

# Annual Report 2016

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. Chandi Prasad Bhatt.

## (Bionote of the Chief Guest)

Shri. Chandi Prasad Bhatt was born on June 23, 1934 in Gopeshwar in Chamoli District of Uttarakhand. He was associated with the Sarvodaya Movement and he founded the Dasholi Gram Swaraj Mandal in 1964. He has dedicated his life to the issues of environmental conservation in Himalayan region and social development. He was the main inspiration behind the Chipko movement and has worked against the commercialisation of forests. In the last four decades, he has tirelessly worked for the ecological development of the areas of Upper Alaknanda valley. He has been involved in organising awareness camps ensuring participation of youth and women for environment conservation. His contribution in this field has been acknowledged widely across the world. His extensive fieldwork in the region has led to the conception that development of the Himalayan region should be centred around the development of local resources.

He has been the recipient of several awards including Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1982, Padmashri in 1986, United Nations Environment Programme Global 500 Award in 1987, Padma Bhushan in 2005, Earth Hero Prize and Green Legend in 2011 and Gandhi Peace Prize in 2013 and several other honours from various institutions. He has also been a part of several important and high level committees such as the Ministry for Environment, Ministry for Rural Development, Planning Commission, AYUSH, Department of Science and Technology, National Remote Sensing Agency (ISRO) among several others.

He has also been the Advisor for Advancement of Rural Technology in Uttarakhand. He was the Chairperson for first National Forest Commission and he headed the “Twenty Year Planning Committee for Forest”. He has been a member and chairperson of many non-governmental organizations like CSE, New Delhi; CERC, Ahmedabad among others. His immense knowledge on environment has benefitted many states such as Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Andaman and Nicobar. He has been a visiting faculty in various academic and research institutions such as Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy of Administration, many agricultural universities and various others. He has been contributing in various research journals and has six books to his credit -Parbat-Parbat Basti- Basti (Hindi). PratikarKeAnkur (Hindi), AdhureGyanaurKalpanikBiswas per Himalaya se CherkhaniGhatak (Hindi), Future of Large

Projects in the Himalaya, Eco-system of Central Himalaya and Chipko Experience.

We warmly welcome you, Mr. Bhatt.

**With due thanks to Almighty and with a deep sense of pleasure, I now present the Annual Report for the academic year 2015-16 to this august gathering.**

**We start with the important events.**

The Memorial lecture committee organizes two flag ship events of the college calendar every year. This year, the **9th Delhi college lecture** on “Dilli Ki Tareekh aur Tehzeeb” was delivered by eminent Urdu poet **Janab Gulzar Dehlvi** on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Dr. Aslam Parvaiz, Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, and former Principal of the College, presided over the function. The **28th Zakir Husain Memorial lecture** on “Iranian Facets of Mughal Kinship” was organized on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The lecture was delivered by Professor **Ebba Koch**, Tagore National Fellow for Cultural Research under the Indian ministry of culture (2015-2017).

Zakir Husain Delhi College is the only College of the University of Delhi to hold a convocation ceremony for undergraduate students. This year the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation was held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. Renowned Hockey player, Padmashree and Arjuna Awardee Mr Zafar Iqbal presided over the convocation as the Chief Guest and conferred the graduating students of 2014 with their degrees. A total of 503 degrees were conferred at the convocation.

**Now I present to you the Annual report for the College societies:**

**Arabic Society (Al-Nadi Al-Arabi)**

**Coordinator: Dr. Mohd. Qasim**

On 7th November, 2015, the Arabic Society started a new lecture series titled "Nawab Ghaziuddin Lecture Series". The inaugural lecture was delivered by Dr. Mohammad Saleem, Assistant Professor, IGNOU, on "Modern and Innovative Methods of Teaching & Learning Functional Arabic". The society also organized a Poetry Competition which was held on 3rd February, 2016. On 4th March, 2016, an Oratory Competition in the Arabic language was organised.

**Arts and Culture Society**

**Coordinator: Dr Babeeta C Kaula**

The arts and culture society of the college has been very actively engaged in imparting value

based education to the students. This year a series of month long theater workshops were conducted by Surendra Sharma. During these workshops a group of almost fifty students were trained and they presented the play 'Taj Mahal Ka Tender'. The students of theater society also participated in the Shakespeare Society of India's national drama competition held at St. Stephen's college, and presented 'Rana' an adaptation of Shakespeare's Richard III. The play was adjudged the best play, and Zeeshan Khan and Arham Sayeed Quadri were declared the best actor and best actress respectively. The play received accolade from Jonathan Gill Harris, the president of Shakespeare Society of India. After this performance the theatre group received a special invitation from Ashoka university to perform the play. Another play of the theatre group- 'Safarnama-' written and directed by our own student Zeeshan Khan has been presented in various colleges of Delhi University and also in Jamia Milia Islamia. During the 4<sup>th</sup> Bhisham Sahni Book Fair in the college, the theatre group staged "Chief ki dawat" a play written by the esteemed author Bhisham Sahni. The Arts and Culture society also conducted a series of month long workshops in music under the guidance of Mohit Dobhal from Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, after which they performed a musical presentation- ta na de re na. The members of the music group were invited by Oxford Book Store to perform in their inaugural program.

