## FORMAT FOR THE 96<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REPORT University of Delhi 2018-19

1. Name of the College Lady Shri Ram College for Women

## 2. Major Activities and Achievements (Maximum 150 words)

Lady Shri Ram has been placed among the top ten positions. In 2018 we had the number eight rank and in 2019 we have the number five rank. The WEEK 2018 survey ranked LSR as the number one in the country. Many surveys over the years has been consistently ranking LSR as the best college in the country.

## International Activities and Achievements

- *MOU:* Monash University signed an MoU with LSR for a special scholarship called the "Meenakshi Gopinath and Ann Tickner Scholarship". This scholarship, is primarily meant for students from LSR wanting to do their Ph.D at Monash University, Faculty of Arts.
- Awards for LSR students: Two students from LSR, Pratima Garg and Ms. Harnidh Kaur, have been selected as Schwarzman Scholars from India for 2019-20. This is a prestigious international global scholar's programme located at Beijing with faculty from all over the world.
- *Foreign delegation at LSR:* A delegation from Sciences Po visited the College in December 2018. It was led by Dr. Vanessa Scherrer, Vice President, Sciences Po and included Mr. Enrico Letta, Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs and former Prime Minister of Italy and the representatives of Sciences Po in India, Ms. Sophie Collet and Ms. Neha Khanna.
- *Visit by International Students:* Students from the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University, Australia along with Professor Andrew Alter visited LSR College for a short-term course conceptualized and transacted by LSR faculty members. This week long course, held in September 2018, provided an overview on diverse aspects of Indian History, Geopolitics, Sociology, Gandhi and his relevance and Sustainable Environmental Practices in India.
- *Talks by Professors from Foreign Universities:* Dr. Kirsten Davies from Macquarie's Department of Law visited LSR on October 3, 2018 to deliver a lecture titled "The Warming War: How Climate Change is Creating Threats to International Peace and Security". This lecture highlighted the impact of greenhouse emissions in accelerating climate change, insidiously threatening the security of human life on earth. On 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 Dr. Peter Postle, HOD of Economics at the University of Bath gave a lecture on "Global responsibilities from the market to the individual".
- *Winter School*: An eight day long winter school, organized by the University of Bath titled 'Global Responsibilities from the Market to the Individual' was held in December 2018. The course was open to all undergraduate students and was inter-disciplinary in nature. Taught by faculty from the University of Bath, it included specialists from the disciplines of economics, philosophy, history and political science.
- *Visits by foreign delegates:* A number of visitors, both from partner institutions and from institutions looking for partners in India, visited the college and met the Principal. Dr. Jennifer Grafton, Associate Dean (Global Engagement), from the University of

Melbourne discussed possibilities of collaboration between LSR and the University of Melbourne. Dr. Lia Roberts, Academic Director, Centre for Global Initiatives, Mount Saint Mary's University also discussed possible areas of collaboration. Ms. Amanda Stuart and Ms. Cindy Chen from the Summer Institutes of Oxford and Cambridge visited LSR to discuss the possibilities for students from LSR participating in summer courses at these Universities. A number of visitors from La Trobe and Macquarie visited the campus.

- *Student Exchanges:* LSR College hosted a number of exchange students in the academic year 2018-19. These included six students from Middlebury College, and two students from the National University of Singapore (NUS). While some of the exchange students came for one semester others came on a year-long exchange. A number of students from LSR have been nominated for collaborative programmes in Universities abroad including the Sciences Po Programme in Paris, Macquarie University, Australia, Summer School at NUS and Fukuoka University, Japan.
- Summer courses opportunities for LSR students: Mr. Danny Pan, Associate Manager, Academic Partnerships, the Summer Institute at Oriel College, Oxford and the Cambridge Summer Institute visited the campus on 16th January, 2019 to inform students about summer courses at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

## Major College Activities

- A Journey of Grit: Organized on the 6th of March, 2019, TARINI, a National Geographic production, documenting the first ever circumnavigation of the globe by six women officers of the Indian Navy was screened on the occasion of Women's Day. The Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Lamba was the Guest of Honour. The screening of the film was followed by an interactive session with the inspiring crew of TARINI.
- Innovation Cell (MHRD) at LSR: On 8 January 2019 the Innovation Council, an initiative of MHRD, was formally inaugurated in the college auditorium in the presence of an audience of administrative staff, college faculty and the student body. On the same day the Council had its first Leadership Talk by Mr. Anand Mahindra, Chairman, Mahindra Group which saw an overwhelming response. On 24th Jan, 2019 a session with Mr. Anand Deshpande took place on leadership skills. On 19th March 2019, a live session with Mr.Ajit Doval was screened at college based on the theme 'Art of decision making'.
- *Sexual Harassment Awareness:* On 13 September, 2018, ACP Ms. Sunita Sharma (first SHO at the first woman managed police station in India) spoke on sexual harassment. She elaborated on the definition of sexual harassment as per the Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.
- *Politics, Power and Media*: Ms. Mridula Garg was invited to deliver the fourth Manohar Shyam Joshi Memorial lecture on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Her talk was titled '*Manohar Shyam Joshi: Woh Jo Khud Doosra Tha*'.
- *Workshop with women inmates, Tihar Jail:* National Service Scheme, LSR and Basta: Waste to Worth conducted two modules Paper Recycling and Clutch-Making- with the women inmates of Tihar Jail in December- January to provide them with a creative

outlet and simultaneously equipping them with vocational skills for socio-economic sustenance post completion of their respective terms.

- *Rabab Recital*: Organized as a Pre-Tarang event date in February 2019 in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts. Shri Abdul Hamid Bhat and his group from Jammu and Kashmir performed a mesmerising Rabab Recital and enthralled the audience.
- Women and Law: Short Term Certificate Course organized from 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The course covered laws encompassing these major areas-Women and Employment; Crimes against Women, Women and Marriage, Divorce and Succession, Adoption and Succession. The Course included a visit to a Family Court as well.
- Demonstration on Self Defence by Special Police Unit for Women and Child Cell: During this event students were taught a variety of self-defence techniques. These techniques were enacted in different situations, and were also demonstrated in slow motion.

*Social initiatives:* Enactus organized a health camp in Mangar village, where one of its communities reside, in collaboration with Paras hospitals to provide free health check up and distribute free medicines. Further, Enactus collaborated with East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) and installed vertical gardens in a municipal court in Yamuna Vihar and a chest clinic in Patparganj. Enactus members further painted two walls in East Delhi, as instructed by the EDMC, to send across a social message to the public to adopt ways to reduce pollution.

## 3. Honours/Distinctions

- i. *Dr. Suman Sharma Principal, LSR College* received World Award for Value Education (WAVE) by Indian Institute of Ecology and Environment (IIEE) in Spiritual and Value Education (SAVE) Summit-2019 on 13 March, 2019 at India International Centre, New Delhi.
- Dr. Suman Sharma received Amity Academic Excellence Award by Amity University in 19<sup>th</sup> International Business Conference - INBUSH ERA World Summit-2019 on 20-22 February, 2019 at Amity University Sector-125, Noida UP.
- iii. Dr. Suman Sharma received the Life Time Achievement Award on the occasion of the United Nations World Teachers Day Celebrations coinciding with the Teacher Education and Research Summit for a Cleaner World held at India International Centre, 40 Estate New Delhi on 05<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.
- iv. Dr. Arvind Kumar, Department of Commerce was conferred the Humanource Award for Academic Excellence 2018 by GHS-IMR (Dr. Gaur Hari Singhania Institute of Management & Resaerch, Kanpur (UP), 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at the 5<sup>th</sup>International HR Summit 2018
- v. *Dr. Shernaz Cama, Department of English* was awarded by the Delhi Government at Vigyan Bhawan Award for Excellence in NGO Sector on 17th December 2018.
- vi. *Mrs. Rukshana Shroff, Department of English* received 'Excellent Teacher Award' from the Delhi Minorities Commission, Government of NCT of Delhi at Vigyan Bhawan in December 2018.
- vii. *Ms. Wafa Hamid, Department of English* received the Madonna and Michael Marsden International Grant Award for the Popular Culture/ American Culture Association, March-April 2019.

- viii. *Ms. Wafa Hamid* received the FLAGS (Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies) awards by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies, WGSS (Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies), Yale University, 2018-19.
- ix. *Ms. Wafa Hamid* received the Madonna and Michael Marsden International Grant Award for the Popular Culture/ American Culture Association, March-April 2018.
- x. *Dr. Vandana S Bhan, Department of Sanskrit r*eceived the Sarvoch Sukirti Bharti Gaurav Samman from Surbhi Sahitya Sanskriti Academy, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh, 2018
- xi. *Dr. Sarika Kalra, Department of Hindi* received the 'Yadavendra Sharma Chandra Katha Samman' by Sahitya Kala evam Sanskrit iSamman, Udaipur on September 2018
- xii. *Dr. Sarika Kalra* received the 'Hindi Bhushan Shree Samman' by KB Hindi SahityaSamiti, Badanyun, UP in December 2018
- xiii. *Dr. Sarika Kalra* was felicitated by Sahitya Sabha of Shriram college of commerce (University of Delhi)and NavshrishtSevaSansthan for creative writing in feb 2019
- xiv. **Dr. Priti Dhawan, Department of Psychology** received the Outstanding Achievement Award by Teachers College, Columbia University, U.S.A, for the Integrative research project 'Psychotherapy in Urban India: Attitudes and Perceived Barriers towards seeking treatment' by Tanvi Kankan under the supervision of Dr. PritiDhawan.
- xv. *Dr. Priti Dhawan* received the Distinguished Teachers Award 2018 by Rotary Club of New Delhi.
- xvi. Dr. Shwetanshu Bhushan, Department of History was awarded the Fellowship (2018-2020) at Nehru Memorial Museum andLibrary, Teen Murti Bhawan, New Delhi
- xvii. Dr. Lipi Saxena, Department of Philosophy was awarded the Best Paper for the paper titled Kant's Categorical Imperative and Medical Ethics in the 10th International Conference on Education, Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences held on June 10-11,2018 in Vietnam.
- xviii. **Dr. Lipi Saxena** was awarded the Best Research Paper for the paper titled Death By Choice in the International Conference on Philosophy, Education and Applied Philosophy held on 20th May, 2018 in Jaipur.
- xix. *Ms. Meenakshi Pahuja, Department of BA Programme* received the Women's Achiever's Award -Honoured by Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> March'2019
- xx. Ms. Meenakshi Pahuja was awarded The Prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar ( highest civilian honour to an Indian Women) by Women & Child Development Ministry, Government of India om 8<sup>th</sup> March'2019 by President of India, Shri Kovind
- xxi. *Ms. Meenakshi Pahuja* received the Special Award by Delhi Sports Journalist Association for open waters on 28<sup>th</sup> March'2019, Lalit Hotel, New Delhi

## 4. Students with Distinctions (Maximum 5)

- i. Two students from LSR, Pratima Garg and Harnidh Kaur, have been selected as Schwarzman Scholars from India for 2019-20. This is a prestigious international global scholar's programme located at Beijing with faculty from all over the world.
- **ii.** Yukta Dave was selected for University of Delhi Badminton team, she represented Delhi in the North Zone and secured the first (gold) position.
- iii. Ishita Sharma participated in 57th Delhi states competition held at Indira Gandhi Stadium and bagged 2 Silver medals in the hoop and the ball event. She also participated in All India University held at Mahauli, Chandigarh in November 2018 and was selected for the apparatus finals for the hoop event. She came in

amongst the top 25 players and was further recommended by the Delhi state's gymnastics federation to compete in the Khelo India games 2019 held in Pune. In the Khelo India games, she came in Top 8 and was qualified for the apparatus final for the hoop event.

