# Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College

(University of Delhi)



Chief Guest

## Dr. A. K. Walia

Hon'ble Minister of Finance,
Planning, Urban Development and P.W.D.
Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi

### Annual Report 2003-2004

Honourable Dr. A.K. Walia Ji, Minister of Finance, Planning, Urban Development and Public Works Department in the Government of N.C.T. of Delhi, Professor C.R. Babu, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi, Professor Mata Din, Chairman, Governing Body, Shri S.K. Bhattacharya, Treasurer, Governing Body, distinguished guests, my esteemed colleagues, parents and students. A hearty welcome to you all on the 14th Annual Day of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College.

Dr. A.K. Walia is a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Delhi ever since it was formed. Having worked for 5 years as Minister of Health, Urban Development, Environment, Forests & Wild Life in the Government, Dr. Walia is at present holding the most important portfolio of Finance and Planning besides Urban Development and Public Works Department. Dr. Walia's contribution as Health Minister has been immense. Being a Medical Practitioner himself, Dr. Walia is well aware of the shortcomings in different areas of a hospital and has taken keen interest in rectifying them. Installation of incinerators for disposal of hospital waste and installation of latest equipment in various hospitals has been his top priorities. Not only the hospitals but the entire Delhi has experienced cleanliness and reduction in pollution: vehicular or of the Yamuna river. He has taken keen interest in aforestation so as to provide Delhites a chance to breathe in fresh air. He is determined to make Delhi a Polio-free State and believes in the principle of "work is worship." His job as Finance Minister is going to be still more challenging and we are confident of an even more rapid development of infrastructure in this city, with both Finance and PWD

being under his control. On behalf of the Governing Body, staff and students, I welcome you, Sir, here on this occasion.

Professor C.R. Babu is a well-known Environmental Scientist and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of University of Delhi. Having educated in Andhra University, he started his career as a Lecturer in the Department of Botany, University of Delhi in 1970. Totally dedicated to teaching and research, Professor Babu has a great contribution in the area of bio-diversity, ecology, environment and conservation. He has published more than 150 research papers in national as well as international journals and has guided 25 students for their Ph.Ds. He is a Fellow of Indian Academy of Sciences, Indian Society of Genetics and New York Academy of Sciences. He is a member of a large number of national and international organisations including the National Steering Committee of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Department of Biotechnology, Planning Commission and the University Grants Commission. He is the Chairman of the Indian Sub-continent Plant Specialists Group of IUCN Species Survival Commission. His contribution to the academic development of the University includes conceptualization and establishment of School of Environmental Studies and Department of Environmental Biology. His initiative has lead to the establishment of a number of other institutions such as Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystem at New Delhi, National Institute of Biodiversity at Arunachal Pradesh, National Institute of Bio-Resources and Sustainable Development at Manipur, Regional Bio-resources Development Centre at Meghalaya and a Conservation Oriented Botanical Garden under the aegis of the Department of Bio-Diversity, Government of India. He has also been associated with the Environmental Management Plans of various public and private sector undertakings including NTPC, SAIL and Larsen & Toubro. For a very long time, Professor Babu has been the Secretary of the Garden Committee of the University of Delhi and has contributed to the landscape development of the University. I welcome you here, Sir.

Professor Mata Din, former Dean of Law Faculty, University of Delhi is a well-known figure in the judicial circles. He is the Chairman of the Governing Body of our college. At present, he is holding the B.R. Ambedkar Chair in the Department of Contemporary Social Studies and Law at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra – an honorary post which he occupied immediately after retirement from the University of Delhi. On behalf of the staff and students, I welcome you, Sir, on this occasion.

The Annual Day has a very special significance for all of us since it is not only a day for celebrating individual and collective achievements of the academic fraternity but also a day for retrospection and futuristic vision. It is tempting to assess every year how far we have come, how much we have achieved and how did we traverse this path. I shall begin by highlighting the achievements of the students. In academics, the trend of continuous improvement in the performance at University examinations has continued this year as well. The pass percentage has risen to 95% and the number of first divisions to 346, which is almost double of what it was 5 years ago. The number of students securing positions in the University examinations within first 5 was 12

this year, including 4 first positions. In BIS final year, both I and II positions in the University were secured by our students. Whereas Deepak Sharma topped the list, Manish Anand was second. Suman Goel of B.Sc. (Hons.) Electronics II year also topped in the University. Kanika Arora of B.Sc. (Hons.) Computer Science stood first in the University in both III as well as IV semester. Pankaj Pathak of B.Sc. (Hons.) Electronics III year and Arti Chhikara of B.Sc. (General) Computer Science final stood second in the University.

