

Annual Report 1997-98

Our college was started in August 1990 with about three hundred students. Today it has about one thousand students in various science, humanities and commerce courses. The founder president Prof R.G. Saxena, who provided academic and administrative leadership to the college for seven years retired in August 1997. His tenure will be remembered fondly by all of us.

The results of our students in the last academic year have been highly commendable. The first batch of B. Sc. Maths (Hons) passed out last year. Our college team of Lakshmi Dutta B. Sc. (G) B. IIIrd year, Ajay Sharma B. Sc. (G) A Ist year, Ashutosh Kumar B. Sc. (Hons.) Physics and Pravasi Bhushan B. Sc. (G) B IIInd year participated in XIIIth Annual Quest 1997-98 (a science aptitude competition organised by Centre of Science Education & Communication, University of Delhi). In a tough competition between seventeen colleges, our team did the college proud by qualifying to the final round.

The teaching community of the college also remained involved in various academic activities throughout the year. Some of the teachers participated in the faculty development programmes while others presented/ published research papers. Dr. Vinay Gupta of the Physics Department presented a research paper in the 5th National Seminar on Physics & Technology of Sensors, University of Pune. Mr Ratnesh R. Saxena, Mr. Pankaj Gupta of Mathematics Department presented their papers in the 5th National Seminar in the Annual Convention of Operational Research Society of India (ORSI) held in Jamshedpur. Mr. Deepak Jain of the Physics Department published a research paper in the International journal of Modern Physics. Dr. Lathika Nair presented a paper in an international conference held at Hyderabad in August '97.

The college organised its Annual Sports Meet on 24th February '98, in which a large number of students participated. Mr. Rakesh Kumar of B. A. (P) IIInd year was adjudged the best sportsman and Ms. Neeru of B. Sc. (Hons.) Physics IIIrd year, the best sportswoman. Our team also participated in the inter-college cricket tournament.

Cultural Activities

In the 50th year of India's Independence, an important landmark in India's history, the art and culture committee played an important role in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence. It began on the independence day in the college premises. The historical function was marked by the hoisting of the national flag by the principal Prof. R. G. Saxena, followed by the National Anthem. A large number of

students enthusiastically participated in the cross-country race on the theme I WILL RUN FOR MY COUNTRY and the tricolour kite competition.

Eighth Founders Day of the college was celebrated on 20th August, 1997. Several inter-class events like poetry recitation (Hindi/English), Poster competition and Essay writing competition (Hindi/English) on the topics related with the "50 years of independence" were organised successfully.

As a part of ongoing "Golden jubilee celebrations of India's independence" and birth centenary celebrations of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, the 81st birth anniversary of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya ji, was celebrated in a befitting manner with lots of enthusiasm. The celebration included a seminar to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pt. Upadhyaya ji, an exhibition "BHARAT GATHA : ATEET SE VARTAMAN TAK" and a Blood Donation Camp.

SEMINAR : Life and Works of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya

The seminar on the life and works of Pt. Upadhyaya ji was held on 24th September, 1997. Prof. Devendra Swaroop, famous historian and a close associate of Pt. Upadhyaya ji, was the main speaker. Mr. S. S. Bhandari, member of parliament, was the chief guest. Mr. J. P. Mathur, ex-member of parliament and Mr. L. K. Bhinde, president, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Shodh Sansathan were the other speakers. The seminar was presided over by Shri N. K. Garg, Chairman, college Governing body. Students participation in the seminar was marked by a presentation on the ideas of Pt. Upadhyaya by Charu Jain, B. Sc. (G) 1st year, classical bhajan singing by Bharat Bhushan, B. A. (P) 1st year, Ashutosh Kumar, B. Sc. (Hons.) 11nd year and patriotic recitation by Anvita, B. Sc. (Hons.) Maths 1st year and Rakesh Kumar of B. A. (P) 11nd year.

EXHIBITION : BHARAT GATHA - Ateet se Vartaman tak

The exhibition was organised for three days from 24th to 26th September, 1997. The exhibition comprised of Freedom Struggle, Birth of the Nation, Progress of the Nation, Culture Heritage, Sports, Indian literature, Life contribution of Pt. Upadhyaya, Speeches of selected freedom fighters and Bharat Darshan with the help of multimedia and computer. The Exhibition was put up with the help of various public and private agencies such as Ministry of Defence (Govt. of India), Ministry of agriculture (Govt. of India), Indian Space and Research Organisation (ISRO), Publication Division (Govt. of India), Suruchi Prakashan, Sahitya Kala Academy (Govt. of India), Deen Dayal Shodh Sansathan (New Delhi), Publicity Division (Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi), ISCT (Punjabi Bagh), etc. without any financial obligations. The contributions of Mr. R. C. Gupta (the life size portrait of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, prepared by his own blood) and Mr. R. S. Vyas

(letters and recorded speeches of many freedom fighters including Netaji) were the attractions of the exhibition.