- iv. In the Delhi University Inter College Judo Championship 2018-19 Akanksha Wali got the Gold Medal in -78 kg category; Saloni Yadav got the Bronze Medal in -70 kg category; Shivani Kumari in the -52 kg category and Saloni Yadav managed the Bronze Medal in the Open Category.
- v. In the Junior Kurash Nationals, Karnataka 2018-19 Saloni Yadav got the Silver Medal in -63 kg Category and Saloni Yadav participated in the Senior Kurash Nationals, Aurangabad 2018-19. In Beach Kurash International Championship, Busan 2018-19 Saloni represented India in -63 kg category.
- vi. Ananya Bhatt, History Honours, 3 Year Won a Gold Medal in 62nd National Shooting Championship, 2018 in 3 Position Jr. Women Event. Devanshi Rana, B.A. Programme, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, won a Gold medal at the Khelo India Youth Games 2019, January held in Pune, Maharashtra; won a Silver medal at the 62<sup>nd</sup> National Shooting Championship held in Trivandrum, Kerala, 2018; bagged a Gold medal in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wajid Ali Memorial Shooting; and, received 2 Golds in World Cup Sydney in Air and Sports Pistol event in March 2018.
- vii. In the Haryana State Open Aquatic Meet 2018 Anjali Sangwan got the Gold Medal in 50m Butterfly and 200 IM and a Silver Medal in 50m Breaststroke and a Bronze Medal in 50m Freestyle. In the University of Delhi Inter College Aquatic Meet 18-19 Hunar Deshwal, Rashi Rana, Anjali Sangwan and Jasmine Chawla won the Bronze Medal in 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay and the Bronze Medal in the 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay. They also got the Gold Medal in 4 x 100m Medley Relay. Jasmine represented the Delhi University at All Indian Inter University and she got the Gold Medal in 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay and the Silver Medal in 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay. Jasmine represented the Delhi state at Youth Khelo India Nationals.
- viii. Bhuvaneshwari Rathore and Sayesha Jain won the Gold Medal in Symbiosis law School Open Table Tennis Tournament 2019; in the Delhi Technical University Open Table Tennis Tournament 2019 and also in the Dr. Bharat Ram Open Sports Meet 2019. Bhuvaneshwari Rathore also participated in the Youth National championship 2018 and Sayesha Jain participated in the Senior National Championship 2018.
  - Rashi, Garvita and Bani got the 1<sup>st</sup> position in Shivnadar University Sports Fest for Tennis. Rashi and Garvita got the 1<sup>st</sup> position in Delhi Technological University (DTU) Sports Fest.
  - x. With their excellent performance the Volleyball team bagged the Gold medal in ATHLEEMA Annual Sports meet. Vishalakshi Rana participated in Delhi Senior State championship and got Silver.
  - xi. In the Open Delhi State Athletics Tournament (2018) Charu Shoukeen won the Gold Medal in 100m and Radhika Gulati won the Silver Medal. Charu Shoukeen also participated in the Senior National event (2018) and also managed to get 4<sup>th</sup> position in the "Born to Run Marathon (2018)" and won a cash prize of Rs. 2000/-.

## 5. Publications Total Number (Detail *Maximum 10*)

- i. **Minocha, A**. "Alternative Literary Modernities: A Voice from Colonial Punjab". The Zeitschrift für Anglistik und Amerikanistik / A Quarterly of Language, Literature and Culture, Vol. 66, Issue 1, pp. 35-48, 2018. (ISSN 0044-2305, e-ISSN 2196-4726)
- ii. **Pankaj Jha** (2018)- A Political History of Literature: Vidyapati and the Fifteenth Century, ISBN-13: 978-0199489558, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
- Sharma, R. (Ed.). 2018. Media, the State and Marginalisation: Tackling Challenges. UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. ISBN (10): 1-5275-0883-8; ISBN (13): 978-1-5275-0883-5.
- iv. Govindan, K., Jha, P. C., Agarwal, V., & Darbari, J. D. (2019). Environmental management partner selection for reverse supply chain collaboration: A sustainable approach. *Journal of environmental management*, 236, 784-797.
- v. **Sen, Paroma**, "Trolling: Dark Sides of Globalization" in The Globalization Conundrum- Dark Clouds behind the Silver Lining, Singapore: Springer, 2019 (ISBN 978-981-13-1727-9), pp. 243-256.
- vi. **Bansal, P.** (2019). *Psychology: Debates and Controversies*. Delhi: Sage Publications India Private Limited.
- Vii. Gopa Sabharwal, Building linkages creating connections the Nalanda Way in book titled ASEAN-INDIA Relations – A New Paradigm, Delhi Dialogue VIII, co-edited: Rumel Dahiya & Udai Bhanu Singh, IDSA, Publisher: Pentagon P (2018),ISBN-10: 9386618540;ISBN-13: 978-9386618542
- viii. Rohan Magoon, Poonam Malhotra Kapoor, Vishwas Malik, Sameer Taneja, Sambhunath Das, Ujjwal Kumar Chowdhury, Ameya Karanjkar, V. Ravi. Effect of Goal-directed therapy on postoperative neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocalcin profile in patients undergoing on pump coronary artery surgery, Indian Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery 2018, <u>https://doi.org/10.1007/s12055-018-0758-4</u>
  - ix. Maitra, S., **Madan, S.**, Kandwal, R., & Mahajan, P. (2018). Mining authentic student feedback for faculty using Naïve Bayes classifier. *Procedia computer science*, *132*, 1171-1183. (A Scopus indexed journal by Elsevier)
  - x. **Singh, Monika,** Jain, P., Singh, A.P., Stepanov, V.D., "Swayer's Duality Principle in Grand Lebesgue Spaces" MathematischeNachrichten, 2019; 292: 841-849. DOI: 10.1002/mana.201700312.

## 6. Journals

- Published by the College
  - i. Èclat (Department of Mathematics)
  - ii. Ijtihad (Department of History)
- iii. Sehar (Department of Elementary Education)
- iv. Jabberwock (Department of English)
- v. Tejas (Department of Sanskrit)
- vi. Learning Curve (Department of Psychology)
- vii. Ecolloquial (Department of Economics)
- viii. Comcorde (Department of Commerce)
- ix. Sabab (Department of Political Science)
- x. Noesis (Department of Philosophy)
- xi. The Fieldwork Journal (Department of Sociology)

## 7. Research Projects (*Maximum 5*)

## i. Dr. Suman Sharma, Principal, LSR College

Awarded Major Research Project by Indian Council of Social Science Research (HRD) on the theme: "Collaboration between Schools and Institutions of Higher Education: Benefits and Challenges" (January 2018- January 2020).

## ii. Dr. Shernaz Cama, Department of English

Ministry of Minority Affairs Project - Jiyo Parsi Phase - 2, 2018 Health of the Community Project. PI & Director as Director UNESCO Parzor. Ministry of Minority Affairs - Hamari Dharohar - Protecting Parsi Heritage: Navsari, 2018. PI & Director as Director UNESCO Parzor

## iii. Dr. Kanika K. Ahuja, Department of Psychology

Developing The Kaizen AI, an adaptive, individualized learning and development assistant, for Kaidoko Automation Solutions, a start up firm working in the field of education. It uses a series of psychological, behavioral features and cognitive skill set using data driven based automation to help students, teachers and parents on how to learn effectively. The theoretical model on which it is based is the Multiple Intelligences Model and The Big Five Personality Framework.

## iv. Dr. Megha Dhillon, Department of Psychology

Dove "Confident Me' Project being conducted for adolescents in Delhi and NCR-based schools, as a collaboration between LSR and Center for Appearance Research, University of West England, UK.

## v. Ms. Leki Wangmo Thungon, Department of Sociology

Research for a creative project on Northeast and gender, titled *My Grandmother:Exhibit A* under the ZubaanSasakawa Peace Foundation Grant for Young Researchers 2018.

## vi. Ms. Priyanka Padhy, Department of Psychology

Research Collaborator on a cross cultural research project on 'Disability and Inclusion in India- educational policies and practices' funded by Bates Faculty Development Fund, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, USA.

## 8. Patents Filed/Granted NA

## 9. Seminars Organized (Maximum 5)

i. A two-day extravaganza encompassing a range of commerce-oriented events, the objective of COMQUEST- the Annual Seminar of the Commerce Department was to provide a forum for exchange of ideas amongst the brightest students in the country and to foster innovation, encourage change, and discuss the latest developments in the everbuzzing corporate world. The theme for COMQUEST 2018-19, held on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 revolved around the topic 'The Alphabet of Numbers'. The event saw huge participation from the best colleges of University of Delhi, Kolkata and other states, apart from outstation colleges including college delegations from Nepal and Bhutan.

- a. The academic meet comprised of events premised on the theme, entailing under its umbrella nature various disciplines, highlighting the rural economy, investment and finance, debating and trading, paper presentation, stock markets, etc.
- ii. The Annual Academic Seminar of the Hindi Department VAGARTH was organised in March 2019. On the first day of the meet, at the opening ceremony students presented a group song based on the songs by the legendary poet Suryakant Tripathi Nirala and a 'Kaavyagoshthi' was also organised in which poems by renowned poets were recited. An Excerpt Reading from selected works of eminent authors like Amrita Pritam, Premchand, Yashpal, Bhishma Sahni, Jainendra, Dharmveer Bharti, Maietreyi Pushpa, Mridula Garg and Krishna Sobti was also organised. The first and second positions went to Harshita Dubey and Somya Sharma respectively. A Paper Presentation Competition was organised on the topic, 'Hindi Cinema Mein Stree Ka Badalta Roop'. 'Sahitvik Antaakshari', a team event, was organised as a competition and had five rounds based on five poets-Kabirdas, Tulsidas, Maithilisharan Gupt, Jaishankar Prasad and Suryakant Tripathi Nirala. On the second day of the meet, fifteen teams from various colleges participated in the Literary Quiz. The first prize was won by the team from LSR. A self composed poetry recitation competition was also organised where thirty students participated. For the first time, a set of online competitions were organised that included Sonnet Writing, Caption Writing, Short Story Writing and Slogan Writing on the topic of 'Women Empowerment and Gender Sensitivity'.
- iii. The Department of Philosophy Seminar, ALETHEIA was organised on 11th of February 2019. A range of talks, group discussions, competitions and other activities were organized. Each activity saw enthusiastic participation of a large number of students and teachers from within and outside the Philosophy Department. More than 180 students from various Delhi NCR Colleges came in as participants on the days.
  - a. ALETHEIA began with the guest lecture by renowned editorial photographer-Mr. Bandeep Singh who took the students on a journey of relating art, culture, philosophy and photography. Mr. Singh took time to describe all possible meanings of the term aesthetics and then later also took in time to answer the questions of the students attending.
  - b. Another event which received great enthusiasm and participation was the photography event called 'Eikona'. The photography competition based on art and aesthetics was organised which saw a great number of participants turning up for it.
- *iv.* Organised on 15th March 2019, POLPOURRI 2019 was a one day seminar organised by the Department of Political Science preceded by two events, introducing the novel idea of taking an interdisciplinary approach to enrich the discourse within the discipline of Political Science. The theme for the meet was 'Our Politics, Our Selves?', wherein the students sought to understand the construction of self, as an ongoing and fluid process, that constitute, determine and cultivate individual identity. Politics, here in, becomes a physical site for the construction of personal identities that in turn facilitate the orderliness and reasonableness of the political structures. The meet was aimed to examine the shifting nature of human identity, as brought about by the increasing interdependence of the globalized world. A keynote lecture by Prof. Ashis Nandy was organised on 14th March 2019, setting the stone and invigorating conversation about the self, identity and politics. Several sessions which sought to explore the meaning of

self and its construction, moving towards the construction of identity under the political enterprises of state, nation and development, discussed by luminaries like Prof. Anupama Roy, Prof. Apoorvanand, Prof. Mohinder Singh. In furthering our exploration of social identities, we inspected the complexities within the constitution of gendered identities by a panel discussion with speakers like Vikramaditya Sahai, Prof. Mallarika Sinha Roy, and Prof. Susheela Kaushik. The event concluded by moving towards the most basic form of self-identification, human identity examined through "Self 2.0" by Prof. Naveen Thayyil.

