

The Annual Day 2018 of the Zakir Husain Delhi College was held on 20 April 2018. Padma Shri Prof. Sudhir Kumar Sopory (Arturo Falaschi Emeritus Scientist, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology) graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour and Prof. Shri Prakash Singh (Chairman, Governing Body, Zakir Husain Delhi College) chaired the event. The following report was read out in the event.

Zakir Husain Delhi College Annual Report for the Academic Year 2017-18

Honourable guests, members of the College community, and dear students. With a deep sense of pleasure and gratitude, I (Dr. Saba Khan) present the first part of the Annual Report for the academic year 2017-18 to this august gathering. Let's start with the important events of the College Annual Calendar.

Memorial Lectures

Convenor: Dr. Ratnum Kaul Wattal

This year, the 11th Delhi College Lecture was delivered by the renowned film-maker and environmentalist Shri Pradip Krishen, titled "Letting in the Jungle" on 2nd February 2018. The 30th Zakir Husain Memorial lecture was delivered by Shri Shakti Sinha, (Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library) on "Challenges of Technological Changes" on 6th April 2018.

Biennial Bhasham Sahani Book Fair

Convenor: Dr. Mahmood Alam

The 5th Biennial Bhasham Sahani Book Fair was organised on 19th and 20th March 2018. The College invited Shri Ashok Vajpayi and Shri Purushottam Agarwal for the inauguration of the event. More than twenty publishers put up their book display stalls.

International Conferences Organized by the College

The College in association with Southeast Asia Research Group (SARG), University of Delhi, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, and Embassy of Vietnam, New Delhi organised a two-day international conference on "Emerging Horizons in India-Vietnam Relations" on 3rd and 4th July, 2017 commemorating the 45th anniversary of the India-Vietnam diplomatic relations. Jindal Global University, India Foundation, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi and Confluence Centre, Shillong were institutional partners in the event. The Conference was organized with the support from Indian Council of World Affairs, Indian Council of Cultural Relations and Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

The College in collaboration with the SARG, India International Centre and Embassy of Vietnam organized an international conference on "India-Vietnam Relations in the Changing Geo-Politics of the Indo-Pacific" on 9th January 2018. This bilateral conference on India-Vietnam Relations was organised on the sidelines of the Special Commemorative Summit held in January 2018 on the occasion of Silver Jubilee Celebrations of India-ASEAN dialogue partnership.

Our college was also a partner in the two-day regional conclave on "ASEAN@50 and India-ASEAN Relations" organised by the International Strategic and Security Studies Programme

(ISSSP), NIAS in collaboration with SARG at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru from 7-8 December 2017.

Now I present to you the annual report for the College societies:

Al-Nadi Al-Arabi: Arabic Department Society

Convenor: Dr. Sayed Mohammad Tariq

The Ghaziuddin Khan Lecture was held on 24th October, 2017, delivered by Dr. Mohammad Firoz Dehlavi, a renowned Urdu scholar. The department organized a number of activities for the students, and published three quarterly wall magazines. The department also started a lecture series “Mamlukul Ali Memorial Lecture”, and the first lecture of this series was delivered by Dr. Ubaidur Rahman Tayyeb from the Centre for Arabic, JNU on “Arabic Short Stories” on 17th April 2018.

Arts and Culture Society

Convenor: Dr. Anuradha Marwah

The Theatre Society - Aman’s production *Akee* directed by Abhinav Sharma was adjudged the best-directed play in the finals of Sahitya Kala Parishad’s Mahavidyala Naatya Samaroh. Aman’s second production *Meer*, an adaptation of Shakespeare’s tragedy *Macbeth*, was adjudged runner-up for best overall production in the Shakespeare Society of India’s National Drama Competition. Vikas Singh, lead actor in *Meer*, won the best actor title while Divya Pande, won the best actress title. Aman hosted the second edition of its annual theatre fest Paigham-e-Aman in April 2018. Abhinav Sharma won mono act competitions in several inter-college events.

