



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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LAKSHMIBAI COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI



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वसुधा कुटुंब का भाव भरा
G-20 का है अभिनंदन
नव विश्व कमल पंखुरियों सा
खिलता हँसता करता वंदना
भारत भू पर यह सम्मेलन
G- 20 का है अभिनंदन।



--- Prof. Pratyush Vatsala

In the historic centenary year of the University of Delhi, Lakshmibai College registered its presence in an emphatic manner on the map of colleges. With the rolling out of the National Education Policy 2020 and its implementation by the University, the College wholeheartedly embraced its vision in both letter and spirit. It embarked upon a slew of initiatives to ease the process for the first batch of students entering the Under Graduate Curriculum Framework (UGCF). The pursuit of Jnan (Knowledge), Pragya (Wisdom) and Satya (Truth) are the highest human goals envisaged by the policy and these have found a resonance in all the activities and programmes held in the College, which provides a wide range of stimulating learning experiences in an environment conducive to optimal learning. Week long orientation programs were held to familiarize the first batch of students with the components and contents of the new structure and the overall mandate of the new national policy.



Prior to this, the College broke a long impasse to become among the first to hold interviews for the regularization of teaching positions, appointing as many as 79 new permanent teachers across 15 departments. A new task force has radically altered the faculty profile of the College, and the youthful vigour of the new entrants has fuelled fresh energy into its corporate life. Fifteen new centres have been instituted encompassing the salient features of the National Education Policy that aims at producing an engaged, productive and socially responsible citizen with a global outlook. In a bid to provide quality education, these centres seek to develop the capacities of students including, intellectual, aesthetic, social, physical, emotional, moral and psychological. The lofty ideals enshrined in our Constitution form the foundations of these centres representing a multidisciplinary and holistic approach to education. Besides, the centres plan to develop knowledge skills by synergizing their resources and efforts to yield the best learning outcomes and to augment an overall culture of research with emphasis on conceptual and critical thinking.

In response to the contemporary global challenges, Lakshmibai College continues to foster an environment of upskilling, startups, innovation and enterprise to make our society vibrant, knowledge driven, sustainable and equitable. Recently, the College's brand Parampara took its pride of place at the Global Millet Exhibition and



Conference, IARI, PUSA, providing our students and faculty international exposure. The National Education Policy places teachers at the centre of its reforms and with the same impetus, the College has conducted several Faculty Induction and Development programs as well as workshops to ensure a high-quality pedagogy that enhances their performativity as effectively as possible.

Mooring itself firmly in the rich legacy of Indian Knowledge Systems, Lakshmibai College instils in its students a deep sense of pride in Indian culture and traditions by losing no occasion to celebrate it. Be it the three-day mega event “Viraasat,” which highlighted the unity in diversity of Indian arts, crafts, languages and customs, showcasing the cultural wealth of the nation, or the celebration of Lakshmibai Jayanti, a first in the long history of the College, and the festivities that marked Indian festivals like Diwali, Teej, Basant Panchami, the College took the *Azaadi ka Amritmahotsava* to another level. By commemorating significant national heroes like Subhash Chandra Bose and Vallabh Bhai Patel and celebrating for the first time, a seminal cultural document like the *Bhagvada Geeta*, the College redefined the meaning of campus life for its students. In an unprecedented event, the Goddess of Learning, *Ma Saraswati's idol*, was installed in the premises of the College on Basant Panchami. On the same occasion, an ambience of spirituality was created by a massive gathering of students and faculty simultaneously performing 108 Hawan Kunds in groups.

Reiterating its commitment to community service, the College embarked upon a unique initiative this year -Purak Poshan- to provide hot, nutritious meals, cooked by our students to the children of the construction site labourers working on the premises. With its particular focus on historically marginalized, disadvantaged and underrepresented groups, the College has specially targeted children and women as the beneficiaries of its welfare schemes. Apart from donation drives, awareness raising sessions and adopting slum areas, the larger national message of the developmental imperative has been completely assimilated into the co-curricular activities planned by our faculty and students, be it *Atmanirbhar Bharat*, Local for Vocal or FIT INDIA. Tradition and technology walk hand in hand as the College continues to collaborate with national and international organizations that facilitate the process for skilling and training of students in computer education as well as other areas such as venture creation and incubation support.

Taking forward the green initiatives launched in the previous session, the eco-conscious efforts made by the faculty and students have rendered them into eco-warriors who understand the urgency to protect and preserve the environment. Even a day like the Valentine's was given a new twist, by expanding the notion of love to encompass love for nature. The celebration of Indian village life in an event like the *Gokul Gramotsava* and the focus on cow-based industry products with the aim of preserving indigenous rural practices of a close-looped eco-system, has earned the College a Zero Waste Certificate. Apart from educating our students about dying species of birds and bio-diversity as part of the celebration of the World Sparrow Day, the College has also taken up the cause of reviving rivers. Our students have taken forward the campaigns like the Yamuna mission and the filtration of the now forgotten Sahibi river, thereby establishing biophilia as an important tenet of the College's vision.

Among the other forms of diversity, multilingualism occupies a special place in the College's cultural life. In recognition of the power of language to shape a student's mind-world, the College has instituted a Centre for Promotion of Indian Languages, as well as undertaken the mammoth task of translating primary and secondary material from English to Hindi, to enable students to access reading material bilingually. At a crucial juncture, when India is poised to set the global agenda through its Presidency in G-20, the overriding theme being- “Vasudhaiva kutumbakam” or “One Earth, One Family, One Future,” the College prepares to send out its students charged with this philosophy. As I have said in a song composed by me on G-20, “Yeh vishwavijay ki chaah nahi/Humko to raah dikhani hai/Maanavta ki jai nischit kar/Yeh peedit dhara bachani hai.” Thus, the College continues to set higher benchmarks for itself, with every wing contributing its might to power a vision of achieving greater heights of success.



ADMISSIONS AND RESULTS ANALYSIS

With the implementation of National Education Policy 2020 and admissions through CUET 2022 in Delhi University, the College has admitted a total of 1328 students at the Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels in 2022-23.

Courses Offered by College	Total Admissions in 2022 (as on 28.03.2023)
MA	30
B.A (H)	494
B.Com (P)	216
B.Com (H)	106
B.A (P)	421
B.Sc (H) Maths, Home Science	61
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	1328

The College students have been consistently performing well in academics both at the graduation and postgraduation levels in this academic session. Final year BA (H) English and MA Political Science along with second year BBE (H) and BA (H) Sociology have cent percent result. Besides, more than ninety percent final year students of eight Departments (B.Com Prog, B.Com Hons, BBE Hons, BSc. Hons Mathematics, BA Hons Hindi, BA Hons History, BA Hons Philosophy and BA Hons Pol. Sci.) have got first division. Second year and first year students have performed exceedingly well in the examination. Second year students of different departments have secured first division - BBE Hons (100%), B.Com (H) 98%, B.Com Prog (95%), BA Hons Pol. Sci. (96%) and BA Hons 95%. First year students of different disciplines have fared well too.

RESULTS

MAY-JUNE 2022

Third Year/ Semester VI Results

Course	Year	Total no. of students appeared	Total No. of students who passed	1st Divion (60% or 6.32 CGPA and above)	2nd Division (50% or 5.27 CGPA and above)	3rd Division (Less than 50% or 5.27 CGPA)	ER
B.Com (Prog)	3rd year	174	171	170	1	0	3
B.Com Hons	3rd year	84	83	83	0	0	1
BBE Hons	3rd year	27	26	26	0	0	1
B.Sc Math Hons	3rd year	54	53	53	0	0	1
BA PROG	3rd year	397	372	358	14	0	25
B.A (H) ECO	3rd year	45	40	40	0	0	5
B.A (H) ENGLISH	3rd year	47	47	35	12	0	0
B.A (H) HINDI	3rd year	41	38	37	1	0	3
B.A (H) HISTORY	3rd year	48	47	45	2	0	1
B.A (H) PHIL	3rd year	37	36	34	2	0	1
B.A (H) POL SCI	3rd year	95	94	94	0	0	1
B.A (H) SANSKRIT	3rd year	33	30	28	2	0	3
MA Philosophy	Final Year	16	15	8	7	0	1
MA Political Science	Final Year	13	13	1	12	0	0
MA Sanskrit	Final Year	12	10	10	0	0	2
TOTAL		1123	1075	1022	53	0	48

**Second Year/ Semester IV Results**

Course	Year	Total no. of students appeared	Total No. of students who passed	1st Divion (60% or 6.32 CGPA and above)	2nd Division (50% or 5.27 CGPA and above)	3rd Division (Less than 50 % or 5.27 CGPA)	ER
B.Com (Prog)	2nd year	194	187	185	2	0	7
B.Com Hons	2nd year	73	72	72	0	0	1
BBE Hons	2nd year	22	22	22	0	0	0
B.Sc Home Sci Hons	2nd year	30	24	24	0	0	6
B.Sc Math Hons	2nd year	43	40	38	2	0	3
BA PROG	2nd year	378	346	318	28	0	32
B.A (H) ECO	2nd year	35	25	25	0	0	10
B.A (H) ENGLISH	2nd year	48	44	36	8	0	4
B.A (H) HINDI	2nd year	47	46	45	1	0	1
B.A (H) HISTORY	2nd year	47	45	28	16	1	2
B.A (H) PHIL	2nd year	31	28	21	7	0	3
B.A (H) POL SCI	2nd year	100	97	96	1	0	3
B.A (H) SOCIOLOGY	2nd year	30	30	24	6	0	0
B.A(H) PSYCHOLOGY	2nd year	61	59	53	6	0	2
B.A (H) SANSKRIT	2nd year	19	18	14	4	0	1
TOTAL		1158	1083	1001	81	1	75

First Year/ Semester II Results

Course	Year	Total no. of students appeared	Total No. of students who passed	1st Divion (60% or 6.32 CGPA and above)	2nd Division (50% or 5.27 CGPA and above)	3rd Division (Less than 50 % or 5.27 CGPA)	ER
B.Com (Prog)	1st year	216	202	202	0	0	14
B.Com Hons	1st year	98	91	91	0	0	7
BBE Hons	1st year	36	22	22	0	0	14
B.Sc Math Hons	1st year	55	51	49	2	0	4
B.Sc Home Sci Hons	1st year	28	25	25	0	0	3
BA PROG	1st year	371	331	297	34	0	40
B.A (H) ECO	1st year	49	27	25	2	0	22
B.A (H) ENGLISH	1st year	53	47	40	7	0	6
B.A (H) HINDI	1st year	56	47	32	15	0	9
B.A (H) HISTORY	1st year	52	49	44	5	0	3
B.A (H) PHIL	1st year	42	37	32	5	0	5
B.A (H) POL SCI	1st year	106	97	91	6	0	9
B.A (H) SOCIOLOGY	1st year	44	41	28	13	0	3
B.A (H) PSYCHOLOGY	1st year	57	49	43	6	0	8
B.A (H) SANSKRIT	1st year	17	9	6	3	0	8
MA Philosophy	Prev Year	18	14	11	3	0	4
MA Political Science	Prev Year	15	15	4	11	0	0
MA Sanskrit	Prev Year	13	7	5	2	0	6
TOTAL		1326	1161	1047	114	0	165



ACADEMIC STAFF

- This year the College lost one of its most illustrious teachers, Dr. LRS Lakshmi from the Department of History. The Department has instituted an Annual Memorial lecture as tribute to her.
- The College is indebted to Mr. Prem Dutt (Library) and Mr. Jitendra Prasad (Gardener) retired in 2022 after putting in years of dedicated service.
- Mr. Mohammad Kaish (Administration) received a gold medal for securing first position in MA Hindi on the diamond jubilee celebration of School of Open Learning, Delhi University.