- v. The Department of Sociology held its Annual Academic Seminar-KULA 2019 on the 28th and 29th of March on the theme "Histories and Memories". This year's Kula turned sociological gaze on the social significance of memories, role of archives and processes of making histories. As part of Kula 2019, we had put up an exhibition 'Quaterpiece' which attempted to represent the material memories and tried to remember all acts of resistance that have been silenced over the last 25 years.
  - a. The first day of KULA 2019 opened with an interactive session with the founding faculty of the department -Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Prof. Anuja Agarwal and Dr. Anjali Bhatia- on the theme. This was followed by a panel discussion by three scholars-activists on the theme "Memories and Margins." Dr. Abhay Xaxa spoke on the issues faced by the tribal population in India, Prof. Jenny Rowena from Miranda House spoke about the Sabrimala issue and Ms. Heba Ahmed focused on Muslim women in the context of communal violence. This was followed by paper presentations by students from various departments from Delhi-NCR. The first day ended with an informal students' forum 'Socio Adda' which discussed 'Resistance Art and Youth Cultures'.
  - b. Day two of KULA started with student performances representing the performing arts as sediments cultural memory. This was followed by a panel discussion by Prof. Narayani Gupta and Prof. Deepak Mehta on the theme "On Archiving and History". This was followed by an interactive session with well-known photographer and contemporary artist Dayanita Singh where we discussed her experiments with mobile exhibitions. The academic meet ended with a collage making activity that aimed to recreate histories using newspaper clippings.

#### 10. Conferences Organized (Maximum 5)

The Department of English chose to explore the field of conflict literature in India, as i. the theme of the annual conference entitled 'Faultlines: Indian Experiences of Conflict and Transformations'. The purpose of the conference was to engage with the different forms of conflict that exist on a social and political level, and to explore the various ways in which they manifest, and are represented. The inaugural panel, entitled 'Locating a Lens : An interdisciplinary Conversation on Conflict' was held on 28th February, 2019. The speakers were Pankaj Jha, Professor at the History department of LSR, Banojyotsna Lahiri, Lecturer at the Sociology department of LSR, and Indraprastha College for Women, and Maya Joshi, Professor at the English department of LSR. The first session titled 'Shaking the Center: Narratives from the Margins' was on the conflict in Kashmir and the North-East. The panellists were Veio Pou, Professor at the English department of Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Sandhya Nambiar, Professor at the English department of Jesus and Mary College, and Sanjay Kak, an independent film and documentary maker. The second session titiled 'Talking Women: Troubling Gender' discussed the oppression of women from marginalised groups. The

panellists were Ivy Hansdak, Professor at the English department at Jamia Millia Islamia, and Garima Srivastava, Professor at the Center for Indian Languages, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Interludes between the panels on both days were used to showcase small performative pieces by the students of the department. The art and design team of the department also put together an art exhibition, Taabeer, the discussion club of the department put up a photo exhibition, and the Association put up a Dalit Panthers Archival exhibition.

- The Economics Department hosted its annual international economic conference ii. ECONVISTA 2019 on 17 and 18 January, 2019. It witnessed participation from 12 contingents from all across the country including one from Nepal, with over 800 registrations. The theme chosen for this year's symposium was 'Bridging the Gap: Towards Realizing Sustainable Development Goals 2030'. ECONVISTA 2019 began with an inaugural lecture by Dr. Yasmin Ali Haque, UNICEF Representative in India. She reiterated that SDGs have to excite and generate interest from a wide spectrum of disciplines, and transcend the narrow bounds of silos of sectors. A Panel Discussion was conducted on the 18TH January 2019, the second day of the symposium. The panelists Dr. Jean Dreze, Ms. Nabila Jamshed, Dr. Shagun Sabrawal and Ms. Bhuvana Anand critically addressed and gave their own interpretations on the topic - 'Bridging the Gap: Towards Realizing Sustainable Development Goals 2030'. Ms. Nabila Jamshed, a representative of the United Nations and alumnus of LSR avowedly spoke about the 'gap' in terms of aspirations and implementation, developed and developing countries and the inherent financial gap. Dr. Jean Dreze, Indian developmental economist and activist, asserted the essentiality of universal healthcare, quality education, social security and expansion of democracy in the Indian context for an improved global standing and position of India. Dr. Shagun Sabrawal, through her speech urged us to look at SDG's in the context of India focusing on every SDG with a three- pronged approach - problem, solution and implementation. Finally, Ms. Bhuvana Anand concluded the discussion by highlighting the significance of the intersectionality between economic growth, social progress and environment sustainability.
- The Department of History's Annual Conference, MAAZI-O-MUSTAQBIL, was held on iii. the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March, on the theme 'Deconstructing 'Vernaculars': Complexities of Resistance and Identity Formations'. The attempt of this academic meet was to explore the dynamics of assertions and negotiations of the vernacular identity. Through the carefully curated talks, panel discussions, screenings and presentations, there was an attempt to sift through the realities of formation, colonization and resistance of vernaculars; and locate these processes in the larger historical framework. Student initiatives, in the form of pre-events, were conducted to facilitate a discussion on the role of vernaculars. The first pre-event was held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019, on the occasion of International Mother Language Day. Held in collaboration with Expressions, the English Creative Writing Society, and Abhivyakti, the Hindi Creative Writing Society, the event saw participants from colleges across Delhi performing on a plethora of topics, in a multitude of languages. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019, the second installment of the pre-Maazi events was held titled, 'The Many Ramayanas'. Followed by a discussion on A. K. Ramanujan's essay, the session saw students analysing the popular epic that has occupied the imaginations of an entire subcontinent, and perhaps an entire continent for several centuries.

- iv. The Department of Journalism hosted its Annual Academic Conference-JUXTAPOSE on the 27th and 28th of September. The meet aimed at deliberating and bringing on stage the issues concerning society and the media. This year, JUXTAPOSE revolved around the theme- 'On Battlefield: Death or Rebirth of Media?' and the events spread over two days addressed areas of censorship, film journalism, fake news, changing patterns of films, ownership and media trial. Day One, 27th September 2018, of the meet started with an opening ceremony and was followed with an All India Media Meet event in which the participants deliberated on the given topic of censorship in news. A panel discussion on 'Film Journalism: Is it about the content or profits?' was organised with esteemed panellists like Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, Naila Grewal, Stutee Ghosh. The day ended with a fun, competitive event-AdMad in which a lot of teams participated and displayed their love for acting and advertisements. Day Two, 28th September 2018, began with an interesting Open Mic session in which the participants spoke on the topic '#Trending'. Participants from different walks of life recited poems, sang songs, created sounds, mimicked artists and also did comedy on the stage.
- v. The Department of Sanskrit held its Annual Conference-SAMSKRITI in March.
  - a. For the first time ever, the Sanskrit Department organized a one of its kind 'SANSKRIT MUN'. Topic of deliberation was 'संस्कृत, संस्कृति एवं विश्व' -Sanskrit, Culture and World. Students from various colleges participated in this event. The delegates represented various countries such as USA, Germany, France, Britain, Canada, India. Students explored various aspects of Sanskrit in relation with art, culture, study and research, classical languages vis-a-vis their allotted country. It was a session that students found very informative and stimulating. The moderators for the MUN were Prof. Girish Nath Jha, and Dr. Ajit Kumar. The MUN concluded with a plenary lecture by Prof. Girish Nath Jha. A workshop on 'Vaastushastra' was held. The speakers for this session were Dr. Uma Shankar and Dr. Pravesh Vyas. Students learnt various aspects of architecture in the special context of house management. The resource persons looked at how Vastu could affect happiness, peace and constant flow of positive cosmic energy of a dwelling. The meet ended with a cultural program by the students.

## **11. Seminar/Conference Presentations**

## Dr. Suman Sharma, Principal, LSR College

- Panelist in the Panel Discussion on "Ethics in Writing, Publishing and Research" IERB, workshop on Ethics in Research, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 organised by Human Resource Development Centre, JNU.
- Keynote address on "Quality Measures in Higher Education", case study of LSR in the Faculty Development Programme at Dr. N.G.P. Arts and Science College, Coimbatore on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.
- Panelist in the panel discussion on "What will it take to leapfrog India into a knowledge Economy? How will we become a Knowledge Economy?" in the EduVision 2018 at New Delhi, November 28, 2018 organized by MAIT.
- Panelist in the panel discussion on "Paradigm shift from Teacher Centric to Learner Centric System" in the Globalised Education Forum-2018 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, September 29, 2018 organized by Indian Chamber of Commerce.

- Lecture on "Higher Education in India: Issues and Challenges" at Haryana Institute of Public Administration, Haryana, on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.
- Participated in Roundtable on "Empowering Women in India" with Ambassador Jennifer Zimadahl Galt, US at American Center New Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.
- Participated in Principal's Meet on "Higher Education for shaping the future of India" organized by Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education (CPDHE), UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, University of Delhi on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.
- Participated in an International Conference on Building World Class Universities (Trans) Formative Higher Education Spaces & Places organized by Deakin University at New Delhi on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

## Dr. Arvind Kumar, Department of Commerce

- Presented a case titled "Change Management" in International Case Conference ICC2K18, 4-8 May 2018 Jointly organized by Gaeddu College of Business Studies, Royal University of Bhutan & Faculty of Management Studies and University of Delhi
- Presented paper titled "Impact of Social Media Advertising on Millenials buying behaviour" at International conference on "Digital Economy: innovation and Challenges" organized by Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi, April 20, 2018

## Dr. Shernaz Cama, , Department of English

- 28th July 2018 Ashoka University Workshop for the Young India Fellowship Programme. Topic 'A Heritage of Humanity: The Parsi Zoroastrians'. Screening of Parzor Movie '**Not** Just Milk and Sugar'. Followed by group discussions.
- 14th February 2019, Animal Rights: Panel Discussions, LSR.
- 3rd 4th December 2018 International Seminar on India and Central Asia: IIC International Research Division & Institute of Indo- Persian Studies. Presented a Paper in Session Historical Perspectives on India-Central Asia 'The Dawn of History: Zoroastrianism, Its Ideas and Impact'. The Publication of this Seminar is under process.

## Ms. Arti Minocha, Department of English

- "Writing London through Indian Eyes," paper presented at Literary London Society Annual Conference titled "Conflict and Resolution" hosted by the Institute of English Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London, 28-29 June 2018.
- "Print and Women's Networks in Colonial Punjab," paper presented at the 25th Anniversary Conference of The West of England and South Wales Women's History Network titled "Women's Networks" on 7 July 2018 at Bath, United Kingdom.

## Dr. Maya Joshi, Department of English

- Delivered a talk on Rahul Sankrityayan's *FromVolga to Ganga* at the invitation of The Literary Society, Gargi College, March 8, 2019.
- Delivered an illustrated Public Lecture titled 'Rahul Sankrityayan: Untangling a Legacy' at the India International Centre, April 8, 2019.
- Delivered a talk as invited panelist at Shyamlal College's Litephilia and Annual Department Seminar, 'Mapping Fantasies: Revisiting the "Fantastic" in Literary and Visual Narratives' on the topic, 'Future Perfect: Imaginations of Utopia from the Margins', March 12, 2019.

