

ANNUAL REPORT 2007-08

The Hon'ble Chief Guest Ms. Jayshree Raghuraman; Guests of Honour Prof. B. P. Sahu and Mr. Jaspal Singh; Chairman of the College Governing Body, Mr. Ganesh Seth and Treasurer, Mr. Rajesh Khanna; distinguished guests, alumni members, teaching and non-teaching staff, dear students, ladies and gentlemen!

It is a matter of great privilege for me to welcome you all on the occasion of 17th Annual Day and Prize Distribution Function of Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, University of Delhi.

We are indeed honoured to have amongst us **Ms. Jayshree Raghuraman**, Director, Social Welfare and Director cum Secretary, Women & Child Development, Government of NCT of Delhi. She is an IAS officer, who has served the Government of Delhi and Goa in various challenging capacities and positions including field jobs as well as the Secretariat. She was the first lady officer to get the assignment as Deputy Commissioner of South District, Delhi, to do the revenue work and discharge the function of a District Magistrate/District Collector in Delhi. During her stint as Secretary in the Government of Goa, she spearheaded the project of holding of the International Film Festival of India in Goa for the first time in 2004.

Her exposure and training in the international sphere is admirable. She attended a course on 'Management of Urban Development' in UK in 1986-87 and ten weeks training programme on 'Local Government Administration' in Tokyo in 1995. She represented the Government of Goa at the Cannes Film Festival, France in 2003-04 and also accompanied a trade delegation to Moscow in 2003.

We are indeed privileged to have amongst us our Guests of Honour, **Professor B. P. Sahu**, and **Mr. Jaspal Singh**, an IPS officer. Prof. Sahu is the Dean, International and National Co-operation in Humanities and Social Science; Member and Chairman, Managing Committee of University Hostel, and Professor in History, University of Delhi. He joined the Department of History, University of Delhi in 1988 after serving Sri Venkateshwar College from 1982 to 1988.

Professor Sahu has made a rich contribution to academics and research, which is reflected through the publication of his research papers in journals of international repute, editing of books, his association with NCERT as a member of History Text-book Development Committee, and IGNOU in preparing post graduate courses; and, also through his involvement with UGC as Deputy Co-ordinator for Special Assistance Programme (2002-2007), Co-ordinator for ASIHSS Grant (2004-2007). He is also a member of editorial board of *Social Science Probings*; and was involved in Orissa Research Project (1999-2005), sponsored by German Research Council, Bonn.

Professor Sahu is a widely travelled and an acclaimed scholar. He was a short-term visiting fellow at South Asia Institute, Heidelberg (2000); Charles Wallace India Trust Fellow, London (2003); and Short-term visiting fellow at the University of Kiel (2003). Prof. Sahu's contribution in shaping the Indian History Congress is well recognized. He has also been Member, Academic Council, University of Delhi and University Representative on different College Governing Bodies since 2001 including our own college for the last two years.

We welcome **Mr. Jaspal Singh**, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, North East District of Delhi. He exhibits a very rich and versatile range of knowledge as reflected in his education – A topper in Economics (Hons.), MBA, LLB and Diploma in German from the University of Delhi. Before joining Indian Police Service, he had worked as a Lecturer in Management. While holding different positions like-Assistant Superintendent of Police in Traffic, Anti-Narcotics, and Superintendent of Police and so on, he earned great appreciation for his professional excellence in the areas of crime, law and order etc. He was awarded commendation by the Lt. Governor on Independence Day for his social commitment and exceptional work in Tsunami.

We are grateful to our Chairman, **Mr. Ganesh Seth** for being with us. I have closely interacted with him during the last eleven and half months, when I Joined this college. I found him a brilliant combination of academics, extra-curricular activities, political understanding, vision, management and decent values. Sir, the college gratefully acknowledges your help in getting its request of Astro turf registered with the Government. A Modernite, graduate from St. Stephens College, Mr. Seth represented University of Delhi in athletics and basketball. He was adjudged as the best cadet, has approved voice on All India Radio; and is very closely and actively associated with the theatre and known for acting. Most recently, his role in '*Paisa! Paisa! Paisa!* – 'A Comedy Play in Hindustani' held at Kamani Auditorium, fully jam-packed, which included the leading dignitaries of Delhi including the Chief Minister of Delhi and MPs, won hearts of the audience. His managerial skills are well recognized, given the fact that he was Deputy Manager, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium during IXth Asian games. He has been associated in different capacities with a number of Governing Bodies of the most prestigious colleges and institutions. Ladies and gentlemen, the college is lucky to have such a dynamic and multi faceted Chairman.

We are thankful to **Mr. Rajesh Khanna**, the Treasurer of the college Governing Body, for having spared so much time, and always willing to help the college whenever requested for. A commerce graduate and a postgraduate in Political Science from University of Delhi, he is engaged in export promotion. He is associated with a number of social and cultural projects and is also the Secretary General of National Ramlila Committee. I welcome you, Sir.

Before I present the achievements of the college, let me briefly touch upon the background of the college.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Bhim Rao Ambedkar College (BRAC) is a constituent co-educational college of the University of Delhi established in 1991 by Delhi Government to cater to the needs of higher education in trans-Yamuna area. The college has its own building spread over green area of 9 acres situated at Wazirabad Road, near Yamuna Vihar, North-East District of Delhi.

With student strength of over 1600, around 88 faculty members (68 permanent) including 8 new appointments made through duly constituted selection committees, and nearly 60 members of administrative staff, the college offers a number of professional and Honours courses, such as – Business Economics, Hindi Journalism and Mass Communication, Commerce, Geography, Applied Psychology and Social Work, in addition to B. A. (Programme) and B. Com. The college is also an important study centre both for School of Open Learning (University of Delhi) and IGNOU. In order to look after the health needs of teaching and non-teaching staff, the college feels privileged to have WUS Health Centre in its premises.

Let me take this opportunity to welcome all the newly appointed teachers on behalf of the Governing Body and college family.

CROSSING FRONTIERS

- In order to acknowledge the contribution of Baba Saheb towards improving the lot of socially disadvantaged sections of the population and building up a new India based on the principles of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity, the college for the first time organized **Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar Memorial Lecture** on the occasion of his birth anniversary of Baba Saheb.

The first lecture of the series “Ambedkar-Gandhi Samvaad” was delivered on 14th April 2007 by Prof. Namvar Singh, a great critic of Hindi literature and the Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Antarashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha. The same day, Dr. Dharam Kirti, a renowned scholar of Buddhist Literature and Philosophy also delivered a lecture on “Bharat Ke Vikas Mein Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar Ka Yogdaan”. Thanks for efforts made by Dr. Anula Maurya.