In Extra-curricular Activities, the students have actively participated in inter-class and inter-college events involving Debates, Musical Competitions, Quizes, Rangoli, Western Dance, Solo Songs and Dramatics. Anupam Mishra of B.Sc. (General) II year won first prize in Antakshari at I.P. College, Sri Venkateswara College, Bharti College as well as our own college. Harindra Nath Tiwari of B.Com.(Hons.) II year and Kavita Tripathi of B.Com.(Hons.) I year have emerged as excellent debators. Ankur Jain is the budding acting talent of the year. Sunny Datta of B.Sc. (General) Group B III year and Gaurav Bisht of B.Sc. (Hons.) Computer Science VI semester have worked endlessly for the musical society PLUNO and have come up so well that they were invited to perform on Doordarshan and also to perform by the Pailan Group of Institutions at Kolkata in their Annual Festival SPLURZ-2004, where they were accompanied by Kapil Nagar, B.Com.(H) III year, Amit Singh, B.Sc.(G) Group 'B' II year, Yogesh Arora, B.Sc.(H) Physics, II year, Rakesh Jaimini, B.Sc.(H) Comp. Sc. VI semester, Rishi Bawa, B.Com.(H) III year and Pawan Sharma. The achievements of other students which deserves mention are given in tables below:

# Academic Achievements

Course	No. of Students		No. of I Div	rision Position within First
	Appeared	Passed		5 in the University
B.Sc. (G) A I	1457	57	14	
B.Sc. (G) A II	37	37	23	
B.Sc. (G) A III	37	37	16	4th Position, Pankaj Dhamija
B.Sc.(G) CS I	13	12	02	
B.Sc.(G) CS II	12	10	02	
B.Sc.(G) CS III	15	14	07	2nd Position, Aarti Chhikara
				5th Position, Sarita Gambhir
B.Sc.(G) Math I	23	22	05	
B.Sc.(G) Math I	I 13	12	01	
B.Sc.(H) Math I	31	27	17	
3.Sc.(H) Math I	1 22	20	09	
3.Sc.(H) Math I	II 22	20	17	
B.Sc.(G) 'B' I	77	77	06	
B.Sc.(G) 'B' II	39	39	07	
B.Sc.(G) 'B' III	31	31	20	5th Position, Hasneet Kaur
B.A(P) FT/OMSI	PI 68	66	0(	

Course No.	No. of Students No. of I Division			Position within First		
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B.A(P) FT/OMSP II	58	57	nimpino di			
B.Com.(H) I	109	99	18			
B.Com.(H) II	93	87	27			
B.Com.(H) III	110	110	24			
B.Sc.(H) PHY I	53	45	07			
B.Sc.(H) PHY II	31	28	18			
B.Sc.(H) PHY III	26	23	17			
B.Sc.(H) CS I SEM	26	26	12	3rd Position, Anuj Arora		
				3rd Position, Sanyam Jain		
B.Sc.(H) CS II Sem	26	21	09			
B.Sc.(H) CS III Sem	n 20	20	09	1st Position, Kanika Arora		
B.Sc.(H) CS IV Sem	n 20	20	10	1st Position, Kanika Arora		
BIS V Sem	15	15	10			
BIS Final				1st Position, Deepak Sharma		
				2nd Position, Manish Anand		
B.Sc.(H) Elec. I	29	23	13			
B.Sc.(H) Elec. II	17	17	10	1st Position, Suman Goel		
B.Sc.(H) Elec. III	17	17	10	2nd Position, Pankaj Pathak		
PGDCA II Sem	18	12	03			