- Spoke at Inaugural Session "Locating a Lens: An Interdisciplinary Conversation on Conflict" at LITMUS, The L.S.R. English Department's Annual Academic Meet, February 28, 2019.
- Chaired a session on 'The Vernacular in Contemporary Politics' at Maazi-o-Mustaqbil, the Annual Academic Meet of the History Association, L.S.R., March 9, 2019.
- Served as Chairperson at the Panel Discussion 'Attaining Literacy through Stories' at the annual event of the B.El.Ed. Department, L.S.R.event, SEHER, March 15, 2019.

## Ms. Wafa Hamid, Department of English

- Hamid, W. (2019). "Bodies in Transition/Translation: Poetics of Memory, History and Form in Agha Shahid Ali's Ghazals" during the 2019 ACLA Annual Meeting at Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA, March 7-10, 2019.
- Hamid, W. (2019). "Cashmere, Kashmir, Kashimir in Agha Shahid Ali's Poetry" in the South Asian Literature Association (SALA) Annual Conference 2019 in Chicago, USA, 6-7 January, 2019.
- Hamid, W. (2018). "Discourses of Silence: (Re)writing the Queer body in Indian Cinema" in the Gay, Lesbian, and Queer Studies Area, 2018 Popular Culture Association (PCA/ACA) Conference in Indianapolis, USA, 28-31 March, 2018.

## Mr. Jonathan Koshy Varghese, Department of English

- Presented a paper, 'Suriani: Architecture and Narrative' at the Khoja Studies Conference organised by the Florida International University, CEIAS (EHESS) and the University of Mumbai, January 30-31, 2019.
- Part of the conference, *Creative Criticality in Colonial and Indigenous*, in thepanel, 'Anti-Colonial Text, Image, and Imagination', delivered lecture on "Suriani Murals and the Act of Viewing," organised at the University of Chicago Centre, Delhi, April 22-23, 2019.

## Ms. Smriti Sharma, Department of Elementary Education

- Presented a paper titled 'Education as a site of ideological, philosophical and pedagogical struggle: Advocating Socially Just Teacher Education' at the International Conference on Learning: Learning for Empowerment organized by Department of Education Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi from September 28<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.
- Presented a paper entitled 'How to teach how to teach: Teacher Educator's Perspective' at the 9<sup>th</sup> Comparative Education Society of India titled ''Modernity, Transformative Social Identities and Education in Comparative Contexts' ' at Vadodara, India from 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> December 2018.
- Presented a paper on 'Pedagogical Discourse in Initial Teacher Preparation: Addressing Cultural Capital, Preparing Empathetic Teachers' at Monk Prayogshala's Fourth Seminar in the Social Sciences held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at Monk Prayogshala, Mumbai.

## Dr. Kalyani Akalamkam, Department of Elementary Education

• Presented a paper titled 'Integrating Socio Scientific Issues (SSI) based approach in Pre-service Teacher Preparation', in National Conference of Science Education held at Regional Institute of Education, Bhubhaneswar.

## Ms. Tripti Bassi, Department of Elementary Education

• Delivered a lecture on 'Women and Peace' at the National Museum Institute of History of Art, Conservation and Museology, New Delhi on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018

- Discussant for the technical session on "Gender Discourse in Education" in the UGC-CAS Graduate Seminar on 'Educational Landscapes in India's Changing Socio-Political Context' organized by Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, held on 26th March, 2019
- Invited to present a paper titled 'The Changing City and the Trajectory of an Institution: Ferozepur and the Sikh Kanya Mahavidyalaya', at Young Scholars' Workshop on 'Interrogating Marginality: Education and The Urban', Max Weber Stiftung, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bangalore, 12-14 November 2018
- Presented a paper 'Tradition and Modernity: Exploring the Institutional Forces and Experiences of Rural Sikh Girls in Ferozepur, Punjab' at the Ninth International Conference of the *Comparative Education Society of India* (CESI) 'Modernity, Transformative Social Identities and Education in Comparative Contexts', 14-16 December 2018, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara

## Dr. Jonaki B Ghosh, Department of Elementary Education

- Delivered an Invited lecture (over Skype) at the Asian Technology Conference in Mathematics (ATCM) held at Yogakarta State University, Yogakarta, Indonesia on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The invited lecture was titled Computational Thinking in the Mathematics Classroom.
- Delivered a lecture on 19<sup>th</sup> November, during the Faculty Development Programme on 'Software Packages in the Mathematical Sciences' held at Hans Raj College, Delhi University from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November. The lecture was titled Developing Computational thinking Through Projects and Technology Enabled Explorations.
- Delivered a talk on Developing Mathematical Thinking: Technology as a Catalyst at the Ignited Minds of Mathematics at the Modern School, Barakhamba Road on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- Ghosh Jonaki, B (2019). Computational Thinking in the Mathematics Classroom, Proceedings of the 23rd Asian Technology Conference in Mathematics, held at Yogakarta State University, Yogakarta, Indonesia from 20th to 24th November 2018, pp 1 – 14. ISSN 1940-4204.

## Ms. Bhawana Arora, Department of Elementary Education

• Participated in the International Workshop on Education for Sustainable Development: Curricular and Pedagogic Experiences from Switzerland and India organized at Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Also presented a paper titled "Sustainable Development: Need for Interface of Science, Technology and Society" at the workshop.

## Dr. Sarika Kalra , Department of Hindi

- Presented a paper on 'Hindi MahilaLekhan Mein StreePrashn' in an international semi nar organized by PGDAV College (eve.) University of Delhi on 6<sup>th</sup> feb.2019.
- Presented a paper on Dalit Vimarsh in an international seminar organized by Shyama Prasad Mukharjee College, University of Delhi in 14-15<sup>th</sup> feb.2019.

## Dr. Vasudha Pande, Department of History

• Chair, Panelist ,Organiser, AAS IN Asia Conference, Changing Configurations:

Himalayas and Trans-Himalayas, c.500BCE-2000CE, 6 July 2018 (5-8 July 2018)

- Inaugural Session, Teaching and Learning History in the Classroom in Challenges, Innovations and Pedagogical Issues in Undergraduate History Education, Bharti College University of Delhi, 5-7 April 2018
- Gorkha State: Perspective from Kumaun in State and Society on South Asia St Stephens College University of Delhi January 30 & 31, 2018

## Dr. Prabha Rani, Department of History

• 'The Marginalized Kannagis of *Silappatikaram*'in1st Annual South Asian Conference, organized by Centre for Advanced Studies in South Asia, October 26-28, 2018, Kathmandu

## Dr. Pankaj Jha, Department of History

- 'North Indian Early Modernity as Porous Time Frame: Language, Literature and History in the Irregular Fifteenth Century', in an International Conference Debating the Early Modern in South Asian History, organized by Ashoka University in Sonipat (Haryana), 7-9 February, 2018.
- 'Let's Play History-History', in an International Conference Liberal Education and the Future of Humanities and Social Sciences in India, organized by Azim Premji University in Bangalore (Karnataka), 6-8, April, 2018.
- 'Consent and Conflict as Constitutive Elements of Power in Fifteenth Century North India', in an International Conference Premodern Rulers between Conflict and Consensus: The Potential for (In)stability, Organized in Bonn (Germany) by the University of Bonn, 7-9 November, 2018
- Chaired two sessions ('Servants, Slaves, Merchants and Royalty' and 'Urdu Literature and Servants') in an International Conference *Servants' Pasts from 16th to the 20th Century*, held in Berlin during 11-13 April, 2018. I was also one of the two panelists in the same Conference in a session on 'Mapping Servitudes across different Times and Climes'.

## Dr. Sonali Mishra, Department of History

• Presented a paper titled "European Diaspora in the Coromandel in the 17th and 18th Centuries" as a part of a panel titled "Crisis, circulations and change: populating the margins of the Indian Ocean" on 6th July 2018, as a part of the AAS-in-Asia Conference, 2018 New Delhi - Asia in Motion: Geographies and Genealogies, held at India Habitat Centre, 5th -8th July, 2018, New Delhi

## Ms. Shatarupa Bhattacharya, Department of History

- Presented a paper titled 'River as Goddess: Water, Purity and Myth. Sculptural Representation of River Goddesses in Early India', at IGNCA in a festival titled DivyaPrakrtiParva from 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>March, 2019.
- Presented Paper titled 'Puranic Expiation and Emancipation: Vratas for Women in the Matsya Purana', in a conference titledWomen : A Journey Through the Ages held at Amity University, Noida from January 23 -24, 2019.

## Dr. Akanksha Narayan Singh, Department of History

• Presented paper titled - 'Making of a Domestic Slave : Capture and Bondage in 19th Century India'in the International Conference on Capture, Bondage and Forced Relocation in Asia 1409-1900, 13th-14th March at Lyon, France.

 Presented a paper titled, 'Domesticating the Discourse on Servitude: Slavery Vs Service' in a conference on Servants' Past organized by the Humboldt University and Re:work in Berlin, Germany from 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

## Ms. Priyanka Sharma, Department of History

• Priyanka Sharma, "Regulating Recreation in the gardens of Old Delhi (1911-1946): Exploring Race, Class and Gender in Public spaces", at Graduate Research Meet 2018, organised by IIT Guwahati (Dept of Humanities and Social Sciences), on 26 and 27th October, 2018.

## Ms. Bindu Menon, Department of Journalism

- Vernacular Tongues, Migratory Aesthetics: Film cultures, futurities and citizenship in contemporary Dubai". Film and Visual Media in the Gulf, Conference at NewYork University Abudhabi Institute ,Abudhabi 27-30 October 2018
- Civic Virtues, Video Volunteers and Migrants: Visual Conscriptions in Contemporary Dubai". "Migrants in Globalising Cities Mellon Workshop, INALCO, Paris and National University of Singapore. July 9-10, 2018, Paris
- "Dubai Vernaculars: Migrant Media production and mobility". Association for Asian Studies Conference New Delhi. July 6-8 2018.
- "Witnessing Abjectness Digital interrogations in Transnational Labor Migration". Dissecting Violence: Structures, Imaginaries, Resistance, Amsterdam School of Cultural Analysis, University of Amsterdam. 4-6 April 2018, Amsterdam.

## Ms. Rachna Sharma, Department of Journalism

- "Locating Subalterns in Media Text Amidst Politics of Representation: A study of the news coverage of women issues" presented at the national seminar on Towards the Subaltern in Knowledge: Literature, Nature, Culture, Society & Media on 4-5 October, 2018, organized by Department of English, Pondicherry University. (Joint Paper)
- "Social Media and Revival of Khalistan Movement: A Study of Indian Diaspora and Diaspora Narratives" presented at 10<sup>th</sup> International Media Readings in Moscow "Mass Media and Communication 2018" (October 25-26, 2018) organized by Faculty of Journalism, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia.

## Ms. Jyoti Darbari, Department of Mathematics

- Presented paper titled "Performance Evaluation of Sustainable Innovation Practices in Food Supply Chain Using Best-Worst Method" in the The Ninth Annual International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management Bangkok, Thailand, March 5 7, 2019
- Presented paper titled "Multi-attribute Decision Model for Facility Selection in Sustainable Reverse Supply Chain" in the Sixth International Conference on Business Analytics and Intelligence, 19-22 December, 2018, hosted by IISC Bangalore
- Presented paper titled "Analytical Structural Model for Implementing Innovation Practices in Sustainable Food Value Chain in 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Soft Computing for Problem Solving (SocProS) during December 17-19, 2018 held at Vellore Institute of Technology, Tamil Nadu
- Presented paper titled "Two-Stage DEA model for Performance Evaluation of Supply Chain" in International Conference on "Emerging Innovation in Statistics and Operations Research (EISOR-2018)" organized by Department of Statistics, M.D. University, Rohtak

(Haryana) in conjunction with 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS) & 4<sup>th</sup> Convention of Indian Association for Reliability and Statistics (IARS) during December 27-30

## Ms. Bhavneet Kaur, Department of Mathematics

• Presented a paper titled "On the existence and linear stability of the equilibrium points in the Robe's finite straight segment framework" at International Conference on Physics, Society and Technology-2019 (ICPST 2019), Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, January 17-19, 2019.

