was organized during the college festival Reverie, on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. '08. The NGOs that participated in the mela were *National Association for the Blind*, *Draupadi Trust*, *Kriti* and *Scope Plus*.

A film series on *Women, Violence and the State* was organized in January 2009. The films screened included *Women in Conflict*, *A Search for Freedom: the Story of Four Afghan Women* and *Hazar Chaurasi ki Ma*.

Organised a workshop on *Feminist Thought* which was conducted by Dr. Kumkum Malik on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. '09.

**Counselling and social support services** have been made available to the students and staff of Gargi College through the WDC.

#### ➤ **National Service Scheme**

**Convenor: Ms. Aparna Joshi**

The session began with NSS orientation programme in August wherein more than hundred students enrolled for NSS membership. This was followed by an orientation programme by Sri Satya Sai Seva organisation, which invited students for a camp titled *Life is a game*,

play it in October, '08 at Sri Satya Sai School, Kalkaji. A lot of students turned up for the camp.

Then, in September '08, a blood donation camp was organised in collaboration with the Rotary Blood Bank where a number of students, teachers and non-teaching staff turned up for the noble cause. A few selected students also attended the NSS orientation programme by Delhi University held at Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Sept., '08.

In November '08, NSS held *Sparklers* the NSS NGO Diwali Mela where a lot of NGO put up their stalls. The arrangements and the event was praised by all.

Then, in December, we had one of the most awaited NSS event 'Blossoms', the NSS Children's day was organised, where students from schools like Muskaan and Tamanna were invited. A painting competition was also held for the students where they presented their extraordinary talent by beautiful paintings. The NSS students had a great time with the students from these schools.

Finally the NSS Friendship's day has been scheduled for Feb. 2009 wherein, members from old-age home, *Sandhya* will be invited.

#### ➤ **National Cadet Corps.**

**Convenor: Dr. Veena Sharma**

NCC cadets of Gargi have participated in a number of camps and competitions and brought laurels to the college. Our students participated in RDC, TSC, CM Rally, Trek camp, mountaineering, parasailing, Horse riding, firing etc. SUO **Shweta Dogra** represented Delhi Directorate in TSC and became All India Camp Senior in Sikkim Trek 2008 for which she was awarded Gold Medal. SUO **Pooja Singhal** participated in RDC 2008 and was selected as **All India Guard Commander 2008**. She also received the **best cadet award**. **Ankita Verma**, participated in parasailing in 2008. JUO **Aradhana Muthana, Manjari Bera, Kavita and Sangeeta** attended Sikkim trekking camp in 2008. **Ambika** was declared **Delhi's best cadet** for three consecutive years from 2006-08.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

### ➤ NAZAAKAT – Indian Dance Society

#### Folk Group:

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> – Maitreyi, IHE, Gargi
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> – JMC, KNC
- 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> – Khalsa, Mata Sundari

#### Classical Solo:

- 1) 2<sup>nd</sup> – IIT Kanpur – Mrinal Sharma,  
Sri Venkateshwara – Anjana Sheshadri  
Janaki Devi – Nitisha Nanda  
JMC – Nitisha Nanda

*Members:* Aditi Goel, Ankita Mohanty, Abhilasha Mathur, Devika Kundu, Katyayani Rajawat, Shikha Yadav, Ira Rajeev, Mrinal Sharma, Vyoma Chaudhary, Varsha Jhavar, Poorva Neeraj, Isha Dash, Anjana, Nitisha, Neha Singh and Swati srivastava.

### ➤ SPARX – The Choreography Society

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> – Hansraj, Sri Venkateshwara
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> – IIT Delhi
- 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gargi

*Members:* Shreya Gupta, Radhika Jindal, Swati Joneja, Deeksha Kalia, Sudipta Majumdar, Nitisha Nanda, Shivna Jain, Nupur Sarda, Shreya Bhola, Karishma Harlalka

### ➤ ENLIVEN – The Western Dance Society

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> – DCAC
- 2) 3<sup>rd</sup> – KNC (Commerce Fest), Gargi

### ➤ SAMARANJINI – The Indian Music Society

#### Folk Group:

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> – IP College for women

2) 3<sup>rd</sup> - Gargi, Sri Venkateshwara

Solo:

