

Annual Report 2015

Honourable guests, members of the college community and my dear students, I heartily welcome you all to the College Annual Day, the Day for which you have really worked hard, right from your academic scores to sports events, from NCC parades to NSS camps, from Departmental societies to Arts & Culture Society. Well, the day has arrived and we all are here with our distinguished guest and invited dignitaries to appreciate your efforts. It is a pleasure to introduce the chief guest for the day, Mr. Ravi Chaturvedi.

Mr. Ravi Chaturvedi hails from Delhi and was a faculty member of Zoology for forty years at our College. In 1960, the Government of India decided to have Hindi coverage of all major sporting events and Ravi Chaturvedi joined All India Radio as its first Hindi Commentator in 1962. As the first Hindi Cricket Commentator, Chaturvedi evolved appropriate language, phraseology and terminology. Wisden, a cricket magazine from England regarded as the Bible of cricket, has lauded Chaturvedi's commentary career. Over the years, he has covered 102 tests and 215 ODIs in cricket, apart from other sporting events. He has also been associated with Doordarshan, BBC and Voice of America, for sports coverage. He has assisted UNESCO and World Wide Fund for Nature in an international project "Naming of Cricketing Countries based on their Endangered Animal for Fostering Peace, International Understanding and Promoting Environmental Protection". Chaturvedi has authored 20 books on cricket of which 15 are in English and the rest in Hindi. Some of his notable books are :

World Cup Cricket; A compendium
Millennium's Greatest Indian Cricketers
Cricket Ke Sitare (The Stars of Cricket)
The Complete Book of West Indies-India Test Cricket
Legendary Indian Cricketers (Men, Moments and Memories)
Cricket Ki Rochak Baten (Interesting Facts of Cricket)
World Cup Cricket

In the year 2012, he was honoured by the Government of India with the fourth highest Indian Civilian award i.e., Padma Shri.

Respected Sir, we at Zakir Husain Delhi College are honoured to have you with us.

With due thanks to Almighty and with a deep sense of pleasure, I now present the Annual Report for the academic year 2014-15 to this august gathering.

We start with the important college events and performance reports of our college societies.

Every year the College hosts two Annual memorial lectures. **The Delhi College Memorial Lecture** and the **Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture**. This year the 8th Delhi College Memorial Lecture was delivered by the famous historian, author, journalist and a prominent figure in the city of Delhi, Mr. R. V. Smith on "The Lingering Charm of Delhi", on 5th November 2014. The lecture was interspersed with his nostalgia for Delhi's rich cultural past and described his profound experiences. The 27th Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture was delivered on 24th February 2015 by Mr. Siddharth Varadarajan, eminent

journalist and presently senior Fellow, Centre for Public affairs and Critical Theory, Shiv Nadar University on the topic “1984, 1989, 2002: Three Narratives of Injustice and Lessons for Democracy”.

Zakir Husain Delhi College is the only College of the University of Delhi to hold a convocation ceremony for undergraduate students. This year the **8th Annual Convocation** was held on 4th March 2015. Honorable Lt. Governor Shri Najeeb Jung presided over the convocation as the Chief Guest and conferred the graduating students of 2013 with their degrees. A total of 519 degrees were conferred at the convocation.

In this academic session, ten of our students were selected for **Gyanodaya V** project of University of Delhi. These students along with Dr. Sunil Kumar represented our college and visited the North Eastern State Manipur. During the visit they did a short project on **Phabou nga** a staple fish ingredient of most of the Manipuri cuisines. The research work has been accepted for publication in the DU journal. Also, our team was recognized as the “Best Disciplined Team” amongst the colleges which visited Manipur.

This year, the theme for the University festival, **Antardhwani** was “University of Delhi: Meeting Challenges of India”. For this event our College focussed on our role as a constituent college of the University of Delhi in identifying and meeting the challenges. The exhibition pavillion described the pluralism that exists in society, while discussing the prevalent gender inequality and instances of child abuse. Special mention was made of women empowerment initiatives and to build a scientific temper amongst the youth, the exhibition detailed the importance of Maths in sports and Maths for the environment. The effects of social media as a platform, and its relevance was also discussed.

The National Institute of Immunology (NII) has recently formulated a detailed program to connect itself to undergraduate colleges, working out the principles, scope and mode of implementation in informal consultation with several colleges of the University of Delhi. The program is aptly named as Science Setu. I am happy to share with you all that our college has been selected for this program. We signed an MoU with NII on 26th March 2015. Under this scheme our students will be benefitted by the expert scientist of NII, through lectures, training and other hands on activities.

SOCIETY REPORTS

Arabic Society, Al-Nadi Al-Arabi

Coordinator: Dr. Mohd. Qasim

The Arabic Society organised two monthly oratory sessions in September 2014 and March 2015, a poetry recitation competition in October 2014, and a general knowledge quiz competition in February 2015. Two issues of the Arabic wall magazine 'Al-Qalam' were also published.

