



NEWSLETTER

(Lakshmi Bai College-University of Delhi)

REPORT – Session 2015-16

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

Golden Jubilee Grand Finale



Golden Jubilee Finale Celebrations

Lakshmibai College brought the curtains down on the Golden Jubilee Celebrations held throughout the year 2014-2015, by organizing a mega Golden Jubilee Grand Finale on 2nd November, 2015 in the College premises. Honorable Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister (Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi) Shri Manish Sisodia was invited as the Chief Guest for the programme. Dr. N. K. Kakkar and Dr Tarannum Riyaz (a noted Urdu writer) were the guests of honour. Mr. Sanjeev Singh (Chairman, Governing Body, Lakshmibai College) and Mr. Rajeev Gupta and Mrs. Ranju Bala Singh our Governing Body members were also present on the occasion.

The event began with the screening of a Documentary on the evolution of Lakshmibai College over the last fifty years and its tryst with the challenges of the 21st century. The students recited the Vedic Mangalacharan, followed by Ganesh Vandana incorporating the three dance forms - Bharatnatyam, Odissi and Kathak.

The Principal Dr Pratyush Vatsala in her welcome address emphasized the need for active participation of all stakeholders of the college to take it to even greater heights in academics and sports. She also stressed upon the importance of character -building and cited the indomitable spirit of Rani Lakshmibai to guide us to achieve the pinnacle of excellence.

Dr Tarannum Riyaz (a noted Urdu fiction writer), Senior Fellow in the Ministry of Culture and the recipient of the SAARC Literature Award 2014, regaled the audience by reciting couple of her poems. Dr Kakkar (Retired Associate Professor, Delhi University) spoke about the necessity of perseverance and goodwill for the success of an endeavour. Mr Rajeev Gupta on behalf of the Governing Body of Lakshmibai College, welcomed Shri Manish Sisodia and other guests who emphasized on the role of educational institutions in creating honest and efficient citizens.

The large audience was entertained with a cultural program which had a group song and dance, a street play 'Ek Mudda Ye Bhi', an English play 'Mamma Mia', Gidda, Bhangra and

the highlight of the event was dance performances by teachers. A huge gathering of enthusiastic and cheering students, staff, retired teachers and non-teaching staff made it a memorable celebration.

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)



NAAC Workshop in progress

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) along with NAAC Steering Committee organized a Workshop on 'Awareness Towards Quality Assurance in Higher Education' in July. Dr. R. K. Pande, Empanelled Peer Team Evaluator from NAAC was the invited speaker and Mr. Shiv Shankar Singh, former Director, Higher Education (UP), was the Guest of Honour. The workshop was attended by the teaching as well as administrative staff of the college. Dr. R. K. Pande explained in detail the importance of various criteria under which the Self Study Report has to be made. Mr. S. S. Singh spoke about good governance in an educational organization and various ways to improve campus quality life, e.g., green audit.

IQAC also organized workshop on 'Designing, Transacting, Assessing and Delivering MOOCs with Moodle Platform', in January. The workshop was conducted by Prof. K. Srinivas, ICT, NUPEA, Delhi. The workshop was attended by 19 teachers who learnt how to design, learn and teach online courses by using Moodle.

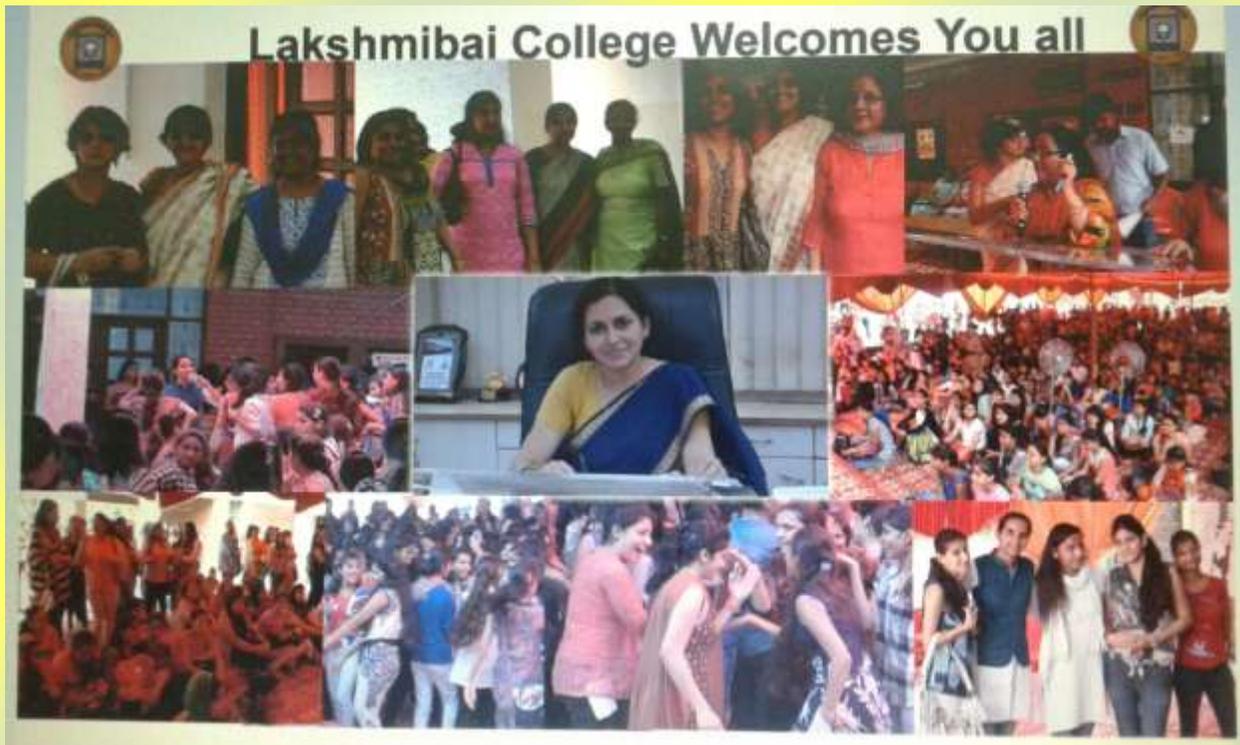
In addition to the workshops, IQAC holds Staff Meetings on the first Wednesday of every month to update the staff with faculty profile, departmental activities and activities of various societies.