### **Bengali Literary Society**

**Coordinator: Dr. Audwittee Benerjee**

This year, the 4th Annual Dr. Gopa Dey Memorial Lecture on the topic "The other woman in women's writing" was delivered by eminent scholar Dr. Shubha Dasgupta. Mr Bimal Kumar Dey, husband of Late Dr. Gopa Dey, handed over 'Dr. Gopa Dey Memorial Award' of Rs 8000/- under various categories to eight students of Bengali (Hons.) for their academic excellence. The Bengali Literary Society published its annual Journal "BARNOMALA".

### **Botanical Society (Nargis)**

**Coordinator: Dr Babeeta C Kaula, Dr Tabassum**

The Botanical Society appointed its office bearers, and held its inaugural lecture on 25th August 2015. It was delivered by Dr. S. Natlesh of NII, who spoke about "Biotechnology and its Applications". The annual fest of the society-MYRISTICA was held on 12th March, 2016. Several inter college competitions such as Leaf art, Rangoli from waste, Treasure hunt and Botanical cross-word were organized in the fest. The Botanical Society has been organizing an 'Inter-College Rolling Shield Environment Quiz' Competition every year to promote awareness on various environmental issues among students. From this year, this Shield has been dedicated in memory of our dear colleague Late Dr. Virendra Kumar. Dr. Virendra Kumar was a teacher par excellence and a well-renowned environmentalist. This year, the society also started the campaign with the slogan: SAY NO TO PLASTIC. USE CLOTH BAG.

## **Chemistry Society**

**Coordinator: Dr. Sangeeta Pandita**

The annual invited lecture was delivered by Dr. S.C. Mittal, Executive Director, Premier Forensic Labs and Research, New Delhi on the “Role of Forensic Science in Solving White Collar Crimes: Forensic Document Examination.” The society organized a general science quiz to popularize science to students of all disciplines and streams. It was a successful event that witnessed participation of more than 30 teams from across various disciplines. The annual intercollegiate chemistry fest- **Zusammen**- was organized on 23rd February, 2016. Various competitions such as scientific paper presentation, group discussion, general science quiz etc were organized in the fest. To give our students a sense of the rich history of our college, the society organized a Heritage Walk to the old campus of our college at Ajmeri Gate on 16th March, 2016. Chemophile, the wall magazine of the society, was renamed as Wissen Fenster.

## **Chimera: The Photography society**

**Coordinator: Dr Fahim Ansari**

The society organized a workshop on the basics of photography and light. In this workshop, members were trained about working of a camera, the law of light and uses of different kinds of lenses. Three photowalks were organized at Dilli Haat, Purana Quila and Delhi Zoo. A member of the society, Nabeha Azim of B.A. (H) Philosophy, 3rd Year won the title of “creative bent” at the Photography competition of Daulat Ram College. The society also conducted a workshop on portrait photography. Besides, the members of the society successfully covered all the major events of the college.

## **Commerce society**

**Coordinator: Dr A.W. Farooqui, Dr Swati Aggarwal**

In this academic session, the society organized a personality development session, a talk titled ‘Dare to Dream’ by Dr. Jaswinder Grewal; a session by T.I.M.E. and New Delhi Institute of Management in September and October. A cultural event ‘Sanskriti’ was organized to celebrate Indian culture and heritage with various events. On 12th February 2016, the society organized its annual departmental fest ‘Innovision ‘16’. In the same month, another seminar about CV writing, group discussion and personal interview was conducted by New Delhi Institute of Management. In the month of March 2016, the society organized an educational trip to Udaipur.

## **Debating Society**

**Coordinator: Dr Sonu Trivedi**

The society organized two intra college debates, an Inter College Debate and the Annual 'Zakir Husain Memorial Debate'. Members of the society such as Deepanjali, Shubho, Amogh, Himani, Tushar, Saadullah have been declared winners in different debating competitions. The first Zakir Husain Memorial Debate organised on 30th March came to an end after hours of fiery and articulate argumentation. The Rolling Trophy instituted for the first time was bagged by Hindu College. The team from KMC was declared the Runners up.

