

# Lady Shri Ram College for Women: An Overview

*Lady Shri Ram College for Women (LSR) has long been recognized as a premier institution of higher learning for women in India and has been consistently ranked as one of the top colleges in the country in nationwide polls. A centre of academic excellence and achievement, it is today one of the finest institutions for Social Sciences, Humanities and Commerce, while also offering B. Sc. Programmes in Mathematics and Statistics. Professional Courses like Elementary Education and Journalism and the flagship diploma course in Conflict Transformation and Peace Building are among its strengths.*

*Located at the cutting edge of knowledge, LSR has not just kept pace with the changing world but has been the pioneering spirit behind many innovations in the field of Education. Established in 1956 in the capital city of India, by the late Sir Shri Ram in the memory of his wife, the College had its modest beginnings in a school building in Daryaganj with 243 students, 9 faculty, 4 support staff and 3 distinct courses of study. Today, the College is located in a beautiful 15 acre campus in South Delhi, has over 2300 students, 130 faculty members, 80 administrative and support staff and 15 courses of study. In the early years, LSR provided a safe haven for young girls from conservative families who would otherwise be denied quality higher education. Today young women, flock to the College from not just every part of India but from several other neighbouring countries too. LSR has established its reputation as a training ground for women achievers who have broken the glass ceiling in different areas of endeavour.*

*One of the most important strengths of the College is the faculty which is known for its professionalism and commitment. The emphasis is on innovative pedagogic practices which encourage students to think critically. The College fosters a spirit of academic excellence, informed by humanism and a celebration of diversity and inclusivity. The vision is to empower young women to be leaders and change agents who are at the same time sensitive to social issues and problems. The alumna of the College have done pioneering work in a variety of fields – education(both urban and rural), law, media, government, the NGO sector or the corporate world. Yet many have also left promising corporate careers to work for the community. One of the most well known alumnae is the Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi.*

*LSR has a dynamic Office of International Programmes that has initiated collaborations with universities across the globe. These include short and long term exchange programmes, both for students and faculty, setting up of an international e-journal with women's colleges worldwide, organizing summer courses with reputed college from abroad and lectures and talks from faculty around the globe. Students participate on a regular basis in international conferences and LSR has organized and hosted prestigious international seminars and short courses for faculty and students from varied countries. If LSR today is seen as an acronym for Leadership with Social Responsibility, it is because of the constant endeavour to sensitize students to using the privilege of their higher education as a resource for the community. The College has consistently highlighted issues of violence against women and has initiated sensitization programmes on gender related issues. The College has also launched several community related projects including a Health initiative for the women of the near by urban village Zamrudpur. In addition, the College has started a programme called Connecting Dreams whereby students of LSR have adopted a village and have set up a community radio to be in constant touch with rural women. The College has begun Project Maati – an initiative to encourage organic farming in a village in Faridkot district of Punjab and to help market the produce of the village and empower the local women by selling their products in Delhi. To provide a truly inclusive*

*environment the College has a State of the Art Resource Centre that enables differently abled and lesser privileged students to access the latest assistive technology.*

*Along with academics, the stress is also on extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. LSR has an extremely active National Service Scheme, National Sports Organization and National Cadet Corps. In addition there are twenty two societies for extra-curricular activities like Debating, Dramatics, Dancing, Music, Creative Writing, et al. The student societies work throughout the year at an impressive pitch providing avenues for the expression of the creative potential of the student community. LSR perceives the real challenge to be that of infusing in students a sensibility that can differentiate between just making a career and having a vocation. To help students assume leadership of movements of social transformation, the College has initiated four Innovative Programmes – the Voluntary Agency Placement Programme which provides opportunities for students to make a positive contribution to community development and social welfare, Dhyana the Society for Consciousness and Awareness which encourages experiential learning, the Women's Development Cell which engages with women's issues and REACH which is an acronym for Reaffirming Equity, Access, Capacity and Humanism and deals with issues of affirmative and inclusive learning.*

# Principal's Report

**Honourable Minister Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Members of Board of Governors, Members of the College Community, Parents and my dear students.**

I extend a warm welcome to all of you to the LSR College Day celebrations. We come together on this day with both a celebratory spirit and a reflective introspection - to celebrate our achievements and to plan on how we can do better to maintain the standards of excellence of this institution. This past year was special because it marked 60 years LSR's of existence as an institution of higher learning. I feel proud to have been a part of LSR's illustrious journey, first as a student and now as Principal of this institution

We are honoured by the presence of Honourable Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore. His remarkable career is an inspiration to all of us. Col Rathore's hallmark has been the pursuit of excellence in all his actions. It is, thus, profoundly significant that he is here to celebrate the highpoints of the many achievers in our collective journey.

Coming from a military family, Col Rathore served with distinction in the army for 23 years and won many prestigious awards including the 'Sword of Honour' from the Indian Military Academy. And of course, as we all know, he excelled in sports. Most people know only about his exploits in shooting but he was also a good cricketer and was selected to play in the Ranji Trophy, a path he did not pursue. In shooting, his achievements make all Indians feel proud. Col. Rathore represented the country in shooting in the Olympics and other international events. He won 25 international medals at various championships for Double Trap Shooting. He was the first Indian, post-independence, to win individual Silver Medal at Athens Olympics in 2004. He has won gold medals for shooting in World Shooting Championships and also in Commonwealth games. He has been awarded *Padma Shri, Ati Vishisth Seva Medal, Arjuna Award* and *Khel Ratna Award* for his exceptional services to army and sports.

Since he left the army, he has been elected as a Member of Parliament and was sworn in as Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting in 2014. His achievements in army, politics and sports aside, Col. Rathore has also been an exemplary citizen by being involved in various community welfare projects. Thank you Sir for being with us today. Your presence is inspiring.

The past year has been an eventful period both academically and in terms of co-curricular activities in LSR. Let me start by sharing with all of you the laurels won by LSR in the last year. LSR's record of excellence and its preeminence in the field of higher education was acknowledged by many agencies including the NAAC which gave LSR an 'A+' grade in its first cycle of grading. LSR was also ranked as one of the top colleges in India by NIRF. These recognitions are vindicated by our results that show that for the last year LSR topped the Delhi University in the subjects of English, History, Political Science, Sociology and Journalism. We at LSR do believe that the teaching -learning process cannot be quantified, nor can the true transformative potential of education become statistical data. Yet, such accomplishments and awards strengthen our beliefs and help us to take the road less travelled with firmer resolve.

LSR stands for Leadership with Social Responsibility and the six pillars of the institution that enable us to pursue our vision are Women's Development Cell, Dhyana - society for consciousness and Awareness, REACH- Reaffirming Equity, Access, Capacity and Humanism, VAPP, Community Outreach and meaningful International Collaborations.

REACH is an example of our commitment towards social responsibility and with its motto of 'included and equal', it is focused on empowering the differently abled. REACH organised various events that provided an enabling space for students to build capacity while being part of a community that celebrates difference and diversity.

LSR is also proud of its community outreach programmes that involve students and faculty like the Child Development Programme, Sandrishti, Swavalamban, Indhrandhanush and Connecting Dreams Initiative.

LSR has also been the nodal college in DU for the JNU led Disaster Research Programme to build Community Resilience among disaster prone communities. As part of this project, our students and faculty worked in nearby neighbourhoods to map the area for vulnerabilities. Panel discussions were also conducted on the subject with participants from other DU colleges, JNU Professors and community leaders from the neighbourhood.

The collaboration of LSR with universities across the globe through its international programmes, its efforts to connect with the community at large and stress co-curricular activities make it a unique institution in the comity of colleges in the University of Delhi.

LSR is privileged to have a number of International collaborations with many universities and colleges across the world. Collaborations with Macquarie University, Australia, Ontario in India Programme, Canada and King's College, London were signed this year and we are working to increase the number in the near future as several collaborations are in the pipeline. The Office of International Programmes saw a flurry of activities this year. The Office facilitated five exchange students from USA, one from Canada and one from Australia. It organized talks by distinguished faculty from universities abroad, lectures and presentations from collaborators and other universities.

The Office of International Programmes has expanded its base in collaboration and this year we have the largest number of students being sent from LSR College to collaborative programmes in Universities abroad. Students have been nominated for the SUSI programme on Leadership in USA, La Trobe University in Australia, Sciences Po in France, Fukuoka in Japan, Ontario in India programme in Canada, Macquarie University in Australia, National University of Singapore, Singapore and King's College, London. This year the Middlebury College in USA hosted one of our Faculty members for an Annual Lecture in March.

Meanwhile, LSR seeks to collaborate with other institutions in India and abroad. There was an interaction with delegates from forty developing countries including from South America, Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia on the eve of Women's Day. This event was organized in collaboration with Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a think tank under Ministry of External Affairs.

LSR had the privilege of hosting a number of very distinguished speakers. Such talks enabled our students to engage with ideas and open up their minds to the invigorating world outside.

The President of the World Bank, Dr. Jim Yong Kim had a lively interactive session with students and faculty on issues of development. Lord Meghnad Desai, Padma Bhushan and Member, House of Lords, British Parliament spoke on the implications of Brexit for India. Prof. S.D Muni discussed the changing contours of India's foreign policy. The Third Manohar Shyam Joshi memorial lecture was delivered by Prof. Pushpesh Pant on the topic 'Politics, Power and Media'. The college also organized an interactive event for students with Tina Dabi, IAS topper for the year 2016 and an alumna of LSR. This event saw huge participation from students.

At LSR students and faculty always subject themselves to continuous self examination and renewal. In this spirit, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college conducted a number of programmes including a one day Workshop on 'Integrating Digital Technology in the Pedagogical Practices of Higher Education'. The seminar deliberated on the role of various technological tools and their utility in enhancing quality research and improving pedagogical methods within classrooms characterised by diversity.

The faculty and students of various departments nurtured the academic ethos of college through an impressive range of stimulating seminars, conferences and talks. These provided a wide spectrum for intellectual engagement beyond the confines of curricula. These include *Kula*, the academic meet of the Department of Sociology on 'Ethnographic Films: Perspectives and Dialogues', *Polpourri* of the Department of Political Science on 'Unpacking Ideologies', *Sehar* of the Department of Elementary Education on 'Identity in Contemporary World', *Eruditio* of the Department of Psychology on 'The addiction to deaddiction', *Maazi-O-Mustaqbil* of the Department of History on 'In Dissent', *Econvista* of the Department of Economics on 'Going Beyond the Invisible Hand: Exploring Alternate Development Paradigms', *Samagam* of the Department of BA Programme on 'Maha'Bharata', *Juxtapose*, of the Department of Journalism on 'Whose Media is it anyways?', *Litmus* of the English department on 'Laughing Matters: Literature, Politics and Humour', *Aletheia* of the Department of Philosophy, *Sanskriti* of the Department of Sanskrit, *Vagarth* of the Department of Hindi, *Enigma* of the Department of Mathematics, *Moments* of the Department of Statistics and *Comquest* of the Department of Commerce.

*Tarang*, the annual cultural festival of LSR has a unique reputation. This year *Tarang* was organized from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. There was wide spread participation from colleges across India this year and the footfall was unprecedented.

It is also imperative on my part that I acknowledge the admirable work done throughout the year by our student Societies. They continue to foster creativity even as they balance the academic rigour of the courses. My heartfelt thanks to all the student coordinators and faculty advisors for putting together a seamless web of imagination and infusing the college with an electric and eclectic creative energy!

*"Education is not the amount of information that is put into your brain and runs riot there, undigested, all your life. We must have life-building, (wo)man-making, character-making assimilation of ideas."*

At LSR we firmly believe in these words of Swami Vivekananda and lay great emphasis on overall development of the students and hence has vibrant NSO (National Sports Organization) and NCC (National Cadet Corps) units with requisite infrastructure and committed staff members.

Our students have done us proud and won many awards and recognitions in a wide range of sports at the college, state, national level and also international level. Our students have won several gold medals in tournaments in Athletics, Badminton, Chess, Judo, Soccer, Lawn Tennis, Swimming, Table Tennis, and Shooting. I am proud to mention in front of the honourable minister that LSR shooting team is of a high calibre. They have won medals in several national and international shooting championships, including the Junior ISSF World Cup in Germany and Azerbaijan, 26th Meeting of the Shooting Hopes, Czech Republic, International Junior Shotgun Cup, Finland and Asian Shooting Championship, Kuwait.

Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet, our annual sports festival has become one of the most important events in the calendar of Inter-College Sports engagements. It was successfully held from 9th March-11th March, 2017. More than 70 institutions participated this year. For the first time ever, para-athletics was also

introduced at the Dr. Bharat Ram Open Sports Meet. I must especially applaud our students who have won multiple medals in the Delhi State Para Athletic Meet.

The cross country run is also organised annually by NSO. It is an intra-college marathon where there is massive participation each year as students run for a cause. This year students ran to spread awareness for the cause of Animal Rights.

NCC cadets set new benchmarks of excellence winning recognition for participation in Republic Day Camp, in the Swacch Bharat Abhiyan and the Youth Exchange Programme held in Vietnam.

Our students continue to do us proud and we congratulate them and the families of all those who have won awards, medals and prizes in various academic and co-curricular endeavors.

At LSR the students are never satisfied with personal achievements alone. In keeping with the spirit of Leadership with Social Responsibility students always engage with larger social causes. The activities of the vibrant NSS unit reflect this spirit. It organized a variety of events that included *Nexus*, its annual youth conference on the theme 'The Role of Civil Society'. The conference witnessed participation from NSS chapters of many colleges that came together for stimulating debate and discussion on this theme. Apart from that, NSS also organized the Diwali Mela which was a grand success.

LSR, being an environmentally conscious institution, follows the cardinal principle of Reduce, Re-use and Recycle. The college has been consistently increasing its use of renewable energy. The college is also proud of the fact that it reuses waste and even fallen trees in innovative ways to make benches, pathways and art pieces. Due to such and many other innovative practices, LSR is covered widely by local and national media.

We are also proud of our Placement Cell which conducts year around activities that include workshops on career options and skill development, resume writing, to organizing pre-placement talks for institutes and corporate recruiters and facilitating placements. This year our students received a number of job offers with the average package being INR 6.3 lakhs and the highest being a record INR 37.8 lakhs. Our Placement Cell is in news constantly, more recently for our students bagging internship offers worth INR 4 lakhs. The Cell does not simply seek to place a select few students but works hard to ensure that ample opportunities are provided to vulnerable members of the college community to realise their full potential.

In fact all our achievements have been made possible, in part, because of the ever widening, very liberal freship and scholarship programme in LSR.

Friends, I must acknowledge and thank my faculty and colleagues who have worked ceaselessly to create what we know as the 'magic of LSR'. Our faculty has shown exemplary professionalism and total dedication to the College. Congratulations are also due to Dr. Pooja Satyogi, Dr. Rina Kashyap, Dr. Vagesh Pawaiya, Dr. Shruti Kapur and Dr. Bhawana Arora for their doctoral degrees. Our faculty members have been regularly writing books and have won prestigious awards and fellowships. Congratulations to all of them.

I must also acknowledge the Karmchari staff and administrative team who work with unconditional commitment to the college, and are equally responsible in the creation of this magic. We congratulate Ms Neeta Kapur and Shri Ram Sanjeevan for completing 25 years of service.

I take this opportunity to thank our Chairperson, Mr. Arun Bharat Ram for his democratic vision, generosity and support to the college. I must also thank our board of governors and express our gratitude for their continued support to us.

Finally, I must thank the outgoing Students' Union under leadership of Charu and her team of Shambhavi, Smitha and Aditi and their team of volunteers who worked round the year. I also welcome the new Students' Union: President Amita and her team of Chatriya, Srijan and Unnati and extend my best wishes for their endeavours in the ensuing year.

*To them I repeat the words of Nelson Mandela "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*

LSR has always been fortunate to have a dedicated and outstanding faculty that has been instrumental in producing great alumnae over the last sixty years. Today, it gives me great pleasure to honour some of the most notable ones with our distinguished alumna award.

Prof. Pami Dua who completed her B.A. in Economics from LSR, in 1978. Prof. Pami Dua is Director and Professor of Economics in Delhi School of Economics as well as Chairperson, Research Council and Dean, Academic Activities and Projects, University of Delhi. She is also currently member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India. She has served as the Head of the Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics and as the President of the Indian Econometric Society.

Our next guest is Dr. Pinky Anand, who was from Department of Economics and passed out in 1977. She is Doctorate of Law, graduate of Harvard Law School and an Inlaks scholar. She has a versatile personality and is a leading lawyer in diverse fields. Her accomplishments extend from legal expertise to media to politics to social activities. She also made us proud this year by winning the Clash of Titans debate, representing LSR.

We also have with us today, Mrs. Rashmi Verma, who is presently the Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Textiles and is responsible for policy formulation in wide ranging segments. She did her graduation and post-graduation from the department of political science of LSR from 1975 to 1980. She joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1982. While on central deputation, she served in the Prime Minister's Office from 1998 to 2002. She has also worked extensively on gender issues and women's empowerment in India and abroad.

We also have among us today Mrs. Amita Mishra, who completed her Bachelors and Masters in English Literature from LSR. Keenly interested in the field of Education, she went on to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Education. She is a Certified School Leader by the Principal's Training Centre, Miami, USA. With over 25 years of experience in the field of Education, she is currently the Principal of DPS International School, Saket. For her illustrious achievements and many contributions to the field of Education, Ms. Amita Mishra was conferred Lifetime Achievement award by the International Congress of Women in 2009.

LSR is honored to have with us such accomplished alumnae who are a role model for our students.

Last but not the least, LSR will strive to remain as a gateway towards excellence and a place of enlightenment, where we continue to push boundaries of knowledge, germinate critical enquiry, forge democratic partnerships and build an empowered community.

Perhaps the 'LSR spirit' is best captured by these lines from Rabindranath Tagore:

"The highest education is that which does not merely gives us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence"

**Dr. Suman Sharma**

Principal, Lady Shri Ram College

# Trophies and Cups won by the College

S. R. Gupta Memorial Gold Medal	Devna Aggarwal, M.Sc. Statistics
Vimla Sindhi Gold Medal	Anjali, B.A. Political Science Honours
Principal B.B. Gupta Memorial Medal	Ved Prabha, M.A. English
Dr. Sarup Singh Gold Medal	Abhilasha Sawlani B.A. English Honours
University Medal for B.A.Honours in Psychology	Bhavya Kulshreshtha, B.A. Psychology Honours
University Medal for Eeshana, B.A. Honours in Sociology	B.A. Sociology Honours
University Medal for A.R. Rakshitha, B.A. Honours in Journalism	B.A. Journalism Honours
N.V. Thadani Memorial Prize	Abhilasha Sawlani, B.A. Honours English
The Dip Chand Memorial Prize	Sakshi Ghosh, B.A. Honours History
Trophy awarded by St. Xavier's College, Jaipur for Best Contingent at the National Economics Symposium	LSR Economics Department Team
Clash of the Titans Invitational Debate	Best Speaker – Pinky Anand
The Green Cup	Best greenery and cleanliness among educational institutions
The Department of Geography Cup	Best flowering trees, shrubs and climbers
The Department of Persian Cup	Best garden of a college
The Deshbandhu College Cup	Best lawn among Institutes and Colleges
The Delhi College Cup	Best rock garden of an Institute or College
The Dr. A.C. Janakiamma Cup	Best border of mixed flowers of a garden
The Dr. Ramalabhar Cup	Best maintained environment of a Hostel

The Garden Committee Cup	Best shrubbery of a member of Staff
The Indian School of International Studies Cup	Highest aggregate marks under category F, Class IV
The Daulat Ram College Cup	Best marriage Decoration
The Golden Jubilee Cup Category - Priya Mundhra & Surbhi Yadav	Best artistic floral display in Eastern Style
The Laxman Sarin Cup No. 3 Deepa Ahirhar, Suman Rawal, Sneha Harsh & B.R. Rawika Singh	Best floral arrangement with wild flowers
The Laxman Sarin Cup No. 2	Best floral display under the category of any Other - Priyanshu Kumari & Keerthana Chavaly

### **LIST OF SPORTS TROPHIES-2016-17**

#### **Archery**

##### *Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet*

Individual Recurve Round	Silver Medal	Neha Buswal
Indian Round	Silver Medal	LSR Team
Recurve Round	Silver Medal	LSR Team

#### **Athletics**

##### *Inter College University of Delhi- Athletics*

4*100 m Relay	Gold Medal	Shivangi Rawat, Uditi Murarka, Anjali Sahani, Deepanjali Sharma
800 m	Gold Medal	Deepanjali Sharma
100 m (hurdles)	Gold Medal	Shivangi Rawat
Long Jump	Gold Medal	Anjali Sahani
Shot Put	Gold Medal	Tanya Sharma
400 m	Bronze Medal	Deepanjali Sharma
Heptathlon	Gold Medal	Shivangi Rawat
Cross country	Silver Medal	Deepanjali Sharma
Cross country Over all	Third	LSR

##### *Open Delhi State Athletics Tournament*

Long Jump	Gold Medal	Anjali Sahani
Shot Put	Silver Medal	Tanya Sharma
Discuss Throw	Gold Medal	Tanya Sharma

800 m	Silver Medal	Deepanjali Sharma
400 m	Bronze Medal	Deepanjali Sharma
200 m	Silver Medal	Uditi Murarka
400 m	Silver Medal	Uditi Murarka
800 m	Bronze Medal	Pushpa
High Jump	Bronze Medal	Vanshika
100m (hurdles)	Gold Medal	Shivangi Rawat
Heptathlon	Gold Medal	Shivangi Rawat
Junior federation cup (Heptathlon)	Silver Medal	Shivangi Rawat
Junior National Athletic Meet (Heptathlon)	Bronze Medal	Shivangi Rawat
<i>Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet</i>		
Shot Put	Gold Medal	Tanya Sharma
Discuss Throw	Silver Medal	Shivani
100 m	Silver Medal	Arundhatee
Long Jump	Bronze Medal	Tamanna Tiwana
Triple Jump	Bronze Medal	Tamanna Tiwana
Long Jump	Best player	Vanshika
Javelin Throw	Silver Medal	Aishwarya Seth
Javelin Throw	Gold Medal	Paulmi Yadav
Long Jump	Gold Medal	Arundhatee
High Jump	Gold Medal	Vanshika
Discuss Throw	Bronze Medal	Paulmi Yadav
<i>Delhi State Para-Athletics Meet</i>		
B1 Javelin Throw	Gold Medal	Suman
B3 Javelin Throw	Gold Medal	Yogita
B3 Javelin Throw	Silver Medal	Mamta
B2 Shot Put	Silver Medal	Shweta
B3 Shot Put	Silver Medal	Yogita
B3 Long Jump	Bronze Medal	Yogita
B2 Long Jump	Bronze Medal	Shweta
B2 Shot Put	Bronze Medal	Pooja
B2 Javelin Throw	Bronze Medal	Pooja
B2 Discuss Throw	Bronze Medal	Pooja
<i>Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet</i>		

B2 Shot Put	Gold Medal	Pooja
B1 Discuss Throw	Silver Medal	Suman
Long Jump	Silver Medal	Shweta
B3 Long Jump	Silver Medal	Yogita
B3 Shot put	Silver Medal	Yogita
B3 Long Jump	Silver Medal	Aarti
B1 Shot put	Bronze Medal	Ruksar
B2 Shot put	Bronze Medal	Shweta
B3 Discuss Throw	Bronze Medal	Mamta

*National Meet Organised by Delhi University Sports Union (DUSU)*

B1 Javelin Throw	Gold Medal	Suman
B3 100mts	Gold Medal	Aarti
B2 Shot Put	Gold Medal	Pooja
B2 Long Jump	Silver Medal	Shweta
B2 Discuss Throw	Silver Medal	Pooja
B3 Javelin Throw	Silver Medal	Yogita
B3 Long Jump	Silver Medal	Yogita
B3 Shot put	Silver Medal	Mamta
B1 Shot put	Bronze Medal	Ruksar
B3 Javelin Throw	Bronze Medal	Mamta

*National Meet Organised by Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA)*

B3 Shot put	Silver Medal	Yogita
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*Para- Athletic National Meet held at Jaipur*

B1 Discuss Throw	Bronze Medal	Suman
B1 Long Jump	Bronze Medal	Suman

**Badminton**

*Delhi State Badminton Tournament*

Doubles	Silver Medal	Noor Chhatwal
Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet		
Doubles	Gold Medal	Rujuta Bhagwat, Ridhi Kapur
Doubles	Silver Medal	Sunaina and Anjali

**SPORTS FESTS**

IP Invitational Tournament	Silver Medal	Ridhi Kapur
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IIT Delhi Sports Fest	Gold Medal	Vaidika Kota, Noor Chhatwal, Rujuta Bhagwat
GD Goenka Sports Fest (singles)	Gold Medal	Rujuta Bhagwat
GD Goenka Sports Fest (Singles)	Silver Medal	Vaidika Kota
GD Goenka Sports Fest (Doubles)	Gold Medal	Vaidika Kota, Rujuta Bhagwat

### **Basketball**

Royal Invitational Basketball Tournament	Gold Medal
Delhi University Women Basketball Inter College	Silver Medal
SRCC Invitational Tournament	Gold Medal
GD Goenka Sports Fest	Gold Medal
IHE Sports Fest	Gold Medal
YMCA Basketball Tournament	Silver Medal
Zakir Hussain Sports Fest	Gold Medal
SRCC FOYS	Silver Medal
Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet	Gold Medal

### **Chess**

#### *Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet*

Individual	Gold Medal	Paravathy S.L.
Individual	Silver Medal	Meghna
Team event	Silver Medal	LSR Team
SRCC Sports Fest	Silver Medal	LSR Team
Delhi University Inter College	Bronze Medal	LSR Team
North Zone Inter University Chess Tournament	Gold Medal	Parvathy (DU Team)
National Inter University Chess Tournament	Bronze Medal	Parvathy (DU Team)
Zakir Hussain Sports Fest	Silver Medal	Parvathy

### **GYMNASTICS**

#### *DELHI STATE GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP*

Vault Table	Gold Medal	Purna Mishra
Uneven bars	Silver Medal	Purna Mishra
Balancing Beam	Bronze Medal	Purna Mishra
Floor exercises	Bronze Medal	Purna Mishra

#### Judo

#### *Inter college Delhi University Championship*

+70 kg	Gold Medal	Samiksha Malik
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-57 kg	Gold Medal	Bhumika Bhasin
<b>Delhi State Judo Tournament</b>		
U-20	Silver Medal	Samiksha Malik, Bhumika Bhasin
Senior Category	Bronze Medal	Samiksha Malik
<i>Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet</i>		
78kg	Gold Medal	Samiksha Malik
40 kg	Gold Medal	Shivangi
40 kg	Bronze Medal	Sadbhavna
44 kg	Silver Medal	Enid
48 kg	Bronze Medal	Priya
52kg	Silver Medal	Khushboo
52kg	Bronze Medal	Priyanka
57 kg	Bronze Medal	Shraddha
63 kg	Silver Medal	Bhumika Bhasin
70kg	Silver Medal	Divya Singh
70kg	Bronze Medal	Gauri
Swabhimani Sports Festival	Gold Medal	Bhumika Bhasin
Swabhimani Sports Festival	Bronze Medal	Enid and Sadbhavna
Swabhimani Sports Festival	Silver Medal	Shraddha and Shivangi
Mata Sundri Tournament	Gold Medal	Samiksha Malik
ZEST Sports Festival	Gold Medal	Samiksha Malik
Mata Sundri Tournament	Bronze Medal	Bhumika Bhasin
ZEST Sports Festival	Bronze Medal	Bhumika Bhasin
<b>FOOTBALL</b>		
CII Soccer Tournament	Gold Medal	LSR Team
12th South Asian Games	Gold Medal	Margaret Devi
North Zone Inter Univeristy	Silver Medal	Margaret Devi
5th Indira Gandhi Memorial Slum Soccer Football Tournament	Bronze Medal	Somi
<b>LAWN TENNIS</b>		
<i>Inter University North Zone</i>		
Team Event Sachdeva	Gold Medal	Vineeta Singh, Shivya
<i>All India Inter University</i>		

Team Event	Gold Medal	Vineeta Singh, Shivya Sacheva
<i>Delhi university Women Lawn Tennis Inter College</i>		
Team Event	Bronze Medal	LSR Team
Shiv Nadar Sports Fest	Gold Medal	LSR Team
GD Goenka Sports Fest	Gold Medal	LSR Team
<b>SHOOTING</b>		
Junior ISSF World Cup (Team)	Bronze Medal	Sanjana Sehrawat
26th meeting of Shooting Hopes (Team)	Gold Medal	Sanjana Sehrawat
26th meeting of Shooting hopes (Individual)	Bronze Medal	Sanjana Sehrawat
Junior ISSF World Cup(team)	Gold Medal	Sanjana Sehrawat
Delhi University Shooting Championship (Individual)	Bronze Medal	Sanjana Sehrawat
International Junior Shotgun Cup (team)	Bronze Medal	Maheshwari Chauhan
Grand Prix (Team)	Bronze Medal	Maheshwari Chauhan
Junior Cup	Bronze Medal	Maheshwari Chauhan
Asian Airgun Shooting Championship (team)	Bronze Medal	Aashi Rastogi
Asian Airgun Shooting Championship (Individual)	Gold Medal	Aashi Rastogi
8th International Shotgun Cup	Bronze Medal	Ananya Chopra
Delhi State Championship (Junior and senior category)	Gold Medal	Ananya Chopra
Asian Airgun Championship (Team)	Gold Medal	Nayani Bhardwaj
Dr Bharat Ram Sports Meet (Individual)	Gold Medal	Nayani Bhardwaj
Dr Bharat Ram SPorts Meet	Bronze Medal	Malavika S Pai
60th National Shooting Championship	Bronze Medal	Ananya Bhatt
D.U. Women Shooting Inter College		
Air Pistol	Gold Medal	LSR Team
<b>SWIMMING</b>		
<i>Delhi State Swimming Championship</i>		
50 mts butterfly	Bronze Medal	Rashi Rana
100 mts butterfly	Gold Medal	Rashi Rana

200 mts butterfly	Gold Medal	Rashi Rana
50 mts freestyle	Silver Medal	Vani Sahni
100 mts freestyle	Silver Medal	Vani Sahni
<i>UP State Swimming Championship</i>		
50 m backstroke	Gold Medal	Hunar Deshwal
100 m backstroke	Gold Medal	Hunar Deshwal
200 m backstroke	Gold Medal	Hunar Deshwal

## **TABLE TENNIS**

### *Delhi university Women Table Tennis Inter College*

Team Event	Silver Medal	LSR Team
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### *Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet*

Team Event	Gold Medal	Rajeshwari and Raktima
	Silver medal	Sayesha and Anshul
Singles	Gold Medal	Raktima paul
Doubles	Gold Medal	Rajeshwari and Raktima
Doubles	Silver Medal	Anshul and Sayesha
Singles	Silver Medal	Rajeshwari chadha
Singles	Bronze Medal	Sayesha Jain

### *All India Inter University*

Team Event	Silver Medal	Riti Shankar
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### *Haryana State T.T. Championship*

Individual (Youth category)	Gold Medal	Riti Shankar
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### **NORTH ZONE INTER UNIVERSITY**

Team event	Gold medal	Riti Shankar
IIT Delhi Sports Fest	Gold Medal	LSR Team
Kalindi College Sports Fest	Gold Medal	LSR Team
Rajguru College Sports Fest	Gold Medal	LSR Team
DTU Sports Fest	Gold Medal	LSR Team
SRCC FOYS	Silver Medal	LSR Team

## **VOLLEYBALL**

Dr. Bharat Ram Open Sports Meet	Silver Medal	LSR Team
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## **YOGA**

Dr Bharat Ram Sports Meet	Bronze Medal	LSR Team
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## College Colours for Outstanding Performance

1	Air Pistol Shooting	: Malavika Pai, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons.
2	Air Pistol Shooting	: Nayani Bhardwaj, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year B.A. Programme
3	Air Pistol Shooting	: Sanjana Sehrawat, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons.
4	Air Rifle Shooting	: Aashi Rastogi, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year English Hons.
5	Air Rifle Shooting	: Ananya Bhatt, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year History Hons.
6	Athletics	: Shivangi Rawat, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Sociology Hons.
7	Athletics	: Yogita, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year English Hons.
8	Chess	: Parvathy S. L., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons.
9	Football	: Margaret K. Shetri, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year B.A. Programme
10	Para-Athletics	: Suman, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year B.El.Ed.
11	Skeet Shooting	: Ananya Chopra, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Philosophy Hons.
12	Skeet Shooting	: Maheshwari Chauhan, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy Hons.
13	Table Tennis	: Riti Shankar, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Political Science Hons.
14	Tennis	: Shivya Sachdeva, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Psychology Hons.
15	Tennis	: Vinita Singh, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year History Hons.
16	Volleyball	: Monica, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year B.Com. Hons.

## Prizes for Distinctions Achieved in the College 2016-2017

<b>Lady Shri Ram Prize for Academic Excellence</b>	:	Ankita Jain, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Mathematics Honours  Ketki Gupta, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours  Malvika Talwar, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year B.Com. Honours  Prakriti Anand, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy Honours  Sahitya Poonacha, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year History Honours  Sanjana Sanghi, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Journalism Honours  Vaishali Sharma, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Sanskrit Honours
<b>Shri Ram Prize for the Best All-round Student</b>	:	Aastha Gupta, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year B.Com. Honours  Swastika Jajoo, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Honours
<b>Manju Bharat Ram Prize for Aesthetic Engagement</b>	:	Ananta Gaur,

**and Cultural Sensibility**

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Psychology Honours

Mitakshara Medhi,

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Psychology Honours

**Amba Dalmia Prize for Creative Talent and  
Commitment to the College**

: Manmeet Kaur Sareen,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours

Mariam Rauf,

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Sociology Honours

**Principal's Prize for Fostering Academic  
Ethos of the College**

: Surbhi Gupta,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Psychology Honours

**Faculty Prize**

: Mrinal Kaushik,  
4<sup>th</sup> Year B.El.Ed.