## Achievements in Extra-Curricular Activities

Name	Class	Event	College	Prize	
Anupam Mishra	B.Sc.(G) 'B' II year	Antakshari Compt.	I.P. College	I Prize	
Vandana	-do-		B Com.		
Anupam Mishra	-do-	-do-	Venkateswara	I Prize	
Gaurav	-do-				
Anupam Mishra	-do-	-do-	DDUC	I Prize	
Gaurav	-do-				
Anupam Mishra	-do-	-do-	Bharti	I Prize	
Anil Sharma	-do-				
Vandana	-do-	-do-	Daulat Ram	II Prize	
Chetna	B.Sc.(G) 'B' I year		no. Barbaran	wed Idah	
Anupam Mishra	B.Sc.(G) 'B' II year	-do-	Mata Sundri	III Prize	
Vandana	- do –				
Anupam Mishra	-do-	Solo Song	Bharti	I Prize	
Vandana	-do-	-do-	Daulat Ram	III Prize	
Dipti Madan	-do-	Botanical Quiz	Daulat Ram	III Prize	
Geetika	Stellard or Proposition	oložII, E (a)	52.8		
	-do-	Rangoli	DDUC		
Namita	-do-				
Vikash Dwivedi	-do- V	Vestern Group Dance	DDUC	I Prize	
Astha	-do-				

Name	Class	Event	Prize	
Rupal Gandhi	-do-			
Kapil Rishi	B.Com.(H) III year -do –	Ad-Mad Show	Kalindi - do -	l Prize
Sunny	B.Sc.(G) 'B" III year	- do –		
Sunny	-do	Solo Song	Kalindi	III Prize
Kanika Mehra	B.Sc.(H) Elec. I Year	Eloqution Contest	Gandhi Bhawa	n III Prize
Gaurav Bisht	B.Sc.(H) CS VI Sem	Ad-Mad Show	Kalindi	I Prize
Sunny	B.Sc. (G) 'B' III	- do -	- do —	
Rishi Bawa	B.Com.(H) III	Solo Song	- do -	III Prize
Kapil Nagar	B.Com.(H) III	Ad-Mad Show	J.D.M.	III Prize
Sunny	B.Sc. (G) 'B' III	- do -	- do -	
Rishi Bawa	B.Com.(H) III	- do -	- do —	
Kapil Nagar	B.Com.(H) III	2-Min. Skit	J.D.M.	I Prize
Sunny	B.Sc. (G) 'B' III	- do -	- do –	
Sunny	B.Sc. (G) 'B' III	Solo Song	Daulat Ram	I Prize
Pooja	B.Sc.(H) Elec. II	Solo Song	DDUC	I Prize
Harendra Nath 1	Гiwari В.Com.(H) III	Debating	Kalindi E	Best Interjector

Providing a support base for student strength of more than 1300 is the strength of seventy teachers. The faculty is young and creative, energetic and enterprising and hence listing their achievements is a matter of pride for the institution.

### Faculty

Research, Publications, Academic Achievements

From the Department of Commerce, Dr. T.N. Chhabra published three books entitled "Essentials of Organizational Behaviour," "Industrial Economics and Principles of Management," and "Business Studies for the students of Class 12th." Dr. Vandana Gupta co-presented a paper entitled "Semi Strong Efficiency of Indian Stock Market: An Empirical Study" at an International Conference in Italy. She also participated in the Sixth International Conference on Accounting organised by Indian Accounting Association Research Foundation at Kolkata. Shri Deepak Sehgal was awarded Ph.D. degree by the University of Delhi on his thesis entitled "Role of Capital Finance in India – An Emerging Option". Mr. Hem Chand Jain was elected to the Academic Council of the University of Delhi in the month of December 2002 for a term of 2 years.

In the Department of Mathematics, Dr. Ratnesh Saxena presented a paper entitled "Enumeration Technique for Solving Set Covering Problems: A Combinational Approach" at an International Conference held in U.S.A. from 3-5 October 2003. Dr. Pankaj Gupta presented a research paper in the 6th Asia Pacific Operations Research Societies (apors) Conference held in New Delhi from December 8-11, 2003 and another at an International Conference on Operations Research with Economics and Industrial Applications organised by Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata during January 8-10, 2004. Two of his research papers have also been accepted for publication in International Journals.