## **Electronics Society**

**Coordinator: Dr P.K. Shishodia**

This year, the inaugural lecture was delivered by Dr. Shiv Kumar, Scientist- G, of Solid State Physics Laboratory (DRDO), New Delhi, on the topic "Solid State Materials and Devices". Other cultural activities were also held on this occasion.

## **English Literary Society**

**Coordinator: Mr. Abdul Hameed PA**

The English Literary Society organised many interesting and informative events in the academic session 2015-2016. In August 2015, it organized a lecture by Dr. Gautam Chakravathy, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Delhi on "Horace's contribution to the Satire form". On 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, the Society organized a lecture on *Andha Yug*, a play written by Dharamvir Bharati by our colleague Dr. Anjan, Department of Hindi. On 16<sup>th</sup> of February, 2016 a screening of the film *The French Lieutenant's Woman* was organised, which was followed by presentations by students and a discussion. As part of the biennial Bhishma Sahani Book Fair in the college, the ELS organised English Short Story Writing competition on the topic of "Partition." The highlight of the academic year was the Annual Literary Fest, Rhapsody' 16 on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016. A national student's seminar was organized as part of the fest where students from universities and colleges across Delhi presented papers on "The English Sonnet: Evolution and Tradition." Prof. Sharmistha Lahiri, retired Prof. of Italian Studies, Department of Germanic and Romance Studies, University of Delhi, delivered the keynote speech. Other events like Performance Poetry, Creative Writing and Quiz etc. were other attractions of the fest. On 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016, the ELS organized a creative writing (short story) workshop with Dr. Sami Ahmed Khan, award winning novelist, and a broadcasting journalist with the All India Radio.

## **Gandhi Study Circle**

### **Coordinator: Dr Sanjeev Kumar**

The Gandhi Study Circle organised a visit to Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samitee and National Gandhi Museum in September to familiarize students with Gandhian values. On 5<sup>th</sup> October, a Street Play was organised on the theme “Women Empowerment” followed by a “Peace March”. On 16<sup>th</sup> October, Dr. Dhananjay Rai from the Centre for Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies, Central University of Gujarat delivered a talk on the idea of “Debating Swaraj”. One of the biggest events that the society organised this year was the two-day International Conference on “Gandhi and the Contemporary World” held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at the Conference Centre, University of Delhi. Some of the prominent international delegates included Prof Douglas Allen (USA); Prof. Antony Copley (UK); Prof. Ari Sitas (South Africa); Prof Kazuya Ishii (Japan); Prof. Vinit Haksar (UK) and Prof. Garry. Cox (USA). From India Prof Ashis Nandy, Prof. Gail Omvedt, Prof. Thomas Pantham, Prof. Mridula Mukherjee, Prof. M.P. Singh, Prof. Ujjwal Kumar Singh, Prof. Bindu Puri, Prof. Apoorvanand and Prof. Ashok Acharya among others participated in the conference. The inaugural session on 24<sup>th</sup> February was chaired by Dr Balmiki Prasad Singh, former Governor of Sikkim and Home Secretary of the Government of India, and Prof. Douglas Allen of University of Maine delivered the inaugural address. The valedictory session was presided by Prof. Ari Sitas and the noted Gandhian scholar and Peace Activist Prof. N.Radhakrishnan delivered the valedictory address. Ms. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee was the guest of honour on the final day.

## **Garden Committee**

### **Coordinator: Dr Reeta Khosla**

The garden committee adds to the biodiversity of the College. This year, we have put name plates on trees; and that makes us the only other College in Delhi University to identify and label each tree. We were awarded the second prize in the Flower show for this effort. We have 154 trees, 64 medicinal and other herbs in our herbal garden, 54 cacti and succulents in rock garden and 40 species of annual flowering plants in the college garden. Our malis maintain a vermicompost unit as well. In the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower Show of Delhi University, our college won 168 awards and 10 trophies-including the Kalindi college cup for money plant basket. Our college was awarded Meenakshi Gopinath Cup for best herbal garden and second prize for the rock garden .

## **Girls' Association**

### **Co-ordinator: Dr. Anita Katna**

In this academic session, Zakir Husain Delhi College Girls Association organized a variety of

programs that focused on overall development of the girl students. In October 5, 2015 an interactive session on women's issues was conducted with Gynecologist Dr Samriti Uppal. A five day self-defense workshop was organized in collaboration with Delhi Police from October 6 - October 10, 2015. A rangoli competition using plant waste was held on February 19, 2016. The association organized the "Talent Search" Program on March 21, 2016 during which various extracurricular activities like debate, singing, mehndi art, food art, hidden talent and dance were organized.

### **History Society**

**Coordinator: Dr. Pradeep Kumar**

This year, the Department undertook an educational trip to Jaipur in February 2016. A talk by Dr. Srimanjari, Dept. of History, Miranda College, Delhi University, on 'Understanding Ancient Society', was organized on 18th February 2016.