- The college is one of the 20 centres in Delhi for earthquake strong ground motion station for recording and monitoring the earthquakes in Delhi under a project jointly handled by Director of Seismology Division (DST) –DU- IIT (Roorkee) (Installation, 5th Novemeber 2007).
- The college has been selected as one of the e-learning centers (out of nine chosen by the University of Delhi) under DU-ICICI partnership. It will help students to get the requisite training in the field of banking and finance.
- In this academic year, the college was accorded permission to start three new courses, viz. B. A. (Hons) Applied Psychology, B. Sc. Life Science and Physical science. However, the college could start only B.A. (Hons.) Applied Psychology due to the shortage of space.
- Our college is the East Delhi Centre for DU-NIIT joint programme for the benefit of undergraduate SC/ST students. The programme covers: (i) information technology; (ii) Oral & Written Communication in English; and (iii) Career Guidance and Customer Service Skills. These modules are unique in view of their application in the field and their usefulness for the students. The co-ordinator for this course was Mr. Anil Kumar.
- Two National Seminars – one in Geography with Dr. R. N. Dubey as the Convenor and the other in Hindi Journalism and Mass Communication with Dr. R . P. Dwivedi as the Convenor were organized.

WORKING TOWARDS SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

LIFE SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOP / ACTIVITIES FOR SC/ST STUDENTS

- It is a great privilege for the college that the Department of Adult, Continuing Education & Extension has selected our college as one of the centers to organize a special 5-day workshop (from 5th February 2008 onwards). It will help about 30 SC/ST students in their academic enrichment, life skills building and empowering them with self-esteem.
- Given the fact that the catchment area of the college still requires socio-economic transformation, it is exploring the possibility with UGC to work out different proposals to empower the socially disadvantaged students to undertake some income-generating activities and get gainfully employed in different spheres of life. The college is also negotiating institutional arrangements with IGNOU for this work.
- The college is working out short-term job-oriented courses for its own students and other youth deprived of opportunities. Special thanks to Dr. Anula Maurya, Dr. Atul Pratap Singh and the IGNOU team.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR GIRLS

The college is also doing a bit for women development through gender justice and economic empowerment. The NSS unit in collaboration with Jan Shiksha Sansthan, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has restarted the vocational courses on dress-making, embroidery and beauty care etc. to impart free vocational training to the girls of weaker sections of the society free of cost.

FEE CONCESSION AND STUDENTS AID FUND COMMITTEE

The committee (with Dr. Shashi as Convenor) works to promote the education of the poor and needy students. Full freeship to 35 students and financial assistance to 22 students from different Departments were given.

SELF-DEFENCE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Supporting and sustaining the women empowerment programme of Chief Minister of Delhi, a 15-days programme (camp) was organized (with Dr. Sarla Bhardwaj as Convenor) from August 21 to September 4, 2007. 185 girl students participated enthusiastically in this programme. Mr. V. P. Singh, Deputy Commissioner of North-East, Delhi inaugurated the programme, which was carried forward in the leadership of Neeta Malhotra, ACP. A competent team from crime against women cell imparted the training to girl students. Prof. Nayanjot Lahiri, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi presided over the valedictory function in the presence of Mr. H. P. S. Virak (DCP, Crime Against Women Cell). The girls gave demonstration of various techniques of self-defence very confidently.

WORKING TOWARDS NATION BUILDING

NCC (BOYS WING)

The college has three wings of NCC: Navel, Army and Girls, working under the leadership of Associate NCC officer, Lt. Cdr. (Dr.) R. B. Solanki, Capt. (Dr.) M. S. Vats and Ms. Tushti Bhardwaj from this year, respectively. Every year about 250 students are enrolled in these wings.

48 cadets of the college qualified the 'B' certificate examination. Two of our cadets - S.U.O. Yogesh Kumar and J. U. O. Harsh Chaudhary, secured 'A' grade in this examination and 15 cadets qualified the 'C' certificate examination. Former S. U. O. Vishal Gautam and J. U. O. Mukesh Sharma got 'B' grade. During the year 2007-08, 24 cadets participated in CATC, Nainital.

Our college team obtained the 2nd position in the **Guard of Honour** performance. J.U.O Amit Kumar was selected for the mountaineering basic course. Sgt. Vikas Mehta was selected for the Republic Day Camp. 4 cadets participated in NIC, Dehradun and NIC, Ranchi; 6 cadets participated in Hemkund Trekking; 5 cadets participated in Advance Leadership Camp in West Bengal; 8 cadets were selected for Jammu & Kashmir and 19 cadets participated in Army Attachment Camp at Delhi Cantt. One of our cadets participated in NIC, Delhi Cantt; 5 cadets of the college attended NIC, Bihar; 7 cadets participated in North East Region Trekking Camp and 5 cadets participated in NIC, Tamil Nadu.

Our college team won the 2nd prize in quiz competition and line layout competition. Two of our cadets participated in NIC, Nagpur; one cadet got 2nd prize in mimicry and group dance; 13 cadets participated in NCC day held on 25th November at India Gate and 25 cadets participated in awareness campaign by Delhi Metro on 24th November, 2007 on the occasion of NCC day. The college organized HIV/ AIDS awareness programme, in which around 200 cadets participated.

NCC (GIRLS WING)

The NCC, Girls wing, of the college has 100 cadets. During the year 2007-08, 24 cadets of the college qualified 'B' level certificate; two of them - S.U.O. Vandana Singh and J.U.O. Renu Chaudhary, scored 'A' grade in this examination; and our 13 cadets qualified the highest-level examination of the NCC i.e. 'C' certificate. Our 19 cadets participated in Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC), Dehradun, held during June 2-13, 2007.

One of our cadets, S.U.O. Vandana Singh, selected as the camp leader and camp senior from among 600 cadets from all over India, got the first prize for the best commander in drill competition. She was selected as the only cadet from the two Delhi Girls Battalions for National Integration Camp (NIC), Navlankar, held at Chandigarh during 24th June to 6th July, 2007. Our cadet scored the 2nd position in National Shooting Championship. Four of our cadets were selected in the Pre-Thal Sainik Camp held during 29th August to 9th September, 2007. One of them Sgt. Kalpana Bansal was selected in the final Thal Sainik Camp held during 24th September, to 6th October, 2007.

Our 21 cadets participated in CATC, Bawana (October 9-20, 2007). A few among them S.U.O. Durgesh Nandini, Preeti, Savita and Anjali Goswami excelled in the cultural and sports activities during the camp. Five of our cadets participated in National Integration Camp, Delhi Cantt. (October 8-18, 2007); 5 cadets participated in Basic leadership Camp in Gujrat (October 14-27, 2007). Our 3 cadets participated in NIC, Nagpur (January 3-16, 2008).

Two of our cadets, S.U.O. Vandana Singh and J.U.O. Renu Chaudhary participated in Pre-Republic Day Camp; 25 cadets under the leadership of Sgt. Neha participated in **Prime Minister Rally** (January 18-28, 2008). Two of our cadets, Vandana and Renu, qualified the staff selection Board (Gwalior, M.P.).