AWARDS

1. National and International Awards

Three teachers of our college have been awarded at the national and international levels.

	National Awards	International Awards
Total Numbers of Awards	3	2

1. Principal Prof. Pratyush Vatsala was conferred with:

- “Sashakt Mahila Sammaan Award” by Bharat Vikas Parishad on 60th Foundation Day 10 July 2022.
 - National Education and Training Excellence Award by the Confederation of Indian Universities on 21 October, 2022 on the eve of United Nations Day.
 - Spiritual and Value Education (SAVE) Award by the Spiritual and Value Education Summit on March 13, 2023.
- Prof. Anita Malhotra was given a **Certificate of Achievement as Author of a Top Cited Paper by Wiley** (on the basis of Clarivate Analytics of work published between Jan 2021-Dec 22) in journal ‘Obesity Reviews’ with Impact factor of 10.8. in Feb 2023.
 - Dr. Ruchi Mundeja was awarded with “**The Best Essay Prize for 2022**” by The Joseph Conrad Society of America - The Zdzislaw Najder Essay Award - for essay entitled “Worlding Appetite: Colonialism, Modernism, and the Gustatory in Joseph Conrad’s *Heart of Darkness*” published in *English Studies* 102.8 (2021): 1068-1085.

4. Award of Doctoral Research

PhDs were awarded to the following **six** faculty members:

S.No.	Name of Faculty	Department
1.	Dr. Deeba Zafir	English
2.	Dr. Rajasree Roy	Philosophy
3.	Dr. Poonam Jorwal	Mathematics
4.	Dr. Ojaswini Hooda	English
5.	Dr. Ashutosh Kumar	Sanskrit
6.	Dr. Chetan	English

FIPS/FDPS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY FACULTY MEMBERS

	FIPs	FDPs	Workshops
Total Number of Faculty Participations	69	19	3



WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED IN THE COLLEGE - 20

	One Day	Two Days	Three Days	Fifteen Days	Twenty Days
Number of Workshops Organized in 2022-23	14	2	2	1	1

PAPERS PUBLISHED IN JOURNALS/CHAPTERS IN BOOKS/BOOKS EDITED/AUTHORED – 28

	Books	Scopus Journals	UGC-Care List Journals	Peer Review Journals	Chapters in Books
Total Number of Publications	2	11	1	National – 5 International – 8	1

PAPER PRESENTATION IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS - 10

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/WEBINARS/LECTURE SERIES - 25

National/Conferences Seminars	Webinars	Lecture Series	Talk
7	3	2	13

National Cadet Corps (NCC) – *Kritanjali*: A Gracious Homage – 75 long day tribute to unsung heroes of our nation.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY FACULTY MEMBERS

- Dr Ruchi Mudeja has been awarded a six-month Research Fellowship, beginning December 5, 2022, by The Institute of English Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London (currently in progress).

PROJECTS UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE COLLEGE

S. No.	Project	Department/Cell
1	" <i>Stitching the Change</i> " - A business idea has been sketched out and approved for the Basti Women who reside close to the College. The aim is to get cloth bags stitched by them and put them up for sale.	Enactus
2	" <i>Sampoorn Bal Vikas Pariyojana</i> " in January 2023. The main objective of this initiative was to improve the nutritional status of the children of workers at the Lakshmibai College construction site.	Home Science

LIST OF SPEAKERS, DIGNITARIES AND VIPS INVITED IN 2022-23

Lakshmibai College invited people from different walks of life as dignitaries and chief guests on every occasion of celebration to connect the students with them. These people enlightened the students with their knowledge, experiences and shared anecdotes, explicating a fact that academics is only a single aspect of human life and a lot is there to be learned from personal experiences. Among these dignitaries, some of them are listed below -

Dignitaries	Invited Speakers
1. Padmashri Soma Ghosh, famous Classical Singer	1. Prof. Andrej Udovc, Department of Agronomy, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, Europe (Online Guest Speaker)
2. Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chandra Gaur Fulbright Scholar (Virginia Tech, USA) Director, National School of Drama	



3. Mr. Aditya Mamgain, Indian Revenue Services	2. Dr. Padamani Ranindranath, Associate Professor, Banaras Hindu University
4. Prof. Balram Pani, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi	3. Prof. Shakti Kumar, Chairperson, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, SSS, JNU
5. Prof. Rajni Abbi, Proctor, University of Delhi	4. Dr. Ramanujam Meganathan, Professor of English (Language Education), Department of Education in Languages, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
6. Mr. Ashwani Kumar, IAS Officer, Delhi	5. Dr. Akhil Katyal, School of Culture and Creative Expression, Ambedkar University
7. Dr. Neena Bhatia, Professor, Lady Irwin College, Former Senior Specialist (Joint Advisor) WCD Vertical, NITI Ayog	6. Dr. Rajkumar Bhatia, Member, Executive Council, University of Delhi
8. Ms. Sweta Satya, IES, Joint Director, O/O Chief Economic Advisor, Government of India	7. Prof. Madhuja Mukherjee, Department of Film Studies, Jadavpur University (Online Invited Speaker)
9. Dr. Naveen Agarwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, MCD, Keshavpuram Zone	8. Prof. Asha Mukherjee, Professor and Head(Retd.), Department of Philosophy and Religion, Visva Bharati University, Shantiniketan, West Bengal
10. Mr. D. N. Singh, Vice President, DMSWSL	9. Dr. Manidipa Sen, Centre for Philosophy, JNU Dr. Nilanjan Bhowmick, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi
11. Mr. Vijay, ITC WOW NGO	10. Dr. Anupama Roy, Centre for Political Studies, JNU
12. Mr Naresh, Ubuntu Foundation. Zero Waste Certificate	11. Dr. Baljinder Singh Nasralli, Department of Punjabi, University of Delhi
13. Dr. Ruby Makhija, Why Waste Wednesday NGO	12. Dr. Kanika Varma, Professor, Department of Home Science, Maharani College, University of Rajasthan (Online Invited Speakers)
14. Mr. Rajendra Pratap Pandey, Secretatry General, Lakshmibai Nyas, Varanasi.	13. Dr. Hemjyoti Medhi, Tezpur Central University (Online Invited Speaker)
15. Brahmakumari Didi Vineyji, Project Kalpataru	14. Prof. Chandan Kumar, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi
16. Mr. Vijay Patel, Electronics Engineer, Delhi	15. Professor Shobha Bagai, Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi
17. Dr. Sunil Arya, MD (Panchgavya). MD (Yoga), MD (Acupressure and Magnet Therapy), Director, Aryavrat Vaidik Chikitsala and Aryavrat Vaidik Foundation	16. Prof. (Dr.) Monojit Ray, Principal and Professor in Chemistry, Barrackpore Rastraguru Surendranath College, West Bengal
18. Mr. Suresh Jain, Rashtriya Sangathan Mantri, Bharat Vikas Parishad	17. Dr. Aayashi Bansal, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Consultant Artemis Lite Hospital
19. Dr. Suresh Gohe, Prant Mantri, Delhi, Bhartiya Shiksha Mandal	18. Dr. Sangeeta Sahane, Associate Dean, Placements, Area Coordinator and Faculty for Soft Skills and Business Communication ICFAI Business School
20. Mr. Uttam Prakash, Prant Sah-Karyawah	19. Mr. Himanshu Sharma, Assistant Director, ICSI
21. Mr. Shiv Prakash, NIPAM Officer, Examiner of Patent and Design, Government of India	20. Dr. Gautam Srivastav, Manav Rachna University
22. Ms. Prajakta Ahvad, Chairperson, Child Welfare Council, Punjab; Founder President of SAMVEDNA	21. Mr. Shayan Roy, Risk Analyst, RMS
22. Prof. Garkoti, Rector JNU	
23. Dr. M. Narendra, Retired Chairman and MD at Indian Overseas Bank	
24. Dr. M. Narendra, Retired Chairman and MD at Indian Overseas Bank	
25. Ms. Deepti Deshpande, Senior Economist, CRISI	
26. Paralympic Winner-Deepa Malik	
27. Shri Shyam Jaju, Ex-National Vice President, BJP	



ADD-ON COURSES AND COLLABORATIONS

Certificate Training Course

Lakshmibai College offers a series of Add-On Courses, the most recent being-

Certificate Training Course in Guidance and Counseling - It is a 30-hour training program for students to help them improve their skills to provide psycho-social support as a peer facilitator and is designed as a form of psychological first aid. The course comprises of workshops and training sessions conducted by experts. A total of 68 psychology students from Indian universities completed their training.

Foreign Languages and Short Term Courses

The College runs Certificate and Diploma courses in -

- Chinese, Japanese, Korean, French, German and Spanish languages.
- Happy Life Management short-term course on Vedic tools to reduce stress and make life happier.

International Collaborations

The College has international collaboration with

- EdX courses for faculty and students
- Trinity College London - to start Trinity Training Program for GESE and ISE.

National and State Bodies Collaborations

The College has collaborated and is officially linked with several national and state bodies like -

- Delhi State Legal Services Authority
- Udaan: Film Making
- Shiksha Sanskriti Uthhan Nyas Bhartiya Anuvad Parishad
- Vedic Science of Yagya by Vedmurty Centre For Innovative Research On Vedic Science, Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal;
- Department of East Asian Studies and Department of Germanic and Romance Studies of University of Delhi.
- The College has opened its NPTEL Local Chapter (5591) - NPTEL offers a number of free online courses to the students and faculty of Lakshmibai College.
- Sewa Bharti to replace plastic packaging with cloth bags that are being stitched by women from weaker sections, to generate income for them.
- Genomic Valley Biotech Ltd.
- Aryavart Vaidic Chikitsalaya
- VEDMURTY Centre For Innovative Research on Vedic Science.
- WOMENNOVATOR VIRTUAL INCUBATOR LLP for venture creation and incubation support.

MoUs with Colleges and Universities in India

The College has signed MoUs with universities and colleges under the aegis of 'Vidya Vistar Scheme' with -

- DHS Kanoi College Dibrugarh, Assam



- Patkai Christian College, Dimapur, Nagaland
- Barrackpore Rastraguru Surendranath College, West Bengal
- Sri Guru Ram Rai (PG) College, Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- K.S. Saket P.G. College, Ayodhya

SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING OF STUDENTS

For skill development and training of students and faculty, the College is linked with

- IBS, Knowledge Exchange Program
- ICT Academy Communication and Soft Skills, FDP, Training
- Metropolitan Stock Exchange (MSE) for investor awareness
- MANODARPAN, Ministry of Education for psychological support and wellbeing
- NIIT Foundation training of students
- Dell and Team Lease, Bangalore for skilling and training of students in computer education.