## Ms. Sucheta Nayak, Department of Mathematics

• Presented paper in International Conference on Recent Developments in Theory and Computation & Application of Differential Equations (ICRDTCADE-2019) to be held at South Asian University, New Delhi during January 21-23, 2019.

## Mr. Mahesh Kumar, Department of Mathematics

- Participated and delivered a talk titled "Composition operators which are similar to an isometry on various Banach spaces of Holomorphic Functions on the open unit disc" on December 14, 2018 in the International Conference on "Recent Advances in Operator Theory and Operator Algebras 2018" held at the Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore Centre during December 13-19, 2018.
- Participated in the "International Meet on Analysis" held at the Department of Mathematics, University of Delhi, during November 24, 2018.

## Dr. Lipi Saxena , Department of Philosophy

- Presented a research paper titled Death By Choice in the International Conference on Philosophy, Education and Applied Philosophy held on 20th May,2018 in Jaipur.
- Presented the paper titled Kant's Categorical Imperative and Medical Ethics in the 10th International Conference on Education, Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences held on June 10-11, 2018 in Vietnam.
- Presented the paper titled The Is Ought Dichotomy: A Higher Education Perspective in the 2018 Boston Academic Conference held from August 1-3,2018.
- Presented a paper titled Aristotle's Virtue Ethics in the Contemporary World in the International and Inter Disciplinary on Self,Omniscience and Morality organised by Jain University,Bengaluru and Institute of Cross Cultural Studies and Academic Exchange NC,USA held in 4th January 2019 in Bengaluru.

## Dr. Shinumol T.C, Department of Philosophy

• Presented a paper titled "Gandhian Critique on Modernity" in the 10th IASR national conference on 'Gandhi and Religion: Multidisciplinary Perspectives' held at Hindu College on Feb 8-9, 2019.

## Ms. Manisha Chaurasiya, Department of Political Science

• Presented a paper titled "*The Present Status of the Grand Bargain of the Nuclear Non Proliferation and India*", in the All India International Area Studies Convention (AIIASC): Ascending India: Reflections on Global and Regional Dimensions, 2019, organized by Jawaharlal Nehru University from 30 January- 1 February, 2019.

## Mr. Hari K. Sharma, Department of Political Science

- Presented a paper titled "Decolonizing the Indian Mind" at the 3rd Annual Conference titled 'Social Science and National Resurgence' jointly organised by the Rashtriya Samaj Vigyan Parishad (RSVP) and Patliputra University, Patna on 30 November-2 December, 2018
- Presented a paper titled "India as a Revisionist Power" at the 58th All India Political Science Conference & International Conference titled 'Aspiring India' organised by the Indian Political Science Association and department of Political Science, Chaudhary Charan Singh University at Meerut on 29-30 December 2018

## Dr. Kanika K. Ahuja, Department of Psychology

- Ahuja, K. &Pundir, T. (2018). "Silver Lining in the Glass Ceiling: Gender and Leadership Effectiveness". Paper presented at the XXVIII Annual Conference of National Academy of Psychology (India), Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, Dec. 19-21, 2018
- Ahuja, K. K. (2019). "Dangling carrots and prodding sticks: How performance appraisal impacts job satisfaction'. Paper presented at the XIVth International Conference on *Business sustainability in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Managing people, planet and profit.* Organized by Jagannath International Management School in collaboration with PHD Chamber, at PHD Chamber, New Delhi, 23 February, 2019.

## Dr. Megha Dhillon, Department of Psychology

• Presented a paper on "Assessing the Effectiveness of Gratitude in Enhancing Happiness: An Eastern Perspective" at the International Conference on Integrating Traditional Indian Healing Practices with Contemporary Western Health System. Organized by Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi (Sponsored by ICSSR), 8-9<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

## Ms. Priyanka Padhy, Department of Psychology

• Co-presented a paper on 'Inclusion and Disability in India: A Study of Special Programs in Delhi and Beyond' at the annual conference of New England Educational Research Organization (NEERO) on April 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 New Hampshire, USA.

## Dr. Vandana S Bhan, Department of Sanskrit

- Research paper titled 'Concept of Spirits among Naga Tribes' presented at International Conference, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi in collaboration with Indian Council of Philosophical Research and PA Sangma Foundation, 2019
- Research paper titled 'Kalidas ki Lok Kalyan Vishayak Avdharna' presented at International Research Seminar, Bharti College, University of Delhi, 2019
- Research paper titled 'Upanishadvigyanbhashyabhumika mein Nirupit Prajapati ka Swaroop' presented at Shri Rishi Kumar Mishra Smaraka National Conference organized by Department of Sanskrit, Satyawati College, University of Delhi in collaboration with Shri Shankar Shikshayatan Delhi, 2019
- Research paper titled 'Bhasa ke Natakon mein Varnit Vivaha Paddhati' presented at National Conference, Department of Sanskrit, Jamia Millia Islamia (Central University) Delhi, 2019
- Research paper titled 'Manavkalyanvishyak Vaidic Adarsh evam Angrezi Geeton mein UnkaNidarshan' presented at National Conference, Department of Sanskrit, Ramjas College, University of Delhi, 2019

• Research paper titled 'Bharat ki Gauravmayi Sanskriti ka Prateek – Naga Nrityotsava' presented at National Conference Bharat Manthan, Sanskrit evam Prachya Vidhya Adhyayan Sansthan (JawaharlalNehru University) evam Indraprastha Adhyayan Kendra, 2019

## Dr. Pankaja Ghai Kaushik, Department of Sanskrit

- Presentation entitled "*Stri dhana vaadhana: Dharmashastreshu varnitanam strinam sampattivishayakadhikaranam vishleshnam*" in World History Conference-2019 on Women : 'A Journey through Ages' organized by Amity Institute of Social Sciences & Akhil Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana, Amity University, UP 23-24 Jan 2019
- Presented research paper on "Qualified & Skilled Administration is a decisive factor for State Welfare : A view from Kautilyarthashastra" in Two days International Conference on 'Kautilya and the Contemparay World' organised by Kautilya International Foundation with the collaboration of Maharaja Agrsena University, H.P. on 16-17 March, 2019

## Dr. SushilaKumari, Department of Sanskrit

- Presented a Papertitled 'VaidicVangmay me Paryavaran', in the National seminar on Vedon me Kala aurVigyan,organized by P.G.D.A.V (evening) College, University Of Delhi And U.G.C.,March23-24, 2018
- Presented a Paper titled 'Nirapad Jivan Ka Sadhan :Purushartha Chatushtya', in the National seminar on Bharat Manthan organized by The School of Sanskrit & Indic Studies, J.N.U and IndraprasthAdyayanKendra, Delhi, March30, 2019

## Dr. Ajit Kumar, Department of Sanskrit

• Presented a Paper title 'Vaidik Dharma ka swarup', in the National seminar on Bharat Manthan organized by The School of Sanskrit & Indic Studies, J.N.U and IndraprasthAdyayanKendra, Delhi, March30, 2019

## Dr. Kamini Kumari, Department of Sanskrit

- Kumari, Kamini (2018) "Yogashastra me Ishwar ka Swaroop"at1<sup>st</sup> International Conference onActuating Indic Studies for a Better World, organized by Amity School of Liberal Arts, Amity University Haryana in August(2-3), 2018.
- Kumari, Kamini(2019) "Samadhi evam Yoga" at National Conference on Multi Dimensional Aspects of Sanskrit & Larger World, organized by Department of Sanskrit, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi in February(15-17),2019.
- Kumari, Kamini(2019) "*Upanishad evam Sufivaad ka Antahsambandh*" at National Seminar on Sanskrit Literature in Global Perspective, organized by Sanskrit Department, Ramjas college, D.U. in March(15-16),2019.

## Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Department of Sociology

• Presented a paper titled A Social History of Tea in India : From Unfamiliar To Universal Beverage at the. British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS), conference University of Exeter, England. April 16-18, 2018.

## Dr. V. Ravi, Department of Statistics

• Presented a paper titled "Flexible Parametric Modeling for HIV Infected Children on Antiretroviral Therapy, Delhi, India" at the International Conference on changing

paradigms and emerging challenges in statistical sciences (IPECS-2018) organized by Department of Statistics, Pondicherry University, Puducherry during 29-31January, 2018

- Presented a paper titled "An alternative model to study survival of HIV infected children on Anti Retroviral therapy" at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Vijñāna Parishad of India (VPI) on recent Trends of Computing in Mathematics, Statistics and Informational Technologies organized by Department of Mathematical sciences and computer applications, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi during 9 11 March, 2018
- Presented a paper titled " A competing risk approach to estimate the probability of death of AIDS patients under ART with the variation of CD4 cell counts" at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Quality, Reliability, Infocom Technology and Business Operations (ICQRIT'2018) held during 27-29 December, 2018 at Conference Centre, University of Delhi, Delhi.
- Chaired a session at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Vijñāna Parishad of India (VPI) on recent Trends of Computing in Mathematics, Statistics and Informational Technologies organized by Department of Mathematical sciences and computer applications, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi during 9 11 March, 2018
- Chaired a session at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Quality, Reliability, Infocom Technology and Business Operations (ICQRIT'2018) held during 27-29 December, 2018 at Conference Centre, University of Delhi, Delhi.

## Dr. Kailash Kumar, Department of Statistics

- Presented a research paper entitled "Cost Benefit Analysis of a Two Unit System with Inspection and On-line/Off-line Repairs" online in 2018 MTMI International Conference organized by Modern Technology and Management Institute (MTMI) Inc. USA at Hotel IBIS, Bangkok during Dec. 22-23, 2018.
- Presented a research paper entitled "Profit Analysis of a complex system with correlation in time to preventive maintenance and time taken in preventive maintenance" in 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Quality, Reliability, InfocomTechnolgy& Business Operations organized by Department of Operations Reasearch, University of Delhi, SREQOM and Lulea University of Technology, Sweden during 27-29 December 2018.

## Ms. Meenakshi Pahuja, Department of BA Programme

- National conference on Anti Doping jointly organized by National Anti Doping Agenc y NADA & Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI) held on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Januar y'2019 at New Delhi. Presented Paper on Pledge for Drugs Free Sports. Paper Publish ed in International Journal of Physical Education, Health & Sports Sciences, ISSN 227 9-0306, Impact Factor-1.845 (ISRA), Volume,08& Issue,01, Page 18-20, March,2019
- Attended International Conference on Olympic and Indian Values in Global Context o n 25th September at 11.00.a.m. in Conference Center, University of Delhi, presented r esearch paper on Para Sports and Co-chaired one of the scientific session also.
- International Conference on Sports for All, Decoding Indian Sports Ecosystem organi zed by Indian Association of Sports For All under the auspices of TAFISA in collabor ation with H.V.P. Mandal, degree college of Physical Education, Amravati Held at Am ity University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh on 5<sup>th</sup>June'2019. Presented Research Paper on, S wimming as one of the best Physical Activity For Better Lifestyle Management. The r esearch paper was published in International Journal of Fitness, Health, Physical Education

ation & Iron Games, ISSN 2349-722X, Vol:6, No: 1, Jan 2019- June 2019. UGC Appr oved no: 63896, ISRA & JIF 2.045

## 12. National/International MoUs Signed -9

- 1. Brown University, USA
- 2. La Trobe University, Australia
- 3. NUS, Singapore
- 4. Middlebury, USA
- 5. Fukuoka Women's University, Japan
- 6. Monash University, Australia
- 7. SciencesPo, Paris
- 8. University of Bath, UK
- 9. UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School, Ireland

With Indian/Foreign Companies/Industry: 3

(KPMG, Mundo Latino and E&Y)

## **13. Other Inter-Institutional Collaboration** NA

## 14. Students under Exchange Programme

LSR College hosted a number of exchange students in the academic year 2018-19. These included six students from Middlebury College, Maya Norbu, Stephanie Castaneda, Miyo McGinn, Abbey Knight, Gabriella Willingham and Lucy Weiss, Margaret Elizabeth Kyle from the Ontario in India Programme and two students from the National University of Singapore (NUS), Kaushalaya Vijayan Kumaran and Vandhana Jeyaran. While some of the exchange students came for one semester others came on a year-long exchange.