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

The NSS unit of the college (with Dr. R. N. Dubey as Programme Officer) with 250 volunteers for the environmental improvement, social integration, community development and health and consumer awareness organized the following activities:

- Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with the Rotary Club, New Delhi on 24th September, 2007 to celebrate the NSS Day;
- A 10-day special camp (3-12 October, 2007) to survey 'Environmental Perception and Human Behaviour' in Yamuna Vihar, Ganga Vihar, Ashok Nagar and Harijan Basti of Gokalpur village, Delhi.
- A workshop on 'Global Warming and Role of Youth', chaired by Dr. R. B. Singh, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.
- One-day seminar on AIDS with an Information Centre in collaboration with VCTC-AIDS Programme of W.U.S. Health Centre, University of Delhi (2nd November, 2007).
- An orientation programme, in which Prof. R. P. Mishra, a prominent Gandhian and former Vice-Chancellor of Allahabad University and Prof. P. B. Singh, Banaras Hindu University, were the main speakers.

Five volunteers of the unit participated in the Inter-College debate organized by the NSS Centre of the University of Delhi on December 28, 2007. The unit participated in the Disaster Management Meet under Bhagidari Scheme, organized by the office of the SDM, Shahadara, Delhi.

The unit is planning to organize a regional seminar on 'Management of Metropolitan Cities and the Role of NSS' in the first week of March, 2008.

SPORTS AND ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

Students with excellent sports background were selected for admission in 2007-08 under the guidance of Dr. K. K. Sharma. Our teams came off with flying colours at University and National levels and carved a niche on the map of University of Delhi.

Cross Country: Our team won the gold medal in Delhi University Inter-College Tournament.

Net Ball: Our men team won the gold medal and the women team participated in the Inter-College Tournament. Net Ball team got 1st place in North East Zonal Tournament held at Pt. R. S. University, Rampur (Chattishgarh) and 3rd place in All India Inter-University Tournament held at Nagarjun University, Vijaywada.

Archery: 5th place in Inter-College Tournament. Nisha Tomar, Ayush Sharma and Surender represented All India Inter-Varsity held at Punjab University (Chandigarh). Nisha Tomar also won Silver Medal in All India University. Ayush participated in National Tournament held at Amaravati (Maharashtra).

Volley Ball: Our team reached in quarter final. Rajneesh participated in North-East Zone Inter-varsity and won silver medal at Barailly and also at All India Inter-University, Aurangabad (Maharashtra).

Pistol Shooting: The college men team won Silver Medal losing the Gold by just a margin of one point. Vijay Tomar won Gold Medal in individual position and also participated in All India Inter-University Championship.

Soft Ball: Our College team won the Silver Medal in Inter-College Tournament, and also won Silver Medal in Sr. Delhi State Soft Ball Championship. Lalit Gupta, Dilshad, Surlin Kumar and Ramprakash participated in All India Inter-University Tournament held at GNDU, Amritsar. Yogesh, Sumit, Sushil, Pankaj, Dilshad, Santosh, Lalit, Seema, Sonam, Kiran and Shivam participated in Sr. National Tournament held at Cuttack (Orissa). Our women team also participated in Inter-College and Delhi State Softball Championship.

Wrestling : Anuj Chaudhary won silver medal in Inter-College Tournament.

Cricket: Our men team beat Sri Aurobindo College in Inter-College Tournament.

Hockey: Our college men team participated in this game for the first time.

Our Chess, Table Tennis, Badminton and Basket Ball teams also participated in different tournaments.

Rifle Shooting: Our men team won 5th position in Inter-College Tournament. Dhruv, Sandeep Kumar and Vipul Chaudhary participated in National Squad.

Base Ball: Santosh got silver medal in All India Inter-varsity Tournament, Sri Nagar University (Kashmir), though our College Base Ball team participated in Inter College Tournament for the first time

Athletics: The men team of the college won the Silver Medal in Inter-College. Sunil Yadav, Kadar Khan, Ashish and Shaloo participated in All India University Arnakulam (Kerala).

Races: Our students Kadar Khan broke the record in 100Mtrs - 200 Mtrs.

Kho-Kho : George Wills represented the college.

1 st Place in 100 to 200 Mtrs.	Kadar Khan
1 st Place in 4x100 Mtrs. Relay	Kadar Khan, Yogesh, Vinay and Sandeep.
1 st Place in 20 Km.	Pawan
2 nd Place in Half Marathan	Sunil Yadav
2 nd Place in 5000 Mtrs.	Sunil Yadav
3 rd Place in 10,000 Mtrs.	Ashish
3 rd Place in 4x400 Mtrs. Relay	Kadar Khan, Vinay, Sundeep and Yogesh
2 nd Place in 400 Mtrs. Hurdle	Sandeep
1 st place in Triple Jump and Long Jump	Shaloo

Annual Sports Day: Like previous years, Annual Sports Day was celebrated in this year too, on the 5th February 2008 to encourage sports spirit, participation and highlight the role of physical fitness in everyday life and also to assess the performance of our own sports students. Prof. Gurmeet Singh, Proctor, University of Delhi and Mr. Surender Khanna, a well-known cricket player and Analyst, graced the occasion. Winners in different game are given prizes.

You will be pleased to know that the college has recently acquired its own shooting range and has thus become one of the five colleges of Delhi University having such a facility.

FACILITATING COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

HOME EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Based on the University pattern, the home examination was conducted (under the guidance of Mr. Avtar Singh) from 9th to 17th January 2008. Students of all subjects are examined through written exams as per the university guidelines. Teachers observations and remarks are shown to students for further improvement. Both teaching and non-teaching staff deserve compliments for their wonderful work.

PLACEMENT UNIT

The placement unit (with Mr. Navin Kumar as Convenor) undertakes activities to facilitate a platform for various job-providing agencies/companies visiting the college. This year some leading companies including IBM, ICICI, Apex Laboratories visited our campus providing job-opportunities to students. Companies like – Nestle, Wipro and a few others are scheduled to pay a visit to the college in due course.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Seminars and Workshops: The Department (with Dr. Rakesh Shahani as the teacher-in-charge) held the following seminars and workshops by inviting experts from industry and academic world :

- ‘Teenage Stress Management’, by Prof. Aruna Broota, Department of Psychology, University of Delhi.
 - ‘Financial Risk and its Management’ by Dr. P. K. Gupta, Centre for Management Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University.
 - ‘Some Prime Concerns in the US’, by Mrs. Yogita Mehra, Department of Business Economics, Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi.
- The Department arranged the following lectures from within the college:
- ‘Leadership: Some Conceptual Issues’, by Dr. (Mrs.) Sangeeta Sharma, Department of Commerce.
 - ‘Foreign Investment of India’ and ‘Pink Pages and Their Relevance’, by Dr. Rakesh Shahani, Department of Business Economics.
 - ‘Globalisation and Its Impact on the Indian Economy’, by Dr. G. K. Arora, Principal.
 - ‘Expenditure and Revenue Items’, by Dr. Deepali Jain, Department of Commerce.

The Department largely by using student’s input prepared a book titled ‘Asian Emerging Markets: Growth and Prospects’, which was released by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Deepak Pentel. On this function Prof. Pulin Nayak and Prof. Rashmi Aggarwal were also present to address the students.