The IQAC Coordinator and NAAC Coordinator also participated in National Seminar on 'Role of IQAC in Enhancing Quality of Teaching Learning and Evaluation Process' (NAAC Sponsored), organized by IQAC, SGRR (PG) College, Dehradun, Uttarakhand and updated the faculty members on the same in one of the staff meetings.

IQAC also conducted a feedback on the impact of IQAC meetings and the impact of various changes and reforms that have been introduced in the college since July, 2015, under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. Pratyush Vatsala. A feedback form was distributed among the faculty. 54 responses were received. 85.2 % of the respondents felt that the IQAC has made a positive impact on Team Work, Co-ordination and Unity of Purpose. 74 % of the teachers felt that it has led to Better Handling of Workplace Challenges. A few also mentioned that there is now healthy competition among departments, more quality consciousness and has created awareness concerning department and college. The changes that have resulted in quality enhancement in the college are holding Student Council meetings once a month (94.4%), IQAC Staff Meeting once a month (92.6%), Administrative Reforms (85.2%), Examination Reforms (79.6%), Formation of New Committees (72.2%), and Election Reforms (70%). The workshop on MOOC and stopping of loud activities near library were also mentioned by a few as positive steps undertaken for quality enhancement. 92.6% of the respondents were satisfied with availability of new lockers, 90.7% with new seating arrangement in the Staff Room, and

66.6% with new seating arrangement in the Class Rooms. A few mentioned that they were also satisfied with installing intercom at strategic points in the college, better furniture, and white boards in the departmental rooms. 87% of the respondents were using college new website, 68.5% were using Whatsapp, and 57.4% were using Facebook Page of Principal for communication purposes. 87% of the respondents were satisfied with the quality of workshops/seminars/events held during the current academic session. The suggestions were also invited for further improvement. Some of the suggestions were to have more of such activities, more proactive placement cell in coordination with job providers, and further improvement in class infrastructure and canteen, more and more participation of teachers and FDPs, refreshments for participants in various programs, 20 minutes lunch break in timetable, and a common memento or souvenir to all the invited guests for different programs in the college.

Student's Union



Union Activities

The Student's Union began this academic year by organizing a marathon to celebrate the girl child, based on the theme of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' in the month of July 2015. This event was flagged off by Shree Manoj Tiwari, an actor and also a Member of Parliament (East Delhi). Teachers, students and non-teaching staff participated in this marathon. This was followed by a cultural event on 2nd November 2015 in which singer A- Bazz and a Sufi band performed and enthralled the students with his performance. The Union also invited the patriotic poet Shanaj Hindustani to recite his nationalist poems in the month of January 2016.

This year the Union organized two trips: one to Nainital and Jim Corbett National Park in the month of October 2015 and the other to Goa in the month of January 2016.

The College Fest 'Vividha' was held on 2nd and 3rd March 2016. A large variety of cultural programs and competitions were hosted, which included poster making, cartoon making, rangoli, Nukkad Natak, group dance, singing, among others. The College band Hansadhwani also made its debut and both the days of the Fest were concluded by the performance of popular singers – Milind Gaba and Guru Randhawa respectively.



VIVIDHA

In the month of March, to mark the International Women's Day, the Student's Union is planning to host a talk on 'Sexual Harassment at the Work Place' by Kalpana Mishra, a writer and Deputy Director in Ministry of Defence.

Ms. Anjali Rana of our college was elected as Secretary in DUSU elections.

Women's Development Centre

Women's Development Committee of Lakshmibai College in keeping with its objective of generating awareness on women issues, organised a talk on 'The Concept of Gender' and held a screening of the short film, 'That day after everyday', by Anurag Kashyap, clearly giving out the message that women need to rise against the discrimination they face in their lives. The committee also undertook the exercise to identify Gender Champions, from amongst the students, in pursuance of guidelines from the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Ministry of Women and Child Development. A Symposium was organised in association with Internal Complaints Committee, Lakshmibai College on 'Gender Constraints at Workplace'. UN Women Programme Officer, Ms. Anju Pandey and Dr. Ritu Gupta, Associate Professor, NLU, engaged with our students and faculty on the issue.

Sanrakshan- the Society for Environmental Awareness

In keeping with its goals of generating environmental awareness amongst students on different issues relating to environment, the society organized a plethora of activities to raise its voice against all kinds of environmental damage. Adopting 3Rs – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle as a lifestyle choice, the Society converted all green waste materials into compost in its ongoing Integrated Waste Management Project. The students were also called upon to take an oath for the mission, 'Swachh Bharat'. A Rangoli Competition was held on Independence Day with environment as its theme.

The Society also organized a Poster making Competition on the topic 'How to keep environment clean'. A Cleanliness drive was launched by the students in the college campus. This was followed by a Poster making Competition on 'Restoration of Degradable Land.' A Talk and power point presentation were organized with the help of an NGO on the topic 'Water Conservation'. Two rounds of Wall Painting activities (for Swachh Bharat) were carried out by the students, who later embarked upon an Awareness Program for 'Clean India' and 'Shine India'. A Tree plantation drive, Herbal Rasoi, 'Best of Waste' are a few of the other programmes conducted to create awareness among students. Another unique initiative was the *Charkha chalo* program to make students aware about our freedom fighters and their struggles. In order to motivate our students to participate in environmental activities, our society is planning to arrange for a visit to Aravali Biodiversity Park/Asola wildlife sanctuary and to celebrate Holi with herbal colours in the second and third week of March 2016.