In the Department of Physics & Electronics, Dr. Vinay Gupta availed of the BOYSCAST Fellowship and worked for 6 months in the University of Puerto Rico, U.S.A. He has been selected as Reader in the Department of Physics & Astrophysics, University of Delhi which he has joined recently. Dr. Deepak Jain has been selected as a visiting Associate for Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune for three

years. Two of his research papers have been published in International Journals. Mrs. Savita Gahlot has been awarded Ph.D. degree by the University of Delhi. She has published a paper entitled "A Freely Coasting Universe" in the journal Spacetime and Substance and has also communicated another research paper. Shri Manoj Saxena presented a paper in the 15th Asia Pacific Microwave Conference (APMC-2003) held on November 4-7, 2003 at Seoul, Korea and another paper in 2nd International Conference on Computer and Devices for the Communications CODEC-2004 held during January 1-3, 2004 at Kolkata. He published 3 research papers in International Journals. He was also a member of the Organizing Committee of National Symposium on Recent Advances in Microwaves and Light Waves, organised by University of Delhi South Campus in October 2003.

In the Department of Botany, Dr. V.K. Gautam participated in a Symposium on "Nanotechnology Applications in the Health Care", organised by Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi in October 2003 and also a Conference on "Genome Informatics: Challenges, Problems and the Opportunities," held at IGIB, Delhi. Dr. Shukla Saluja attended a Seminar on "Climate Change in India and its Impact on Plant Diversity and Productivity" held during December 22-23, 2003 organised by the Department of Botany, University of Delhi. She also published a paper in the journal Indian Journal of Plant Physiology. Dr. Savithri Singh has joined the Centre for Science Education and Communication, University of Delhi as a Fellow.

Dr. Lathika Nair of the Zoology Department published a research paper entitled "ACT now with Caution for Malaria Treatments" in the October issue of the prestigious British Medical Journal 'Lancet'.

Dr. Anubha Mukherjee Sen of the Department of English presented a paper entitled "Portrayal of Minorities in Indian Cinema" in an International Conference organised by Centre for the Study of Developing Societies in December 2003 at India International Centre, New Delhi. She also presented a paper entitled "Diaspora and the Bollywood" in an International Conference on Nationalism, Internationalism and Diaspora, organised by the North Gujarat University, Ahmedabad in January this year. Both papers have been sent for publication in the journals.

Dr. Shashi Saxena of the Department of Chemistry has authored and edited some SCERT text books for schools on Science subjects.

This year a number of academic reforms have been introduced by the University of Delhi. We have not only incorporated them all but have introduced certain reforms of our own. We created a 2-period slot every Wednesday dedicated for "Creative Activities and Project Presentations" (CAPP). It was aimed at tapping and nurturing talents other than academics among the students.

The Humanities and Social Sciences group took a novel initiative and launched a platform Abhivyakti to provide a forum for discussion on topics of interest to social scientists. The Department of Commerce took initiative to publish a journal annually which will include articles written by the teachers and students. This is going to be an annual feature.

## **Activities of various Committees**

Art & Culture Committee under the Convenorship of Dr. Pankaj Gupta formalized the SPIC-MACAY chapter of DDUC. An Orientation Program was organised in which Dr. Kiran Seth, founder of SPIC-MACAY and a Professor at IIT Delhi spoke on the objectives and activities of SPIC-MACAY. The following activities were organised under the SPIC-MACAY "VIRASAT-2003" series:

- (1) Classical Vocal concert by Dr. Prabha Atre on September 4, 2003.
- (2) Quawali by Nizami Brothers on September 25, 2003.
- (3) Workshop on "Madhubani Paintings" and "Meditation" between November 7-9, 2003.

The SPIC-MICAY activities were coordinated by Dr. Anand Saxena.

The Art and Culture committee organised and celebrated Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Ji's birthday and Founder's Day on 25th September 2003. Shri Dina Nath Mishra, Member, Rajya Sabha was the Chief Guest and Shri Ved Prakash, IAS, Director Higher Education was the Guest of Honour.

Annual Cultural Festival "Kalarav 2003" was organised during December 17-19, 2003. Dr. Sahib Singh Verma inaugurated the festival. Various events were organised for inter-college competitions in which large number of students representing different colleges participated. A Hasya Kavi Sammelan was organised in the evening.

Independence Day was celebrated on 13th August 2003 and a music competition was organised as part of the celebrations.

#### Abhivyakti

Under the banner of Abhivyakti, a one-day seminar was organised on "Management in Vedas" on 29th November 2003 which was inaugurated jointly by the Heads of the Department of Commerce and Sanskrit, Delhi University. Abhivyakti also organised an educational trip to places of historical interest for the students of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Our Alumni, though still in an infancy stage, organised its third Annual Get-together on December 14, 2003 under the Convenorship of Dr. Anita Rani. All students who passed out in 1998 or before were invited. About 50 students attended the meeting and joined the staff on lunch organised by the Alumni.