Industrial Visit: In order to give exposure to the students to observe actual working of the industry, the Department organizes industrial visits, both local and outstation. This year students visited Knox Life Sciences, Baddi (HP).

Campus Recruitments: In 2007 Genpact, Bank of America, RNCOS, E-Value Serve, Money Bag, Quest Services, Capital IQ, Standard and Poor, etc. offered jobs to BBE students.

Students are encouraged to participate in debates and quizzes, and many of our students won prizes in intra and inter-college competitions and brought honour to the college. Some of the important facilities provided by the Department to students include: merit cum means scholarship; in-house BBE Circulating Library; and free (limited) Xerox facility.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Department of Commerce (with Dr. Mamta Yadav as the teacher-in-charge) organized various activities including – Commerce Contest, Just-a-Minute, Ad-making Competition and an inter-class debate on 21st and 22nd November 2007; a lecture on ‘Managerial Aspects of the Movie-*Chak De*’ by Dr. N. K. Kakkar, Director, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, facilitated by Dr. Sumedha Dutta and Dr. Poonam Chawla on 10th December, 2007. The same day, Dr. Harminder Singh, Lecturer, School of Accounting, Economics and Finance, Deakin University Melbourne, Australia delivered a lecture on ‘Volume – Price Relationship of Indian Single Stock Futurers’.

An educational trip of B. Com (Hons.) 3rd year students was organized to Small Industries Services Institute and Regional Testing Center at Okhla Industrial Area, New Delhi on 18th December, 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

The Department (with Ms. Harish as the teacher-in-charge) organized an interactive inter-college quiz competition 'Jigyasa' with prizes – a running trophy 'Kautilya'; and a cash award of Rs. 1000/- as first prize and Rs. 500/- as the second. The competition was well attended with participation of teams from several colleges of University of Delhi. The first and second prizes were won by participants from our own college namely Akshay Bharadwaj and Ankit Kumar. The quiz competition was followed by a lecture by Dr. Sunil Kanwar, Reader, Delhi School of Economics on 'Patents and Intellectual Property Right', which was well attended and widely appreciated.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The Department of English (with Mr. Sanjeev Kumar as the teacher-in-charge) organized inter-class Debate and Creative Writing Competition.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Geography (with Dr. Jitender Saroha as the teacher-in-charge) organized an excursion tour for B. A. (Hons.) Geography, 2nd Year students in the last week of October and first week of November, 2007. This was oriented mainly to understand the 'Human Response to Physical Environment in Panchmarhi Region of Madhya Pradesh'. The Department is going to organize 'Geo-Fest-Bhu-Chetna' in the second week of February, 2008, which would include a seminar on 'Population Resources and Development', Poster-Making and Quiz-Competition.

DEPARTMENT OF HINDI JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

With a view to promoting Hindi Language and Literature, the Chetna Patrakarita Manch of the Hindi Sahitya Sabha and the Department (with Dr. Neerav Adalja as the teacher-in-charge) worked throughout the year. The Department organized the 'Hindi Saptah' (September 17-21, 2007) comprising essay-writing, ad-making and slogan-writing competitions. The first, second and third prizes for essay-writing competition were won by Neetu Sharma, Raja and Rupali Garg, respectively. Extempore speech competition was held on 18th September, 2007. A large number of students participated and the first prize was bagged by Neetu Sharma, the second by Sakshi and the third by Anubhav. In order to boost creative talent of students, a recitation of self-composed poems was held on September 19, 2007. The humorous poems regaled the listeners with irresistible laughter, whereas love poems evoked tender emotions in them. At the same time, there were several satirical poems echoing the ever-increasing rampant corruption in India. The first prize for the event was won by Anubhav, the second by Avinash and the third by Chanchal.

In order to hone the student's gift of gab, a 'Vaad –Vivaad Pratiyogita' was organized, in which several teams participated. The first prize for this competition was given to Chanchal, the second to Ashu and the third to Sulekha. The winners for all these competitions were given Rs. 500/- , 400/- and 300/- as first, second and third cash prizes besides the certificates of merit.

The 'Hindi Saptah' was conducted along with the organisation of symposium on the topic 'Nij Bhasha Unnati Ahai, Sab Unnati Ko Mool'. The Principal in his inaugural remarks gave a wide perspective of issues highlighting that the progress of language and dynamic economic changes forcing universalisation of language, are taking place simultaneously. As keynote speaker, Prof. Ajay Tiwari, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi overwhelmed Hindi lovers by enlightening them about the progress made by the Hindi Language. Speaking from the presidential chair, Dr. Vishwanath Tripathi, a renowned critic and Hindi poet gave apt illustrations from daily life to establish that the progress of India lay alone in the progress of Hindi.

A week long academic tour (17-22 October, 2007) to Nainital was organized for students of the Department. With the aim of imparting practical knowledge to students of Hindi Journalism and Mass Communication, the specialists as guest speakers were involved to acquaint students with the subtle and technical aspects of the field in a systematic manner. Under the joint aegis of the Hindi Department, University of Delhi and the Institute of Life Long Learning, a media workshop was organized in which all teachers of the Department of Hindi participated.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Department (with Dr. S. S. Chawla as the teacher-in-charge) has proposed a talk on '1857 and After' by Dr. Amar Farooqui in the first week of March, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

A new course, B. A. (Hons.) Applied Psychology, has been introduced in the Department of psychology (with Dr. Anita Srivastava as the teacher-in-charge). Students of Life Crises Course visited the Institute of Behavioral and Allied Sciences, Shahdara as part of completing their project report.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

The Department (with Mrs. Sangeeta Sharma as the teacher-in-charge) organized an orientation programme, which involved representatives ranging from grass root NGOs to those from UN organizations like UNDP and UNICEF to have sessions with students. Students and faculty members went for a rural exposure visit to Rasna village in Uttar Pradesh and participated in a workshop organized by 'SAKSHI' and funded by UNIFEM in the month of August, 2007.

Students attended a rural camp at 'Sutra' – an NGO working for social upliftment through rural advancement at Dharampur in Solan district, Himachal Pradesh, and participated in a Seminar on 'Social Work and HIV/AIDS', organized by IGNOU on World AIDS Day and performed a street-play on AIDS awareness on December 1, 2007.

The Department is planning an annual cultural programme – 'Felicity' on 15th February to be inaugurated by the renowned motivational speaker Mr. Shiv Khera, and an NGO meet on 16th February, 2008 to be inaugurated by Magsaysay award winner Dr. Rajendra Singh.

ACTIVITIES OF SOCIETIES/COMMITTEES

B. A. (PROGRAMME) ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The College recognizes that there is a need to involve students of B. A. (Prog.) in different academic and extra-curricular activities. The recently formed B. A. (Prog.) Students' Activities Committee constituting Dr. Anula Maurya (Convenor), Dr. Neerav Adalja (Co-convenor) and the teachers-in-charges as members, organized an Inter-College Hindi Debate in November-December, 2007 with a view to preparing students for the Bhim Rao Ambedkar 'Chal Vaijayanti Debate'. Neeraj - 2nd year, Aditi Anand - 2nd year, Neetu - 1st year and Yasoda Diwan - 1st year got first, second, third & consolation prizes, respectively. Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Dr. Sangeeta Verma and Mr. Jarnail Singh organized this event.