Dhanak - The Western Dance Society won several competitions at IIT Roorkee, IIT Kharagpur, JIMS Rohini and various other universities. Members of the society Sanjivani Kashyap, Mohit Gupta, Prarthana Kachroo, Nishatha Kumar won awards in various competitions.

Members of Dhwanik - the music society - won praise in various inter college and inter university competitions. Saurin Dey secured 1st position in music contests at LSR College and Miranda House. Ramandeep secured 2nd position at Hindu College.

Bengali Literary Society

Convenor: Dr. Sharmistha Sen

The society organized the 6th Gopa Dey Memorial Lecture on 13th March, 2018 delivered by Prof. Pabitra Sarkar, former Vice Chancellor of Rabindra Bharti University and an authority on Tagore. The Gopa Dey Memorial Awards were conferred on students of the department.

Botanical Society: Nargis

Coordinator: Dr. M. Wahid Ansari

The inaugural function of Botanical Society “Nargis” was held on 17th August, 2017. Mr. Anup K. Mudgal (IFS-Retd), former High Commissioner of India to Port Louis (Mauritius), delivered a talk. The society organized its annual festival on 28th of February, 2018. The fest

included various events, along with an Environment Quiz for the “Dr. Virendra Kumar Rolling Trophy”. The Department organized a national conference on “Challenges and Strategies to Improve Crop Productivity in Changing Environment - An integrated Approach”. Another national conference on “Genetics – Environment Interface: Science and Spirituality” was organized on January 25, 2018, in memory of the highly revered colleague Dr. Virendra Kumar. Hon’ble Union Minister Dr. Harshvardhan delivered the inaugural address at this conference. A group of seven students and two teachers, Dr. Ratnam Kaul Wattal and Dr. Tabassum Jehan attended Indian Science Congress at Imphal and presented poster on relevant topics of present day context.

Chemunicate: The Chemistry Society

Coordinator: Dr. Ravi Kant

As part of teachers’ day celebrations in 2017, the Chemistry Society organized a green Diwali campaign. It hosted the Science Model Competition and Exhibition of Indian Science Congress in October 2017 in the Chemistry lab. On the same day the department organised a seminar on “Artificial Intelligence”. “Zusammen: The Annual Fest of Chemistry Department” was successfully organized in March, 2018.

Chimera: The Photography Society

Coordinator: Dr. Faheem Ansari

The society organized three workshops on basics of photography, portrait and introduction to light. Two photo walks were organized at Rashtrapati Bhavan and Connaught Place. It also organized its annual fest “Blink”. Student members of the society won awards in different photography competitions.

Commerce Society: Department of Commerce

Convenor: Dr. Nidhi Dhawan

In September, the society organized “Amelioration Symposium: A Talk with Expert”. It also organized a three-day workshop. The departmental festival “Innovision 18” was successfully organized in February, 2018.

Counselling and Placement Cell

Coordinator: Dr. Dheeraj Kumar

Various placement drives and events were organized, providing the students an easy and effortless access to the job market. This year saw participation from various reputed companies such as Abbott Healthcare, Alight Solutions, IDBI Life Insurance, Tata Power and Paytm for placement and internship. Fifty four (54) students were offered jobs and more than 100 students received internship opportunities at The Job Fair 2018.

Debating Society

Convenor: Dr. Sonu Trivedi

The society organized the first ever inter-college Zakir Husain Memorial parliamentary debate competition in both Hindi and English. A Freshers’ Debate was held, and debating

workshops for members of the society were conducted. Tikam Singh, won the prize for the Best Speaker at IIM, Bangalore Parliamentary Debate, and bagged a cash prize of Rs. 1 Lakh. Saai Sasidhar Patri won the award for the Best Adjudicator in the 34th Annual Frank Thakur Das Memorial Debate, KMC. Various other members of the society won prizes in different parliamentary and conventional debates in inter-college and inter-university debates.