Somya Sharma,

3<sup>rd</sup> Year B. Com. Honours

**Mrs. U.J. Rana Prize for Student Endeavour**

: Deepa Ahirwar,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year History Honours

Rukhsar Siddiqui,

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Hindi Honours

Shweta,

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Sociology Honours

Shweta Dangi,

3<sup>rd</sup> Year B.Com. Honours

**S.M. Luthra Prize for Contribution to the  
Voluntary Agency Placement Programme**

: Sneha Harsh,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year History Honours

**N.K. Mehta Prize for Meritorious Contribution to  
the College**

: Arooshi Nigam,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Sanskrit Honours

Neha Dewan,

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Honours

P. Ritika Rao,

3<sup>rd</sup> Year History Honours

**Rena Sewak Prize for Public Speaking in  
English**

: Nitika Bakshi,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Honours

Zehra Kazmi,

3<sup>rd</sup> Year English Honours

**Prize for Excellence in Model United Nations**

: Samridhi Arora,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year English Honours

Soumya Sharma,

3<sup>rd</sup> Year B. Com. Honours

**Prize for Public Speaking in Hindi**

: Anandita Singh Bhada,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Honours

<b>Anubha Dhar Prize for Creative Writing in English</b>	: Swastika Jajoo, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Honours
<b>Shri Bharat Bhushan Aggarwal Srijnatmak Lekhan Puraskar</b>	: Babita, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Hindi Honours
<b>Chirashree Chakraborty Prize for Creative Writing in Indian Languages</b>	: Devi Santhosh, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Malayalam Honours  Hindoli Datta, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Bangla Honours  Monica Srisai, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Telugu Honours  Raajal Raj Purohit, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Sanskrit Honours  Urwa Yul Wusqa, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Urdu Honours
<b>Prize for Excellence in Western Music</b>	: Megha Lama, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Honours
<b>Shri Prem Vallabh Joshi Prize for Excellence in Indian Music</b>	: Rishika Roy, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Honours
<b>Prize for Contribution to Choreography</b>	: Jigya Bhagat, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours
<b>Prize for Contribution to Classical Dance</b>	: Aakanksha Kumar, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Psychology Honours  Priyanka Mahajan, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Mathematics Honours
<b>S.J. Davar Prize for Contribution to English Dramatics</b>	: Surabhi Vatsa, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year History Honours
<b>Prize for Hindi Dramatics</b>	: K. Vaishnavi, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Honours
<b>Kalanidhi Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Art and Décor</b>	: Kopal Nanda, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year History Honours
<b>Prakriti Shree Prize for Environmental Consciousness</b>	: Shikha, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours  Tanishka Khandelwal, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours
<b>Prize for Contribution to the National Sports Organisation</b>	: Vaidika Kota, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours
<b>Komal Pahuja and V.K. Pahuja Prize for Excellence In Sports</b>	: Maheshwari Chauhan, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy Honours  Sanjana Sehwat, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Honours

<b>Prize for Excellence in National Cadet Corps</b>	:	Ananya Maheshwari, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year History Honours  Monica Banerjee, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Honours
<b>Prize for Contribution to National Cadet Corps</b>	:	Deepakia Meena, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Hindi Honours  Pallavi Meena, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours
<b>Lok Mangal Puraskar for the Best NSS Organiser</b>	:	Riya Rao, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Sociology Honours  Saumya Pondwal, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours
<b>Lok Kalyan Puraskar for the Best NSS Volunteer</b>	:	Malvika Verma, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy Honours  Mitali Dua, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours
<b>Prize for the Best Article in English in the College Magazine</b>	:	Adrija Ghosh, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Honours
<b>Prize for the Best Article in Hindi in the College Magazine</b>	:	Kanchan Sharma, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Hindi Honours
<b>Shaili Rani Mathur Prize for the Best Student Admitted to M.A. (Previous) Sanskrit</b>	:	Deepshikha, M.A. (Previous) Sanskrit
<b>Special Commendation for Meritorious Contribution to College Placements</b>	:	Aditi Mishra, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year B.Com Honours  Shreya Dubey, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours

## **Certificates of Merit awarded for Contribution to the College Activities during the years 2014-2017**

### **Alumna Cell**

Ananya Nandan	:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Sociology Hons. for contribution to Alumna Cell
Shikha Rai	:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for contribution to Alumna Cell
Kritika Singh	:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year B.Com Hons. for contribution to Alumna Cell
Mehek Khanna	:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for contribution to Alumna Cell

### **Art and Décor**

Astha Vohra	:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for contribution to Art and Décor
Megha Madhari	:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Hons. for contribution to Art and Décor
Swathi Gangadharan	:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for contribution to Art and Décor

### **Creative Writing**

Anwasha Bhattacharya	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for meritorious contribution to creative writing
Muskan Sandhu	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for meritorious contribution to creative writing
<b>Dance</b>	
Eshna Kutty	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Psychology Hons. for outstanding contribution to Choreography
Mansha Sachdev	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Mathematics Hons. for outstanding contribution to Choreography
Ankita Goswami	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for meritorious contribution to Western Dance Team
Elivia D'Souza	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Sociology Hons. for meritorious contribution to Choreography Team
Malavika S. Pai	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Classical Dance
Manleen Bawa	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for contribution to Choreography Team
Mannat Arora	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Choreography Team
Nikita Maheswari	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year History Hons. for contribution to Western Dance Team
Radhika Thapliyal	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Hons. for meritorious contribution to Choreography Team
Shonan Sharma	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Sociology Hons. for contribution to Classical Dance
<b>Dhyana</b>	
Manogya Sahay	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy Hons. for contribution to Dhyana
R. Haritha Alankritha	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year History Hons. for contribution to Dhyana
Trisha Hari	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Hons. for contribution to Dhyana
<b>Dramatics</b>	
Aishwarya Airy	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year History Hons. for outstanding contribution to Dramatics
Gurjot Kaur Mann	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for outstanding contribution to Dramatics
Jaya Singh	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for outstanding contribution to Dramatics
Mohini Singh	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Psychology Hons. for outstanding contribution to Dramatics
Shrabani Dutta	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for outstanding contribution to Dramatics
Varna Balakrishnan	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year History Hons. for outstanding contribution to Dramatics
Akansha Aditi	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for meritorious contribution to Dramatics
Bhawana Lal	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Mathematics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Dramatics
Eman Rahman	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for meritorious contribution to Dramatics
Ghania A. Siddiqui	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Hons. for meritorious contribution to Dramatics
Kajol Ved	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Dramatics

Natasha Ahuja	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Journalism Hons. for meritorious contribution to Dramatics
Mehek Khanna	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Dramatics
Noor Bhatia	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Dramatics
Priyanka Deb	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Dramatics
Shreya Ray	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Dramatics
Tejasvee Kashyap	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Sociology Hons. for meritorious contribution to Dramatics

### **ELOCUTION**

1 Hindolee Datta	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Honours for meritorious contribution to Elocution
2 Sanjana Tewari	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Honours for meritorious contribution to Elocution

### **ENACTUS**

Kanupriya Raman	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year B.Com. Hons. for contribution to Enactus
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### **Indian Music**

Aishwarya Chaturvedi	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year B.A. Programme for meritorious contribution to Indian Music
Apoorva Tiwari	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Hons. for meritorious contribution to Indian Music

### **Interface**

Deepi Chanu	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Interface
Esha Rao	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Interface
Prakriti Anand	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy Hons. for meritorious contribution to Interface
Tirna Sengupta	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for meritorious contribution to Interface

### **International Programmes**

Anika Jain	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Mathematics Hons. for meritorious contribution to International Programmes
Vireet Randhawa	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year B.A. Programme for meritorious contribution to International Programmes

### **MUN**

Chandni Ahuja	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Journalism Hons. for Excellence in MUN
Anuja Malhotra	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for Excellence in MUN

### **Prakriti**

Trishna Basna	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year History Hons. for meritorious contribution to Prakriti
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### **Projekt**

Anuja Dasgupta	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> year English Hons. for contribution to Projekt and Creative Writing
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### **Placement Cell**

Aditi Kapur	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Journalism Hons. for meritorious contribution to Placement Cell
Sanjana Singh	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Journalism Hons. for meritorious contribution to Placement Cell

Simran Ahuja : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Placement Cell

### **Public Speaking in English**

Arunima Raavi : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Mathematics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Public Speaking in English

Joyeeta Dutta : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Hons. for meritorious contribution to Public Speaking in English

Pariroo Rattan : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Public Speaking in English

Prakriti Ananad : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy Hons. for meritorious contribution to Public Speaking in English

### **Vakritva, Debating in Hindi**

Niti Chaudhary : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Hindi Hons. for meritorious contribution to Hindi Debating

Priya Agrahari : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Hindi Hons. for meritorious contribution to Hindi Debating

Vidushi Shukla : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Hons. for meritorious contribution to Hindi Debating

### **Quiz**

Atishya Awasthi : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year B.A. Programme for meritorious contribution to Quizzing

### **REACH**

Bhavya Srivastava : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for meritorious contribution to REACH

Divanshi Kalra : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Psychology Hons. for meritorious contribution to REACH

Mehak Gupta : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for meritorious contribution to REACH

Priya Mundhra : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for meritorious contribution to REACH

### **SPIC MACAY**

Devi Santhosh : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Sociology Hons. for outstanding contribution to SPIC MACAY

Hindolee Datta : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for outstanding contribution to SPIC MACAY

Surangana Markin : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year History Hons. for outstanding contribution to SPIC MACAY

Varna Balakrishnan : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year History Hons. for outstanding contribution to SPIC MACAY

### **Service to College**

Arushi Sawhney : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Psychology Hons. for meritorious service to College

Mitali Singh : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Mathematics Hons. for meritorious service to College

Mounica Sreesai : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Psychology Hons. for meritorious service to College

Sai Sneha : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for meritorious service to College

Sahitya Poonacha : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year History Hons. for meritorious service to College

Soorya S. Shenoy : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for meritorious service to College

Vaishali Sharma : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Sanskrit Hons. for meritorious service to College

Yasha Sriha : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for meritorious contribution to service to College and International Programmes

### **VAPP**

Chhavi Arora : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Hons. for meritorious contribution to VAPP

Priya Dua : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for meritorious contribution to VAPP

### **Women's Development Cell**

Manmeet Kaur : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for meritorious contribution to the Women's Development Cell

### **Western Music**

Hlingdeikim Changsan : 3<sup>rd</sup> year B.A. Programme for meritorious contribution to Western Music

Imlikokla Kichu : 3<sup>rd</sup> year Political Science Hons. for meritorious contribution to Western Music

Pallavi Pervela : 3<sup>rd</sup> year Economics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Western Music

R. Lalthansangi : 3<sup>rd</sup> year Mathematics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Western Music

Ruth Lalrinawmi : 3<sup>rd</sup> year Mathematics Hons. for meritorious contribution to Western Music

Sparsh Bajpai : 3<sup>rd</sup> year Sociology Hons. for meritorious contribution to Western Music

Thinley Chodon : 3<sup>rd</sup> year English Hons. for meritorious contribution to Western Music

### **WUS**

Ayushi Rungta : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for meritorious contribution to WUS

Ojjasvi Puri : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for meritorious contribution to WUS

## **Certificates of Merit – NSO**

### **ARCHERY**

1 Tithi Chakravorty : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for Excellence in Archery

### **ATHLETICS**

1 Aastha Gupta : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year B.Com. Hons. for Excellence in Athletics

2 Aishwarya Seth : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy Hons. for Excellence in Athletics

3 Niti Choudhary : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Hindi Hons. for Excellence in Athletics

4 Shivani Baisla : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Hindi Hons. for Excellence in Athletics

5 Tanya Sharma : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy Hons. for Excellence in Athletics

6 Uditi Murarka : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year B.Com. Hons for Excellence in Athletics

### **BASKETBALL**

1 Aditi Dwivedi : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science Hons. for Excellence in Basketball

2 Bharti Singh : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for Excellence in Basketball

- 3 Shilpi Gupta : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year B.Com. Hons. for Excellence in Basketball  
4 Soumya Babbar : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Journalism Hons. for Excellence in Basketball

### **BADMINTON**

- 1 Rujuta Bhagwat : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for Excellence in Badminton  
2 Vaidika Kota : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for Excellence in Badminton

### **CHESS**

- 1 Parvathy S. L. : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons. for Excellence in Chess

### **FOOTBALL**

- 1 Somi Rajput : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Hindi Hons. for Excellence in Football

### **JUDO**

- 1 Antara Sarkar : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for Excellence in Judo  
2 Divya Singh : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Statistics Hons. for Excellence in Judo  
3 Enid Pereira Shabong : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Sociology Hons. for Excellence in Judo  
4 Khushboo Singh : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy Hons. for Excellence in Judo  
5 Priya Agrahari : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Hindi Hons. for Excellence in Judo  
6 Shivangi Pal : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy Hons. for Excellence in Judo

### **SHOOTING**

- 1 Maheshwari Chauhan : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy Hons. for Excellence in Shooting  
2 Malavika S. Pai : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons for Excellence in Shooting  
3 Sanjana Sehrawat : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons for Excellence in Shooting

### **SWIMMING**

- 1 Ruhaab Khan : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Psychology Hons. for Excellence in Swimming

### **TABLE TENNIS**

- 1 Anshul Thakran : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Mathematics Hons. for Excellence in Table Tennis  
2 Rajeshwari Chadha : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year B. Com Hons. for Excellence in Table Tennis

### **VOLLEYBALL**

- 1 Kanishka Yadav : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year B.A. Programme for Excellence in Volleyball  
2 Pratibha Dahiya : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year English Hons. for Excellence in Volleyball  
3 Shagun Prakash : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Hons. for Excellence in Volleyball  
4 Shweta Dangi : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year B.Com. Hons. for Excellence in Volleyball

### **YOGA**

- 1 Rashmi Raima Reang : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Sanskrit Hons. for Excellence in Swimming

## **Certificates of Merit – NCC**

1. Sgt. Neha Narwal : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours

2. Sgt. Vaishali Sharma : 3rd Year Sanskrit Honours
3. Cdt. Deeksha Rahul : 3rd Year English Honours
4. Cdt. Ganita : 3rd Year Journalism Honours
5. Cdt. Mannu Malik : 3rd Year Political Science Honours
6. Cdt. Garima Chander : 3rd Year Political Science Honours
7. Cdt. Pratibha Arya Reeng : 3rd Year Sanskrit Honours
8. Cdt. Nidhi Singh : 3rd Year Political Science Honours
9. Cdt. Anjali Sharma : 3rd Year B.Com. Honours
10. Cdt. Katyayani Kaushik : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours
11. Cdt. Honey Kumari : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Hindi Honour

## **Certificates of Merit Awarded for Contribution to NSS**

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| 1 Jigme Garwang          | : | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons.   |
| 2 Prachi Pal             | : | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons.   |
| 3 Mansa Saxena           | : | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Hons.   |
| 4 Sanjana Ahuja<br>Hons. | : | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Political Science |

## **Certificates of Merit – Delhi University Flower Show**

1. Priyanshu Kumari : 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Journalism Honours for winning the Laxman Sarin Cup no. 2 at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
2. Keerthana Chavaly : 1<sup>st</sup> Year English Honours for winning the Laxman Sarin Cup no. 2 at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
3. Priya Mundhra : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics Honours for winning the Golden Jubilee Cup at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
4. Surbhi Yadav : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year B.El. Ed. for winning the Golden Jubilee Cup at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
5. Deepa Ahirwar : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year History Honours for winning the Laxman Sarin Cup no.3 at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
6. Suman Rawal : 3<sup>rd</sup> Year History Honours for winning the Laxman Sarin Cup no. 3 at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
7. Sneha Harsh : 3<sup>rd</sup>Year HistoryHonours for winning the Laxman Sarin Cup no. 3at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
8. B. R. Rawika Singh : 1<sup>st</sup>Year B. Com. Honours for winning the Laxman Sarin Cup no. 3at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017

9. Anushya Sinha : 2<sup>nd</sup> Year History Honours for Excellent Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
10. P. Srinidhi : 2<sup>nd</sup> Year History Honours for Excellent Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
11. Anisha Kataria : 2<sup>nd</sup> Year B.A. Programme for Excellent Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
12. Gunjan Shekhawat : 2<sup>nd</sup> Year B.A. Programme for Excellent Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
13. Himanshi Piplani : 4<sup>th</sup>Year B. El. Ed. for Meritorious Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
14. Shazia Naqvi : 4<sup>th</sup>Year B. El. Ed. for Meritorious Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
15. Reetam Choudhary : 2<sup>nd</sup>Year Hindi Honours for Meritorious Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
16. SurisetiNanditha : 1<sup>st</sup>Year Political Science Honours for Meritorious Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
17. Vidhi Agarwal : 2<sup>nd</sup>Year Economics Honours for Meritorious Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
18. Sakshi Agarwal : 1<sup>st</sup> Year Sociology Honours for Meritorious Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
19. Nitika Gupta : 1<sup>st</sup> Year Economics Honours for Meritorious Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
20. Khushi Sinha : 1<sup>st</sup> Year Economics Honoursfor Meritorious Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
21. Anjandeep Kaur : 1<sup>st</sup> Year Economics Honours for Meritorious Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
22. Raashi Parakh : 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Economics Honours for Commendable Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
23. Stuti Murarka : 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Economics Honoursfor Commendable Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
24. Charul Verma : 1<sup>st</sup> Year Economics Honoursfor Commendable Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
25. Shakthisree S. : 1<sup>st</sup> Year Economics Honoursfor Commendable Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017
26. Deepshikha : 1<sup>st</sup> Year Economics Honours for Commendable Performance at the Delhi University Flower Show, 2017

# Academic Prizes for University Results 2017

The following students have topped their courses in College and have also obtained positions in the University.

## **B. A. /B. Sc. (Honours / Programme) First Year**

Highest Marks in Economics	:	Vidhi Maheshwari, 89.1%
Highest Marks in English	:	Devika, 89.1%
Highest Marks in Hindi	:	Tamanna, 81.4%
Highest Marks in History	:	Kalyani Pandey, 89.1%
Highest Marks in Journalism	:	Moksha Agarwal, 81.4%
Highest Marks in Mathematics	:	Puneesha Singla, 90.5%
Highest Marks in Philosophy	:	Srishti Sinha, 85.5%
Highest Marks in Political Science	:	Akanksha, 85%
Highest Marks in Psychology	:	Tarang Kaur, 88.6%
Highest Marks in Sanskrit	:	Rinkita, 83.6%
Highest Marks in Sociology	:	Nirupama Kumar, 83.6%
Highest Marks in Statistics	:	Neenisha Jain, 80.5%
Highest Marks in B.Com. (Honours)	:	Riya Thakur, 84.5
Highest Marks in B. El. Ed.	:	Jagriti Gandhi, 77.63%
Highest Marks in B.A. Programme	:	Diksha Chaudhary, 84.1%

## **B. A. /B.Sc. (Honours / Programme) Second Year**

Highest Marks in Economics	:	Ketki Gupta, 91.35%
Highest Marks in English	:	Nazia Naheed Husain, 73.28%
Highest Marks in Hindi	:	Priya Agarahari, 75.66%
Highest Marks in History	:	Sahitya Poonacha, 73.38%
Highest Marks in Journalism	:	Sanjana Sanghi, 78%
Highest Marks in Mathematics	:	Anika Jain, 94.41%
Highest Marks in Philosophy	:	Prakriti Anand, 81.66%
Highest Marks in Political Science	:	Riya Gupta, 77.8%
Highest Marks in Psychology	:	Arushi Sawhney, 87.58%
Highest Marks in Sanskrit	:	Vaishali Sharma, 85.07%
Highest Marks in Sociology	:	Ahana Choudhury, 73.33%
Highest Marks in Statistics	:	Ayushi Rungta, 89.85%
	:	Pallavi Bhalla, 89.85%
Highest Marks in B.Com. (Honours)	:	Malvika Talwar, 92%
Highest Marks in B. El. Ed.	:	Ahinsa Jain, 78.36%
Highest Marks in B.A. Programme	:	Saloni Bagga, 85.75%

### **B. A. /B. Sc. (Honours / Programme) Third Year**

Shri J.N. Kataria Prize for the Highest Marks in Economics	:	Ujjavala Bothra, 90.76%
Highest Marks in English	:	Abhilasha Sawlani, 78.73%
Smt. Rukmini Devi Prize for the Highest Marks in Hindi	:	Divya Joshi, 75.07%
Smt. Manorama Desai Prize for the Highest Marks in History	:	Sakshi Ghosh, 79.26%
Highest Marks in Journalism	:	A. R. Rakshitha, 81.3%
Highest Marks in Mathematics	:	Shruti Kaushal, 96%
Vivekananda Prize for the Highest Marks in Philosophy	:	Khushi Vijayvergiya, 79%
Smt. Rani Raghunath Sahai Prize for the Highest Marks in Political Science	:	Anjali, 78.03%
Highest Marks in Psychology	:	Bhavya Kulshreshtha, 87.33%
Shri Karamchand Prize for the Highest Marks in Sanskrit	:	Vaishali Pandey, 88.26%
Highest Marks in Sociology	:	Eeshana. 76.23%
Chameli Kiran Aggarwal Prize for the Highest Marks in Statistics	:	Kritika Mahajan, 92.55%
Manish Gupta Prize for the Highest Marks in B.Com. (Honours)	:	Ishita Bajpai, 93.26%
Highest Marks in B. El. Ed.	:	Bhumika, 79.5%

### **M. A. Previous**

Highest Marks in English	:	Nida Arif, 73.37%
Highest Marks in Hindi	:	Jyoti Dhiman, 64%
Highest Marks in History	:	Parul Singh, 61.5%
Highest Marks in Mathematics	:	Prabhjyot Kaur, 86.25%
Highest Marks in Philosophy	:	Sumedha, 66.37%
Highest Marks in Political Science	:	Sneha Sara Felix, 62.75%
Highest Marks in Sanskrit	:	Deepika Arya, 70.62%
Highest Marks in Statistics	:	Bebadrita Banerjee, 82%

### **M. A. Final**

Highest Marks in English	:	Ved Prabha, 72.18%
Highest Marks in Hindi	:	Firdaus Jahan, 64.93%
Highest Marks in History	:	Sanchita Srivastava, 65.12%
Highest Marks in Mathematics	:	Madhurima Lahiri, 70.75%
Highest Marks in Philosophy	:	Somosri Hore, 69.31%
Highest Marks in Political Science	:	Divyasma Panwar, 61.5%

Highest Marks in Statistics : Devna Aggarwal, 84.5%

## Teachers on Study Leave

Ms. Jyoti Darbari, Department of Mathematics, for Doctoral Research at Delhi University.

Ms. Sentisungla Longchar, Department of Psychology, for Research at Delhi University.

Dr. Sunalini Kumar, Department of Political Science, for Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Studies at the Department of Middle East, South Asian and African Studies (MESAAS), Columbia University, New York, USA.

Ms. Punam Meena, Department of Hindi, for Doctoral Research at Delhi University.

Dr. Bindu Menon, Department of Journalism, for fellowship to pursue research on the Project entitled "Religion, Migration and Modernity: Islamic Home films in Kerala.

## Financial Assistance to Students

Freeships	:	232
Ward Welfare	:	04
KPMG Scholarship	:	22
G.L. Bansal Scholarship	:	02
Sikandar Bakht Scholarship	:	04
ELSA Scholarship	:	03
Shri Onkar Nath Pandit Scholarship	:	02
Shri Har Dayal Walia Scholarship	:	01
Tejaswi Rao Scholarship	:	01
Neha Puri Scholarship	:	02
Morada Scholarship	:	01
Shri Manohar Shyam Joshi Scholarship	:	02
Shikha Chhabra Scholarship	:	01
E Y Scholarship	:	01
Vice Chancellor's Scholarship	:	01
University Post Graduate Scholarship	:	10
Rotary Club Scholarship	:	01
Marga Schulze Merit Scholarship for visually impaired girl students	:	04
Blind Foundation, Chennai	:	05
INSPIRE Scholarship from the Ministry of Science & Technology	:	18
Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan Scholarship	:	24

Delhi Sanskrit Academy Scholarship	:	08
Foundation for Academic Excellence & Access (FAEA)	:	03
AAI Sports Scholarship	:	04
Delhi Government Sports Achievers Scholarship	:	11

## **The College Library**

The College Library with its fully computerized user-friendly data filing system has an invaluable collection of about 1100882 books, 6386 bound journals, 1300 reprographic material and about 300 CDs and DVDs. It subscribes to a range of newspapers, national and international journals. The library has a book bank section, which enables students to borrow on a long-term basis. The Library is linked to the Delhi University Network, facilitating access to text and material. The Library is open from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm and is fully computerized with an error free database of all books and bound journals, created and maintained by the in-house team.

The Library has a special collection on Gandhiji under the section Gandhiana, on Gender Studies and Feminism in the section Women's Studies and on Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding. For students with special needs the Library has books in Braille script. In addition there is a collection of publications of the faculty and alumna of the College, under the section of Academic Publications. As part of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the College in 2006, a series of publications of the College including monographs on each Department were brought out. These are available in the Library.

In addition, the Library provides various online services. Along with the DU Network, it subscribes to NLIST and all students and faculty have individual passwords to access the sources. Under the User Literacy Program, the Library organizes a series of Orientation lectures and Workshops for e-resources for students and faculty.

As part of the current awareness service, a list of additions is provided monthly and news alerts are provided weekly in addition to SDI Services (Selective Disseminative Information) on demand. The Library displays book covers, along with their reviews, to inform readers about the current books. Under the Book Club, book talks are organized in which the authors and other speakers are invited to discuss the books.

The OPAC (Online Public Access of Catalogue) is fully accessible to readers and the circulation of reading material is also fully automated. Yet, although the Library is fully automated there is also a parallel system for accessioning of books. The full record is created and maintained manually as well as on computers.

The Library has introduced a new service for its users in the current academic session, namely Indexing of Articles, published in the journals procured by the Library. The data for these articles is available online. These articles are assigned with a Subject Heading according to the LC List of Subject Headings. This is an invaluable resource for faculty and students interested in research as they will be able to access the required material without searching various journals and will save both time and effort.

### **VISION AND MISSION OF THE LIBRARY**

1. To develop a Research and Learning Centre through digital facilities.
2. To develop a complete collection, by procuring all standard publications in different areas of Humanities, Social Sciences and basic Science.

3. To develop the Library as a Resource Centre of all e-resources.
4. To provide interactive reference series.
5. To train and develop the in-house team for proactive user services.

## *Distinguished Alumna Award*

Dr. Pinky Anand joined Lady Shri Ram College in 1974, and graduated in economic Hons. She finished her LL. B. From University of Delhi and went to Harvard Law School for LL. M. She was awarded Doctorate of Law (Honoris Causa) from KIIT University. She has practiced as senior advocate in Supreme Court and various High Courts and National Tribunals across the country, and is currently the Additional Solicitor General of India.

Her practice areas includes Human Rights, Food and Environmental Law, arbitration (national and international), Public Interest law, intellectual property rights, information and technology among many others.

She has been the chairperson of National Committee Law, ASSOCHAM Ladies League, and is a Core committee member of National Human Rights Commission. She has Also been a former additional advocate general of Uttaranchal. She is also an executive member of All India Federation of Women's Lawyers. She has been part of group of experts for commonwealth for drafting model law on cyber crime. She is also international member of BRICS Legal forum steering committee.

She has been a recipient of several international and national awards, recognising her contributions in field of law and work towards women empowerment. She has been a recipient of French National order of merit by the president of the French Republic. She has also received award for outstanding contribution in Law by FICCI FLO. She was also awarded the 19<sup>th</sup> Bharat Nirman awards for excellence in Law.

She has also represented India on various International forums. She has been a delegate at Terra Madre conference, Italy, on Food security, food crisis, climate change and GMOs. She was member of 27<sup>th</sup> POLA summits at Ulaanbaatar, Mangolia. She was the member of Indian delegation for signing of MoU between the Law society of Hong Kong and the Bar association of India last year. She was member of official delegation to Women's Forum Global Meet, at Deauville, France.

She has also been a prolific public speaker on issues related to women and law, focusing on reforms of criminal law, women rights, and family law.

**Ms. Rashmi Verma** joined Lady Shri Ram College in 1975 from where she graduated in political science. She continued to top every year in college and went on to do M.Phil in political science from Delhi University in 1981. She taught in Maitreyi College for one year.

She joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1982 and was allotted Bihar Cadre. She worked in various capacities in Government of Bihar. While on central deputation, she served in the Prime Minister's Office from 1998 to 2002 as Director/Joint Secretary. She also worked in Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Defence at the level of Joint Secretary. She worked as Special/Additional Secretary in Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue and contributed effectively in formulating and structuring of GST (Goods & Services Tax) which is a major policy decision and recently passed by the Parliament and going to be implemented shortly. Presently, working as Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Textiles since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016, she is responsible for policy formulation and implementation of programmes in wide ranging segments from fibre to fashion including handicrafts, handlooms etc., and implementation of various social welfare schemes of Ministry of Textiles.

While being in service, she did MBA from University of Hull, U.K., in the year 1994-95. She also did M.Phil., in Sociology from IIPA in the year 2005. She proceeded on study leave for two years from 2005 to 2007 to work on gender issues and women's empowerment. She worked as Executive Director of an NGO working on women's advocacy called 'Women Power Connect' in honorary capacity and contributed to creating awareness about Domestic Violence Act 2005, Sexual Harassment and Gender Budgeting amongst various women groups. She did several short assignments with UN Organisations like UNDP, UNFPA and also went to Afghanistan for three weeks to study and create awareness about Gender Budgeting amongst various policy makers including Parliamentarians. In India, she worked with many states to train senior bureaucracy and political leaders in Gender Budgeting and helped states formulate their Gender Budget.

Ms. Verma also has to her credit several articles published in leading newspapers/journals like Economic Times, Yojana, etc., on a wide spectrum of subjects like Domestic Violence, Gender Budgeting, Textile Sector, etc.

**Prof. Pami Dua** is Director and Professor of Economics, Delhi School of Economics as well as Chairperson, Research Council and Dean, Academic Activities and Projects, University of Delhi. She is currently member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India. She is affiliated with the Economic Cycle Research Institute, New York and is Principal Coordinator from India of the United Nations World Project LINK. She has served as the Head of the Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics and as the President of the Indian Econometric Society. She has three decades of experience in teaching of macroeconomics, econometrics and forecasting. She earlier taught at the University of Connecticut, USA, Wayne State University, Michigan, USA and at the City University Business School, London, UK. She has also been affiliated with Yale University as well as Columbia University. She completed her B.A. (Hons.) in Economics from LSR in 1978. She obtained her Masters and Ph.D. in Economics from the renowned London School of Economics. She has published many books with international publishers apart from numerous research papers in reputed international journals and various book chapters in her fields of study viz. time series econometrics, forecasting, macroeconometrics and business cycle analysis. She has been the Editor of *Indian Economic Review*, a reputed journal of the Delhi School of Economics, for more than 15 years and is also Editor of *Delhi University Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* and *Delhi University Journal of Undergraduate Research and Innovation*. She has served on numerous RBI and ADB Advisory Groups as well as on committees of various Ministries. She has supervised more than 30 M. Phil. Dissertations and around 14 Ph. D. Theses.

**Ms. Amita Mishra** completed her Bachelors in English Literature from Lady Shri Ram College for Women, followed by a Masters degree in English, yet again from LSR. Keenly interested in the field of Education, she went on to pursue a Bachelors degree in Education. She also receive a *Diplome Superior* from Alliance Francaise. Ms. Amita Mishra participated in several professional development programs in Japan, Australia, U.K and U.S.A. She is also a Certified School Leader by the Principal's Training Centre, Miami, USA.

With over 25 years of experience in the field of Education, Ms. Amita Mishra has done her alma mater, LSR proud. Currently the Principal of DPS International School, Saket, the only CIE School in New Delhi offering IGCSE & A levels Cambridge International Examinations , she has been associated with the Delhi Public Society for several years and has served as Vice-Principal and Headmistress of Delhi Public Schools , across New Delhi. Ms. Mishra has been the member of the Governing Council of the Alliance Francaise and a member of TAISI (The Association of the International Schools of India). She has also

been an ideator of the CBSE International Board, has supervised ISC Board examinations for several years, and has several publications to her credit.

For her illustrious achievements and many contributions to the field of Education, Ms. Amita Mishra was conferred Lifetime Achievement award by the International Congress of Women in 2009. She was also acknowledged as honoured alumna of LSR, on its golden jubilee celebrations.

## **Felicitations**

### ***25 Years of Service***

Ms. Neeta Kapur : Library Staff

Shri Ram Sanjivan : Office Staff

## **Faculty Achievements 2016-17**

### ***Dr. Suman Sharma, Principal***

#### **Research Projects**

- Submitted UGC major research project report on Climate Change as Principal Investigator– 2016.

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Invited as a Keynote Speaker at the Fourth International Colloquium deliberations at Sri Atmananda Memorial School in Malakkara held at Kerala from August 4-6, 2016.
- Participated in a three days digital workshop on 'Management Development Programmer for University Deans/Principals of Colleges on Use of New Media, New Technology and Innovations for Improving Quality of Higher Education' organized by the SEEDCHEST (Centre of Higher Education Studies & Training Society for Education and Economics Development held at New Delhi from 21-23 December, 2016.
- Invited for discussion on 'Teaching and research on global issues relevant to South Asia' organized by the Harvard South Asia Institute in New Delhi on January 12, 2017.
- Participated in a conference organized by the Harvard Business School, Mumbai, from February 13-14, 2017.
- Participated in a National Workshop for Review and Revision of Assessment Criteria, Manuals and Guidelines at NAAC organized at Bengaluru, February 22-23, 2017.
- Made a presentation on issues concerning the Third World on 8th March, 2017 to the ITEC Members from developing countries in New Delhi.
- Will be participating in a National Consultation on Revised Accreditation Framework set up by National Assessment and Accreditation (NAAC) on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Bengaluru.

#### **Memberships**

- Was a Core Committee Member on Gender component in NAAC Manuals – the Committee set up by the NAAC.

- Appointed UGC nominee in the Governing Body of the ASD Government College for Women, Kakinaada, Andhra Pradesh.
- Nominated Chairperson by the UGC on Physical verification/evaluation of ongoing projects for the construction of Women's Hostel at the Kalyani Univeristy, Nadia District & Murshidabad District of West Bengal – 2016.
- Appointed Member, Central Admission Grievance Committee for South Campus for purposes of Admission to various under-graduate courses set up by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi, July 01, 2016.
- Appointed Member, NAAC Peer Team for Accreditation (Cycle-2) for Dayanand College, Hisar, 26th – 28th September 2016.
- Appointed Member, Committee on Students Attendance in Colleges and Departments set up by the University of Delhi, December 5, 2016.
- Appointed Head, Cluster-Colleges collaboration with Disaster Research Programme, Trans-Disciplinary Research Programme in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) – 2016
- Appointed Member, Education Courses Admission Committee of Delhi University for the Calendar Year – 2016.
- Appointed Member, Internal Advisory Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (IAMEC) of Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies (SNCWS), Jamia Millia Islamia – 2016.

## **Department of Commerce**

***Dr. Arvind Kumar***

### **Publications**

- Kumar, A, Dhanda , Upasana (2016), “ How Sensex companies fared in their CSR Initiatives? Published in proceedings of 4th international conference on CSR and sustainable development at Malaysia ISBN: 978-1-944820-49-7 Page no 254 -261.

### **Others**

- Chaired a session on “ Marketing Strategies in the Digital World” in international conference on “ New Digital Age : Reshaping Strategies” for Business Organization organized by Amity Business School, Amity University , Haryana 24 Feb 2016.
- Delivered a Lecture on “E-commerce” at Satywati College (E) under their Basic Computer Literacy Program on 14 Feb 2017.
- Delivered a Lecture on “Bazar, Vigyapan aur Upbhokta” in Interdisciplinary Lecture Series organized by Department of Hindi , LSR college , Delhi on 12 January 2017.
- Delivered a lecture in a training program on “Competency Mapping” at AAI, New Delhi for Sr. managers. 16 September 2016.
- Delivered a lecture on “Entrepreneurship in Fashion Design, Business and Garment Technology (FDBGT 2016) Organized by Community College , AMU, Aligarh , May 1, 2016.
- Chaired a technical session on “Data Analytics in Health Care” in 2nd international conference on Big data & analytics for business BDAB 2016 New Delhi, 18 March 2016.

## **Department of Economics**

## **Dr. Neelam Singh**

### **Publications**

- Reprinted in Siddharthan N.S. and Narayanan, K. (eds.) (2016), 'Innovation and Global Competitiveness: Case of India's Manufacturing Sector', Taylor and Francis (Routledge). London.

## **Department of English**

### **Dr. Madhu Grover**

#### **Seminars and Conferences**

- Presented a paper titled 'On the Edge: The Conundrum of Kipling's Ambivalent Fictions' at an International Conference on "Kipling in India: India in Kipling" (26-28 April, 2016) organized in association with the Kipling Society, United Kingdom, at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.
- Presented a paper titled 'Whose Kipling is he anyway? : The writer familiar with the "wild and strange" India' at the XVII FILLM (Fédération Internationale des Langues et Littératures Modernes) International Congress (14-17 March 2017) at the India International Centre, New Delhi. She was also a Member of the Local Organizing Committee for the FILLM Congress.

### **Dr. Shernaz Cama**

#### **Publications**

- Cama, S. (2017). Introductions to the four books: The Indian Parsis, Themes Old and New edited by Shalini Bharat, Armaity S. Desai, ISBN: 978-93-860-4292-7 (HB), Contemporary Parsis, Marriage, Family and Community by Shalini Bharat, ISBN: 978-93-860-4292-7 (HB), The World of Indian Parsi Youth, Status and Perceptions by Lata Narayan, ISBN: 978-93-860-4292-7 (HB), The Parsi Elderly, To Live with Dignity by Siva Raju, ISBN: ISBN: 978-93-860-4292-7 (HB).
- Cama, S. (February 2017). 'Culture in Changing World' in the FEZANA Journal
- Cama, S. (May 2016). 'Threads of Continuity: Zoroastrian Life and Culture', ISBN: 978-81-910957-2-2.
- Cama, S. (May 2016). 'Parsi Textiles and Embroidery' was published in The Everlasting Flame: Zoroastrianism in History and Imagination: Supplement ed. by Sarah Stewart, Ursula Sims Williams, Pheroza Punthakey Mistree, Published by SOAS, National Museum New Delhi and British Library.

### **Dr. Maya Joshi**

#### **Publications**

- Joshi, M. (2016). "Rahula Sankrityayan and Buddhism: A Complex Engagement," Book Chapter in *On the Trail of Buddhism in Asia: Reflections on Tradition and Practice*, Eds. Suchandana Chatterjee and Sushmita Bhattacharya, Kolkata:Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies/Pentagon Press. 2016. pp 76-87. ISBN978-81-8274-830-9.

#### **Seminars and Conferences**

- Presented a paper as an invited speaker on the topic "Buddhist Peace: Some Questions" at the international conference titled *Nalanda Dialogue: Buddhism in the Twentieth Century: Perspectives and Response to Global Challenges and Crises* held at Rajgir, Bihar March 17-19, 2017.
- Moderated a session at the same conference on "Buddhism: Traditions, Diversity and Development". On March 20, 2017.