Training Programs/Sessions for Students and Staff - Conducted **seven training programs** for its students and staff on different topics and themes.

Details of the training sessions are as follows:

- 1) CIE - A training session was conducted in collaboration with Aryavart Vaidic Chikitsalaya Pvt. Ltd for the production of Sambhrani cups on 12th Sept. 2022.
- 2) Three-day Para Legal Volunteers Training for students in Lakshmibai College in collaboration with Delhi State Legal Services Authority 18-20 April 2022.
- 3) Coordinated training programs in Basic and Advanced Excel for students and staff in collaboration with Learning Links Foundation and Dell Technologies under Women in Data; program from 11th June 2022 onwards.
- 4) Coordinated a One Day Basic Training Program in Human Rights, sponsored by National Human Rights Commission on 4th February 2023.
- 5) Yoga Shivir (Yoga training for students, staff and community) on the occasion of International Day of Yoga from June 15 to 21, 2022.
- 6) Road Safety Training for College Students organized by the NCC & NSS Wings of Lakshmibai College in collaboration with Delhi Traffic Police and Hero MotoCorp on June 20-24, 2022.
- 7) An online, peer-to-peer learning and training session on '*Upskill with Canva*' on 28th December 2022.



ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CENTERS FOR INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The College established **fifteen centers** for institutional development and to disseminate knowledge among students by updating them with new progress in different fields. These Centers aim for holistic development of students, exploring opportunities, and to strengthen the college as an institute of research and development. The centers are as follows –

- 1) Lakshmibai Centre for Promotion of Quality Education, Research and Empowerment
- 2) Centre for Promotion of Human Rights, Constitutional Values, Global Citizenship and Peace Building
- 3) Centre for Promotion of Happiness and Holistic Development
- 4) Centre for Promotion of Physical, Mental and Spiritual Well Being
- 5) Centre for Ethical Growth and Human Development
- 6) Centre for Promotion of Environment Conservation, Public Health and Hygiene
- 7) Centre for Career Guidance, Internship and Placement
- 8) Centre for Skilling, Innovation, Social and Cultural Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
- 9) Centre for Promotion of Languages
- 10) Centre for Fostering Social Responsibility and Community Engagement
- 11) Centre for Promotion of Arts, Heritage and Culture
- 12) Centre for Promotion of Inclusive Education and Affirmative Action
- 13) Centre for Promotion of Scientific Temper, AI, Data Analysis and Design Thinking
- 14) Centre for Promotion of E Content and MOOC Development
- 15) Centre for Promotion of ICT Training and Digital Empowerment

COUNSELING SESSIONS

The College organized several counseling sessions for its students in the post pandemic as the lives of people have completely changed.

- Madhulika Sharma, a certified Philosophical Counsellor from American Philosophical Practitioner's Association (APPA), offered a free consultation to the students.
- The College also took measures to support its students by connecting them with prominent psychologists like Prof. N.K. Chaddha, Dr. Meenakshi, Dr. Madhulika Bajpai, Dr. Sharda Jain Ms. Honeyika who gave their supports and services.
- Career counselings have also been given to students to prepare for government services and to make career in corporate sector.
- The College understands the need of the hour as a large number of students plan to study abroad for which experts were invited to guide the students.



PLACEMENT AND INTERNSHIP

Lakshmi The College has an active placement cell – “WINGS”. Some of the companies that hired our students include:

- CHEGG India
- Wise Finserv
- Career Dose
- Planet Spark
- Lido Learning

In-person internships have always been the strength of our college. In the post pandemic era, the companies have switched from virtual internships to in-person internships that give our students exposure to the corporate world. These internships programs not only bring happiness into the lives of students but also laurels to the college. A large number of students who join these internship programs are absorbed by the intern agencies while others learn the industry skills that empower them to make their ways into other companies. Some of the companies that hire interns from our college include

- AIESEC
- WNG Consulting,
- Success R HR Tech Pvt., Ltd.
- ANVERA
- E-Debate
- Houseitt
- Win Over Cancer
- Bollygrad Studioz
- Vardhan Consulting Engineers (VCE)
- AXA Consultants Pvt. Ltd.
- Grapevine Company
- Adarsh Mines
- Jazba and Swan Livelihood Pvt. Ltd.

As we welcomed first year students, the Placement cell ensured to project an inclusive environment for them. The placement team organizes interviews for newcomers to be a part of team ‘Wings.’ The students were eager to learn industry-oriented skills right from the beginning.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Prof. Pratyush Vatsala

- Awarded Sashakt Mahila Sammaan Award by Bharat Vikas Parishad on 60th Foundation Day 10 July 2022



- Conferred National Education and Training Excellence Award by the Confederation of Indian Universities on 21 October, 2022 on the eve of United Nations Day
- Conferred Spiritual and Value Education (SAVE) Award by the Spiritual and Value Education Summit on March 13, 2023

NPTEL Local Chapter (5591). Coordinator: Dr. Shwetank Pandey. The college via NPTEL offers a number of free online courses to the students and faculty of Lakshmibai College.

Institution Innovation Council (IIC) under the Ministry of Education registered with the IIC.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

The College organised several unique events throughout the academic session 2022-2023. Some of the highlights are:

- Pongal, Virasat, Water Day, Geeta Utsav, Valentine Day with #luvunaturelbc, Film making Workshop, IPR, Training in Counselling, Creative Writing etc.
- Parampara Stall at Global Millet Exhibition cum Conference from 18th March to 22nd March 2023 at IARI was well appreciated.

REPORTS

Department of Commerce

Under the Centenary celebrations of the University of Delhi, many enriching and fruitful interdisciplinary events in collaboration with other departments were organized. Among these, the first interdisciplinary talk was delivered by Gagan Swamy, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lakshmibai College on 14th September 2022, on how to use the basic and important aspects of the tool of compounding to grow wealth. Another interdisciplinary debate was held on the topic: *“Entrepreneurial wave in the country: Good or bad for the economy?”* on 23rd September 2022. Besides this, an interdisciplinary session was organized by the Commerce Society of Lakshmibai College in collaboration with other departments on *“Enhancing employability skills”* on 16th November 2022. The guest speaker Dr. Sangeeta Shahane, Associate Dean Placements, Area Coordinator, and Faculty for Soft Skills & Business Communication ICFAI Business School, emphasized the importance of a resume and how to make it an effective document.

The Commerce Society of Lakshmibai organized an Orientation Session on 3rd November 2022 for all the B. Com and B. Com (H) students to acquaint them with the workings of the society followed by a detailed explanation about the mandate by the teachers and core members. An online Bollywood Quiz was organized by the Commerce society on 30th November 2022 saw an enthusiastic participation by a large number of students. Another fascinating event on *“Careers in the Social Sectors”* was conducted on 2nd December 2022 by the invited speaker, Ms. Deepti, a criminal and constitutional lawyer. The peer-to-peer learning and training session *‘Upskill with Canva’* was conducted on 28th December 2022 through the online medium under Comspect. The event was mentored by Khushboo Goel, a third-year student of Political Science Hons. It was a comprehensive session that made peer students learn how to effectively work with Canva.

For the session 2022-23, Comspect, the Commerce Society published two news-letter editions for Nov’22 and Dec’22. The third edition is to be published soon. Another exciting event conducted by Comspect society whereby the young entrepreneurs, Riya Aggarwal and Anchit Kohli, of ‘Riding Rangers’ were invited to deliver a session on - *‘Startup Culture, starting a venture on your own and building it alongside college’*. This was a one-day learning session held on 20th January 2023.



A seminar on '*Digital Marketing*' was conducted by the 'Delhi Institute of Digital Marketing', one of the top institutes in digital marketing, on 27th January 2023. The speakers were Mr. Vaibhav and Mr. Siddhartha Jain. It was an informative, interactive and useful session for the students. On 3rd February 2023, a 'Career Fair' was organized in the college campus in collaboration with 'Cleverchamps Pvt. Ltd'. The objective of the fair was to provide an opportunity for students to interact with representatives from various educational institutions like Amity University, Sushant University, among others, and gain insights into the career opportunities available to them.

A seminar on '*Career as a Company Secretary*' was conducted with a speaker session by Mr. Himanshu Sharma, Assistant Director at ICSI on 8th February 2023. He discussed the future scope of a CS in India. A one-day learning session on '*Managing Uncertainty*' was held on 10th February 2023 by Dr. Gautam Srivastava from Manav Rachna University. Topics discussed were how to manage uncertainty, how to stay motivated, how to find success after graduation, and many more.

Under the Centenary Celebrations of Delhi University, the Comspect society conducted a 'Business Conclave' on 16th of February 2023. The session included Research paper presentations, Pitchwell Summit, a commerce-related movie quiz, 'Paisa hi paisa hoga' - a money doubling event, "*Kya aap baarvi paas se tez hai*" - events enhancing realtime thinking and speaking skills, 'Brand-Ambassador' - an endorsing event, Treasure hunt, Open mic and Talent show, and many more.

Department of Computer Science

The academic year 2022-23 was fruitful and growth productive for Department of Computer Science. The Department conducted its Department Orientation for the new students on 3rd November 2022. The students were acquainted with not only the contents of the course but also about the career options they can target from the very beginning. Furthermore, students were informed about societies, activities and various aspects of the College.

The Department made significant efforts in ensuring a smooth selection of the three optional subjects – SEC, VAC and AEC. Mr. Ankit Kumar, a faculty member, developed a web application to provide seamless user interface for students to choose from the provided options. It enabled the UGCF Committee to smoothly process and allot the applicable subjects to the student. Our other faculty members- Ms. Neha Singla and Mr. Sudhir Kumar Gupta along with other teachers of the College managed the data after it was collected via website. The Department also played an active role in guiding visually challenged students to submit these forms.

The College conducted many events in this session and the members of the Department of Computer Science have actively contributed to almost all the events in various roles. The Department conducted elections for its society – Sanganak on 18th January 2023. 7 members were elected by the students to represent the society. Recently, on 15th March 2023, the Department also conducted a Capacity Building Programme on AI Based Applications. Students were introduced to Artificial Intelligence and its applications in real life from the perspective of both a technical as well as a general user.

Department of Economics and the Economics Society: È-Parcus

The Department of Economics and the Economics Society: È-Parcus organized a plethora of events for faculty as well as students in the year 2022-23. Under the centenary celebrations of the University of Delhi, an interdisciplinary talk by Mr. Gagan Swamy, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lakshmibai College, in collaboration with other departments was organized on the topic "*Power of Compounding: Journey from Rs 500 to 1 Crore*" on 14th September 2022.