### **Hindi Literary Society**

**Coordinator: Dr. Anjan Kumar**

In October, the Department organized a talk by Prof Hari Mohan Sharma of Department of Hindi, University of Delhi on 'Globalization and Hindi'. In November, a discussion on 'Hindi Bhasha ki Dasha Aur Disha', was conducted by Mr Jaikant Mishra of the Bhasha Sahodari Sansthan. In March 2016, Prof. Apoorvanand from University of Delhi spoke on 'Abhivyakti ki Azaadi Aur Sahitya'. In April, a seminar on "Abhivyakti ki Azaadi Aur Media" was organized. Mr. Dilip Mandal was the chief speaker in this seminar. The Hindi literary society actively participated in the organization of the biennial Bhasham Sahani book fair in March, 2016.

### **Life Science Society (Fusion)**

**Coordinator: Dr. Malti Gupta**

The inaugural lecture of the society was delivered by Dr. Saurabh Raghuvanshi from South Campus, DU on "The world of MicroRNAs" on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. The annual festival of the society "CHEMBOLOGY 2016" was a successful event with competitions such as e-poster on Gene Technology & Gen 2030, Matki decoration on Biotechnology theme, Science quiz, Best out of e-Waste. A National Symposium on "Biotechnology in Crop Improvement: Prospects & Challenges" was organised on April 1, 2016. Dr Malti Gupta was the convener of this symposium.

## **Mathematical Society**

**Coordinator: Dr. Mohd. Arif**

In this academic session, the Mathematical society organized its annual fest OPTIMA-16 in February 2016. Prof. Nadeem Mohsin, visiting faculty, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, delivered a lecture on “personality development”. Other activities like mathematics based quiz, rangoli, Sudoku, beg borrow steal, mock stock were conducted.

## **Media Committee**

**Coordinator: Dr Ratnum Kaul Wattal**

Zakir Husain Delhi College is a hub of activities- both academic and extracurricular, and the college Media Committee regularly updates the print, electronic and social media about various college events. The committee attempts to reach out to the public at large and inform them about the various platforms provided to students for an all rounded and holistic development.

## **Nature and Environment Society (Srishti)**

**Coordinator: Dr. R. Prabhakar Rao**

Srishti-the Nature and Environment Society of our College, has been actively raising environmental issues with the help and guidance from teachers and active participation from the students. On August 11, 2015 the society organized a seminar on Management of Coastal Areas in India with Ms Meenakshi Kapoor from Centre for Policy Research- Namati Environmental Justice Program. A workshop on RTI (Right to Information Act 2005) was organized on August 12, 2015 with RTI activist Akash Vashisht. As a part of a recent project, a group of 40 students went to a ‘seed collection and preservation walk’ at Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary. On September 8, 2015, students planted a nursery at College, as an effort to preserve native trees. An educational trip was organized to Kanha Tiger Reserve from the 25th to the 29th of October 2015. Story on Dragonflies, a festival on Odonata, was held on September 18, 2015. Mr Ishtiyak Ahamed, from Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary conducted two workshops with the students in January 2016. A composting workshop (How to turn organic waste into organic manure) was held on January 12, 2016 with Samidha Bansal from Daily Dump. On 29 January, 2016, Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), organized an enthusiastic session for the students and raised awareness about methods and benefits of conserving petroleum products and emission reduction. On 29-30 January, 2016, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) organized the YUVA (Youth Unite for Voluntary



Action) Meet by bringing together young people from various parts of India and the world. Our students participated and won the third prize in the YUVA meet photography competition. On the 27th February 2016, an educational trip to Yamuna Biodiversity Park was organized. The annual festival of the society Jamboree was held on the 16th of March 2016 and was a grand success.

## **NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)**

**Coordinator: Capt. (Dr.) M.M. Raheman**

Zakir Husain Delhi College is known as the pride of the 7<sup>th</sup> Delhi Battalion in the Group 'C'. Under the guidance of our NCC officer, Captain (Dr.) M .M. Raheman, we are proud to be a part of the Delhi Directorate. The session 2015-16 witnessed a series of significant achievements. The cadets of Zakir Husain Delhi College successfully participated in various camps. We are proud to announce that in the REPUBLIC DAY CAMP two of our cadets, CDT. Shubham Chaudhary and CDT. Aniket Rai participated.

