



Gargi College  
Annual Report  
1982-83

Gargi College Annual Day  
Saturday, 5th March 1983

Chief Guest : **Dr. Harivansh Rai Bachchan**

The year 1982-83 has been the most unsettled year in the life of Delhi University. So it was in Gargi College. It was an year of anxiety, suspense and excruciating uncertainties. We had hardly settled down for the new academic session, there was the Karamchari strike during which, besides other things, the College Library and the Science Laboratories became non-functional. Hardly did we see the end of this, there was the long period of Teachers' strike, amounting to a virtual closure of the College. The normal functioning of the College, disrupted in early September, could not be resumed till 31st January. It has been a hard year for all sections of the University community. Most of all for the students. However, the rescheduling of the University Calender and Examinations has saved the situation for them. Besides, their teachers are determined to finish the courses as fast as they can. So it has not been a "null year" as feared by the students at one stage. Nevertheless, it has not been a *full* year either. Particularly, in the sphere of Extra-curricular activities. We all can only wish and pray, such a situation does not ever arise again.

The total number of admissions made this year were 616:-190 in B.A. (Pass); 136 in B. Com. (Pass); 91 in B. Sc. (General); 116 in B.A. (Honours); and 83 in B.Sc. (Honours). The College now has 1570 students on its rolls :—536 in B.A. (Pass); 366 in B. Com. (Pass); 250 in B.Sc. (General) 218 in B.A. (Honours) and 200 in B.Sc. (Honours).

The performance of our students in the Final year examinations has been quite satisfactory. In some of the courses, the results have shown a noticeable improvement. Zoology (Hons.) 100%; English (Hons.) 100%; Botany (Hons.) 100%; Political Science (Hons.) 100%; Hindi (Hons.) 100%;

B.Sc. (General) 100%; B. Com. (Pass) 100%; B.A. (Pass) 100%; History (Hons.) 83.33% and Sanskrit (Hons.) 75%.

The number of First Divisions obtained by our students (all classes) in the 1982 Examinations were as follows; 19 in Zoology (Hons.); 25 in Botany (Hons.); 42 in B.Sc. (General); 6 in B.A. (Hons.); 2 in B.A. (Pass) and 2 in B. Com. (Pass). Some of the positions secured by our students in the University Examinations deserve mention. Miss S. Shanti secured the 1st position in B.Sc. (General) Group 'B' Part-I; and Miss Manju Dureja, the 2nd position in B.Sc. (General), Group-A Part-II. In the Final year Botany (Hons.), Miss Mythily and Miss Sushma Kaul secured the 3rd and 4th positions in the University. Miss Manju Bala stood 4th in B.A. (Hons.) Sanskrit, Part-I; and Miss Anju Dureja ranked 6th in B.Sc. (General) Group 'A' Part-II.

The number of permanent Lecturers on the staff remains the same as last year i.e. 86. However, nine full time and five part-time Lecturers were appointed (on temporary basis) during 1982-83 on account of the increased work load in some Departments. Namely, *Miss Rashmi Bajpai (English)*; *Dr. (Mrs.) Sanjukta Banerjee (History)*; *Miss Promila Chhabra and Miss Daljit Kaur Kalra (Mathematics)*; *Dr. (Miss) Sushmita Mukherjee and Dr. (Mrs.) Manju Raina (Chemistry)*, *Dr. (Mrs.) Uma Jain (Physics)*; *Dr. (Miss) Rina Sett (Botany) ..... Full time*; *Miss Mridula Kapoor and Miss Gaura Raghbir (English)*; *Miss Asha Sukla (History)*; *Mrs. Nandini Mongia and Mrs. Rachna Singhal (Economics) ... Part-time*.

I am happy to announce that two of our teachers were awarded Ph.D. degrees during 1982-83. They are Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Maira (History) and Dr. (Mrs.) Pushp Lata Kapur (Hindi). The doctoral thesis of Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Maira was on "The Black Muslims in the United States" and that of Mrs. Pushp Lata on "Gunibhuta Vyangya Ka Shastriya Addhyan". Mrs. Kamlesh Malhotra (Deptt. of Psychology) and Mrs. Amrit Pritam (Deptt. of Zoology) have submitted their doctoral thesis and are awaiting their results. Mrs. Malhotra had worked on the "Internal Representations in Reasoning in Children of

Different Age Levels"; and Mrs. Amrit Pritam, on the "Changes in Hypothalamic, Pituitary and Gonads during the onset of puberty and aging in Swiss Albino Mouse," Mrs. Vidyabati Das Arora (Deptt. of English) has received her M. Phil. degree.