- 1) 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gargi- Madhumita Ramakrishna  
IP College for women - Murchana Barkakati  
KNC - Murchana Barkakati
- 2) 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sri Venkateshwara - Murchana Barkakati  
LSR- Murchana Barkakati

Duet:

- 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> - Gargi

➤ **G- CLEF - The Western Music Society**

Instrumental solo:

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> - IHE - Aliya Das Gupta

Group:

- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> - Lady Irwin College
- 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> - Gargi, KNC

➤ **KSHITIJ - The Street play Society**

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> - Deshbandhu, Kalindi, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Hindu, IILM
- 2) 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mata Sundari

Consolation prize at IIT Delhi

*Members:* Nehal Dhingra, Deepshikha Negi, Esha Paul, Jyoti Mendwal, Megha Bahl, Mehak Arora, Pallavi Chatopadhyay, Pooja Dayal, Preeti Mann, Priyamvada Tiwari, Poorti Srivastava, Shaguna Kanwar, Anindita Lal.

➤ **UPSTAGE - The dramatics Society**

- 1) Special Mention (Hindi Play) - LSR, Ramjas
- 2) Best Director - Ananya Biswas - IP College for women
- 3) Best Actor- Ananya Biswas - National Institute of Immunology-

➤ **GLASS - I - The Film Society**

*Members:* Brinda mitra, Swatie, Prabha, Priyankee saikia, Rohini deb, Sonia, Juhi, Kamakshi tiwary, Shohini, Sunaina.

➤ **IRIS - The Photography Society**

1) 1<sup>st</sup> - Gargi - Pori Sandhya

Sri Venkateshwara - Ambuja Sabharwal

BITS Pilani - Juhi Srivastava

2) 2<sup>nd</sup> - Hindu - Juhi Srivastava

Miranda House - Pori

3) 3<sup>rd</sup> - Gargi

Consolation Prize at SRCC

➤ **HUES - The Fine Arts Society**

1) 1<sup>st</sup> - BITS Pilani - Neha Malhan

Gargi - Vasudha Chopra

KNC - Neha Malhan

2) 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gargi, IIPM

3) 3<sup>rd</sup> - LSR, IIT Delhi

➤ **Q.E.D - The English Debating Society**

1) *Best Team* - Dayal Singh, Deshbandhu, KNC, Satyasai College

Deshbandhu - Jagriti and Uditya,

KNC - Jagriti and Uditya

Satyasai College - Jagriti and Uditya

2) *Best Adjudicator* - Pooja Menon - BITS Pilani

3) *Best Speaker* - KNC

4) *Runner-up* - Satyasai

➤ **SAMIKSHA – The Hindi Debating Society**

- 1) **1<sup>st</sup>** – Gargi (poetry), JDMC, LSR (poetry), KNC (best team for poetry)  
Lekhika sangh , Pragati Maidan
- 2) **2<sup>nd</sup>** – JDMC (poetry), Gargi, Lady Hardinge
- 3) **3<sup>rd</sup>** – Gargi

*Members:* Aanchal, Meenakshi, Priyanka, Sumita, Ummul, Varsha, Jaya (Co-Convenor), Kriti (Convenor)

➤ **QUIZZITO – The Quiz Society**

- 1) **2<sup>nd</sup>** – AIIMS, KNC
- 2) **3<sup>rd</sup>** – IP College

*Members:* Akanksha Adya, Jyotika Chugh, Amerah Khan, Kamakshee Rautela, Sweta, Runi, Rimpi Sinha, Manisha, Rriyanka, Charu, Neha Jain, Ananya Mishra, Garima Uniyal, Deepti.

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## **ATHLETICS TEAM**

### **TOURNAMENT: Delhi State Women's Festival**

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Anumeha Tiwari	B.Com.P. III yr.	3rd in 4X100 M
Kanika Sharma	History H. III yr.	3rd in 4X100 M
Meenakshi Naudiyal	Hindi H III yr.	5th in 10000 M 6th in 5000 M
Pushpa Lakra	B.A.P. Ilyr	2nd in 400 M 4th in 800 M 3rd in 4X100 M
Amulya Janardan	B.Com.H. II yr	4th in 400 M 3rd in 4X100 M
Indu Arya	B.A.P. I yr.	6th in 10000 M 8th in 5000 M
Naseema	B.A.P. I yr.	6th in 1500 M