In the ARMY ATTACHMENT CAMP held in the Meerut cantonment between October and November, 18 cadets from our college participated and they were trained under the guidance of JCOs of the 17 Jat Regiment. Cadets who participated in this camp are SUO Mansoor Khan, SUO Manpreet Singh Dalal, JUO Ashish Kumar, JUO Abhishek Chaudhary, CDT Akshay Jain, CDT Vikas Kumar, CDT Usman Gani Khan, CDT Mohd.Imran, CDT Komal Singh Kushwaha, CDT Prince Chaudhary, CDT Satish Nishad, and CDT Harish Bhardwaj. The ALL INDIA TREKKING CAMP was organised in Gujarat and 13 cadets of our College were selected. SUO Mansoor Khan and JUO Abhishek Chaudhary won the first position in Piloting. The college NCC team also won the second position in the volleyball competition. Other participants of this camp were – i) CDT Vikas Kumar ii) JUO Rahul Bhardwaj.

Four cadets namely, i) JUO Abhishek Chaudhary ii) JUO Ajay Kumar iii) CDT Prince Chaudhary iv) CDT Harish Bhardwaj were selected for The CHIEF MINISTER'S RALLY. The Delhi Directorate selected two cadets named are SUO Mansoor Khan and JUO Atul Kumar Singh to participate in the ADVANCED LEADERSHIP CAMP. In The ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP of the 7 Delhi Battalion organised in September ten of our cadets- SUO Mansoor Khan, II) SUO Manpreet Singh Dalal, III) JUO Ajay, IV) JUO Rahul, V) JUO Bhupender, VI) CDT Pukar VII) CDT Prince VIII) CDT Harish Bhardwaj IX) CDT Parveen X) CDT Vikas Kumar participated. In THE COMBINED ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP of the 7 Delhi Battalion organised in June thirty cadets participated. Some of them are - I) SUO Mansoor Khan II) JUO Ankush III) JUO Atul Kumar Singh IV) JUO Pukar V) JUO Rahul Bhardwaj VI) JUO Washid VII) JUO Ajay Kumar. VIII) CDT Vikas Kumar

The NATIONAL INTEGRATION CAMPS held in October in Tezpur and Siliguri were led by led by JUO Rahul Bhardwaj and JUO Ajay respectively. Along with them eight other cadets of our college also participated in these camp. Some of the participants were- I) JUO Abhishek Cahudhary II) JUO Rahul III) JUO Rajesh IV) JUO Vikas V) CDT Akshay

Jain. JUO Vikas Kumar of our college was selected to participate in the **SNOW SKIING CAMP** held at Gulmarg.

In the prestigious **AMAR JAWAN JYOTI** event, total 17 cadets of our college were selected. Out of which 8 cadets were selected for *Guard Of Honour* and 5 cadets were selected for the *Wreath Laying Ceremony*. CDT Prince Chaudhary was selected as *Army Guard Commander*.

CDT Usman Gani Khan was selected for **PARA SLITHERING CAMP**. The **SPECIAL NATIONAL INTEGRATION CAMP** held in NAGALAND was led by JUO Vikas Kumar, who also won the gold medal for national integration awareness presentation. Delhi Directorate selected four of our College namely, I) SUO Mansoor Khan II) JUO Abhishek III) JUO Bhupender IV) JUO Vikas Kumar.

Two of our cadets JUO Vikas Kumar and JUO Bhupender Singh were members of the kabaddi team at the **NCC** national games.

**17th NCC ANNUAL FEST**, “SALUTE-2016” was organised on 9th March 2016. The chief guest was Mr. Paramaditya, IPS (DCP, central district). Other honourable guests included Yogesh Shukla (member of PAC, Ministry of Railways), Manisha Chaudhary (Deputy Dean, University of Delhi), Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Suvir Shrivastav and Nisha Tyagi (Deputy Dean, University of Delhi).

### **National Social Service (NSS)**

#### **Co-ordinator: Mukesh Kr. Jain**

The session started with NSS volunteers organizing an admissions Helpdesk. In September 2015 an orientation session was held with Dr. A. K. Singh, President, Rotary Club (Delhi Chapter). To promote girl safety and empowerment, in collaboration with the Girls Association the NSS conducted self defense camp for girls. A Health Awareness Programme with special reference to Dengue was organized during October, 2015. It received extensive coverage from media including Dilli Aaj Tak. Another remarkable achievement for NSS unit of the college was selection of one student volunteer Ankit Kumar for the Pre-Republic Day Camp from September 25 to October 4, 2015; the training for which took place at Sikar, Rajasthan. This noteworthy accomplishment was furthered by selection of two NSS volunteers, Md. Zubair Ansari – B.A. (H) Hindi III year and Vatan Gupta – B.A. (H) Pol. Science III year in the 20<sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival, 2015 organized by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India at Raipur (Chhatisgarh) from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

In January, 2016 “Taarunya’16”, the first ever Two- Day National Youth Convention was organized to mark the National Youth Day on the birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Shri Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi; Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Member of Parliament; Swami Shantatmananda, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission and Zeenat Niazi

amongst others participated in this convention. During January end, Oil Conservation awareness programme was organized in association with Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA).

