

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES



2016-17

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

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

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

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

Lady Shri Ram College is delighted to be collaborating with Barnard College, Columbia University, NYC, USA, on a global symposium to be held in New Delhi in March 2018 to discuss "Innovative Approaches to Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability." A meeting with Giorgio DiMauro of Barnard College in November, 2016 led to an initial Planning Workshop that was held in February, 21st, 2017 working towards, the Global Symposium. King's College, London is conducting two Summer Courses at LSR College again this May for the 5th year in succession since 2013. It is a matter of great pride for us that LSR College is the only academic institution that King's College, London is collaborating with. The other two institutions are Tata Hospital in Mumbai and Unilever in Bangalore. This year the Summer School will be from 29th May, 2017 to 9th June, 2017 and the courses will be on International Relations and Marketing Management.

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

Japan, Ontario in India programme in Canada, Macquarie University in Australia, National University of Singapore, Singapore and King's College, London.

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

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

LSR College also has hosted in 2017, January to April semester, 5 exchange students from Middlebury, one from the OIN Programme and one student from La Trobe University. In addition to all these major activities, OIP has organized talks by distinguished faculty from universities abroad, lectures and presentations from collaborators and other universities. 2016-2017 has been a fulfilling year for the collaborative ventures of LSR and the augury for the years to come seem very exciting.

2017-18

Lady Shri Ram College aims at infusing in students a sensibility that can differentiate between just making a career and becoming leaders of movements of social transformation. In order to empower students with new skill-sets appropriate to the twenty first century and to create global citizens, the College has regularly initiated collaborations with Universities across the globe. These have included short and long term exchange programmes, both for students and faculty, setting up of an international e-journal with women's colleges worldwide, organising summer courses with reputed colleges from abroad and hosting lectures by faculty from around the globe. Students have been encouraged to participate on a regular basis in international conferences and LSR has organised and hosted prestigious international seminars and short courses for faculty and students from different countries. This trend continued in 2017-2018.

King's College, London conducted its annual Summer Courses at LSR College from 29th May 2017 to 9th June 2017 for the 5th year in succession. This year, the courses were on International Relations and Marketing Management. It was a unique opportunity for LSR students as the only other institutions in India, that King's College collaborated with for summer courses in 2017, were Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai and Unilever in Bangalore. The Office of International Programmes began the academic year 2017-2018 with an Orientation programme for students of Lady Shri Ram College intimating them about the various opportunities available. Enthusiastic students participated in large numbers.

From 11th to 16th September 2017, a large contingent of 18 students from the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University, Australia accompanied by Professor Andrew Alter visited LSR for a short-term course titled 'Introduction to India'. The Principal, Dr. Suman Sharma welcomed them to LSR. The course was conducted by faculty from LSR and provided an overview of Indian History, Political Thought, Sociology, Gandhi and his relevance and Sustainable Environmental Practices in India. One of the highlights of the course was an interactive session in which students from Macquarie and LSR discussed the similarities and differences of being young adults in the two countries. In addition to the lectures, a Madhubani painting workshop was organised followed by an interactive session with the National Service Scheme, LSR.

On March 8th 2018, LSR celebrated International Women's Day through an enriching cultural and intellectual interaction. A team of 35 delegates from Asia, Africa and Latin American countries attended and participated in the discussions. Ten students accompanied by faculty

from Soka University, Japan were also present. The Japanese students put up a cultural performance that was highly appreciated.

On March 12th 2018, in a visit facilitated by the Australian High Commission, the Governor-General of Australia His Excellency Sir Peter Cosgrove along with Australian High Commissioner Ms. Harinder Sidhu visited LSR. The Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove were given a guard of honour by the National Cadet Corp (NCC) students of the College and a formal welcome by the Principal. This was followed by an interactive session with students and young faculty in the conference room of the College. In this academically engaging session, the Governor-General responded to students' questions on issues of Gender, Education and diversity in Australia. In this enriching discussion, he also spoke at length about evolving and growing Indo-Australian relations. Lady Shri Ram College has been having exchange programme with Australian Universities for the past two decades.