English Literary and Debating Society

The English Literary and Debating Society of the College strives to enhance the debating and creative skills of students. The Society organized an Intra College debate competition on the topic '*Censorship is a Bane*' followed by Creative Writing. Both the competitions drew a large response from students and were keenly contested events. The Society also held a Film Screening of *Utsav (1984)* directed by Girish Karnad , based on Sudraka's play *The Little Clay Cart*.

The highlight of the year was the Literary Festival *Literaria 2016* in which more than 25 colleges participated in five Inter-college competitions. Apart from staple competitions like the Parliamentary Debate, Creative Writing, Literary Quiz, the Fest also held unique competitions like Film Review and Literary Fancy Dress. The Fest received enthusiastic participation from various colleges of Delhi University and other prestigious universities. Several students of our College also displayed their talent that matched up to the best. Our students Vaishali Jaiswal along with Muskan Dhandhi won the second prize in the Literary Quiz. Aratrika Bose won the II prize for Creative Writing and Ruchi Nagpal secured the third position for the Film Review. Sangeeta Jawla and Bhavna Rawat were given a consolation prize in Literary Fancy Dress competition for capturing the essence of the characters they were portraying.



LITERARIA 2016

Navrang- The Dramatics Society of Lakshmibai College

Navrang has nurtured the best talent in our College and has literally and metaphorically taken it places. Navrang's annual production 'Ek Mudda Yeh Bhi' was performed at various venues like P.G.D.A.V (morning), at Mood Indigo, at Varchasva '15 (Technia Institute, I.P University) and at IMT Ghaziabad. The play exposes the rampant exploitation and corruption in our society and for its brilliant performances, bagged the second position at Varchasva '15.

Navrang's current production of 2015-16 'Jee Bhi Ley' is the story of a girl child and her struggles. It has been performed in 18 different places, which largely include a number of colleges of the University of Delhi, Professional Institutes, Universities and even in arcades of malls. 'Jee Bhi Ley' won the first at Zenith '16 (GIBS), at Utsav '16 (Aditi Mahavidyalaya, DU) and at Srijan '16 (Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College, DU). It has secured the second position at Fledgling '16 (Keshav Mahavidyalaya College, DU) and got the Best Performer Award at Fitoor '16 (Kalindi College, DU).



Navrangg organized its theatre fest 'Kalamay' under 'Vividha' the annual cultural fest of the College. There were different segments for teams to display their repertoire and a total of 17 performances were held in the Fest.

Music and Dance Society

The Music and Dance Society contributes significantly to the celebration of Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Republic Day and Annual Day in our College. In addition to these, the Society also organized solo singing and solo classical dance competition in the month of February in which students participated with great enthusiasm. The Society also organized a lecture-demonstration on the rare classical dance form Kathakkali by the eminent artist Guru Shree Radha Mohananand his group. The performances enthralled the students and also enlightened them on the nuances of this dance form. The Department of music organized an academic lecture demonstration for the students on 'The Technical Aspect of the String Instrument: Sitar', was presented by Prof. Suneera Kasliwal Vyas, Dean and Head of Faculty of Music and Fine Arts, University of Delhi, on 19th February 2016. It was a virtuoso performance, which held the students spell bound.

It is a matter of great pride that students of music won many prizes in several Inter-College competitions. Sarika Das, B.A.(Prog.) II year got consolation prize in Classical Music Competition held in Jankidevi Memorial College and Pratima Mehta, B.A.(Prog) I year got the first prize in Inter-College solo singing competition held in Geeta Rattan International Business School, Rohini.



Fine Arts Society

The Fine Arts Society is one of the most vibrant societies of Lakshmibai College. This year it organized different activities like Painting, Mehndi Competition and Wall Painting-Mural. The students showcased very innovative as well as eco-friendly use of domestic waste materials for their various creations of arts and craft.

Punjabi Literary and Cultural Society

The Society organized a number of Intra-College events such as poster competition, poetry recitation competition, folk dance and solo dance competitions. One of the two teams of the Punjabi society that participated in the Inter College Quiz competition organized by Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College, won the second prize. Two students participated in Inter-College Paper Reading competition on 'Guru Nanak Dev ji di Manukhtan nu den' organized by Mata Sundari College. The students of the society performed a 'shabad' on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti in our college. They students will perform a group dance 'Gidha' on the Annual Day.

Sanskrit Literary Society

Students of Sanskrit department participated in many Inter College Competitions, organized by various Colleges of Delhi University and Delhi Sanskrit Academy. They won many prizes in various categories - Sheetal (M.A. Pre.) won consolation prize in Recitation Competition, held in LSR College; Neha (III Hons.) and Priya (III Hons.) won consolation prizes in Quiz Competition, held in Kalindi College; Pooja and Priya of (III Hons) won consolation prizes in Debate Competition, held in St. Stephen College; Neelu (M.A. Pre.) stood Vth in Extempore Sanskrit Essay writing Competition and Sheetal (M.A. Pre.) got consolation prize in Hindu College; Our Student Harshita (II Hons.) won IIIrd Prize and Ist prize in Inter College Recitation Competition held by LSR College and Miranda House.

Our Students performed Sanskrit 'Nukkad Natak' entitled 'Uttishthat Jagrat' उत्तिष्ठतजाग्रत at Arts Faculty and at Law Faculty during the Sanskrit week celebrations held by Sanskrit Department, Arts Faculty, University of Delhi. The performance was highly appreciated in Delhi University and the clippings of our Nukkad Natak were also broadcasted on Doordarshan.

Our Department organized three Intra-College competitions: Shlokavritti, Vedomantrauccharan and Smritishlokalekhan. These were keenly contested and received an enthusiastic response. In addition to these, the Society is going to organize a Sanskrit festival 'निर्झरी' on 16th March, 2016.