Arts and Culture Society

Coordinator: Dr. Babeeta Kaula

Arts and Culture Society, continues its efforts in preserving and strengthening our rich cultural heritage. With the fresh batch of students inducted this year, the College organised a series of workshops in theatre, dance and music. These workshops were followed by performances such as “Jasma Odan” a

Gujarati folk play directed by Surendra Sharma and “Ta Na De Re Na 2015 – Santo ki Vaani ” a musical performance directed by Arindam Mukhopadhyay from Gandharva Mahavidyalaya. The College choir was invited by the Culture Council of the University of Delhi to perform on several occasions such as Antardhwani, Patel Jayanti and Foreign Students' Orientation Programme. Students were also invited by the Department of Environment, Government of NCT to present a street play “Say No to Crackers” at Dilli Haat INA. The students of the Dance society participated in various intercollege festivals and won prizes at Gargi college, Miranda House and Hindu college for Indian Classical Duet. More recently, on 20th March, the Shakespeare Society of India hosted its Annual National Seminar on the theme “Shakespeare and the Street”. On their invitation, our theater group performed “Jaafar”, the Urdu adaptation of Julius Caesar. They were awarded Runner-up position in this National event. The lead actor Zeeshan Khan was declared Runner-up Best Actor. Their performance was appreciated by one and all. I would like to share and quote what Prof. Jonathan G Harris, President Shakespeare Society of India wrote to me in his letter of appreciation, and I quote “The audience were transfixed by their performance, and the applause at the end was robust. The troupe performed with a mixture of passion and professional expertise that did them, and Zakir Husain Delhi college, proud”.

Bengali Literary Society

Coordinator: Dr. Sharmistha Sen

This year, the 3rd Gopa Dey Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Amitava Chakraborty, Associate Prof. Department of MIL&LS, Delhi University, on *Politics of Aesthetics: 20th century Literary Discourse*. On this occasion, five students from Bengali (Hons.) received merit-based scholarships for academics and Extra-curricular Activities which were funded by Mr. B.K.Dey, husband of Late Dr. Gopa Dey.

Botanical Society

Coordinator: Dr. Tabassum Jehan

A series of events were organized under the auspices of the Botanical Society ‘Nargis’ for the session 2014-15. The activities of the society were inaugurated on August 21, 2014 by Prof. Suman Lakhanpaul, Department of Botany, University of Delhi through a lecture on the topic ‘Crop domestication: from early days to modern biotechnology’. It was followed by the fresher’s welcome. An inter-college paper presentation competition was held on September 28, 2014 on ‘Natural Disasters: Act of God or Manmade?’ The society organized its annual festival of various inter-college competitions on February 4, 2015. Students participated enthusiastically in different events like rangoli, flower arrangement, slogan writing, botanical crossword, floral card making and treasure hunt. Our team won the inter-college Botanical Quiz Rolling trophy from Kirori Mal College. The inter-college Environment Quiz for the Zakir Husain Delhi College Running Trophy was also held in this month only.

Chemistry Society

Coordinator: Dr. Sangeeta Pandita

The Chemistry Society organized the fresher's welcome on 3rd September 2014. The annual chemistry society lecture was delivered on 16th September 2014 by Dr. S.K. Dhawan, Principle Scientist, National Physical Laboratory, Delhi on “Conducting Polymers for Electronic Applications”. On his invitation students visited the NPL campus for interaction with scientists on occasion of the CSIR Foundation

Day. Taking a break from the rigours of the classroom, students organized a cricket match where the third year students were beaten comfortably by the combined team of first and second years. Maintaining the spirit of “without hesitation, repetition or deviation”, Just A Minute was organized on 16th February 2015. Gaining momentum through the event, the society set pace for the intercollegiate festival, ZUSAMMEN on 9th March 2015 reviving the goodness of intense quizzing, creative rangoli, constructive group discussion, scientifically themed power point presentations, fun in chemistry lab and also the popular Sudoku. An industrial visit and a farewell for the outgoing chemistry honours students in the month of April will conclude activities of the society for 2014-15.

Chimera

Coordinator: Dr. Fahim Ansari

Chimera completed one year on the 28th of September 2015. The Delhi University Photographers' Club (DUPC) organises regular photowalks which are open to all members of CHIMERA. The first workshop organised by DUPC was at Jesus & Mary College. The Club organised a workshop, conducted by Anirudh Shrivastava on the rules of exposure, composition rules, attachments and accessories, white balance and dynamic frames. The Club covered several events organised by the Arts and Culture Society of the college on the occasion of Independence Day, "Jasma Odan", the fresher's take off, "Ta Na De Re Na" and the Aadab annual fest. The students participated in many online and offline photography competitions organised by colleges across Delhi NCR. They also visited a farm near Mayur Vihar for a photo-expedition.