Electronics Society: Department of Electronics

President: Dr. Neelam Pahwa

The inaugural function of the Electronics Society was held on 6th September, 2017. Professor Bijoy K. Kuanr, Special Center of Nanosciences, JNU, New Delhi, delivered a talk on “Magnetic Nanostructure and Nano-Devices”. The society also organised various intra-departmental and inter-departmental activities in the academic year 2017-18.

English Literary Society: Department of English

Convener: Dr. Mohammed Afzal

The ELS lecture series included invited talks by renowned academics Prof. Sebastian Valassery, Prof. Purushottam Agrawal, and Dr. Jude Lal Fernando. Rhapsody’18, the annual literary fest, held on 27th February 2018, featured a panel discussion on Indian science fiction with writer and documentary producer Dr. Sami Ahmad Khan, and a talk on poetry by Ms. Saumya Kulshreshtha. The 3rd annual National Students’ Seminar was held on 28th February 2018. Dr. B. Mangalam delivered the keynote address. An academic trip to the Jaipur Literature Festival was organised in January 2018.

Gandhi Study Circle

Convenor: Dr. Sanjeev Kumar

A discussion on “Understanding Charkha and its Relevance Today” was held on 8th September 2017. On 18th September 2017, a talk on “Friendship with Gandhi” was delivered by eminent Gandhian scholar Shri Kumar Prashant. In September 2017 an exhibition on “Gandhi’s Life and Journey” was organized in collaboration with National Gandhi Museum. The society has introduced “Charkha Spinning Classes” from this year with the help of Gandhian activist Mrs. Indubala. To commemorate 100 years of the Champaran movement, a two-day national conference was organized in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti Darshan Samiti, Indialogue Foundation and Zakir Husain Delhi College (Evening) on 16-17 October 2017. Eminent speakers such as Prof Mrinal Miri, Shiv Visvanathan, Prof. Yogendra Yadav, and Prof. Mridula Mukherjee among others participated in this conference. An online essay competition, and the annual inter college festival were also held.

Garden Committee

Convenor: Dr. Malti Gupta

The College participated in the 60th Annual Delhi University Flower Show in February, 2018 and won a total of 125 prizes and 11 cups. Our Herbal garden won the Meenakshi Gopinath cup for the fourth consecutive year. The Rose and Rock gardens won the second prize in their respective categories.

Girls Association

Coordinator: Dr. Ilmas Naqvi

The Association organized a lecture on “Weight Management in Metropolitan Lifestyle” delivered by Dr. Garima Bansal, Nutrition Consultant, VLCC. Various competitions were conducted. The Association also organized “A Brief Talk on Women Hygiene and Awareness” followed by the installation of sanitary napkin vending machine by the Chairperson, CSR Research Foundation. The year-long activities of the Girls’ Association ended with the “Talent Hunt” program.

History Society

Coordinator: Dr. Ataullah

The History Society organised a two-day trip to Jim Corbett National Park on 30-31 January 2018. The society organised two lectures by Dr. Shobhna Warriar on “The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire” on 1st April 2017 and by Prof. Najaf Haider on “New Writings on Mughal History” on 18th August 2017.

Hindi Sahitya Sabha

Coordinator: Dr. Vijender Singh Chauhan

Hindi Sahitya Sabha organized a two-day national seminar on 11-12 October 2017 on the topic “Indian Dalit literature and Gender Consciousness”. A “Dialogue with the Writer Aruna Sabharwal” was held in March 2018. Renowned Hindi writers and scholars were invited as part of the “Bhishma Sahni Book Fair”.

Life Science Society: Fusion

Coordinator: Dr. Tabassum Jehan

This year ‘Fusion’ was inaugurated on 28th August 2017. The inaugural talk was delivered by Dr. Sarita Ahlawat, BIRAC-BIG Fellow at IIT Delhi. The society celebrated its annual festival ‘Chembiology’ on 12th March 2018.