NESDALF

NESDALF society (students from North Eastern States, Darjeeling, Ladakh and Foreign Countries) is primarily concerned with the welfare of their student members and aims at representing the diverse cultures of the respective regions. The Society took keen interest in various activities and actively participated in the college functions. This year the society screened a film on Irom Chanu Sharmila , a civil Rights and Political Activist from Manipur , who is on hunger strike since November 2000 demanding the repeal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA). It was followed by discussion with an expert on the issues raised in the films. Other events for this year include a daylong program that includes a talk on the issues and challenges face by our students followed by singing and inter-college Quiz Competition.

Youth Redcross

It is a new initiative this year to sensitize and train our students in the service of humanity making them responsible citizens. Training in Senior First Aid to become a First Medical Responder is given under this society.

Vivekananda Study Circle



Discussion under the Vivekanand Study Circle

This year the Principal mooted the idea of a Vivekananda Study Circle (VSC) to initiate the teaching faculty and students into imbibing Swamiji's philosophy in their lives. While Youth Redcross sensitizes them towards fellow citizens, Vivekanand Youth Initiative of Strength, Happiness, Values, Awareness and Service (VISHVAS) lends them strength, credibility and value system to equip them to face the real challenges of life.

Many events were organized by VSC to mark the institution of this society. An interactive session on 'One Life one Mission: the Vision and Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda' was held in October where the speakers were Dr. Suresh Singhvi, Shri Shri Manas Bhattacharya from Vivekananda Kendra and Dr. Nityanand Agasthi, followed by an orientation workshop was conducted by UTKARSH on the same theme. The members of Vivekananda Kendra guided the students about meditation and physical exercise/games to enable them explore their inherent potential. On all Saturdays, the students participated in

group activities that included Surya namaskar, yog abhyaas and discussion on the Vision and Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda along with book reading sessions.

Celebration of 153rd Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda

Lakshmibai College joined the rest of the country and many other nations of the world in commemorating the 153rd Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on 12 January, 2016. A number of programmes such as Yog Asana, Essay Writing Competition in Hindi and English on topics 'Swami Vivekananda: Inspiration of Youth' and 'स्वामी विवेकानन्द : युवा प्रेरणा के स्रोत' were held. Film screening on Life and Teachings of Swami Vivekananda and Talk on the Vision and Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda by Prof. Nagendra Singh, a Renowned Agricultural Scientist at IARI were organized. Recitation of Swadesh Mantra, setting up of Book Stall by members of Vivekananda Kendra and Competition of Recitation of Swadesh Mantra were other highlights of the celebrations. An interactive session on the Vision and Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda was conducted by Shri Manas Bhattacharya from Vivekananda Kendra which was later joined by Shri Dharmendra Pandey and Ms. Jyoti from Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi

The participation of the students was overwhelming. All the events provided a platform for enthusiastic and inspirational interaction on the ideas and teachings of Swami Vivekananda.

Proctorial Board

Proctorial Board has been actively involved this year in maintaining the discipline of the College from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm on a regular basis. In addition to that, the board has been trying its level best to solve issues related to girls' security in the College especially during different events like DUSU Elections and 'Vividha' or even festivals like Holi.

Placement Cell

The Placement Cell of the College strives to guide students in discovering their career objectives and goals, and to hone their skills to cater to the expectations of the job world. In this context, the cell organizes various events, seminars and workshops conducted by professionals from both the academic and corporate world.

During the year 2015-2016, the placement cell organized a number of seminars and other activities. Dr. Hari Krishna Maram, Chairman and Founder CEO-Imperial College, Bangalore was invited as the resource person at the seminar on 'India@2025'. At another seminar on 'Emerging and Hidden High-Paying Jobs', Mr. Rajeev Jain from Campus 2 Corporate was invited as the resource person. NIIT conducted a seminar-cum-workshop on 'Interview Handling Skills and CV Writing' and an aptitude test under the 25th Bhavishya Jyoti Scholarship programme in the College campus. A seminar on management courses was held in collaboration with the New Delhi Institute of Management to guide the students about the pre-requisites and prospects of a career in the management industry. Facebook Public Group and WhatsApp groups were created to constantly update students about the activities and endeavors of the placement cell and also to have an exchange of ideas and suggestions.

The placement drive 2015-16 attracted many job recruiters and the students participated in large numbers. A sizeable number of students were selected by *Infosys (5)*, *WIPRO (5)*, *Tata Power (4)*, *Mera Job India (1)*, *British Telecom (2)*, *Tech Mahindra (3)*, *Shaadi.com (3)* and *Heritage Schools (4)*. A certification drive was also completed through Digital India project in which nearly 700 girls participated.

Enabling Unit for Differently Abled

Guidance and counseling was provided to the visually, orthopedically and hearing challenged students seeking admissions in various courses/departments of our college.

The students were mentored to apply for scholarship/fellowship and awards provided by Government, Voluntary Organizations and Corporate Sector etc.

Students with Visual Disability were provided laptops with a very good quality of screen reading software 'JAWS' 'NVDA' and 'SAFA' so as to enable them to read, write and thus study their course materials independently in the absence of human assistance. Students were also guided to access Braille books of their respective courses in certain voluntary organizations and Braille Library, University of Delhi.

Dr. M. P. Yadav coordinator of the enabling unit for Differently Abled of our college has a submitted a project which is forwarded to UGC for the sanction of financial grants to smoothly run the Enabling Unit for Differently Abled as a viable disability study center for the capacity building and skill development of differently abled students and teachers of our college.

Innovation Project 2015-I6

After the successful completion of Innovation Project 'Understanding the potential determinants of Obesity among school going adolescents'(2013-15), Lakshmibai College started the **Women Empowerment through Low Cost Technology** project with the key elements comprising the real world application, societal contribution and commercial implication. Dr. Amrita Shilpi, Dr Rajshree, Ms. Gobina are the project investigators of this innovation project. Students from different courses are also part of the project. This project is undertaken to generate awareness and to highlight the vital role that low cost technologies can play in combating the harmful consequences of menstrual hygiene mismanagement. The project includes research as well as action component in achieving its objectives and goals.