### **Persian Society (Anjuman-e-Farsi)**

**Coordinator: Dr Jameelur Rehman**

The department organized a lecture by Prof Aleem Ashraf Khan. on “the role of Sufis in maintaining social harmony in the Medieval period” on March 31, 2016.

### **Philosophy Society (The Monist)**

**Coordinator: Dr. C.V. Babu**

In this academic session, the society organized the screening of three documentary films on different Philosophical themes- *the nature of existence*, *The simulation of hypothesis* and *Wittgenstein’s sense of religious belief*. This year, the “ICPR Periodic Lecture” was delivered by Prof. Balaganpathi Devarakonda on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 on the topic “Buddhist Concept of Happiness”. A talk on the “Philosophical Angle of the Gravitational Waves” was delivered by Dr. Mohd. Ehsan on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016. On March 2, 2016. The society organized a group discussion on “The Philosophical Aspect of the Policy of Reservation”.

### **Physical Sciences Society (Physciuminati)**

**Coordinator: Dr. Anita Katna**

The society organised its Inaugural Lecture on “Fascination of Nuclear Energy”, delivered by Prof. Vinod Kumar of Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi on September 17, 2015. Apart from this lecture various activities were organised in which witnessed enthusiastic participation from students. The Society also organized its annual fest “Enigma1.0” on February 9, 2016. Various events such as Inter Department Essay competition, Physics Quiz, General Quiz, Treasure Hunt and Volleyball Championship were organized during the fest.

### **Department of Physical Education & Sports Sciences**

**Coordinator: Ms.Sayema Ahmed**

The College football team started its season on a winning note. After more than a decade our team regained the prestigious Delhi State Senior Division Institutional Football League Championship. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Invitational college youth league our college won the Runners up

position. Four players from the team (Deepak Taxak, Ajay Kumar, Mukul Mohindra, Ashutosh Thapliyal) were selected for the Delhi University Football team. In the 28th edition of Zakir Husain Memorial Football Tournament the football team won the title for the third consecutive year. It is a matter of great pride for us that one of the ex-members of the football team Vikas Rawat led the Delhi State Football team at the Santosh Trophy. Another member of college Amit Yadav also played in the Santosh Trophy for Haryana. In addition, the college Cricket, Table Tennis, Athletics teams also participated in the Inter-college championships of Delhi University Sports Council. The college's Judo, Chess, Basketball and Volleyball teams have been performing consistently. The overall sports environment in the college is quite encouraging as more girls are also showing their willingness to take part in games and sports.

### **Political Science Society (Avaam)**

#### **Coordinator: Manashi Mishra**

The Department of Political Science (Avaam) screened the documentary *Muzaffarnagar Baaqi Hai* in September. In October, the department invited Prof Krishna Kumar to speak on "Teaching under difficult circumstances". A panel discussion on Labour Law Reforms in India was also organized in the same month. It was a moment of great pride for the department when it got the opportunity to host a visiting delegation of students and teachers from Myanmar and interact with them in October 2015. In January 2016, the department went on a three day educational trip to Nainital. In February a seminar in memory of legendary teacher Prof. Randhir Singh was organized, who taught at our College for almost two decades. The department organized a one day UGC sponsored national seminar on *Ways of Seeing* in March, 2016. Experts of Indian Political thought such as Prof P.K.Datta and Dr Ananya Vajpai participated in this seminar. In the same month the annual festival of the department Abhivyakti was held. This was followed by a panel discussion on 'Nation and Nationalism', on 19th March, 2016. The panelist included Achin Vanaik, Madhulika Banerjee, Apoorvanand, Urmilesh and Satish Deshpande. This year the third issue of the departmental magazine *Awaaz* on the theme 'Right to life' was published. An interactive session on 'Privatization of Education', was organized with Dr. Madhu Prasad in February. In April, the department organized a "Chat with a Diplomat" (C-WaD) in collaboration with Global Youth, ZHDC chapter. Mr Robert Kemp, Deputy Minister Counsellor for Economy, Trade and Technology Affairs from the Embassy of United States of America participated in this event.

### **Psychology Society**

#### **Coordinator: Dr Nisha Jaiswal**

The psychology society organized a number of events in the academic year 2015-16. It started by electing the student office bearers and forming an executive body of students. A

group discussion on mindfulness, peace and healthy thought was organized. It was followed by a talk by Charnita Arora. On 4th September 2015, there was a talk on “Counselling in India Setting: Scopes and Challenges” The society organized the screening of the film “*Inside Out*”. Various competitions such as paper presentation, psychology quiz, extempore speech, poster making etc were organized in this academic session. A play on Sigmund Freud’s life was staged by the students of Psychology department. Students of the department were part of the organizing team of Mental Health Foundation, India. They are also a part of MHF Project in Kirti Nagar, providing mental health services to the people in the area.