A number of students from LSR have been nominated for collaborative programmes in Universities abroad. Sharmishtha Singh has been nominated for the Sciences Po Programme in Paris while Reshma Ganesh Babu and Muskan Kushawa have been selected for the Masters Programme at Macquarie University, Australia. Visakha Chowdhury and Charvee Wadhwa have been nominated for the Summer School at NUS while Km. Smiti and Samiksha Purohit have been chosen for the year long exchange programme at Fukuoka University, Japan.

## **15. Placement Details**

The Placement Cell of Lady Shri Ram College for Women serves as an interface between the students and the recruiters. In addition to bringing a varied list of recruiters to campus, the Placement Cell also organizes workshops, seminars and internship opportunities for the collective student body.

The placement cell has successfully hosted a wide range of companies for placements and internships this year catering to the needs of all students. Over 100 companies such as **McKinsey, BCG, Bloomberg**, KPMG etc visited our campus to offer full time positions and over 115 students have received offers till now. The average package offered stands at ₹7.5 LPA and has seen a leap from ₹7.3 LPA past year. Also, this year, one of our students has

received the highest package in the entire Delhi University of ₹37.8 Lakhs from **Bank of America.** 

The Placement cell also had a very successful year for internships. Companies like **Standard Chartered, Nomura, Citi Bank, JSW, Amnesty International** etc have hired students for their coveted summer internship programmes.bApart from these, as many as 12 workshops were organized by the Placement Cell in collaboration with reputed organizations like **T.I.M.E, Perspectico, Teach** for India and also by alumni of our college.

The academic session of 2018-19 was an extremely eventful year with companies visiting the campus right from the start of July till the mid of April. The placement cell hosted a varied range of companies offering placements as well as internships throughout the year.

We also saw an increased number of **first time recruiters** at LSR such as **Embibe**, **Inmobi**, **Mu Sigma** etc. offering highly competitive positions and packages. A good number of startups such as **Study Pad**, **Cogito Hub**, **Indus Insights**, etc. picked up some of the best talent from the college. Educational organizations such as **Teach for India and the Gandhi Fellowship** also visited LSR to offer enriching fellowship programs to the students.

Soft-skills workshops such as workshops for Personal/Case Interviews and Group Discussions as well as sessions aimed at assisting students with CV-building were conducted to help make the Placement Cell more like a 'Career Services Unit' rather than just for Final Placements. Workshops on Stress Management by Interns India, How to crack cases by Shveta Raina, a Harvard alumna and Test preparation sessions by T.I.M.E. were organised throughout the year to make the students well versed with the interview process. Around 14 workshops and training sessions took place in the academic year 2018-19 Over 100 companies have visited our campus to offer full time positions till now and 115 students have been placed in the year so far. The highest package offered stands at INR 37.8 lakh and the average package offered this year witnessed a significant leap from last year with INR 7.5 Lakhs. The placements this year saw various students from different departments like English, History, Psychology, Journalism etc. being recruited by some of the top rated companies in the industry, and were not restricted only to Commerce and Economics departments. Special efforts were made to offer a plethora of opportunities to students pursuing media and literature. In addition to bringing a varied list of recruiters to campus, the Placement Cell also organized internship opportunities for the collective student body. As of March 2018, about 320 companies successfully recruited interns through the Placement Cell of LSR during this year. Nearly 300 internship offers were rolled out with over 150 industry giants like Nestle, Dell, Bloomberg, AIG to name a few. Over 150 paid internships were offered to the students. The highest internship offer stands at INR 1,50,000 for 2 months. The average stipend for paid internships was nearly INR 9,750 per month.

One of the very successful events conducted by the Cell was the **EY Scholarship Program**, an all India business case building competition, where after a rigorous process, one student was awarded a scholarship of INR 1 lakh and an internship opportunity at EY. The cell also partnered with prestigious firms to conduct competitions like the **KPMG International Case Study Competition** and **EY Corporate Finance Woman of the year**. The cell also hosted socially geared initiatives with organizations like **Asmat**, **Yes Bank fellowship**, **Amnesty International, ED Times, Outlook Magazine and Feeding India. Internship** opportunities in the fields of Photography, Videography, Designing and Event Management were also provided which were lesser gauged in the last few years.

Number of Companies for Placements	100+
Number of Companies for Internships	320 (13 Dream Internships)
Number of Final Placement Offers	115
Highest Placement Offer	INR 37.8 LPA
Highest Internship Offer	INR 1,50,000 for two months
Average Placement Offer	INR 7.5 LPA

## **16. Extension and Outreach Activities**

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 in addition to NSS and NCC, 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.

## a) National Service Scheme (NSS)

The National Service Scheme (NSS) at Lady Shri Ram College for Women is a flourishing body of dedicated student volunteers and teachers who are devoted to the cause of bringing about positive social change and truly making a difference. Selflessness and commitment resonates through the slogan 'Not Me, But You', in all its initiatives. The vision and collective potential of the students is realized through grass-root level work with multiple on-ground community service endeavors. As a group, NSS also opens up space for dialogue and deliberation over a range of pertinent issues.

NSS LSR, through its community outreach programs addresses a number of urgent social issues, including **development of rural women, social entrepreneurship, animal welfare, care for the elderly, education, child rights** and so on. With this purpose, it has built fruitful collaborations with over 25 NGOs and a volunteer base of over 700 students. The year was extremely productive for the students at NSS LSR. Apart from our flagship events **Kala, Noor and Nexus**, highlights of 2018-19 include the establishment of **Ikhtiyaar- a new in-house project**, hosting **Valentines for Voiceless**, **Road safety workshop** and **the Tihar Programme**.

On the 2nd of May, 2018, the newly elected NSS-LSR Union and Advisory Committee held a yoga demonstration and poster making competition as a precursor to the Yoga Day celebrations. On the 21st of June, Yoga Day was celebrated in the college premises. The Swachhta Pakhwara was conducted from the 1st to the 14th of August. The events hosted included an oath taking ceremony, numerous cleanliness drives in Zamrudpur, at the national monument Humayun's Tomb and on the college campus. NSS LSR continued its initiative to interact with children from the less privileged sections of society by organising Kala—an interactive, educational art competition and workshop for children frequenting NSS LSR's NGO collaborations. Children from various NGOs were hosted on campus and interacted with the volunteers while showing their creativity and artistic skills. This year's theme was "Udaan"

or "taking flight." An interactive session with students of Macquire University, Australia took place on 14th September, 2018.

On September 24th, on the occasion of NSS Day 2018, a week long campaign series on the theme "Celebrating Humanity" was organised. This was followed by an opening ceremony, awareness campaign and wall painting on a prominent wall in LSR. It reads, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." In accordance with its tradition, NSS-LSR organised its flagship event, the annual NSS Diwali Mela- Noor in the month of November 2018. Receiving a massive turnout, the event was a celebration of the innovative skills of students and NGOs, showcasing a wide range of student entrepreneurs and NGO-made products. A highlight this year was Ikhtiyar's hair braiding stall. Children from several associated NGOs were also a part of the Mela, having their own assigned 'Kids' Corner' and set of activities on campus. Noor, as the name suggests, was a manifestation of light and hope for all those involved with it in any capacity.

2019 began with various activities, the first one being the **Tihar Programme** which began on the 1st of January with a four day long Clutch and Folder Making Module with the women inmates of Tihar Jail. Other modules included beautiful bookmarks and handmade fridge magnet which required participants to put their creative caps on. An Expressive Arts Intervention Module was also conducted. The Paper Recycling session resulted in the creation of caterpillar, dresses, butterflies, hearts, snowmen and Santa Claus stickers, Christmas cards and photo frames. A refreshing break from their monotonous routines, the sessions proved to be therapeutic for the inmates and volunteers both.

Valentines for Voiceless was a pathbreaking event which saw the participation of FIAPO, Friendicoes and Campus Care volunteers who hosted a vegan tasting, panel discussion, quiz, exhibition. Interactive games, documentary screening and pledge for animals to bring home the message of "peaceful coexistence." On February 19th, 2019 took place a session on Self Defence by Delhi Police. Self Defence techniques were demonstrated to make volunteers self reliant and confident. Gender sensitisation workshops were held at NSS-LSR affiliated NGO's including Kriti, Hope, Khusbhu, Shanti Sanyog, Vidya and Aarohan, in collaboration with the Women's Development Cell, LSR. These sessions were based on the following subject matter:-Gender Identities, Gender Roles, Ideas of Beauty, Power and Powerlessness, Idea of Consent & Safe and Unsafe Touch and Menstrual Health. These sessions were planned with different age-appropriate interactive activities and were focussing on boosting the children's knowledge. NSS-LSR also organised its annual youth convention, Nexus 2019 in the month of March. Like previous years, it was an occasion to start meaningful conversations about issues of utmost societal significance. The theme for the convention was 'Celebrating Women", initiating a discussion on the important role of women in society. After two days of fruitful conversation, problem-solving and learning, Nexus 2019 came to a successful end. This year, the Editorial Board successfully published four copies of "The NSS Gazette", a bimonthly periodical. The academic year 2018-19 was a productive and active year for NSS LSR. The entire volunteer base came together to channelise their collective energies and achieve the common goal of social betterment. They helped NSS LSR realise its motive, living up to the LSR value of Leadership with Social Responsibility.

## **b. NATIONAL CADET CORPS**

NCC-LSR is a organisation which teaches students unity and discipline and provide defence training. This organisation is not just about left-right-left it caters a lot more than that.

NCC-LSR started its Annual practice from August 1, 2018 and gave first performance of the new session on the occasion of Independence day. This year we organised many events such as speech & poster making on cleanliness, street play, paper recycling workshop, Surgical strike March, Intra-College obstacle race for all college students. First time, we organised Intra-College Drill Competition (ICDC) to enhance the performance of cadets. Our cadets, JUO Tarannum khan and CDT Mehak Saini completed **Republic Day camp.** NCC-LSR proudly announce that Mehak Saini is now going to represent the country in Vietnam under the Youth Exchange Programme that is organised by National Cadet Corps. Also, LCPL Monika Yadav successfully completed Thal Sainik Camp. Cadets from our college have also completed the following camps - all India girls trekking expedition, Chief Minister rally, army attachment, para sailing, Ajmer trekking, Kanchan surya trekking camp, advance leadership camp and Ek Delhi. Kolkata bharat shresth Bharat in and Namchi. Veerangana - the Annual NCC-LSR fest was a huge success. Commanding Officer Colonel Virinder Singh's brilliant words filled inspiration in many enthusiastic cadets. Our cadets have actively participated in various college fests in drill, guard, culturals, etc. The biggest opportunity came when NCC-LSR got the chance to welcome the navy staff on March 6, 2019. NCC cadets worked whole-heartedly and played a crucial role on the arrival of Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba. We also conducted awareness poetry session on Water Day and awareness march on the topic digital library. In the previous academic year we organised following events:-.Rank panel ceremony (19th April 2018), Yoga day camp( 19 june 2018-22 june 2018), Promising day parade (14th August 2018), March for road safety (27th July 2018), Talk on swachhta (19th September 2018), Talk and march on surgical strike(29th September 2018), Intra college drill competition (1st November 2018), Pre Veerangana Events -Obstacle Race and Paper recycling workshop, Verangana - Annual NCC fest (26th February 2019), Poetry session on world water day (22nd march 2019), Foot policing on digital Library (12th April 2019), Rank Panel ceremony (12th April 2019)

<u>Name of the</u> <u>competition</u>	Organised by	Prize	Participant name
Drill competition- in CATC	NCC headquarters	1st position	Drill team members
Group Singing	NCC headquarters	2nd position	Cultural team
Poster making	NCC headquarters	3rd position	CPL Urvashi Dinkar
Essay writing	NCC headquarters	3rd position	CDT Sravya Vemuri
Drill competition	SGBT Khalsa College	1st position	Drill team members
Solo Dance	Indraprastha College	1st position	CDT Vatsala Jindal

## PRIZES WON

## c. Reaffirming Equity, Access, Capacity and Humanism (REACH)

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.