REPORTS OF RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS

Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce organized a workshop on Tally E.R.P. 9 which was chaired by honorable Dr. Hemchand Jain, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, Deen Dayal Upadhaya College, Delhi University. On February 23rd 2016, 40 students with faculty member visited National Stock Exchange (NSE), Delhi and attended a workshop. The Department of Commerce is planning to organize *Comspect* in the third week of March 2016.

5 students from B.Com (H) FYUP 2015-16 got placement through Central Placement Cell, University of Delhi.

Department of Economics

The Department of Economics began the academic session 2015-2016 with a lecture on the '*Yuan Devaluation*' by faculty member Sonica Singhi in August 2015, which received a good response from both faculty and students. In September 2015, two of our final year students, Prerna Khanna and Diksha Jain presented papers on the then hotly debated topic of the '*Greek Crisis*.' In January 2016, eParcus, the Economics Society of the Department organized an Intra-College Economics Quiz competition 'Battleground'16 that saw keen participation from Economics (Honours) students of all three years.



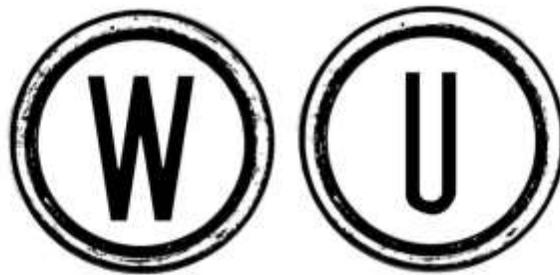
Breakeven'16

The 5th Annual Inter-College Economics Festival, BREAKEVEN 2016 held on 05 February, 2016, met with an overwhelming response from 25 Colleges of Delhi University as also from Ambedkar University, IP University, and Indian Maritime University among others. The five major events in this year's festival were *Mock Stock*, *Case Study*, *Debate*, *Photography* and *Ad-Mad*. Faculty members from Hansraj, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, Zakir Hussain (E) and Lakshmibai College judged these competitions. It is a matter of pride that in the *Debate* competition, a student from Lakshmibai college was a member of the team securing First position; in *Mock Stock*, Lakshmibai college team secured Second Position; and in *Ad-Mad*, Lakshmibai College teams were in the tie for both First and Second positions. Alongside the main events, numerous fillers and fun games made the festival a perfect amalgamation of academics and joy. Numerous stalls and interesting products on sale added to the liveliness.

Department of English

In the academic year 2015-16, the Department of English was engaged in an array of creative activities, literary events and academic endeavors. To begin with—the Department created a blog, namely www.lakshmibaicollegedepartmentofenglish.wordpress.com. It is maintained by dedicated teachers and has been created exclusively for the students to share ideas, post individual queries related to teaching-learning process as well as notes. The timetables are on the blog and even some e-texts have been uploaded for student's convenience.

Further, the students of Department staged a spectacular theatrical production called 'Mamma Mia' based on a major Hollywood musical bearing the same title. The eponymous play proved to be a delightful watch, enthralling the audience with its comic-action and musical score.



WORDS UNLIMITED

Next, the Departmental monthly/bi-monthly Wall Magazine 'Words Unlimited' deserves to be commended. In the academic year 2015-16, they brought out a number of issues, each one of them dealing with a distinct theme-cover. A few examples would suffice to indicate the wide range of issues covered—'Fresh Footprints', 'Hues of Summer', 'Discovery of the self', 'Fear' among others. The forthcoming issue would be looking at the historical development of the feminist school of thinking and is named 'Her Story'.

The Department also plans to organize a lecture/talk by Dr. Namita Sethi entitled 'Social Concerns in the Literature of Eighteenth Century'.

Department of History

Department of History organized a lecture on 'History and Symbolism in Mughal Painting' delivered by Dr. Najaf Haider (Associate professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi). One hundred and nine students of BA (Hons) History (II, IV and VI semesters) and six teachers went on a day-long study trip to Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Complex.

Department of Food Technology (Home Science)

The Department of Food Technology organized a seminar on 'Combating obesity through healthy lifestyle' at the culmination of the LBC 201 Innovation Project in March 2014. Dr Shalini Singhal, a leading nutritionist and dietitian kept the audience captive by giving them practical tips for healthy eating and active living.

Two first-time events 'Cafeteria @FT lab' and 'Live Demonstration of Chocolate Cakes' were organized. The second year students developed innovative cakes and cookies which were evaluated by the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college on hedonic scale. The department invited Prof Nirmala Yenagi, from Department of Food Science and Nutrition, College of Rural Home Science, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad for a talk on 'Role of Millets in Baking'.

The students participated actively in various inter-college, state and national level events. Shikha Sharma of II year won the first prize in the Inter-university poster making competition during the National seminar on 'Importance of nutrition in the development of processed food' held at Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences. Ruby Goyal and Shikha Sharma lifted the Runner-up Trophy at the University Chef Competition held at Shyam Lal College which attracted participation of 25 teams from different colleges. Fourteen students completed Level-one Training on Food Safety conducted by Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and visited Mother Dairy to learn the practical aspects of milk processing. During winter break, students attended Craft Baker course under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) conducted by a NSDC training partner 'Assocham Institute of Bakery Technology and Management (AIBTM)'.

Department of Apparel Design and Construction (Home Science)

The Department of Apparel Design and Construction organized a workshop by Pearl Academy of Fashion, on 9th October, 2015 on 'Effective Dressing up'. A detailed insight about Effective Dressing up was given with day to day examples. This informative workshop was taken by Ms. Vasundhara Khattry, an experienced faculty of Pearl Academy of fashion. Students as well as faculty members attended the workshop in overwhelming numbers.