Commerce Society

Coordinator: Swati Aggarwal

The Society organised a fresher's welcome in August. On Teacher's Day it organized a seminar on *Effective writing and communication skill* by Dr. Rich Rice. An essay writing competition on *World Com* was held in December. The annual inter-college departmental fest 'Innovision' was organized in February with activities like debate, IPL Bidding, Quiz and Treasure Hunt. Some educational seminars were organised, chaired by eminent personalities like Dr. Vinod Kumar and Prof. Amit Goyal. Apart from academic events, a friendly cricket match for the final year students was held. A departmental trip was also organized to Kanatal in March.

Economics Society

Coordinator: Dr. Simin Akhtar

The Economics Society organised The Fourth Annual Economics Symposium of the department in March, 2015, flagged off by the inaugural lecture on 'Indian Economy and the challenge of Human Development' by Prof. Halima Sadia Rizvi, Dept. of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia. The lecture was followed by a poster-making competition on the theme, 'Poverty, Inequality and the great Indian Dream' followed by other events including Inter-College Quiz, Debate on the theme 'Budget 2015: Making the rich, richer', and Essay Writing on 'Inclusive Development for 1.25 billion'. The Fourth issue of the Department's Annual Journal 'Rise' was released in the Symposium, along with the journal's online version. The Society is also organizing a field-trip for selected members of the Journal's editorial board to Pahalgam, Kashmir, for a seminar on 'Women and Education'. The Society also takes pride in the selection of our student, Sukriti Hatgaonkar for presenting a paper entitled,

'Empowering Indian Women through Self Help Groups' in a Seminar on 'Gender and Livelihood: Opportunities and challenges', organised by Barkatullah University, Bhopal.

Electronics Society

Coordinator: Dr. P. K. Shishodia

The electronics society started the year 2014 -15 with inaugural lecture by Dr P.K. Chaudhary Scientist - G , at SSPL, DRDO on 5th September. The third year students went to a 2-day *National Robotics Arduino Boot camp* organized by EFY magazine and CIC, University of Delhi. The department students also went to workshops on *Semiconductor and its advancement* organized by DRDO and IEEE and a national workshop on *Intellectual property and its rights* organized by FICCI and Department of science of technology (DST). This year various intra-departmental competitions on Circuit simulation and C++ programming were also organized. Students are also working on *Solar cell* project and *Reverse engineering of Power Supply* and *Signal Generators*. The students also went to National Physics Laboratory for an educational visit. This year the department has also started an intra-departmental Magazine bank for students, in which various magazines are interchanged between the teachers and students. An initiative taken by the teachers, the students of the department formed a self-learning independent Robotics Group, *Phoenix*. They have developed PCB designing techniques, Line Follower robot and a RC controlled robot. A workshop on microcontrollers is going to be held by the group in the second week of April.

Enabling Unit

Coordinator: Ms. Savita Singh

The enabling unit (Hum Honge Kamyab) has been a fully functional body in the College since the implementation of XI UGC financial plan. Since then it has been catering to the needs of students with different abilities. College has made suitable modifications in its existing infrastructure under the XI financial plan. Now the College has ramps, a special toilet and an elevator with essential Braille labels and audio support. The enabling unit organized a special help desk to assist physically challenged students in their admission process. There are 25 students enrolled in different courses for the current academic year. The unit organizes regular meetings with the students to address their concerns and problems. The College has subscribed Braille magazines to fulfill the recreation and information needs of the students with visual disability. The unit also provides essential Braille stationary to the students in the College premises itself. Our students participate in various inter-college cultural fests and the annual sports meet organized by the Equal Opportunity Center of University of Delhi. The unit also organized a one day workshop to generate awareness and sensitization regarding challenges faced by persons with disabilities. The Unit is also planning to take the students out for a one day picnic in the near future considering their special concerns.

English Literary Society

Coordinator: Dr. Bodh Prakash

The English Literary Society organized a creative writing competition in September 2014, followed by

a lecture delivered by Dr. Sukrita Paul Kumar, on the aesthetics of artistic creation. The innovation project team of Delhi College of Arts and Commerce put up an informative exhibition on “Representation of the Courtesan Figure” in January 2015. Dr. Shweta Sachdeva Jha from Miranda House was invited on the occasion to deliver a talk on “Courtesan Culture”. The annual literary fest “Rhapsody” was held in March 2015. Dr. Margrit Pernau, from the Max Plank Institute at Berlin, delivered a talk on “Emotions in Space”. The Department newsletter was also released and events such as a quiz, a creative writing competition, a mono-acting event and an online photography competition were held.

Equal Opportunity Cell

Coordinator: Dr. Nadira Arif

With an objective to improve academic skills and linguistic proficiency of students belonging to SC/ST/OBC/ and Minority Communities and to prepare III year students for various entrance exams English Remedial Classes for I Year and II Year students, and Capacity building classes for III Year students are being held regularly in the college.