The following events were held in the academic session:

**Campus walk:** A walk was organized by REACH on 7 August to help students get acquainted with the college campus. All 'buddies' were taken on a tour of the college to help familiarize them with the infrastructure and facilities. The walk enabled easier mobility for 'buddies' in the campus.

**Talks and interactive sessions :** A fun session with *Mr. Ankur Warikoo, founder and CEO of nearbuy.com* kick-started REACH's events for the year on 7 September. Being an entrepreneur and a motivational speaker, Mr. Warikoo did not offer a sugar coated version of what college life is going to be like but stressed on facing reality. His definition of contentment is not one which is defined by our position or the amount of money we earn but the amount of satisfaction that one gains from being where they want to be in life and making peace with oneself. He warned us about three ways in which one could waste one's college life.

Being in a campus with a heterogeneous mixture of students from diverse backgrounds, we tend to gravitate towards people with similar interests and find our comfort zone so that we can feel that we belong. He believes that this contradicts the entire purpose of being in college as people try to fit in just because they don't want to feel different from others. Only when we start appreciating others, do we see a different side to ourselves. The world that we see around us is what we want to see and not necessarily reality. Rather than being better versions of ourselves we tend towards becoming a bigger version of ourselves. Mr. Warikoo's speech left us motivated. His speech concluded with a thunderous applause from the audience who couldn't have asked for a better start to an amazing year ahead filled with challenges and opportunities.

On 7 September, another talk by *Ms. Dorodi Sharma* on the topic, *'Evolution of Disability as a Human Right'* was held. Ms. Dorodi is a United Nations Disability Rights specialist at UN Resident's Coordinator Office and a Monitoring Evaluation Accountability and Learning (MEAL) officer at International Disability Alliance.

A session by *Ms. Pritika, representative of KPMG* for the functioning of resource center was also organized on 29<sup>th</sup> September. KPMG has been supporting LSR for its objectives to enhance accessibility since past several years. It established a resource center named, 'Swabalamban' in August 2013 to assist students with visual impairment by providing technological support. Currently, the center has 40 laptops, 17 recorders and 7 magnifiers. Several resources such as reading material, digital books, braille books and <u>audio</u> books are provided to the resource center by faculty at LSR from different departments. It was an open discussion about the needs of the PWD students of college and their requirements that can be taken up by KPMG. It ended on a very positive note with an assurance from KPMG that all the requirements raised will be looked into as soon as possible. *Nipun Malhotra, founder of Nipman* foundation delivered a talk on *"How public policy can aim for smart, sustainable*"

*and inclusive growth?"* in an event on 9th October, 2018 organised by REACH along with Voluntary Agency Placement Programme.

Parwaaz, the annual cultural fest of REACH is organized every year since 2012. The theme of this year's Parwaaz was the idea of inclusivity thereby, allowing participation of non-PwD i.e. general students in teams paired with **PwD** students. As a prequel to Parwaaz, Pre-Parwaaz was organized on the theme to draw inspiration from the lives of eminent persons with disabilities doing exemplary work in their respective fields. The session started on a zealous note by the guests of honor, Padma Shri awardee Mr. Jawahar Lal Kaul, Director General and founding member of All India Confederation of the Blind (AICB), a pioneer organization working for the rights and upliftment of persons with visual impairment, Ms. Preeti Singh, Miss Wheelchair-India pageant winner, graduated from SRCC, and our Elsa, Ms. Lalita Baghel, presently a researcher and Assistant Professor at a college in Delhi University.

2015 UPSC topper Ms. Ira Singhal gave an absolutely remarkable opening speech to Parwaaz'19. This was followed by launch of a book, "Tactile Guitar Chord Book" which consists of practical guidelines for the visually impaired who desired to learn guitar by the Golden Sunshine Foundation. The book has tactile illustrations to learn the orientations of learning guitar and is available in print and braille. It was launched by Ms. Ira Singhal, Mr. Shariq Mustafa and our staff advisors. Shariq Mustafa, renowned tabla player mesmerized everyone with his recital. REACH was glad to host both guests who expressed their delight at being at an event which celebrates the spirit of taking flight, regardless of the type of disability. the awaited Parwaaz '19. **Quizzard** was one of most events of A debate was also organised.

Recognizing the transformative and therapeutic power of expression, REACH organized the aptly named *Catharsis, the creative writing competition* for Parwaaz'19 on 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2019, The event saw 67 participations and was judged by Professor Megha Dhillon, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, LSR and Meena Chabbra, a prominent Hindi writer. It was a delight to witness the participants as they poured their hearts and creativity into their stories.

## d. Dhyana-The Society for Consciousness and Awareness

The word Dhyana is derived from the Sanskrit word "Dhyai" which means "to think of". Our society is driven by the principle of exploration; our endeavors are therefore marked by an engagement with issues that range from the philosophical to the social, and from the spiritual to the political. Dhyana is a non-competitive society oriented towards equal participation and learning for all.

This year Dhyana attempted to engage with the various dimensions of consciousness. It sought to challenge the notion that consciousness may only be addressed and understood by those who walk a spiritual path. Rather the concept of consciousness is multi-dimensional in nature and thus may be discussed from a variety of perspectives. The events of the academic year began with a discussion enabled by Dr.Smita Sehgal, Associate Professor of History at LSR College. Dr. Sehgal discussed the Devdasi tradition of India and how it had evolved in different parts of the country over the course of hundreds of years. The session brought to the fore not only issues of gender-based oppression, but also of caste and class and how these social categories often intersect to shape people's lives.

Dhyana also organized an interactive session with Ms.Madhavi Menon, Professor of English and Director, Centre for Studies in Gender and Sexuality, Ashoka University. Dr. Menon works at the juncture of identity, desire, literature and politics. At LSR, she discussed her latest book titled 'A History of Desire in India' which put into conversation the major ideas of queer theory in India's past and present. In surveying different mediums of learning, Dhyana organized a book discussion on the 'Liberation of Sita' written by well-known Telegu author Volgaand translated into English by T. Vijay Kumar and C. Vijayasree. The session was facilitated by Dr. Megha Dhillon, Assistant Professor of the Psychology Department at LSR. The book tells of a very different heroine from that of Valmiki's *Ramayana*. It is an important addition to the thousands of retellings of the epic. The *Liberation of Sita*' seyes. Dr Dhillon discussed various characters in the book and the learnings that readers could gather from the perspectives presented by the characters.

The final event of the year was a session with Dr. Shernaz Cama, Associate Professor of English at LSR. She spoke of the great epic poemsfrom the East and West including Vyasa's Mahabharta and Homer's *Iliad*. Although these epic poemswere authored by different people in very different parts of the world, they are alike in being considered as some of the greatest literature ever produced. The poems are all-encompassing in their scope and grand in their vision. Dr. Cama's discussions of these poems included many constructs ranging from heroism and revenge to morality and the place of women in histories largely written by men.

#### e. Women's Development Cell (WDC)

Women's Development Cell, LSR is a group of passionate young feminists who collectively think about and work for various experiences of gender. In the academic year 2018-19, WDC organised several events including panel discussions, movie screenings and informal discussions in which we attempted to explore the intersections of gender with various other social identities, including ethnicity, sexuality, caste, etc. The WDC initiated the academic year with a vibrant panel discussion on "**Navigating Queer Identities in University Spaces**". It was centred around understanding the experiences of queer students in university spaces, concerns of intersectionality within the community, and ways to encourage a gender-sensitive and aware campus. The panel specifically steered a conversation on the multifaceted identities like caste, disability and ethnicity that intersect with one's sexuality.

In October, an interactive session was organized with Ms. Aditi Arora, Country Consultant of Girl Up, an initiative of the United Nations Foundation, is a girl-led and girl-driven initiative. The session was conducive in dealing with gender-related issues and also questions pertaining to why women must vote. The same month WDC organized a Panel Discussion on "Who is a North East Woman" as a part of the theme, "**Exploring intersections of gender, region, ethnicity and identity- A look at the North East**". The panel's aim was to understand the nature of gender relations and patriarchy in North-East, and the perceived notions of the

mainland in constructing a homogenous narrative of a 'North-East woman'. The panel broke down the factors including differences in shared history in terms of language, ethnic composition, etc. to demonstrate that 'North-East' is not a homogenous category and thus affects the gender-relations accordingly. It had some brilliant speakers including Dr. Ananya Barua, an Associate Professor at Department of Philosophy, Hindu College, University of Delhi; Dr. Joy L.K Pachau, Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences; Ms. Ngurang Reena, a Ph.D. research scholar at Centre for European Studies, JNU and Dr. Nitoo Das, a poet and Assistant Professor at Department of English, Indraprastha College, University of Delhi.

This year WDC also organized a session with Dr. Punita Bhardwaj was organised as a part of the theme, '**Reproductive Rights and Justice**'. It aimed at addressing questions pertaining to female sexual health, hygiene, UTIs, self care, etc. As part of informal "Let's Talk Sessions" the members shared their personal experiences and views on different themes including "What does feminism mean to you?", personal experiences of sexism in schools, universities and other educational settings, 'Intersections of gender and exclusion', Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2018, the MeToo movement in India and sustainable menstruation, wherein we unpacked various taboos and myths associated with menstruation. WDC also conducted several movie screenings this academic year. This included, "Juice", a short film by Neeraj Ghaywan looking at gendered power relations, division of labour, etc. within the household, "Tales from the margins", a film that highlights the grim human rights situation in Manipur and the extraordinary protests by Manipuri women for justice and "Consent Trilogy".

Welcoming the new year 2019, the WDC conducted a panel discussion on the theme "Sex Work in India: Understanding Challenges and Demystifying Taboos". The session aimed at understanding the various myths associated with sex work as a profession, along with the legal, social, cultural and economic issues faced by sex workers themselves, as well as their families. A Training Workshop was organized on Child Sexual Abuse with Breakthrough India as part of the 'Gender Sensitization' sessions in several NGOs in collaboration with our National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers. This session aimed at providing exposure to the children in the NSS affiliated NGOs to a range of issues relating to gender justice. One of the sessions is aimed at making the children in the NGO aware of the concept of "Safe and Unsafe Touch", which includes the issue of child sexual abuse. Given the sensitive nature of this topic and the importance of not misinforming the children in any way, this year we held a training session or workshop in collaboration with Breakthrough India, led by Ms. Shubika and Mr. Ikram. The aim was to acquaint our members with information relating to what child sexual abuse is, how to report it, redressal mechanisms and other forms of social support.