The students of Apparel Design and Construction have designed garments with different themes like Cocktail, Ethnic Fusion, Royalty, etc., which the department is planning to exhibit at the College Annual day along with the hand-crafted embroidery samples.

Department of Mathematics

The academic achievements of students of the departments have been remarkable. One of our students of B.Sc. (H) III year, Renuka has scored 100% marks in Vth semester exam. Two students of B.Sc.(H) II year, Anshu and Vibhuti Sharma have scored 100% marks in III semester exam.

The department organized an orientation on the first day of the session for the B.Sc (H) I year students. A Departmental Festival is being planned in the third week of March where the students will participate in various activities such as Mathematical Tambola, Pictionary and Sudoku Mania among others. Also an annual get together of the students and the teachers of the department will be organized in the month of April.

Department of Philosophy



Pratibimb 2016

The Department of Philosophy organized its Annual Inter-College Fest 'PRATIBIMB 2016' in the month of February. The uniqueness of 'PRATIBIMB 2016' was that all the inter-college competitions like Quiz Up, Spell It Out and Extempore reflected some philosophical thoughts. Another attraction of the festival was the mélange of Accessories, Apparels, Food and Tarot-Card stalls. There were also some interesting games like Ad-Mad, Photo Booth, Pictionary, Beg- Borrow- Steal with attractive prizes. The Department is also planning to organize a Lecture on ethical issues in contemporary times in the last week of March.

Department of Political Science

Some members of the department also contributed papers in different journal and presented papers in seminar. The proposals of Dr Amrita Shilpi and Dr Babita Verma of the department have been forwarded for minor research project to UGC. The department is planning to have department society fest involving inter-college participation in activities like debate, quiz contest, on the spot paper writing on current issues and Nukkad Natak etc.

Department of B. A. (Honours) Business Economics (BBE)

BBE Society, 'Impetus' organized a day long workshop on 'Sales and Marketing' in which Dr Vinod Kumar Jain (MBA, IIM, Ahmedabad) Managing Director of Vexil Business Process Services Private Limited and Mr. Pankaj Sharma, I.B. Corporate Trainer were the resource persons.

The Society organized an intra-college debate competition on the topic 'Is juvenile crime urban-centric?'. Parul Malhotra and Sakshi Jain from BBE 1st year won the First position and were also selected as Best Speakers. Vahini Kandoi and Madhulika Sharma from B.Com Hons and Philosophy Hons, 2nd year respectively won the second position. Disha Bajaj and Gayatri Mudliyar of BBE, 1st year won the third position. Reshu and Madhulika Sharma of BBE 1st year and Madhulika Sharma of Philosophy 2nd year were selected as the Best Interjectors. The Society is planning to organize Fest, 'EMINENCE 2016' and an industrial visit to Dharamshala in the third and fourth week of March.

FROM THE FIELD OF SPORTS

Lakshmibai College has been performing remarkably well and maintaining its top performance in the field of sports in University of Delhi. Students are bringing laurels to our college, university, state and country by participating at university, national and international level tournaments with their hard work, dedication and sincere efforts.

During the session 2015-16, our students participated in various sports and games including Archery, Athletics, Ball Badminton, Baseball, Boxing, Chess, Cricket, Cross Country, Fencing, Gymnastics, Handball, Judo, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Netball, Power-lifting, Shooting (Rifle and Pistol), Softball, Swimming, Taekwondo, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling, Weightlifting and Yoga at various levels. The achievements are listed below:

International



Sanjana represented India in 9th Asian Youth Netball Championship from Dec. 14-20, 2015 in Hong Kong.

National

A total of 94 representations were made by the students of our college in various Competitions including Senior National, Junior National, Women National, Open National, Federation Cup, All India etc. Out of these, the gold medal winners were Akankshi in Boxing; and Sonali, Divya Aggarwal, Fatima, Aarti and Rakhi in Yoga. The silver medal winners were Neeshu in Athletics, Glory Rose Roy in Boxing; Anjali, Kavita, Shweta, Bhawna, Manisha, Chetna, Jyoti, Archana and Priya in Baseball; and Fatima, Divya, Aarti and Rakhi in Yoga; and the bronze medal winners were Deepa in Kabaddi; and Divya in Yoga. Our 10 students also got silver medal in Senior National Rocket Ball Championship, namely Jyoti, Monika, Yogyata, Shalu, Nirmala, Monika Chauhan, Geeta, Poonam, Shahnaz, and Manju Sen (Awarded best player).



BASEBALL TEAM



SOFTBALL TEAM

The participants include Renu Mandal in Archery; Rini Sikdar in Athletics; Vandana and Keerthy in Cricket; Neha Prabhakar in Cross Country; Mumtaz Bano in Basketball; Shweta, Bhawna, Manisha, Archana, Chetna, Anjali and Preetam in Baseball; Archana, Ekta Sharma, Ekta Pathak, Nancy, Meenakshi and Monika in Fencing; Rinki in Handball; Radha, Deepika, Priya Singh and Namita in Kho-Kho; Chinki, Preeti, Chhaya, Reshma, Jaskiran Kaur and Pooja Batra in Power-lifting; Kirti in Shooting; Harsha, Priyanka and Subby in Volleyball; Shelza Vats, Neena and Bharti in Wrestling; Vaishali Sharma in Weight-lifting; Jyoti, Monika, Yogyata, Shalu, Nirmala, Monika Chauhan, Geeta, Manju, Poonam and Shahnaz in Rocket Ball; Kriti Patel and Srishti Khailwal in Shooting; and Varsha and Garima Singhal in Korf Ball.