Aryabhatta Science Forum under the Convenorship of Dr. Paramjeet Kaur Bedi Organised a Lecture on "Micro Electro Mechanical Sensors (MEMs)" by Prof. V.K. Jain, Scientist, Solid State Physics Laboratory (SSPL) on Thursday, 11th of December 2003 followed by a Science Quiz.

The Department of Commerce took up the task of Project Preparation and Presentation with a renewed zeal and decided to publish some of the best projects in the proposed journal. They also organised a trekking-cum-pleasure trip to Jammu and adjoining areas, in which 54 students and 4 teachers participated. A full-day seminar was organised under the Convenorship of Mrs. Renu Aggarwal on "Direct Tax Planning" on December 23, 2003 which was inaugurated by Professor Munish Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Business. The other speakers were Dr. V.K. Singhania, the well known author and tax expert, Professor D.P.S. Verma, formerly a Professor of Commerce, Delhi University, Dr. T.N. Pandey, former Chairman of the CBDT, Mrs. Kapila, a former IRS Officer and Shri S.D. Kapila, former Vigilence Commissioner. The Seminar was attended by about 50 teachers and 150 students. The Department of Commerce also organised special lectures on contemporary issues in Market and Finance delivered by Professor S.K. Jain and Dr. Amitabh Gupta respectively.

Charak Sushrut Biochemical Society under the Convenorship of Dr. Sachin Mittal organized an inaugural lecture on "Electrically Conducting Polymers: Materials of 21st Century" delivered by Prof. A.K. Bakshi, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, on December 10, 2003. Students and faculty members of various Departments of the college attended the lecture.

"VOICES," The Debating Society under the Convenorship of Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar held a Freshers' Debate in August ,2003 on a contemporay issue "In Today's World, Arranged Marriage is a Social crime". Shikhar Aggarwal of B.Sc. (H) I year was adjudged the best speaker in the Freshers' Debate.

An Intra College Debate open for all was held on a hotly debated topic "Should strikes be allowed?" Harindra Nath Tiwari of B.Com.(H) III year was adjudged the best speaker.

"Only Money can Bring Real Happiness" was the topic for an inter college debate in which over 10 colleges and 30 students participated. The best team was of "DDUC", represented by Harendra Nath Tiwari and Kavita Tripathi.

Another inter-class debate on "The Supreme Court's Interventions are excessive and against Democracy" was again won by Harendra Nath Tiwari. The Debating Society in association with Gandhi Study Circle of our college organised a debate on 19th November 2003 on the topic "In Today's world Gandhian thought is more relevant than ever." Our students participated in various other inter- college debates and won prizes and acclaim. The Dramatics Club under the Convenorship of Dr. R.M. Bharadwaj held several activities during the last academic year, including a Freshers' Performance competition on 23rd July 2003, a skit competition on 24th September 2003, and an Ad-mad show on 5th November 2003.

The students participated in a month long workshop and produced a play on their own. This play was staged in inter-college festivals organised by Kalindi College, Mata Sundari College and at the YMCA youth festival where it was adjudged the second best play.

Eco-Club under the Convenorship of Dr.Lathika Nair organised a talk on 'Deforestation: Who is Responsible? Forest Department or Villagers' by Dr. Nandini Sunder, Associate Professor, Centre for Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University. A Workshop on Putul craft, using domestic waste for making utility items, was organised on 11th February 2004. About 70 students and teachers participated in this innovative workshop.

Harish Chandra Mathematics Society under the Convenorship of Dr. Sanjay Pant organized an Inter-college Mathematics Quiz on 17th September 2003 and a full-day event "Mathematics Day" on 20th September 2003 comprising of two lectures, group discussion and interaction of college students and teachers with eminent mathematicians.

#### NSS

The NSS Unit of the college under the Convenorship of Dr. Ratna, enrolled about seventy-five students who participated in various projects. Six volunteers attended an Orientation Programme for NSS volunteers held at Kalindi College.