Mathematical Society

Coordinator: Dr. Md. Arif

The society successfully organized its annual fest Optima. It also organized an educational trip in March 2018.

Media Committee

Convenor: Dr Sarita Passey

The media committee worked round the year to cover all the major events of the college. We are happy to report that our college events were covered by news papers like the Statesman, the Hindustan Times and the Times of India.

National Cadet Corps (NCC)

Coordinator: Capt. Dr. M. M. Raheman

The NCC unit of Zakir Husain Delhi College is the heart of the 7th battalion, Delhi, group “C”, with a total of 160 cadets as one of the largest number of cadets in a college unit in the entire university. Seven of our cadets participated in the Republic Day Camp - 2018. Cadet Gaurav Sisodia and Cadet Saurabh Singh took part in the Republic Day parade. Seven cadets from our College led by CDT Himanshu Khewaria, CDT Ubais Khan and CDT Sahib Rana participated in the Amar Jawan Jyoti ceremony.

DI Vikas Gupta and CDT Awnish Ojha led the ZHDC platoon of 30 cadets in the Army Attachment Camp.

SUO Nitesh Kumar attended the camp ALC-II Agra representing the Delhi Directorate. Our cadets participated in the ALC-III Coimbatore and attended SSB workshops, where CDT Ubais was selected.

Seventy Five (75) cadets, led by SUO Nitesh Kumar and Guard Commander Vikas Kumar Soni attended Combined Annual Training Camps. JUO Sachin Gupta led the Delhi Directorate contingent in the National Integration Camp (NIC). All three cadets selected from the Delhi Directorate were from our College.

Three of our cadets CDT Sahib Rana, CDT Nitesh Kumar and CDT Pradeep Gahlyan completed the Thal Sainik Camp (TSC). Eleven cadets, led by SUO Nitesh Kumar, attended the Uttrakhand Trek.

Our cadets, along with the NCC, organized an awareness drive in the vicinity of the College on cashless economy and the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. This year 85 cadets participated in the international Yoga Day.

The 19th Annual NCC Fest “Salute 2018” was inaugurated by Mr. Mandeep Singh Randhawa IPS, DCP, Central District, Delhi. Our cadets performed a Section Attack based on the theme of militant insurgency on a civil building. Commanding Officer of 7 DBN NCC Col. Poonish Sareen was the Chief Guest and Ms. Ira Singhal IAS, was the Guest of Honour in both Section Attack and the Prize Distribution Ceremony.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

Coordinator: Dr. Mukesh K. Jain

NSS volunteers began the year with their help-desks during the admission 2017; along with being a part of all the College events. Keeping up with the spirit of their motto *Not Me but You*, the NSS unit of the College made an attempt to spread joy and happiness in the lives of underprivileged children during Diwali last year. Taarunya’18, the third annual national youth convention witnessed the participation of a number of dignitaries such as Mr. Veerendra Mishra, Dr. Nisha Khanna, Padma Shri Dr. K K Aggarwal, Professor Kavita Sharma, Ms. Swati Maliwal, and R J Naved. Taarunya’18 was selected for first ever International Cultural Youth Exchange Program. NSS also organised a blood donation camp on 9th April 2018.

Nature and Environment Society: Srishti

Coordinator: Dr. Ratnum Kaul Wattal

The society invited Prof. C.R. Babu to deliver a talk on environment, ecology, ecosystem and ecological restoration. It organized an anti-cracker campaign before Diwali. The society organized the environment quiz in collaboration with the Quiz society. The society has also taken an initiative to curb the problems of e-waste by collaborating with the NGO – “Chintan”. E-bins have been placed at various places in the College campus.