### **TOURNAMENT: Delhi University Inter College Athletics Championship**

Meenakshi Naudiyal	Hindi H III yr.	7th in 10000 M 6th in 5000 M
Pushpa Lakra	B.A.P. II yr.	1st in 400 M 2nd in 800 M 2nd in 4x400 M Relay
Amulya Janardan	B.Com.H. II yr	3rd in 400 M 2nd in 4x400 M Relay 5th in 800 M
Puja	B.A. P. I yr.	2nd in 4x400 M Relay Participation in 200M, 400M

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		4th in 400 M
Indu Arya	B.A.P. I yr.	3rd in 4X100 M
		6th in 10000 M
Naseema	B.A.P. I yr.	8th in 5000 M
		6th in 1500 M

### **TOURNAMENT: Delhi University Inter College Athletics Championship**

Meenakshi Naudiyal	Hindi H III yr.	7th in 10000 M
		6th in 5000 M
Pushpa Lakra	B.A.P. II yr.	1st in 400 M
		2nd in 800 M
Amulya Janardan	B.Com.H. II yr	2nd in 4x400 M Relay
		3rd in 400 M
		2nd in 4x400 M Relay
		5th in 800 M
Puja	B.A. P. I yr.	2nd in 4x400 M Relay
		Participation in 200M, 400M

Naseema	B.A. P. I yr.	2nd in 4x400 M Relay
Indu Arya	B.A. P. I yr.	5th in 5000 M 6th in 10000 M
<b>TOURNAMENT: Delhi University Cross Country Race (TEAM FIFTH)</b>		
Pushpa Lakra	B.A.P. II yr.	8th
Amulya Janardan	B.Com.H. II yr	12th
Meenakshi Naudiyal	Hindi H III yr.	24th
Naseema	B.A.P. I yr	18th
Indu Arya	B.A.P. I yr	35th
<b>TOURNAMENT: Delhi State Cross Country Championship</b>		
Pushpa Lakra	B.A.P. II yr.	2nd
Indu Arya	B.A.P. I yr.	4th
<b>TOURNAMENT: Senior National Athletics Championship for Cross country Race</b>		
Pushpa Lakra	B.A.P. II yr.	Participation (Bhilai)
<b>TOURNAMENT: IIT Athletics Competition</b>		
Pushpa Lakra	B.A.P. II yr.	2nd in 800 M
Amulya Janardan	B.Com.H. II yr	3rd in 800 M
Indu Arya	B.A.P. I yr	4th in 800 M
<b>TOURNAMENT: Mawana Marathon</b>		
Naseema	B.A.P. I yr	7th
<b>BASKETBALL TEAM</b>		
Disha Bakshi	B.Com(P) III yr.	AIIMS Tournament
Vasundhara Kohli	B.A.(P) III yr.	D. U. Inter College Tournament
Vaishali Singh	Hist.(H) II yr.	YMCA Tournament

Ishveen Kohli Prabsharan Kaur Aakriti Vatsa Nishtha Akanksha Saharan Kanika Jain Zoya Bhadu Radhika Sabharwal Pallavi Mrinal Sharma Rikku	B.Com.(H) II yr. B.A.(P) II yr. B.Com.(P) II yr. B.A.(P) II yr. B.Com.H I yr. B.Com.P I yr. B.A.P I yr. B.Com.H I yr. B.Com.P I yr. B.Com.H I yr. B.A.P I yr.	Participation Participation <b>TEAM FOURTH</b>	Royal Club Tournament St.Stephen's Tournament College Basketball League DBA
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#### CHESS TEAM