- Read a paper titled “In Praise of the Peripatetic; Or the Goal of *Ghumakkar*” at a seminar titled *Modes, Motives, Motifs, and Conditions in Intra-Asian Travel* under the aegis of The Intra-Asian Travel Project (under UGC SAP – III), organized by the CDS, CSVMT, and CAT, March 20-21, 2017 at the Department of English, University of Delhi.

### **Dr. Arti Minocha**

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Presented paper titled “Alternative Literary Modernities: A Voice from Colonial Punjab,” under the South Asia Research Seminar Series at SOAS, University of London, 24th May 2016.
- Presented paper titled “Writing England Through Indian Eyes,” at the Intra-Asian Travel Project Workshop at the Department of English, Delhi University, 5th December 2016.

#### **Awards**

Awarded the Doctoral Exchange Fellowship between JNU and King’s College London, April 2016.

### **Arunima Ray**

#### **Publications**

- *Confronting the Aboriginal and the Colonial History : Reading White’s A Fringe of Leaves* published in *Postcolonial Approaches to Literature: Text, Context, Theory* Ed. Subashish Bhattacharjee, Saikat Guha and Mandika Sinha
- <http://theapollonian.in/> The Politics of the Body: Wollstonecraft Interrogating Rousseau. ISSN 2393 9001

### **Dipti Nath**

#### **Publications**

- Nath, D. (2016) ‘Postcolonial Literatures and Questions of Form’ *Writing the Postcolonial: Poetics, Politics and Praxis*. Someshwar Sati, Ed. Worldview: Delhi. (2016) ISBN: 978-93-82267-15-7.

### **Maitreyee Mandal**

#### **Publications**

- Mandal, M. (2017) “A Commentary on Irigaray’s Essay ‘When the Goods Get Together.’” *A Critical Reader for Literary Theory*. Anjana Neira Dev, Ed. Pinnacle Learning: New Delhi. (2017) ISBN 978-93-83848225.
- Mandal, M. (2017) “A Commentary on Gandhi’s Essays ‘ Passive Resistance’ and ‘Education’.” *A Critical Reader for Literary Theory*. Anjana Neira Dev, Ed. Pinnacle Learning: New Delhi. (2017) ISBN 978-93-83848225.

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Participated in the Faculty Development Program on English Language Teaching organized by Embassy of the United States of America, New Delhi in association with the English Department of Kamala Nehru College on May 3-5, 2016.

### **Jonathan Koshy**

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Presented a paper at the Annual International Conference at Shiv Nadar University: Habits and Practices of Writing, February 19th and 20th, 2016. Paper Title: Edward Said: Writing as Performance.

- Attended and presented a paper at the UGC SAP-DRS Phase III, UGC National Seminar on Translating/Transcreating the Cultures of Existence, 24th and 25th November 2016. Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia. Paper Title: Translating the Exilic Condition: Edward Said as Writer and Self.
- Was invited as special discussant and speaker for International Colloquium on Translating/Transcreating Travel and Life 'Writings' from the Arab World in Visual Modes. 8th March, 2017 (Organized by India Arab Cultural Centre and Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia. Paper Title: After the Last Sky and Reading the Photograph.

## **Department of Elementary Education**

### ***Smriti Sharma***

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Presented a paper "Preparing Teachers to Reflect on Self: Traversing Relationships and Creating Teacher Agency" at the 7th International CESI (Contemporary Education Society of India) Conference titled 'Comparative Educational Destinies: Visions, Dilemmas and Challenges' held at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India from 19th -21st November 2016.
- Presented a paper on "Action Research as Praxis in Teacher Preparation Programmes: Possibilities and Challenges" at the National Conference on 'Research in Education: Methodological Issues and Emerging Trends' on March 4, 2017 organized by Department of Education, University of Delhi, Delhi.

#### **Others**

- Elected a member of the Executive Council of the Contemporary Education Society of India for the term 2017-2019.
- Was invited to be on the advisory committee of Eklavya, an NGO in Madhya Pradesh for their project with Jamsedshji Tata Trust entitled 'Developing Models of Quality Education for Children and Teachers of two Tribal Blocks in Madhya Pradesh'.
- Selected as Resource Person for teacher educators of Government and Private DIET's at Raipur organized by College of Teacher Education, Raipur from 11-12 February 2017.

### ***Dr. Kalyani Akalamkam***

#### **Publications**

- Grow with Science class 6 ,7 and 8 – Headword publishers, New Delhi (2016) ISBN-978-38-393275-7
- Dhawan, P., Akalamkam, K.; Dhillon, M. D.; Ahuja, K.; and Papneja, D. (2016): "Identities in conflict: A Comparison of Drawings of Muslim Adolescents in Kashmir and Delhi", *SAGE Open*, January-March 2016: 1-11, DOI: 10.1177/2158244015623596. Online ISSN: 2158-2440 <http://sgo.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/6/1/2158244015623596.pdf?ijkey=zkZ8Usq9HqtRnzn&keytype=finite>
- Dhillon, M., Dhawan, P., Ahuja, K., Kalyani, A. & Papneja, D. (2016). Factors Influencing Self-esteem of Indian Female Adolescents. *IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science (IOSR-JHSS)*, 21 (7), 56-63. e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845 (Impact factor 1.607)

#### **Research Projects**

- Principal investigator, interdisciplinary Innovation Research Project (along with Dr. Priti Dhawan, Dr. Kalyani A., Dr. Megha Dhillon & Ms. Deepika Papneja) titled "Believe in myself: Fostering healthy self-

esteem in female adolescents”, Innovation Research Project, 2015, funded by University of Delhi (Report submitted in November 2016)

## **Dr. Jonaki Ghosh**

### **Publications**

- Jonaki B Ghosh (2016), *Algebraic Thinking through Koch Snowflake Constructions*, Mathematics Teacher, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) 109 (9): 693-99, ISSN
- Jonaki B Ghosh (2016), *Learning as an interplay between internal and external representations*, Far East Journal of Mathematical Education. Volume 16(3), page 271-297.
- Jonaki B Ghosh (2016), *Fractal constructions leading to algebraic thinking*. At Right Angles (published by Azim Premji University). Volume 5 (3): page 59 – 66.

### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Presented a paper titled Learning Mathematics through Technology Enabled Explorations in the 13th International Congress on Mathematical Education (ICME -13) held at Hamburg, Germany from 24th to 31st July 2016. The paper has been published in the conference proceedings.
- Delivered an invited talk titled Developing Students’ Mathematical Thinking through Technology Enabled Explorations at the National Conference organised by The Association of Mathematics Teachers of India (AMTI), held at Atul Vidyalaya, Atul, Gujrat from 26th to 28th December 2016.
- Presented a paper titled Developing Mathematical Thinking through Technology in the conference Emerging Trends in Science and Mathematics Education” held at Central Institute of Education (CIE), Faculty of Education, University of Delhi on February 18 and 19, 2016.
- Organised a conference (as Convener) on Innovations in Mathematics Education: Current Trends and Issues, a National Conference for Teachers and Teacher Educators at Lady Shri Ram College on 3rd and 4th March 2017. 120 teachers and teacher educators from across Delhi – NCR participated in the conference. Dr. Jonaki B Ghosh received funding from the National Board of Higher Mathematics, Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India to organise the conference.
- Conducted a day long workshop for mathematics teacher educations at the Regional Resource Centre for Elementary Education (RRCEE) 28th January 2016.
- Conducted a day long workshop titled Enabling Mathematics Learning through hands – on activities and technology for mathematics teachers at Delhi Public School, R K Puram on 29th January 2016.
- Conducted a workshop for mathematics teachers on Developing Mathematical Thinking at Vasant Valley School on 6th May 2016.
- Conducted a workshop for mathematics teachers titled ‘Empowering the Mathematics Teacher: Enlivening the Mathematics Classroom’ at Lotus Valley International School on 13th and 14th May 2016.
- Conducted a day long workshop for secondary school mathematics teachers at at Atul Vidyalaya, Atul, Gujrat from on 28th June 2016.
- Conducted a day long workshop for mathematics teachers titled Learning Mathematics through Hands-on activities at Mother’s International School on 12th August 2016.
- Conducted a day long workshop for senior secondary mathematics teachers titled Exploring Concepts and Applications of Mathematics Through Graphics Calculators at Bal Bharti School, Pitampura on 27th August 2016.

- Conducted a two day workshop titled Empowering the Mathematics Teacher: Enlivening the Mathematics Classroom for mathematics teachers of DAV schools across Delhi – NCR region on 14th and 15th October 2016.

#### **Others**

- Delivered a talk titled Exploring Mathematical Applications using Technology for undergraduate students at the University of South Gujarat, Valsad, on 29th June 2016.
- Delivered a guest lecture titled at the UniGlobe College, Kathmandu on 13th June 2016.
- Organised a Discussion meeting of Mathematics Teacher Educators of Delhi university colleges at Lady Shri Ram College on 22nd November 2016.

### **Deepika Papneja**

#### **Publications**

- Ahuja, K.; Dhillon, M. D.; Akalamkam, K. and Papneja, D. (2016): "Identities in conflict: A Comparison of Drawings of Muslim Adolescents in Kashmir and Delhi", *SAGE Open*, January-March, 2016: 1-11, DOI: 10.1177/2158244015623596. <http://sgo.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/6/1/2158244015623596.pdf?ijkey=zKZ8Usq9HqtRnzn&keytype=finite>
- Dhillon, M., Dhawan, P., Ahuja, K., Kalyani, A. & Papneja, D. (2016). Factors Influencing Self-esteem of Indian Female Adolescents. *IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science (IOSR-JHSS)*, 21 (7), 56-63. e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845 (Impact factor 1.607)

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#### **Others**

- Was a group leader at the workshop titled 'Educating for Social Change' organised by WISCOMP at IIC, New Delhi from 29-30 August 2016.
- Member, Selection Committee for the 2016-17 USIEF Alumni Awards.
- Was a Panelist at the Panel Discussion on 'Education in India' organised by USIEF on 6th December 2016.
- Member, 2016 International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP). A programme of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State, implemented by IREX and administered by USIEF.

## **Department of Hindi**

### **Dr. Priti Prakash Prajapati**

#### **Workshops and Conferences**

- Was invited to deliver a talk on (Representation of women in Sharachchandra's writings) at All India Radio in a programme on creative expressions and literary discourses –
- Presented self-composed poems on women's emancipation and sense of identity on the occasion of International Women's Day at All India Radio in the programme –

- Was interviewed as an inspirational personality on an online community radio station – Radio Udaan. Radio Udaan is run by a group of visually impaired young enthusiasts with a mission to inspire, connect and sensitize common people.

### **Others**

- Organized six lectures in continuation to the previous year of (Inter-disciplinary series of lectures and discussions). The series aims to expand the knowledge horizon of college's Hindi literature and other Hindi medium students. Faculty members from the departments of Elementary Education (Mrs Pooja Singhal), Journalism (Dr Vartika Nanda), Commerce (Dr Sunaina Sardana, Dr Arvind Kumar), Political Science (Dr Renu Bahl) and English (Dr Shernaz Cama) shared their valuable knowledge.
- Organized a lecture by Dr Homiyar, Director, Bookshare, world's largest accessible online library for people with print disabilities. The session demonstrated the power of assistive technology and its usage to print disabled learners as part of REACH.

### ***Dr. Sarika Kalra***

#### **Publications**

- Karla, S. (2016). Muktibodh aur Raghuvir Sahay ke Kavya ki Antarvastu. Delhi: Sanjay Prakashan. (ISBN NO—978-81-7453-324-1).
- Karla, S. (2017). Kaisi Preet Lagai. Short story titled published in Soch Vichar Literary Magazine, February 2017. (ISSN NO. 2319-4375).
- Karla, S. (2017). Tumse Seekha. Poem published in Adhunik Hindi Sahitya ki Chyanit Kavitaeyin, Paridrashya Prakashan, Mumbai (ISBN 978-81-86869-75-1)
- Karla, S. (2016). 'Chuppi', 'Chand ki Athkhelein' and 'Uskarasta'. Three short stories published in Sahitya Yatra Literary Magazine, July-December, 2016 (ISSN NO 2349-1906).
- Karla, S. (2016). Gambhir Dayitva se Prerit Rachnatmakta, Panchwastambh, Nov.-Dec, 2016 (ISSN NO 2348-4683)

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Kalra, S. (2016). Samsayik Sandarbhon Mein, National Seminar organized by Hansraj College, University of Delhi, 8-9 November, 2016.
- Kalra, S. (2016). Mannu Bhandari ki katha nayikayein, International Seminar organized by D AV college, University of Delhi, 18-19 March, 2016
- Kalra, S. (2016). Bhojpuri ko Bhikhari Thakur ka avdan— Bideshiya' in a two day national seminar organized by D A V (evening.) University of Delhi, 12-13 feb. 2016.

#### **Others**

- Invited as a resource person on 17 January 2017 at Dept. of Hindi, ENGLISH & FOREIGN LANGUAGE UNIVERSITY, OSMANIA UNIVERSITY, HYDERABAD on MUKTIBODH AUR RAGHUVIR SAHAY KI KAVITA KI VAICHARIKI.
- Resource person for Dept. of Hindi ,P.G. COLLEGE, OSMANIA UNIVERSITY, SIKANDARABAD on HINDI KAVITA MEIN CHAYAVAD, 18 January 2017.
- Resource person for Dept. of Hindi ,OSMANIA UNIVERSITY on STREE LEKHAN MERI NAZAR MEIN, 19 January 2017.
- Resource person for Dept. of Hindi , MAHARANI ARTS COLLEGE ,UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE, MYSORE on HINDIKAHANI MEIN MANNU BHANDARI KA STHAN, 21 January 2017.

- resource person, Dept. of Hindi ,MAHARAJA COLLEGE,UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE on HINDI KAHANI, 23 January 2017.
- Resource person, Dept. of Hindi ,UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE on ADHUNIKHINDI KAVITA, 24 January 2017.
- Invited as judge for folk dance competition 2016, organized by Delhi Public Library, Govt. Of India, May 2016
- Invited as an expert (for creative writing ) for E.C.A. category admissions by university of delhi for its admission in 2016.
- Wrote and directed a street play MARO MARO MARO for Nukkad Natak Competition (Udaan Utsav 2016), University of Delhi. Awarded 6th position in script writing.
- Panelist in an national seminar on MEERABAI in august 2016 conducted at Sahitya Akademi, new Delhi

### **Awards**

- DR. MAHARAJA KRISHNA JAIN SMRITI SAMMAN— BY POORVOTTAR HINDI ACADEMY, SHILLONG, MEGHALAYA, 2016 FOR CREATIVE WRITING
- SHBD NISHTHA SAMMAN, AACHRYA RATN LAL VIDYUG SMRITI KAVITA PRATIYOGITA, AJMER, 2016

*Dr. Kanchan Verma*

### Conferences and Workshops

- Presented Paper in English on Rendering Morality: Shakespeare's King Lear in Hindi Translations in a Three days International Interdisciplinary Conference on Society, Culture and Morality: East and West Organized by Centre of Arabic and African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 27-29 December 2016.
- Delivered Public Lecture at Middlebury College, Vermont, USA on Theatre in South Asia: Shakespeare on Hindi Stage, 12-14<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- Invited as an Expert to speak on Career prospective in Hindi and Modern Indian Languages in a Seminar on Undergraduate Opportunities organized by MentorYes at IIC, New Delhi, on June 5, 2016.

### **Publications**

- Verma, K. (2017). Comedy ki Bhasha : Hindi mei Anudit Shakespeare ke Sukhant Natakon ka Adhyayan in an Online Hindi Literary Journal Sahitya Kunj, Year- 13, No. 115, February (First edition) 2017, ISSN – 2292-9754.
- Verma, K. (2017). Comedy ke Nikash per Shakespeare in an Online Hindi Literary Journal Sahitya Kunj, Year – 13, No – 116, March (First edition) 2017, ISSN – 2292-9754.
- Verma, K. (2017). Poetries titled Jeewan Sangharsh, Dasiyaan sab Janti Hain, Hashiye ki Aawaz in an Online Hindi Literary Journal Sahitya Kunj, Year- 13, No-114, January (First edition) 2017, ISSN – 2292-9754.
- Verma, K. (2016-17). Hindi Mein Shakespeare ke Sukhant Natak : Anudit Bhasha aur Kathya, Published by EPH New Delhi. ISBN- 978-93-5073-610-4.
- Verma, K. (2015-16). Foregrounding Rural Problems: A Study of Tagore in Translation Paper in Journal of the School of Language, Literature and Cultural studies (JSL), New Series 19 Spring-Autumn Pencraft International, New Delhi. pp 44-61. ISSN 0972-9682.

## Others

- Attended the four week 8<sup>th</sup> Orientation Program conducted by the UGC- Human Resource Development Center, Jawaharlal Nehru University from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- Invited by the Bluebells International School to judge Inter School Hindi Play Competition on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

## Department of History

### **Dr. Smita Sahgal**

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Presented a paper titled , ‘Norms and Departure: Locating Women’s Economic Agency within the *Dharmashastras*’, in National Conference on Sanskrit Research Traditions in Modern Context, organized by Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, on 8<sup>th</sup> October,2016
- Gave an Invited talk on, ‘Foundations of Vedic Masculinities: Animal Symbolism, Myths and Ritual Practices’ at Sharda University, Greater Noida, on 17<sup>TH</sup> February, 2017
- Presented a paper titled, ‘Reading Niyoga from Gender Vantage: Issue of Surrogacy within the Mahabharata’, in International Conference on *The Mahabharata and Inter-Asian Cultures: Transmissions, Adaptations, Performances and Histories*, at INGCA, organized by Department of English, University of Delhi, on 7<sup>TH</sup> April 2017.

#### **Others**

- Completed and submitted second project titled, Masculinities in Early India: Exploring Possibility of a Discourse (A Socio-Historical Inquiry in North India from 1500BCE to 750 CE), to Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi, July 2016.

### **Dr. Pankaj Kumar Jha**

#### **Publications**

- Jha, P. (2016). Literary Conduits for ‘Consent’: Cultural Groundwork of the Mughal State in the Fifteenth Century”, *The Medieval History Journal*, vol. 19 (2016), no. 2, pp. 322-50. ISSN: 0971-9458
- Jha, P. (2016). ‘Vidyapati: Itihaaskaaron ki Prateeksha mein, *Pratimaan*, vol. 6 (2016), pp. 220-39. ISSN: 2320-8201
- Pankaj Jha, ‘Vidyapati: Itihaaskaaron ki Prateeksha me’, *Pratimaan*, vol. 6 (2016), pp. 220-39. ISSN: 2320-8201

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Delivered a lecture entitled “Languages in the Middle Ages” in the In-Service Course for the PGTs of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan at the KV Vasant Kunj, New Delhi on 24 May, 2016.
- Delivered a lecture entitled “The Language Question in India” in the International Summer School organized by the ISS Establishment at JNU, New Delhi on 14 July, 2016.
- Presented a Research Paper entitled “Securing the Naukar: caste, gender and the ‘domestic’ in the fifteenth century Mithila” at the European Conference on South Asian Studies at Warsaw (Poland) on 28 July, 2016.
- Delivered a lecture entitled “Languages and Literatures: A History of Purity and Infidelity in Medieval India” in a Refresher Course in History organized at and by The UGC Human Resource Development Centre of Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi on 24 August, 2016.

- Delivered a lecture on the theme “Choosing a Topic and Framing Research Questions” in the Student Workshop for Research Paper Writing organized by the Department of History LSR College in the college on 18 January, 2017.
- Chaired a session entitled “Mughal Households” in an International Conference organized by European Research Council on Servants’ Pasts at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi on 16 February, 2017.
- Presented a Paper entitled “Beyond Universal Keys and Unmoving Chronologies: Fifteenth Century and Other Missing Links ‘Indian’ History” in a Workshop on Pedagogy and History called Time Frames: Questioning Chronologies in South Asia’s Pasts organized at and by the Department of History, Shiv Nadar University, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P. on 24 February, 2017.
- Presented a Paper entitled “Society before State: Language, Literature and Power in (Pre) Mughal Times” in a conference called Crossing Boundaries organized at and by the Department of History, University of Delhi, North Campus on 27 February 2017.

### **Awards**

- Received a Bursary of 3000 Polish Zloty (Approx. Rs. 52000) and another grant of Rs. 50,000 from European Research Council to present a paper at the European Conference on South Asian Studies at Warsaw (Poland) in July, 2016.

### ***Dr Akanksha Narayan Singh***

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Presented paper titled 'Aspects of Servitude and Dependence in Colonial North India c. 1800-1920' in the workshop on Children, Apprentices, Slaves. Forms of dependence, from the Antiquity to our Days, held from 4-5th February in EHES, Paris (France).
- Presented paper titled 'Slavery and Slave Trade in 19th century Colonial India' in the workshop on Slave Trade in Indian Ocean held in International Institute of Social History from 9th to 12th November in Amsterdam (The Netherlands).

## **Department of Journalism**

### ***Dr. Vartika Nanda***

#### **Publications**

- Tinka Tinka Dasna: Tinka Tinka Foundation: 2016 (both in English and Hindi)- English version of this book has been translated by Dr Nupur Talwar. ISBN: 978-93-5265-730-8

#### **Others**

- Conceptualized, created, produced and directed Tinka Tinka Agra, showcasing the musical wealth of Agra Jail inmates. This is third song in the Tinka Tinka series for any jail. This song was shot inside the jail and is now the theme song of this jail.
- Tinka Tinka India Awards and Tinka Tinka Bandini Awards, conceptualized and created by Vartika Nanda, honored inmates from across the country for their extraordinary work inside jails.
- Created the unique site, [www. tinkatinka.org](http://www.tinkatinka.org), bridging jails across India and to bring reformation inside jails.

#### **Awards**

- Tinka Tinka Tihar, the song sung by Tihar inmates and conceptualized, created, produced and directed by Vartika Nanda entered the Limca Book of Records, This is her second entry into the Limca Book of Records. This song was released by Smt Sumita Mahajan, Speaker, Lok Sabha in 2015.

## **Department of Mathematics**

### ***Sucheta Nayak***

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Presented a paper titled “Variable Mesh Discretization for System of Nonlinear Singular Boundary Value Problems” in International Conference on Recent Advances in Mathematics and Their Applications (ICRAMTA-2016) organized by the Department of Mathematics, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, Rajasthan on July 10-12, 2016.
- Presented a paper titled “Off-Step Variable Mesh Discretization for System of Nonlinear Singular Boundary Value Problems using Cubic Spline” in the International Conference on Differential Geometry, Algebra and Analysis organized by Department of Mathematics, Jamia Millia Islamia (Central University), November 15-17, 2016.

### ***Dr. Bhavneet Kaur***

#### **Awards**

- Awarded Ph.D (2016) by The Department of Mathematics, University of Delhi, for the thesis entitled “Stability of Equilibrium Solutions in the Robe’s Restricted Problem of 2+2 Bodies”.

#### **Publications**

- Bhavneet Kaur, Rajiv Aggarwal & Sushil Yadav (2016) Perturbed Robe’s restricted problem of 2+2 bodies when the primaries form a Roche ellipsoid-triaxial system, Journal of Dynamical Systems and Geometric Theories, 14:2, 99-117, DOI:10.1080/1726037X.2016.1250498

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Attended and presented a paper entitled “Robe’s Problem and their Extensions” at Dynamics Day Delhi -216, organized NNMCB, Delhi Node at Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi, December 14, 2016.
- Attended and presented a paper entitled “An Extension of the Robe’s Problem” at International Conference on Differential Geometry, Algebra and Analysis, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, November 15-17, 2016.
- Attended and presented a paper entitled “Perturbed Robe’s Restricted Problem of 2+2 Bodies when the primaries form a Roche Ellipsoid - Triaxial System” at International Conference on Mathematical Sciences Interface Humanity, Government College, Barsar (Hamirpur), October 7-8, 2016.
- Attended and presented a paper entitled “A Generalised Robe’s Circular Restricted Problem” at National Conference on Algebra, Analysis, Coding and Cryptography 2016, University of Delhi, October 14-15, 2016.
- Attended workshop on LATEX at Hansraj College, University of Delhi, April 9, 2016.

## **Department of Political Science**

### ***Dr. Anita Bagai***

#### **Publications**

- Bagai, A. (2016). Approaches to the Study of Public Administration. In A. Dhameja & S. Mishra (Eds.), Public Administration: Approaches and Applications (pp. 23-36). India: Pearson (ISBN: 978-93-325-5507-5).

- Bagai, A. (2016). Feminist Perspective of Public Administration. In A. Dhameja & S. Mishra (Eds.), *Public Administration: Approaches and Applications* (pp. 124-134). India: Pearson (ISBN: 978-93-325-5507-5).
- Bagai, A. (2016). Understanding Governance in the Twenty-First Century. In S. Singh (Ed.), *Governance: Issues and Challenges* (pp. 9-23). India: Sage Texts (ISBN: 978-93-860-4212-5). (PB).
- Bagai, A. (2016). India's North-East: Government without governance? *Indian Journal of Public Administration*. Special Issue on Issues in Governance and Politics in North-East India. Vol. LXII, No. 3, 352-367. (ISSN: 0019-5561).

### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Presented a paper on "Public Policy and Politics In North -East India :Issues and challenges" at ICSSR sponsored XXII Conference of NEIPSA , Gauhati University ,24-25 February, 2017.

### **Dr. Krishna Menon**

#### **Publications**

- Menon, K. (2017) *Resisting Violence- An Annotated Bibliography*. WISCOMP. March 2017, New Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-92381-6-7
- Malhotra M., & Menon, K. (2016) 'State Intervention in Women's Rights'. In *Women and Empowerment in Contemporary India*, Edited by Brati Biswas and Ranjana Kaul. Worldview Publications, pp 142-154. New Delhi. 2016.
- Menon, Krishna (2016) 'On the Question of Free Speech and Censorship' in *Sentiment, Politics, Censorship- The State of Hurt* (Ed by Ramdev, Devesan Nambiar and Bhattacharya. Sage, New Delhi ISBN 978-93-515-0304-0, pp 252-264.
- Menon, K (2016) [Review of *Jalsa: Indian Women and their Journeys From the Salon to the Studio*] pp 68-69. Volume XL No. 10. October, 2016. ISSN:No 0970-4175
- Menon, K (2016) [Review of *Feminisms of Discontent: Contestations* edited by Ashleigh Barnes,] <http://www.thebookreviewindia.org/articles/archives-5053/2016/july/7/evolving-insights.html>., pp 7-8. ISSN:No 0970-4175
- Menon, K. (2016)[ Review of *Indian Classical Dance The Renaissance and Beyond* by Leela Venkataraman.]<http://www.thebookreviewindia.org/articles/archives-4807/2016/january/1/the-story-of-indian-dance.html> ISSN: 0970-4175. Pp 37-39.

### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Chaired a panel titled *The Female Body and its Fragments: Negotiation, Violence and Resistance in South Asia* and presented a paper titled *The Many Bodies of Indian Democracy* at the International Conference of the Association for Asian Studies in Toronto, Canada.
- Presented paper titled *Gender and Governance- Questions of Governance Feminism-* at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Center with Potential for Excellence, National Seminar at Osmania University, Hyderabad.
- Presented paper titled "Understanding the Nature of the Indian State-A Feminist Perspective" at the XIV National Conference on Women's Studies, organized by the Indian Association for Women's Studies, Chennai.
- Chair and Presenter of a panel titled *Education and Socialization to Counter Gender Bias and Discrimination-* at the National Consultation on 'Effective Intervention and Communication Strategies to Counter Violence Against Women' organized by WISCOMP, New Delhi

- Presented a paper titled 'Divine Music-Evil Women. Caste, Gender and Music in the making of Modern South India' at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences- CSSS Colloquium, JNU. Menon, Krishna (2016)
- Invited paper at a National Seminar on Meerabai, Samekit Punarmulyankan. Topic of lecture- "Gendering Bhakti in South India". Sahitya Academy, New Delhi. August 5th, 2016
- Presented a seminar paper on 'Transnational Feminisms: Issues of Marginalisation and Intersectionality' organized by Women's Studies Department of the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, USA in collaboration with Indian Institute of Dalit Studies and Women's Studies and Development Centre, University of Delhi in the seminar course on Transnational Feminism: Issues of Marginalisation and Intersectionality.
- Resource Person at National Workshop: Writing Research Papers- Is there a Feminist Research Method- questions of inter disciplinary 'Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi. January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Academic Consultancy/Jury**

- Nominated as a member of the Study -Group constituted by Government of N.C.T. Delhi to study and analyse issues relating to women safety in the National Capital Territory of Delhi- 7th, March 2017.
- Jury member at the Laadli Media Awards given by Women's Feature Services- Jury meeting on February, 25th 2017 at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication.
- Menon, K. ( January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017) Jury member of the Saahas award given by WISCOMP for initiatives against violence against women

### **Keynote Address**

- Menon, K. (2016) Keynote speaker at the Inauguration of the School of Life for survivors of domestic violence organized by CFAR at Mandoli Village, Delhi. May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Menon, K. (2016). Keynote address. Democracy, Social Exclusion and Rights in Contemporary India, lecture delivered at National Seminar organized by Miranda House, University of Delhi, supported by ICSSR, April 19th,2016.

### **Invited Lectures**

- Delivered a lecture at the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation ( A Government of India Undertaking) on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8th, 2017.
- Introduced the book "Feminist Subversion and Complicity: Governmentalities and Gender Knowledge in South Asia." Edited by- Maitrayee Mukhopadhyay (Zubaan Books) at the book launch and panel discussion at Ambedkar University Delhi. August 24th, 2016.
- Lecture on Gender and Health and Education in India. Centre for Advocacy Research, at Delhi Police Public School. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### **Others**

- Menon, K. (2016) Invited speaker at a seminar on Recognizing the Milestones and Challenges Ahead, organized by Centre For Advocacy Research at IIC. October 15th, 2016.
- Menon, K. ( 2016) Delivered a talk at the Round Table Conference on Developing Citizen's Action Plan Towards Deepening Democracy, Disarming, Investing in Women's Rights and Ensuring Diversity in India at UN Conference Hall, New Delhi organized by Control Arms Foundation of India. September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

- Menon, K (2016) Delivered a lecture on Gender, Health and Education as mentor in the CFAR programme at Delhi Police Public School on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Menon, K (2016) Chair of Panel on Understanding Social Sciences and Humanities, organized by MentorYes at India International Centre, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

### ***Dr. Snehil Kacker***

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Presented a Paper titled “Evaluation of Dr.Ambedkar’s Inter-Disciplinary Approach in Research and its Relevance in the 21st Century” in an International Seminar on the Relevance of Dr. Ambedkar’s Thought in Contemporary India, organised by the Department of Political Science and Department of Buddhist Studies, Faculty of Arts,University of Delhi (14-15 February,2017)
- Presented a paper titled” Impact of Climate Change on Universal Human Rights: Assessment of the Differential Treatment by the Developed and the Developing World” in a National Seminar organised by Motilal Nehru College (Evening)(29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> March,2017)
- Presented a paper titled” Model of Sustainable Development in South Asia: Research, Recourse and Revival” in an International Conference on Globalisation and Sustainable Development.:Quest for a New Paradigm? Organised by RC-35, International Political Science Association and Indian Society of Gandhian Studies, Jaipur(14-16April,2017)
- Participated in a workshop on “Laws and Rights” organised by Gargi College, University of Delh(4th February,2017)
- Participated in a Faculty Development Program on Legislative Practices and Procedures” organised by Kalindi College,University of Delhi(6th April,2017)

### ***Dr. Paroma Sen***

#### **Awards**

- Awarded Ph.D for ‘Land, Customary Laws and Gender: An Analysis of Institutional Changes in Land Rights in Haryana’, by Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 28 July, 2016

#### **Publications**

- Sen, P. (2017).The Work of Evidence in State-Building. IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, Volume 22, Issue 3, Ver. IV (March. 2017) PP 105-111, e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845.
- Sen, P. (2015). Customary Laws over land & land rights of women in Haryana. IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, Volume 20, Issue 12, Ver. II (Dec. 2015) PP 10-24, e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845.

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Sen, P. (2016). The Work of Evidence in State-Building: Skill Development Programme of the Government, Fourth LASSNet (Law and Social Sciences Research Network) International Conference on ‘Thinking with Evidence: Seeking Certainty, Making Truth’ organised by the O.P. Jindal Global University (Sonapat) and National Law University of Delhi (Dwarka) supported by Azim Premji University (Bangalore), Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi) and Kings College, London in collaboration with LASSnet anchored at the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University (Delhi), 10-12<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

- Sen, P. (2016). Legal not independent of the social: Analysis of “land rights” in Haryana, Research Scholar’s Workshop on ‘Engendering Social Change: Practices of Resistance’ organised by Centre for Women’s Development Studies, 30-31<sup>st</sup> January, 2016

## Department of Psychology

### Dr. Priti Dhawan

#### Research Projects

- Principal investigator, interdisciplinary Innovation Research Project (along with Dr. Kanika Ahuja, Dr. Kalyani A., Dr. Megha Dhillon & Ms. Deepika Papneja) titled “Believe in myself: Fostering healthy self-esteem in female adolescents”, Innovation Research Project, 2015, funded by University of Delhi (Report submitted in November 2016).

#### Publications

- Dhillon, M., Dhawan, P., Ahuja, K., Kalyani, A. & Papneja, D. (2016). Factors Influencing Self-esteem of Indian Female Adolescents. *IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science (IOSR-JHSS)*, 21 (7), 56-63. e-ISSN: [2279-0837](http://dx.doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs1000000/v1), p-ISSN: [2279-0845](http://dx.doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs1000000/v1) (Impact factor 1.607)

#### Conferences and Workshops

- Workshop conducted to train teachers on “Navigating through Emotions” , 16th May, 2016 at Delhi Public School, Budgam, Srinagar.
- Teacher training Workshop on “Managing Emotions”, conducted at St. Mary’s school, New Delhi, 9th July, 2016.
- Conducted a Training workshop for NSS and WDC volunteers on “ Emotional well being” at Lady Shri Ram College, 29th September, 2016.
- Training workshop for undergraduate students on ‘Emotional Competencies’, 20th October, 2016, Zakir Hussain College.
- Invited as a guest speaker on ‘To react or to respond: Understanding emotions.’, Rotary club of New Delhi at India International Centre on 2nd December, 2016.
- Delivered a talk on ‘International baccalaureate in the Indian Context’, 15th December, 2016, at Pathways School, Gurgaon.
- Invited as a panelist for the Sanskrit Academic meet to speak on ‘ Yoga as Mental Healer’, Lady Shri Ram College, Friday, 10th February 2017.

### Dr. Kanika Ahuja

#### Research Projects

- Principal investigator, interdisciplinary Innovation Research Project (along with Dr. Priti Dhawan, Dr. Kalyani A., Dr. Megha Dhillon & Ms. Deepika Papneja) titled “Believe in myself: Fostering healthy self-esteem in female adolescents”, Innovation Research Project, 2015, funded by University of Delhi (Report submitted in November 2016)

#### Publications

##### In Press

- Ahuja, K.K., Dhillon, M., Juneja, A. & Sharma, B. (2017). Breaking Barriers: An Education cum Contact Intervention to Reduce Mental Illness Stigma among Indian College Students. *Psychosocial Intervention*, an international journal published by Elsevier Publishing House (SNIP 0.583; SJR 0.331) (ISSN:1132-0559) (In press). Available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.psi.2016.11.003>.

## Published papers

- Ahuja, K.A. (2017). "Development of Attitudes Towards Homosexuality Scale for Indians (AHSI)". *Journal of Homosexuality*, an international journal published by Taylor and Francis (Impact factor 0.862) (p-ISSN 0091-8369; e-ISSN 1540-3602) (DOI: 10.1080/00918369.2017.1289006)
- Dhillon, M., Dhawan, P., Ahuja, K., Kalyani, A. & Papneja, D. (2016). Factors Influencing Self-esteem of Indian Female Adolescents. *IOSR Journal of Humanities And Social Science (IOSR-JHSS)*, 21 (7), 56-63. e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845 (Impact factor 1.607)
- Ahuja, K.A., Dhillon, M., Kalyani, A. & Papneja, D. (2016). "Identities in conflict: A comparison of drawings of Muslim adolescents in Kashmir and Delhi". *Sage Open*, January-March, 2016, 1-11. DOI: 10.1177/2158244015623596.