Gandhi Study Circle

Coordinator: Dr. Sanjeev Kumar

The Gandhi Study Circle is an initiative of the Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi and Zakir Husain Delhi College to spread the message of Gandhi. During the academic session 2014-15, a visit to Rajghat, Gandhi Smriti, Darshan Samitee and National Gandhi Museum was organised for the students to make them familiar with the Gandhian values. Noted Gandhian activist Tara Gandhi was invited to deliver a talk on “*Gandhi and the Modern Youth*”. A two day Inter-college Discourse on “*Gandhi and the Global World*” was held in February with a Poster-Making competition on the theme “*Gandhi and Environment*” and a lecture was delivered by Prof. Ashok Acharya from the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi. A street play was enacted by the students of the College on the theme, “Gandhi and Today's India”. A debate on “*Satyagraha as the only tool of Social Change*” and a quiz on Gandhi were held on the second day.

Girl's Association

Coordinator: Dr. Anita Katna

A poster making competition on “Women's participation in electoral politics” was organized on February 3, 2015. A debate on the topic “Women are taken for granted by the media” was held on February 6, 2015. Also, on February 13, 2015 a panel discussion on “Social Networking: Expectations and Challenges” was conducted. The association held the “Talent Search” Program on March 11, 2015 during which activities like mehndi, rangoli, singing and dance were organized.

Internal Complaints Committee

Coordinator: Dr. Sharmistha Sen

This year the committee received two complaints, which were later found to be case of indiscipline and were taken care of with the help of the concerned departments and resolved to the utmost satisfaction of the complainants. Apart from a poster-making competition this year, the committee held one lecture by activist and eminent scholar and documentary film-maker Dr. Nirmalya Samanta on ‘Women and Media’.

Life Science Society

Coordinator: Dr. Malti Gupta

The Life Science Society, “Fusion” organized its inaugural function and Fresher's Welcome Party on 27th August, 2014. Dr. Mallikarjun N. Shakarad, from the Department of Zoology, University of Delhi, delivered a talk on “Theory of Evolutionary Biology”. The society organised its Annual Fest “CHEMBOLOGY” on 27th February 2015. Inter- and intra- college level competitions like Leaf Art, Cartoonist in You, Science Pictionary, Speak it Up, and Matki Decoration were held.

Media Committee

Coordinator: Dr. Ratnum Kaul Wattal

Various important events of the college were covered by the media in the year 2014-2015. The media team of the college relentlessly worked towards getting the events covered by the English, Hindi and Urdu media.

Nature & Environment Club

Coordinator: Dr. Prabhakar Rao

Nature & Environment Club was inaugurated by Ms. Bahar Dutt, an environment and wildlife journalist on 22nd September 2014. On 24th September 2014, the Club invited members of the international environment conservation society GREENPEACE to talk about their recent work in bringing sustainable solar energy to rural India as well as saving life-giving forest areas from being cut. With the society “Compassionate Living”, the Club organized a TREE CENSUS in our college campus on 28th October 2014. During Diwali, the Club also organized an ANTI-CRACKER CAMPAIGNE with the NSS to raise awareness about the harm caused by fireworks to the environment as well as funding child labour. In collaboration with “ECOEXTIS”, the ecology society has provided nature-friendly colours for Holi to students and teachers. The society planned a one day trip to Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary on 9th March. For the very first time, we organized an ecology festival, called JAMBOREE on the 25th March. Jamboree had 5 events: Photography contest (Honey Lens), Best out of waste, Poster making (Postereenie), Quiz competition and a debate on the issue of “development at the cost of environment”. In order to gain knowledge about the richness and the diverseness of wildlife with all its uniqueness, the club has taken the initiative of organizing a tour to “Madhav National Park” on 29th March 2015.

NCC

Coordinator: Captain (Dr.) M. M. Raheman

Zakir Husain Delhi College is known as the pride of the 7 Delhi Battalion in the Group ‘C’. Under the superb and enterprising guidance of our NCC officer, Captain (Dr.) M. M Rahman we are proud to be a part of the Delhi Directorate. The session 2014-15 witnessed a series of significant achievements. Camps are an integral part of a cadet’s life and the cadets of Zakir Husain Delhi College participated in full gusto.

- *The Republic Day Camp* is considered to be the most significant camp in the NCC. The following cadets were selected this year: CDT Manpreet Singh Dalal, CDT Manish, and CDT Vikas Shakya.
- *The Army Attachment Camp* was held in the Meerut cantonment between late October and early

November. Eighteen cadets from our college participated in the camp where they were under the guidance of training JCOs of the 17 Jat Regiment.