North-East States Counselling and Welfare Cell

Coordinator: Mr. L. Bidhan Chandra Singh

North-East Students Counselling and Welfare Cell organized its annual festival, *Kaleidoscope – Celebrating the Spirit of Diversity* on 28 March, 2018. Renowned author and human rights activist, Sanjay Hazarika, Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Delhi graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Department of Physical Education and Sports

Coordinator: Sayema Ahmed

The College football team won the National Football Championship, organized by Reliance Foundation Youth Sports in January 2018 winning Rupees three lakhs. Our men’s judo team emerged as champions in the inter-college competition organized by the Delhi University Sports Council. In table tennis, both the men and women teams won podium positions at BITS-Pillani Sports Fest, IIT Roorkee, Galgotia University, LSR and University of Delhi. The women’s chess team put up a praiseworthy performance in different competitions. The 30th edition of the Zakir Husain Memorial Football Tournament was organised at Dr. Ambedkar Stadium.

Physical Science Society: Physciuminati

Coordinator: Dr. Seema Rawat

A popular science lecture on the evolution of the universe and stars was organised; and the annual fest Enigma was held. Students were taken on an educational trip to Inter University Acceleration Centre and the Mausam Bhawan. Five students of B.Sc. Physical Sciences participated in an interactive programme with the visiting president of Germany.

Political Science Society: Avaam

Convenor: Dr. Om Prakash

Elections were organised for office bearers of the students’ body “Avaam”. The department organized talks and seminars on various relevant issues such as citizenship and the right to privacy, gender freedom, issue in contemporary Indian politics, caste realignment in Indian politics and protest politics. Various eminent academics such as Prof. Anupama Roy, Prof. Vivek Kumar, Dilip Simione, Dr. Hilal Ahmed, Dr. Nitasha Kaul among others were invited by the department. The department also hosted a delegation from Centre for Indian Studies (CIS), Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Hanoi. A round table discussion on India’s Soft Power was organised. The society also celebrated the International Day of Peace this year in association with Shaktya E. V. based in Bremen, Germany.

Psychology Society

Coordinator: Ms. Nisha Jaiswal

The Department organized a workshop on substance abuse in collaboration with the NGO “I Am” in August 2017. It celebrated the mental health day on 11th November. An intra-department psychology quiz competition was held on 22nd of February. A department talent show was held on 27th of February. Students also participated in the skit competition where they portrayed some very important and sensitive social issues like LGBTQ+. The Department organized a workshop on SPSS on 14th March. Two lectures by Prof. Anand Prakash and Dr. Sukant Khurana were organized.

Quiz Society: Quintessence

Coordinator: Dr. Sangeeta Pandita

Quintessence organized its intra-college quiz competition event, Quizathon. Conoscenza, the annual inter-college-inter-school general quiz event and Chakravayuh, the annual inter-college quizzing fest were also organised. The activities of the society culminated in Open General Quiz on 3rd April 2018.

Sanskrit Literary Society

Coordinator: Dr. Sharda Verma

The department organized Sanskrit Sambhashan Shivir in August 2017. It also organized a one-day national workshop on Sanskrit in World Literature. A lecture on *Rasa Sutra* was delivered by Dr. Bharatendu Pandey. The department organized a Sanskrit Quiz, prose reading and Sholka Lekhan competition for students.

Skill Development Cell

Coordinator: Dr. Sangeeta Pandita

Under the NSDC-DU initiative towards skill development, the College in collaboration with its skill development partner, Max Institute of Health Education and Research (MIHER), successfully trained the first batch of students as Diet Assistant in the healthcare sector. Our college has been organising handmade paper making workshops for students and staff regularly for the last few years; we continued this practice with a workshop on 19th and 20th January, 2018 with trainers from Development Alternatives, New Delhi.