Other activities scheduled for the next month include - a seminar, a one-day educational trip to different historical monuments of Delhi and a farewell party to the B. A. (Prog.) final year students at the end of academic session.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society (with Dr. Diljeet Kaur as the Convenor) organized the 17th 'Bhim Rao Ambedkar Chal Vaijayanti Hindi Vaad-Vivaad Pratiyogita' on 6th December, 2007 on the occasion of the "Parinirvaan Divas" of Dr. Ambedkar. Students from more than 25 colleges of University of Delhi participated in the contest - 'Chhaatra Rajniti Shaikshik Vatavaran ko Dooshit Karti Hai'. The judges were Dr. Tapan Biswal, Dr. Pawan Kumar and Mr. Arun Tripathi. The debate was preceded by an inaugural address on Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao and his life by Prof. Matadin Madholia – a well known scholar and Member/Chairman of Governing Body of college.

The first prize went to Chanchal and Himani of our College, while the second prize was bagged by R. K. Ranjan and Manish from Kirori Mal College. The 'Best Speaker' prize was won by Amanpreet from Kamla Nehru College. The consolation prizes went to Shobhit of Bhagat Singh College and Hina Zareen of Vivekanand College.

The society also organized an Inter-College English Debate under the guidance of Ms. Archana Mathur on 27th November, 2007. The topic was 'Indo-US Nuclear Deal Is a Dent on India's Sovereignty'. The Best Team prize went to Arti Nayyar and Karishma Chaudhary of Daulat Ram College. The Best and the 2nd Best Speaker prizes were won by Manas Amogh and Dev Rai of Shyam Lal College and Hamid of our College, respectively. The best interjector prize was given to Rachit Anand of Maharaja Agrasen College. The judges were Dr. Babuli Nayak, Dr. Rupak Dutta and Mr. Santosh Kumar. The English debate was preceded by an inaugural address by Dr. Jai Prakash, Principal, Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences on the topic 'Renewable Energy' which was widely appreciated.

CULTURAL SOCIETY

The cultural society (with Dr. Manju Ailawadhi as the convenor) conducted on 29th September, 2007, a programme – ‘Talent Hunt’ for freshers of the college. Students participated in All-India Student’s Cultural Festival ‘Antaragini-07’ at IIT, Kanpur from 23rd to 28th October, 2007.

The society organized ‘Chetna Sparkle 2007’ on 29th and 30th November – an inter-college cultural extravaganza in which many colleges of University of Delhi and also from the Delhi region participated with great enthusiasm. On the first day, the Chief Guest, Mr. Amod Kanth, Chief Vigilance Officer emphasized that culture and society’s progress are closely related. On the second day, Mr. Faizi O. Hashmi, Deputy Commissioner, Delhi felt so elated over the cultural performance that he wished to be student now rather than twenty years ago. In different cultural events, our students bagged prizes as follows: Sonia got 1st place in Solo Song; Mayank got 1st place in Solo Dance; and Preeti won 1st prize in Henna and Rangoli. Our students also won many prizes in inter-college cultural festivals held in other colleges.

Awnish Pratap (B. A. Prog., 2nd year) is the Cultural Secretary and Astha Kauts (B. Com., 3rd year) is the Cultural Co-ordinator for the academic year 2007-08.

STUDENTS’ COUNCIL

The election of the Students’ Council (with Dr. M. S. Vats as Advisor) was held on 7th September, 2007. The elected office bearers of the Council are : (i) Pradeep Kumar Kasana, President; (ii) Rajat Gosain, Vice-President; (iii) Poonam Chouhan, Secretary and; (iv) Ankit Aggrawal, Joint Secretary. George Wills and Awanish were nominated Sports Secretary and Cultural Secretary, respectively.

The oath taking ceremony was held on 27th September, 2007 in the college premises. Mr. Jaspal Singh, DCP, North East District, Delhi administered the oath of office and secrecy to the office bearers.

The outgoing Students’ Council organized function, which focused on physically handicapped children. The present council arranged a Freshers Party to welcome new students and search their talents. The freshers presented a colourful cultural programme on this occasion. An educational tour to the historical places is proposed in near future.

GENDER SENSITIZATION COMMITTEE

A one day workshop on ‘An Overview of Issues Relating to Women’ was organized on Friday, 1st February, 2008 under the leadership of Dr. Pramila Batra (Covenor), Dr. M.S. Vats, Dr. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Archana Mathur. Dr. Vibha Chaturvedi, Director of Women Studies and Development as Chief Guest and Dr. Ranjana Kumari, Director of Centre for Social Research as Guest of Honour delivered lectures along with many subject experts and esteemed speakers. They covered a wide range of issues, viz. domestic violence, property rights, female foeticide, and discrimination against women by women. A team of doctors and students from G.T.B. Hospital participated in the function and gave demonstration on female foeticide through vivacious play and presentations.

An inter-class essay competition on gender issues was organized on 12th December, 2007. 78 students participated in the competition and the following students won the prizes :

1. Prashant Singh	B. Com. (H) 3 rd year	1 st Prize
2. Vineet Baid and Monica Bisht	B. Com. (H) 2 nd year Hindi Journalism 1 st year	2 nd Prize 2 nd Prize
3. Hemlata and Sneh Chawla	Hindi Journalism 2 nd year B. Com. (P) 1 st year	3 rd Prize 3 rd Prize

ALUMNI CLUB

The college organized its 7th Alumni Meet under the guidance of Dr. Jaya Verma on Sunday, 3rd February, 2008 in the college. Mr. Rajesh Khanna, the Treasurer of the College Governing Body, Dr. P. C. Patanjali, former principal and old students were welcomed by the college Alumni Club under the encouraging support of the principal. The patron of the club while highlighting the progress of the college, requested the old students to help the college and the future alumni members in whatever way they like. A brief but lively cultural programme was followed by lunch. All the club members appreciated the programme.

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

LIBRARY AND LIBRARY SERVICES

The college library with 20,627 books is fully computerized with online facilities accessible to students and faculty members. About 1351 new books were added during this year. The library subscribes to 21 periodicals in English and 13 in Hindi, in addition to 7 dailies in English and 9 in Hindi. The library also has arrangements to provide books to the deserving students coming from economically weaker sections of the society. Separate study cabins are made available to the faculty members.