### **Quiz Society (Quintessence)**

**Coordinator: Dr. Sangita Pandita**

The society organized Quizathon, a series of intra-college quizzes in September, 2015. The second season of CONOSCENZA- an inter-college-interschool quiz event, took place on 13th October, 2015. The Annual Inter-College Quizzing Fest-CHAKRAVYUH was held in February, 2016. Quintessence members represented the college at various intercollegiate/national level quizzes and have brought laurels to the college. Our student Kartik Puri bagged the second position in World Quiz organized by Youth Forum on Foreign Policy in Guwahati.

### **Sanskrit Literaray Society**

**Coordinator: Dr. Deepak Kalia**

The Sanskrit Parishad of the College celebrated the Sanskrit week from 26th August 2015 to 1st September 2015, and organized a lecture on ‘Sanskrit Avam Bhartiya Jeevan’, by Dr. Aloka Dasgupta, former Associate Prof. at Kamla Nehru College and our colleague Dr. Vibha Singh Chauhan. In February, 2016, inter class ‘Shlokh Lekhan patravachan and Prashnmanch’, competitions were organized. In March, Sanskrit Parishad in association with the Sanskrit Bharti conducted ‘Sanskrit Sambhashan Shivir’ for seven days. Our college team won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the inter-college Shlokh- Sangeet competition at Miranda house.

### **Urdu Literary Society (Bazm e-Adab)**

**Coordinator: Dr. Mohd. Alam**

Bazm-e-Adab organized a series of events like Debate, Ghazal recitation, Seminars and literary discussion. Bait Bazi and a Ghazal Recitation competition were organized on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

## **World University Services - Delhi University Committee**

**Coordinator: Dr. Anita Katna**

World University Services - Delhi University Committee (WUS-DUC) focuses on education, development and human rights. The College WUS–DUC wing organized a lecturer and interactive session on “How to survive and thrive in this competitive world” by Dr Mohit Gupta, Associate Professor, Department of Cardiology, G. B. Pant Hospital, Delhi on 17th March 2016. A Photography competition on the topic “Different shades of life in campus” was held in the third week of March 2016.

## **Zoological Society (Inheritance)**

**Coordinator: Dr Satish Ganta**

For its inaugural function the Zoological society invited Prof. Anand Prakash, Department of Psychology, University of Delhi, and for its annual fest Dr. Subeer S. Majumdar, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi as guest speakers. In addition, an educational-cum-excursion trip was organized for B.Sc. (Hons.) zoology students to visit Jim Corbett National Park and Nainital.

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

## **Department of Arabic**

**Dr. Mohd. Qasim** authored a research paper published in *Thaqafat-ul-Hind*, ICCR and a chapter in the book *Al-Thaqafatul-Arabiyya fil-Hind*. He also presented a paper in a National Seminar organized by the Department of Arabic, Jamia Millia Islamia. He delivered three invited lectures at the Department of Arabic, Farook College, Kozhikode and at the Department of Arabic, TMG College, Tirur and a keynote address on ‘Arabic pedagogy in India: Past and Present’ at World Arabic Day celebration, at the PG Department of Arabic, WMO Arts and Science College, Wayanad, Kerala.

**Dr. Sayed Mohammad Tariq** presented a paper on at a National Seminar in Jamia Millia Islamia in February 2016, and a paper at an International Seminar in Delhi University.

## **Department of Botany**

**Dr. Abdul Wahid Ansari** co-authored nine research papers in different journals including a paper in *Frontiers in Microbiology*, *Planta*, and in *Plant Signaling and Behaviour* among others. He received the Uttarakhand Governor Award for Best Research Paper in 2016. He is also the principal investigator in a research project titled ‘Characterization of Ethylene

induced through *Fusarium Mangiferae* in Mango malformation', by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.

**Dr. Ashima Khurana** co-authored a paper in *The Plant Genome*. She also attended a one-day workshop at Miranda House, University of Delhi.

**Dr. Babeeta C Kaula** co-authored an article in *Scientifica*. She also organised a workshop in the college along with NII under Science Setu program.

**Dr. Malti Gupta** organised a National Symposium on *Biotechnology in Crop Improvement: Prospects & Challenges* in the college auditorium.

**Dr. Ratnum Kaul Wattal** co-authored a research paper, and presented a co-authored paper at an International conference in Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi in January 2016. She was awarded an Innovation Project titled 'Designing a Mathematical model to solve upcoming water crisis in Noida/ Greater Noida Region' funded by Research Council, University of Delhi.