Student’s Union Advisory Board

Convenor: Dr. Sanjeev Kumar

The Freshers’ Welcome “Aaghaz” was held on 22 October, 2017. From this year, the Union has started a “Distinguished Lecture Series” (DLS). The inaugural lecture was delivered by eminent journalist and author, Smt. Suhasini Haidar. The Union along with the Debating Society organized the first Zakir Husain Delhi College Parliamentary Debate. The annual cultural fest “Aadab” was organised. Shrimati Swati Maliwal, Chairperson of Delhi Commission for Women was the Guest of Honour. Renowned Sufi Singer Dhruv Sangari and Punjabi singers Shivjot and Samer Kaur performed at the fest. The Union introduced a Book

Bank facility to help needy students. Some other activities organized by the Union include an Inter-College “Youth Festival” to commemorate Swami Vivekananda; an “essay writing competition”, an Inspirational Talk by motivational speaker K. Sanjeev were also held.

Urdu Literary Society: Bazm e-Adab

Convenor: Dr. Md. Alam

Bazm-e-Adab, the cultural and literary organization of the Dept. of Urdu, organized a series of events like bait-bazi, debate, ghazal recitation, essay writing, seminars and literary discussions in the academic year 2017-18.

Zoological Society: Inheritance

Coordinator: Dr. Ilmas Naqvi

The society organised a lecture by Dr. Sunil Kumar on “Science behind Beauty: Cosmetics”. It also organized an educational trip to Satpura National Park and Panchmarhi. Its annual fest Zoomerang was a resounding success.

With this, I come to the conclusion of the first part of the Annual Report. I invite Dr. Dr. Ratnum Kaul Wattal to present the second part of the Annual Report 2018.

Honourable guests, members of the College community and dear students, the strength of any institution lies in its workforce. It is with a sense of pride and appreciation that I (Dr. Ratnum Kaul Wattal) present before you the second part of Annual Report, namely the achievements and accomplishments of our faculty for the academic year 2017-18.

Department of Arabic

Dr. Mohd. Qasim translated Ahmad Bassam Sa'ee's work *Namazaur us ki Rooh (Daryaft ki ek Nayi Koshish)*. He also participated in a one-week "Arabic Teachers' Training Course".

Dr. Sayed Mohammad Tariq published a paper in the journal *Majallatul Hilal Al-Jadidah Al-Tizkariyyah* of the Department of Arabic, MANUU. He also participated in a national conference held at Department of Arabic, MANUU in November 2017.

Dr. Amir Jamal translated and published six children story books from English to Arabic. He also participated in three workshops on "Arabic Teachers' Training Course," "Science and Technology in Ancient India" and "Problems and Methods of Teaching of Arabic Language for Non-Speakers."

Dr. Md. Quamruddin co-authored a book titled *Arabi Me Maharat Ke Tareeqe*. He published two papers in *The Indian Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies*.

Department of Botany

Dr. Ratnum Kaul Wattal published an abstract in the 105th Indian Science Congress held at Imphal, Manipur and participated in the conference. She co-authored four papers, and published four chapters. She also participated in the conference on "Technological Empowerment of Women" held at Vigyan Bhavan. She was the convenor of the national conference on "Genetics" and Chaired the plenary session in the national conference on "Diseases and Drugs: Emerging Trends and Challenges", both held at the College.

Dr. Babeeta C. Kaula contributed a chapter in the book *Scope of Phytochemically Unexplored Medicinal Plants*. She co-presented a poster; and presented another poster by herself in a national conference held at the College in January 2018. She attended the national conference held at Vigyan Bhawan, XXVII Annual Conference of IAAT and an international symposium held at the Department of Botany, University of Delhi. She is the nodal person for Science Setu (2015-18) – a joint programme with National Institute of Immunology (NII) for training undergraduate students in various research fields.

Dr. Savindra Kumar co-edited and contributed two chapters to the book *Scope of Phytochemically Unexplored Medicinal Plants*.