At present the following members of the Faculty are on study leave working towards Ph.D. degrees on the topics mentioned against their names :—

1. Mrs. Kiran Whig — Anias Nin.  
(Department of English)
2. Mrs. Manju Dhawan — Bhakti Kaleen Sufi Mein Baramassa  
(Department of Hindi) Varnan.
3. Sh. R.K. Jain — A critical study of Agricultural financ-  
(Deptt. of Commerce) ing by State Bank of India with special  
reference to Delhi circle.
4. Mrs. Meenakshi Bakshi — "The Congress Party"  
(nee Jain) 1967-77.  
(Deptt. of History)
5. Mrs. A. Majumdar — Structural Change and Economic  
(Deptt. of Economics) Development with Special Reference  
to India.
6. Dr. (Miss) Asha Goswami, — post doctoral research on "A critical  
(Deptt. of Sanskrit) and comparative study of The Krishna  
Legend in the Puranas and non-  
Brahmanical sources"

Those on extraordinary leave, but engaged in academic work are, Mrs. Ranjit Bhalla (Political Science); Dr. (Miss) S. Bhanumati (Chemistry); Dr. (Mrs.) Aruna Mohan (Zoology) and Dr. (Miss) Indu Tucker (Chemistry). Mrs. Ranjit Bhalla is working on her doctoral thesis. Dr. (Miss) S. Bhanumati is continuing her post-doctoral work for the second year now at the Technion Institute, Haifa, Israel. Dr. Mohan is presently attached to the Department of Physiology in the Medical School of the University of Calabar, Nigeria.

Dr. (Miss) Indu Tucker (Chemistry) had gone to U.S.A. for her post-doctoral research on Summer Fellowship funded by the United States National Science Foundation at the University of Nebraska, U.S.A., Dr. (Mrs.) Karvita Walia of the Department of Botany will be proceeding on extraordinary leave in the very near future for undertaking a research project on "Early Detection of Cancer" at the Department of Biophysics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

Considering the abnormal situation that prevailed during the year, not much could be done in the way of Extra-curricular activities. The major event of the year was the Theatre Workshop organized by the English Dramatic Society under the convenorship of Mrs. Nalini Mathur. The eminent director, Mr. Barry John was invited to conduct this workshop in the College during August-September. The result was our successful production of Euripides' "The Trojan Women". Both students and teachers who worked and helped in putting up this play deserve praise and appreciation. Their untiring zeal was remarkable considering they had to work under severe constraints on account of the Karamchhari strike. To make up for lost time, certain Inter-College events were organized on 4th March which included the Fine Arts Festival which has been held regularly by Gargi College since 1980. In the Inter-College events held elsewhere, our students secured the first position in Choreography at Hans Raj College, Malika Mathur (I Year) got the First prize in creative writing (English) at Shri Ram College of Commerce. Besides, our College Team (Priti Bala, Sangeeta and Chandra Prabha) was awarded the first position in the Quiz Competition on the Life and Work of Gandhi held under the auspices of the Gandhi Darshan.

There is very little to report on the Sports front as well. The Annual Sports Day could not be held, nor the Annual Inter-College Sports Festival instituted in Gargi College in 1980. As it is, not many Sports events could take place in the University on the whole. Due to various constraints, our students could manage to participate only in a few. However, our Volley Ball Team secured the 3rd position in the Inter-College Tournaments. In Table Tennis, Chandrakala had reached the Quarter Finals in the Delhi State Open Championship. Our Judo Team bagged the Second position in the Delhi State Tournaments in which Aruna Chaudhary was declared the Open Champion. Aruna Chaudhary was declared the Open Champion in the Inter-College Judo Competition of Delhi University also. Talking of individual students Deepika Singh, Manjeet Bhatia, Renu Srivastava and Aruna Chaudhary represented Delhi State in the Inter-Zonal and Inter-University Tournaments in Volley Ball, Kho-Kho and Kabaddi. Renu Tomar had won the shield for being the Best Player in the Sanjay Gandhi Hockey Tournament.