This year's Inaugural Lecture was delivered by Maj. Gen. Ian Cardozo of the Spastics Society of Northern India on the problems faced by the physically challenged. The NSS unit also held a debate on the topic "The Supreme Court Intervention is excessive and against democracy" and organised a half-day Seminar on "Gender Discrimination." Dr. Nirmalya Samanta from the Department of English, Deshbandhu College (Eve.) gave an overview of Gender Bias that exists in society and how it gets perpetuated through media. Ms. Anjali Sinha, Student Counsellor, Kirori Mal College spoke at length on the 'Sexual Harassment Bill' adopted by Delhi University and its Legal Mechanism. Dr. Lakshmi Murthy, a woman activist from SAHELI, initiated an interactive session on sexual harassment. Ms. Mayuri Sigh from 'Lawyer's Collective' spoke on the Legal Redressal system on Sexual Harassment, its weaknesses and its strengths. The seminar was received well by the students and they actively participated in organising and attending the seminar.

#### Sanskrit Parishad

The Sanskrit Department organised a 'Shloka Gaan Pratiyogita' on 17th Nov 2003. In collaboration with Sanskrit Academy, the Sanskrit Department also organised a 'Solo Shlok Gaan Pratiyogita' on 19th Nov 2003.

#### **Sports**

Sports play a major role in shaping the human mind and body. Our college also has a small galaxy of students who are keenly interested in various sports activities.

For the first time, this year professional coaching was made available to the players of Cricket, Football and Softball to hone the skills and teach the nuances of the game. About 79 students participated in various Inter-college Events: Softball (Men & Women), Table-Tennis, Cricket, Basketball and Athletics. Our student Amrish Kumar, B.A. (P) I year represented University of Delhi Soft Ball team that secured III place in All India Inter-University Softball Tournament held on 23rd October 2003 at M.D. University, Rohtak.

This year Inter-class events were organised in Chess, Table Tennis, Cricket and Basketball in which more than 250 students participated. To encourage greater participation and to enhance awareness level of the students, the Sports Committee organised a Sports Quiz on 3rd December 2003.

The Annual Sports Day was held on 15th December 2003. The mega event was presided over by Padma Shri Satpal Ji who is also a member of our Governing Body. The day began with the 100, 200, 400 and 800 meters race, shot put and long jump for both men and women. In all 125 students participated in various events and were given medals for their outstanding performances. Best athlete prize among boys was given to Dev Jyoti, B.A.(P) I year and to Anita Gupta, B.A. (P) II year among girls.

The other major attraction of the sports meet was Jumping Jacks & Jills, the novelty items for students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the college.

An Ad hoc Complaint Committee against Sexual Harassment was constituted in the month of July 2003 under the Convenorship of

Dr. Arpita Sharma. In order to sensitise the students, teaching and non-teaching staff about the role and functions of this Committee a Street Play "Mahaul Badalna Hai" by Stree Adhikar Sangathan ,was organised on 4th February 2004. The spectators were then informed about the Supreme Court rulings about the mandatory constitution of such a Committee in every Government Organization. The students had a discussion with the members of the organization and had their queries answered.

### Fee Concession and Students Aid Fund (SAF)

Fee Concession applications were invited in Aug 2003. In all, eleven students including one visually handicapped student Mr. Jawahar Singh, applied. The Committee considered all the applications and full fee waiver was granted to each of them. The Committee also decided to give Rs. 1000/- from Students Aid Fund for buying books for those students who have secured more than 60% marks in their earlier examination. Mr. Jawahar Singh was also sanctioned a tape recorder and complete B.A. Pass I year course books recorded on 50 audio cassettes.

## Library

Upgradation of the library facilities is in progress. The library software "LSEase" has been purchased and the creation of bibliographic database is nearing completion. The Library staff was given a five-day training of level one of the new software. The entire collection of the library books and journals, i.e., almost 23,250 volumes of books have been bar-coded. Closed circuit cameras have been installed in the library to monitor and prevent loss/damage of books. We hope to begin our computerized operation from the coming academic session.

We are a fledgling institution and are raring to go. We are constantly engaged in pursuit of newer dreams and newer goals. Our endeavours are directed towards turning our collective dreams, hopes and aspirations into realities. The plan of a new building for the college is a reality now. And it is to the fruition of this reality that I dedicate today's Annual day. I wish the very best to all the final year students and hope that they flourish wherever they go, carrying with them the identity that we so carefully nurtured for them.