È-Parcus also held elections for its office-bearers on 21st September 2022. On 23rd September 2022, an Interdisciplinary Debate competition in collaboration with other departments was organized on the topic *"Entrepreneurial wave in the country, good or bad for the economy?"*. A webinar on the topic *"Growth and Inflation Dynamics"* was organized by the Department on September 29, 2022. Dr. M. Narendra, Retired Chairman and MD at Indian Overseas Bank, and Ms. Dipti Deshpande, Senior Economist at CRISI were speakers for the webinar discussed the implications of inflation on countries like the US, Euro area, UK, as distinct from India.

The Department organized an online workshop on *"Introduction to Python for Economics"* on 1st October, 2022, conducted by Mr. Shayan Roy, Risk Analyst, RMS, who explained the essential components, functioning and structure of codes in Python. On 12th October 2022, È-Parcus organized an event on economic-related current affairs, *"Be Ecoknowledgeable"* to raise awareness of "the current economic scenario occurring globally" amongst the attendees. È-Parcus, in collaboration with the CIE Cell conducted a session on "Small Savings Schemes and its Benefits" on 14th October 2022 in Gokul to raise awareness about financial literacy among women of economically weaker section. The speaker, Dr. Gunjan Agarwal, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lakshmibai College also acquainted them with various government schemes.

The Department organized a seminar on *"Undertaking Research at Undergraduate Level"* on 4th November 2022. Prof. Bharat Singh, Professor, Department of Economics, Satyawati College was invited as the speaker. The session began with the inaugural of *"Ecospectrum"* (Issue 4), the journal published by the Department of Economics and È-Parcus. È-Parcus in collaboration with Wings: The career guidance and placement cell organized a talk on *"CV building and HR Interview Preparation"* on 9th November 2022 by Ms. Divisha Goyal, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lakshmibai College. On 16th November 2022, an interdisciplinary talk in collaboration with other departments was organized on the topic *"Enhancing Employability Skills"*. The talk was delivered by Dr. Geeta Shahane, Associate Dean Placements, Area Coordinator and Faculty for Soft Skills and Business Communication, ICFAI Business School. An intercollege competition *"Industrialist in Light"* was organized by È-Parcus on 16th November 2022 in which inputs, information, facts, and knowledge about the pricing and marketing strategies of any particular industry were shared in a fun way. The Department of Economics and È-parcus displayed canopy in the mega event *"Virasat-Indian Knowledge Systems"* held from 21st-23rd November 2022, which portrayed the evolution of Indian economics from the barter system to the present age of digitalization, among other themes. On 23rd November 2022, È-Parcus held elections for the post of two Joint Secretaries from the first year.

On 18th January, 2023, È-Parcus organized an open discussion forum on the topic *"Pacing the Pace of Covid Hit Economy"*, in which the aftermath of Covid-19 on the Indian economy was discussed and suggestions for the recovery were debated. È-Parcus organized an intercollege debate on the topic *"Artificial Intelligence and Unemployment"* on 01st February 2023. The Department organized an international webinar on *"Agricultural Reforms and Policies in India and Europe: A Comparative Analysis"* on 10th February 2022. The speakers, Prof. Andrej Udovc, Department of Agronomy, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, Europe and Dr. Padamani Ravindranath, Associate Professor of Economics Women's College, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India discussed the Common Agricultural Policy in Europe and Agriculture policy in India and possible strategies for doubling farmers income. On 15th February 2023, the Department organized a seminar on *"Different Career Options in Economics: How to ace UPSC or IES"*. The invited speaker Mr. Samdesh D Sharma, an alumnus of University of Delhi, budding Economist, CEO and founder of "ECONOMICS FOREVER" suggested how to crack IES exam in a few easy steps as well as career options. A webinar on *"State of the Economy 2022-23 and its Future Prospects"* was conducted by the Department on 24th February 2023. The speakers of the webinar were Prof. Shakti Kumar, Chairperson, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, SSS, JNU and Ms. Sweta Satya, IES, Joint Director, O/O Chief Economic Advisor, Government of India. The speakers explained the performance of the Indian economy and steps taken by the government for the road ahead.



Department of English

The Department of English continuously strives to keep students critically engaged and organizes events that both, inspire and stimulate their minds. Its Book Club, In(k)linations held a discussion on Katherine Mansfield's short story "Bliss", followed by a freewheeling chat on short fiction to celebrate the resonance and rhythm of this literary genre on 23rd September, 2022. Cinaesthesia, the Film Club of the Department of English organized a Webinar, "*Stepping Out and Beyond the City*", by Prof. Madhuja Mukherjee, Department of Film Studies, Jadavpur University, on 25th November, 2022. Prof. Madhuja focused on the trope of women walking on streets in the city and how it has evolved as a contestable idea in Indian films and literature.

The students of our Department also brought out a fresh edition of the Wall Magazine-'Words Unlimited' on the theme-'Sleepless Nights' with illustrations and write-ups exploring what has become a standard trope in our post-pandemic existence. Rhetoricians, the English department society organized "*Battle of Oratory Skills*," an intra-debate competition on 28th November 2022 on the topic: "*Domestic Violence: Revisiting the Netflix movie 'Darlings'*," which saw an impassioned exchange of views on women's victimization and reverse sexism. Our freshers were not to be outdone and participated enthusiastically in the many cultural events organized by the College. The Twelfth Chapter of *The Bhagavad Gita* was enacted by our students on Gita Jayanti and they also put up a cosplay by donning the roles of significant women characters from Indian epics during the three-day celebration of Indian Knowledge systems-Viraasat.

A two-day workshop on Creative Writing was also organized by the Department of English in collaboration with the Centre for Promotion of Languages with the objective to provide a platform for students to explore their creativity and develop their writing skills. On the first day, 9th February 2023, popular poet Dr. Akhil Katyal, who is affiliated to the School of Culture and Creative Expression, Ambedkar University, conducted a 3-hour session on the components of versification and focused on the city as a space of poetic possibilities.

The next day, Dr. Ramanujam Meganathan, Professor of English (Language Education), Department of Education in Languages, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conducted another 3-hour session on the nuances of effective prose writing. Through various activities, students also learnt the tricks and tips of the revision and editing process. The Department plans to hold its Fest by the end of March.

Department of Environmental Studies (EVS)

The Department of Environmental Science (EVS) organized many academic activities during the session 2022-23 starting with plantation program *Brhamakumaris "Kalpataru"* in collaboration with NSS on 25th August 2022. Didi Vineyji blessed LBC family with her spiritual talks and discussed on the importance of plantation in life of an individual. In association with the Department of Home Science, the EVS Department organized a series of webinars "Role of Life Sciences in Home Science" from 15th sept 2022 to 1st Oct 2022. Dr Savita and Dr Mani Singh covered taxonomic importance of plant and animal kingdom, hands-on training session on plant identification, concept lectures on importance of biotechnology and genetics by Home Science Department. On 17th October 2022, the Department organized a seminar in collaboration with NSS of Lakshmibai College, MCD Keshawpuram Zone and other organizations on the "Extract, Significance and Ground Application of Solid Waste Management Handling Rule 2016" in which Keynote addresses were given by Dr Naveen Agarwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, MCD Keshawpuram Zone; Mr. D N Singh, Vice President, DMSWSL; Dr Ruby Makhija, Why waste Wednesday NGO; Mr Vijay from ITC WOW NGO; Mr Naresh, Ubuntu Foundation. Zero Waste Certificate felicitation program held on 9th Feb 2023, in which Deputy Commissioner Keshawpuram Zone conferred the College with zero waste generating campus certificate.

Apart from these academic activities, students also participated in field activities to attain the target of zero waste campus by 2023. A new addition in the same journey for wet waste management was done in October



2022 by establishing Aerobin near Canteen area. It converts canteen biodegradable waste into liquid and solid compost used in the campus garden.

Besides, Bee Farming, an Environmental Entrepreneurship initiative, was also started in the campus in February 2021. It will not only enhance skill of small entrepreneurship in students but also increase the natural diversity in the campus. Apart from this, Environmental Entrepreneurship included production, packaging and selling of Vermicompost, Sambhrani Cup and Dhoop under Parampara Brand - the best practices of the College.

Department of History

The Department started its extra-curricular activities with a cultural programme organised on 22nd Januray 2023 that gave Honours students a chance to showcase their talent. The student body election was conducted on 3rd February 2023 to elect office bearers for *Historia*. The Department conducted a reel making and content writing event on the occasion of International Mother Language Day, 21st February 2023. The Department lost one of its most accomplished teachers and a researcher, Dr. LRS Lakshmi on 13th February 2023. To commemorate her contribution, the Department decided to institute an annual academic lecture under the title "*Dr. LRS Lakshmi Memorial Lecture*". On 15th March 2023, the first memorial lecture was conducted online and Dr. Hemjyoti Medhi, Associate Professor from Tezpur Central University, spoke on "*Poharir Mel! Early Women Association in Colonial Assam*". All the events are uploaded on the Instagram and Facebook page of *Historia*.

Department of Hindi

The Hindi Sahitya Parishad, from time to time, organizes several programmes to provide a platform to students to showcase their talent and to work towards their holistic development. On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, 14th September, it organized several events that included Poetry Recitation, Poster- Making, Memoir/ Story writing and Declamation competitions.

On 10th January, the World Hindi Day was celebrated by hosting a talk "*Hindi ka Vishwa Bodh*." The invited speaker, Prof. Chandan Kumar, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi delivered a deep and insightful lecture on the theme. As part of the same series of events, on 21st February, the International Mother Tongue Day, the Parishad organized Poster-Making competition on mother-tongue related issues and also a Folk-Song singing competition. Students sang folk songs in their regional languages and dialects, thus creating awareness about our rich folk culture and heritage.

Department of Home Science (Fabric and Apparel Science)

A guided tour of the National Crafts Museum was conducted in which students witnessed a display of various national award-winning traditional Indian textiles. A resist-dyeing art workshop entitled '*Tie-Dye*' along with '*Block Printing*' was organized for Semester I students in the first week of November 2022 as a part of their Orientation Programme.

To mark the centenary year of Delhi University, Lakshmibai College organized Virasat, a 3-day mega festival celebrating the Indian Knowledge System, in which the Apparel Show 'Desh Ek, Veshbusha Anek' jointly organized by the Department of Home Science and the Department of Psychology was a major highlight. More than 45 participants, both from the teaching and non-teaching staff of the College and students from several colleges enthusiastically participated in it, showcasing not only their traditional Indian outfits and accessories but also giving insights into their outfits' traditional origins. An inter-college poster competition on the same theme was also organized, with 39 students from different colleges participating in the poster-making competition.

To give a practical experience of how technology works, an educational visit to Weaver's Service Centre,



Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Bharat Nagar, New Delhi was organized for the students of Semesters I and III on 5th December 2022. Students of our Department also attended a community outreach workshop on “Natural Dye Printing” at the Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi that aimed at disseminating knowledge of making fermented natural black dye and possible design effects. In keeping with the commitment to popularize traditional craft forms of India and to promote the Prime Minister’s vision of being Vocal for Local, an educational trip to Dastkari Haat Crafts Bazaar, for B.Sc. Home Science (Hons.) students was organized on 30th December 2022.