- *The All India Trekking Camp*, also known as the Sardar Patel Narmada Trek, was organised in Gujarat where thirteen cadets of our college got selected. The Delhi Directorate acquired the second position in this camp over others. In the camp, JUO Jagdish Prasad and JUO Manoj Kumar were elected as the best leaders, followed by CDT Rajat Kumar and JUO Manoj Kumar who had bagged the first position in Piloting in the Additional Directorate. Achieving second position in the volleyball competition was no less than a cherry on the cake for the college NCC.
- *The Chief Minister Rally* takes place under the direct supervision of Delhi's honourable Chief Minister. Four cadets of our college got nominated as well as selected in this camp. JUO Manoj Kumar, JUO Jagdish Prasad, JUO Hardik Sharma and CDT Akshay Jain.
- At the *Advanced Leadership Camp*, the Defence officers provide cadets with rigorous training for SSB screening and for various other entrance examinations. Out of the four cadets selected by the Delhi Directorate, two, namely JUO Hardik Sharma and CDT Shiv Kant were from our college. Due to the sincerity of his service and the diligence of his effort, JUO Hardik Sharma played the role of the best leader of this camp.
- *The Annual Training Camp* was organised in the month of September in which about forty cadets of the 7 Delhi Battalion were trained and improved their skills.
- *The Combined Annual Training Camp* has always proved as a nostrum to cadets in terms of basic military training. It was organised in the month of June and thirty cadets of the 7 Delhi Battalion took part and yet again proved themselves the best of the rest.
- *The National Integration Camp* was held in Bhubhaneshwar, Orissa in October. Out of the ten finalised cadets of the Delhi Directorate, four of them were of this prestigious college, namely: JUO Jagdish Prasad, JUO Manoj Kumar, JUO Hardik Sharma and CDT Abhay Kumar. It brings us pride and happiness to announce that as always, the cadets of Zakir Husain Delhi College attained the first prize in various cultural events in this camp.
- The exciting and adventurous *Snow Skiing Camp* was organised in the Northern hilly regions of India - in Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir. Cadets were thoroughly trained at this scenic place. Out of four cadets selected by the Delhi Directorate, cadet Vikas Kumar of our college got in to this enduring camp.
- *Prize Distribution Ceremony*: The function was organised on 16th March, 2015. The chief guest at the occasion was Group Captain Ranjib Sahoo (Group Commander, Group-C Headquarter). The guests of honour were Col. R.S. Hooda (Commanding Officer, 7 Delhi BN NCC), Surinder Jeet Kaur (ACP Chanakyapuri), Dr. R.K. Singh (Dy. Dean Academics, DU)
- *16th Annual Festival*: The Annual Festival "SALUTE-2015" was also organised. The chief guest was Mr. Paramaditya, IPS (DCP, Central District)

NSS

Coordinator: Mr. Mukesh Kumar Jain

The volunteers organized a help desk to guide and share information with students seeking admission in our college. The orientation programme, chaired by eminent scientist and a college governing body member, Dr. Shahid Jameel; was held in September 2014 to enroll volunteers. Two students, Sukhram and Mohit Kumar, both from Hindi (Hons.) III year; were selected for the Pre-Republic Day Parade. Two students, Deepak Kumar and Rohit Kumar, both from Hindi (Hons.) III year; were selected and participated in the Nineteenth National Youth Convention and Festival by the Government of India, at Guwahati, Assam. The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan initiated by the Government of India was carried forward by organizing regular cleanliness drives, especially during Students elections week. The candidates lent a helping hand by advocating a litter free campaign. A number of activities were organized under the cleanliness drive such as poster making competition, holding an exhibition and observing weekly inspection of college. The other activities organized during the year included:-

- a. Flag distribution during Republic – Day Celebration at college
- b. Ekta March on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas
- c. Blood Donation camp
- d. " Say No to crackers" campaign during Diwali.
- e. Collection for J & K Relief
- f. Provision of assistance in college functions like Delhi College Lecture, Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture, Convocation, Annual Day etc.
- g. Lecture on Global Warming
- h. NSS Volunteers also participated in Nukkad Natak on the theme of 'Child Rights' in University Cultural Festival – Antardhvani 2015.

Physics Society

Coordinator: Dr. Gayatri Shishodia

Physics society began its activity with a fresher's welcome and appointed its office bearers for the year 2014-15. A talk by Prof. Vinay Gupta of Department of Physics and Astrophysics, University of Delhi, was held on "Material for energy Harvesting". Subsequently, other activities such as poster making, quiz, pick and speak etc. were also held.

Political Science Society

Coordinator: Dr. Aftab Alam

The Department of Political Science held direct elections to elect the office bearers for the Political Science Society, Avaam. It witnessed much enthusiasm among students with a voter turnout of 69%. The Department organized the screening of the television series *Samvidhan* to acquaint the students with the Constituent Assembly debates in August-September, 2014. A talk by eminent feminist scholar Prof. Nivedita Menon on *Nation, Community and Gender* was organized on 28th October, 2014. The Department undertook a one day educational trip to Agra in February, 2015. The Second issue of the Departmental magazine *Awaaz* was published on the theme of Elections. The Annual Departmental fest was held on 24th March 2015 in which students participated in various competitive events. The inaugural lecture was delivered by the famous activist Shabnam Hashmi on the theme 'Struggles to Safeguard Democracy'.