COMPUTER LAB

The college in addition to the existing IT facilities like Wi-Fi, computer lab, Internet access facility, has added one more computer lab during this academic session. The college is trying to work out an online project called '**Integrated College Management System**' to encourage various Departments to work on the software based on client/server environment, which would ultimately help the staff to access their respective records online including salary statement, GPF statement, leave record, time-table, list of students etc. The college has also reached near completion of '**Digital Hub**' in the library, where the faculty members can access reputed journals provided by the University of Delhi free of cost. Mr. Anil Kumar deserves congratulations for his devotion and efforts.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Rakesh Shahani, Reader, Department of Business Economics

- Authored a book titled *Financial Markets in India*, (2nd Edition) 2008, Anamica Publishers, Delhi.
- Presented a paper titled 'Changing Face of the Public Sector Banks in India' at a National Conference, organized by Kamla Nehru College (DU) , January 2008.

Dr. Usha Gupta, Reader, Department of Business Economics

- A paper on 'Economic Valuation of Disease/Symptom Specific Morbidity', which was accepted in 2007 for presentation at the conference, organized by the EAERE in Athens, Greece.
- A research paper 'Valuation of Urban Air Pollution: A Case Study of Kanpur City, India' was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Environmental and Resource Economics*.

Dr. Sangeeta Sharma, Reader, Department of Commerce

- Delivered a lecture on 'Personality Development' to male participants, July, 2007.
- Delivered a talk on 'Leadership Challenges' to the BBE students, September, 2007.
- Organized motivational talk on 'Entrepreneurship' in coordination with the 'Small Industries Service Institute' in September, 2007.
- Attended a three-day workshop on "Critical Issues Concerning Women" at the National Institute for Public Co-operation & Child Development (NIPCCD) from 23 to 25 October, 2007.

Dr. C. P. Sharma, Reader, Department of English

- Authored a book titled *The Novels of R. K. Narayan: A Perspective*.
- Presented a paper titled 'Cynthia Bowles' *At Home in India: A Hymn to Peace and Amity*' at the International Conference on 'Travel Literature and India', organized by Satyawati College (Eve.) in collaboration with Centre for Travel Writing Studies, Nottingham Trent University and Department of English, University of Delhi, February 20-21, 2007.
- Participated in a workshop on 'Use of E-Resources and WWW in Teaching and Research', organized by Delhi University Library System on March 12, 2007.

Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Lecturer, Department of English

- Edited the book 'Bricks and Bouquets', Creative Publishers, Delhi.
- Presented a research paper on 'Hindi and Bengali Drama – A Study,' All India English Teachers' Conference held at Nagpur, January 2008.

Dr. Adesh Sharma, Lecturer, Department of Economics

- Authored a book, *Environmental Economics*
- Edited a book, on *Asian Economic Integration*.
- Participated in four National Conferences and on two occasions he was keynote speaker.
- Published two research papers in National Conference Journals.

Dr. Mohinder Singh Kadayan, Sr. Lecturer, Department of Geography,

- Paper presented on 'Global Warming: Challenges for Food Security in India' in a National Conference held at University of Delhi on 7th July, 2007.
- Paper presented on 'Energy Use in Agriculture and Agricultural Productivity in Jhajjar District of Haryana', 29th Indian Geography Congress (National Association of Geographers, India) held at Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan (November 19-21, 2007).

Dr. R. Thakur, Reader, Department of Geography

- Presented research paper 'Wasteland and their Reclamation in Damodar River Basin' in XXIX Indian Geographic Congress, NAGI, in November 19-21, 2007, organized by Department of Geography, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur (Rajasthan).
- Published research paper in edited book '*City, Society and Planning*', Concept Publishing Company, Delhi, 2007.

Dr. R. N. Dubey, Reader, Department of Geography

- A research paper has been accepted for presentation in the 4th International Conference on 'Flood Defence' on 20-24 May, 2008 at Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Sibabrata Das, Lecturer, Department of Geography

- Research paper published 'Prevalence of Anaemia among Women: A Comparative View of Scheduled Tribes and Others in Six Major States of India' in the *Social Change and Development*, Vol. 05, November 2007.
- A paper on 'Childhood Under Nutrition: A Comparative Perspective of Scheduled Tribes and Others in the Mid-Indian Tribal Region' has been accepted for publication in the forthcoming issue of the journal *Social Change*.

Dr. Sarla Bhardwaj, Reader, Department of Mathematics

- Participated in a National Workshop on 'Operator Theory' in September, 2007.
- Associated with the organization of International Conference on 'Operator theory and Related Areas' (ICOTRA) held under the aegis of Department of Mathematics, Delhi of University in January, 2008.

Dr. K. K. Sharma, Sr. Lecturer, Department of Physical Education

- Presented a paper on 'Basket Ball' at a National Seminar in Psychology organized by Osmania University, Hyderabad.
- Convener, Delhi University for Kho-Kho, Athletics, Cross Country & Softball for this year.
- Selected Manager of Delhi University Net Ball Team, which secured 1st place in North East Zone and 3rd place in Inter University held at Nagarjuna University.

Mr. Navin Kumar, Sr. Lecturer, Department of Psychology

- Presented a paper on 'Media Images and the Self' in a National Seminar organized by the college.
- Two articles on 'Role of Indian Culture in Today's World' and 'Role of Emotional Intelligence in Other Success of a Child' were published and broadcast by All India Radio for the NRI listeners through its foreign division.
- Member of interview process of a Nav Ratna PSU of Govt. of India for the post of Executive-Trainers for fifth consecutive year, and also curricular committee of NIOS for secondary courses in Psychology.
- On the interview panel of Television Media Network of the country in the selection of reporters, and also presented his views on kleptomania in a live programme.
- His talk on subjects like 'Violence and the Youth', 'Tantra-Mantra' 'Anti-Social Behaviour' was telecast live at least twenty times by Sahara Samay News Channel. His views on psychological issues got extensive coverage on Star News in its programme 'Kaun Hai'.
- Delivered a lecture at Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy Dehradun (Training Centre for IFS Probationers).
- Presented a paper in a National Seminar at India International Centre on 'Crises of Adolescents'. He received the best teacher award by an NGO.

Dr. Pooja Jaggi, Lecturer, Department of Psychology

- Presented a paper on 'Well Being and Perceived Success in Women Managers' at a National Conference on 'Psychology, Technology and Society', organized by National Academy of Psychology, IIT, Kanpur (December 17-19, 2007).

Dr. Atul Pratap Singh, Lecturer, Department of Social Work

- Authored a book: *Shram Kalyaan Evam Samajik Suraksha*, published by Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow in April, 2007.
- Authored a book: *Samajik Evam Manav Vikas*, published by Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow in July, 2007.
- Delivered lectures to the M. Phil students of Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow during Autumn Break (October 1-15, 2007).
- Presented a paper on 'Problem of Child Trafficking in India' at a National Seminar on 'Ensuring Children's Right to Survival, Protection and Development', organized by the Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow (December 14-15, 2007).
- Article published on "Problems and Possibilities Relating to Youth" in *Social Welfare*, Vol. 54 No. 10, January, 2008.
- Assigned the task of compiling annotated bibliography of the Doctoral Research conducted in Social Work in India by the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi.
- Participated in a National Seminar on 'Womens' Vending in Urban Spaces', organized by the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi (March 29-30, 2007).