Many students and staff workers put in a lot of work in organising this activity which rekindled the spirit and the values of the freedom struggle and highlighted the gains of the fifty years of independence. A large number of outsiders from eminent personalities to school students saw the exhibition. A wide coverage was given to this activity by the National network, Delhi Doordarshan and the National Dailies.

The Blood Donation Camp

The blood donation camp was organised to commemorate the birth centenary celebrations of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose for the benefit of the Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Research Institute in collaboration with Lion's Club, Pitam Pura Maurya on Thursday, 25th September, 1997. Several people including teachers, students and other staff members also donated their blood.

Our college was chosen as the venue for one of the quarter final rounds of the popular Zee T. V. programme - The Close-Up Antakshri, which was held on 18th October, 1997. Around 16 teams, including the college team participated in the event.

Saturnalia~98

The college annual inter-college cultural festival "SATURNALIA~98" was organised on 15th and 16th January, 1998. Deepti Kamra, B. Sc. (G) Computer Science IIIrd year and Gaurav Narang of B. Sc. (Hons.) Elec. IIIrd year were nominated as the cultural coordinators. A large number of colleges of the University of Delhi participated in various events organised during the festival.

Innovative and fresh ideas of the students came out during the debating session on the topic "Indian Youth is the Prisoner of Traditions." The performance of our students in various competitions is highly commendable. Our college team won first prizes in Antakshri and Dumb Charades events. In solo events, Sanket was adjudged the best speaker in Debate, Panchapakshan won the first prize in song, Dinesh won the second prize in Dance (M), Seema and Meera stood second in hindi recitation and Meenakshi won the second prize in sanskrit recitation. The consolation prizes of the poster making competition was won by Ashutosh Kumar of B. Sc. (Hons.) Physics IIInd year. Gaurav Narang of B. Sc. (Hons.) Elec. IIIrd year was adjudged the best actor in skit. Our students also participated first time in the Fashion Show competition and were the runners-up. Uma Negi of B. A. (Voc.) OMSP of our college became Miss Saturnalia~98 whereas Sandeep Grover of B. Sc. (Hons.) Elec. IIInd year of

Shri Venkateswara college became Mr. Saturnalia~98.

One of the main attractions of SATURNALIA~98 was the Hasya Kavi Sammelan organized on the evening of 15th January, 1998. The occasion was graced by the presence of famous poets such as Sh. Hari om Panwar, Sh. Om Prakash Aditya, Sh. Arun Jemini, Sh. Mahender Ajanabi, Sh. O. P. Hariyanvi, etc. This programme was covered by the Doordarshan.

Our students made their presence felt in the Delhi University Cultural scenario also. Parvesh Goel of B.A. (P) 1st year got second prize in inter-college song competition in Keshav Mahavidhyalaya. Anvita Gautam of B. Sc. (Hons.) 1st year, won first prize in inter-college sanskrit competition organised by the Sanskrit Academy and third prize in Motilal Nehru College. Bharat Bhushan of B. A.(P) 1st year won second prize in inter-college song competition in Keshav Mahavidhyalaya.

One of the main achievements of the year was the constitution of a college choreography team. The theme of choreography was "Unity and Integrity Against Communalism." Our choreography team won the first prize in the festival Saturnalia~98. This team won the first prize in ARSD college cultural festival. In a tough competition, they became runners-up in the annual inter-college festival of the Delhi College of Engineering.

To honour the students for having shown excellence in the field of academics, sports and cultural activities, the Annual Prize Distribution was held on 20th March, 1998. Sh. Anil Aggrawal, Senior Additional Commissioner of Delhi Police (Security and Traffic) was the chief guest. Prof. Abhai Mansingh, Director South Campus, Delhi University was the guest of honour. Mr. T. N. Chhabra, Acting Principal, presented the annual report 1997-98, highlighting the progress and achievements of the college. Sh. Anil Aggrawal emphasized the problems which new generations may face in the future and stressed about building up of moral character.

Thus The academic session 1997-98 was a productive year for the academic as well as cultural upliftment of the college.

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