Quiz Society

Coordinator: Dr. Sangeeta Pandita

Quintessence, the quiz society Quizathon, a series of intra-college quizzes. It started with General quiz on 22nd September 2014 ensued by Sports, History and mythology quiz and Biztech quiz on 23rd, 24th and 25th September respectively. The society formulated an Inter-college and school quiz event – CONOSCENZA on 16th October 2014. Mr. Saad Ashraf an alumnus of the college and one of the founding members of the society was the quizmaster of the event. The event saw participation from across the colleges in huge numbers. The second season of Quizathon featured Bollywood Quiz, India Quiz and MELA Quiz held on 28th, 29th and 30th of January 2015 respectively. The society started a new initiative of weekly quiz sessions which are open to all. Quintessence members represented the college at various intercollegiate/national level quizzes organized by IITD, AIIMS, INTACH, Central Bank of India, SRCC, IITD, St. Stephens, Miranda House and LSR among others and bagged podium positions and brought laurels to the college. The much awaited Quiz-fest of the quiz circuit – QUINTESSENCE'15 was held on 25th and 26th of March 2015 with a gala of six back to back quizzes namely General quiz, India quiz, MELA quiz, Sports quiz, History, War and Politics quiz and Sci-Tech quiz.

Sanskrit Department

Coordinator: Dr. Sharda Verma

The department organised a lecture by eminent scholar Dr. I.R. Dwivedi from LBS Sanskrit Vidyapeeth on "A review of modern sanskrit literature". It also organized an inter-class *sloka* competition and paper reading competition for students.

Sports

Coordinator: Ms. Sayema Ahmed

In February, the 27th Zakir Husain Memorial Football Tournament was held in the College and the College team retained the Zakir Husain Memorial Football Tournament Trophy for the second consecutive year defeating the Jamia Millia Islamia team in a tie breaker. The team also won the First Invitational Inter-College Youth League 2014. Six footballers represented the University of Delhi at the North Zone and the All-India Inter-University Football Championship. The College Judo team bagged the second place in the Inter-College Judo Competition organized by the Delhi University Sports Council. The Chess Team stood fourth in the Inter-College Chess Tournament organized by the Delhi University Sports Council.

Urdu Department

Coordinator: Dr. Shah Alam

Bazm-e-Adab, the cultural and literary organization of the Department of Urdu organised inter-class events like Bait Bazi and Ghazal Recitation. Inter-college Bait Bazi and Ghazal Recitation were organized on 3rd. March. A National Seminar on "Deputy Nazeer Ahmad: Life and Works" was held in April 2014. More recently, on 20th & 21st. March, Bazm e Adab in collaboration with Anjuman Farogh e Science Organized the First "Urdu Science Congress". It was a unique event, never held so far any

where in the country. Participants from different states of the country presented as many as 28 papers. The financial support from NCPUL is gratefully acknowledged.

Zoological Society

Coordinator: Dr. Satish Ganta

The zoological society "Inheritance" started its activities in September 2014 with fresher's welcome and appointment of student office bearers. On this occasion, Dr. Deepak Sehgal, Professor and Head, Department of Life Sciences, Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida delivered a lecture on *Past, Present, and Future of Biotechnology*. The society organized a 4 day education-cum-excursion trip to Himalayan Biodiversity Park, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh in October 2014. The annual function was held in March 2015, with activities like General Quiz, Dare to eat, Treasure Hunt, and Just a minute. These activities were followed by a prize distribution and farewell function for B.Sc. (H) Zoology III year students.

WUS – DUC

Coordinator: Dr. Anita Katna

World University Services - Delhi University Committee (WUS-DUC) focuses on education, development and human rights. The objective of this committee is to conduct different programs to inculcate self-reliance and responsibility on various social issues amongst the university students. The Zakir Husain Delhi College WUS-DUC wing rendered necessary assistance to students to participate in an on-line survey entitled "Pattern of using mobile phone amongst students" for WUS-DUC. Selected students also participated in an interactive session on the survey which was addressed by Prof. Anand Prakash.

The following societies are also a part of the College, but this year their reports were not received. These are Bioscope Film Society, the Debating Society, the Garden Committee, Gender Sensitization Committee, Katha Club; and some Departmental Reports.

The strength of any institution lies in its workforce. It is with a sense of appreciation that I now speak of the achievements and accomplishments of our faculty.

TEACHER'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Arabic Department

Amir Jamal published a book on Arabic Grammar, 'Arabic: Learn the Easy Way' in October 2014.

Dr. Md. Obaidullah Urf Mohiuddin was awarded his Ph.D. in December 2014.

Dr. Mohd Qasim presented his research paper in International Seminar organized by University of Kerala on 5th Feb. 2015.