320 cadets were enrolled for the NCC during the year under review. This makes Gargi College having the maximum strength of cadets enrolled in any college of Delhi NCC Units for 1982-83. Some of our cadets brought remarkable honours to the College. Dev Nidhi and Shalini Joshi (as a team) were awarded Gold Medals for standing First in the All India First Aid and Home Nursing Competition held in Shillong. The College team comprising of Sunita Gupta, Usha Sharma, Mini Malik, Reena Dogra, Shashi Kala and Lalita secured the first position in the All India Boat Pulling Regatta. Dev Nidhi and Shalini Joshi were picked up for participating in a NCC Programme organized at All India level for trekking to the Rohtang Pass. At the Annual NCC Training Camp of the Delhi Unit, Dev Nidhi was adjudged as the Best Cadet and was made both the Cadet Camp Commandant and the Commander of the Ceremonial Parade at the said camp.

Although no new venture could be taken up by our N.S.S. unit this year, its usual activities were carried on, more or less unaffected, throughout the year. They are, the social welfare projects in Dakshin Puri, Masjid Moth and Gautam Nagar. Our Volunteers continued to work for the Blind Relief Association and the Red Cross Society also.

Here, please may I take the liberty to digress and make special mention of three First Year Students who deserve our appreciation. Namely, Jaya Mitra, Mona Nehru and N. Satya. These students are not connected with the N.S.S., but have set a good example for all. They did something very small, but since that kind of something small is done so rarely, we feel proud of their having done it. On 15th February, when they saw a man lying unconscious on a road, and the traffic going past his body with no one stopping to render any help, these girls took it upon themselves to do something about it. They contacted a nearby hospital, and later, the police, for help. But they found no encouragement or response from any quarter. Shocked and enraged by the indifference all around, these young ladies went straight to the Press to report the incident and their frustration at not being able to help to save a man's life. Impressed by their sincere concern, courage and righteous anger, the Chief Editor of the Hindustan Times issued immediate instructions for the coverage of the incident in his newspaper under the headlines "The Good Samaritans Scoffed At." In this whole process, assistance was also rushed to the man who needed it. The frustration and fury of the three good Samaritans, therefore, has not been in vain. Also, what was reported about their experience in the press must have made a positive impact on some people at least. The college will always be proud of such spontaneous and active expressions of social awareness and involvement by its students.

Coming back to the college affairs, 1012 new volume were added to the Library during the year '82-83, bringing the total number of our collection to 34621. The Library records the number of



readers' visits, and of the books loaned out this year show a substantial increase as compared to those of last year. The reason could well be, the students had to work more on their own on account of the dislocation of the teaching schedule. Nevertheless, it can be taken as a happy sign.

I am happy to report on two major developments of the year. One, the college has been granted the status of an Extended College. This should make it easier for the office staff to cope with the work load caused by the ever increasing student strength of the College. Two, the College at last has a boundary wall on its rearside. This removes a big hurdle vis-a-vis the proper development of the campus.

Speaking of Campus Development, I have to state with regret, the front of the college still remains unpaved. Nor do we have a permanent Sewage System. We still don't have a permanent electric connection. We were not able to undertake some other major tasks either, because of the paucity of funds. This year also, the College did not receive any grant from the U.G.C. to meet these requirements despite our persistent efforts. In so far as our own efforts are concerned, we were able to procure more than nearly 3500 plants, free of cost, from the D.D.A. The plantation work has already begun, and the college should have a greener look by the end of next year.

In the end, I wish to convey my thanks to both the academic and non-academic staff for their assistance and cooperation. I am most grateful to all such members of the Faculty who, alongside their teaching obligations, gave much of their time to serve the institutional interest at large. I must congratulate the office bearers of the Students Union (Roma Jacob, Richa Bihari and Rakeshwari) for their untiring efforts to carry on with the student activities under an abnormal situation. I must also thank Mrs. R. Guha and Mrs. Vidyabati Das Arora

for the valuable services rendered by them in coordinating and steering the Student's activities during a rather difficult year.

The College has no Governing Body at the moment. It is yet to be constituted. But I wish to take this opportunity to put on record my sincere thanks to the Chairman (Justice G.D. Khosla) and members of the outgoing Governing Body for their guidance and assistance.

Dr. (Miss) Krishna Sharma  
Principal