- Attended Seminar on ‘Social Work and HIV/AIDS’ organized by IGNOU on December 1, 2007.

Mr. Bishnu Mohan Dash, Lecturer, Department of Social Work

- Article published on ‘Entrepreneurship through Cooperatives - An Ideal Vehicle for Sustainable Development for Women’, *Women’s Link*, Vol. 13(2), 2007.
- Wrote an unit on Social Movement for MSW course of IGNOU.
- Article published on ‘Self Help Groups: Viable Tool for Financial Inclusion’, *Financing Agriculture*, Vol. 39 (6), 2007.
- Article published on ‘Behavioral Problems of Children: Implications for Social Work Intervention’, *Journal of School Social Work*, vol. IV (5), 2007.
- Article published on ‘Right to 3 R: Needs and Challenge’ *Journal of School Social Work*, Vol. IV (6), 2007.
- Presented a paper ‘Determinants and Consequences of Migrant Working Children in Urban Spaces: Implications for Social Work Interventions’, and participated as a panelist for the technical session in a National Seminar on ‘Ensuring Children’s Rights to Protection, Survival and Development’ (December 14-15, 2007) organized by the Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow.
- Participated in a National Seminar on ‘Womens’ Vending in Urban Spaces’ organized by the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi (March 29-30, 2007).
- Attended Seminar on ‘Social Work and HIV/AIDS’, organized by IGNOU on December 1, 2007.
- Attended training programme on ‘SPSS’ organized by Delhi University Computer Centre from 29th January to 9th February, 2007.
- Attended training programme on ‘Qualitative Methods in Labour Research’ at V.V.Giri National Labour Institute, Noida from March 19-26, 2007.

Dr. Mohd. Shahid, Lecturer, Department of Social Work

- Awarded Ph.D. degree in Social Work on January 14, 2008 by the Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.
- Article published on ‘Representation of Muslims in Local Bodies: A Case Study of Aligarh District’ in *Muslims of Uttar Pradesh*, (Ed.) Abdul Waheed. AMU Press, Aligarh,
- Co-ordinated a play on “HIV/AIDS Vulnerabilities and Stigma”, performed by BSW students of the college at IGNOU on December 1,2007.

Mrs. Sangeeta Sharma , Lecturer, Department of Social Work

- Appointed as evaluator by the Delhi State AIDS Control Society (DSACS) in June, 2007.
- Presented a paper ‘HIV Prevention among Commercial Sex Workers: A Case Study of an NGO in North East Delhi’ at a National Seminar, organized by IGNOU and DON BOSCO Institute in Assam (October 16-19, 2007).
- Underwent “Training of Master Trainers for Implementation of NACP III” by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), October, 2007.
- Evaluated NGOs through joint appraisal team visit organized by NACO in December, 2007.

- Co-authored and presented paper on ‘Convention on the Rights of the Child and Response of Social Work Profession’ in a National Seminar on ‘Child Rights to Survival, Protection and Development’, organized by the Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow, December 14-15, 2007.
- Wrote a unit on Correctional Services for MSW course of IGNOU in December-January, 2008.
- Underwent a training programme for Assessor for NGOs, conducted by Credibility Alliance on February 1, 2008.

Ms. Tushti Bhardwaj, Lecturer, Department of Social Work

- Contributed chapters : (i) ‘Growth of Social Work Education and Training’; and (ii) ‘Involvement of Social Workers in Policy Formulation and Development’ as study material for MSW programme of IGNOU.
- Worked on a research project on ‘Prevalence of Psychological Distress in Cancer Patients: A Nation Wide Study’ of COPER, sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.
- Attended four days Workshop on ‘Leadership and Equality’ organized by ‘Sakshi’ – in collaboration with ‘Outward Bound Bharat’ at Nagpur, August 21-24, 2007.
- Attended Seminar on ‘Social Work and HIV/AIDS’, organised by IGNOU on December 1, 2007.
- Conducted ‘Personality Development Workshop’ for a Computer Hardware Institute’, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi.

Dr. Rajesh Upadhyaya, Reader, Department of Political Science was elected as a Member, DUTA Executive for the year 2007-09. The college congratulates him.

Dr. G. K. Arora, Principal

- Invited to speak in an International Workshop on ‘The New Forms of Cultural Co-operation in the Globalized World’, organized by St. Giorgio Cini Foundation, Venice, (Italy) during November 15-16, 2007. His trip was fully sponsored by the Foundation.
- Invited to speak on ‘Emerging Dimension of Indian Federalism’ in a 2-day Workshop, held at Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, March 22-23, 2007.
- Paper accepted in an International Conference on ‘Issues in Public Policy and Sustainable Development’, to be held at IGNOU (March 26-28, 2008).

PROMOTIONS

FROM LECTURER TO SR. SCALE

Mrs. Diljeet Kaur (Dept. of Commerce); Dr. Mohinder Singh Kadayan (Dept. of Geography); Dr. R. P. Dwivedi (Dept. of Hindi); Dr. M. P. Singh (Dept. of Hindi); Mr. Lalit Kumar (Dept. of Business Economics); Mr. Navin Kumar (Dept. of Psychology); and Dr. K. K. Sharma (Dept. of Physical Education).

FROM SR. SCALE TO READER'S GRADE/READER

Dr. Anita Srivastava (Dept. of Psychology); Dr. Mamta Walia (Dept. of Hindi); Dr. Chitra Rani (Dept. of Hindi); Dr. Rajender Prasad (Dept. of Hindi); Dr. Neerav Adalja (Dept. of Hindi); Dr. C. P. Sharma (Dept. of English); Dr. Rakesh Shahani (Dept. of Business Economics); Dr. Kalpana Goel (Dept. of Social Work); Mrs. Seema Sodhi (Dept. of Commerce); Mrs. Rajni (Dept. of Hindi); and Mrs. Pratibha Verma (Dept. of Business Economics).

FROM READER'S GRADE TO READER

Dr. Sujit Kumar (Dept. of Commerce).

FACULTY ON LEAVE IN PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Dr. Tanmaya Panda

Reader,
Department of Commerce

Associate Professor,
BITS, Pilani
(Dubai Campus) UAE.

Dr. G. S. Chauhan

Reader,
Department of Geography

Education Officer, UGC,
Hydrabad.

Mr. Abhram P. F.

Lecturer,
Department of Social Work

Emotional Well Being Worker,
South Australian Health
Department, Lower North
Health, Clare, South Australia.

Dr. Kalpana Goel

Lecturer in Reader's Grade,
Department of Social Work

Lecturer, University of
South Australia.

Dr. Sheoraj Singh

Lecturer in Sr. Scale
Department of Hindi

Research Fellow, Indian
Institute of Advance Studies,
Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NON-TEACHING STAFF

Mr. R. K. Sharma and Pushpender Dahiya participated in a workshop, 'Use of E-Resources and WWW in Teaching and Research', organized by the Delhi University Library System on March 12, 2007.