To encourage the creative skills of the students, the walls of the Research Facilitation Room and Staff room were painted with Mandala Wall Graffiti by students of our Department in collaboration with students of Psychology. In a bid to foster entrepreneurship skills, students were encouraged to develop hand-crafted products under Design Studio, for display as well as sale, on the occasion of Anandini Diwali-Mela held at Lakshmibai College on 19th October 2022. The Department also participated in Gyanotsav-2079 Exhibition on 17 and 18 November 2022, based on the theme- “शिक्षासेआत्मनिर्भरभारत”, in which our students displayed various textile products made by them under the valuable guidance of their mentors and the Department of Food and Nutrition and CIE cell. The Department also marked its presence in the world of digital marketing, specifically on social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram to creatively disseminate information, revive contact with the community of alumni, and enhance outreach.

Department of Home Science (Food Technology and Nutrition)

The Food and Nutrition wing of the Home Science Society, *Plethora*, started a unique initiative, ‘*PURAK POSHAN: Sampooran Bal Vikas Pariyojana*’ in January 2023. The main objective of this initiative was to improve the nutritional status of the children of workers at the Lakshmibai College construction site. Fifteen final-year students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Home Science (Food and Nutrition) raised funds and were successful in providing hot cooked nutritious meals, prepared at the Food Lab, for 5 days a week, to the children of workers at the construction site. Baseline data regarding anthropometric measurements (including height, and weight) and follow-up data were collected to measure the outcome. Prof. Rajni Abbi, Proctor, University of Delhi, visited the meal distribution in February 2023 and lauded the perseverant efforts of the students.

The Food Technology and Nutrition wing initiated the celebration of the International Year of Millets 2023. An online lecture on “*Potential of millets: Nutritional Value, as Nutraceutical and Functional Foods*” was organized. Dr. Kanika Varma, Professor, Department of Home Science, Maharani College, University of Rajasthan, drew attention to the nutritional composition and health benefits of different types of millet. To create awareness about millets, the students conducted a quiz- “*Khel ke Sang Poshan Ka Gyan: Sab Khelo sab Jeeto*” from 21st to 23rd November 2023 on the College premises.

In September 2022, *Rashtriya Poshan Maah* was celebrated in collaboration with the Nutrition Society of India (NSI), Delhi Chapter. The objective was to encourage the youth to use millet in their diet and sensitize them about national nutritional programs and ways to combat different public nutrition problems. The keynote address was delivered on 21st September 2022 by Dr. Neena Bhatia, Professor, Lady Irwin College, Former Senior Specialist (Joint Advisor) WCD Vertical, NITI Ayog, Delhi, who deliberated on the Optimal Nutrition and Development During the First 1000 Days.

Students from eight colleges of Delhi University actively participated in the intercollege competitions which followed blind judging done by expert faculties including Dr. Alka Mohan, Former Senior Dietician, AIIMS; Dr. Pooja Jain, Professor, Daulat Ram College; Ms. Punita Sethi, Bhagini Nivedita College, and Dr. Bani Tamber Aeri, Associate Professor, Institute of Home Economics. Nearly 120 students registered for the competitions and the results were announced on 21st September 2022. In an essay writing competition on “*Gender Sensitive Water Conservation and Management*,” Lakshmibai College bagged all three prizes. In the



Intercollege recipe competition on '*Traditional/ Contemporary recipes from Millets*,' Lakshmibai College secured the first and third positions. An intercollege Display Board competition on '*National Nutrition Programmes*' was also held where Lakshmibai College again managed to bag all three prizes. As part of the celebrations of the International Year of Millets 2023, a Nutribite stall was put up near Lalit Kala Prangan for the sale of the prepared millet-based products.

The Department organized a lecture series on '*Nutrition during Health and Disease*.' The first talk, '*Nutrition Health Beyond Calories*' was held on 27th January 2023. The invited speaker Dr. Charu Arora, registered dietician, and founder of Sankalp by Charu, spoke about healthy eating habits for weight management. The second talk on '*Maternal and Child Nutrition: Journey of first 1000 days of Life*' was delivered by Ms. Divjot Kaur, a gold medalist in graduation and post-graduation, and Ph.D. scholar of the University of Delhi, on 10 February 2023. She discussed nutritional recommendations during pregnancy, lactation, infancy, and early childhood.

Our students proved their mettle by winning many intercollege competitions this year. Ms. Jahanvi Garg, a II-year student, bagged the first prize (INR 4000 cash) in the National level recipe competition on '*Innovative recipes for Iron-rich Meals*' organized jointly by PFNDAI and Lady Irwin College. She also bagged First prize in Logo making competition organized by Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences. Ms. Vidhi Atri, a III-year student, made us proud by winning prizes in seven intercollege competitions which include securing I position in poster making competition organized by Kalindi College; II position in two recipe competitions, III position in poster-making competitions organized by PFNDAI and Janki Devi Memorial College, and healthy recipe contests organized by the Institute of Home economics and Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences.

The stupendous success of our brand Parampara found international recognition when a stall of Parampara Millet Products was set up at the Global Millet Exhibition and Conference. IARI, PUSA. Many important visitors like Joint Secretary Agriculture, scientists, officials from FSSAI, IIMR and APEDA Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority visited the Parampara Millet Food Stall. Our students have been offered internships and invited to collaborate with them.

Department of Home Science (Human Development and Childhood Studies; Development Communication and Extension and Resource Management and Design Application)

Human Development and Childhood Studies, a discipline under the Department of Home Science, had invited children of faculty members to the College's creche named "Parvarish" on Diwali fest. As part of the celebration, children were engaged in various activities like coloring the diyas, guided and free play activities, dancing, playing on swings, and feeding the rabbits/ducks on College premises. They were provided with light refreshments too. Before the event, the creche was painted and decorated with the theme of Diwali by College students. Additionally, students exhibited hand-decorated diyas and toys prepared from low-cost materials for children. A series of photographs depicting childhood in India added to the beauty of the event.

Students of the disciplines of Home Science, i.e., Development Communication and Extension, Resource Management, and Design Application, put up stalls to display and sell the handcrafted items made by the students on Anandini Diwali 2022 as part of product development taught to the students. Additional to the decorative items prepared with waste materials for recycling purposes, beautiful wall hangings and paintings with mirror work were also showcased evidencing students' creativity and artwork.

Department of Mathematics

Mathletes, the Mathematics Society has been actively organizing a variety of events. The Department held its first seminar of the academic year 2022-23 titled "*Applying Mathematics to Life in a New Way*" on September 30, which was conducted by our alumnae, Ms. Riddhi Jangid and Ms. Aastha Gupta. The speakers emphasized the use of curriculum in real life as well as described their life experiences and professional specialties. In



continuation Alumna engagements, on 8th October Ms. Muskan Goyal and Ms. Muskan Manocha conducted a session on various paths students could take after pursuing B.Sc. Mathematics. Also, a webinar was presented by our alumna, Ms. Anu Jain, who has completed MBA from IIM “Decoding of MBA from IIM.” On 22nd October, another webinar was hosted in which Ms. Ruchika Rai from Christ University, spoke on “*Power Tool of Data Science Mathematics*”.

The Department also participated in a three-day event organized by Lakshmibai College showcasing “The Indian Knowledge System- Mathematics”, a factual presentation by Semester III students to understand deep roots of Mathematics in various fields. Moreover, “TIME Institute” expressed interest in hosting educational webinars for our students. The professionals from the Institute delivered sessions “*Time Management*” and “*How to Pass Math/Quant in an Aptitude Test*” on July 30 and November 26, respectively.

The Department organized seminars and a webinar in February as part of its commitment to providing students the comprehensive knowledge and competencies to prosper in their career path. On 1st February, Dr. Mukund Madhav Mishra, Faculty, Hansraj College delivered a seminar on “*From Euclid's Elements to Black Holes: A Journey of Geometry*”. A webinar to guide students on the “IIT JAM Exam and Alternatives” was conducted by our alumna Ms. Anshika Chauhan. Furthermore, a seminar, organized on 22nd February, titled “*Project Based Learning in Mathematics*” was delivered by Professor Shobha Bagai, Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi. Mathletes also organized a freshers’ meet in college to welcome the newest batch.

Department of Music

The Department of Music attracts the best musical talent in the College and hones it to achieve higher levels of perfection. Its students were actively engaged in organizing College programs throughout the academic session, which started with the celebration of ‘Gokul Gramotsav’ on 27th July 2022, in which they were an integral part of the cultural program. To celebrate “Partition Horrors Remembrance Day” on 12th August 2022, the students of Music Department and its society dedicated their cultural performances to the country’s warriors and a ‘Patriotic Solo Singing Competition’ was organized on 27th September 2022 in which a large number of students participated.

The Music Department students also performed on Gandhi Jayanti and Aanandini Deepawali held in the month of October 2022. Besides, the Department organized ‘Folk Dance Competition’ for the students of Lakshmibai College on 11th October 2022. The performances of music department students during the Viraasat celebrations were greatly appreciated. The students of the Department regaled audiences on all the important cultural events organized by the College, be it the occasion of ‘Gita Jayanti’ held on 3rd December 2022, ‘Subhash Jayanti’ on 23rd January; ‘Republic Day and Basant Panchami’ on 25th January or ‘Mahatma Gandhi Martyrs Day’ on 30th January 2023.

In addition to participating in various Intercollege competitions of Delhi University, the students of the Music Department brought laurels to the College by winning the 3rd Prize in the Folk Orchestra Music Competition organized by the Cultural Council held in Indraprastha College, bagging the trophy with 8000 rupees worth of cash prize, in which ten other colleges were participating. The Department’s latest feather in the cap is the performance of its students in the New Delhi World Book Fair 2023.

Department of Philosophy

The primary focus of the Department has always been to augment academic excellence along with holistic development in students. To achieve this aim, the Department incorporates expertise beyond classroom teaching through various activities, conceived and executed by *Sophia*, the Philosophy Society of the College, through various forums like debates, quizzes, career counselling, periodical lectures, and seminars, facilitating interactions with eminent scholars. *Elenchus*, the debating club of the Department under the Centenary Celebration of Delhi University, organized its debating event *Opinionators* by inviting all the students of



the college to participate in a debate competition on the topic *“Abortion is morally unjustified as the right to life supersedes the autonomy of a woman”*.

On the occasion of World Philosophy Day on 17th November, 2022, *Sophia* organized a PHILO – QUIZ for all the students of Philosophy along with a Lecture session by Prof. Asha Mukherjee, an eminent Professor and head (Retd.), Department of Philosophy and Religion, Visva-Bharati University, Shantiniketan, West Bengal. The lecture was organized in a hybrid mode.

The Department enthusiastically participated in Virasat -भारतीयज्ञानपरंपरा, organized by the IQAC of the college, and displayed the glorious tradition of Philosophy from ancient to contemporary times, with a special reference to the contribution of our ancient women philosophers in Indian Knowledge system, through books, posters and brief highlights of Philosophical writings. The Department organized its annual event of periodic lectures, sponsored by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), on 1st of February, 2023. Dr. Manidipa Sen of Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Dr. Nilanjan Bhowmick from Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, delivered their lectures in which total 85 students and 15 teachers participated.