The short film screening by **All India Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch** highlighted the impunity of caste-based sexual violence and the barriers to justice Dalit women face. The screening was followed by student discussion. This was followed by a Movie Screening and Discussion of "**Please Mind The Gap**" in collaboration with Public Service Broadcasting Trust in the month of February. The film highlights how the study of the public space becomes essential, as these are important sites of conflict where individuals are judged on the basis of appearances and must find ways to retain their identity and autonomy. The screening was followed by an interactive discussion with Ms. Mitali Trivedi, the Director of the film, and Mr. Manjesh, the cinematographer.

In collaboration with the Political Science Department and Expressions, WDC held an open mic on the theme "Our Politics, Ourselves?". The aim of the event was to navigate through our layered identities and how they intersect with our politics through various art forms. We had

participants for performing poetry, music, and classical dance. The Women's Development Cell in collaboration with the NSS organized a 'Gender Sensitization' session providing exposure to the children in the NSS affiliated NGOs to a range of issues relating to gender justice, including gender roles, tackling conventional beauty ideals, etc. WDC started a fresh initiative this year of a reading group, wherein members meet periodically and discuss certain selected books, essays, poems, etc.

## f. VOLUNTARY AGENCY PLACEMENT PROGRAMME (VAPP)

Voluntary Agency Placement Programme (VAPP) is a dynamic society of LSR, based on community rather than hierarchy, which provides a space to harness youth power as a creative force for social change. It allows students to engage with socio-economic issues and trains them for community development. The society also provides enthusiastic students engaging opportunities to volunteer with NGOs working at the grassroot level.

With a membership of 380 people, VAPP managed to provide 118 internships and fellowships during the year. These included fellowships with Naropa Foundation, Pravah, Teach for India, Gandhi Fellowship and the Smart Cities Project under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, and internships with Youth for Peace International, Vision India Foundation and the Health Ministry, Government of India. The horizon of VAPP keeps expanding not only to build up an awareness about the world among the students but also to help them discover the hidden world within themselves. This self-exploration helps bring about social change because any initiative to transform the world begins with the individual – with you, us and me. Keeping this thought in mind, VAPP organized a series of events throughout the academic year 2018- '19.

- i. <u>Workshop on 'Digital Safe Space in India' was organized</u> in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ministry of Youth Affairs. It included UN volunteers, Mash Project, Pravah NGO and Cyber Peace Foundation. A popular RJ, Ms. Ginnie Mahajan, who was also present at the event, shared her own experience with the students. The workshop underscored the fact that- it is vital to be engaged, but equally important to stay informed and be SAFE ONLINE.
- ii. <u>Collection Drive:</u> A Clothes Collection Drive in collaboration with the NGO, We Clothe Them was conducted by VAPP in the first week of August.
- iii. <u>Workshop by Digital Gandhi:</u> An immersive and insightful workshop was conducted on 23rd August, 2018. Mr.Onkar Kishan Khullar, better known as Digital Gandhi, along with blogger Mr. Devansh Kamboj, MMA trainer Mr. Gunjit Motiyani and consultant
- iv. <u>Simply Blood Workshop</u>: The skill of incorporating individualism and humanity into one was taught to students, through an interactive session on August 30, 2018, with Mr. Karan Verma, the founder of Simply Blood, the world's first virtual blood donation platform to bridge the gap between the demand and supply of blood.
- v. <u>Workshop on Emotion Matter:</u> Ms. Juhi Sharma, the founder of Light Up Foundation, conducted a workshop on the September 4, 2018 which emphasized how overthinking, toxic relationships, pain and abusive lifestyle can bring us down but the formula is to

rise up. It is only 'YOU' who matters- Reflect and Act.

- vi. <u>Talk on Urban Poverty:</u> "Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity, it is an act of justice". On 7 September, 2018, the students of LSR received a wonderful opportunity of meeting Mr. Subhrajeet Gautam, the founder of one of the largest youth-led NGOs, Umeed- A Drop of Hope, which is spearheading a social change in the field of poverty, welfare and education. The discussion addressed many misconceptions surrounding poverty, and gave the students a new understanding of what it means to be deprived.
- vii. <u>Inclusive workshop-'From Exclusion to Inclusion':</u> The Amrit Foundation of India organized a "WeAllFitIn" workshop on September 19, which helped the attendees understand many of the concerns of a person with disabilities. It was truly a learning experience for all who came.
- viii. <u>Interactive Session on Walking the Gandhian Way:</u> In September 2018, VAPP organized a session with Dr. Aggarwal, the President of Shanti Sahyog. Dr. Aggarwal highlighted the fact that living a life of non-violence leads to brotherhood, unity and love, which are the essential virtues of a human life.
  - ix. <u>Talk on "Careers in the Development Sector"</u>: On September 27, 2018, the Voluntary Agency Placement Programme organized a talk with Ms. Nishitha Banerjee, an alumna of LSR and Gandhi Fellowship on "Careers in the Development Sector".
  - x. Interactive Session on Public Policies for an inclusive growth in collaboration with <u>REACH</u>: This interactive session with Mr. Nipun Malhotra was held on October 9, 2018, to answer the question "How can public policy aim for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth?" The talk emphasized that small efforts made by individuals can lead to big changes in other peoples lives.
  - xi. <u>Field Trip:</u> To provide members of VAPP an opportunity to understand better what unfolds behind the scenes at non-profit organizations, a field trip was organized to the Goonj processing Centre at Sarita Vihar. The display of antique objects received as donations and the reuse of one-side printed sheets were some examples of ingenuity at Goonj. An inclusive and affirmative employment policy was adhered to by Goonj at the centre. The visit concluded with the team happily shopping for a range of products from 'Green by Goonj.'
- <u>Workshop on Cybersecurity:</u> The Voluntary Agency Placement Programme organized a workshop with Mr Rakshit Tandon- a cybersecurity expert, who explained that "The 'Virtual world' is not merely a game but an unavoidable part of life and, therefore, requires a diligent approach to deal with it".
- xiii. <u>Talk on the "Fight against Child Sexual Abuse":</u> "You took away my innocence but you can never take away my spirit to survive". This was the inspiring message by Ms. Mariam Rauf, an alumna of LSR, who had avidly contributed to the development of VAPP as an ever-evolving space to explore and shed fears
- xiv. Session on the National Health Policy of India: VAPP in collaboration with Global

Youth, organized a session on the 'National Health Policy of India with respect to Women' on February 28, 2019. The talk was delivered by Ms. Avani Kapur, the Director of Accountability Initiative, the Centre for Policy Research. The session shed light on the various facets of the public health system in India and its socio-political and economic implications.

- xv. <u>Field Trip:</u> VAPP organized a field visit in collaboration with Light Up Foundation to Sanjay Camp at Chanakyapuri, Delhi on March 3, 2019. The foundation is a social venture advocating the need to practice emotional intelligence in low-income communities and classrooms. The students gained an insight into the implementation of such activities, and each one of them felt inspired to do more for others.
- xvi. <u>Dance Movement Therapy Workshop:</u> A Dance Movement Therapy workshop was organized on March 28, 2019. Ms.Rashi Bijlani, the Director and Course Designer of ASHA HAI, and the founder of the Centre for Dance Movement Psychotherapy facilitated the workshop for a group of 45 students.
- xvii. Internships and Fellowships

## **17. Library Development**

The College Library with its fully computerized user-friendly data filing system has an invaluable collection of about 111000 books, 6481 bound journals, 1300 reprographic material and about 350 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 inhouse team.

Listed below are some aspects of Library Development a. Current Awareness Service:-

- i) **News Alert**: This service is provided weekly. It covers the articles published in various national newspapers which are further grouped under various subject headings.
- ii) Articles Indexing:- Library has developed a service of indexing of Articles published in the journals procured by the Library. The data for these articles is available online. These Articles are assigned with Subject Heading according to the LC List of Subject Headings. It will be an excellent resource for our Faculty and Students indulged in research. They will be able to access to required material for their research without searching various journals. It will save the efforts and time of the users. Every reader will be able to access the required material expeditiously.
- iii) List of Additions:- This is the quarterly list of books which are added in the library during the year which is arranged Subject wise and supplemented by Author, Title and Subject indexes which serves as the access points for precise and quick retrieval. The users find it very helpful by knowing about the latest arrivals in the Library.
- iv) **E- Mailing of List of Additions, Articles Alert and News Alerts**:- Library has stared the Current Awareness Service through E- Mail. All faculty members along with students Class

representatives intimated about the books added during the specified period, Articles Indexed and News Alert.

- v) 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.
- vi) **Online Databases:** Along with the access of all online resources available on DU networks Library subscribes NList this is an online database of the journals. The Library has also taken an annual institutional membership of DELNET and all members are entitled to all benefits and privileges pertaining thereto.
  - b. Special collection: 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.
  - c. Library Orientation: With the rapid transformation of technology it becomes essential to update our readers with new technology and for this purpose process of Library Orientation Program is entirely reconstructed. Each and every section of the fresher were intimated about the Library facilities and Library collection and the practical demonstration for how to access the e- resources which are available on the Delhi University Campus Networks. Students find this the Orientation Session very informative. Besides, they were introduced with various sections of the Library.The Faculty is also updated from time to time to about the availability of resources.
  - d. Project: This academic year, the Library professional staff Mr. A.P. Yadav (Librarian) and Ms. Neha Sharma have undertaken a project of scanning all previous and current year syllabus and question papers and uploading them on the college website. The inauguration of retrospectively converted syllabus and question papers in digital format was done by Principal Dr. Suman Sharma in July 2018.

## e. ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL STAFF

## A. P. Yadav

- 1. Invited Talk: Delivered a talk on E-Resources in the Public Domain in "International Conference on Information Communication in Digital Era: Present Scenario and Future Prospective (ICDEPSFP-2018)" held on 24th to 25th Feb. 2018 at Aggarwal College Ballabhgarh, Faridabad, Haryana.
- 2. Publications: Published various articles in National and International Journals.
- Application of Mobile Technology and its Role in Library Management. Anand • Prakash Yadav in International Journal of Library and Information Management, Vol. 09 No.1, 83-86, 2018

(This is a peer-reviewed refereed and indexed research journal).

- Application of Cloud Computing and Library Management: an overview. Anand Prakash Yadav in International Journal of Library and Information Management. Vol.9, No.2, July- Dec. 2018 (ISSN: 0975-878X) International Peer-Reviewed Refereed Journal.
- Library management system with Big Data. Anand Prakash Yadav in International Journal of Professional Development (Multidisciplinary Peer-Reviewed Refereed Indexing with Impact Factor Journal) ISSN:2277-517X (Print), ISSN:2279-0659 (Online) Vol.7, No.1, July-Dec. 2018
- 3. Seminar: Participated in a Seminar titled 'Librarian Leadership Summit 2018' at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA on September 15th 2018.

## Neha Sharma

- 1. *Paper Presentation:* Presented a paper in a National Conference on "Role of librarian in guiding research and executing sponsored project" organized by IASLIC IGNOU held on September 2018.
- 2. Awards: Awarded M. Phil. Degree in Library and Information Science in the convocation ceremony of Department of Library and Information Science, University of Delhi held on April 2018.

## Kamla Rawat

1. *Training Programme:* Attended a two week training programme on Computer Applications in Libraries organized by University of Delhi in March 2019 as part of Continuing Professional Development Programme.

## Sheetal

1. *Training Programme:* Attended a two week training programme on Computer Application in Libraries organized by University of Delhi in March 2019 as part of Continuing Professional Development Programme.

## **18. Faculty Strength:** 151

## **19. Financial Allocation and Utilization**

- 1. Grant sanctioned in Rs. 39,15,69,000/- (received upto 31.03.2019)
- 2. Utilized in Rs.39,07,74,517/-(expenditure upto 31.03.2019)

## **20. Other Significant Information:** NA

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