All India Inter-University/ North Zone Inter University



Shalza Vats (Bronze Medal, All India University Wrestling Championship)

35 students of our college represented University of Delhi in All India Inter-University competitions in different sports out of which 7 secured silver medal in Baseball namely Shweta Das, Manisha, Bhawna, Priya Pundhir, Archana, Chetna and Anjali; while Shelza Vats won the bronze in both Judo and Wrestling. The participants included Bharti, Neeraj and Neeshu in Athletics; Aakankshi, Pooja, Glory Rose Roy and Manali in Boxing; Bharti and Neeraj in Cross Country; Rakhi and Deepika in Gymnastics; Kirti in Handball; Radha and Deepika in Kho-Kho; Vaishali and Preeti in Power-lifting; Shweta, Manisha, Bhawna, Anjali, Chetna, Jyoti and Preetam Kaur in Softball; Vaishali Sharma in Weight-lifting; Neena in Wrestling; Ayushi in Yoga.

In North- Zone Inter-University competitions, our 7 students represented University of Delhi in different sports, out of which 2 students secured 2nd position in Kho-Kho namely

Deepika and Radha. The participants included Manju Sen in Cricket; Karishma Rout and Purnima in Kabaddi; Harsha and Subby in Volleyball.

Inter-College

In Inter-College competitions, Lakshmibai College emerged Champion in seven games including Athletics, Cross Country, Baseball, Softball, Power-lifting, Weight-lifting and Wrestling; got 2nd position in one game i.e. Volleyball; stood 3rd in seven games including Archery, Boxing, Cricket, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Taekwondo and Yoga; and remained 4th in two games including Chess and Judo.

Individually, we won a total of 43 medals including 22 gold, 11 silver and 10 bronze medals. The **gold medal** winners were: Bharti Singhania (5000m and Half Marathon), Neeraj (10000m), Neeshu (200m and 400m), Neha Prabhakar (1500m); Akankshi, Glory Rose Roy, Pooja Kumari and Manali (Boxing); Bharti (Cross Country); Shelza Vats (Judo); Chhaya, Reshma, Preeti, Pooja Batra and Vaishali Sharma (Power-lifting); Chhaya, Reshma and Vaishali (Weight-lifting); Neena and Shelza (Wrestling). The **silver medal** winners were: Bharti, Neeraj, Neeshu and Neha Prabhakar (4x400m Relay), Subby (Heptathlon) and Neha Prabhakar (5 km Walk); Bharti (Judo), Chinki (Power-lifting); Chinki and Preeti (Weight-lifting); Karishma Rout, Pooja Kumari, Sonia and Bharti (Wrestling). The **bronze medals** were bagged by Preeti and Ankita (Boxing), Rini Sikdar (Long Jump), Neeraj (Half Marathon), Nehashri (5 km. Walk); Neena and Shelza (Judo); Sonia and Khushboo (Weight-lifting); and Khushboo (Wrestling).

North Zone

Radha won the silver medal in North Zone Kho-Kho tournament; while Kirti and Srishti participated in Shooting.

Delhi State/Delhi State Sports Festival for Women/ Delhi Olympic Week

In different state level competitions, our college students won a total of 92 medals including 30 gold, 27 silver and 35 bronze. The gold medal winners included Neeshu (400m Hurdles), Akanskshi (Boxing), Shweta (Boxing), Pooja Kumari (Boxing), Rinki (Handball), Deepa (Fencing), Shelza Vats (Judo and Wrestling), Bharti (Wrestling), Vaishali Sharma (Shot Put, Power-lifting, Bench Press and Weight-lifting), Chinki (Power-lifting and Bench Press), Preeti (Power-lifting and Bench Press), Chhaya (Power-lifting and Bench Press), Shalini Singh (Taekwondo), Sonali (Yoga) and Divya (Yoga).

The silver medal winners were Bharti (3000m and 5000m), Neeraj (400m and 1500m), Neeshu (200m), Ankita (Boxing), Manali (Boxing), Archana (Fencing), Ekta Sharma (Fencing), Neena (Wrestling), Bharti (Wrestling), Khushboo (Judo and Wrestling), Kriti (Judo and Bench Press), Chinki (Power-lifting), Preeti (Power-lifting and Weight-lifting), Chhaya (Power-lifting), Pooja Batra (Bench Press), Neha (Taekwondo), Geetika (Taekwondo), Divya (Yoga), Aarti (Yoga) and Rakhi (Yoga)

The Bronze medal winners were Bharti (1500m, 5000m, 4x400m, 10000m), Neeraj (4x400m), Neha (1500m, 4x400m), Rini (Long Jump), Neeshu (200m, 4x400m), Vaishali (Shot Put), Renu Mandal (Archery), Glory Rose Roy (Boxing), Shahnaz (Boxing), Deepa (Fencing), Ekta Pathak (Fencing), Ekta Sharma (Fencing), Nancy Gupta (Fencing), Neena (Wrestling), Sakshi (Judo), Sonia (Judo and Power-lifting), Bharti (Judo), Surya (Judo), Khushboo (Judo and Wrestling), Sandhya Singh (Judo), Fatima (Yoga) and Aarti (Yoga).

Open Tournaments

Bharti Singhania of our college won all the Cross country races held at Hindu College, IP College and SRCC. s Kriti Patel won the gold medal in 10m. Air Pistol Jr. Women, ISSF in the III Top Shot Open Shooting Competition held at Subharti University, Meerut.

In Bharati Cup Invitational Inter College Competition, Kho-Kho and Volleyball teams of our college stood second. In the same competition, our taekwondo players won 3 silver (Geetika, Shalini, Meenakshi), and 2 bronze medals (Mitali, Neha); while our Chess team stood third in the Erobern-Sports Festival at Miranda House, where our taekwondo players won one silver (Jaskiran Kaur),and 5 bronze medals (Shalini, Geetika, Shahnaz, Prachi, Mitali). At LSR, our Chess team stood third, while Judo players won one gold (Shelza Vats), one silver (Kriti), and 3 bronze medals (Bharti, Jigyasa, Sandhya). In Mata Sundri College Inter College Judo Championship, our judo players won 2 bronze medals (Bharti, Jigyasa).