Vasudha Salwan  Poonam Sharma Kalyani Trivedi Karishma Nandial Anisha Bawari Parul Gauba Deepali Gupta Karishma Lamba Poonam Sharma  Parul Gauba Anisha Bawari Vasudha Salwan Poonam Sharma	B.Com.P. IIIyr.  B.Com.H. IIIyr. B.Com.P. II yr. B.Com.H. II yr. B.Com.P. IIyr. B.Com.H. IIIyr. B.A. P. II yr. Pol.Sc. H I yr. B.Com.H. IIIyr.  B.Com.H. IIIyr. B.Com. P. IIyr. B.Com.P. IIIyr B.Com.H. IIIyr.	Won matches 3.5/5 <b>(TEAM SECOND)</b> Won matches 5/5 Won matches 1/5 Won matches 0/1 Won matches 3.5/4 Participation Participation Participation <b>First</b>  <b>Third</b> Participation <b>2nd</b> <b>3rd</b>	D.U.Chess Intercolleage Tournament                LSR Sports Festival <b>(TEAM SECOND)</b>  Delhi State Under 19 Chess Tournament Chess Academy Competition
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#### CRICKET TEAM

Neha Sharma	B.A. P. II yr.	Best Fielder and Woman of the Match in 1 match in Harry Tournament	Harry Women Cricket Tournament <b>(TEAM THIRD)</b>
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Harpreet Kaur Deepika Mahera Ranjit Kaur Heman Mehlawat Vishakha Dabas  Sahiba Pooja Negi Shrutika Khandelwal Ankita Chaudhary Babita Negi	B.A. P. III yr. B.El.Ed.II yr. B.A. P. II yr. B.El.Ed. II yr. B.A. P. II yr. B.A. P. II yr.  B.B.E. I yr. B.A. P. II yr. B.A. P. II yr. B.Com. P. I yr. B.Sc.Phy.Sc. I yr.	<b>Best Wicketkeeper in Harry Tournament</b>  <b>Best Bowler in Harry Tournament and Woman of the match in 1 match in Bharati 20/20</b>	Bharati 20/20 Cup <b>(TEAM FOURTH)</b> D.U.Cricket Inter college Tournament (Participation)
Rashie Jain Pooja Dixit Babita Negi Neha Sharma Babita Negi Babita Negi	B.Com. P. II yr. Hindi H II yr. B.Sc.Phy.Sc. I yr. B.A. P. II yr. B.Sc.Phy.Sc. I yr. B.Sc.Phy.Sc. I yr.	Participation Participation <b>Represented DU</b>	Senior National Cricket Tournament <b>DU Cricket Camp</b>  All India Inter university Cricket Championship
<b>HANDBALL TEAM</b>			
Preeti Bhandari Jyoti Saini Priyanka Singh Sapna Indira Vishakha Neha Sejwal	B.Sc. Phy.Sc. III yr. B.Sc. Phy.Sc. I yr. B.A.P. II yr. B.Com.P II yr. B.A.P. II yr. B.A.P. II yr. B.A.P. II yr.	<b>TEAM FOURTH</b> Participation	Delhi State Women's Festival D U Intercollege Handball Tournament

Heman	B.A.P. II yr.		
Anika	B.A.P. II yr.		
Ritika Gulliya	B.Com. P I yr.		
Ritika	B.A.P. I yr.		
Priyanka	Physics H I yr.		
Monika Aswami	B.Com. P I yr.		
<b>JUDO TEAM</b>			
Seema	Pol.Sc.(H) II yr.	3rd	Open Delhi State Championship D.U. Inter College Judo Tournament <b>(TEAM SECOND)</b>
Shally Manral	B.A.(P) I yr.	1st	
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Deepika	B.A.(P) I yr.	3rd	
Yasmeen	B.A.(P) II yr.	3rd	
Monika Goswami	B.A(P) III yr	3rd	Delhi State Judo Championship <b>(TEAM SECOND)</b>
Manu Tanwar	B.A(P) III yr	2nd	
Shally Manral	B.A.(P) I yr.	1st	
Shally Manral	B.A.(P) I yr.	1st	
Tripta Sachdev	B.A.(P) I yr.	3rd	
Tripta Sachdev	B.A.(P) I yr.	3rd	LSR Sports Festival <b>(TEAM SECOND)</b>
Deepika Sharma	B.A.(P) I yr.	3rd	
Reena	B.A.(P) I yr.	3rd	
Monika Goswami	B.A(P) III yr	2nd	
Manu Tanwar	B.A(P) III yr	3rd	
Yasmeen	B.A.(P) II yr.	3rd	
Pratibha	B.A.(P) II yr.	3rd	
Shally Manral	B.A.(P) I yr.	1st	
Shally Manral	B.A.(P) I yr.	3rd	
Tripta Sachdev	B.A.(P) I yr.	3rd	
Deepika Sharma	B.A.(P) I yr.	1st	
Reena	B.A.(P) I yr.	3rd	
Renu	B.A.(P) I yr.	3rd	