Botany Department

Dr. Babita C. Kaula was awarded a project by University of Delhi under Innovation Project Scheme and she set up a fully working laboratory on handmade paper-making with the help of the College and Department of Environment, Government of NCT.

Chemistry Department

Dr. K.K. Arora published a book titled “Systematic Approach to Organic Chemistry, Volume I” and also recorded 8 video lectures at ITI (Roorkee) on organic chemistry from UGC curriculum under National Mission for Education through ICT, a Project of MHRD. He also participated as a resource person in NCERT workshops on teaching strategies.

Dr. Sangeeta Pandita published papers in one national and two international journals. She was also the principal investigator in a Delhi University Innovation Project "Use of Innovative Raw Materials for handmade Paper Making".

Dr. Sarita Passey published two papers in national journals including one titled, “BODMEL: A Compact Apparatus for Simple Distillation, boiling point and melting point determination”, in Journal of Laboratory Chemical Education. She was awarded the innovation project 'Use of Innovative raw materials for handmade paper making' under the University Innovation Projects Scheme. She also set up a handmade paper making lab in the college which uses waste paper generated in college to make handmade paper sheets.

Dr. Sulekh Chandra was elected member of Council and Associate Editor for Indian Chemical Society. He was also elected Chairman, Northern Region Society of Ecotoxicology and environment science (ICEES). Four students under his supervision were awarded their Ph.D degrees. He was also awarded a research project on “Novel Transition Metal Complexes Encapsulated in Various Mesoporous Silicas: Catalytic Activities Studies in Selective Organic Transformations”, funded by DRDO, New Delhi.

Commerce Department

Dr. Abdul Wahid Farooqi published a book entitled "Principle and Practice of Insurance" and presented two papers in national seminars including one titled, “Islamic Banking in India: Strategies and Innovation” in a National Conference on Emerging Issues in International Trade and Finance organised by Deen Dayal Upadhyay College, University of Delhi. He was also a resource person in an international seminar on ‘Global Economic Revival: A Changing Scenario; organised by Department of Business Administration, Jamal Mohammad College, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu.

Dr. Reeta published two papers including one titled, “Social Responsibility and Ethics in Marketing”, in Assimilation, International Journal of Social Sciences. She also presented a paper titled "Special Financial Incentive Schemes for Girl Child in India" in a national seminar.

Dr. Shruti Gupta was awarded a PhD degree in Finance from Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. She also presented a paper on "Strategic Financial management Practices in BPO industry: Development of an index of professionalism" in the 3rd Annual Commerce Convocation, Delhi University.

Economics Department

Ms. Shirin Akhtar published a paper titled “Corporate Social Responsibility as a Strategic Tool for creating greater Economic Value” in the Journal of Innovative Business Management and presented two papers in national seminars.

Ms. Simin Akhtar Naqvi published a paper titled “Discriminatory Social System & Women in Indian Labour Markets” in the International Journal of Development Studies & Research. She also presented a paper at the 33rd IARIW General Conference held in Rotterdam, Netherlands. She was also invited as a speaker in a national seminar on Women and Education in Jammu and Kashmir, organised by HWD, Pahalgam and as a speaker on Changing Mindsets for Empowering Women at the Centre for Dalit and Minority Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia.

English Department

Dr. Mukul Chaturvedi presented a paper, “Ethical Witnessing: The Poetics and Politics of Testimony” at the first Global Conference on Testimony: Memory, Trauma, Truth, Engagement in July at Mansfield College, University of Oxford in July. She also presented a paper, “Who is speaking thus? Ethics of representation in Oral History Narrative” in a UGC sponsored National Seminar *Intersections: History and Literature* at DCAC, University of Delhi.

Shraddha A. Singh published a paper titled, “Body as Text and Context in the works of Atwood and Goswami”, in the edited book *Gender and Diversity: India, Canada and Beyond*.

History Department

Dr. Devesh Vijay published four papers including one titled, “Emergent Ruralities: A Rejoinder” in the Economic and political Weekly and a working paper titled, “Livelihoods in the Periphery of Delhi, circa 1930-2012” at the Institute of Economic Growth. He also presented four papers in national level seminars of which two were, “Changing Caste Order: Glimpses from a Village and a Slum near Delhi at a National Seminar on ‘India between Caste and Castelessness in the Era of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization’ at Jawaharlal Nehru University in July 2014 and another paper on “Changing Livelihoods in Two Working Class Communities of North India: 1988-2012” at the Department of Sociology, University of Delhi.

Mathematics Department

Dr. Gautam Barisagar was awarded a Ph.D degree by IIT, Mumbai. He co-authored two papers in the Journal of Algebra and RMS Lecture Series and delivered two invited lectures at TIFR, Mumbai and ISI Delhi.