Dr. Mohammad Wahid Ansari published 3 research papers, 5 book chapters and 10 Abstracts in the academic year 2017-18. He received the "Best Teacher Award" by Agricultural Technology Development Society (ATDS), UP in 2017. He participated in two national conferences. He also participated in the international conference held in October, 2017 at C.C.S. University, Meerut, in the in-house symposium at ICGEB New Delhi in July 2017 and in one national workshop on Biostatistics in March 2017.

Dr. Gurumayum Suraj Sharma co-presented three papers. He participated in the national conference held at the College. He co-published a paper in the journal *Biochemistry*.

Ms. Ruchi Vir participated in a workshop at Miranda House, University of Delhi.

Dr. Piyush Mathur co-authored two publications. He attended a national seminar; and two workshops.

Department of Commerce

Dr. Abdul Wahid Farooqi published a book titled *Audyogik Evam Shram Viniyam*. He presented two in international conferences organized by Department of Commerce, Aligarh Muslim University and Department of Commerce, University of Lucknow. He also presented five papers in national seminars.

Department of Chemistry

Dr. Sulekh Chandra published eight research papers. Two of his students were awarded Ph.D in this academic session.

Department of Electronics

Dr. Anshu Rastogi participated in a Faculty Development Programme conducted by ICI Academy at Rajdhani College, Delhi.

Department of English

Dr. Anuradha Marwah was awarded the Fulbright-Nehru academic and professional excellence fellowship. She was a visiting faculty at ICGC, University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus for the fall semester 2017. She delivered a keynote address on 7th April, 2018 at the Symposium conducted by the Texas Tech Comparative Literature Programme in Lubbock, Texas.

Ms. Shraddha A. Singh contributed a chapter to *Frankenstein with Critical Essays*. She published two reviews in the *British Journal of Canadian Studies*. She also published a paper in *Lapis Lazuli: An International Literary Journal*. She attended a two week GIAN course at IIT-Delhi by Prof. Bernard Steigler in February 2018, and a Faculty Development Programme at ARSD College in September 2017.

Dr. Namrata Chaturvedi edited a special volume of *The Apollonian: A Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* in March 2017. She presented papers in three international seminars held at Hong Kong University, Goa University and Asian Centre for Cross-Cultural Studies, Chennai respectively. She published two papers in *Muse India* in May-June 2017 and *International Journal of Asian Christianity* in Vol 1, 2018. She has been appointed as the regional managing editor, India of *The Theatre Times: International Journal of Theatre and Performance* published by Yale University.

Mr. Abdul Hameed P.A. was invited to deliver a lecture by the Department of Studies in English, Kannur University, Kerala in December, 2017. He visited schools in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu with his customised language proficiency testing programme “Know your LSRW”. He participated in a faculty development programme at Daulat Ram College, in

March, 2017. He coordinated the Malayalam translation of five FSSAI Manuals for Food Safety under the Government of India Food Safety Project in collaboration with School of Translation Studies and Training, IGNOU, New Delhi.

Dr. Mohammed Afzal presented a paper in the national seminar organised by Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University 25-26 October 2017. He published a paper in *The Apollonian: A Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* in March 2017.

Dr. Ruchi Singh published an article in *Muse India* in May-June 2017 and contributed a chapter to *Dalit Voice: Literature and Revolt* in 2017.

Mr. Uma Shankar published an article in *The Explicator* in Vol 75, 2017 and translated two chapters for a volume *Natabara Samantray* by Sahitya Akademi. He presented a paper in the international conference held at IAS Shimla in May 2017.

Department of Hindi

Dr. Suraiya Khan published an interview with novelist Chitra Mudgal in the magazine *Abhyantar*. She also presented and published a paper in an international conference held at PGDAV College. In addition, she presented four papers in national conferences.

Department of Mathematics

Dr. Md. Arif published five papers in *J. Math Computer Science*, *IJCER*, *IJERA* and *IJMA*.

Dr. Pratima Negi co-authored a book *Calculus and Geometry* in the year 2018.

Department of Persian

Dr. Malik Saleem Javed presented a research paper in a seminar. He participated in a workshop organized by the Sanskrit Department of ZHDC.