Monika Goswami	B.A(P) III yr	1st 2nd Best Judo player 2nd 2nd 3rd 3rd 3rd 3rd Participation Selected	Mata Sundri College Judo Competition (TEAM SECOND)
Yasmeen Pratibha Reena Deepika Sharma Shally Manral	B.A.(P) II yr. B.A.(P) II yr. B.A.(P) I yr. B.A.(P) I yr. B.A.(P) I yr.		Asia Junior Sports Exchange Games at Japan All India Inter University Championship at Manipur Junior National Judo Championship Senior National Judo Championship
Shally Manral Shally Manral Monika Goswami	B.A.(P) I yr. B.A.(P) I yr. B.A(P) III yr		

#### MOUNTAINEERING

Parineeta Chauhan	Eng. H III yr.	Promoted as the Programme Leader (Youngest) Special Selection  Intensive training in Skiing, Search and rescue techniques and in the running of a Ski resort	Worked as an Outdoor Skill Leader with iDiscoveri  Visited Siachen Glacier alongwith the Base Camp of Indian Armed Forces Only girl selected to attend an International Skiing Training Programme under an Institutional Corporation programme between Ski Himalayas in India and Ski Resort, Andorra, Europe
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#### TENNIS TEAM

Monica Menon Kriti Jain Monica Menon Kriti Jain	B.A.(P) II yr. Philosophy H II yr.	TEAM FOURTH  TEAM SECOND	D.U. Inter College Tennis Tournament  LSR Sports Festival
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**Some distinguished visitors who addressed  
our students in 2008-09**

Mr. Kamal Nath, Hon'ble minister of Commerce and Industry  
Ms. Kiran Walia, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, N.C.T. of Delhi  
Mr. Arun Jaitley, Senior Advocate and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)  
Ms. Sagarika Ghose, Senior Editor, CNN-IBN  
Dr. Dinesh Singh, Director, University of Delhi South Campus  
Prof. Shanta Sinha, Magasasay award winner  
Mrs. Sayeeda Hameed, Member, Planning Commission  
Dr. R. Sreedher, Director, Commonwealth educational media Centre for Asia (CEMCA) New Delhi.  
Mrs Tara Gandhi Bhattacharya , Grand daughter of the Mahatma  
Prof. Sanjay Sehgal, Head, Dept. of Financial Studies, Univ. of Delhi South Campus  
Dr. Savithri Singh, Principal, Acharya Narendra Dev College, Univ. of Delhi.  
Prof S K Kar, School of Biotechnology, JNU  
Prof Achin Vanaik, Head, Deptt of Polical Science, Delhi University  
Prof. D. Bandopadhyay, IIT (Delhi)  
Prof. Annapoorni, Department of Physics and Astrophysics, Delhi University  
Prof Sucheta Mahajan, CHS-JNU  
Prof. Vibha Chaturvedi, Delhi University  
Prof. Ashum Gupta, Delhi University  
Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Centre for Study of Developing Societies  
Prof. Krishna Kumar, Director, N.C.E.R.T.  
Prof. Anita Rampal, C.I.E., University of Delhi  
Prof. Poonam Batra, C.I.E., University of Delhi  
Prof. Anil Grover, Dept. of Plant Molecular Biology, Univesity of Delhi South Campus  
Dr. Aradhna Aggarwal, Head, Dept. of Business Economics, Delhi University  
Dr. Y.P. Bhatia, MD, Astron Hospitals and Health Care Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Chairman, Indian Health Care Quality Forum.  
Mr. Rajiv Takru, Director General, NIFT, Hauz Khas  
Ms. V.V. Lakshmi, Senior Scientist, NISCAIR and Head, National Science Digital Library.  
Mr. Niyam Bhushan, Freelance Consultant to IT and New Media