Ms. Pavitra Bhardwaj, Lab Attendant, Department of Geography was co-opted as a Member/Special Invitee in the Executive Committee of the Delhi University and College Karamchari Union. The college congratulates her.

Best Services : Let me take this opportunity to record my special thanks for Mr. Nand Kishore and Mr. V. S. Bedi for their dedicated services and Mr. Ashok Kumar for his adaptability; Mr. Ravinder Singh for performing multiple tasks effectively; Mr. Ravindra Kumar for his hard work; Mr. Rajender Bisht for his meticulous advance planning; Mr. Pushpender Dahiya for taking initiatives and accepting challenges; and Mr. Kishore Singh for his untiring services in the interest of the college.

UNIVERSITY TOPPERS

- Ms. Pushpa, B. Com, 2nd year.
- Mr. Hamid, B. A. (Hons) Social Work, 1st year.
- Ms. Manika Goel, B. A. (Hons) Social Work, 2nd year.

MEDALS

- Maa Laxmi Devi Memorial Gold Medal for the best student of Hindi Journalism is awarded to **Sumita** B. A. (Hons) Hindi Journalism and Mass Communication, 3rd year for the year 2007.
- Gold Medal for the best student in Business Economics of the college instituted by Prof. R. L. Varshney in memory of his late son, Yogesh Varshney. The Gold Medal is awarded to **Mayank Saxena** B. A. (Hons) Business Economics, 3rd year for the year 2007.
- Sheetal Prasad Singh Medal for excellence in Journalism is awarded to **Chanchal** B. A. (Hons) Hindi Journalism and Mass Communication, 3rd year for the year 2007.
- Babu P. N. Singh Medal for excellence in Social Service is awarded to **Vikash** B. A. (Hons) Social Work 3rd year for the year 2007.

BEST STUDENT COLLEGE AWARD

Yogesh Kumar, B. A. (Prog.) 3rd year is awarded the Best Student College Award for the year 2007-08.

Last but not the least, presenting this report before this august gathering has been a moment of pride for me, but the journey to reach this historic point has not been that easy. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to each and every member of the former Governing Body - particularly the Chairman (Dr. Ravi Chaturvedi), Treasurer (Mr. Laxman Rawat), Mr. Ganesh Seth, Prof. B. P. Sahu, Prof. Sudhish Pachauri and Prof. Feroze Ahmed; the University authorities, particularly the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Deepak Pental, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. S.K. Tandon, and University Proctor Prof. Gurmeet Singh; ex-Dean of Colleges Prof. Shirin Rathore; and Dean Prof. Nayanjot Lahiri.

I am personally indebted to all my colleagues, in the non-teaching staff including the Administrative Officer (Mr. A. K. Dhall), Section Officer (Mr. R. P. Dahman), SPA (Mr. Ram Kumar), Mr. Ravinder Singh and Cashier (Mr. Rajeev Saxena) and also in the teaching staff including the Bursar (Dr. S. S. Chawla), who stood behind me while working tirelessly for the welfare and stability of the college during all the eleven and half months in the face of so many constraints. I must thank Dr. C. P. Sharma for his consistent efforts in preparing this report; and Dr. M. S. Vats, Dr. Pramila Batra, Dr. Sarla Bhardwaj, Dr. Anula Maurya, Dr. D. K. Pandeya, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor and their teams for working hard for the Annual Day preparations.

I feel honoured by the presence of esteemed guests and offer my sincere thanks to you all from the core of my heart. Let me share with you that the college is gearing up for a new academic environment. The Government of NCT of Delhi has very recently given an administrative approval of 12 proposals related to auditorium, sports, car parking, etc. These will help the college in expanding its infrastructural base required for creating better and healthy academic environment. As a part of college vision, we are working hard on developing some job-oriented short term Add-on Courses; and other schemes like - Green Cadets to further motivate students to undertake community development and 'Earn While Learn' for the benefit of students. The college is also exploring how can we develop an Interdisciplinary Research Centre and bring out a Social Science and Language Journal to stimulate research and publication by the teaching faculty. Developing Rain Harvesting, Solar Paneling, Herbal Parks are other areas of our concern.

Before a close up, may I request my colleagues - let us ponder for a while – we celebrate the annual day year after year not only to take stock of our achievements, but also to introspect -what is still left to be done, so that we could plan the future better to achieve our goals and objectives. This can be done better by joining our hands together. This will help in building a better future not only for us, but also for the future generations. Hon'ble Guests, the college needs your blessings.

Thank you
G. K. Arora (Principal)

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS/GUESTS (2007-08)

- Prof. Namvar Singh, Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Antarashtriya Vishwavidhyala Wardha.
- Dr. Dharamkirti, a renowned scholar of Buddhist Literature and Philosophy.
- Prof. Deepak Pental, Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi.
- Prof. Pulin Naik, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.
- Prof. Aruna Broota, Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Delhi.
- Prof. Nayanjot Lahiri, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi.
- Dr. P. K. Gupta, Centre for Managements Studies Jamia Milia Islamia University.
- Prof. Ajay Tiwari, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi.
- Mr. Jaspal Singh, IPS, DCP, North-East District.
- Dr. N. K. Kakkar, Director, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies.
- Mr. Amod Kanth, IPS, Chief Vigilance Officer.
- Mr. Faizi O. Hashmi, Deputy Commissioner, New Delhi.
- Dr. Jai Prakash, Principal, Bhaskarcharya College of Applied Sciences, Delhi.
- Dr. Sunil Kanwar, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.
- Prof. Matadeen Madholia, Chairman, Dr.B. R. Ambedkar Education Trusts.
- Mr. V. P. Rao, Deputy Commissioner, North –East District.
- Prof. Rashmi Aggarwal, Department of Business Economics, South Campus, University of Delhi.
- Mr. Harminder Singh, Lecturer, School of Accounting, Economics and Finance, Deakin University, Australia.
- Prof. Vibha Chaturvedi, Director, Women Studies & Development Centre, University of Delhi.
- Dr. Ranjana Kuamri, Director, Centre for Social Research.
- Dr. Anjana Dhall, Principal, School of Nursing, GTB Hospital, Delhi.
- Dr. Padmini Singh, Prosecutor, C.B.I.
- Dr. Vinay Bhardwaj, Reader, Department of History, University of Delhi.
- Prof. Gurmeet Singh, Proctor and Professor in Chemistry, University of Delhi.
- Prof. R. P. Mishra, former Vice-Chancellor, Allahabad University.
- Ms. Jayshree Raghuraman, IAS, Secretary cum Director, Social Welfare and Women and Child Development, Government of NCT of Delhi.
- Prof. B. P. Sahu, Professor, Department of History and Dean, International and National Co-operation and Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Prof. N. K. Chadha, Professor in Psychology and Head, Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
- Prof. A. K. Bakshi, Director, Institute of Long Life Learning, University of Delhi.
- Prof. R. C. Sharma, Dean, IC&EMS, Delhi College of Engineering, University of Delhi.
- Mr. Surender Khanna, Former Indian Cricket Player.
- Mr. R. P. Singh, IPS.