LSR had the privilege of hosting a 100-member Youth Delegation from Bangladesh for an interactive session with the faculty and students. The tour was organised on the initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

In addition to these activities, OIP organised talks by distinguished faculty from universities abroad as well as lectures and presentations from Universities wishing to collaborate with LSR. These included an interactive session with the Russel Group University representatives from the University of Bristol, University of Leeds, Queen Mary University London and King's College London. A session was organised with Mr. Robert Garris, Director of Global Admissions and Strategic Initiatives, Schwarzman Scholars to invite students to participate in this unique global programme. Mr. Nilesh Gaikwad, Country Manager, EDHEC Business School and Ms. Neha Khanna, Country Representative from Sciences Po, Paris spoke to students about opportunities in their institutions while Ms. Victoria Dobritz from Campus France Delhi, French Embassy spoke about study abroad initiatives available in France for Indian students.

Throughout the year, LSR hosted a series of meetings for prospective collaborations. The college was visited by— Mr. R. Marc Johnson, Senior Executive Director for Global Affairs, University of Virginia Darden School of Business, USA, Ms. Janna Behrens Director, Education Abroad at Amherst College, USA, Prof. Sharon Pickering and Dr. Mridula Nath Chakraborty from Monash University, Australia and Mr. Ranjan Daniels, Associate Dean of the Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago.

The existing collaborations were also strengthened by a visit from Prof. Sujatha Moorti and Prof. Jennifer Ortegren, from Middlebury College, USA. They were accompanied by Ms. Vinita Tripathi, Director of Middlebury School in India. Ms. Sukeshi Kamra, the OIN Programme Co-ordinator visited College to meet the Principal and the current students recommended for the programme.

Student Exchanges

LSR College hosted three exchange students from Middlebury College, USA— Juliet Flam Ross, Nell Kathleen Sather and Lelia Jo Dusthimer and one student from La Trobe University, Australia— Sidney Jane Mason for durations ranging from one semester to a year.

A large number of students from LSR have been nominated for collaborative programmes in Universities abroad. Reshma Ganesh Babu has been nominated for the SUSI programme on Leadership in USA, Tarang Kaur for La Trobe University in Australia, Maitreyee Misra for Sciences Po in France, Reetam Choudhary and Kanishka for Fukuoka University in Japan, Kriti Jangpangi and Swanie Chhabra for the Ontario in India programme in Canada, Pavleen Gurdeep Arora, Jahnvi Kansana and Bhoomika Singh for the Master's programme at

Macquarie University in Australia, and Chathriya Kavin and Sharmishtha Singh for the Summer School at National University of Singapore, Singapore.

In addition, a contingent of ten Students from the Department of Journalism, Lady Shri Ram College have been recommended to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India for the programme “Visit of Indian Youth Delegation to various countries during 2018”. They are Sayantani Mustafi, Ambica Agarwal, Tanvi Jalan, Saloni Singla, Rushil Saini, Anahita Sahu, Nimisha Bansal, Reshma Ganesh Babu, Nandini Rao and Samiksha Mathur. 2017-2018 has been a fulfilling year for the collaborative ventures of LSR and the prospects for the years to come seem very exciting.

2018-19

Lady Shri Ram College perceives the real challenge to be that of infusing in students a sensibility that can think globally and act locally. To this end students need to be equipped with appropriate skill-sets and have exposure to the best practices from across the globe. The College has taken the lead in initiating international collaborations and creating opportunities for student mobility through short and long term student exchange programmes. In addition, the College has regularly organized summer and winter courses in collaboration with reputed Universities and has invited faculty from across the globe to interact with students. Students are encouraged to participate in international conferences and LSR has organized and hosted prestigious international seminars on the campus. The details have been presented below.