Department of Philosophy

Dr. Ariba Zaidi presented a paper at the Third International Conference on Philosophy of Mind at the School Of Medicine, University of Minho, Portugal. She also presented a paper in the International Conference at Sri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra. She published two papers in the *International Journal of Advanced Educational Research* and *International Journal of Academic Research and Development*. A paper has also been accepted for publication in *Intellection*.

Department of Political Science

Dr. Sonu Trivedi co-edited a book *Emerging Horizons in India-Vietnam Relations*. She contributed a chapter to *India 2017 Yearbook*. She published two research papers in *India Foundation Journal*, and the *World Affairs*; and articles in the *Tribune*, *The Diplomatist* and *The Nationalist*. Dr. Trivedi has been awarded senior fellowship for two years by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi. She is recipient of the India Excellence Award 2018 for *Education and Social Activism* by India Youth Foundation, New Delhi. She was the convenor of three international conferences. She presented papers in the international conferences organized by Centre for Indian Studies, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Hanoi, Vietnam, and Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam. She

visited China as a Member of India Foundation Delegation on the invitation of the International Department of Communist Party of China, 6-10 March, 2018.

Dr. Md. Aftab Alam contributed two book chapters and published two research papers in 2017. He was invited to deliver talks at various institutions including UGC Academic Staff College, JMI, New Delhi, Asian Human Rights Commission, Hong Kong, International Islamic University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Okan Universitesi, Istanbul, Turkey, Universitas Padjadjaran, Bandung, Indonesia, University of Westminster, London, UK, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles, and University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA in 2017. He presented research papers in various national and international conferences held at Zakir Husain Delhi College Morning, Zakir Husain Delhi College Evening, in the Annual Conference of American Political Science Association held at San Francisco, USA, in the 10th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) organised by University of Leiden, Netherlands, held at University of Chinag Mai, Thailand, in the Colloquium on Democratization and Constitutional Design in Divided Societies, held at University of Cyprus, in the Global Studies Conference, National University of Singapore, in the BASAS Annual Conference, held at University of Nottingham, UK, in the Third International Symposium on 'Liberty and Human Rights' organised by Cairo University, Egypt, and in the International Workshop on "Exploring Global South Contributions in International Relations" organized by PhISO & Far Eastern University, Manila.

Department of Zoology

Dr. Debjani Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Anita Grover chaired the plenary sessions in NCDD 2018.

Dr. B. Hareramadas (Convener) and Dr. Ankur Maheshwari (Co-convener) organized a National Conference. Dr. Hareramadas presented a poster in the same conference. Dr. Ankur Maheshwari presented five posters in the same conference and another poster on "National Science Day" at INSA.

Dr. Ilmas Naqvi and Dr. Sunil Kumar presented a poster in NCDD-2018. Dr. Ilmas Naqvi also participated in "International Symposium on Ciliate Biology 2018".

Librarian

Dr. Imran Khan co-authored a book *Emerging Trends in Academic Libraries and Librarianship*. His paper was published in *Gyankosh: The Journal of Library and Information Management*. He is a reviewer for the *International Journal of Information Dissemination and Technology (IJIDT)* and the *International Journal of Library and Information Science (IJLIS)*; a member of the Editorial Board for the *Journal of Advancements in Library Sciences (JoALS)* and the *International Journal of Academic Research in Library & Information Science (IJARLIS)*; and an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Advanced Research in Library and Information Science (JoARLIS)*. He participated in the 3rd India Public Libraries Conference (IPLC 2017) and in the 2nd International Conference of Asian Libraries (ICAL-2017) at Jamia Millia Islamia, a

UNESCO Workshop on Media and Information Literacy at Jamia Millia Islamia, and a one-day international seminar organized by Ambedkar University Delhi.

With this, I come to the conclusion of the Annual Report, and look forward to the next academic year's opportunities and achievements.