Dr. Abdullah published 6 papers in international journals including one titled, “Characterization of Lipschitz spaces and the Zygmund Class using wavelet packets” in the International Journal of modern Science and Engineering Technology and another titled, “On the Characterization of non-uniform wavelet sets on positive half line”, in the Journal of Information and Computing Science. He also presented papers in three international conferences held in Jamia Millia Islamia, University of Delhi and Panjabi University, Patiala respectively.

Persian Departmental

Dr. Jameel ur Rehman published an edited book titled “Delhi of Mughals: Culture and Topography”. He also presented a paper titled "Hayat-o-khidmat-e-Ibn Sina" in an International Seminar on "Life & Contribution of Ibn Sina". He also presented a paper entitled "Sheen Partu-wa-Dastan- Hayash" in a

National Seminar on "Modern Persian Literature" organised by Department of Persian, University of Mumbai.

Dr. Jamshed Khan published an edited book titled, "Delhi of Mughals: Culture and Topography". He presented a paper titled "A brief survey of Modern Persian Short Story Writing Iran" in a National Seminar on "Modern Persian Literature" held at the department of Persian, University of Mumbai.

Mr. Malik Saleem Javed participated in a three day International Seminar on "Society and culture in Indo-Persian Literature during Sultanate Period (Circa 13-16)" organized by the Department of Persian, University of Delhi and presented a paper titled: "Namuna-e-Farsi Dar Dora-E-Sultanat : Turki-Farsi Zabanaan."

Political Science Department

Dr. Aftab Alam contributed a chapter on 'Early Indian Responses to Colonialism: Exploring the Peasant and Tribal Uprisings of 19th & 20th century' for Institute of Life-Long Learning (ILL), University of Delhi and wrote a report on 'Socio-Economic and Educational Status of Jat Community in Nine States' for the National Commission for Backward Classes, Government of India. He also presented a paper titled 'Caste Inequality among Muslims: Problematizing the Conception of Muslim Minority Community in South Asia', at the 27th Annual Conference of Japanese Association for South Asian Studies at Daito Bunka University, Saitama-Tokyo, Japan and another paper on 'Discrimination, Humiliation and the demand for Recognition', at 23rd European Conference on South Asian Studies, University of Zurich, Switzerland. Of the five invited lectures he delivered at various forums, Dr. Aftab Alam delivered two invited lectures on 'Democracy, Elections and Minorities' and 'At the Margins: The Plight of Religious Minorities in India' at the Refresher Course in Political Science for Faculty Members and Orientation Programme respectively organised by UGC-Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia. He was also the co-group incharge for Gyanoday V- Dharohar: The Glory of North East where he supervised ten research projects on Nagaland.

Dr. Amna Mirza published an edited book titled, "Ethics and the Public Domain". She also contributed a chapter titled, "Paradigm of Transparency" in an edited book, "RTI: Implication & Future Challenges".

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar presented two papers in a national seminar and a paper titled, "Citizenship, the Nation-state and Globalisation" in the International Conference on 'Global Justice & the Global South', organized by the Department of Political Science University of Delhi. He also delivered an invited lecture on "Citizenship and the challenges of Societies" at the Centre for Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies, Central University of Gujarat.

Dr. Sonu Trivedi published 10 oped articles in international newspapers published in Myanmar. She also contributed chapters in two edited books on Myanmar including one titled, "India-Myanmar: Rebuilding Synergies and Strengthening Partnership" in an edited book, 'Change in Myanmar' and another titled "Exploring Opportunities and Competitive Advantage: India-Myanmar Relations" in the edited book, 'India's Foreign Policy in Contemporary Era'. She also participated in two international conferences including one on Innovations in Governance and Public Administration and International Burma Studies Conference at Singapore. She was also appointed as member of Myanmar Core Group, Indian Council of World Affairs.

Urdu Department

Dr. Mohammad Alam published a book titled, "Urdu Mein Intearaati Usloob ke Numainda Nasar Nigar" and participated in two national seminars.

Zoology Department

Dr. Ankur Maheshwari published a paper titled, “Eugenia jambolana pretreatment prevents Isoproterenol-Induced Myocardial Damage in Rats: Evidence from Biochemical and Molecular histopathological studies” in the Journal of Medicinal Food and participated in a national symposium organised by Department of Zoology, University of Delhi.

Mr. Sunil Kumar published a paper titled, “Declining Population of Phabou Nga (Puntius Saphore). a staple dietary fish in Manipur: Ensuing concerns, in the Delhi University Journal of Undergraduate Research and Innovation.

With this, I come to the conclusion of the Annual Report, and look forward to the next academic year's opportunities and achievements. I extend my whole hearted congratulations to all my dear children and colleagues who worked hard to improve their own skills and intellect and to bring laurels to their mother institution. Those who missed by shades of varying depth, must work harder to get glorified. I am thankful to all my colleagues working as different committees who ensured the smooth conduct of this memorable program. It is all because of the devotion, sincerity and hard work of all my colleagues, teaching as well as non teaching, that this college is marching fast and holds an enviable position in the University.