Evidence of Success

- A group of students from the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University, Australia along with Professor Andrew Alter visited Lady Shri Ram College for a short-term course which was 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.
- Dr. Kirsten Davies from Macquarie's Department of Law visited LSR on October 03, 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 4th 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”. This talk was an introduction to the theme of the Winter School that the University of Bath was planning to hold in LSR in December 2018.
- 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.
- Mr. Enrico Letta gave an extremely thought provoking lecture on “Nation Building in Europe, a Comparison with Asia” which was followed by a stimulating discussion with students. The Sciences Po representatives engaged with the students on application processes, deadlines and post graduation prospects at Sciences Po, and cleared doubts regarding the same.
- Lady Shri Ram College for Women hosted an eight day long Winter School, organized by the University of Bath in December 2018. Titled 'Global Responsibilities from the Market to the Individual' 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.

- 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. He explained about the enrolment process, scholarships and fee discounts offered at the Summer Institutes.
- Mr. Nilesh Gaikwad from the EDHEC Business School, Paris conducted a session in Lady Shri Ram College on 4th April, 2019. He explained about the process of admission to EDHEC, the fee concessions available to students from LSR and discussed possible help with accommodation for students from LSR who would like to study at the EDHEC Business School.
- It is a matter of great pride for the College, that two students from LSR, were 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.
- 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.
- 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 campus. These included Dr. Jacqueline Millner, Deputy Head of School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Kerry Krause, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics and Mr. Kelly Smith Pro Vice Chancellor, International Relations from La Trobe and Prof. Martina Mollering, Executive Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. David Wilkinson, Deputy Vice- Chancellor and Ms. Nicole Brigg, Pro Vice- Chancellor, Macquarie University.
- 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.

2019-20

The Office of International Programmes (OIP) continued to interact with academic institutions across the globe, building up new collaborations, while strengthening and enhancing existing partnerships. OIP hosted talks by eminent international academics and organized sessions with representatives of prestigious Universities to inform students about study abroad opportunities. It facilitated student exchanges, both from partner institutes abroad and from LSR to these institutions. Both inbound and outbound students were mentored and guided during every stage

of the process. Numerous delegations visited the College in this period, and interacted with the Principal, to discuss possibilities for collaborative endeavours. In addition, LSR organized a short course on India, for a group of international students. Some developments of the year are summarised below:

- **Orientation:** The Office of International Programmes, LSR, conducted its annual orientation for 2019-20, on August 28, 2019 to inform students about the different opportunities, in terms of exchange programmes, summer schools and master's programmes that OIP has to offer. They were informed about the collaborations with different universities, namely, Sciences Po, Middlebury University, Macquarie University, NUS, La Trobe and several others. They were also informed about the specifications of each exchange programme and the scholarships available for the same. Three more sessions were conducted on 19th and 27th September 2019 and on 23rd January 2020, in which LSR alumna, who had gone on these exchange programmes, shared their experiences and guided students on how to prepare for these programmes.
- **Short-term Course:** A group of 15 students from the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University, Australia visited Lady Shri Ram College for a short-term course from 9th to 13th September, 2019. The group was led by Prof. Julian Droogan, Senior Lecturer, Dept of Security Studies and Criminology, Macquarie University and Ms. Tina Stubenrauch, International Engagement Manager, Macquarie University. The week long course which was conceptualized and transacted by LSR faculty members, provided an overview on diverse aspects of Indian History, Geopolitics, Sociology, Gandhi and his relevance and Sustainable Environmental Practices in India. In addition to the lectures, a Madhubani painting workshop was organized followed by an interactive session with the National Service Scheme, LSR. The Students' Union took the initiative to organize cultural interactions between the visiting students and their LSR counterparts which proved very popular.
- **Talks**
 - Prof. Julian Droogan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Security Studies and Criminology, Macquarie University, and part of the delegation from Macquarie University, gave a lecture on the India-Australia Strategic Partnership to a group of 60 students on 10th September 2019.
 - Mr. Nilesh Gaikwad, India Representative of the EDHEC Business School, Paris conducted a session in Lady Shri Ram College on 13th September 2019. He explained about the process of admission to EDHEC, the fee concessions available to students from LSR and discussed possible help with accommodation for students from LSR who would like to study at the EDHEC Business School. The session was interactive in nature and the 50 students present had many queries. Mr. Gaikwad also organized a CV and SOP writing workshop for a small group of 10 students on 29th January 2020.
 - Ms. Aastha Virk Singh, Senior Advisor, Education USA, United States India Education Foundation addressed a group of 60 students on 24 October 2019. She explained the process of application and admission to Universities in USA and answered queries regarding the same.
 - Ms. Akta Sawhney visited LSR on 9th January 2020 and addressed a group of 40 students on the Cargill Global Scholars Programme. She encouraged LSR students to apply for this prestigious Programme, which not only provided a generous scholarship for two years, but also provided leadership development opportunities through seminars and mentoring programmes, both within India and globally.