## Conferences and Workshops

- Chaired a session on "Health and well being across educational settings", in the second International Conference on "Health & Well Being: An interdisciplinary inquiry", organized by the Department of Psychology (UGC DRS), Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March 22-23, 2017
- Conducted two training workshops (12.1.2017 and 29.12.2016) to develop understanding on group mentoring process during mentoring training of SMs for Room to Read, an international NGO that supports literacy and education for girls.
- 'Are you prepared for the new chapter?', talk cum interaction to parents, Orientation to Nursery in various branches of Amity School, Gurgaon (14 March 2016), Saket (30 March 2016) , Vasundhara (2 April 2016)
- Career counseling session for parents and students, Class XI, Bluebells School, 16 March 2016
- 'Campus Calling' (talk cum interaction), 28 May 2016, seminar organized by Hindustan Times at Ashoka Hotel, for admission seekers
- "Making the right career choice" (lecture cum interaction) for parents and students, Class XI, Bluebells School, 28 May 2016
- Participated in a panel discussion Big Fight on "Live in relationships: The new reality", 11 August, 2016, Bluebells School

## Others

- Conducted a number of Group Discussion (GD)/ Group Task (GT) for recruitment of Graduate Engineers as Officer/ Engineer/ Graduate Apprentice Engineers (GAE), in Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., July 2016
- Conducted a number of Group Discussion (GD)/ Group Task (GT) for selection of Law Officers in Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., 23<sup>rd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2016
- Took classes on "Ethics in Psychological Researches", as part of a paper on "Perspectives in Research", offered to Pre Phd Students at the Department of Psychology, University of Delhi, 2017

## Syllabus revision and evaluation

- Participated in an Expert Committee meet with regard to designing of the syllabus of courses (C-Psy 01, C-Psy 02 and DSC Psy 1-A) of the program BA Hons. in Psychology and BA with Psychology as per CBCS guidelines of UGC, organized by the Discipline of Psychology (SOSS, IGNOU) on 27 April, 2016. Syllabus for three courses were designed: C-Psy 01: Introduction to Psychology (BA Hons.); C-

Psy 02: Biopsychology (BA Hons.) and DSC Psy-1A : Foundations of Psychology (BA with Psychology)

- Evaluated seven project reports and ten internship reports and conducted viva-voce examination for MAPC, IGNOU Regional Center, Delhi-III (Dwarka), 5 July 2016.
- Appointed PhD supervisor for thesis titled "Emotional Labour, Perceived Organizational Support, Work-Life Balance and Job Satisfaction in Service Sector Employees: A Mixed Method study, University of Delhi, 2016.

### **Dr. Megha Dhillon**

#### **Publications**

- Dhillon, M., & Deepak, S. (2017). A body-image based media literacy intervention for Indian adolescent females. *Journal of Indian Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health*, 13(1), 48-73. ISSN 0973-1342.
- Ahuja, K., Dhillon, M., Juneja, A., & Sharma, B. (2017). Breaking barriers: An education and contact intervention to reduce mental illness stigma among Indian college students. *Psychosocial Intervention* (In press). ISSN: 1132-0559
- Dhillon, M. D.; Ahuja, K.; Akalamkam, K. and Papneja, D. (2016): 'Identities in conflict: A Comparison of Drawings of Muslim Adolescents in Kashmir and Delhi', *SAGE Open*, January-March 2016: 1-11, DOI: 10.1177/2158244015623596. Online ISSN: 2158-2440 <http://sgo.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/6/1/2158244015623596.pdf?ijkey=zKZ8Usq9HqtRnzn&keytype=finite>
- Dhillon, M., Dhawan, P., Ahuja, K., Kalyani, A. & Papneja, D. (2016). Factors Influencing Self-esteem of Indian Female Adolescents. *IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science (IOSR-JHSS)*, 21 (7), 56-63. e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845.

#### **Research Projects**

- Principal investigator, interdisciplinary Innovation Research Project (along with Dr. Priti Dhawan, Dr. Kalyani A., Dr. Megha Dhillon & Ms. Deepika Papneja) titled "Believe in myself: Fostering healthy self-esteem in female adolescents", Innovation Research Project, 2015, funded by University of Delhi (Report submitted in November 2016)

### **Department of Sanskrit**

#### **Dr. Pankaja Ghai**

#### **Publications**

- Ghai K., P. (2017) "*Medicinal interpretation of some Vedic terms*". In *Quest International multidisciplinary research journal* ISSN : 2227- 4497 vol. vi issue I Jan. 2017 pp. 1-4 (impact factor. 6.2)
- Ghai K., P. (2017) "*Pramukha Upanishdon mein Achaar nirupan*". In *National journal for Sanskrit and Hindi*. ISSN : 2454- 9177 vol. I issue VII, Jan. 2017 pp. 8-9.

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Presented joint research paper with Dr. Smita Sahgal entitled " Norms and Departure: Locating women's Economic Agency within the Dharmashastras" in One day National seminar on 'Sanskrit Research Traditions in Modern Context' October' 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- Presentation entitled “ Science of Understanding Ancient Indian Social Institutions” in the four days International Conference “Scientific Aspects of Vedic Knowledge” organized by Waves, World Association for Vedic Studies December’ 15<sup>th</sup> to Dec.18<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Invited as Speaker in the International seminar on ‘Sanskrit Literature and Human Values’ organised by the dept. of Sanskrit, Kalindi college, univ of Delhi with the collaboration of Delhi Sanskrit Academy on March’ 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, presented paper entitled “Ethics & Morality of *Artha Purushartha* in classical Sanskrit literature”
- Attended one day Workshop on “Sanskrit in World Literature” organised by the department of Sanskrit, South campus on February’ 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Invited as guest and attended three days “International Yoga Fest” organised by ‘Morarji Desai institute of Yoga, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India. March’ 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Vandana Bhan**

#### **Publications**

- Bhan, V. (2016). *Naitik Moolyon Ke Punaruthan Mein Sanskrit Patrikaon Ka Mahattva. Media: Ateet, Vartaman Evam Bhavishya*. Shri Nataraj Prakashan, Delhi. ISBN-978-93-86113-13-9.
- Bhan, V. ‘*Nagaland ka lokjeevan*’ in the magazine Marai 2016 published by Rawat Naach Mahotsava Samiti, Bilaspur, Chattisgarh. ISBN-2278-8352.

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

- Presented a paper on ‘Kalidasa ke Natakon ka Bhashagata Vaishistay’ at the 12th International Conference of WAVES (World Association for Vedic Studies) on Scientific Aspects of Vedic Knowledge held on 15-18 December 2016.
- Presented a paper on ‘Vismrit Jeevan Moolyon ka Samaj par Dushprabhava’ at the International Seminar on ‘Sanskrit Literature and Human Values’ organized by Kalindi College (DU) on 2-3 March 2017.

#### **Awards**

- Received the Sanskrit Samaradhata Samman from the Delhi Sanskrit Academy on the occasion of Sanskrit Diwas in August 2016, for active participation in the programmes organized by the Academy.

## **Department of Sociology**

### **Dr. Gopa Sabharwal**

- Dr Gopa Sabharwal completed her six year tenure as the founding Vice Chancellor of Nalanda University and returned to the College in December 2016. In this position, she was entrusted with the responsibility of giving shape to the vision of establishing a Nalanda for the 21st century – a task that resulted in the successful establishment of a unique international, research focused post-graduate University with a focus on inter-Asian relations.

#### **Seminars and Workshops**

- Delivered the Plenary Talk titled: The Mahabharata Narrative: Locating the Story of Jarasandha of Magadha, at the International Seminar hosted by the Department of English, University of Delhi in association with IGNCA and the Embassy of Indonesia, titled The Mahabharata and Inter-Asian Cultures: Transmissions, Adaptations, Performances and Histories , April 6-8, 2017.

- Seminar on Gandhian Satyagraha and Women's Movements, organized by Apne AAP at India International Centre, New Delhi. Speaker at the session on Panchayati Raj, Prohibition and Village Development, March 30 2017.
- Invited Chair at the ADRI Silver Jubilee Celebrations 2016-17 International Conference, March 24-28 2017 on Bihar and Jharkhand : Shared History to Shared Vision.
- Chaired the Silver Jubilee Lecture by Professor Vinita Damodaran, University of Sussex, Brighton and also chaired the session titled Colonialism and its Varied Impact in the Region.
- Was a speaker at the Dialogue organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library on The Netaji and The Mahatma: Trajectories of Nationalism and Blueprints of India on 23 January 2017. Later telecast by Rajya Sabha TV.

### **Dr. Anjali Bhatia**

#### **Seminars**

- 'Social constructions of 'youth' in fast food eating out culture in India'. Paper presented at a seminar on *Cookbooks and Culinary Practices: Food, Body and Identity in India from Medieval to Contemporary Times, 20-21 Dec., 2016*. Co-hosted by Janki Devi Memorial College and Nehru Memorial Museum and Library.

### **Department of Statistics**

#### **Dr. V. Ravi**

#### **Publications**

- Ravi, V. (2016). Adverse Fetal outcome: Is first trimester ultrasound and Doppler better predictor than biomarkers? *The Journal of Maternal-Fetal & Neonatal Medicine*. (ISSN: 1476-7058 (Print) 1476-4954 (Online)). Taylor & Francis.
- Ravi, V. (2016). First trimester reference centiles of fetal biometry in Indian population. *The Journal of Maternal-Fetal & Neonatal Medicine*. (ISSN: 1476-7058 (Print) 1476-4954 (Online)). Taylor & Francis.
- Ravi, V. (2016). Role of maternal factors, PAPP-A, and Doppler in screening for early- and late-onset pregnancy hypertension in Asian population. *Hypertension in Pregnancy*. ISSN: 1064-1955 (Print) 1525-6065 (Online). Taylor & Francis.
- Ravi, V. (2016). To assess the Role of CD4 cell counts and other opportunistic infections to estimate the mortality of HIV/AIDS patients on ART in the presence of competing risks. *Proceedings of International conclave on Innovations in Engineering & Management* (ISSN 978-99969-0-773-9). Waljat College of Applied Sciences in partnership with BIT, Ranchi.
- Ravi, V. (2016). Impact of covariates on improvement in CD4 cell count of HIV/AIDS patients using Bayesian Poisson Regression Model. *Proceedings of International conclave on Innovations in Engineering & Management*. (ISSN 978-99969-0-773-9). Waljat College of Applied Sciences in partnership with BIT, Ranchi.

### **B.A. Programme**

#### **Meenakshi Pahuja**

#### **Publications**

- Pahuja, M. (2016). Annual Swimming Statistical Bulletin released on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016.

## Conferences and Workshops

- Resource person and paper presented on “Mechanics of resistance and propulsion in swimming”. Published in proceedings of 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference on Physical Education & sports, ISBN-978-81-927686-5-6, Published by Physical education foundation of India. 17<sup>th</sup> Decmeber’2016
- Resource person at 2<sup>nd</sup> National Conference on Latest Trends in Health and Physical Education,2017 to be held at Library Hall, UCMS from 14/02/17-15/02/17. Presented a lead paper on “Swimming & Health” Published in Proceedings of the seminar.
- Resource person at National Seminar, Sponsored by DGHE, Panchkula, (Haryana) organized by Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kharkhoda, Sonapat (Haryana) On Emerging Trends in Sports Sciences, Yoga and Physical Education held on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017. Gave lecture on “Swimming for Health, Pleasure & Safety”

## Awards

- For the second time Ms. Meenakshi Pahuja became Limca book Record holder in the year 2016. This time she was awarded with two certificates for being the First Indian to swim Manhattan 28.5 miles race successfully and Second for successfully swimming the Famous Iconic Robben Island, South Africa.
- Ms. Pahuja was awarded the prestigious PHD Chambers Sports Achievers Award for open waters- August-2016-New Delhi & major Dhyan Chand Sports Award for excellence & contribution in open waters/ swimming- october’2016 New Delhi.
- Indian National Teachers Congress (INTEC)award for BEST Teacher -2016- University of Delhi. She was recognized for her contribution to university of Delhi as teacher and her achievements in the world of open waters. September-2016.

## Others

- Ms. Pahuja became the First Indian to participate in 24miles Tampa Bay Swim held in Florida, USA- April’2016.

## Highlights of the Academic Year

- *Pathways to Prosperity*: Dr. Jim Yong Kim, President of the World Bank was invited for an interactive session. The event was organised by the Economics Department in collaboration with NDTV. In his conversation with Ms. Nidhi Razdan, alumna LSR and anchor NDTV, Dr. Kim called India one of the few economic bright spots in the world and asked students to be more empathetic as “the world’s problems are our own”.
- *Politics, Power and Media*: Prof. Pushpesh Pant was invited to deliver the third Manohar Shyam Joshi Memorial lecture on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Prof. Pant stressed upon the need to reassess media as a tool and emphasized the role of story telling as the new form of media.
- *Brexit – The Implication for India*: Lord Meghnad Desai, Padma Bhushan and member, House of Lords, British Parliament delivered a lecture on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016. He pointed out that “anti-immigrant sentiment is not directed against India as most Indian immigrants are skilled”.
- *Visit of ITEC participants*: 40 delegats from developing countries who had come for a field trip to RIS (Research and Information System for Developing Countries) visited the College on International Women’s Day and discussed issues related to women and third world countries with faculty and students. Students put up a highly appreciated cultural programme.

- *How to Ace the Civil Services Examination:* Ms. Tina Dabi, LSR alumna and IAS topper 2016 spoke to the College community about her life in LSR and her preparations for the Civil Services examination. She gave an inspirational talk and motivated students to do their best.
- *India's Foreign Policy:* Professor Muni, Professor Emeritus, JNU and Distinguished Fellow (Hon.) at IDSA, New Delhi and expert on South Asian Studies delivered a lecture on India's Foreign Policy on 16 September, 2016. He talked about the phases of India's foreign Policy and discussed issues and concerns of politics in South Asia.
- *Integrating Digital Technology in the Pedagogical Practices of Higher Education:* Seminar organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the College on March 25, 2017. The seminar deliberated on the role of various technological tools and their utility in enhancing quality research and improving pedagogical methods within classrooms characterised by diversity.

The themes discussed in the seminar included Digital Technology and Higher Education by Prof. N.V. Varghese, Director, Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education, NUEPA, Pedagogical Challenges and Possibilities by Prof. M.M. Pant, Former Pro- Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU, Using Technological Tools for Teaching and Research by Dr. Sushila Madan, Associate Professor, LSR and Ms. Jyoti Darbari, Assistant Professor, LSR, Using Technology to Enable Inclusivity by Dr. Mahesh Panicker, Assistant Professor, LSR and Plagiarism and Impact Factor by Dr. Margam Madhusudan, Associate Professor, Department of Library Science and Informatics, University of Delhi.

- *Public Participation in Promoting Integrity and Eradicating Corruption:* Lady Shri Ram College observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2016 in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016. Ms. C.K. Deshmukh, the Chief Vigilance Officer of IOCL and Shri R. S. Bhatti, Jt. Director, Policy, C.B.I. were the Special Invitees. The Principal, Dr. Suman Sharma administered the Citizens' Integrity Pledge. Ms. Deshmukh highlighted the need for public awareness to promote integrity while Shri Bhatti spoke of the challenges CBI faced in eradicating corruption.
- *Be Bold for Change – Digital Awareness for Women:* On the occasion of International Women's Day, Punjab National Bank organised an Awareness session to enable faculty to understand various digital schemes available in the Bank for women.
- *Econvista 2017:* Third International Economics' Students' Symposium, on the theme 'Thinking Beyond the Invisible Hand: Exploring Alternative Development Paradigms.' Held from 19th to 21st January, 2017, it entailed an array of non-competitive, competitive, online and interactive events. Econvista saw participation in huge numbers from various local, national as well as international colleges and proved to be intellectually stimulating.
- *Innovations in Mathematics Education: Current Trends and Issues:* The Department of Elementary Education, organised a National Conference for school mathematics teachers and teacher educators titled 'Innovations in Mathematics Education: Current Trends and Issues' on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. The conference was funded by the National Board of Higher Mathematics, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India. About 100 teachers from schools across Delhi NCR and 20 teacher educators from various colleges participated in the conference. The plenary speakers and panelists of the conference addressed four main themes: Innovative practices in mathematics classrooms, the role of technology in mathematics teaching and learning, teacher knowledge and professional development and innovative mathematical practices in non-formal spaces

#### OUR STUDENTS CONTINUE TO DO US PROUD

1. Ms. Pinky Anand, well known lawyer and Alumna of the College was declared Best Speaker at the Clash of the Titans Invitational Debate.
2. Ms. Tina Dabi, batch of 2015, was the IAS topper 2016.

3. Kavita Shukla, Roshan Ara, Akanksha Shre, Rachana, Priya Kaushik (M.A. Previous) and Arushi Nigar and Juhi Kumari (3<sup>rd</sup> Year) were awarded the Pratibha Puruskar by the Delhi Sanskrit Academy.
4. Students of M.A.Sanskrit did the Department proud by winning the best result in M.A. Final award from the Delhi Sanskrit Academy.
5. SUO Monika Banerjee from the NCC represented India at the Youth Exchange Programme, 2016 at Vietnam.
6. Iman Rahman and Yasha Spriha were selected for the Study of US Institutes (SUSI) Programme funded by the US State Department. Iman participated in the Media Summer Programme at the University of Washington, Seattle while Yasha was a delegate at the Women's Leadership Institute at the University of Kansas.
7. Sanjana Sehrawat won an Individual Bronze Medal and the team Gold Medal in the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Shooting Hopes, Czech Republic and was part of the winning team at the Junior ISSF World Cup in Azerbaijan.
8. Maheshwari Chauhan won team Bronze Medals in the International Junior Shotgun Cup, Finland and at the Grand Prix and Junior Cup at Italy.
9. Aashi Rastogi won an individual Gold Medal and a team Bronze Medal in the Asian Air Gun Shooting Championship and a team Gold Medal in the Asia Shooting Championship in Kuwait. She won a team Silver Medal in the Junior ISSF World Cup, Germany and a team Bronze at the Junior ISSF World Cup in Azerbaijan.
10. Nayani Bhardwaj got a team Gold Medal in the Asian Air Gun Championship as well as in the Asian Shooting Championship at Kuwait.
11. Shagorika Das was invited as a participant in the women's cohort as part of the peek weekend programme at Harvard Business School which highlighted the importance of organisational leadership in structural domains. She presented a case study titled "Organisational Hierarchy: Reality or Passive Reality".

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The academic year 2016-2017 saw a scintillating array of intellectual activities organised by the various Departments and their respective associations. These events provided opportunities for intellectual stimulation as well as deliberation for students through their interactions with academicians and resource persons of international and national repute. The multifarious academic activities that engaged the student body throughout the year also provided enabling spaces for collaboration, dialogue and exchange. The lectures, seminars and workshops organised by the Departments helped foster an atmosphere of academic endeavour and research and helped in the enhancement of the intellectual and creative output of the students.

### Department of Commerce

#### *Academic Meet*

The Commerce Department recognises the importance of enabling students to deal with the fast paced business world which they all dream of entering in the future. Be it management skills, leadership skills or entrepreneurial skills – we nurture and develop them all. The most distinctive feature of this endeavour of ours has been the conception of COMQUEST, the annual international academic meet.

A three day extravaganza encompassing a range of commerce-oriented events, the objective of COMQUEST is to provide a forum for exchange of ideas among the brightest students in the country and to foster innovation, encourage change, and discuss the latest developments in the ever buzzing corporate world.

## *Lectures and Talks*

The Department of Commerce conducted various sessions and workshops on wide ranging topics to increase the knowledge base of students.

A session was conducted by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants in the month of September to discuss the various career options available to Commerce students. They also talked about Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) as a lucrative degree to add on to the students' profiles.

The Bombay Stock Exchange in the month of October trained students on how to invest in funds to get the maximum possible returns. Furthermore, they assisted the department in the successful organization of a Mock Stock as a part of the Annual Academic Commerce Meet.

In the month of February, Aditya Narain (former Investment Banker) conducted a session on soft skills, skill development and techniques to solve case studies.

The Department closed the year with a session from Deloitte India regarding soft skills, curriculum vitae and interview preparation. The session was of utmost importance to the students applying for internships and placements.

## *Association Highlights*

The Entrepreneurship and Finance Cell conducted its first intra college event which was a panel discussion on "Are start ups even unique anymore? Do too many cooks spoil the broth?" The Discussion was moderated by Deepak Pandit, Co-founder iSeed (Indian School of Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development), Founder of Shram Consulting Private Ltd, worked as a Manager at HCL, Intel Asia Electronics, Microsoft and Motorola India.

The panelists were Simran Bagga, Devangi Narang, Prabhnoor, Kritika Singh and Gunjan Kohli, students from the Commerce, Economics and Philosophy Departments of LSR.

The E-cell also conducted a workshop in collaboration with the Bombay Stock Exchange workshop on Financial Markets. The textbooks and theory asks us to diversify our portfolio, but the experts believe that wide diversification is only required when investors do not understand what they are doing. BSE Ltd. also offered scholarships for its Global Financial Markets Certificate Program through a short quiz and one whizkid took home the entire module of the certificate program with zero investment:

On the occasion of Teacher's Day, the entire department came together to show their gratitude towards the department faculty for their constant support and guidance.

## **Department of Economics**

### *Academic Meet*

The theme for ECONVISTA 2017, organised by the Department of Economics, was "Thinking Beyond the Invisible Hand: Exploring Alternative Development Paradigms". Orthodox economics has not been successful in making everyone a participant in the process of growth and development. In an effort to address the objective of welfare, the theme called for discussion and deliberation on alternate approaches to growth and development in an economy.

Day 1, Ideas Conclave, began with the Keynote Address by Dr Arvind Virmani, a former Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India. He focused upon the issue of corruption that has paralysed the entire system and gave an account of how policy making works. Keeping in line with the theme of ECONVISTA '17, a panel discussion on "Achieving Inclusive and Sustainable Development : Feasibility & Challenges of Market Economy' was organised. The Panel was chaired by Dr Geeta Gouri, a former member of Competition Commission of India while the esteemed panelists included Dr. Farzana Afridi, Dr. Surajit Mazumdar and Dr. Anirban Kar. The discussion began with Dr. Afridi highlighting the dire income

inequality that exists today, particularly in context of the liberal market reforms of the past few decades implemented in emerging markets of the developing world. She addressed a few key challenges to governance with respect to public goods, incentives to public officials, information generation and limits to the capacity of the state to implement effective policy. Dr Mazumdar took the discussion further by bringing to the forefront the exclusive nature of our economy in status quo. In a labour surplus country like India, people face unemployment or are paid low wages as sellers of their labour services. This lowers their ability to be substantial consumers and the production structure becomes especially designed for the wealthy consumer base. Following this, Dr. Kar elaborated on problems that remain unsolved through free market operations, such as the under-provision of public goods or coordination problems. Policies seemed to act like commodities that can be sold to the highest bidder, undermining the greater social welfare. Collective action by citizens was proposed as one way to combat these political repercussions of inequality. A theatrical production by the renowned Chilsag Entertainment Network was the third event for the day. The performers not only enlivened the atmosphere by their entertaining act, but also left the audience pondering over the quotidian yet paramount subject of Women Empowerment. The Slam Poetry performances by Poetry Couture in association with Slip of Tongue revolved substantially around the theme of development and its denotation to them.

Day 2 and Day 3 of the symposium were focused on taking classroom learning into the real world through the competitive events which included the six flagship events - Mock IPO, Policy Dilemma, Eco Matters, Dr Saroj Gupta Memorial Paper Presentation, Checkmate and Eco Prayog. There were several informal events such as Zest-O-Mania, Galloping Producers and MTripleA and online events such as Eco Realties, Eco Toons and Eco Trails, which were carefully designed to challenge creativity and truly explore all realms of learning through the art of film-making, communication and sketching.

### *Lectures and Talks*

Interactive Lecture by Dr Jim Yong Kim, President, World Bank Group

On the 30th June, 2017, it was an honour and a humbling moment for the Department of Economics, LSR as we hosted the 12th President of the World Bank Group, Dr Jim Yong Kim. The event was telecasted by the NDTV network and moderated by their anchor and our alumna, Ms. Nidhi Razdan. Dr Kim emphasized the pressing need to address climate change as he talked about renewable energy. He appreciated India's efforts of making India solar efficient. He stressed on the importance of maintaining work-life balance and the need for the youth to understand finance and use it for financial inclusion for all. The talk was calibrated on several lines that focused on multilateralism, globalisation, logistical structure in developing nations, malnutrition, and the ripple effects owing to tumultuous global activities.

Mr. Onno Ruhl, Country Director, World Bank India visited LSR on 28th July, 2016 to deliver a lecture on "Pathways to Prosperity: Not without my Mother-in-law." His talk focused on the pressing development issues that India is facing from a global perspective. He re-emphasized the importance of eliminating malnourishment, providing good quality education and empowering Indian women. The discussion also yielded sustainable solutions for tackling these issues. It concluded with focusing on how each mother-in-law needs to treat her daughter-in-law like her daughter.

On 8th September, 2016, the department invited Dr Reetika Khera, Professor at IIT-D and a renowned economist to give a lecture on "Welfare needs Aadhaar like a fish needs a bicycle" essentially indicating that the Aadhar card could be detrimental to development. Her extensive experience in dealing with the structure of PDS, implementation of the NREGA and working on National Food Security Act revealed the lack of technological infrastructure, cost, legal obstacles associated with a "compulsory linkage of Aadhaar card" for the scheme. The lecture concluded on the note that Aadhaar in most cases works as a tool of exclusion and corruption continues to exist.

Dr. Sanjay Kathuria, Lead Economist and Co-ordinator, South Asia Regional, World Bank came to LSR on 15th September, 2016 to talk about the opportunities and challenges for regional integration in South Asia. The location of India and its neighboring countries provide a lot of opportunities for trade but due to lack of connectivity and infrastructure, the countries haven't made a lot of progress in the same. He

proposed solutions such as encouraging private investment and removal of non-tariff barriers for a more hospitable environment and FDI. Lastly, he emphasized the role of the youth and envisioned a new South Asia that has the power to deliver unexploited benefits.

Dr. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor at ICRIER, with several years of experience in policy-oriented research spoke on the topic “India’s Trade in Services and Trade Negotiations - Where do we stand?” on 22nd September, 2016. She began by highlighting the importance of the service sector which in India lies largely in the unorganized service sector. It was brought to notice that India is a major player in services, its main trading partners being the EU and Japan. She further explained the challenges that India faced in foreign as well as domestic markets such as FDI restriction, minimum capital requirement, multiple taxes, inadequate infrastructure and slow reform process. She concluded by emphasizing the need for a comprehensive service sector backed with upgraded infrastructure, a rationalized tax and enhanced quality of higher education.

Dr Anuradha De, Director at Collaborative Research and Dissemination conducted a workshop on ‘How to Write a Research Paper’ on 27th October 2016. She addressed key questions like what exactly is a research paper, why and how are they written. Apart from learning how a paper can be a tool to communicate research findings supported with concrete proof, one also learned about the methodology adopted to make one. She further spoke about the structure of a research paper, having a clear title, a short abstract, introduction, findings and finally a conclusion with possible policy implications. The lecture also highlighted the importance of literature review and complete abstinence from plagiarism.

### ***Dr Saroj Gupta Memorial Scholarship and Guest Lecture***

Dr. Rohini Somanathan, Distinguished Professor of Economics, DSE visited LSR on 2nd March, 2017 to deliver a lecture on “Economic Explanations for Social Phenomena.” Dr. Somanathan talked about the problem of aggregation and segregation, in a general equilibrium framework. She provided new perspectives on many theories, along with practical examples and innovative experiments which have been carried out. In a very profound manner, she said, “When you can’t solve a problem, solve a simpler problem.” This statement did reflect her positive mindset, which she also encouraged the students to have and believe in. Post the lecture, the winners were felicitated with certificates and the scholarship prize. The prestigious Dr. Saroj Gupta Memorial Scholarship Awards, 2016, were conferred on Anjandeep Kaur of the first year, Prachi Singhvi of the second year and Mehak Gupta of the third year.

### ***Association Highlights***

The Department Clubs functioned very effectively throughout the year organising a wide range of activities for the students. We held the maiden Club Week where each club held an interactive and enriching session for the new batch of students to get familiarised with the activities of the respective clubs.

Beyond the Classroom Club organised educational trips to the National Council of Applied Economic Research, National Stock Exchange, Barefoot College in Tilonia and Reserve Bank of India. The visits proved to be a great learning experience for the students and familiarised them with the working of the organizations visited. This year, BTC also introduced a volunteer program with the Barefoot College where they worked with the members of the organization and suggested sustainable measures for improvement and betterment. Finance, Investment and Crisis Understanding Cell (FISCUL) conducted interactive sessions on Behavioural Economics and Green Finance. To test the creative abilities of the students, the club organised Quote-a-thon Competition. The EconWhiz Club organised an enriching B-Plan session to motivate students to find and conceptualise an entrepreneurial idea. A freshers debate was also conducted where the participants were required to formulate a policy for the education sector. The Books and Documentary Review Club organised screenings of films and documentaries such as *Angry Indian Goddesses*, *Nero’s Guests*, *Persepolis* and *The Tulip Mania - The First Economic Bubble*. The Club held discussions on pertinent issues like the Contract Labour Act and caste system. Lastly, field visits were conducted to Wazirpur to film stories of the plight of contract labourers.

## *Awards and Achievements*

The Department of Economics won the Best Contingent Award in the Annual Academic Meet of St. Xavier's College, Jaipur. In addition, students of the department also won in several events such as essay writing, mock stock, quiz and debate at national level economics symposiums held at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, St. Xavier's College, Jaipur and Jai Hind College, Mumbai.

## **Department of Elementary Education**

### *Academic Meet*

The annual academic meet of The Department of Elementary Education of Lady Shri Ram College For Women held its annual academic meet SEHAR on the 20th of January, 2017. The theme of SEHAR was 'Identity in the Contemporary World' which resonates deeply with the events of 2016. From the conflicts inside university campuses, to the increasingly complicated social connotations of religion, one's 'identity' has become a changed concept.

SEHAR's panel comprised of esteemed scholars from the fields of Psychology, Hindi, Linguistics and Education. Professor Apoorvanand, Professor Minati Panda, Dr. Parul Bansal, and Dr. Tanmay Bhattacharya, all spearheaded an illuminating discussion on the theme. The second half of the meet included a performance by Mr. Ishamuddin Khan, a 'Madari', which left the audience mesmerized.

The 'Poster Making Competition', and the 'Caption The Picture' contest received an enthusiastic response by the students. As the day drew to an end, SEHAR displayed its unique ability to bring students together and bind them, and make memories which would last a lifetime. The spirit of SEHAR spread once again throughout the LSR campus, illuminating minds and touching hearts. The day ended with a street performance by Issamuddin Khan who hails from a family of Madaris and resides in the kathputli colony in Delhi. He enraptured the audience by demonstrating some amazing magic and also shared his experiences in trying to keep alive his art. Innovations in Mathematics Education: Current Trends and Issues A national conference for mathematics teachers and teacher educators

The Department of Elementary Education, organised a National Conference for school mathematics teachers and teacher educators titled 'Innovations in Mathematics Education: Current Trends and Issues' on 3rd and 4th March, 2017. The conference was funded by the National Board of Higher Mathematics, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India. It aimed to bring together school and college mathematics teachers, mathematics educators, practising mathematicians and individuals interested in mathematics education to deliberate on various aspects of mathematics education in India. About 100 teachers from schools across Delhi NCR and 20 teacher educators from various colleges participated in the conference.

Professor R Ramanujam, Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, delivered the keynote address. Professor Ravi Subramaniam, Director, Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, TIFR, Mumbai, Professor Amitabha Mukherjee of Delhi University, Professor Parvin Sinclair of IGNOU and Professor Inder Rana, IIT Powai, Mumbai were the Plenary speakers of the conference.

The plenary speakers and panelists of the conference addressed the following themes which were identified to steer the discussions of the conference.

Theme 1: Innovative practices in mathematics classrooms

Theme 2: The role of technology in mathematics teaching and learning

Theme 3: Teacher knowledge and professional development

Theme 4: Innovative mathematical practices in non-formal spaces

A panel discussion on the theme 'Innovative Practices in Mathematics Classrooms' was organised on the first day of the conference. The panelists were Professor Anup Rajput of NCERT, Ms. Anita Sharma,

Principal, S D Public School and Mr. Amit Bajaj of CRPF School, Rohini. This was followed by a session on paper presentations by teacher educators. Dr. Asha Mathur, Former Vice Principal, LSR, Dr. Haneet Gandhi of Central Institute of Education, Delhi University, and Dr. Jyoti Sharma of Cluster Innovation Centre, Delhi University presented papers on various themes related to mathematics education.

On the second day of the conference the participants attended a hands – on workshop session on GeoGebra, an open source dynamic mathematical software. The workshops were conducted by Dr. Jonaki B Ghosh, LSR and Ms. Sangeeta Gulati, Sanskriti School. The last session of the conference was a panel discussion on the theme *Bridging School and College Mathematics*. The panelists were Professor Geetha Venkataraman of Ambedkar University, Professor Amber Habib of Shiv Nadar University, and Professor Amitabha Tripathi of IIT Delhi. The conference ended with the Valedictory session where, Dr. Suman Sharma, Principal, LSR, gave away the certificates of participation. Dr. Jonaki B Ghosh, the conference convener proposed the vote of thanks and acknowledged the contribution of faculty, students and staff members towards the success of the conference. She particularly lauded the contribution of student volunteers of the B.El.Ed department and also the first year students who had put up an exhibition of various mathematics projects. These were greatly appreciated by the speakers as well as the participants.

### *Lectures and Talks*

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of Nov, 2016, Dana Cohen-Kalpan, a Graduate of Bates College, USA, was invited to give a lecture on the “Importance of Inclusive Education and how to address special needs in the classroom.” The talk also included an overview of what inclusion means in terms of mainstreaming and partial mainstreaming, and the theory behind why it is beneficial to mainstream students as much as possible. He also underlined the dangers of labelling and dismissing learners as ‘unteachable’ at the first sign of abnormality.

On 12<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017, Dr. T.V. Venkateshwaran, Scientist from Vigyan Prasar, Department of Science and Technology addressed the students of the B.El.Ed department. He delivered a talk titled “What is the Shape of the Earth? Strategies for using history of science to reflect on the nature of science.” The talk was very enriching for the students as it focussed on the need to question scientific facts and information available in textbooks and also develop the habit of scientific inquiry

### *Association Highlights*

Two alumnae of the 2011 batch were invited to deliver a talk on “Future Prospects of B.El.Ed. graduates” on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Oct, 2016. It was a very interactive session, where the two girls were able to answer a lot of queries of the 1<sup>st</sup> year students.

## **Department of Environmental Science**

### *Lectures and Talks*

The Department of Environment Science organized a lecture on “Caring Water Resources in Changing Urban Climate of India - Delhi as a Case Study” on 24 January 2017 by Dr. Chirashree Ghosh (Associate Professor, Department of Environmental studies, University of Delhi). Speaker highlighted the current trend of water consumption in Delhi. She also highlighted the need for scientific analysis of water resource in India to mitigate the problem of water scarcity under climate change scenarios.

On 16.02.2017, the Department conducted talk on Biomedical waste management. Main objective of this talk was to make students aware of all the issues and challenges associated with biomedical waste management. Speaker has lucidly given the account of national and international guidelines associated with the handling of biomedical waste. During this session students were made aware of various management and handling practices related to the hospital and biomedical waste. Students got an insight of all governmental steps pertinent to the proper handling of biomedical waste.

## Field Trips

Department organized several field trips to Yamuna and Aravalli Biodiversity Parks, in order to develop sense of responsibility among students towards conservation of wildlife. Aravalli Biodiversity Park and Yamuna Biodiversity Park consists of biologically rich wetlands, migratory birds, plant communities, orchids, ferns, butterflies, fruit yielding species and an abundance of medicinal herbs. The Parks also comprises a native flora and fauna of Delhi which used to exist 100 years ago and then became extinct locally. It further acts as a natural conservation site for specific group of endangered plants.

Field trip to Yamuna and Aravalli Biodiversity Park was conducted for seven groups of undergraduate students on different days during 2016-2017.