The Department is in the process of organizing a Career Counselling session for Philosophy students at the end of March or at the beginning of April, 2023. Plan for an Alumni meet of the Department is also in progress. The Department launched its 1st E-Magazine in the last academic session. The second issue of the Magazine is also slated to be out by April, 2023.

Department of Physical Education and Sports

Sports students of our demonstrated relentless perseverance post-COVID pandemic crises and excelled with flying colors. Their commendable dedication and tenacity brought recognition across different levels of competition throughout the session.

At the All-India Inter-University level, a total of 09 students represented the University of Delhi in the All-India Inter-University Competitions in different sports, including 04 in Wrestling namely Simran Pawar, Muskan, Tanvi, Soniya; 04 in Softball namely Varsha, Manpreet Kaur, Kanika, and Muskan Malik; and Ishu in Athletics, while Rashi Mittal has been selected for the Shooting competition, which is scheduled to be held in the month of April 2023. Four students Varsha, Manpreet Kaur, Kanika, and Muskan Malik won the Bronze Medal in All India Inter-University Softball Championship held at Chandigarh.

At the Inter-University (Zonal) level, 11 students of our College represented the University of Delhi in the Inter-University Sports Competitions at Zonal Level. Out of these, Ishu secured 2nd position in High Jump in the Zonal Athletics Championship and qualified to participate in the All India Inter University Athletics Championship; while 10 others participated in Inter-University competitions in different sports, including 02 in Cricket namely Yashika Rajawat and Shivani Rathore; 04 in Kabaddi – Anjali, Anjali, Simran and Banti Devi; and 04 in Volleyball –Mahi Sood, Shikha Verma, Nandini and Aakansha.

At the national level, out of 40 representations, our College students won 7 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals in different National Championships, while 30 others got the chance to participate in National Championships.

Gold Medals Winners are Vishakha Bhadauria, Shivani, Sadhna, Manpreet Kaur Bhatia, Nandini Sharma in Baseball (Sr. National); Vidhi in Netball (Federation Cup National & Sr. National). Silver Medal Winner was by Nikita in Netball (Sr. National) while Bronze Medals Winners were Bhawna in Baseball (Jr. National); Vidhi in Netball (Jr. National); and Rashi Mittal in Shooting (Sr. National) in the 10m. Rifle Youth Mixed Team event.

In Athletics, Ishu participated in High Jump event in U-23 Nationals, while she competed in the High Jump and Heptathlon events in the Jr. Nationals. In *Cross Country*, Shilpa participated in Sr. National (U-20). In Kabaddi,



Shruti Rautela participated in Sr. Nationals; while Kajal participated in the Jr. Nationals. In Netball, Ritika Pathak, Janvi Jaiswal and Leena Chauhan in Sr. Nationals; Anuradha Maurya, Khushboo Saini and Vanshika Sirohi participated in Jr. Nationals; Neha Firdaus and Tenzing Dechen Bhutia in Federation Cup Nationals. In Shooting, Rashi Mittal participated in 10m. Rifle Event in five different categories; while Ishita Malik participated in 25m. and 10m. Pistol Events in seven different categories in Sr. Nationals. In Volleyball, Mahi Sood and Anupam Priya participated in Sr. Nationals; and Kriti Kumari in Youth Nationals. In Yoga, Amisha and Varsha participated in Sr. Nationals.

Ishu secured 1st position in High Jump, 2nd in Heptathlon, and 2nd in the Mixed Relay event at the 33rd North Zone Junior Athletics Championship held at Karnal.

Payal Pathak secured Gold Medal in 1500m. in the International All-Games Championship held at Nepal.

At the Open National/ All India Level Competitions, our students participated in several power lifting competition. In National Bench Press and Dead-lift Championship: Sejal Jain and Pooja won Gold Medals, while Madhuri Nair and Anshu Kumari bagged Silver Medals. In All India Bench Press & Dead-lift Championship: Madhuri, Anshu Kumari, Suman, Pooja and Sejal secured Gold Medals. In Shooting: Rashi Mittal got the Silver Medal in the 20th Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship in the 10m Rifle Youth Mixed Team.

At the State level, our students won a total of 31 medals including 08 gold, 05 silver and 18 bronze medals. Our College Kabaddi team stood 3rd in Jr. Delhi State Kabaddi Championship, while representing Bhajanpura District. Ishu (High Jump-DS) in Athletics; Rachna Sharma, Amisha Gupta, Versha, Reena Upadhyaya, Tannu, Shivani Kumari and Ujala in Yoga were the gold medal winners.

Prerna Rawat and Bhawna Dagar in Jr. State Baseball, Vidhi in Jr. and Sr. categories of Netball, Parul Gulia in Judo, Silver Medal (Harshita, Radha, Bhavya and Prakriti Malhotra in Archery were the Silver Medal Winners.

Our students have won eighteen Bronze Medals; Mansi (100mH) in Athletics; Mahi Sood, Sejal Jain, Mehak in Weight-lifting; Leena Chauhan, Neha Firdaus, Tenzing Dechen Bhutia; Nikita, Khushboo, Anuradha Maurya, Madhuri, Nisha Singh, Vanshika Sirohi in Netball; Manmohini, Anjali, Sakshi, Komal, Divya in Kabaddi (Jr.).

At the district level, our students won a total of 37 medals, including 28 gold, 07 silver and 02 bronze medals. In Boxing, Sakshi Garg, in Yoga, Rachna Sharma, Tannu, Ujala, Shivani Kumari, Reena Upadhyaya, Amisha Gupta and Versha, in Kabaddi (Bhajanpura District, Sr. category): Manmohini, Anjali, Sakshi, Komal, Shruti Rautela, Rakhi, Pratima Chaurasia, Tulsi, Princy, Yashi, Muskan and in the Junior category, Anjali, Sakshi, Komal, Manmohini, Divya, Pratima Chaurasia as well as in Kabaddi (Rohini District, Jr. category): Anjali, Anjali, Simran bagged Gold medals. In Boxing, Simran Kaur, Sakshi Pal and Khushi Arora, in Kabaddi (Bhajanpura District, Sr. category): Sonam, Anu, Anjali and in Yoga, Tapasya picked up the Silver medals. In Kabaddi (Sr. Category, Rohini District), Anjali and Kajal won a Bronze medal each.

In Open Delhi State Athletics Championship, Ishu stood 1st in High Jump; while Shilpa stood 1st in 1500m. as well as 5000m.) In Boxing, Khushi Arora got the silver medal and in Power-lifting, Pooja Mann got a Gold medal in Sub-Jr. and Jr. categories and secured a silver medal in Sr. category; while Madhuri bagged the bronze medal. In STAIRS Delhi State Yoga Championship, our students Jyoti and Pallavi won the 2nd and 3rd position respectively in Artistic Yoga. As Artistic Pair, Tapasya and Archi won the 2nd and Pallavi and Priyanka won 3rd position respectively. As Artistic Groups: Amisha, Versha, Pallavi, Sanjana, Shreya won the 1st position and Tannu, Manisha, Shivani, Bhavya, Reena won the 2nd position. In the Rhythmic Pair category, Amisha and Versha won the 1st; Jyoti and Neelam the 2nd; Tapasya and Archi the 3rd positions. Priyanka won the 3rd position in the Traditional category.



Our College Kabaddi team, comprising of Shruti, Anjali, Anjali, Rakhi, Manmohini, Anjali, Komal, Simran, Banti, Khushi, Tulsi, Sakshi, secured Championship (Gold Medal) in the Delhi University Sports Council Kabaddi tournament 2022-23.

In Open Intercollege Yoga Championship, our team comprising of Pallavi Singh, Rachna Sharma, Amisha Gupta, Versha, Shivani Kumari and Ujala bagged 1st position in the Artistic Group category; while Pallavi Singh and Rachna Sharma stood 2nd in the Rhythmic Pair category. Our Kabaddi Team (Anjali, Anjali, Rakhi, Manmohini, Sakshi, Komal, Pratima Chaurasia, Tulsi, Princy, Banti, Muskan and Kajal and Volleyball Team (Kriti, Kali, Ginni, Mehak, Nandini, Shikha, Srishti, Swati Mishra, Anamika, Astha, Akansha, Arti secured Silver Medal in Kalindi Invitational Intercollege Tournament 22-23. Our Kabaddi Team secured Silver Medal in Auribindo College Invitational Kabaddi Tournament. (Anjali, Anjali, Manmohini, Anjali, Sakshi, Simran, Muskan, Komal, Tulsi, Yashi, Simran Nagar and Sakshi Hooda).

The Department of Physical Education successfully organized Invitational Inter-College Yoga Tournament in the College premises. We also hosted the selection trials of Volleyball (Convenor- Dr. Sunita Arora) and Judo (Dr. Seema Kaushik Sharma) for Undergraduate admissions under Sports Quota and All India Inter-University selection Trials of Volleyball and Cricket were also hosted by our College.

The Department of Physical Education and Sports organized several activities during the session 2022-23. The Department organized "Let's Do Fitness Yoga" (7-days yoga session) from 25th April to 2nd May, 2023 with our alumni Divya as Trainer and conducted an Online Talk by Yogacharya Navdeep Joshi on "Role of Naad Yoga in the Improvement of Memory & Concentration" on 6th June, 2022. Besides, the Department organized "Yoga Shivir" (Yoga Training for Students, Staff and Community) from June 15 to 21, 2022 with Dr. Neelam Vats, Former Teacher of Indian Culture (Yoga) at Embassy of India, Vienna, Austria and currently at Turkmenistan. Along with these, the Department conducted "One Week Online Lecture Series on Health, Yoga and Ayurveda" from June 15 to 21, 2022. The experts included Ms. Neeva Singh (LBC), Dr. Indra Narayan Raman (Gandhi Bhawan, DU), Dr. Vikram Singh (JNU), Prof. Rajeev Chaudhary (Pt. Ravishankar Shukla Univ., Raipur), Mr. Vinay Bharti (MDNIY, Delhi), Dr. Vijay Singh Gusain (LBSS Univ., Delhi), and Dr. Sunil Arya (Panchgavya and Ayurveda Expert). On 29th August, 2022, the Department organized Poster Making Competition for Sports Students on the occasion of "National Sports Day" as well as a Talk on "Significance of Naturopathy in Sports" by Dr. Shallu Gupta, M.D., Samsudhudhi Residential Naturopathy and Panchkarma Hospital. The Department also conducted "Apni Maati Apne Khel" during the 3-day event "Virasat- The Indian Knowledge System" dedicated to Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and Delhi University Centenary Year on 23rd Nov., 2022. Besides, a workshop on "Sports for Life" and "Fit India" for the VAC papers of Physical Education from 16th January to 6th February, 2023 was conducted. All three faculty members, Prof. Sunita Aroa, Prof. Seema Kaushik Sharma and Dr. Rekha Sharma were the part of organizing committee of FIT INDIA University of Delhi Centenary Run organised by DU on 17th November, 2022.