- Mr. Danny Pan, Associate Manager, Academic Partnerships, the Summer Institute at Oriel College, Oxford and the Cambridge Summer Institute visited the campus on 21st January, 2020 to inform students about summer courses at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. He explained about the enrolment process, scholarships and fee discounts offered at the Summer Institutes. The talk was attended by 75 students.

- Dr. Jalena Havelka, Associate Professor, School of Psychology, University of Leeds gave a lecture to about 60 students and 6 faculty of the Psychology Department on “Communicating Emotions through Languages and Cultures” on 28th January 2020.

- Prof. Tom Buckley, Lecturer in International Business Strategies, University of Sheffield conducted a workshop on “Innovation and International Business” for a group of about 50 students on 7th February 2020.

- **International Visits**

- A number of visitors, both from partner institutions and from institutions looking for partners in India, visited the college and met the Principal. These included Prof. Martina Mollering, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Macquarie University who visited the College on 12 December 2019 and Prof. Laurie Patton, President, Middlebury College, Vermont USA who met Dr. Sharma on 10 January 2020.

- A delegation from the Cornell Law School, USA consisting of Prof. Monica Ingram, Associate Dean, Admissions, Prof. Markeisha Miner, Dean of Students, and Prof. Sital Kalantry, Professor of Law, Cornell Law School visited LSR on 6th February 2020 and discussed the opportunities available for Indian students to study law in USA.

- A group from Lehigh University, USA led by Prof. Whitney P. Witt, College of Health, Lehigh University discussed possibilities of collaboration with Dr. Suman Sharma.

- Prof. Raymond J. La Raja, Associate Dean, College of Social and Behavioural Sciences, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and Kanika Parwal, Programme Manager, Lakshmi Pat Singhania Education Foundation visited the college on 14th February 2020 to discuss international scholarship opportunities for LSR students to pursue a Master’s degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst through the LSEF-UMass Scholarship 2020.

- **Student Exchanges and Opportunities**

- Simran Rawat, a final year Journalism student, was chosen as part of a 25 member Indian Youth Delegation to South Korea from 13th to 22nd November 2019, under the International Youth Exchange Programme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

- Pravina Khuraija, a first year student of the B.A. Programme Department, was selected as one of 10 Cargill Global Scholars 2020 from across the country.

- Juliet Flan Ross and Rebecca Brown who had been Exchange students from Middlebury at LSR in 2017, were awarded the Fulbright Research Award for India in 2019-20.

- LSR College hosted a number of exchange students in the academic year 2019-20 from institutions such as Middlebury College, USA and La Trobe University, Australia. These students had to leave India as they were re-called by their home institution due to the pandemic. However, they continued online academic work and finished their course-work by 30th April 2020.

- A number of students from LSR were nominated for collaborative programmes in Universities abroad such as Fukuoka Women's University, Japan, Sciences Po, Paris France, National University of Singapore, Singapore and Macquarie University, Australia