Field trip details:-

Date	Group
24.9.2016	B.A History (Hons), 50 students
25.02.2017	B.A Philosophy (Hons), 50 students
4.03.2017	B.A Economics (Hons), 54 students
1.04.2017	B.A English (Hons), 50 students
22.10.2016	B.A English (Hons), 54 students
29.10.2016	B.A Economics (Hons), 57 students
5.11.2016	B.A Hindi & Sanskrit (Hons), 54 students

## Department of English

### Academic Meet

The Annual Conference of the English Literary Association was based on the theme of Humour this year. Titled, "Laughing Matters: Literature, Politics, Humour", the conference was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017. The aim was to problematize, question and engage with the terrain of humour as an important means of subversion leading to questions of censorship, politics, rights of expression, surveillance and the individual and his/her engagement with society. The event comprised of four panels, an art exhibition, three online competitions, three performances and a number of paper presentations based on the various manifestations and implications of humour. The first panel "And the Jest is History: Forms of Humour" included Prof Christel Devadawson, Head of English Department, Delhi University, Prof Simi Malhotra, Director for North East Studies and Policy Research, Prof Keval Arora from Kirori Mal College and Prof Sambudha Sen from Shiv Nadar University. It was facilitated by the Head of the Department, Ms. Dipti Nath. The second panel, "Media-ting Humour: Humour, Media and Politics", comprised of Bikram Vohra a renowned columnist at *Times of India*, Neville Tuli, Founder-Chairman of the Osian Group of Companies, and Dr. Shikha Jhingan from JNU. Facilitated by Prof. Christel Devadawson, this session explored reactions to humour, the spaces for humour, and the relationship between humour and media. The third panel, 'Mind Your Language: Translating Humour' included Dr. G.J.V. Prasad, professor at the Department of English, JNU, Dr. Angelie Multani, Associate Professor of Literature at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi), Dr. Gopal Guru, Professor at the Centre of Political Science, JNU and Mr. Samit Basu, author of the bestselling fantasy series *Gameworld*. Facilitated by Ms. Arti Minocha, this session was set to be a conversation around issues of how humour is generated in, or impacted by, the contours of the English language as it manifests in India today. The last panel, "The But...of the Joke", comprised of Dr. Akshay Khanna, a lawyer, social anthropologist and prominent queer activist, Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya from the School of Disciplinary and Inter-Disciplinary Studies, IGNOU, Vasu Primlani a well known stand-up comedian, KV Shridhar, Creative Director of Hyper Collective and Prof. Maya Rao from SNU. Facilitated by Mr. Jonathan Koshy Varghese and Ms. Wafa Hamid, this panel drew from the debates around humour and politics,

translations, and identity to delve into immediate experiences of humour in practice. With speakers and presenters from different fields of work all over the country, the conference brought together a wide range of perspectives on the importance of humour. The performances by the students of the department brought an interesting visual dimension to the discussions and extended the boundaries of the event beyond a conventional academic conference. The art exhibition, paper presentation panels, competitions and performances gave ample space for students to engage with the topic and showcase their talents.

### *Lectures and Talks:*

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016, the Department of English, in collaboration with the History Department, organized its first session of the academic year, a guest lecture by Dr. Jon Wilson, King's College, London. Dr. Wilson delivered an insightful lecture on the correlation between violence and power, and the resultant instability of the imperial enterprise, titled, "The Chaos of Empire: Rethinking the Rise and Fall of the British Raj."

On 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016, Ms Harriet Raghunathan was invited to deliver a lecture on *Paradise Lost*, titled, "Milton and the Rebellious Individual." The lecture outlined ideas on the individual's rights and freedoms, with illustrations from *Paradise Lost*. She also looked at Satan and Eve's shared aspirations for freedom and heroic adventure that Milton himself sometimes displayed, and sometimes tried to repress. A session on academic paper writing was conducted later during the day by Ms. Wafa Hamid, outlining the MLA format and research methodology for first years.

Mr. Kanav Gupta was invited to deliver a lecture on Romantic Poetry, titled, "The Life of Things: Subjectivity, Memory and the Romantic Sublime." He discussed the construction of the empathetic poetic self with reference to the idea of the Sublime with special reference to Wordsworth's "Tintern Abbey" and Keats' "Ode to a Nightingale."

On 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Chitra Banerjee, author well-known for her novel *Palace of Illusions*, gave an engaging talk on "Writing About the Global Family and Its Challenges." She spoke about the changing roles of women, the challenges of immigrant families, connecting to other generations, heritage and culture while discussing her latest novel, *Before We Visit the Goddess*.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January the Department of English hosted an interactive session in collaboration with *Expressions*, by the founder and editor-in-chief of *The Bombay Review*, Kaartikeya Bajpai. The session focused on the literary culture in India today, the processes of getting published and the ways of dealing with literary agents and was followed by on-the-spot creative writing exercises.

On 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the Department of English organized a session called 'The Global City' with Dr Ross Forman, University of Warwick. The session investigated some of the ways in which diaspora, trans-nationalism and the broader flows of globalization are continuing to reshape the content and context of fiction, especially that written in the "postcolonial" mode. Dr. Forman questioned the idea of the "Global City" and talked about the ways in which the novel is reaching its global form.

### *Association Highlights*

The English Literary Association screened *Oh! What a Lovely War* directed by Richard Attenborough on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. The screening was followed by a stimulating session moderated by Ms. Shernaz Cama where students discussed the poem "In Flanders Fields" in conjunction with the various narratives surrounding World War 1. It was inspiring to see students question and search for what it means to exist in a state of peace and why this film still holds relevance even today.

The association, in a bid to energise the students and faculty alike, hosted two sessions aimed at encouraging department unity and participation. Taking a cue from the theme of the annual conference 2017, the department was enthused by the laughter and conversation evoked by the Open Mic session on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017. The session's theme was 'humour' and had performances in the form of stand up acts, slam poetry and music performances. Post the conference, the official journal of the

department, *Jabberwock* hosted an informal session named Tea-a-Tete wherein highlights of the year as well as feedback were shared and discussed.

### *David Lynn Prize for Excellence in Academic Writing*

The Department of English traced back its roots of scholarship and took a step forward by reviving the tradition of awarding one of its students the David Lynn Prize for Excellence in Academic Writing. A Paper Presentation competition was held on 23rd February, 2017 and was judged by Dr Madhu Grover and Ms Dipti Nath. The theme set this year was 'Translating Humour.' The prize was awarded to Anushmita Mohanty, a student of second year. She then continued to present her paper as a student presenter at the annual conference, 'Laughing Matters: Humour, Literature, Politics.'

## **Department of Hindi**

### *Academic Meet*

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### *Lectures and Talks*

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### *Association Highlights*

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## **Department of History**

### *Academic Meet*

The Department Academic Meet, Maazi-o-Musaqbil IN DISSENT was organized on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017. A range of talks, panel discussions and other activities were organized. Each activity saw enthusiastic participation of a large number of students and teachers from within and outside the History Department. About a dozen students from outside the college too sat among the audience on both days.

**Story Reading Session:** Stories carry within them the power of time and mirror the society in which it is composed. They represent the sensitive indirect outpouring of all that cannot otherwise be said. 3<sup>rd</sup> March began with Manto's tales of "Akhari Salute" and "Nangi Awaze" as well as Kurt Vonnegut's *Harrison Bergeron*. These were stories of lost love, broken borders but joint hearts and dystopic notions - All that makes us feel the other. Narrated by Zainab Rashid, Varna Balakrishnan and Avida Bhardwaj beginning with 'The Ends' was a perfect start.

**Activists' Views:** The Activists always hope for a better world. Sheeba Aslam Fehmi traced patriarchy to be beyond religions and times thereby feeling the urge to uproot it, while Milind Awad based his argument of society on a fictionalized common sense. Sopan Joshi delved into jal, thal and mal [water, land and faeces], their disposal and the conditioned notions of cleanliness that inhabit us, notwithstanding alternative ways of waste disposal. Thus, The Activists Argument was a session which called for thinking with the need to create change.

**International Conflicts:** A discussion on Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict by Dr. Sujata Aishwarya followed and she a persuasive argument from both vantage points.

**Poetry Session: SubVerse** It was the name of the poetry session in which Shubham Shree and Akhil Katyal demonstrated sarcasm, seriousness, emotion and love through their works. There were also voices of others like Sahitya and Swastika from within LSR as well as those outside it. The session was a fitting conclusion to a dynamic day.

**Abuse as Protest:** A bit of abuse opened 4<sup>th</sup> March. Songs of folk traditions carry within them subtle targets at patriarchal authorities and Brahmanical structures. Our world isn't exactly what it seems. Dev N. Pathak described Maithili Folk songs in the cultural Politics of the Feminine.

**Love and Resistance:** The next session brought tears to the eyes of several participants even as it made people think furiously about the thin divide between the emotional and the cerebral. Love and Dissent is the same thing, they keep us alive, asserted Vikramaditya Sahai as he spoke of gender binaries in ways that touched everyone. It gave a boost to the imaginative fantasies that often keeps love hidden in folds.

**Comedy as a Barometer of Democracy:** Vasu Primlani tried to explain the link between Comedy and Dissent as a Serious Social Intervention. The fact remains that a comedian can joke about anything as long as the recipient doesn't take offence. More than that comedy is an art that inhabits society in as much as it gives the ray of hope in times where darkness penetrates beyond the hope of sunlight. Laughter gives us hope and mocking our society is a means of survival.

**A Song for a Cause:** The day did end after all but with music in its time. Prof. Sumangala Damodaran from Ambedkar University Delhi (earlier Professor at LSR) brought the link between History, Memory and Music alive. Protest songs echoed, as did similarities in music across Asia. The session was riveting in its fullest sense. It brought the fest to its climax.

*Ijtihad*, the Editorial Team of the History Department organized its paper presentation on 'Fault lines in Flawed Systems.' Krishna Shikhawat from Miranda House won the first prize for her paper "1984 Sikh Massacre: Role of Media and Mob Mentality." Vasundhara Chaudhry from Department of English LSR was the second finalist with her work on the gender in Manusmriti titled "The Bloody Scripture: Violence in Narratives."

### *Lectures and Talks*

The History Department in collaboration with the Department of English organized a guest lecture by Dr. John Wilson on the topic "The Chaos of Empire: Rethinking the Rise and Fall of the British Raj". The

session began with Dr. Wilson asking the audience of their views of the British Raj. This was succeeded by the lecture. It discussed the attitude of the British- their thoughts, anxieties and doubts as they went about colonizing the subcontinent.

Dr. Wilson discussed the imperial presence that England wanted to showcase in India using powerful images and paintings.

A talk by Prof. Ian Barrow was organized on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2016. The theme was "A Short History of the East India Company." The session began, with Professor Barrow, highlighting the various aspects of the East India Company, and thereon, he went on to establish, how the Company proceeded, only to emerge as a global international market. The discussion, then wove a narrative, around the various levels of systematic violence, constructed by the Company.

The Department of History welcomed Prof Upinder Singh on the theme "Looking Beyond India to Asia". Starting the talk with a quiz that emphasized the need to expand the Southeast Asian knowledge base, Dr. Singh talked about understanding Indian history in the context of the world rather than restricting it within its political boundaries. She wove the lecture around the various forms of interactions that connected Southeast Asia and India, especially focusing on the route of religion.

On 27<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2016, historian and author Narayani Gupta visited LSR to deliver an insightful speech on 'heritage' and 'historicity' in her lecture "What Exactly is Heritage?" Using multifarious examples, she pointed out that the definition of heritage is heavily influenced by the trends of the time. She also made a compelling argument for the recognition of 'vernacular' buildings as heritage.

The Department of History deconstructed the colonially constructed elitism that comes with English making the Hindi medium students feel aloof. This was done by inviting two successful alumnae Shweta Singh and Radhika Misra both protégés of Hindi medium. This session cleared minds looking for a sanction to the path they had chosen, advice as a first hand mechanism and the layers of curiosity which compelled the Department to make pride in ones mother tongue as consciously assimilative.

### *Workshops*

Research Paper Writing Workshop: 10<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January

The Department of History organized a 20 Hour Workshop on Academic Writing. It was attended by more than fifty students including a few from other departments. Certificates were given away to all those who successfully completed their participation. Senior and young scholars from our own college as well as from other universities were invited as resource persons.

The introduction to the art of academic writing was made by Dr. Ravikant, the eminent bilingual historian and professor at CSDS who engaged the students with his take on research methodology. In a spirited introduction that involved films, music and books the research paper-writing workshop was initiated. Dr. Shivani Kapoor, currently visiting Professor at Shiv Nadar University, began the second day of the workshop with verve. It was only when the stimulated students engage with fervour in discussions by analysing the fallacies in their own writings that they truly learn the basic techniques of writing. So reading the misread, analysing the unsaid and questioning the question itself marked the parameters of research writing as well as the riveting session which was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. The next session with Dr. Aparna Balachandran, highlighted the Archive and History Writing. Dissatisfaction with the quality of work in a particular field prompts research according to Dr Avadhendra Sharan. Professor Krishna Menon spoke of the importance of an interdisciplinary approach towards an understanding of the Social Sciences. Dr Tanuja Kothiyal opined on the above, that though fraught with several difficulties; perhaps if used earnestly we may be able to realize their importance.

The primary focus of the session by Dr Prabhu Mohapatra was on quantitative analysis in entails research paper writing. He talked about the three tools used by social historians to grasp group behaviour in studying the underlying cause of an event. The first tool, Sampling is used to determine the behaviour of

the whole group via studying a handful of them. The second tool-Correlation is used to link two or more variables to arrive at a rational conclusion. The final tool Causation helps researchers determine whether the co-relation they are building is random or patterned.

The 5th session of the Research Paper Writing Workshop dealt with one of the most difficult aspects of writing a research paper, which is, selecting a topic. Dr. Pankaj Jha was invited to speak to the audience. He advised the students to begin with a broad area of research within which a specific topic must be demarcated. This demarcation was to be greatly opened up by using the questions-what, when, where, why and how. Prof. B.P. Sahu who emphasized the importance of sources and the methods of archaeology in writing and understanding history took the first installment of the next session. The history faculty member, Dr. Vijayant Singh who dealt with the technical aspects of Research Paper Writing, took the second installment of the session. The third installment was taken by Dr. Vasudha Pandey who explained to the students the meaning, reality and grave situation of plagiarism and its after effects in today's internet loving world. The session came to its last stages with Dr. Pankaj Jha clearing the doubts of the students and sharing his own amusing experiences of research paper writing. The event came to an end with the Principal, Dr. Suman Sharma congratulating all the participants and giving away certificates to them.

### *Association Highlights*

A Visit to the National Museum was organized on 27th August, 2016. Around 40 enthusiastic history students explored various exquisite galleries including that of decorative arts and textiles, ethnic art, arms and armory, tribal lifestyle, musical instruments, bronzes, Indian miniature paintings, coins and many more.

*India Untouched*, a documentary on untouchability was screened on 6th September. In a nation that has had a long history of social discrimination based on birth, how well has this right been protected? An answer comes with this gripping documentary by Stalin K. that follows the lives of dalits from different parts of the country. The film spurred a discussion following the screening which was based on reservations, personal experiences and texts that claim to legitimize the caste system.

The Books Film and Heritage Club of the Department of History hosted the screening of *Little Terrorist*, written and directed by Ashvin Kumar. The story revolved around Jamal, a ten year old Muslim boy from Pakistan, who stepped on the other side of the fence to fetch a cricket ball. The identities, particularly 'religious' becomes a subject matter of the whole story when Jamal becomes 'Jawaharlal', a bald headed Brahmin boy. Though Jamal manages to return to his homeland with the help of the Bhola and Rani, he is left with a wide range of experiences and relationships to cherish forever.

The screening of a documentary *A Narmada Diary* directed by Anand Patwardhan and Simantini Dhuru released in 1995, the movie pictures the real hardships faced by the people fighting for their rights over their native lands and also questions the problematic notions of development. The documentary is a real insight into the lives of the indigenous tribes facing socio-economic hardships, in a way that it was not allowed to be shown on the National TV. This screening was followed by a very informative discussion moderated by Mr. Madhuresh Kumar, Convener of the National Alliance of People's Movements.

A discussion on Gloria Stein's Article "If men could menstruate" was organised on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. The fascinating article explores the possibilities of what could have occurred if men were to menstruate.

A Walk to Mehrauli Archaeological Park on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2016 was organized by the Books, Films and Heritage Club of the Department of History with the renowned historian, Mr. Sohail Hashmi. The walk started at Aadham Khan's tomb, popularly known as the 'Bhool Bhulaiya', followed into a mausoleum of an unknown noble where during the restoration work by ASI some beautiful persian poetry on the walls got lost ending at Jamali Kamali's breathtaking mausoleum.

Walk to Khooni Darwaza and Firoz Shah Kotla on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2016 was followed by a small poetry session centered around the theme 'Blood'. Ashokan Pillars, personal letters to the Chief Djinn, passageways inhabited by bats, mosques and baolis, ruined walls and missing domes, fallen logs and grassy paths made everyone fall in love with History all over again.

Screening of *Concerning the Bodyguard* on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 was facilitated by the Departments of History & Political Science based on a short story by Donald Barthelme published in the New Yorker in 1978 and read by Salman Rushdie. The movie is an inquisitive tour on the life of a bodyguard, his roles as an individual and as a service to the governing body. The movie also focuses on the deeper impressions of power play which the dubious dictators have, on the lives of people.

Treasure Hunt – The quest for India's freedom struggle was hunted down by a bunch history who went through the crevices of the college to associate movements with locations. Mallika Goel of 1A and Neelam of 2B were part of the first team which was able to collect all the codes and find the treasure.

Maazi- O- Mustaqbil started with a talk by Vikas Rikhi who opened a new arena of dissent and Social Criticism before the students of Lady Shri Ram College for Women. He recollected the poetry of Kabir and various other poets associated with the Bhakti and Sufi movements to establish how direct and shrewd they were in expressing dissent with respect to the existing social order.

"Revisiting Ohio," was the name of a talk on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 by Prof Jonathan Koshy Varghese who brought out the past embedded within rock music. The student rebellions of the 1960s in universities like Berkeley were the result of President Nixon's measures. What was political became popular as musicians as diverse as Led Zeppelin to Simon and Garfunkel inspired the youth.

## **Department of Journalism**

### *Academic Meet*

JUXTAPOSE, the Annual Academic Meet of Department of Journalism, Lady Shri Ram College is held every year where the best in Academia, Film, Media is brought to the table and made sense of by students & professionals alike. It was a two-day event from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. The events on the first day started with the panel discussion on 'Politics of News: Construction of Dominant Ideology' where eminent journalist Sevanti Ninan founder editor *The Hoot.org*, Josy Joseph National Security Editor, *The Hindu*, Sonia Singh Editorial Director, President, NDTV Ethics Committee and Sudhir Chaudhary, Editor Zee News participated and expressed their point of view on this topic.

The day's schedule followed with other events like All India Media Meet where the agenda was the sting operations in India- a tool for public interest or public deception, Paper presentation on the "Love your body" Discourse and an AD MAD event where creative minds were challenged by giving them the task to create an ad on the spot in just 3 minutes.

The second day began with the VOX POP "TH rejects all forms of media for the survival of the modern nation state", SLAM POETRY, Media quiz and the panel discussion on 'Assessing the Role and Influence of Media in Indian women's Movement.' The panelists were Amitabh Singh who is a Cinematographer, Film Producer and Director, VK Karthika Chief Editor & Publisher, Harper Collins, Shireen Bhan Managing Director, CNBC TV-18, Manu Joseph, journalist & author, Shalini Chopra, journalist & Founder Shethepeople.TV and Nidhi Kulpati, Journalist & anchor NDTV.

### *Lectures and Talks*

Mr. Anand Saurabh, Associate editor, All India Radio was invited on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 for special lecture on Press Information Bureau and Public broadcaster.

An interactive session on Role and Function of News Agencies was held on 3rd week of October 2015 by Mr. Priyabhanshu, Associate Editor, Press Trust of India. Where he spoke about the various wire services in the Broadcast Industry with special focus on the functioning and working of the New Agency - PTI (Press Trust of India).

Dr Shalini Narayanan, Media Consultant and former civil servant (IIS) delivered lecture on 3rd Nov. 2016 on Social Media Technologies, Strategies, Tactics and Ethics. She enlightened students about the newest form of media which has emerged as a big platform for marketing and advertising.

On 4th and 6th November 2016 the department organized special lecture by Dr. Sanjay Singh Baghel for Media Industry Management. HE discussed about the Consolidation and Convergence. He emphasized how mission and vision are two sides of a coin which cant be overlooked by the media organizations today.

An interactive session on Media Industry Management was organized by department on 11th Nov 2016. Mr. Anniridh Sharma of Dainik Bhaskar, discussed the Legal, ethical and social responsibility of media houses.

### *Workshops*

A 'Video Editing' workshop was conducted by Mr. Deepak Uniyaal, a video editor from News nation channel on 17 October 2016 in which he explained the basics of the video editing software - Final Cut Pro and adobe premier pro and answered individual queries.

A documentary film making workshop was organized on 28 January, 2017 with Mr Devadeep Konwar. The session was arranged to equip the students of the department of journalism with a working understanding of the camcorder and to introduce them to the art of documentary film making. He gave information about various documentary making approach like direct cinema, cinema verite etc and talk about the importance of editing too.

### *Association Highlights*

The documentary film, *Dark Side of Chocolate* was screened on 3rd March, 2017 as a part of discourse related to Human Rights and Development Journalism. Directed by Miki Mistrati U. Roberto Romano, it tells the sorry state of the child protection laws at the global level and reveals the story of child labour and the exploitation in cocoa farms of Ivory Coast.

The department organized special screening of the film *Mona Lisa Smile* on International Women's Day on 8th March 2017. The movie set during the post Second World War period revolves around the prestigious all female Wellesley College. Where an art history professor tries to break stereotypes of getting married well and encourages students to strive for a future and follow their dreams and look beyond marriage.

## **Department of Mathematics**

### *Academic Meet*

The Department's annual academic meet 'ENIGMA' was organised on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017. This year Enigma was a 2 day event where Day1 comprised of inter college events and Day 2 was inaugurated by a guest lecture by Prof. Ravichandran, head of the mathematics department, University of Delhi followed by the first ever inter college paper presentation competition. The meet witnessed a plethora of events with participation of 200+ students from various colleges.

## *Lectures and Talks*

The Department organized a talk by Dr. Kaneenika Sinha, an alumna of the Department of Mathematics on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Dr. Sinha, who has completed her PhD. from Queen's University gave a lecture on "Big Ideas in Small Margins" and also spoke to the students on career options in the field of Mathematics.

An inter-department talk was organised on the 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2017 by the department of mathematics and department of statistics on the topic "Applications of Mathematical Models" by Professor Sourish, Assistant professor at Chennai Mathematical Institute. The talk was about 2 mathematical models about the depletion of the polar ice caps. It was indeed an enthralling experience as the students gained an insight into real life problems which are both directly and indirectly concerned with human activities.

## *Association Highlights*

An engaging event that took place this semester was the online poster-designing workshop, wherein the students were taught about how to create posters concerning several events. The creative committee head, Avantika Banerjee, together with her team conducted the workshop. It began with introducing the students to the website canva.com, a virtual and dynamic space for making posters, invites and much more. This was followed with a basic introduction on how to make a simple poster, add effects and edit pictures as per one's convenience.

The 'Anupama Dua Paper Presentation and Scholarship Function' was held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. The function was graced by Mr. and Mrs. Dua, our respected Principal, Mrs. Suman Sharma and distinguished faculty members of the department. The paper presentation function provided the students with a platform to explore areas of mathematics outside the prescribed curriculum and present their research and ideas to a large audience. This year witnessed diverse papers ranging from the Continuum Hypothesis to areas of recreational mathematics like 'The Mathematics of Pursuit and Evasion and Applications of Mathematics in Robotics, Architecture and Music among many other interesting topics. Scholarships were awarded to the students scoring the first and second position in the University examinations in the first and second year.

The Editorial Board of the Department released the Annual Mathematics Journal: *Éclat, Volume VIII*. The compilation contained four categories of mathematics namely, History of Mathematics, Rigour in Mathematics, Inter disciplinary aspects of Mathematics and Extension of course content. 'Access Control Theory', 'Monte Carlo simulations' and Nash Equilibrium are a few research papers that were published in the journal.

The Department also published its annual newsletter *Quantum* which presents an overview of the departments activities, experiences of students, mathematical and non-mathematical articles and poems by students.

## **Department of Philosophy**

### *Academic Meet*

As part of its annual academic meet, the Department of Philosophy conducted ALETHEIA on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017. It comprised of a panel discussion by eminent philosophers and student events centered around the theme of Samvaad, Interrogations in Contemporary Philosophical Convictions.

### *Lectures and Talks*

Mr. Bijoy H Boruah, Professor of Philosophy at IIT-D was invited by the department on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. A graduate in Philosophy from University of Oxford, UK and University of Guelph, Canada, he talked about the Cartesian epistemological skepticism as well as Metaphysics of the self, the hard problem of

consciousness and knowledge. The main topic of discussion was the distinctive nature of philosophical reasoning. Questions like what might be the reason for doubt or why do we think one's reasoning comes to stop were effectively tackled and answered by him. Lastly, the unnoticeable difference between concepts like possibility and probability were made crystal clear and Mr. Boruah left each student and teacher amused and certainly wanting more.

In an insightful and highly interactive talk on the unsettled issue of Ethics of Personal Law in India; in Religion, Minority, Rights, Women, Legal Pluralism, and Uniform Civil Code, Dr. Purushottama Bilimoria traced the history of personal laws in India along with their transformation into a desire for a uniform civil code for modern India on 24th January, 2017. A senior research fellow with the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, a Visiting Professor at University of California, Berkeley, among other prestigious positions, Dr Bilimoria spoke about the complexities of establishing a uniform system in the light of a pluralistic nation.

Professor Ayesha Gautam addressed the changing dimensions of the philosophical disciplines in her lecture on Recent Developments in Contemporary Epistemology on 9th February 2017. An alumna from LSR, Prof. Gautam completed her Masters from St. Stephen's College. She has completed her M.Phil and PhD in Philosophy from Delhi University.

Sir Richard Sorabji, a philosopher and historian of ancient Western Philosophy, and an Honorary Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford, expounded many an interesting theory on Philosophical Values Across Borders on 16th February, 2017. Through experiences and instances from his own life, he explained abstract concepts with panache and charm. He touched upon the issue of opening the opponent's ears and understanding one's them in order to win them over. His supreme understanding of human nature and his analogies of several complex theories left the gathering enraptured

Dr. Akeel Bilgrami, an Indian-born philosopher of language and of mind, and the author of *Belief and Meaning*, *Self-Knowledge and Resentment*, and *Politics and the Moral Psychology of Identity*, as well as various articles in Philosophy of Mind as well as in Political and Moral Psychology was invited on 22nd February, 2017. His lecture attended by both faculty and students, was an insightful view on Gandhi's Radicalism. The subject matter consisted of the underlying questions of Gandhi's Philosophy based on the: the transformation of nature into natural resource; the change of human beings into citizens; the turning of people into population and; the distinction between knowledge to live by and the expertise to rule by.

### *Association Highlights*

The Book and Documentary Club of the department organized a series of moderated discussions on schools of philosophy. The first moderated session, discussing Buddhism, was conducted by Rukmani Pareekh of the third year, where she explained the main tenets of the Philosophy of the Buddha. It was a highly engaging session which gave the audiences new insights on the topic.

The second session was on the topic "Restraint and its Political and Ethical Connotations" on Friday, 7 October 2016. The session was moderated by Prakriti Anand. The discussion took the shape of an activity where each person could either talk about their understanding of the topic or could respond to other's opinion on the same. The diversity of thoughts was observed throughout this discussion, the interpretations of the topic ranged from 'restraint' meaning controlling individualistic animalistic pleasures for some to it meaning the societal norms that were supposed to be adhered to, for the others.

The department also screened the documentary, *How to Live*, an insight into how one could live taking from philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle.

In recognition of "Philosophy Day", a panel discussion organized by the Philosophy Department saw eminent scholars gracing the occasion and providing food for thought. Professor H.S. Prasad, Head Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi; Professor Vibha Chaturvedi; and Dr. Ajay Verma, Associate Professor Jawaharlal Nehru University were the accomplished individuals deliberating on the issue of "Good v/s Evil – The Battle of Morals".

## Workshops

A research paper workshop was organised by the Editorial Board of the Philosophy Department conducted by Dr. Anjali Bhatia, a Professor of Sociology at LSR. The workshop was attended by students in large numbers and it helped them gain insight into research paper writing. The key issues which were discussed at the workshop were:

1. Research design and Methodology
2. Research methods
3. Classification of research into its types
4. Undemocratic nature of research

The workshop was followed by a fruitful question and answer round where the students clarified all their doubts regarding research paper writing.

## Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science has always striven for excellence inside and beyond the classroom. The academic year 2016-17 was marked by a plethora of events and initiatives organised by the department with an aim to foster academic engagement, critical thinking and to initiate an enquiry into diverse phenomena, while fostering an ethos of solidarity across the department, college and society.

### Academic Meet

The practice of organising a department academic meet, initiated last year, grew in both magnitude and value with the organisation of POLPOURRI 2017 on 31 March–01 April 2017, an unprecedented two day academic meet. The theme for the meet was 'Unpacking Ideologies', wherein the students sought to understand the ideological motivations and changes underlying reality, particularly in the context of what has been called as the rise of the ultra right.

The department organised various online and offline pre-meet events to expand and deepen student participation. *Mosaic - the online photography and cartoon making competition* saw participants using their creative 'lenses' and interpretations to bring out the manifestations of ideologies in unique ways. *Siyasat, an online competition with the idea 'create your own political party'* was an interesting way of orienting the students with the working of political parties, one of the key elements of democratic politics. The event focused on manifesto making, symbol designing, campaigning and other elements that sought to unpack ideologies. *PolitiQ- the Political Science Quiz* was organised in collaboration with the Quiz Society of LSR on 29 March'17 and saw wide participation from the students from universities across Delhi-NCR.

The extremely engaging meet was constituted by several sessions which sought to explore various aspects related in the context of 'unpacking ideologies'. While the meet began with a keynote address by Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta, the other luminaries on the first day were Prof. Aditya Nigam, Prof. Manoj K. Jha, Prof. Gurpreet Mahajan, Prof. Alok Rai and Dr. Brahma Prakash. The day was brought to a close with the screening of *Sadgati*, a movie by Satyajit Ray, based on a popular short story by Premchand. The second day of the meet charted a new course of academic vibrancy with speakers like Dr. Sanjaya Baru, Dr. Surjit Bhalla, Ms. Binalakshmi Nepram, Mr. Dhruva Jaishankar, Ms Suhasini Haidar. The two days of intellectual conversations with the sphere of ideologies was concluded with *Firdaus-e-Bareen-* an interaction between artform and ideologies with Mr. Shuddhabrata Sengupta, followed by a vote of thanks by the Association members and the Staff Advisor Dr. Mahesh Panicker.

## *Lectures and Talks*

The series of guest lectures and interactive sessions organised by the department was opened by an engaging talk with Professor Gopal Guru on the topic 'Understanding Humiliation' on 21 September'16. An authority on the concept of humiliation, Prof. Guru analysed this seemingly commonplace experiential concept analytically in relation to other concepts like rights, self respect, power and so on. Prof. Guru emphasised on an enquiry into the structural causes and consequences of humiliation in order to strive for a more equitable society. Mr. K.C. Verma, former director at the specialised Indian agency - R&AW and a distinguished figure in the area of national security, delivered a lecture on the 'Contours of National Security Policy and Role of the Intelligence' on 29 September'16. Defining national security in terms of the ability to pursue policies independent of domestic and external influences and pressures, Mr. Verma elaborated upon the new and emerging challenges that constitute the geopolitical reality and pose a potential challenge to this national security. On 6 October'16, the department organised a Panel Discussion on the 'US Elections: Its Impact On The States And The World'. The panelists for the session were Dr. Chintamani Mahapatra, Professor and Rector, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Dr. Craig Dicker, Cultural Affairs Officer, United States Embassy. The session was chaired by Dr. Rina Kashyap, Teacher In-Charge, Department of Political Science, LSR. Active student participation and a vibrant discussion ensued over the extremely relevant issue of the time.

In an endeavour to facilitate interaction and enquiry within the students, keeping in mind their diverse interests and aspirations, the next semester commenced with an interaction with our own alumna Ms. Amrita Banerjee, IFS officer and UPSC topper on 25 January'17. Ms. Banerjee discussed the 'Foreign Policy Of India and a Career in Civil Services' with the students. The session saw enthusiastic participation from the students across disciplines and was stretched well beyond its stipulated time, such was the vibrancy of the discussion. Drawing our attention to the 'Conquest Of Nature and Eco-feminism' was an interactive session on 9 February'17 by Mr. Indra Shekhar Singh, an expert on environment, activist and media spokesperson, Navdanya. By exploring how modernity, posited on the normativity of subordination of nature to human pursuits has led us to a verge of ecological and cultural collapse, Mr Singh presented a new perspective to the students. The speaker also sought to locate the solution to in the movement of eco-feminism that seeks to reverse patriarchal and paternalistic separation between nature and humans. Our next session on 16 February'17 with Dr. Siddharth Mallavarapu was one which focused on the realm of 'International Relations And the Global South: Carving An Identity'. Drawing on the concepts of global justice, imperialism, black world politics etc, Dr. Mallavarapu elucidated how useful an approach from the global south can prove in decolonising international relations.

The series of academic engagement was furthered by a session with 'Dr. Dipankar Gupta' on 9 March'17. A renowned sociologist and academician, Dr. Gupta opened up new areas of enquiry for the students by rendering an interesting lecture on 'Space and Non Space: Planning Cities for Citizens'. Basing his lecture on a conceptual distinction between the two categories and their consequence on social existence of citizens, he established a close relationship between town planning and citizenship, thus emphasizing on the need for social scientists to take an active interest in town planning, and not leaving it to the town planners.

Apart from the organisation of the these events, the department has also contributed and participated enthusiastically in the initiatives taken by the college. Some of these include the guest lectures by Lord Meghnad Desai, Professor S.D. Muni and the International Women's Day celebration. The Department also benefited by an exclusive interaction with Prof. Pushpesh Pant on 9 August'17.

## *Workshops*

The department in its constant effort of reinventing teaching - learning practices, also conducted a Research Methodology Workshop with Dr. Siddharth Tripathi on 28 September'16.

## *Association Highlights*

The Annual Professor Randhir Singh Award for Excellence in Political Analysis named after the great teacher who has inspired generations of students and academicians as someone who combined the

rigour in academics with its transformative potential, was organised by the Department on 21 March'17. One of the most prestigious events of the department, it witnessed the presence of Ms. Priyaleen Singh (Daughter of Prof. Randhir Singh), Dr. Suman Sharma (Principal, LSR), Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath (Former Principal, LSR), parents of the awardees and the entire faculty and student body. This year, the sought-after award was given to Neha Dewan and Vidhushi Shukla for, as Dr Meenakshi Gopinath pointed out in her speech, as an appreciation of the their critical engagement with reality, which Professor Randhir Singh had promoted throughout his lifetime.

The year began with an educational excursion to the Lok Sabha - the lower house of the Indian Parliament, during its monsoon session. The trip aimed at attaining an insight into the inner working of what is considered to be the core of the Indian democracy. The trip scheduled for all six sections of the department was held between 4 - 11 August 2016 and was extremely well-received by all.

The Department of Political Science constituted a movie club in this academic year, which witnessed the zeal of its active members. A series of intellectually stimulating short films, documentaries and movies were screened through the year. Some of the screening by the department this academic year include 'Nayantara's Necklace', 'Children of Conflict' and 'The Ducktators'. The Department even collaborated with the Department of History in screening 'Concerning the Bodyguard'.

The Department also initiated a Book Club to inspire individuals with the power of the written word.

With a proactive student body, the department has a meticulously produced annual academic journal, titled as 'Sabab - The Political Gazette' for the year 2016-2017. A remarkable addition was the 'online subscription' system along with distribution of the printed copies of the journal, with this year's theme being the pertinent issue of climate change and environmental politics. The online blog of the Department - The Fifth Power is also a space of student involvement.

An innovative initiative conceived by the Political Science Association 2016-17 emanates with the vision to promote in-depth enquiry by students, into matters of political relevance that can constitute the basis for informed choices that the youth makes. The initiative open to all college students discussed varied issues ranging from 'Kashmir Question' to the 'Space for ECA in DU Colleges'

A novel method initiated in the year 2015-16, Lokpal was continued this year as well, in a true democratic spirit to urge the student body to come together, raise issues, address grievances and build on solutions as a community of informed individuals.

A series of Databases were compiled by the Department to ensure efficiency and communication. A database of the entire student body was prepared for the primary purpose of effective information dissemination. A database of the graduates (Batch'16) was also prepared for department records and future purposes to the benefit of the student body and college. A database with details of students writing exams in Hindi, specially-abled members of the department, students off social media communication groups was also prepared. Information Dissemination was made highly efficient this way and enhanced through a comprehensive mailing system, with an active presence on Whatsapp, Facebook and Twitter as well. The association, with the help of the students body also took upon the responsibility to compile a list of the PGs near the college to help the outstation students of the college find safe and suitable accommodation, however without endorsing any PGs.