Department of Political Science

The Department had an exciting year full of academic and co-curricular activities for our students beginning with a poster making event celebrating 75 years of India's Independence on theme of India @ 75. On 30th September, 2022. This was followed by an Inter College Debate competition that was held to mark the *Centenary Year of University of Delhi* along with marking Gandhi Jayanti. The topic of the competition was "*Gandhi is even more relevant today*". The Department of Political Science participated actively in the College event "Viraasat" and put up a stall tracing Indian roots of Democracy, Feminism, and Indian Political Thought. The Department also organized a Slogan and Poster Making & Quiz Competition on the occasion of Constitution Day on 25th November, 2022. A Debate Competition on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, also known as National Youth Day was held on 12 January, 2023. An Inter-College Essay Writing and Presentation



competition was held marking the Centenary Year Celebrations of University of Delhi and Sarojini Naidu's birth anniversary on 13th February 2023 on the topic: *"Role of Education in Empowering Women in India"*.

The Department conducted a Workshop on Policy Research on 26 August, 2022 workshop on Policy Research. The speaker was Ritwik Mehta, a young scholar heading a Think Tank Start up *Niti Tantra*. The workshop discussed how to write a policy paper on data analysis and how policies are drafted. On 2nd October 2022, the Department also organized a Webinar on the topic *"Gandhi Adivaasi aur Paryavaran ka Prashna"* on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Our distinguished speaker for the lecture, Dr. Kamal Chaubey, Associate Professor, Dayal Singh College, highlighted Gandhi's understanding of our relationship with Environment drawing upon his concepts of Swaraj, swadeshi, non-violence. Another important event marking the Constitution Day was the invited Lecture on *"Praxis of Indian Constitutionalism"* by Prof. Rekha Saxena on 28 November, 2022. The Department invited Prof. Anupama Roy, Professor, Centre for Political Studies, JNU to deliver a lecture on the occasion of Republic Day 26th January 2023 in Online mode, on the topic- *"Constitutionalism and Citizenship: A Feminist Perspective"*.

Adding more to its academic endeavors this year, the Department successfully held a two-day ICSSR sponsored National Seminar *"Celebrating Women in Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav"* on 2nd & 3rd March 2023. Shri Ashutosh Bhatnagar, Director Jammu Kashmir Study Circle was the Chief Guest. Prof. Veenu Pant from Sikkim University was the guest of honour. The technical sessions were chaired and co-chaired by academicians from institutions of high repute. Dr. Simashree Bora from Cotton College Assam, Prof. Pramod Kumar from Indian Institute of Mass Communication New Delhi, Prof. Krishna Menon from Ambedkar University Delhi, Dr. Shuchi Yadav and Dr. Prasanta Sahoo from Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi, Dr. Sonali Chitalkar, Dr. Rashmi Gopi and Dr. Sasmita Mohanty from Delhi University were the invited resource persons. The seminar was very productive in bringing out the role, participation and struggles waged by women in India's freedom movement from different parts of the country. There were around 30 paper presentations apart from Lectures by our invited Guests on the various sub-themes of the Seminar. Other Department activities included Orientation Program, *Siyasat* Society elections and visit to President House Museum.

Department of Psychology

On 17th October, 2022, the Department of Psychology organized Manotsav to celebrate World Mental Health Day. The program included day-long activities to create mental health awareness among students, faculty and non-teaching members. The event started with the lecture of Ms. Supreet Bhasin who spoke on *"Suicide Prevention: A Journey from Pain to Hope"*.

Besides, Team Persona of B.A. (Hons) Psychology designed a comprehensive survey on mental health awareness under the supervision of Dr. Vandana Gambhir. The Team organized a Nukkad Natak on the theme: *"Mental Health for All"* to highlight various concerns faced by teenagers in daily life such as bullying, eve teasing and body shaming.

Team Persona also organized a workshop on *"APA Style: Write and Organize Academic Research"* on 10th January 2023. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Vandana Gambhir who introduced students to APA style academic manuscript and its very elements.

Moreover, Team Persona organized a series of talks on *"Career Opportunities and Higher Education in Psychology"* for Semester 4 and 6 students on January 20, 25, 27 and February 1, 2023. The purpose was to orient and guide students about higher education and career opportunities.

Department of Punjabi

On the occasion of Centenary year of University of Delhi celebrations, the Department of Punjabi and Music organized an Intra-College group / solo Folk dance Competition on 11th October 2022, in which about



20 students participated. The Department of Punjabi also prepared students to present performances on Aanandini Deepawali held in the month of 18-19 October 2022.

The Department also organized a Poetry recitation and paper reading Competition in Hindi and Punjabi languages on 30th September 22, in which approximately 25 students participated. The Department prepared students to present cultural performances as part of the celebrations of India's a rich heritage in the three-day event 'Virasat- Bhartiya Gyan Parampara,' held on 21st -23rd November 2022.

The Department organized a one-day workshop on "*Creating Writing*" conducted by Dr. Baljinder Singh Nasralli, Associate professor, Department of Punjabi, University of Delhi, on 1st February 2023. The Department also organized many Intra-Class competitions (Essay writing, Poster making, Poem Recitation, folk Song, Sunder Likhai and Paper reading Competition) on the occasion of 20th February 2023 International Women's Day.

Two students of the Department of Punjabi, Muskan and Meenakshi Yadav won the 3rd prize in the Paper Reading competition on the topic "*Ajoke yug vich Guru Nanak bani di prasangikta*" organized by Mata Sundri College on 21st February 2023. Laiba Sheikh from our Department won the first prize in Calligraphy in the Inter-College competition organized by Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, University of Delhi.

Department of Sanskrit

At the commencement of academic session 2022-23, Departmental level elections were held on 20 June 2022 in which Kumari Priti was select as President, Kumari. Diksha as Vice President and Kumari Suman as Treasurers. Sanskrit Sahitya Parishad, Sanskrit Department, organized the first event 'Paper-reading competition' on the subject of '*Ved*' on 23 September 2023. This competition was beneficial for students to increase their knowledge of the Vedas. A "*Prashn Manch Pratiyogita*" was also organized on the same day.

"Sanskrit Sahitya Parishad" a lecture series envisaged as a bouquet of flowers in which the *Pratham Pushp* was a talk on 'Kautilya's Arthashastra: Social Vision' on December 3, 2022. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Mishra, Special speaker and Dr. Savitri Gupta, former Professor of Sanskrit Department, as guest, participated in this program. The lecture brought out the importance of 'Kautilya's Arthashastra to today's law and order and also about ongoing research on it.

On January 6, 2023, a seminar on '*Vedic Mathematics*' was organized as the *Dwitiya Pushp* as part the fortnightly talk by Dr. Rani Jha, from Kendriya Vidyalaya Janakpuri. In this lecture, the students got a lot of information about the VAC subject, 'Vedic Mathematics', and its significance for competitive exams.

From 11 January 2023 to 20 January 2023, a 10-day Sanskrit conversation camp "*Sambhasham Shivir*" was organized by the Department I which professor Ranjit Behera was the chief guest. Mr. Vivek Kaushik and Professor Vijay Garg inaugurated the session and made the students aware of the common colloquialisms of Sanskrit language. The valedictory address was given by Professor Ramraj Upadhyay, special guest on the occasion.

"*Shlokavritti Competition*" was organized on 1 February 2023 under the new name given to Sanskrit Sahitya Parishad - 'Sangamani'. The Competition was conducted to make students understand how the recitation of shlokas increased the concentration power. On 15 February 2023, "*Veda Mantrocharan Competition*" was organized with emphasis on the pronunciation of Veda mantras. In all the lectures and competitions organized by teacher in-charge of the Department with faculty member.

Department of Sociology

Avabodhan, the Debate and Quiz Society of the Department of Sociology, organized 'Clash of Words', a debate competition at the College level on September 16, 2022. To eliminate any bias based of language



proficiency, a bilingual mode of expression was adopted. The topic of the competition was 'Democracy: A Utopian Idea?' The format of the competition allowed a team of two to present their views for or against the topic. In all 11 teams from different departments participated with the winning team coming from the Department of Philosophy.

National Cadet Corps (NCC)

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) instills qualities like unity, discipline, patriotism, team-spirit, esprit-de-corps, leadership, self-confidence and promotes personality development irrespective of caste, creed, religion or economic status. Our cadets, CDT Anmolpreet Kaur and CDT Kavya Bhardwaj represented Delhi Directorate in ALL INDIA THAL SAINIK CAMP (AITSC) from 15th Sept., to 24th Sept., 2022. CDT Anmolpreet and her four-member team were ranked first in AITSC Map Reading event and CDT Kavya was part of the Shooting Team, which placed Delhi Directorate at 2nd Position.

CDT Riya Tank was the only SW cadet from the Delhi Directorate who attended the Para-Basic Course at the Para Troopers Training School, Agra held from 1st Nov. to 25th Nov, 2022.

CHM Shambhavi Tripathi represented Delhi Directorate in SPECIAL NATIONAL INTEGRATION CAMP (SNIC) held at Srinagar from 15th June to 25th June, 2022. In the same camp, CHM Shambhavi Tripathi got 2nd position in the National Integration Awareness Presentation (NIAP) and stood 3rd in quiz as well as debate competition.

28 of our cadets participated in the prestigious Annual PRIME-MINISTER'S RALLY (PM Rally) at Delhi Cantt. on 28th January, 2023, under the leadership of JUO Nikita Yadav. Prior to this, the PM Rally camp was conducted at NCC Bhawan, Rohini from 14th Jan. to 29th Jan., 2023. All the 28 participants namely JUO Nikita Yadav, SGT Nisha Kumari Jha, CDT Anjali, CDT Annu, CDT Anmolpreet, CDT Anushka, CDT Banoth Sindhura, CDT Bhoomi, CDT Chhaya, CDT Jaspreet Kaur, CDT Kavya Bhardwaj, CDT Kiran, CDT Komal Rajput, CDT Luvleen Yadav, CDT Mamta, CDT Man Mohini, CDT Muskan Sharma, CDT Pooja, CDT Preeti, CDT Rajni, CDT Riya Sharma, CDT Sanjana, CDT Sonam, CDT. Shivani, CDT Shweta, CDT Vandana, CDT Vaishali, CDT Vaani were part of the CULTURAL TEAM, which performed various folk dances.

As a part of the exchange programme between Delhi Directorate and Jammu and Kashmir Directorate for EK BHARAT SHRESHTH BHARAT CAMP (EBSB), JUO Kanishka represented Delhi Directorate in EBSB camp held at Nagrota from 13th Oct. to 24th Oct., 2022; while CQMS Suhana Abbas was part of the team that hosted the Jammu and Kashmir Directorate at Rohini from 3rd Oct. to 11th Oct., 2022.

