

Institutional Distinctiveness

Located at the cusp of Old and New Delhi, Zakir Husain Delhi College, occupies a unique position because of its demographics and diversity. The college admits students from all the regions of India from different socio-economic backgrounds including first generation learners. The college has played a pivotal role in bridging educational gaps and has had a modernizing influence in the nearby areas. There are sizeable number of students from the walled city and the college provides relief to the girl students by offering relaxation in marks as approved by the university and has thus played a key role in the education of women students from the walled city. ZHDC is committed to fulfill its Institutional Social Responsibility by facilitating students' access to financial assistance and/or fee-concessions depending on their need through the Student Aid Committee. Additionally, the Staff Association has a voluntary fund to provide partial financial assistance to students towards meeting their fees. The college library offers Book Bank facility that loans books to students for the whole session with preference being given to economically underprivileged students

Building on its rich historical legacy, the college is a beautiful blend of tradition and modernity and offers opportunities to student to excel in sciences as well as classical languages. ZHDC takes pride in offering Persian and Arabic at the honours level, the only college in Delhi University to do so. The college also offers Urdu, Sanskrit, Bengali, other than Hindi and English. The presence of such diverse range of languages has contributed towards building a pluralistic ethos and a vibrant literary culture. There are magazines in all almost all the languages and creative and academic events are organized by different language departments. We have the unique distinction of hosting *bait baazi*, ghazal competitions, *mushairas*, *dasatngoi* performances along with Sanskrit *shloka* recitations and Rabindra sangeet.

Other than excelling in academics, the focus of our institution is to foster a culture of peace and tolerance and to this end our Gandhi Study Circle, an initiative of the University of Delhi and the Zakir Husain Delhi College, spreads the message of Mahatma Gandhi especially among the youth and students by organizing a host of activities in terms of lectures, seminars and symposiums. To build well rounded personality, the students also take part in cultural events, engage in sporting activities, and also take part in community outreach programmes organized by the NSS.

Zakir Husain Delhi College continues to adapt itself to the rapidly changing educational and technological advances while also contributing immensely towards education and empowerment of the marginalized sections of society. To nurture diversity and integrate students in a syncretic ethos is our constant endeavour and remains our institutional distinctiveness.