The Department also facilitated political engagement beyond college by keeping the students updated about events organised by other universities, think-tanks, the government etcetera. Executive Committees constituting department members with varying passions for decor, organisation, research and collective ideation represented the spirit of teamwork, enquiry and active engagement that marks the ethos of the Political Science Department at LSR.

## **Department of Psychology**

### *Academic Meet*

The Mental Health Awareness Week in collaboration with WUS was held from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October, where a variety of events were held. First was a slam poetry event where students from different colleges were invited, second was a Panel Discussion, consisting of the differently abled students, moderated by Dr. Anita Ghai. This was followed by a talk on disabilities by Mohit Ahuja. Various competitions like art competition, the quiz, a debate and a story interpretation event were organized.

### *Lectures and Talks*

On 14<sup>th</sup> September, a former student of the department, Ms. Devika Gupta, was invited for an Alumna talk, on what lay beyond the Psychology Degree. In order to aid students of the department make clear choices regarding their subject, a talk on the Scope of Psychology in terms of research, policies, stigmatization of the field and so on, was delivered by Ms. Hina Vaid on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. Two days later, on 6<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Shivani Misri Sadhoo, enlightened the students with a talk on interpersonal relationships and how to enhance them. On 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017, the Book and Documentary Reading organizing a talk titled "CLUB 99" wherein Dr. Megha Dhillon talked about people's obsession with perfection and aiming for a 100/100 in all spheres of life and at all times.

### *Association Highlights*

The Department of Psychology, with the help of its various teams, conducted several events this academic year. The first semester started with a movie screening organized by the *Book, Documentary and Reading Club (BDR)* on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. The film, *Mirror Mirror on the Wall - Who am I after all?*, was a documentary by Naina Kapur and Smitha Bharti, looking into the dilemmas of sexuality among the schoolgirls, along with issues with parents and teachers.

On 8<sup>th</sup> September, the BDR Club in collaboration with Abhivyakti, organized a slam poetry with powerful content without a restriction of topics or themes.

A workshop on SPSS was conducted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September by Mr. Saif Farooqui, who explained the use of this tool in research.

With the objective of creating a mentally healthy environment around the LSR campus and providing a helping hand to the students in dealing with their problems, the Peer Support Programme was formally introduced in an Assembly on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016. On the same day, in the evening, the Department also screened a movie named "Burn my Body", which touched the sensitive topic of Necrophilia and a woman's body, moderated by Dr. Parul Bansal.

The first semester ended with an expressive art based educational workshop on different expression therapies such as dance, art, music, theatre etc. The role of Psychological theories in these expressions was emphasized upon in the workshop.

On 14<sup>th</sup> February, the BDR Club organized yet another Psycho-Literary analysis of the short story – the *Stone Boy*, by Gina Berriault. This was moderated by Dr. Kasturi Kanthan and Dr. Megha Dhillon. This was followed by a Psychoanalytic review of the movie, *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara*. The Psychoanalytic interpretation was rendered by Dr Meetu Khosla.

**Annual Symposium on Addiction: ERUDITION**, was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017. It entailed events on the following: substance Abuse wherein panelists spoke of personal experiences and the technical aspects of drug /substance addiction, addiction to love, sex and porn: mixed panel of students and sexologists who spoke of the respective addictions, treasure Hunt: A Fun 'activity' with clues leading to an addiction, An Art and Craft competition and a Debate competition.

Lastly, the Peer Support Programme organized a Time Management Workshop wherein they discussed various time management techniques.

## Department of Sanskrit

### *Academic Meet*

The department organized its two day annual academic meet SANSKRITI '17. It provided a platform to students to discuss and explore various ideas and also interact with scholars and students from across the city. It included a panel discussion on "Yoga As Mental Healer" with key note address by Prof. Shashiprabha Kumar, former vice chancellor of Sanchi University. Other eminent speakers were Dr. Preeti Dhawan, Department of Psychology (LSR); Dr. Ramesh Bijlani, former member of Department of Physiology, AIIMS and Dr. Mahesh Silodi, Dean, Department of Philosophy, Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit Vidyapeeth. Various Inter college competitions were organized such as Sanskrit Speech competition, Sanskrit Shloka Recitation and Sketching.

### *Lectures and Talks*

The department organized a talk on 'Ayurveda- A practical aspect' as a part of their curriculum on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. Many Ayurvedic practical concepts were discussed in the talk. Dr. Srinivas Pandey, Senior Physician and Branch Manager at Arya Vaidyashala, Kottakal addressed the students. Another talk was held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017, on 'Sanskrit as a discipline in civil services'. Dr. Subalakshmi Narayanan, an alumna of the department was called to deliver the lecture wherein she guided and gave tips on the civil service examination and administration which were very insightful.

### *Association Highlights*

The year began with various intra college competitions spread over 10<sup>th</sup> August-8<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. Competitions on Sanskrit prose reading, sketching competitions, shloka recitation and sanskrit speech competitions were held.

An academic trip to 'Delhi Topra and Mehrauli Iron pillar inscriptions' was organized by the department for the third year students in October, 2016. This made them acquainted with epigraphic evidences which supplemented their theoretical knowledge on epigraphy and chronology.

The department also conducted a workshop on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on 'Machine Translation: tools and techniques' by Dr. Subhash Chandra, Assistant Professor, University of Delhi. The talk was attended by students and faculty members from within and outside the college.

For the first time, the department published its Journal 'Tejas' which is a unique blend of traditional ideas in the contemporary world. Being a interdisciplinary and multilingual journal, research papers and articles from students and faculty members from across departments were incorporated.

The students of the department participated in various events organized as a part of 'Sanskrit Week' in different colleges of Delhi University. As a part of this celebration, the department students presented a beautiful amalgamation of language and music in form of a *qawwali* on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. Also 'Shiva-taandava stotram' was presented in the rock form by the first and second year students. A PowerPoint presentation was presented by Dr. Preeti Srivastav.

Delhi Sanskrit academy annually organizes various competitions in different colleges which strengthens the roots of Sanskrit. Being a part of this government initiative. The Sanskrit department of LSR in collaboration with the Delhi Sanskrit Academy organized inter college Sanskrit One Act play competition 2016-17. As the host team, the department students enacted a famous play "Bhagavadajjukam" written by Bodhayana. The event was well attended and witnessed participation from various colleges.

As a part of its 12th international conference hosted by World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES) on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016, the students participated in the cultural section and presented Sanskrit comedy play 'Bhagavadajjukam'.

UDAAN (Unfolding Drama and Acts to Awaken Nation) was established in February 2017, with a vision to utilize arts, especially performing arts and generate belongingness in youth for the society and the country to provide opportunities on campuses to bring out the best out of them.

## Department of Sociology

### *Academic Meet*

The Department of Sociology held its Annual Academic Meet, KULA 2017 from March 2-3 2017. The two day inter-college meet was titled 'Ethnographic Films: Perspectives and Dialogues.' The seminar engaged students on how film can be a vital tool that reflects and produces anthropological insights. The meet was devoted to film screenings, panel discussions, guest lectures. A photography exhibition was especially curated by students, followed by students' events, both competitive and non-competitive, on Film Making, Group Discussion and Slam Poetry. KULA 2017 photography exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Suman Sharma, Principal, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, following which the gathering was addressed by filmmaker Rahul Roy on "Words and the Moving Image". This session was followed by an interactive workshop on "Craft of Documentary" conducted by documentary filmmakers Ms. Kavita Joshi and Ms. Mitashi Chatterjee who engaged the students in an enriching discussion by de-constructing their own film *Tales from the Margins*. The second day of the Academic Meet aimed at translating theory into practice by the means of involving the student body in events such as slam poetry and group discussion.

### *Lectures and Talks*

On September 1, 2016, the department organized a film screening and discussion event by Mr. Rahul Roy on his documentary film *The Factory*. The inter-disciplinary event, hosted students from across departments and colleges.

The annual inaugural lecture by Dr. Deepak Mehta on, "What is the social?" was held on September 2016.

The department hosted Dr. Sebastian Felten from Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, for his lecture on the topic "The problem of Monetary Diversity and Standardization of Currency in Early Modern Europe" on January 5, 2017.

### *Association Highlights*

The Department organized the Annual Fresher's Declamation 2016-17 on the "Is India a reluctantly Secular Nation?" on September 8 2016. The third year students accompanied by Ms. Bhawna Sharma Jha and Dr. Thuanbina Gangmei undertook their final year dissertation projects in Kochi from January 8-23, 2017.

The department also organized a two day workshop on Ethnographic Filmmaking on 3-4 March 2017. The workshop facilitated by Mr. Kesang Thakur and Mr. Carlo Ghidini equipped the students with exposure on understanding camera and the process of filmmaking with hands on training. This workshop for Semester IV students included sessions on image composition and camera movement, use of light, understanding the point of view-sync of camera and human eye, different types of filming –activity and interview and lastly learning editing software.

The students of the department also participated in a multitude of events across Delhi University and won several accolades. Shreetoma Biswas was acknowledged as the Best Interjector in the prestigious M.N. Srinivas Annual Declamation. The students also own first prizes in other events like debate, dramatics, skit, slam poetry in various inter-college competitions.

## Department of Statistics

In this era of job boom where the higher hierarchy is demanding more result oriented employees and scrutinising these results for higher targets, the optimising of data analysis techniques are becoming more and more popular. The Department of Statistics believes in quality and competence, excelling in both academia and extra curricular activities.

With a dedicated team of faculty members and avid students, the department seeks to promote betterment and enhancement of students by organising talks, workshops, educational visits along with a few fun events.

### *Academic Meet*

The Annual Academic Meet of the Department of Statistics, MOMENTS, was a two day spectacular affair with a plethora of events. The inaugural ceremony on the first day was marked by various events which commenced with the auspicious lighting of the lamp by Prof Ram Ramaswamy from the School of Physical Sciences, JNU and former Vice Chancellor of Hyderabad University, and the recital of the Ganesh Vandana, followed by inspirational song and dance performances by the students. There was a video presentation highlighting the various association activities. This was followed by a talk on “The role of Statistics in Discovery” by Prof Ramaswamy which explored how Statistical methods lead to historic and biological discovery.

A Workshop on ‘Statistical Software Package for Social Sciences’ was conducted by Dr. Barnali Deka, Ramjas College, and was open to students from all departments and all colleges. SPSS helps students analyse quantitative as well as qualitative data and make valid inferences. The students who attended this workshop were awarded with a letter of participation.

Day 2 was a fusion of academic and informal activities. The programme began with a quiz called 99.73 % General followed by two informal games, Throwback and Housebreak. There was also an exhibition on probability.

There were also two online competitions; Symmetry : the Photography Competition and Dub(s)mash it.

### *Lectures and Talks*

A talk by Dr. Niladri Chatterjee, Dept. of Mathematics, IIT Delhi was organised on 27th Oct, 2017. This intriguing talk was partly learning from Big Data using rough sets and partly focussed on weather forecasting and election result prediction. This informative and interactive affair helped to give an insight into the practical aspect of theoretical knowledge.

The Department of Statistics and Mathematics jointly organised a talk on “The Applications of Mathematical models” conducted by Prof. Sourish, Chennai Mathematical Institute on 21st February, 2017. He discussed the probability of the Arctic Sea ice melting via functional data analysis, application of mathematics, data science, with a little briefing on the institute.

### *Workshops*

A Workshop on Business Strategy, Consultancy, MS Excel was held on 30th August, 2016. This workshop conducted by White Knight ventures aimed at helping students in enhancing their professional skills, getting a hold on a computer package MS Excel, thus enabling them to span a good career graph in the long run. It was open to all departments and the event turned out successful due to the overwhelming response.

### *Association Highlights*

An educational Visit to ISI, Delhi was organized on 11th February, 2017. This visit to one of the most prestigious institutions of India, the Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi branch, was an amalgamation of enriching lectures, interactive sessions and an exploration around the beautiful campus. The lectures

focused on probability, R programming and spanning of career options in Statistics and Economics respectively conducted Prof. Abhay Bhatt ( Head ISI Delhi ), Prof. Deepayan Sarkar and Prof. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay. Another session conducted by one of the alumna of our department, Mansi Birla, who is currently pursuing her PhD. from ISI Delhi, focused mainly on her dedication for Statistics and an overview of placement opportunities there at ISI.

The department newsletter entitled “Degrees of freedom” is a platform for the students of the department to put forth views on the most trending topics such as Demonetisation and Olympics. Two volumes in electronic form were released one in the odd semester and one in the even. The second volume was on the most debated topic Demonetisation.

The links of the newsletters are given below :

**Volume 1 :**

<http://us13.campaign-archive1.com/?u=72a1d4b782c6229889e3b132d&id=07f0142964>

**Volume 2 :**

<http://us13.campaign-archive2.com/?u=72a1d4b782c6229889e3b132d&id=80c4f3be17>

Department Website:

<http://lsrstatistics.weebly.com>

The Aung San Suu Kyi (ASSK) Centre for Peace

Many eminent speakers were invited by the ASSK Centre for Peace during the academic year:

Prof. Ummu Salma Bava, Director, Europe Area Studies Programme and Professor of European Studies at the Centre for European Studies, JNU, New Delhi, 20 January

Yogesh Kumar Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Motilal Nehru College (South Campus, University of Delhi), 27 January

Prof. B.S. Chimni, Chairperson, Centre for International Legal Studies, JNU, 24 March

Ambassador K. P. Fabian is an Indian Diplomat who served in the Indian Foreign Service between 1964 and 2000, 7 April

Prof. Sunil K Choudhary, Professor of Political Science, Director, Developing Countries Research Centre [drcr], University of Delhi, 6 April

Prof. Shanta N. Verma, Professor of Political Science, University of Delhi, 8 April

Dr. Siddharth Mallavarapu, Associate Professor & Chairperson, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, 15 April

Dr. Shweta Singh, Assistant Professor & Assistant Dean of Students, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, 15 April

## **National Service Scheme**

The National Service Scheme (NSS) at Lady Shri Ram College is a pulsating and thriving body of dedicated student volunteers and teachers who are committed to the cause of bringing about ‘constructive change’ and truly making a ‘difference’. Selflessness and commitment resonates through the slogan of ‘Not Me, But You’ in all its endeavours. Our vision and passion encourage us to contribute to society through on-ground community service, and opening spaces for discussion as we set out to unpack myriad discourses. NSS LSR has been engaged in community outreach programmes that address a variety of pertinent social issues, including development of rural women, animal welfare and

child rights. With this view in mind, NSS LSR has successfully built associations with over 25 NGOs and has a body of over 700 volunteers.

NSS activities for 2016-17: At a glance

The highlight of this year was '**Creative Rehabilitation And Reformation Programme 2016-17**' conceptualized for female inmates of the Tihar Jail. 20 LSR volunteers and over 25 female inmates participated in this project. This project aims to rehabilitate female inmates by providing them with a creative outlet through theatre and meditative dance workshops and by imparting skills and marketing the products crafted by them in the mainstream market. This not only generates an income for the participating inmates, but also sensitises the masses about importance of criminal reformation. Finally, in December, the female in-mates of Jail No. 6 were engaged in performing and creative arts such as theatre and flow art, vocational skills including paper craft, diary making, and stitching (under the guidance of NSS-LSR project *Basta: Waste to Worth*).

Date	Event	Description
June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	Celebration of International Yoga Day	Talk and workshop (Yoga and Meditation)
August 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2016	NSS Orientation	Introductory session to NSS-LSR 2016-17
August 16 <sup>th</sup> – September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	Swacchta Pakhwara	Activities in adopted village- Zamrudpur
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2016	Tiranga March	Held at North Campus, DU
September 29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Gender Sensitization	Workshops around gender stereotypes, sex Programme education and so on
September 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	NSS Day	Competitions and activities around the theme of 'Drug Abuse'
October 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2016	Noor	Diwali Mela
October 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Goonj Initiative	Cloth collection drive and an Interactive session on women's sanitary needs
December 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 – January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Tihar Jail Programme	Creative Rehabilitation and Reformation Programme
January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Voters' Day Oath	Raising conscious about youth's role as voters in a democracy
January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Talk by the PNB	Interactive session on how cashless economy Branch Manager works
March 2017	Disaster Management Workshop	Talk on the Dos and Dents during a disaster
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017	Water Day Oath	Raising conscious about the importance of judicial use of resources, especially water
March 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Nexus	Annual Academic Youth Convention
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Autism Awareness Week	Commemorating World Autism Day and raising awareness around Mental Health

In keeping with the tradition, NSS LSR hosted a massive and successful **Diwali Mela** in the month of October. 'Noor' as the name suggests, aimed at bringing light and happiness to everyone who NSS LSR can reach out too. Our respected chief guests, Ms. Dakshita Das, (Joint Secretary for Ministry of Roads) and Mr. Shailendra Singh (Chairperson of the South Delhi Municipal Corporation) graced the mela and officially inaugurated the mela, marking the beginning of Noor. Children from various NGOs associated with NSS LSR, such as Tamana, Adhyayn, Koshish, CDP, Indradhanush, Udyan Care, DCWA and Shanti Sahyog, had come to be a part of the mela. LSR's own entrepreneurial venture, Basta: Waste to Worth, put up a stall at Noor and made profits worth Rs. 10,000, the proceeds of which were given as income for rural women from Zamrudpur village. Overall, the children who visited from different NGOs and the other people who visited Noor went back with a smile and the volunteers too returned home with a sense of accomplishment and joy. Noor embodied all that NSS-LSR wished to bring in this Diwali: Light, Happiness and Hope.

Another landmark event was **Nexus** 2017, the annual academic youth convention of NSS-LSR. This year Nexus started a dialogue on the role of Civil Society. Students across Colleges participated in various events held to discuss issues like UN Sustainable Development Goals, Child Rights, Women's Reproductive Health and Corporate Social Responsibility. This year street wall art was also undertaken in which children from the NGOs' such as *Adhyayan*, *DCWA*, *Adharshila* and *Tamana* visited the College and demonstrated their creative skills by helping the artists complete the mural. After two days of intense debating, brainstorming, and learning, Nexus 2017, the annual academic convention of the National

Service Scheme came to a close with the closing ceremony- 'Valedictory Insights'. The closing ceremony took place in the esteemed presence of the Chief Guest, Madam Durga Shakti Nagpal (IAS Officer) and the Guest of Honour, Madam Amrita Banerjee (IFS Officer and alumnae of LSR). The Nexus movie was presented showing the journey of NSS thus far and the pre-nexus preparation events and the fun-filled activities which happened on both the days of the convention. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the competitive events by the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour.

Other highlights of the year were celebration of the **yoga day**, observance of the **Swachhta Pakhwara** week in which volunteers created awareness on the need to keep the College premises clean and also keep adopted village Zamrudpur clean. Through the year **workshops** were held on various issues like disaster management, gender sensitization, going cashless and on 'women and health' by Goonj, among others. A **Voter's oath day** was observed to raise consciousness about youth's role as voters in a democracy and **Water oath day** to raise consciousness about the importance of judicial use of resources, especially water.

2nd April is universally celebrated as the World Autism Day and to commemorate the same, NSS-LSR hosted an '**Autism Awareness Week**' in college from 3rd April to 7th April. Tamana, Muskaan and Four Steps, the special needs projects associated with NSS-LSR took the lead and conceptualized the week. On 6th April, an open mic Slam Poetry event was held in the common room. The theme of the event was 'Mental Health'. Students flocked in to attend the event and a lot of them performed as well.

Thus the academic session 2016 -17 has been a vibrant one for NSS at LSR as all the volunteers put in their best efforts, living up to the LSR values of *Leadership with Social Responsibility*.

## National Sports Organisation (NSO)

The National Sports Organisation (NSO) is one of the most active societies at Lady Shri Ram College for Women. This society comprises of around 700-800 young girls with the aim of all round development of their personalities. The students have brought numerous accolades and recognition in a wide range of sports not only at college, state and national level but international level as well.

### **Athletics**

The Athletics Team of Lady Shri Ram College is known for its hard work, determination and teamwork. The Team is led by Tanya Sharma as the Captain and Uditi Murarka as the Vice-Captain. The Team comprises of Vanshika, Arundhatee, Shivangi, Pushpa, Deepanjali, Tamanna and Anjali and Tanya, Uditi, Niti, Aastha, Aishwarya and Shivani . Shivangi Rawat is a national level athlete who has won the second position in Heptathlon in the Junior Federation Cup and third position in the Junior National Athletic Meet in the same event.

The first competition for the 2016 academic session was the Annual Delhi State Athletic Meet, where all our athletes participated and showed their zeal . Tanya Sharma, won the second position in Shot Put in the Women's category. Uditi Murarka, bagged two silver medals in 200mts and 400mts. Deepanjali won the second position in the 800mts event. Pushpa on the other hand bagged a bronze medal in 800mts. Anjali Sahani, was the winner of Long jump. Shivangi Rawat was declared as the gold medallist of the 100mts (Hurdles) and Heptathlon. Vanshika, bagged a bronze medal in High Jump.

Another major competition was the Delhi University Inter- College Athletics Championship, where the team won 6 gold medals and created 3 new meet records finishing at the second position in the entire University of Delhi ,where Tanya won a gold medal in Shot Put, Deepanjali was declared as the champion of the 800mts and won a bronze medal in 400mts. Anjali bagged another gold for the college in Long Jump. Shivangi Rawat, our golden girl, bagged two gold medals in 100(H) and Heptathlon creating new meet records in the same. Uditi, Anjali, Deepanjali, Shivangi were the champions of 4x100mts relay team and surprised everyone with a new meet record. Deepanjali, Niti, Uditi, Aastha, Nancy and Pushpa participated in Delhi university cross country . Deepanjali stood 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. The team stood 3<sup>rd</sup> over all in Delhi University cross country. At the Dr Bharat Ram Sports Meet, Tanya Sharma bagged a gold medal

in shot put, whereas Shivani bagged a second place in Discus throw. Aishwarya Seth came second in Javelin throw. Tamanna bagged 3<sup>rd</sup> place both in long jump and triple jump. Arundatee came 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100mts and 1<sup>st</sup> in long jump. Paulmi Yadav bagged 1<sup>st</sup> place in javelin throw, and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in discus throw, whereas Vanshika Chuchra came 1<sup>st</sup> in high jump and long jump and was awarded the best player in athletics.

## **Archery**

The LSR Archery team of this year comprises of TithiChakravorty(Captain), Diksha Singh, Neha Buswal, Bharti, Sanyukta Yadav, Arshjyot Kaur and Sahar Verma. They participated in Erobern 2017-the sports festival of Miranda House and stood 4th in the event. The team bagged second position in Dr.Bharat Ram Sports Meet 2017 in the Indian Round as well as the Recurve Round. Neha Buswal won the silver medal for the Individual Recurve event of Dr.Bharat Ram Sports Meet. The team participated in Delhi University's Inter College event.

## **Basketball**

The Basketball team is led by Bharti Sihag (Captain), Shilpi Gupta and Soumya Babbar( Vice- Captain), Aditi Dwivedi, Jasmine Singh, Tanvi Prashar, Kritika Bahl, Varuni Beotra, Chandrika Sharma, Aishwarya Kaushal, Titiksha Singh and Garima Gosain. They were the Winners of SRCC Invitational, Royals Inter college, GD Goenka Inter College Fest "Sportopia", IHE Inter college Fest "Enthusia", Zakir Hussain Inter college Fest "Zest" and Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet. They were also the Runners up of the YMCA Invitational Inter college Basketball and SRCC Inter college Festival this season. Garima represented Delhi University this year.She also represented Delhi at the federation Cup held in Coimbatore.

## **Badminton**

LSR Badminton Team comprises Rujuta Bhagwat (Captain), RidhiKapur (Vice Captain) ,Vaidika Kota, Noor Chhatwal and Sunaina Parvathi. LSR badminton team participated at the IP Invitational Badminton Tournament. Rujuta Bhagwat, Vaidika Kota and Noor Chhatwal represented LSR at the IIT-Delhi Sports Fest-Sportech 2017 and secured 1st position in the women team event. At the G.D. Goenka Sports Festival 2017 Rujuta bagged gold medal and Vaidika got silver medal in the women singles event while both of them secured 1st position in the women doubles event. At the Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet 2017, Rujuta and Ridhi came 1st in the women doubles event while Sunaina and Anjali secured the 2nd position.At the D.U. Inter College Badminton Tournament 2016-17 , LSR secured the 4th position. NoorChhatwal, won the silver medal under the category of women doubles at the Delhi State Badminton Championship '16 and represented Delhi at the Senior Badminton Nationals.

## **Chess**

The Lady Shri Ram College Chess team comprises of Parvathy S L(Captain), Ankita Mondal(Vice Captain),Syeda Sana, Preeti Verma, Sweety and Meghna Bansal. The team participated in various tournaments and won several prizes. Parvathy participated in the National Women Challengers Chess Championship 2016.She was a member of the DU team, which won gold at the North Zone inter university Chess 2016 and Bronze at the National inter university Chess Championship 2016.She achieved 2nd position in the Zakir Hussain Delhi College event and first position in blitz in Dr. Bharat Ram Open Sports Meet. Sweety got 5th position in Sri Venkateshwara College event. Meghna Bansal got second position in blitz in Dr. Bharat Ram Open Sports Meet. She was declared the best player in Chess addiction Open Chess tournament. The team got first position in Dr. Bharat Ram Open Sports Meet, second position in Shri Ram College of Commerce Invitational Chess tournament and third position in Delhi University Inter-college Chess Tournament.

## **Judo**

The Judo team of Lady Shri Ram College for Women comprises Bhumika Bhasin (Captain), Divya Singh, Samiksha Malik, Enid Shabong, Priyanka Dudeja, Shraddha Ruhela, Sadbhavna, Shivangi and Khusbhoo Jain. The year 2016-17 started with winning laurels in *Swabhimani* Sports Festival where

Sadbhavna and Enid won bronze, Shraddha & Shivangi won silver and Bhumika won gold in the respective weight categories.

Adding on to the tally Bhumika and Samiksha won bronze & gold medal respectively in Golden Jubilee Mata Sundri Tournament 2016 and even in ZEST Sports Festival organized by Zakir Hussain College. The prestigious Delhi State Tournament 2016-17 ended up with the bagging of silver by Bhumika and Samiksha again in U-20 women category whereas Samiksha also won bronze medal in senior women category. Samiksha Malik even represented Delhi University at the All India University Championship 2016 held at Kurukshetra.

Then coming up of the Inter college Judo Championship 2016 Bhumika and Samiksha single handedly won gold medals and fetched overall third championship for LSR college in Delhi University for the first time.

Lastly at Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet, the Judo team again brought laurels as Samiksha, Divya and Shivangi won the gold medal, Khushboo, Sadbhavna, Enid and Bhumika won the silver medal and Shraddha along with Priyanka bagged the bronze medal.

### ***Football***

The Football team is led by Kshetrimayum Margaret Devi (Captain), an International Football player. Vice captain is Somi Rajput. The team members include Dinsung Hage, Melu Phassang, Reebha Hiremath, Sukriti Sharma, Anjali R Patteri, Anushka Gupta, Suman Morwal, Komal Yadav, Varsha Agrawal, Khriebunuo Zutso, Nouna Sale, Akanksha Pathania, Aswathy Koonampilly, Ridhi Kapur. For the first time, LSR Football team participated in Delhi University Inter College Football Tournament (women) 16 teams participated in that tournament and the team qualified to play league stage matches and claimed the position of being one of the top four football teams in Delhi University.

The team also won the challengers Cup in CII Soccer Tournament 2016. Kshetrimayum Margaret Devi won gold medal in 12th SOUTH ASIAN GAMES 2016 which was held at Shillong, India. She played as a striker at the Delhi University Football team and the team secured 2nd position in North zone inter university tournament held at Kurukshetra this year and also participated for All India inter university tournament held at Pondicherry. Somi Rajput also participated 5th Indira Gandhi Memorial Slum Soccer Women Football Tournament held at Kolkata 2016 and secured 3rd position. Dingsung, Khriebunuo got selected for the Delhi University trials cum football camp.

### ***Lawn Tennis***

The Lawn Tennis team comprises of Vineeta (Captain), Shivya, Tahira, Rashi, Gurmehar. The team played in the Delhi University Inter College event in the current year and secured 3rd position. Vineeta Singh and Shivya Sachdeva was part of the Delhi University team and got 1st position in North zone as well as in All India University. The team also played in Shiv Nadar University's and GD Goenka's sports fest and bagged 1st position.

### ***Shooting***

The shooting team comprises of eight members who are national and international players. The team members are Sanjana Sehrawat (Captain), Malavika S. Pai (Vice-Captain), Aashi Rastogi (Vice-Captain), Maheshwari Chauhan, Ananya Chopra, Nayani Bhardwaj, Ananya Bhatt and Janaki Kumari. The shooters are very talented as they have not only done well as a team but have also excelled individually and made the country proud of them. Sanjana, Maheshwari, Aashi and Ananya Chopra are part of the National Squad in their respective events. The Air Pistol team comprising of Sanjana, Malavika and Nayani were the champions of Delhi Inter College, 2017.

Sanjana Sehrawat is an international pistol shooter in the events 25mtr sports pistol & 10mtr air pistol. She has represented the country in the Junior ISSF World Cup (Suhl), Germany and won a team bronze. She even participated in the 26th Meeting of the Shooting Hopes (Plzen), Czech Republic and won an

individual bronze and a team gold. She even got selected to participate in the World University Championship (Bydgoszcz), Poland and represented the Indian university and was ranked 11th individually. She even participated in the Junior ISSF World Cup (Gabala), Azerbaijan and got a team gold. She even represented the college in All India Inter Varsity in Amritsar and got an individual bronze and team Gold in Delhi University Shooting Championship.

Maheshwari Chauhan an international skeet shooter, represented India in three Senior ISSF World Cups in Cyprus, San Marino and Baku, was ranked 9th in the Junior ISSF World Cup (Suhl), Germany. She has a team bronze in International Junior Shotgun Cup, Finland. She has another team bronze in Grand Prix and Junior Cup at Italy. Maheshwari represented India at the Asian Championship, Abu Dhabi.

Aashi Rastogi is an international shooter of 10mtr air rifle. She has an individual gold and a team bronze in the Asian Airgun Shooting Championship, a team gold in the Asian Shooting Championship, Kuwait, a team silver in the Junior ISSF World Cup (Suhl), Germany and a team bronze at the Junior ISSF World Cup (Gabala) Azerbaijan.

Ananya Chopra, another international skeet shooter participated in the 13th International Junior Shotgun Cup – Porpetto, Italy and won a team bronze. She has another team bronze in the 8th International Shotgun Cup – Orimattila, Finland. She also participated in the Junior ISSF World Cup (Gabala), Azerbaijan and has won Juniorans Senior gold at the Delhi Shooting Championship. She got an individual bronze and a team silver in the Inter University.

Nayani Bhardwaj, an international shooter, got a team gold in Asian Airgun Championship as well as in Asian Championship, Kuwait. She has got 5 medals in the 60th National Shooting Championship. She bagged the gold medal in Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet. She also won the individual Gold and team Gold in the Delhi University and represented Delhi University in the All India Inter Varsity in Amritsar.

Malavika S Pai is a national shooter and has participated in the nationals as well as in inter college competitions. She won a bronze in Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet and participated in the Delhi University Championship and helped the team bag the first position.

Ananya Bhatt, national shooter, got a bronze medal in the 60th National Shooting Championship, Pune. She also bagged the gold medal in air rifle in Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet and participated in the Delhi Inter College.

Janaki Kumari is a budding air rifle shooter and participated in the Delhi State Shooting Championship and qualified for the North Zone. She even participated in the 60th National Shooting Championship and qualified for the national selection trials. She even participated in the Delhi University Championship.

## ***Para-Athletics***

“You’re not disabled by the disabilities you have, you are abled by the abilities you have” - Oscar Pistorius

The first competition of the year was the Delhi State Para Athletic Meet where our athletes showed exceptional results. Suman was declared as the champion in Javelin Throw in the T-11 category and Mamta won the second position in the same event in T-13 category. Pooja, a fourth year B.El.Ed student secured third positions in Shot Put, Discus Throw and Javelin Throw. Shweta bagged the second position in Shot Put and third position in Long Jump. With one gold, one silver and one bronze in Javelin Throw, Shot Put and Long jump respectively, Yogita proved to be an all rounder. The meet concluded with two golds, three silvers and five bronze.

For the first time ever, para- athletics was introduced at the Dr. Bharat Ram Open Sports Meet. In the B1 category, in the Discus Throw and Shot put events, both the second and third positions were bagged by our students, Suman and Ruksar. In the B2 category, Pooja was declared as the champion in Shot Put and Shweta won a silver and a bronze in Long Jump and Shot Put respectively. Aarti secured the second position in Long Jump and Mamta bagged third position in Shot Put and Discus Throw in the B3 category. Yogita Pal, won two silvers in the Long Jump and Shot put events.

The Delhi University Sports Union organised a National Meet where our para- athletes yet again made the institute super proud.

Suman was the champion in the Javelin Throw event and Ruksar held the third place in the Shot Put event. Pooja won one gold and one silver in Shot Put and Discus Throw events respectively while Shweta on the other hand bagged the second position in Long Jump. Yogita secured two silvers in Long Jump and Javelin Throw. Aarti was declared as the winner in the 100mts event. Mamta won one silver and one bronze in the Shot Put and Javelin Throw respectively. The meet concluded with 3 golds, 6 silvers and 1 bronze.

The para-athletic team of LSR participated in the National Competition organised by the Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA). The participants include Pooja, Yogita, Ruksar, Suman and Shweta.

Yogita bagged the second position in the Shot Put event.

The academic session concluded with the Nationals being held at Jaipur. Yogita, Suman, Mamta and Shweta participated with immense zeal. Suman won two bronze medals in Long Jump and Discus throw events.

## ***Swimming***

The swimming team of Lady Shri Ram College comprise of Ruhaab Khan(Captain) and Vani Sahni(Captain) . The other team members are Rashi Rana, Hunar Deshwal, Varsha Malik Sasha Kumar and Devayani Singh. At the Delhi state open aquatic meet held in August 2016, the team was overall third. Rashi Rana bagged two golds and one bronze, Vani Sahni bagged two silver and Hunar won 3 golds. Rashi, Hunar, Ruhaab and Vani were qualified further for the Senior Nationals held at Ranchi in September 2016. The team was overall second in the Inter College trials held at Dr. SPM swimming pool in Talkatora stadium in October, 2016. Hunar Deshwal qualified for Inter University held at Punjab University in November, 2016 . She has won 4 golds in senior state. All of the swimmers have given their best to the college and have maintained the dignity and consistency that comes as being a part of this magical Institute.

## ***Table Tennis***

The table tennis team comprises Rajeshwari Chadha(Captain), Riti Shankar (Vice-Captain), Anshul Thakran, Raktima Paul and Sayesha Jain. The team has participated and won gold medal in various tournaments held at IIT-Delhi, Rajaguru College, Kalindi College, and Delhi Technological University. Also the team has bagged silver medal in sports fest of Shri Ram College of Commerce. Securing the second position, the team has maintained their performance in the Inter College Table Tennis Tournament.

Apart from these many achievements, the team has won a gold medal in Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet. Rajeshwari Chadha won 2 gold medals and 1 silver medal. She was also declared as best player of the tournament. Anshul Thakran also bagged 2 silver medals. Raktima Paul won 2 gold medals and 1 silver medal. And the fresher of this team, Sayesha Jain won 1 gold, 1 silver medal. Sayesha is also ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in Delhi State. Even Raktima Paul has represented North Bengal State in National Ranking Tournament.

She is at present ranked 1 in Haryana State. She has won 2 gold medals and 1 silver medal in Haryana State and Inter District Table Tennis Championship and has represented state in both Junior and Youth as well as Senior National Championship. She has won a bronze medal in All India Inter-Institutional Table Tennis Tournament. She was the Captain of Women's team of Delhi University and won a gold medal in North Zone Inter University and a silver medal in All India Inter University.

Raktimapaul has represented North Bengal state in the North zone held in Chandigarh.

Her achievement have been as a runner up - Delhi University Inter college tournament., Champion (Women's singles)- Dr. Bharat Ram Open Sports Meet, .Runner up(Team)- Dr. Bharat Ram Open Sports

Meet, Champion (Women's doubles)- Dr. Bharat Ram Open Sports Meet., Runner up -SRCC Sports Festival(team), Champion- Kalindi College, Delhi University.(team), Champion- IIT,Delhi and also bagged the "BEST PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT", Champion- DTU (team), Champion- Shaheed Rajguru College for Applied Science, Delhi University( team), Champion (Singles)- Symbiosis College of Management Studies, Noida.