A total of 79 cadets attended the COMBINED ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP (CATC) at DGNCC, Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantt for 2nd year and 3rd year cadets. SUO Deepanshi Rahar was selected as camp senior. In these camps, our cadets SUO Deepanshi Rahar and LCPL Rakhi stood 1st in Table Drill and LCPL Kumkum stood 2nd in Solo Dance competition. The remaining 19 cadets attended COMBINED ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP (CATC) at NCC Bhawan, Rohini. In this camp, cadets secured the 2nd position in Group Dance and 1st position in Group Song. CHM Shambhavi Tripathi ranked 1st in Solo Singing.

Along with the camp training, the cadets also participated in the institutional training and community engagement initiatives; celebrated the days of National importance and organised several events throughout the year. These activities are listed below.

NCC Cadets were part of the Puneet Sagar Abhiyan organized by the Delhi Directorate on 2nd April, 2022 at banks of Yamuna to clean up water bodies and the surrounding areas, along with conducted a rally raising slogans to spread awareness.



Cadets were part of a week-long Yoga Shivar, conducted from 15th to 21st June, 2022 for the community on the occasion of International Day of Yoga. Dr. Neelam Vats who is a former teacher of Indian Culture (Yoga), and worked for the Embassy of India, Vienna and Austria was the resource person for the event where participants were encouraged to do yoga and were taught the benefits of each asana.

The NCC and NSS organized a Road Safety Training Programme in collaboration with Delhi Police and Hero Moto Corps from 20th to 24th June, 2022. The five-day awareness campaign had various eminent speakers talk on numerous topics including road safety, disaster management, safe two-wheeler riding, self-defense, fire safety & first aid and CPR administration were discussed.

The cadets of NCC participated in PLANKATHON, organized by Bajaj Allianz Life on 7th July, 2022 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. The event was conferred by Kapil Dev and was initiated in order to create the Guinness World Record of holding abdominal plank position to encourage fitness and demonstrate gratitude for our real heroes, the Indian Armed Forces.

On 10th Aug., 2022, the NCC cadets joined the Tiranga Rally held by the Delhi University. The initiative was taken as a part of “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign to celebrate the auspicious 75 years of India’s Independence from the British. The rally was led by Delhi University Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh and covered a distance of four kilometers. More than 5,000 participants, including teachers and non-teaching staff and students of the varsity participated in the rally.

The NCC unit organized a cleanliness drive on 8th Sept., 2022, taking forward Swachh Bharat Abhiyan from 2016 and implementing Gandhi’s vision for cleaner and greener India. On 14th Nov 2022, the NCC organized a tree plantation drive on the occasion of Children’s Day. A 4 day long scuba diving training session was organized by 1 DNU from 27th to 30th Nov., 2022 in which SGT Rhythma, SGT Sheetal, SGT Pooja Jain and SGT Sawa Parveen participated. On 9th Dec., 2022, the NCC and NSS units collaborated to conduct a donation drive for Armed Force Flag Day. People who donated any amount of money for this large cause were given a sticker to show their support for the force.

As part of the celebration of 75 years of independence of India under the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the institution, the NCC held ‘Kritanjali: A Gracious Homage’, a 75-day long fest of patriotism and gratitude towards the unsung heroes of our nation. The event began on 19th Nov 2022 with the commemoration of Lakshmibai Jayanti and ended on 2nd Feb 2023 with a 3-day long exhibition and the exhibition was open for 75 hours. The inauguration of the event was done by famous paralympian, Dr. Deepa Malik. First year cadets presented a dance-drama based on the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, encapsulating the attention of the audience. The cadets of LBC NCC who had brought laurels and made us proud were felicitated by the guest of honour.

On the days of national importance, the NCC unit organized different events like Kargil Vijay Diwas commemoration on 26th July 2022 in which 55 cadets along with 30 other students participated in screening of the movie ‘1971’ followed by a discussion. On 74th Independence Day, the NCC cadets in collaboration with NSS organized an event to celebrate the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. It was held on 12th August 2022 wherein multiple events including Cultural Program and Group Song were organized followed by Tiranga Rally around the College campus. Besides, the NCC unit celebrated Teacher’s Day on 5th September. A Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competition on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti 2nd Oct 2022 was also organized on the “Relevance of Gandhi today”. On the occasion of the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the cadets of NCC took part in the Unity Run held by 7 Delhi Girls Battalion covering a distance of 3 kilometers. Another rally led by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, the Minister of Union Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship along with Delhi University Vice – Chancellor Yogesh Singh covered a distance of four kilometer at the Delhi University



Campus. The NCC unit commemorated NCC day on 26th November, 2022 by undertaking a cleanliness drive and on 23rd Jan 2022, the unit performed a play on the life and times of Subhash Chandra Bose on the occasion of Subhash Jayanti, also known as Parakram Diwas.

In the 3 days celebration of Virasat 2023, apart from escorting the chief guest for the day, Prof. Balaram Pani, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi, NCC cadets also performed a dance- drama, 'Manikarnika – The Rani of Jhansi' and a puppet dance too. On 30th Dec 2022, the NCC organized a dance on the occasion of Gita Jayanti encompassing the origin and importance of Gita. Besides, the NCC organized a lecture on "India Assuming the Presidency of G20 for the Year and its Economic Importance" by IQAC Director, Prof (Dr.) Lata Sharma on 23rd Feb, 2023.

Our NCC Cadets have won awards and honours including SGT Tamanna who got the ADG Commendation for the second time on 29th Jan, 2023 and SGT Nisha Jha and Cadet Sanjana Kuntal were the part of delegation of NCC cadets for an interaction with the Lieutenant Governor of NCT of Delhi, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena at the LG House on 21st Feb 2023.

CDT Mamta ranked 1st in the Poetry Writing Competition Held at Kirori Mal College on the occasion of Kargil Diwas on 26th July 2022. LCPL Sawa Parveen and CDT Jasleen secured the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively in Poster Making while CDT Vidushi Sharma and CDT Chanda secured 1st and 3rd positions respectively in the Slogan Writing competition, organized by Lakshmibai College NCC Wing on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Our cadets participated in the Annual NCC Festivals organised by different colleges and brought laurels to the College. Our NCC cultural team secured 1st position at Rajdhani College, Hindu College, Mata Sundri College; and stood 2nd at ARSD College.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

The NSS unit of Lakshmibai College, proactively organized a plethora of events and activities during the session 2021-22 to spread awareness on matters of social relevance. On the occasion of Cyber Jagrukta Diwas on June 1, 2022, a group discussion and reel making activity was organized. On 5th June 2022, World Bicycle Day and World Environment Day were celebrated with events such as extempore competition, *Ecoriddles*. Anti-child labour day was also observed on 11-12th June 2022 with screening of a movie, followed by a group discussion. To spread awareness regarding blood donation, the NSS unit organized an awareness session in collaboration with Blood Connect Foundation, on 13th June 2022. Five NSS volunteers joined international yoga day event held at major Dhyan Chand stadium on 20th June 2022. On the occasion of World Drug abuse Day, NSS volunteers created an informative online skit. To celebrate Pride month, an interactive speaker session was organized on 30th June 2022, helmed by LGBTQ members and activists. To celebrate the World ORS Day and Week in July 2022, in collaboration with Indian Academy of Pediatrics, Delhi, the NSS Unit organised various events such as poster making competition, talk by doctors from IAP, skit performance by NSS volunteers and an awareness session "*Prevention and Management of Diarrhoea*" as well as a rally in Wazirpur on 28th July 2022. Subsequently, on the occasion of World Breastfeeding Week, the NSS unit in collaboration with Plethora, Home Science Society, and IAP Delhi organised an inter-college essay writing competition on the topic '*Breastfeeding is Essential for both Mother and the Baby*' in August 2022. On 23rd August 2022, the NSS unit organized a plantation drive in collaboration with Eco club of the College and Kalptaru Project of the Brahmakumaris.

On the occasion of the Swachta Pakhwada (1-12th September 2022) all NSS volunteers of the College took pledge to keep their environment clean. On the occasion of world water week, on 7th September 2022, the NSS volunteers organized an awareness session for the children at Wazirpur village. A Nukkad Natak on cleanliness was performed by NSS volunteers at Deepchand Bandhu Hosiptal wherein they were applauded



by the Hospital authorities. On the occasion of NSS DAY, an awareness session on POCSO Act was organized in collaboration with Sakshi NGO. Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated with event titled “Ekla Chalo” wherein the volunteers assembled at Wazirpur and took pledge on cleanliness along with the village children on 2 Oct 2022. Subsequently, a donation drive was also organized wherein material collected from students and staff of College was donated to construction workers in College. NSS unit also organized a PLog run from College premises to Ashoka Garden and Wazirpur village on 7th October and 21st October 2022 to collect and disposed off trash. National Unity Day was observed to mark the 147th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Patel with a talk on “*Patel's Idea of Nationalism*” by Dr. Akhilesh Pathak, Assistant professor, Department of Sociology, on 29th October 2022. On 31st October 2022, Unity pledge taking ceremony and a Unity Run was organized in and around the College premises. Few NSS volunteers also participated in the Unity Run at the University of Delhi and from Major Dhyanchand Stadium to India Gate.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2022 was observed from 31st October 2022 with a pledge taking ceremony in the presence of the Principal Prof. Pratyush Vatsala and the College staff. On 3rd November 2022, a talk on “Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation” was organized on the occasion of Vigilance Awareness Week on 4th November 2022, with Mr Rahul Verma, DSLSA as the speaker. On 24th December 2022, the NSS unit organized a donation drive “Be Someone's Santa” wherein presents were distributed amongst underprivileged children at village Timarpur to celebrate Christmas. National Youth Day was also celebrated on 12th January 2023 with a quiz and discussion of creative ideas from young minds, inspired by Swami Vivekananda, to make our nation truly a global force. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti was celebrated with a movie screening and on the occasion of Republic Day, the NSS volunteers presented a skit on 25th January 2022, depicting India's journey from a British colony to a Republic. On 25th January 2022, the NSS Unit also observed National Voter's Day with a pledge taking ceremony and playing and singing the song “main Bharat Hoon” released by ECI on national Voter's Day. Poster making competition was also organized on this occasion, on the topic “Nothing like Voting, I Vote for Sure”. On 30th January 2022, NSS unit also contributed in observing the Death anniversary of Father of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi wherein esteemed guests, Paralympic winner Deepa Malik and Shri Shyam Jaju, the well-known politician, graced the occasion.

NSS volunteers attended Amritpex' 23: DU Chapter on 3rd February 2023 organised jointly by India Post and University of Delhi. On 14th February 2022, the NSS unit participated in LUVUNATURE@LBC campaign was organized wherein students, staff clicked selfies with flora and fauna to spread awareness of saving environment. A rally was also organized from the College premises to nearby Sahibi river stream.

On 18th February 2022, some NSS volunteers attended self-defense workshop organized by Directorate of NSS in collaboration with Delhi Police. NSS volunteers also attended “Har Ghar Dhyan’: Programme on meditation and mental health organized by University of Delhi.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Governing Body members, faculty members, non-teaching staff and students for their consistent support. We will continue to put together our efforts to make Lakshmibai College a centre of excellence.

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