In all, we won a total of 199 medals including 66 gold, 70 silver and 63 bronze medals at different levels of competitions during the session 2015-16.

The Department of Physical Education and Sports successfully organized DU Inter College Volleyball Championship in our college. In addition, Dr. Sunita Arora was the convener for organizing DU Inter College Baseball, Softball and Volley Ball while Dr. Seema Kaushik was the convener for Inter College Judo Championship during the session 2015-16.

National Cadet Corps (NCC)

With 151 enrolled cadets, the vibrant National Cadet Corps (NCC) wing of Lakshmbai College continued scaling new heights during 2015-2016 as well. The illustrious achievements commenced with SGT Chanchal, who marched on Rajpath as a part of NCC Marching Contingent in **Republic Day Camp (RDC 2016)**; and ex-NCC cadet Caroline Kasar joined Indian Army through NCC Entry Scheme.



NCC REPUBLIC DAY CAMP

69 cadets of our college made it to the **Guinness World Records** and **Limca Book of World Record** by performing Yoga at Rajpath on the occasion of International Yoga Day in June, 2015. A 10 day Yoga Camp was organized under the guidance of ANO Lt. Seema Kaushik and yoga experts from Bharatiya Yog Sansthan. This was followed by a series of other camps organized by the 7 DGB.



NCC YOGA CAMP

In the PM Rally-2016, CDT Chanchal and CDT Purnima exhibited their talent as the leading dancers, while 51 cadets performed Yoga under the leadership of JUO Monika. 6 cadets participated in **Para-Slithering Camp 2016** including CDT Jyoti Kumari, CDT Deepa, CDT Priya, CDT Barsha, CDT Shefali and CDT Sushma



NCC CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

It was a proud moment when CDT Ankita Raj completed **Thal Sainik Camp (TSC)** as the Best Contender in All India Thal Sanik Camp. 4 cadets CDT Ritika, CDT Ruchi, LCPL Komal and SGT



Vijaya performed Table Drill at **Amar Jawan Jyoti (AJJ)** on the occasion of NCC Day on 29 November, 2015. JUO Shivani was judged the Best Cadet in **Rock Climbing and Trekking Camp (RCTC)** at Paudi. Delhi was awarded as the most disciplined



Directorate under the leadership of JUO Bhawna in the **Advance Leadership Camp (ALC)** at Punjab and 56 cadets performed at the NCC National Games, Garrison Parade Ground, Delhi Cantonment.

The National Integration Camp (NIC) held at Kerala was attended by six cadets, SUO Bharti, LCPL Komal, SGT Vijaya, CPL Anjali, LCPL Esha and LCPL Rucheta and they bagged 1st position in group dance, 2nd in National Integration Awareness Programme (NIAP), 3rd in Tug of War, and 1st in Awareness Rally on Health and Hygiene. The students also secured first position in group dance and second in Line Area competition in the Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) held at Punjabi Bagh.



WINNING MOMENTS

As a part of **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan programme**, NCC cadets, ANO and NCC committee members along with the principal, Dr. Pratyush Vatsala, took a pledge to keep Delhi clean and undertook

the task of cleaning up the college premises and sports grounds. They also painted the college walls as a part of cleanliness drive.



NCC PARADE AND CLEANLINESS DRIVE

NCC cadets presented the Guard of Honour for the chief guest Mr. Manish Sisodia, the deputy CM on the occasion of **Golden Jubilee Finale** of our college and also for the Principal on Independence Day and Republic Day. As part of the proctorial team, they provided assistance to new students during admissions and maintained discipline during different functions and occasions.

National Service Scheme



Cleanliness Drive

The National Service Scheme (NSS) of Lakshmibai College has been actively involved throughout year in different activities and programs. It organized a Rally on Cleanliness Drive, celebrated the NSS Day and Vivekananda Diwas. The NSS volunteers participated in different programs like Wall Painting, Each One Teach One, Swach Bharat Abhyian as well as Poster Making Competition.



Painting It Clean

Lakshmibai College Website

The new website truly reflects a progressive picture of the college and is both interactive and user-friendly. A new login system for the faculty members has been created wherein the members can upload the student attendance records and internal assessment marks on a regular basis. The same would be available for students' view. Many faculty-related and student-related forms are available in download section. Teacher-wise and consolidated timetables have also been uploaded. 'Creative Board' and 'Discussion Forum' sections of the website have been designed to nurture the creative spirits of our young minds. 'Campus Spotlight' will provide updates on recent events held in the college. Various useful links such as MOOC, LMS Moodle, Virtual Learning DU, Youtube Education, Coursera, have been provided for the benefit of the students as well as teachers. The other pertinent information on the portal includes detailed syllabus, optional courses, online placement registration form, feedback forms for the students, parents and alumni. The website also provides useful links to E-resources through the N-List program of INFLIBNET. A documentary video prepared on the occasion of "Golden Jubilee" year has also been uploaded on the website.

NCWEB (Non College Women's Education Board) LBC

Non-collegiate Women's Education Board of Lakshmibai College Center caters to approximately 1400 girl students who are deprived of regular college education. The classes are held on every Sunday. It runs two courses – BA (Programme) and B Com (Programme).

The centre organized a seminar on Women's Empowerment and chief guest of this occasion was Shri Balmukund Pandey, President of Akhil Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana. Professor Kumud Sharma of the Hindi department was the keynote speaker. Dr Pratyush Vatsala, Principal Lakshmibai College, whose book was released in this seminar, chaired the session. Dr Anju Gupta, Director, NCWEB addressed the students on this topic.

IGNOU Study Centre LBC

The college started IGNOU Study Centre for women with nearly 1500 students in the year 2014. Post-graduation courses in History, Political Science, Economics, Hindi, Social Work and English are running successfully. The centre is run under the able guidance of our faculty member Dr. Geeta Sahare.