Dr Nandini Seshadri (Tilda Riceland pvt ltd.)  
 Mr. B.Venkat Rao, Resident Editor of Indian Express specialising in Campaign Journalism, disability.  
 Mrs. Vinodini Gupta, Fitness consultant  
 Ms. Atika Dhandhia, Director, Training World Alliance for Youth Empowerment, Art of Living.  
 Captain Devi Sharan, Air India  
 Dr. Usha Ramanathan, an expert in environment law  
 Mr. Sumit Choudhary, a Management Consultant.  
 Dr. Christel Devadawson, Department of English, Delhi University  
 Dr. Simi Malhotra, Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia  
 Ms. Debjani Sengupta, I.P. college  
 Mr. Keval Arora, Kirori Mal College  
 Dr. R.P. Tandon, Professor, Department of Physics and Astrophysics, Delhi University  
 Dr. Ashish Ghosh of ANANT theatre group.  
 Dr. Madhavi Menon, alumna of Gargi College, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Nova Southeastern University.  
 Dr. Meenakshi Menon, alumna of Gargi college, Lecturer in the Department of Psychology at the University of Surrey in Guildford, UK.  
 Miss Jyoti Grover, HR consultant at Quadrangle Consultancy.  
 Dr. Shrividya Rajaram, clinical psychologist in Escorts.  
 Dr. Ira Bhaskar, Associate Professor of Film Studies, School of Arts and Aesthetics, JNU  
 Dr. Gauhar Raza, noted poet and activist  
 Dr. Anjana Neira Dev, Principal, Vivekanand College  
 Prof. Rakesh Chandra, Head, Deptt of Philosophy, University of Lucknow  
 Mr.N.S. Samant, Joint Secretary, Department of Biotechnology  
 Dr. Patricia Uberoi, Hon. Director of Institute of Chinese Studies, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi  
 Ms. Madhu Kishwar, Chairperson, Manushi Trust  
 Dr. Kumkum Malik, Psychiatrist and Feminist Scholar  
 Ms. Enakshi Thukral, HAQ  
 Prof. Rakesh Chandra, HOD Dept. of Philosophy and Gender Studies, Univ. of Lucknow  
 Ms. Meenakshi Lekhi, Advocate, Supreme Court of India

## **Annexure**

### **Gargi team which won III prize at the inter-college Science Quiz "Quest"**

Renu Pande, B.Sc.(Prog.) Life Sci. III yr  
Sangeeta Pawar, B.Sc.(Hons.) Chemistry III yr  
Anupama Yada, B.Sc(Hons.) Microbiology II yr  
Gurpreet B.Sc(Hons.) Physics II yr.

### **Winter school organised by TERI**

11 students of BSc(H) chemistry III yr and BSc Prog. Life Sciences III year participated in a two day winter school organised by TERI. The school was meant for undergraduate students of NCR. The students are

Debmita Bandopadhyay	Jaya Tuteja	Priyanka Thakral
Anamika Upadhyay	Jyoti Nagraj	Jyoti Chugh
Karishma Bakshi	Renu Pande	Subia
Rinku Sharma	Lishika Dhingra	

### **List of Participants (Faculty Members) of WikiEducator – Gargi 2009 workshop**

#### **Botany**

Dr. Kiran Prabha  
Dr. Priyanka Kapoor  
Dr. Geeta Mehta  
Dr. Pooja Baweja

#### **Microbiology**

Dr. Shashi Chawla  
Dr. Pooja Gulati

#### **Chemistry**

Dr. B. Vijayanthi  
Dr. Minakshi Sharma

#### **Commerce**

Dr. Sangeeta Jerath  
Dr. Geeta Kichlu  
Dr. Geeta Siddharth  
Ms. Manju Sahai  
Ms. Sheela Dubey  
Ms. Romita Popli  
Ms. Sapna Jain  
Ms. Deepika Kakkar

#### **Physical Education**

Dr. Sheela K.S.

#### **Psychology**

Dr. Preeti Pant

#### **Mathematics**

Dr. Promila Kumar  
Ms. Bhawna Kapoor  
Ms. Arshmeet Kaur  
Ms. Simona Aggarwal  
Ms. Pooja Gupta  
Ms. Deepti Sehgal  
Ms. C.M. Upadhye

#### **Physics**

Dr. Supreeti Das  
Dr. Alka Garg

#### **Hindi**

Mr. Shreeniwas Tyagi

Assistance in Production

**Dr. B. Vaijayanthi**

**Dr. Minakshi Sharma**