## **Yoga**

Lady Shri Ram College Yoga team has substantially increased its participation in yoga events and also won a medal for the first time this year .The team includes Rashmi Raima Reang (captain ), Tanveer Firooz (Vice captain), and Nidhi Jha, Kiran Bhatt, N.sushmanjali, and Nanditha. The yoga team gave a very well-appreciated performance at the inauguration of Dr.Bharat Ram Open Sports Meet 2017. At this sports meet, the team stood third and won the bronze medal for our College. This year the team also participated in several Delhi University intra-college events including North Campus Sports University Stadium, Miranda House college, Kalindi College, Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Science and others .We hope to achieve even greater heights in Yoga in the future.

## **Cross Country Run**

The National Sports Organisation or NSO as it is popularly known as is one of the most vibrant societies of LSR. Each year the union conducts multiple events one of which is the cross country run.

The cross country run is held annually at LSR. It is an intra-college 3km marathon where there is massive participation each year as students run for a cause. This year students ran to spread awareness for the cause of ANIMAL RIGHTS.

The run was addressed by our Principal and saw our alumna & Solicitor General, Government of India Ms. Pinky Anand and Col.Bhanwala ,Padmashri in Rowing as the guest of honour who flagged off the race for the participant's.

The run for the students is not just about a competing event, but is more about spreading awareness for the cause. More than 500 hundred girls ran wearing a coordinated colour red belonging to various departments of LSR around the campus supporting the cause.

The top 20 winners were further given an opportunity to represent themselves at the Delhi Marathon. Each year the NSO union puts in its best efforts to make cross country run a huge success to promote and aware people about various social causes through this cross country run.

## **Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet 2016**

The Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet, our annual sports festival has become one of the most important events in the calendar of Inter-College Sports engagements. Once again this year we were able to organize it successfully. It was held from 9<sup>th</sup> March-11<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. More than 70 institutions participated this year. The various events at Dr. Bharat Ram Sports Meet were Athletics, Archery, Basketball, Badminton, Chess, Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis, Shooting and Volleyball in both men's and women's sections and Judo in women's section. We were successful in introducing Football, Yoga and Para-Athletic Events for both men and women, for the first time in the LSR sports history. The meet was also inclusive of LSR faculty. There were few informal games for the teaching staff and a cricket match for the non-teaching staff which showed very high participation and encouragement. Over the course of three days, we saw participation of around 3000 athletes from various colleges of not only Delhi University, but also from NCR Universities. We were extremely honored to have Lieutenant Rupa Rathore, an alumna and former sports President of college, as the chief guest for the inauguration ceremony. The prizes were distributed by Ms. Chhaya Shri Ram, USHA International & Shri ArunBharatram, Chairman, Lady Shri Ram College For Women. The overall championship in men's category went to Deshbandhu College and in women's category it went to Lady Shri Ram College.

## ***Special Session with Bikram Singh Thockchom***

The football team had the opportunity to interact and practice with Bikram Sir who has immense experience as a football player and a coach and is also the President of the AMMA football club.

Amongst the activities to get a grip on and improve the team's skills and endurance, Sir emphasized the importance of the player's 'heart' in the game explaining us how being passionate for the game is equally as important as having the skills. This session with Sir taught the team important lessons for a good player as well as the skills for the same.

## ***Basketball Special Session***

Mr. Jayasankar Menon, former Indian basketball team captain, came to Lady Shri Ram College for a few training sessions. Not only did he teach the team a lot of different tactics to win more games, but he also made them practice some team building games to improve their coordination and teamwork. Being such an experienced player himself, he's been a coach to many state level teams and is one of the most respected coaches in the basketball community. We are grateful to Mr. Jayasankar for taking some time out from his busy schedule to come to our college and share his wisdom with us.

This year LSR was given the responsibility of conduct of centralized admission sports trials of Entire Delhi University for two Sports Aquatics and Tennis

Further the college was given the conduct of Delhi University Table Tennis Inter College ( women section). Our Principal, Dr. Suman Sharma was a source of inspiration for all and Ms. Meenakshi Pahuja, HOD, Physical Education was the convenor of both the assignments of University of Delhi.

With every coming year NSO has the opportunity of growing and expanding in the various fields of sports and bringing together the community of Lady Shri Ram College. The year was very eventful and thus a memorable one.

## **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**

NCC at LSR remained vibrant throughout the year. The cadets organized and participated in events both inside as well as outside the college.

### **PROMISING DAY PARADE**

With the college reopening, the NCC Orientation resulted in the induction of several new cadets into its fold. They were officially sworn in on the Independence Day Celebrations. NCC also had its annual march on the day, embarked on flag hoisting and had a cultural event on the occasion.

Promising Day parade was organised by the National Cadet Corps, of the college on 12th August. This was witnessed by a large number of college students and the college staff. The programme begun with the arrival of Principal Dr. Suman Sharma escorted by the pilots, JUO Shelly Nandwal and JUO Nandhnee Kannan. 4 DGBN AO Captain Shubhra Verma graced the event with her presence. JUO Deepakia Meena commanded the contingent of newly enrolled cadets who took oath to commit themselves to the NCC, the country and its citizens. SUO Pallavi Meena greeted the Principal with a salute and offered her the oath.

### **SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN**

The LSR NCC participated in the Swacch Bharat Abhiyan organised by 4 Delhi girls Battalion in Safdurjung Enclave on 28 September 2017.

### **COMBINED ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP, JUNE**

Combined Annual Training Camp was held from 13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at the DGNCC parade ground, Delhi cantonment. The camp was conducted by 4 Delhi Girls Battalion and 44 cadets from our college attended the camp. 17 schools and colleges took part in the camp under the Dy Camp commandant - Sub Maj Swaran Singh, Camp Trg Sub Maj- Sub Maj Samer Singh and BHM-Sukhabir Singh. The cadets were given a brief on the history and evolution of NCC. Classes on map reading, leadership, field craft and battle craft were held. The cadets were also trained in handling rifles, drill and rifle drill. Kho-Kho, Kabaddi and volleyball matches were held. The cadets were taught Yoga, which they performed on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, the International Yoga day. Cultural competitions like solo song, solo dance, group song and dance were also organised. LSR came first in the group dance competition and reached the finals in the Kho-Kho match. The winners performed in the closing ceremony which was presided by Commanding Officer Lt Col Nitin Chauhan.

Four cadets from our college were selected for the Thal Sainik Camp and seven went for rifle firing. SUO Pallavi Meena was presented with a certificate of appreciation for being the cultural in charge.

### **HIMACHAL PRADESH TREKKING CAMP**

Seven cadets from Lady Shri Ram College SUO Pallavi Meena, Cdt. Neha Narwal, Cdt. Katyayani, Cdt Mannu, Cdt. Vaishali, Cdt. Garima Chander and Cdt. Sandhya Saini represented Delhi directorate at Him trek 2016 held from 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2016. This was a national level camp organised by 3HP COY at Duttanagar, Shimla under the guidance of Col. R K SHARAM. The base camp was set up at two locations one at Duttanagar and second at Majhewati. Cadets were taken for tour to Historical places, Temple and Hydropower plant.

Cultural competitions were also held during the camp in which Cdt. Vaishali got bronze medal in solo song and Delhi Directorate got gold medal in Group Song competition. Cdt Mannu got silver Medal in master of ceremony. It was an enriching experience for all the cadets who explored new terrains and got a different training experience.

### **ROCK CLIMBING TRAINING CAMP**

Rock Climbing Training Camp (RCTC) took place at SSB training centre in Pauri, Uttarakhand from 27 September - 2 October 2016. Rock climbing, Rappelling, Trekking, Cultural Programs and various activities were held during the camp. More than 200 girl cadets from about 8 directorates were present at the conclusion of the camp on the premises of the Sashtra Seem Bal at Kandoliya in Pauri district.

3 cadets of our college were selected to represent Delhi Directorate at RCTC. Cdt. Aishwarya Agarwal, Cdt. Namita Barwar and Cdt. Shubhra Aggarwal were a part of Senior Wing, Delhi Directorate. They took part in all the activities conducted during the camp. Cdt. Aishwarya got gold medal for Best Anchor. The camp was a great learning experience for all of them.

### **THAL SANIK CAMP**

Thal Sainik Camp (TSC) is a 12 day camp conducted in Delhi every year in the late autumn in which cadets are selected from all of 17 directorates, and are sent to the TSC to represent their respective directorates in the various competitions such as Obstacle Course, Map Reading, Firing and Home Nursing etc. This year it was from 19 September, 2016- 29 September 2016 in which 4 cadets from our college were part of pre TSC's – Cdt Sunita, Cdt. Sandhya, Cdt. Sakshi Tomar and Cdt Irom Jenny Devi and three of them successfully completed it. They took part in all the activities that were held during the camp. Delhi Directorate got 8<sup>th</sup> rank all over India.

### **CLOSING CEREMONY OF NCC NATIONAL GAMES 2016**

The closing ceremony of the NCC National Games was held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016, in Parade Ground, with the Defence Minister as the Chief Guest. Several events took place in the ceremony and five girls from our college participated in Aerobics.

## **YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, VIETNAM**

SUO Monika Banerjee represented India in the Youth Exchange Programme (YEP) Vietnam 2016. The camp was held from 2 October 2016 - 13 October 2016. Monika travelled throughout Vietnam for ten days, soaking in the culture and adventure the programme had to offer. In doing so, she truly embodied the essence of NCC YEP: gaining an 'increased awareness and appreciation of each other's socio-economic and cultural realities'.

## **AMAR JAWAN JYOTI 2016**

Every year on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of November, NCC Day is celebrated. AJJ is also conducted on the same day in which all regiment officers take part to pay tribute to martyr soldiers at India Gate. This year it happened on 26 November 2016 in which Cdt Pushpa Repaswal got the opportunity to do Wreath Piloting. This was for the first time in the history that 2 girls were selected as wreath Pilots.

## **COMBINED ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP, AUGUST**

The camp was organized from 19<sup>th</sup> December - 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 in Safdarjung Enclave by 3DGBN. It witnessed the participation of around 180 CATC students and the ones who had successfully cleared cadre I and II of RDC.

It consisted of a diverse crowd with students from a variety of colleges (including 14 students from LSR) all over Delhi and even Open University. Under the leadership of Colonel A.K. Dalal, the cadets were enlightened on a variety of aspects related to history and evolution of NCC.

Theory classes on Map Reading, Leadership and Rifle Training etc were held during during the camp. The evenings consisted of cultural competitions to add to the overall personality of the students which included Extempore, Dancing, Singing, Quizzing, Poster Making etc. All of the winners were felicitated during the closing ceremony on the last day of the camp. LSR won in Solo Dancing, Group Song and Extempore competitions.

It was a memorable experience for all those who were a part of it.

## **NIC GUNTUR**

National Integration Camp- III was organised by 25 (A) Bn Guntur, Andhra Pradesh in Acharya Naga Arjuna University from 10 January 2017 - 21 January 2017.

16 Cadets were selected to represent Delhi directorate at National level from different colleges of University of Delhi and Battalions. SUO Pallavi Meena, JUO Shelly, Cpl Shivani, Cpl Rakhee, Cpl Sunita and Cdt Priyanka from LSR got the opportunity to represent Delhi Directorate. SUO Pallavi Meena was assigned as the Camp Senior. All directorate promoted, executed and functioned on the prime motto of NIC i.e Unity in Diversity. Several cultural programmes were organised such as group dance, group song, solo dance and song etc. Also, an educational trip was organised for the cadets so that they can gain more knowledge about the area where they have come for the camp that included ASI site Undavali Caves, Amravati and Guntur Bird Sanctuary.

Delhi Directorate got 6 Prizes in total including 2 Camp Under Officers, 3MC and 1 RP senior. JUO Shelly and Cpl Rakhee were Master of ceremony for the closing ceremony of the camp.

It was a wonderful journey of NCC life and great experience indulged with lot of respect, unity and discipline.

## **REPUBLIC DAY CAMP, 2017**

In January, NCC participated in the Republic Day by marching and unfurling the national flag in college. Cadet Tamanna represented the Delhi Directorate in the Republic Day Camp 2017, held at Rajpath. JUO

K. Nandhnee also participated in the cultural programme held at the central level in the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The Vice President, Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Naval Staff were among the dignitaries they met. This shows that NCC's activities and drive this year meets the aim of 'organizing, training and motivating youth with leadership qualities in all walks of life.

## **INTER COLLEGE NCC COMPETITIONS**

For the first time, LSR NCC participated in the Annual NCC fests across Delhi University in various competitions such as Drill Competition, Cultural competitions, Athletics, Photography, Quiz and Debate Competition.

Cdt. Jaskirat Kaur won first prize in photography and Cdt. Sanjana won second Prize in Solo Dance and LSR won second Prize in Group Dance in Kamla Nehru College.

Cdt Chathriya won consolation prize in debate competition in Kirori mal college.

Cpl Shubhra and Cdt Shweta Lamba won 1st prize in Quiz competition and LSR won the second position in Group Dance in Shaheed Bhagat Singh College.

## **VEERANGANA 2017**

When one talks of a brave ,independent and strong woman, one talks of "Veerangana", representing courage, excellence and selfless sacrifice. We all have a "Veerangana" hidden in each one of us. It's about the right time and situation where we actually showcase it. Fortunately at Lady Shri Ram College we live by it every day. On 22nd of March 2017, we came together to celebrate strength, womanhood, brilliance and togetherness, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NCC Fest of LSR, VEERANGANA 2017.

In the previous edition, like the pioneers we tried to incorporate the entire idea of one day NCC fest in a hope of maintaining the quality and legacy of the same for years to come. However Veerangana 2017, showcased prototypes of events on a much larger basis, entailing a much larger audience. Our Guest of Honour Group Captain T S S Krishnan graced us with his presence and from there we started on a journey of absolute fun and learning.

Events that made this edition even more special includes- Squad Drill, Quarter Guard, Treasure Hunt, Obstacle Race, Group Dance, Group Song, NCC Quiz, Section Attack, Aero modelling flying show, among others. The day summarised by an enlightening address by our Principal Dr. Suman Sharma and NCC Incharge Ms Meenakshi Pahuja, followed by the prize distribution ceremony and beautiful classical dance performances by our own talented NCC cadets.Veerangana 2017 was indeed a learning experience and an amazing platform for showcasing their abilities and skills.

As observed throughout the year, the NCC cadets have set many benchmarks this year and have brought laurels to the college. They have made the college, Delhi Directorate as well as the country proud through their great zeal and enthusiasm, setting new standards of excellence and living up to the motto of 'Unity and Discipline'.

## **Office of International Programmes**

LSR perceives the real challenge to be that of infusing in students a sensibility that can differentiate between just making a career and being in leadership positions. To help students assume leadership of movements of social transformation, the college has initiated collaborations with universities across the globe. These include short and long term exchange programmes, both for students and faculty, setting up of an international e-journal with women's colleges worldwide, organizing summer courses with reputed colleges from abroad and lectures and talks by faculty around the globe. Students participate on a regular basis in international conferences. LSR has organized and hosted prestigious international seminars and short courses for faculty and students from varied countries.

The Office of International Programmes began the year 2016-2017 with a festive and celebratory air as two MOUs were signed. The OIN-LSR MOU was finally signed and sealed with the signing by the Canadian counterpart. OIN – the Ontario in India Programme is a conglomerate of 10 Canadian Universities who offer our students a one year non-degree programme in exchange for one of their students doing a semester at LSR.

A large contingent from Macquarie University, Australia met with the LSR Principal, Dr. Sharma and the OIP team. After a presentation on LSR, the MOU between the two institutions was signed. The event was followed by tea and refreshments. Macquarie University in Australia has offered to engage with two undergraduate students for one year with a scholarship. But since the University of Delhi has no credit transfer they have also offered two students a 50% fee reduction on their Masters programme in International Relations.

Vibha Sharma, an ELSA from 1985 working with Dr. Robert Monson of Columbia University wanted to organize his bringing a group of education policy fellows (EPFP) to India to help them learn more about the Indian education system. A meeting was organized on the afternoon of 3rd November with the Principal, Dr. Sharma, OIP Advisors and some faculty from the B.El.Ed Department. After a presentation by Dr. Sharma on Higher Education and LSR, the discussion was thrown open. The visiting faculty from various Universities in USA had an invigorating discussion on the training of teachers and pedagogic techniques coupled with Education policy and guidelines. The event ended with tea and refreshments.

Lady Shri Ram College is delighted to be collaborating with Barnard College, Columbia University, NYC, USA, on a global symposium to be held in New Delhi in March 2018 to discuss “Innovative Approaches to Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability.” A meeting with Giorgio DiMauro of Barnard College in November, 2016 led to an initial Planning Workshop that was held in February, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 working towards, the Global Symposium.

King’s College, London is conducting two Summer Courses at LSR College again this May for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in succession since 2013. It is a matter of great pride for us that LSR College is the only academic institution that King’s College, London is collaborating with. The other two institutions are Tata Hospital in Mumbai and Unilever in Bangalore. This year the Summer School will be from 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 to 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 and the courses will be on International Relations and Marketing Management.

The Office of International Programmes has expanded its base in collaboration and this year we have the largest number of students being sent from LSR College to collaborative programmes in Universities abroad. Students have been nominated for the SUSI programme on Leadership in USA, La Trobe University in Australia, Sciences Po in France, Fukuoka in Japan, Ontario in India programme in Canada, Macquarie University in Australia, National University of Singapore, Singapore and King’s College, London.

This year the Middlebury College in USA hosted one of our Faculty members for an Annual Lecture in March.

The members of OIP were delighted with a proposal made by Prof. Martina Mollering of Macquarie University of having about 20 students on a visit to 3 cities/campuses (LSR in Delhi, St. Xaviers’, Kolkata and TISS, Mumbai) in India in September, 2017, as it seemed an exciting idea and interaction for our students also. Since we already have a template of such activities (our earlier proposals with Ohio Wesleyan University, Winston Salem University, University of Florida, University of Queensland and Western Sydney University), the members felt that we could organize a week long session.

LSR College also has hosted in 2017, January to April semester, 5 exchange students from Middlebury, one from the OIN Programme and one student from La Trobe University.

In addition to all these major activities, OIP has organized talks by distinguished faculty from universities abroad, lectures and presentations from collaborators and other universities.

2016-2017 has been a fulfilling year for the collaborative ventures of LSR and the augury for the years to come seem very exciting.

## REACH

REACH, an acronym for Reaffirming Equity, Access, Capacity and Humanism, is an initiative that was created at LSR with support from the Foundation for Academic Excellence and Access (FAEA) in 2002. REACH acts as the equal opportunity Cell of the college. REACH organized various events throughout the year with the aim of providing an inclusive platform so that students could build capacity while being part of a community that celebrates difference and diversity.

Representatives from KPMG came to visit the visually impaired (VI) persons who use Swalambhan, Resource Centre, Flat no. 10 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2016. The agenda of this meeting was to acquaint the newly admitted VIs with the state of art technology available at LSR for them. The representatives along with the already existing users of the resource centre, that is, the second and the third year VIs made the new comers comfortable around the resource centre.

A Mobility Training Workshop this year was held on 27<sup>th</sup> august 2016. Mr. Anil Kumar from National Association of the Blind conducted this workshop on the importance and use of the White Cane for the visually impaired. Mr. Kumar divided the workshop into two parts – a theory session on mobility and a practical session to acquaint the visually impaired students with the campus. All the buddies were present with their volunteers and carefully followed what Mr. Kumar said. In the end, however, he mentioned that there have to be multiple sessions on mobility for the students to be able to move around independently.

REACH made a visit to Shri Ram College of Commerce and Indraprastha College for Women on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016, respectively. These visits were made primarily to observe the more disabled-friendly technology and more accessible infrastructure that these colleges have in comparison to LSR. Both these colleges have a significant number of PwD candidates for which they have myriad of facilities available and we wanted to learn about the same. The visits were about an hour long, conducted by the convenors of their Equal Opportunity Cells. We learned about various technological and infrastructural differences between LSR and these colleges, and we are looking forward to implementing these for the betterment of students with disabilities at LSR.

An informal meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 with the students with disabilities and their volunteer buddies. They were made to sit in teams of three where each team had to do an activity that resembled the spin-a-yarn competition. Each team was given a word, using which they had to make a story and the following team had to continue the story made by the previous teams and also had to use their given word. This activity was held to increase conversations and interaction among all the members of REACH. This was also a way to strengthen the flagship Buddy Programme. The meeting was fruitful as many teams continued meeting outside the sphere of REACH to build new friendships.

The Bookshare Presentation, held on September 22nd, 2016, was a greatly anticipated event in college, and was the semester's first major event of REACH. There was a general air of excitement just before the event was to take place, especially among students who were already bookshare members or those who knew about it. REACH invited two reputed members of the Bookshare India team for the panel: Dr. Homiyar Mobedji, who is the current country director of Bookshare, and Ms. Zainab Chinikamwala, who is the outreach and training consultant for North India. Dr. Homiyar gave a brief about the sense, importance and usage of Bookshare and concluded by saying that in an institution like LSR where state-of-art technology is present, Bookshare should also be made an integral part of students with disabilities' lives.

REACH in collaboration with KPMG conducted an Eye Check for students with visual disability at Shroff Hospital, old Delhi.

REACH, organized a sensitization workshop on 29th September 2016. The guest speaker at the session was Mr George Abraham, Founder—Score Foundation. The interactive event aimed at not only the

breaking myths and barriers that exist about the disabled in our society but to also make the disabled more aware of how they can also actively engage themselves with others and enjoy fruitful relationships.

On the occasion of White Cane Day, REACH, conducted a talk with Neha Arora, the founder of Planeta Abled. White Cane Day is celebrated all across the world on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October every year. Its aim is to convey the message that a person with disability can lead an independent life. Thus, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 2016, the members of REACH gathered for an interactive session with the founder of Planet Abled.

An informal chocolate making session was conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017, by Ms. Neelam J. Malhotra, Staff Advisor, REACH for the visually impaired students. The aim of this activity was to instill a sense of Entrepreneurship in the students. The session started with ma'am introducing the ingredients and tools of chocolate making to students, followed by batches of chocolates made by the students themselves under her supervision. This session made the students with disability understand the importance of independence and instilled in them a sense of being self-employed. The session was greatly appreciated and hence was carried forward by the coordinators in the Residence Hall as well.

REACH, in collaboration with KMPG organized a one day trip to Pratapgarh Farms on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The trip was for the students who use Resource Centre. This trip was long due as it was planned a few years back and was finally held this year. Pratapgarh Farms had a plethora of activities for the students with disabilities. Along with the activities it also provided a chance for all the students and teachers to catch-up and take time out from their hectic college schedules. This trip was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all. And these trips continue to feature as future goals for next set of student coordinators.

As a part of the pre-parwaaz festivities, on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017, a guest lecture by Mr P. K. Pincha, former Chief Commissioner for persons with disability under the social justice ministry, was organised on the newly passed Rights of Person with Disabilities Bill (RPDB). The lecture began with a basic explanation of the background of the act and how the current act is much more nuanced in terms of categorising people with disability. It further dwelled on the structure of the act followed by some special provisions for people with benchmark disabilities. This act articulates the civil and political rights of PWD along with the social aspects.

Pre-Parwaaz began on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March by screening the movie named The Theory of Everything. The purpose of screening the movie was again to increase interaction among members of REACH by discussing the issues taken up in the movie. This particular movie was screened to make people more accepting of their disability. After the screening a short discussion by the coordinators and the audience took place which included the parallelism between the aim and vision of REACH and this movie.

REACH organized a panel discussion on 'Discrimination through the lens of Gender and Disability' on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The panel discussion was held on the occasion of International Women's Day which is celebrated worldwide on 8<sup>th</sup> March every year. Aimed at understanding and analyzing the process of dual oppression, the panelists included famous disability rights activists Ms. Abha Khetarpal Maurya and Ms. Japleen Pasricha. Ms. Khetarpal is the President at 'Cross the Hurdles'. Ms. Pasricha on the other hand is the founder of 'Feminism in India'—an award winning digital intersectional feminist platform that aims to develop a feminist consciousness and she is also associated with 'Point of View' which publishes articles for disabled females. The panel was moderated by Dr Mahesh S Panicker, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Faculty Advisor for REACH.

The opening guest lecture by Mr. Javed Abidi, director of the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 as a pre Parwaaz event. This "lecture" was interactive in nature, dealing with the topic of disability rights in India. It was attended by an attentive audience as well as our faculty advisor Dr. Mahesh S. Panicker, and was thoroughly informative and eye opening.

Parwaaz 2017 was held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017. It saw an unprecedented level of participation. It had four events- debate, creative writing, talent hunt and quiz. All the participants and the judges thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere of love, care, compassion and life.

On 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Lord Michael Hastings, Global CSR Head from KPMG was invited to Lady Shri Ram College for Women to observe the use of the state-of-art facilities that the college has in flat number 10, Resource Centre. He was greeted by the students with disabilities who are regular users of the facilities made available to them by KPMG. He understood how the assistive technology is being made a part of day to day lives of the students. Due to paucity of time, he was there with the students for a short period of time. He was commemorated by Dr Sharma, Principal, Lady Shri Ram College with a token of appreciation. After observing the judicial use of the technology, Lord Hastings is eager on continuing the association of KPMG with LSR.

## **Women's Development Cell (WDC)**

Women's Development Cell, Lady Shri Ram College is a group of passionate feminist stalwarts, out with a gender lens on a long journey of learning and unlearning. Established in 1985, WDC has earned the reputation of being a liberal space with a voracious appetite for conversations that empower the existential core. WDC finds its true power in initiating conversations on everything from the pressing social issues of domestic violence, oppressive intimate relationships, sexual harassment etc. to the psychological and spiritual issues of self discovery, uninformed compliance, the power structures of patriarchy and the like. Guest lectures, book readings, slam poetry performances, movie screenings and "Let's Talk" sessions are all tools regularly employed in an effort to reverse the whims of the centuries.

WDC organised a number of events throughout the academic year 2016-17. Focussing on the creation of intimate yet safe spaces for women to initiate conversations, the cell organised a series of 'Let's Talk' sessions to encourage the members of the cell to speak up about their personal experiences, maintaining an understanding of absolute confidentiality among the participants. The members of the cell also had the privilege of interacting with Ms. Aanchal Kapoor, founder of Kriti: A Development Praxis. Ms. Kapoor is a founding member of WDC at LSR who came armed with photographs and memories to give the members a taste of the old days of LSR. The cell was also given the opportunity to host an awareness session on breast cancer and cervical cancer in association with Womenite. Dr. Rumki Basu, former head of the gender studies cell at Jamia was also invited to deliver a lecture on Women's movements and their historical overviews.

One of the highlights of the year was the initiation of a hands-on movie making course taught by Katie Nielson, a filmmaker from Texas. During the course the students were able to gain an insight into the nitty-gritty of developing characters and filming a full length movie. Scriptwriting, camera adjustments etc. were all covered during the course. Started in 2015-16, WDC's collaboration with NSS, LSR took an entirely new dimension this year. The gender- sensitivity workshops which started with two NGOs last year were implemented in over 15 NGOS, reaching more than 150 children.

## **VOLUNTARY AGENCY PLACEMENT PROGRAMME (VAPP)**

Voluntary Agency Placement Programme (VAPP) at LSR was setup to provide a space for the passionate students of the 21<sup>st</sup> century to engage with socio economic issues, volunteer with NGOs working at the grassroots level and to actively participate in community development. An intensive experience of the social sector can give accurate reflections of people's needs. Being a part of the social sector, one gets to be a person who can change someone's life for the better. Keeping these objectives in mind VAPP organized a series of events throughout the academic year. One of the first events organized was a 'Student led Event (SLE)' by Ms. Vidushi Shukla. She shared with students, the experience of her internship with the Narmada Bachao Andolan that she acquired through the Pravah organisation. This was followed by another 'Student led Event (SLE)' by Ms. Swati Sahni. She is a Nehru Fulbright scholar

at Harvard and has extensive working experience with UNICEF, World Bank and the Ministry of HRD under the aegis of Mr. Kapil Sibal. She discussed her experiences in the development sector after graduating from LSR.

In October, 2016 VAPP conducted a 'Sign Language Workshop by finger chats'. In a fun-filled session of learning on the Indian Sign Language (ISL) alphabet and other basics, Mr. Rajesh P., Mr. Saurabh Goel, and Ms. Riya Taneja from Finger Chat Delhi changed our minds about disability. We learnt that there are only 250 interpreters for 18 million deaf persons in India. This was followed by a talk by Pravah on mindsets. An introspective session called 'Hop on & SMILE' regarding their winter 2016 internship - YES Peace India SMILE Internship was conducted in the college premises by Ms. Shruti and Ms. Suruchi. The talk was interactive and enriching as students were encouraged to engage at the grassroots and challenge their perspectives while contributing to social change.

VAPP then conducted its first Placement drive of the year by inviting the Gandhi Fellowship Program on a pre-placement talk. The Gandhi Fellowship Program is a two-year Fellowship program for talented youngsters from India's top colleges. It is designed to provide the youth with the opportunity for personal transformation. We had Ms. Preeti and Ms. Geetanjali (From Kathkatha) talking about the programme and about how through self-discovery and exploration, students could contribute to the causes surrounding them. The placement talk was followed by a leadership workshop, organised by the Gandhi Fellowship Program. The workshop was rooted in the belief that as a nation it is important to develop a cadre of leaders exposed to the complexities of bringing change in social and public systems. Therefore a two day workshop was conducted by them through VAPP under the theme 'Social Entrepreneurship and Nation Building' to make the youth self-aware, exceed in life, dream, articulate values and indulge in collaborative work.

A three day Pottery and Jewellery workshop was organized by VAPP, during Tarang, 2017 from 3-5 February. These workshops gave students exposure to a diverse range of handicrafts and pottery. It was an impetus to appreciate the glory of lost Indian Culture. We invited artisans from different parts of the city to impart their knowledge and share basic skills with the students. A large number of students availed this opportunity interacting with artisans, appreciating their craft and getting first-hand practical experience.

These workshops aimed at promoting rural development, women empowerment and social entrepreneurship.

In February 2017, a one day trip to Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary was organized by VAPP in collaboration with the New Delhi Nature Society. Two officers Mr. Verhaen and Ms. Geeta introduced the students to the need of protecting biodiversity and the importance of protecting native species. The session started with warmly hugging trees. Students also engaged in a tree climbing workshop. After this adventurous task, students planted native species in Butterfly Park. This was followed by a discussion on how students can contribute to environment and wildlife protection by voluntary action.

In March 2017, VAPP organized a Poverty Walk, a one day trip to Salaam Balak Trust which works for the upliftment of street children. Students were made aware of the reasons for urban poverty and how young children on streets are undergoing many hardships. Students were told about the routine lifestyle, eating habits and drugs pattern of a street child. They were explicitly told about the various ways by which a street child earns and spends money. Students also visited the shelter home of the Trust and interacted with the children. It was indeed an eye-opening session.

On 9 March, 2017 VAPP conducted a body shaming session with Iqra Qureshi who is a social activist and personality development trainer. Her goal is to train underprivileged Muslim girls and women to develop their careers for a brighter future. The workshop aimed at finding answers to questions like 'What is body image?' 'Why is it important for all of us to feel good about our body, irrespective of its size and shape?' 'Why is there a need to develop healthy behaviour amongst people to respect each body size?' The workshop was able to provide answers to all these questions.

VAPP also held a session with Pravah to facilitate the process of understanding the connection between the self and the society. It encouraged students to take ownership of the issues they are passionate about. The session also helped in understanding different social narratives and interpreting authentic narratives around any social issue.

VAPP's final event was a 'Student led Event' by Ms. Mudra Shahi, a first year student of Zoology Honours at Hindu College. She shared her initiative of medicine drives in various colleges. This event also marked an end to VAPP's medicine collection drive in the college premises. We received many donations from the students of LSR community.

VAPP has successfully been able to provide 12 challenges during this session: PRAVAH YES PEACE SMILE INTURN-SHIP (Winter), CHILD RIGHTS AND YOU (CRY), PROJECT DHARA, YOUTH FOR SEVA (YFS), ACTION INDIA, PARASPAR, MARG, EMPOWER INDIA, HELPING BRAINZ, SASHAKTIKARAN FOUNDATION, HEALTH DESIGN, PRAVAH YES PEACE SMILE INTURN-SHIP (Summer).

## Extra Curricular Activities – Highlights

**The Students' Union** of 2016-2017 was at the forefront of student activities throughout the year. Events like Graduation Dinner, Handing-Over Ceremony, College Day, Independence Day and Teachers Day were successfully organized by the Union. It worked towards ensuring participation of students from all departments in various college activities. The Students' Council was expanded to include a union's cabinet to support and advise the union in its everyday functioning for better decision making and implementation. An Information Dissemination Team was also introduced this year which improved the process of broadcasting updates related to college. The Students' Union Blog was introduced which documented weekly activities of the Union, with the aim of increasing accountability and the transparency of its work. Weekly circulation of the library newsletter and offline dissemination of information were also initiated. Assemblies were held with utmost regularity and attracted good numbers. A team of students was formed to help in translation of reading material that helped a large number of students academically and also lead to increased inter-department interaction. The Union also brought about changes in the café menu to make it healthier and more diverse. For the first time, the college merchandise had zippers and *kurtis* in addition to a T-shirt. Measures were also taken to increase the safety and security of the students in the vicinity of the college. To celebrate 60 years of LSR's contribution to women's higher education, the union organized several guest lectures by eminent personalities with the likes of Lord Meghanand Desai, Prof. S D Muni, and UPSC topper Ms. Tina Dabi. Tarang 2017, LSR's three day annual cultural festival was held in February on a magnificent scale. Workshops and recreational activities were introduced for the first time. These three days of cultural extravaganza saw everything from games to food, competitions to star nights, and were a perfect blend of the old with the new and the Indian with the western. Over 600 volunteers and a dedicated team of 100 members of the Organizing Committee helped organize Tarang.

**Abhivyakti**, the Hindi Creative Writing Society, began its session with an orientation followed by recitation of poetry composed by members. The new members of the society were encouraged to recite their poems. The society, in collaboration with the Book Club of the Psychology Department, organised *Tukda Ek Nazm Ka*, a poetry session on mental health issues. On the occasion of Hindi Divas (14 September) the society organised an exhibition that displayed the fusion of poetry with various art forms including photography and paintings. During Tarang the society organised two competitions- *Spandan*, the poetry writing competition and *Harf*, a story-writing competition. In March, Abhivyakti invited Saurav Sharma, lead singer of the band *Miyan Bulleya* to talk about the life and poetry of Bulle Shah and performed some of his verses.

Vishesh Kaushik and Anjali Singh performed Hindi slam poetry on Teachers' Day. Aanchal Singh secured first position in a poetry recitation competition organised by the Hindi Department LSR, third position in 'Nibandh Pratiyogita' in Shyamlal College and third position in 'On the Spot Poetry Writing' competition in Dayal Singh College. Mrinal Bharti composed melodies from her poetry and was invited to the Oxford

Bookstore Poets' Corner. She also secured a consolation award for a *nazm* that she wrote in Desh Bandhu College. Shweta Nirmal cleared two rounds in a poetry contest organised by Story Mirror. Reema participated in an online story writing competition organised by Story Mirror and her story was published on the official page of the publishing house.

**Enactus** is an international non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring students to improve the world through entrepreneurial action. Since 1975, it has provided a platform to more than 1710 university teams for creating community development projects that exhibit their ingenuity and inclination to improve livelihoods. The vision of Enactus coincides with the vision of Lady Shri Ram College- Leadership with Social Responsibility. Project Auric, one of its two projects, seeks to uphold the standard of living of women residing in the isolated village of Mangar, Haryana through a sustainable model of income generation. This is achieved via the production of tested and safe alternative to *raakh*, a dish washing liquid-Auric. Additionally, this aims to promote the spirit of cleanliness and sanitation and contribute to environmental preservation through use of recycled PET bottles. A Financial Literacy session was organised for the members of SHG to impart the knowledge about government schemes for women, children and the old. The project has acquired massive outreach owing to the media coverage. Project Kalakaashi is an attempt to restore indigenous crafts through reviving the livelihood of artisans and weavers of Varanasi. The vision for the endeavour is three fold: eliminating the exploitative intermediaries, facilitating innovation through skill development, and improving the infrastructure as well as well-being of artisans. This year, sixteen stalls were put up during Diwali in Delhi- NCR, along with a stall a Prayag: The First Digital India Mela in Surajkund grounds and a three day stall during Tarang. Sales figures were very impressive. A successful wooden craft workshop was conducted during Tarang. The project has listed its product on online portals. project has received and successfully executed the orders for making mementos of two medical conferences in Varanasi and for a corporate client in Delhi.

**Hive** –The Fine Arts Society of LSR aims to bring about the appreciation of art and craft through the workshops and art displays. On Orientation Day, Hive welcomed the freshers with a rangoli. On the occasion of Teachers Day the first exhibition of the session was a tile painting exhibition titled 'Eccentricities'. A freshers' art and craft competition was organized on the themes 'Light and Shadow' and 'Best out of Waste' that helped the new members to demonstrate their creative skills and ideas. A wire workshop for the members was organized. The society members also visited the National Arts Museum. In the month of October, a three day art event – 'Dharohar' was organized to bring awareness about the various Indian art forms. The event entailed an Indian Art exhibition with artwork prepared on canvasses and bottles by members on various art forms like Warli, Patthachitra, Pichhvai, Mughal and Rajput miniatures and many more. Open workshops on Madhubani art form and Paper Mache were organized during the event. A talk on Miniature painting by Mr. Jai Prakash concluded the event. Hive in collaboration with the Inshorts Inclusives Program presented 'Nyasta' which was a series of ten traditional art forms of India displayed on the application of Inshorts. During the NSS Diwali Mela – 'Noor', a craft workshop was organized for the students of NGOs and an exhibition was displayed in college. A stall at the mela showcased the hand-made products prepared by members. The annual college festival- Tarang gave the opportunity to display their hard work through an installation titled 'Down the Rabbit Hole', based on the theme of *Alice in Wonderland*. It showed life size characters of the book beautifully sculpted by the society members. Hive held a variety of art competitions such as 'Painbrella' – Umbrella Decoration Competition, 'Beat It' – Music Interpretation Competition and 'Copy Cat' – Still life Sketching competition during the three days of Tarang. The 'Panchtatva' – Online Doodling Competition was a highlight and witnessed wide participation from different colleges and universities in and outside Delhi. In March, a session on 'Introduction to Art Therapy' was organized, creating awareness on the use of art as a medium of therapy.

**The Quiz Society** had a very packed year with many inter and intra college events. It started the year with a Recruitment Quiz to induct new members. This was followed by a quizzing workshop and an Inter-Department Quiz. It was won by Hindolee Datta and Zehra Kazmi from English Department. A series of five intra-college sessions was conducted by members of the Society. A General Quiz, 'Major(Iy) General and 'Brisk Business' a business quiz, 'World of Women', a quiz on women and 'Shake Chilli' the food quiz were some of the exciting events that dotted the society's eventful year. 'Al-Hind', the inter-college India quiz was conducted by two-time Tata Crucible champion, Mr. Sreshth Shah and the event was a

massive success with over 180 participants. The Quiz Society in collaboration with Interface organised an inter-college mythology, etymology and history quiz called MEH conducted by prolific quizmaster Shubhankar Bahl. The event had over hundred participants from various colleges in Delhi and NCR. The society conducted its Annual Quiz Festival during Tarang 2017. QuizCross, 'Al-Hind', 'Quizzical.ly', the open Pop Culture Quiz, and 'This Is Not A Quiz', the open FLAMES Quiz were some of the events that were and was enthusiastically received hundreds of students and young professionals. The Quiz Society in collaboration with Department of B.A Programme also organised a quiz on mythology.

**Expressions, the English Creative Writing Society** has had an extremely eventful year. The first major production was a short film for Independence Day in collaboration with Projekt, the Film and Photography Society, titled 'I Can't Draw Straight Lines'. The film was a poetic representation of queerness in India and received a phenomenal response. For Teachers' Day, members used poetry and film to produce 'The Silent Classroom', where they brought classroom objects to life. A poetry wall was put up for 'Noor', the Diwali Mela and for Women's Day. 'In Her Own Write', The Annual Intra-College Creative Writing Contest was successfully organised. Several workshops, seminars and lectures with eminent writers, including including Radhika Maira Tabrez, Louisa Tomlinson (Blog Editor, Jaipur Literature Festival), Kaartikeya Bajpai (Co-founder, The Bombay Review) and Ananya Dasgupta (Head of Content, The Anonymous Writer) were organized. In the first semester, a poetry-reading event was held during lunch every Friday called the 'Living Poets Society'. Four events were organized during Tarang, including an online competition called 'Tell Me Your Dreams', for which an unprecedented response of sixty entries was received. Besides this, an event in the epistolary format, 'You've Got Mail', a film-interpretation event, 'Write Me A Tale' and a conversation-based poetry event, 'Things Only Get Verse' were organised. Society members excelled in inter-college events. Arundhati bagged the first position in Sri Venkateswara College's Creative Writing event and Prashasti, the second position in JMC's Creative Writing event. Nipunika and Aarooshi won prizes at the events in Tarang.

**Dhwani** - The Indian Music Society saw a very successful and eventful year both within and outside college. Dhwani represented the college at various prestigious programmes such as One Billion Rising at India Habitat Centre, Music For Harmony organised by NGO Pravah at Dilli Haat, WISCOMP Saahas Awards at India International Centre and the College Alumna NGO Drive at Chinmaya Mission. The year started with the annual in-house and core team auditions through which several talented singers were welcomed into the team. Subsequently, Dhwani along with its core and in-house team organised and successfully performed a collaboration with the Indian Classical Dance Society for the Independence Day celebrations. Dhwani also performed at several other events like Martyr's Day, Teacher's Day, College Day and Orientation Day. Through regular voice training sessions and practices, they composed their annual piece in Raag Yaman. This piece was performed at various college festivals and competitions which enabled Dhwani to win several laurels for the college. These included winning First position in the Indian Choir Competition at Lady Harding Medical College, Dyal Singh college, Lady Irwin College and Hansraj College followed by second position at Gargi College and Third position at All India Institute of Medical Sciences. The Core team included Nanki Bedi, Rajasee Bhattacharya, Aishwarya Chaturvedi, Anshul Prakash, Ananta Gaur, Apoorva Tiwari, Tanusha Barik, Unnimaya C, Shlagha Borah, Manmeet Kaur and Rishika Roy. Anshul Prakash won the second position in Indian Semi-classical Solo and Indian Light Duet at UCMS and the second position for Hindustani Classical Solo at Maharaja Agrasen College, while Rishika Roy won the third prize in Western Music Solo at IIT Mumbai. Ananta Gaur performed at various important college events in collaboration with the Elocution Society and the Dance Society. During Tarang, Dhwani organised six events that provided a platform to various students from all over the country to showcase their talents.

**Vaktritva, the Hindi Debating Society** is well-known for its vigorous participation and achievements in conventional and parliamentary debates, mock-parliaments, and extempore activities. The society provides a significant platform to its members to discover and hone their debating skills. The motto of *Vaktritva*, 'Humara aadhar Vani aur Vichaar,' aims to develop a rational, empirical and informed vision amongst its members. This year, *Vaktritva* has not only participated in competitions, but has also organized lectures and discussions on various pertinent issues. Its first event was an enlightening talk on 'Modernity is a subjective concept' by Dr. Pankaj Jha. Later in the year he also gave a talk on 'How to form an argument?' The Annual Parliamentary Debate organized during Tarang was very successful.

*Vaagarth*, an inter-college conventional debate was organised in collaboration with the Hindi department of LSR. The event received enthusiastic participation from various colleges. The society conducted a group discussion on 'Brexit', under its discussion forum. The society continued to work to live up to its tagline: '*Kyoki hum sirf bolte nahi bolti band bhi karte hai*'.

**The Alumna Cell** is a student body that aims to foster the close bond between the institute and its alumnae. Since its inception in 1956, Lady Shri Ram College for Women has produced a long line of distinguished alumnae. The Alumna Bazaars by Aanchal Kapur (Pol. Sc. 1989 batch), Gunjan Handa (B.A. Prog, 1994 batch) and Muskana (Maths, 2013 batch). Aanchal Kapur is associated with 'Kriti', an NGO that promotes women's economic empowerment through their engagement with crafts-work. Gunjan Handa had put up a wide range of earrings, bracelets, and anklets for the students. Along with her stall, Muskana arranged for colourful and stylish dupattas. The cell also conducted some exciting interactive sessions with many renowned personalities. Ms Tina Dabi, the UPSC topper and an alumna of Political Science, 2014 batch, was invited to the college to inspire the student body. Another interesting session by the esteemed IPS officer, Ms. Tejaswini Gautam, primarily focused upon how to prepare for the UPSC exams proved to be fruitful with her insights into the ways of preparing for the exams. Lady Kishwar Desai, writer and a former Economics student, visited the college to broaden the students' horizon on 'The Legacy of Partition'. The Alumna Cell concluded its work for the academic session with another wonderful talk on the subject of ethics in journalism by Nidhi Razdan, an acclaimed Indian journalist and television personality.

**Interface** took up the theme 'Interrogating Originality' for this academic session. The theme dealt with the ethics and legality of originality in academia, intellectual property etc. The society kick-started this session by an online campaign #LetTheFresherKnow on the Facebook page to get the newly admitted first years well acquainted with the college. The first on campus event was an open Slam recital. This was followed by the orientation. Interface screened the Tedx Talk 'Everything is a Remix' by Kirby Ferguson. This was followed by a discussion on recycling of ideas in social media advertising. Poulomi Basu, an internationally acclaimed conflict photographer was invited to explore 'Art and Activism in Photography'. It was an engaging session where students not only interacted with her and asked many questions, but found offers to work under her. Interface also organised Barter Bazaar which saw participation from over 100 students in the course of two days. Expanding the concept of Barter to photocopies and notes, Interface also launched Project Adopt a Bundle which operates on the principle of "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle". The society explored originality in arts with a lecture demonstration by Jayalakshmi Eshwar, a Bharatnatyam dancer. Two other artists featured in this series on Art and Originality- Anpu Varkey and Aban Raza. Anpu Varkey held a talk on 'Graffiti as Art?' Aban Raza, explored studio art and paintings that usually belong in the gallery.

**The Dramatic Society** began the year by putting up a short play during the College Orientation followed by Orientation of the Dramatics Society. The society took part in an inter-Delhi University workshop, Aarambh'16. A physical theatre workshop by alumna Leah Grace Tenzing Namchyo saw the participation of many members. The Society created a Blog and made an online archive of the past plays, by collecting photos, videos and scripts. The society successfully organized a Pre-Tarang event which lasted for two days and saw the participation of over 50 colleges from all around Delhi. It included a talk by pioneers of street theatre, Sudhanvadesh Pandey and Moloyashree Hashmi on the first day and a solo performance of the play *Chronicles of a Death Foretold* by the theatre group Improper Fractions on the second day of the event. *Yavnika*, the Stage Play and *Nukkad*, the Street Play were also organized successfully as a part of Tarang 2017.

The Annual Street Production, *Ek Shunya Nau Char*, gave 66 performances during the season including a public performance at Palika Bazaar. The play was performed at Daulat Ram College and College of Business Studies. This was followed by performances in collaboration with the NGO Prayas, NGO Swalambhan, Justice Juvenile Centre and Apne Aap Women. *Ek Shunya Nau Char* also performed for the Sahitya Kala Parishad Festival, IGNOU on the occasion of International Women's Day as well as Bharat Rang Mahaotsav organised by NSD. The play bagged the first position at Indian Institute of Law and Management, second position at the National Law University, Keshav Mahavidyalaya and Shaheed Bhagat Singh College and the third position at the Sahitya Kala Parishad and Aryabhata College. Mansi

Rawat won the Best Actress award at the Commerce Fest of Delhi College of Arts and Commerce. *Ek Shunya Nau Chaar* was also awarded the Best Music Award at Shaheed Bhagat Singh College. The Annual Stage Production, *Caffeine*, explored war as a phenomenon of spaces and identities and opened its season with a public performance at Studio Safdar. It was performed at Indraprastha College, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College and SGTB Khalsa College. The Society also had an Annual Public Production, *Mathilukaal*, a Hindi adaptation of a Malayalam story based in prison cells. It gave a public performance at Safdar Studio and was performed in college. The production was selected for the Street Festival, Ateliers and performed at Akshara Theatre and Padatik Studio in Kolkata.

**Projekt**, the film and photography society, has had an extremely exciting run this academic year. It was successful in its attempt to create a more interactive and inclusive space, for non-members as well, organising its first photo series titled 'Musafir' to provide everyone a platform to showcase their travel photographs. The year also saw the launch of a new programme - 'Projekt Wednesdays' which initiated short film screenings every Wednesday to inculcate a culture of short film viewing and appreciation in the college. The society also organised a photography workshop with the skilled photography Mr. Nimit Nigam. The workshop focused on clarifying the basics and was open to non society members as well. The society also put up a teachers' day themed exhibition titled 'O, Captain My Captain' as a tribute to all the teachers. Tarang was an eventful fest for the society. Pre Tarang event 'Hocus Pocus' included a trailer making competition, a mobile photography competition as well as caption writing. The Tarang line up of events: on spot photography competitions, silent filmmaking and screenplay writing, were received with great enthusiasm. The year concluded with an exhibition around the theme of nature in college put up for the green cup inspection.

**DHYANA, the Society for Consciousness and Awareness**, is dedicated to revising the concept of education, focusing the mind into thought, and thought into awareness. It is from awareness and through inhabiting one's internal reality that one can imagine immensities for transforming the world. Dhyana's central theme for the year was "*TAT TVAM ASI*", a Sanskrit phrase, translated as "Thou art that." *Tat* here refers to the 'Brahman', *Asi* means 'are' and *Tvam* is the self. The words when said together convey that 'You are the only reality that exists.'

Dhyana began the year with an interactive session titled "Painted Faces: - The Initiation. This was an activity where students were paired with individuals who were unknown to them- faces they may have seen in college, might have exchanged smiles with, but never spoken with. Dhyana also organised the screening of the award winning film 'I am Kalam' directed by Nila Madhab Panda. Keeping in mind Dhyana's emphasis on self-exploration, the movie was chosen for its storyline about a boy who pursues his inner calling of becoming like the then President Mr. Kalam. The screening was attended by a large number of students and was followed by a discussion.

Dr. Renu Bahl, Associate Professor in the Political Science Department of LSR, delivered a lecture on 'The Upanishadic Concept of the Self'. Dr. Bahl spoke of the various aspects and perspectives within the Upanishads and the influences that shape selfhood. The talk was followed by an interaction with the audience. An interactive session with Ms. Ameeta Mehra, an alumna of LSR and Head of the Gnostic Centre was organised. She spoke on the "The Power of Meditation and Concentration – A Practicum to Deal with Day-to-Day Problems". Ms. Mehra explained how meditation could help control anger, moderate aspects of our behavior that we wish to change, develop inner poise in daily life and deal with difficult situations calmly. The lecture came to a close with two brief guided meditation sessions. Ms. Ananya Vajpeyi, Fellow at CSDS, was invited to speak on "Selfhood and Solidarity". Ms. Vajpeyi was the founder of Dhyana society. The lecture was focused on the ways of embracing 'otherness', and patiently dealing with a plural environment by making space for differences and dissent. She emphasized the importance of fighting against caging thinking minds by coming together in our own selfhood and as a collective to express solidarity.

Mr. Gurcharan Das, a journalist and international best-selling author visited LSR and delivered a lecture on "The Difficulty of Being Good". He discussed the 'Mahabharata' and its central notion of 'Dharma'. He narrated various events from the 'Mahabharata' and drew parallels with the contemporary world. The floor was then opened for questions, and many students interacted with Mr. Das. The session ended with

students getting copies of Mr. Das's books signed by him. Dhyana organised a talk on 'The Buddhist Conception of the Self' by Mr. Kabir Saxena, a Buddhist monk and the Director of Maitreya Buddha Project in Kushinagar. Mr. Kabir said that in today's competitive world, the significance of Mother Nature and the human-nature relationship have declined. He further stated that aggression could not be the answer to aggression. Rather this needs to be a time of engaging in peaceful deliberations and decision-making. The session ended with a question and answer round.

Dr. Pankaj Jha, Associate Professor of the History Department of LSR gave an illuminating talk on 'Love and Other Emotions of Power in Medieval Sufism'. Dr. Jha discussed the various stages of love in context of Sufism. He demystified various notions about power and the myths and politics that revolve around Sufism.

**The English Debating Society** organised various events throughout the year that promoted healthy discussion and pushed students to think beyond the confines of the classroom. The English Debating Society, in association with The Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, hosted the LSR – TASHI Conventional Debate. Fourteen teams from various colleges including St. Stephen's, Hansraj, Ramjas, National Law University Delhi, participated in this prestigious tournament. Keeping in mind the deliberations around foreign policy and international security, the motion debated upon was "This house believes that war is not an option." An esteemed panel of judges including eminent journalists Mr. Sunit Tandon, Mr. Girish Nikam and prominent academic and thinker Dr. Anjali Bharadwaj were invited to adjudicate the event. The Society also successfully hosted The GREAT Britain Debate, in association with The British High Commission. The society hosted its annual inter-college debating competition which attracted national level participation from teams across 50 reputed colleges in India such as IIT Kharagpur, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, Presidency College, Kolkata, Government Law College, Mumbai, St. Stephen's College and Punjab Engineering College. Following the standard Asian Style Parliamentary Debate format the event spanned across four days and five preliminary rounds.

The society set the benchmark as one of the strongest institutional teams in the country, with consistently remarkable performance at tournaments. Zehra Kazmi and Anusuiya Radhika were the Quarter finalists and Nitika was declared as the Third best judge at St. Stephen's College. Serena Nanda, Gaurika Sood, and Anusuiya Radhika were the finalists at Kirori Mal College. At Indraprastha College, Anusheela and Mythili won prizes for the Best novice judge and Second Best judge respectively. At Miranda House, Gaurika Sood and Serena Nanda were the winners and the prize for Third Best Adjudicator went to Shipra Karan. At Jesus And Mary College, the prize for second Best Judge went to Mythili Mishra. At The Shri Ram Debating Festival, Anusuiya Radhika, Pritika Datta, Nitika Bakshi made it to the Semi Finals while Serena Nanda was declared the Best adjudicator. In Clash of Clans, knockout Public Debate, Mythili Mishra, Puja Raghavan and Sharmistha were declared as the winners and the prize for Third best Adjudicator went to Shipra Karan. At GNLU, the prize for Second best judge went to Vedika while Zehra won the prize for third best judge at Hansraj College. Puja won the prize for second best judge at ILS, Pune and Sri Venkateshwara College. In Sri Ram College for Commerce, Gaurika Sood, Shreeya Arora, Srijan Bhan and Serena Nanda, Anusuiya Radhika, Shipra Karan were the Finalists and Semi finalists respectively while the prize for Third Best judge went to Mythili. At Hindu College, the prize for Third Best Judge went to Anusuiya Radhika. Tanisha Ranjit, Puja Raghavan, Mythili Mishra and Pritika, Nitika made it to the finals at NLUD and IPCW respectively

LSR has been an active member of the **SPIC MACAY** family since its inception. The society seeks to conserve and promote an awareness of the rich and heterogeneous cultural tapestry amongst the youth of India and abroad through focus on the classical arts, with their attendant legends, rituals, mythology and philosophy and to facilitate an awareness of their deeper and subtler values. SPIC MACAY is an open society at LSR, its workforce being entirely voluntary and participatory, consists mainly of the student fraternity of LSR. SPIC MACAY, LSR Chapter organized a heritage walk to Purana Qila for over 50 students. Students were accompanied by the well-known historian, Ms. Swapna Liddle who helped them explore every corner of Purana Qila. This was followed by a movie screening of the Swedish classic – *The Seventh Seal*, directed by Ingmar Bergman. The movie explores the theme of death and struggle.

The annual recital saw astounding performances by Hasnain Nizami and group. Hasnain Nizami is an internationally famous *qawwal* from Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia. The auditorium reverberated to the beats of Dholak, the taal of Tabla, the notes of Harmonium and the melodies of the Qawals.

The second heritage walk for the session was organized with Swapna Liddle at the World Heritage Site-Red Fort. The historian gave the students a peek into history by taking them through various parts of the complex including the Diwan-iAam, Khas Mahal and the Mosque— Moti Masjid. A Sitar and Tabla Recital, featuring Josh Feinberg and Ustad Akram Khan was successfully organised.

**The Elocution Society** started the academic year with a performance for the College Orientation. This was followed by a series of flash performances which led up to the Society Orientation at the end of July. Seven people from the Independence Day auditions, including many new students, were selected to be a part of a pilot project where, following a month of voice-training and writing workshops, their original pieces were put up on a YouTube page,. The week after the Independence Day production saw the society conduct the annual freshers' competition, which saw huge participation from an eager bunch of first year students. Sakshi Aggarwal, won the first position at the Shakespeare Recitation Competition held at Sri Venkateshwara College.

The Independence Day production and the YouTube video series was followed by the Teachers' Day production that saw a light-hearted performance which was structured in the form of a radio show and drew quite a few laughs from the audience. This was followed by the first collaboration of the year in which a spoken word event was conducted- *Free the Verse*. The society conducted a couple of informal voice training workshops. A screening of bizarre yet viral YouTube videos was conducted, which was followed by a discussion exploring the causes propelling their popularity, and the session proved to be quite popular with the participants.

A fiction and poetry writing workshop by poet and editor Dibyajyoti Sarma was organised in collaboration with *Poetry Couture* as part of pre-Tarang events. For Tarang, the society hosted two events—*Slam Nation*, the slam poetry competition and *Tale Spinner*, the storytelling competition. The Annual Production, titled *Metanoia. (n.)* which is about a coin-operated boy seeking to find himself in post-nuclear war dystopia was performed to a full house

**The Placement Cell** serves as an interface between the students and the recruiters. In addition to bringing companies for recruitment and internships, skill building workshops were also organized to help streamline the Placement Cell as a 'Career Services Unit'. This year, over 15 seminars and talks were conducted right from the beginning of the session to help students choose a career path and improve their employability skills through resume writing and case study workshops from organizations like Nomura, UNICEF, Deloitte , EY to name a few. A number of interaction sessions with alums were also organized to further hone the skill sets of the students. Companies visited the college campus throughout the year. This year around 500 students registered with the cell for final placements out of which nearly 80% had prior internship experience.

The placement cell hosted a varied range of companies offering placements as well as internships throughout the year. Industry giants like McKinsey and Co., Boston Consulting Group, Bank of American, Meryill Lynch, Bloomberg, Bain Capability Center, IDInsights KPMG, Ernst and Young, PwC re-visited LSR this year offering positions in a diverse range of fields such as consulting, finance, marketing and sales, media content, research etc. An exciting number of first time recruiters like Dalberg, CitiCorp, EVC, FTI Consulting offered highly competitive positions and packages. A good number of start-ups such as Inshorts, BiRa, Rockstays, etc. picked up talent from the college as well. Several Non Profit Organizations such as Teach for India, Young India Fellowship and Gandhi Fellowship also offered excellent fellowship programs to the students.

The placements this year have not been restricted to Economics and Commerce departments but have witnessed a number of students recruited from departments like Statistics, Mathematics, English, Psychology, BA Programme. Over 64 companies visited the campus to offer full time positions and over 120students have been placed this year. The average package offered stands at INR 6.3 lakh. The

highest package offered this year for an Indian position was INR 37.8 lakh, which was not just the highest package offered at LSR but the highest in Delhi University.

Over 300 internship offers were rolled out with over 150 industry giants like Google, Bank of America Meryll Lynch, Bloomberg, Embraco and AMD. Over 150 paid internships were offered to the students. The highest internship offer of INR 2,00,000 for 2 months for Embraco for 4 girls of LSR was the highest internship offer made in the university. The average stipend for paid internships also doubled to nearly INR 15,000 per month.

The placement cell remained extremely busy throughout the year with great success in terms of placements and internships.

Number of Companies for Placements 70 (41 on campus)

Number of Companies for Internships 127(18 on campus)

Total Number of on campus events 77

Number of Final Placement Offers 120

Highest Placement Offer INR 37.8 lpa

Highest Internship Offer INR 2 lakh for 2 months

Average Offer INR 6.3 lpa

**The Model UN Society** had an exciting year focusing on globally important issues like international terrorism, climate change, gender and environment. The society was divided into two groups- advanced learning group and main learning group. Through a series of about twenty workshops members were introduced to the concept of MUN, basic international relations theory, the procedures at multilateralism, negotiations etc. Along with these the MUN also organized ten training sessions to develop and enhance argumentation skills in members. In the month of November an intra MUN was organised on 'The Ideologies and Narratives of Terrorism'. Thereafter the MUN society organized its annual conference on another pertinent issue and challenge to global security- 'Climate Change'. The conference witnessed simulation of three separate committees namely, the Nansen Initiative, the Ministerial Conference on Environment and development and the Commission on the Status of Women and children. The debates focused on a variety of issues like, Climate Refugees, Regional Implementation and Review of the Paris Agreement and the Gender Perspective on Climate Change. The Commission on the Status of Women was the a committee which was simulated with the intention of introducing the concept of MUNs to children from underprivileged backgrounds. For this purpose, the MUN Society collaborated with multiple education oriented NGOs functioning under the ambit of NSS-LSR. The participation in this initiative broke not only the barrier of accessibility but also that of age through the participation of students from standards fourth to twelfth. The students were introduced to the nexus of gender studies and climate change, in keeping with the theme of the conference as well as the specific committee. The culmination of approximately ten training sessions happened on the date of the actual conference when these kids came together to simulate a committee parallelly to committee simulations comprising of college students. In a highly fruitful session, these children brought forth to the discussion table a combination of their lived experiences and their acquired knowledge through the training sessions.

The society also organised talks and speaker sessions as part of the annual conference. The honorary Secretary General for our annual conference was Ambassador Shashank who has served as the Foreign Secretary of India.

The International Press at the conference which had 20 participants as Journalists, Photographers and Designers was commended for providing the most substantive and intelligent coverage. The event was applauded for its substantive quality of debate and smooth functioning and lived up to its legacy by not

only changing the way MUNs are organised but only by standing out as one of the best Model United Nations Conferences in the country.

Members of the society won over 35 individual awards including Best Delegate, High Commendation and Special Mention prizes and 60 Executive Board positions at MUN conferences across the country. The society also won the Best Delegation awards at the annual MUN conferences organised by St. Stephen's College and Jesus and Mary College. The students also headed the International Press of 14 MUN conferences.

## **The Residence Hall**

The Residence Hall Union consists of three posts, namely, the president, Vice-President and the Secretary. In addition, there 12 major democratically elected student committees that ensure the smooth functioning of the residence hall under the able guidance of the Warden, Dr. Ujjayini Ray, Asst.Warden, Ms.Veena Khosla and the Superintendent, Mrs. Joy George.

The year started off with a phenomenal farewell to the batch of 2016. The farewell was the first on the list of many other recreational events organised by the hostel union. The day started at 6:30 am with a cup of coffee in bed for each third year, coupled with a cookie and a personalised invitation to the cultural evening followed by a feast fit for a king! The cultural event put up by the residents of the resident hall left the outgoing batch in tears and nostalgia. As the third years walked back to the hostel, another surprise awaited them. The hostel mess was decorated with fairy lights all over, hanging from the ceiling and to add to the ambience, soft instrumental music played in the background as a batch of stunned third years walked into the mess. The evening ended with a Jam session in the hostel common room followed by the distribution of beautiful gifts by the hostel union, consisting of glass bowls with packets of scented potpourri.

With a successful start, the events that followed were a great success too. We organised a very warm and interactive Freshers' followed by a Musical night, Cultural Night, Sports Day etc. The main purpose of these events was to develop stronger inter-personal relations among the hostellers and to break the ice between the freshers and the seniors.

A day trip was organised in association with the HO-HO bus service to the major historical landmarks in Delhi for the first year students. The 4 day hostel trip to Jaisalmer was also a roaring success with a group of about 50 students. In addition to all the activities to strengthen the ethos of the hostel, several new initiatives were taken. Although the LSRH mess is one of the best in the University of Delhi, constant endeavours are made to improve. A special dinner was organised every month with new dishes being introduced such as 'Methi Malai Matar Mushroom', 'Rajasthani Dal', 'Paneer Burjhi', 'Corn Tikki', 'chocolate lava cake', 'cookie crumb ice-cream' etc. New suggestions along with recipes were welcomed and tried out.

Several other activities were also organized to foster a sense of community among the hostel dwellers. The Open Air Movie screening was introduced and was a great success with over 50-60 students coming together the watching a classic English movie on a big screen and a projector arranged from the college. A memory wall was built for the outgoing batch to put up photographs, letters etc. The number of Jam sessions were increased. New sports equipment like including badminton racquets, carrom board and volley balls were purchased. A tambola night was organised and exciting gifts were given to the winners. Further Secret Santa was organised wherein gifts were exchanged amongst the residents.

Constant infrastructural changes have also been made according to the needs of the residents. New air-conditioners were installed in the reading room. Another microwave was bought for the first floor of the hostel. Efforts were made to keep the Wifi connection consistent. New chairs and tables were bought for the common room. The number of Iron Boxes were increased to two and a new water cooler was installed on the first floor.

Along with the enjoyable activities in the hostel, various talks, videos, discussions and fun exercises were taken to sensitize the residents on issues such as cleanliness and caste discrimination. A number of General Body Meetings (GBMs) were conducted by the members of the hostel committee in order to discuss various issues raised by the residents and implement the needed measures. In addition to this, the security committee along with the hostel union carried out several security checks and a fire drill as a part of the disaster management drill.

Towards the end of the year, under the leadership of a dynamic team, the annual hostel magazine will be brought out with tete a tetes by the residents along with a gallery of their days spent in the hostel.

The hostel continues to be an empowering and dynamic space for all of us.

## **Distinguished Visitors to the College 2016-17**

Ms. Aanchal Kapoor	:	Founder, Kriti: A Development Praxis & Communication Team (Founding member of WDC at LSR)
Ms. Abha Khetarpal Maurya	:	President, Cross the Hurdles & Disability Rights Activist
Mr. Aditya Narain	:	Former Investment Banker
Dr. Ajay Verma	:	Associate Professor, JNU
Dr. Akeel Bilgrami	:	Philosopher & Writer
Dr. Akhil Katyal	:	Academician, Shiv Nadar University
Dr. Akshay Khanna	:	Lawyer & Social Anthropologist
Dr. Amber Habib	:	Prof., Dept of Mathematics, Shiv Nadar University
Mr. Amit Bajaj	:	Academician, CRPF School, Rohini
Mr. Amitabh Singh	:	Cinematographer, Film Producer & Director
Prof. Amitabha Mukherjee	:	Academician, University of Delhi
Dr. Amitabha Tripathi	:	Professor, Dept of Mathematics, IIT Delhi
Ms. Amrita Banerjee	:	IFS Officer & Alumna (LSR)
Mr. Anand Saurabh	:	Associate Editor, All India Radio
Dr. Angelie Multani	:	Associate Professor (Literature), IIT Delhi
Mr. Anil Kumar	:	National Association of the Blind
Dr. Anirban Kar	:	Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, Delhi School of Economics
Dr Anita Ghai	:	Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Ambedkar University
Ms. Anita Sharma	:	Principal, S D Public School
Mr. Annirudh Sharma	:	Chief Reporter, Dainik Bhaskar
Dr. Anup Rajput	:	Professor, Dept of Elementary Education, NCERT
Dr. Anuradha De	:	Director at Collaborative Research and Dissemination
Dr. Anurag Srivastava	:	Professor, Dept of Surgery, AIIMS
Dr. Aparna Balachandran	:	Professor, Dept of History, University of Delhi

Dr. Apoorvanand	: Professor, Dept of Hindi, University of Delhi
Dr. Arpita Mukherjee	: Professor, ICRIER
Shri Arun Bharat Ram	: Chairman, LSR
Dr. Arvind Virmani	: Former Chief Economic Advisor to Government of India
Dr. Asha Mathur	: Former VicePrincipal, LSR
Dr. Avadhendra Sharan	: Associate Professor, Centre for Study of Developing Societies
Prof. Ayesha Gautam	: Academician, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi
Col. Bhanwala	: Padmashri Awardee, Rowing
Ms Bharti	: Member, Alcoholic Anonymous
Mr. Bijoy H. Boruah	: Professor of Philosophy, IIT Delhi
Mr. Bikram Singh Thockchom	: President, AMMA Football Club & Advisor, Coerver Coaching India
Mr. Bikram Vohra	: Columnist, <i>The Times of India</i>
Dr B.P. Sahu	: Professor, University of Delhi
Prof. B.S. Chimni	: Chairperson, Centre for International Legal Studies, JNU
Mr. Carlo Ghidini	: Freelance Filmmaker
Ms. Chhaya Shri Ram	: Board Director, USHA International
Dr. Chintamani Mahapatra	: Professor, JNU
Dr. Chirashree Ghosh	: Associate Professor, Dept of Environmental studies, University of Delhi
Ms. Chitra Banerjee	: Writer
Dr. Christel Devadawson	: Professor, Dept of English, University of Delhi
Dr. Craig Dicker	: Cultural Affairs Officer, USA Embassy
Ms. Dakshita Das	: Joint Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India
Ms. Dana Cohen-Kalpan	: Academician
Dr. Deepak Mehta	: Professor, Dept of Sociology, Shiv Nadar University
Mr. Deepak Pandit	: Co-Founder, Indian School of Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development
Mr. Deepak Uniyaal	: Video Editor, News Nation Channel
Dr. Dev N Pathak	: Academician, South Asian University
Mr. Devadeep Konwar	: Documentary Film Maker
Mr. Dharya Gambhir	: Graffiti Artist & Creative Director, TheArtender
Mr. Dipakar Gupta	: Sociologist & Academician
Ms. Durga Shakti Nagpal	: IAS Officer

Dr. Farzana Afridi	:	Associate Professor, Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute
Dr Gaurav Gupta	:	Psychiatrist, Tulasi Psychiatric and Rehabilitation Centre
Dr Geeta Gouri	:	Former Member of Competition Commission of India
Ms. Geetanjali	:	Kathkatha&The Gandhi Fellowship Program Fellow
Dr. Geetha Venkataraman	:	Professor, Ambedkar University
Mr. George Abraham	:	Founder, Score Foundation
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Dr. G.J.V. Prasad	:	Professor, Dept. of English, JNU
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Ms Harriet Raghunathan	:	Associate Professor,(Retd,) Dept of English, Jesus & Mary College
Ms. Heena Vaid	:	Senior Programme Manager, Public Health Care Sector
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Mr. Javed Abidi	:	Director, National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People
Mr. Jayasankar Menon	:	Former Indian Basketball Team Captain, Asian All Star Basketball Player
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Dr. Kaneenika Sinha	:	Assistant Professor, Dept of Mathematics, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Pune
Mr. Kaartikeya Bajpai	:	Editor-in-Chief, <i>The Bombay Review</i>

Ms. Katie Nielson	: Filmmaker, Texas
Ms. Kavita Joshi	: Documentary Filmmaker
Mr. Kesang Thakur	: Academician
Prof. Keval Arora	: Academician, Kirori Mal College
Dr. Krishna Menon	: Professor, School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University
Mr. K.C. Verma	: Former Director, RAW
Mr. K.K. Verma	: Director, Programs at Childreach International & Technical Advisor, NGO Aarohan
Ambassador K. P. Fabian	: Former Indian Diplomat
Mr. KV Shridhar	: Creative Director, Hyper Collective
Mr. Madhuresh Kumar	: Conveyor, National Alliance of People's Movements
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Mr. Manohar Parrikar	: Defence Minister, Government of India
Mr. Manu Joseph	: Journalist & Author
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Prof. Maya Rao	: Professor, Dept of Education, Shiv Nadar University
Dr. Meetu Khosla	: Associate Professor, Daulat Ram College
Lord Meghnad Desai	: Economist, Labour Politician
Lord Michael Hastings	: Global CSR Head, KPMG
Dr. Milind Awad	: Academician, JNU
Dr. Minati Panda	: Professor, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies School of Social Sciences, JNU
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Mr. Rahul Roy	:	Filmmaker
Mr. Rajesh P.	:	Co Founder, Finger Chat Delhi
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Dr Ross Forman	:	Associate Professor, University of Warwick
Dr. Rumki Basu	:	Former Head of Gender Studies Cell, JamiaMillialIslamia University
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Captain Shubhra Verma	:	4 DGBN AOMs.
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Prof. Ummu Salma Bava	:	Director, Europe Area Studies Programme & Professor of European Studies, Centre for European Studies, JNU
Prof. Upinder Singh	:	Professor, Department of History & Reader, University of Delhi
Mr. Vikas Rikhi	:	Academician
Ms. Vasu Primlani	:	Stand-up Comedian
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