**Dr. Reeta Khosla** participated in Green Network conclave on 'Environment' organized by Center for Science and Environment, in January 2016.

**Dr. Savindra Kumar** published a co-authored paper. He participated in various workshops including the Green Educators' Network organised by Centre for Science and Environment and First Himalayan Conclave-2015, organised by Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development in association with Department Of Botany, University of Delhi, Himalayan Environmental Studies and Conservation Organisation and Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology among others. He co-authored and presented two papers at an International Conference in USA and a National Summit in Manipur.

### **Department of Chemistry**

**Dr. K.K. Arora** has been appointed as Convener in the Committee of courses for Chemistry, C.B.S.E. He got 12 video features recorded at IIT (Roorkee) on UGC curriculum under 'National Mission for Education through ICT', a project of MHRD. Dr. Arora also delivered nine invited features under INSPIRE Programme of Department of Science and Technology and in Teacher Training Programmes at Delhi, Panchkula and Himachal Pradesh. He participated as Resource person in 7 works shops of 5 days each for training of school teachers, organized by NCERT.

**Dr. Sangeeta Pandita** authored two research papers published in the Delhi University Journal of Undergraduate Research and Innovation and Resonance, Journal of Science Education in 2015 and 2016 respectively. Dr. Pandita also participated in an International Workshop on Innovative Teaching Methodologies at CPDHE, University of Delhi in January 2016.

**Dr. Sulekh Chandra** co-authored 12 papers published in various international journals and authored and published two books on Inorganic Chemistry. Four of his students were awarded Ph.D degrees. Dr. Chandra was also elected as the Chairman of the Northern Society of Ecotoxicology and Environment Science (ICEES) and Council Member and Associate Editor for Indian Chemical Society. He was also awarded a research project funded by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), New Delhi. He presented two papers at an International Conference held by Indian Chemical Society in December 2015 and also chaired a session at the National Conference on Science and Technology in Dyal Singh College, University of Delhi.

### **Department of Commerce**

**Dr. Abdul Wahid Farooqi** published a Hindi translation of a book on 'Business Management'. He also presented papers in three seminars; including a paper in a National Seminar at Iram Girls Degree College, Lucknow University and a paper at the Department of Business Finance and Economics, Jai Narayan Vyas University, Rajasthan.

**Dr. Reeta** published six research papers in various journal including, the *International Journal of trends in Human Resource Management*, *International Journal of Management Research* and in the *International Journal of Human Resources and Social Sciences*, *Inspire Journal of commerce, economics and computer Science*, among others. She also presented a paper at an International Convention organized by Department of Commerce, University of Delhi.

**Dr. Shruti Gupta** published three research papers in various journals including the *International Journal of Research in Commerce, IT and Management*, and in *International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Business Environment Perspectives*, July-Sept. 2015.

### **Department of Electronics**

**Anshu Rastogi** has been appointed as Convener in the Committee of courses for Chemistry, C.B.S.E. He also coordinated an Oil Conservation event, in association with HPCL, PCRA in January 2016, in college.

**Dr. N.K Jain** co-authored and published four research papers in various journals. He also co-authored a paper in the journal Computing for Sustainable Global Development (INDIACom) (Scopus Indexed) as part of the International Conference on IEEE in 2015. He co-authored a chapter for a book and was appointed as Executive member of the Anuvrat Samiti Delhi and Convenor to arrange Anuvrat series of lectures in Colleges and Universities of State of Delhi.

### **Department of English**



**Mohd. Afzal** presented a paper at the UGC National Seminar on 'The Indian Vernacular: Languages, Literatures and Histories' organized by Department of English, Delhi University in September 2015. His paper was adjudged the winner of the first prize (joint) among all the research papers presented.

**Ms. Shraddha Adityavir Singh** presented a paper at a UGC sponsored National seminar organised by the Department of English at Zakir Husain Delhi College (Evening) in March 2016, and a paper at a seminar at PGDAV (M) College in January 2016. She also wrote two chapters for a book on contemporary literature, taught to the English Honours third year students of the University of Delhi. One of her review articles was published in the International journal of comparative literature, "Literary Review".

### **Department of History**

**Dr. Devesh Vijay** successfully completed a Two Year Fellowship at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi in July 2015 with two Working Papers and one published book. He also submitted two major Research Projects to the Indian Council of Social Science Research, and the University Grants Commission in between October and December, 2015. He published two books, and a number of articles in refereed journals including the *Economic and Political Weekly*, and a book review for the *Indian Journal of Public Administration*. He recorded a video lecture in Hindi for the Virtual Learning Environment program of the Institute of Life Long Learning, University of Delhi. He presented two papers at the Centre for Policy Research and at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library. Dr Vijay spoke at the Conference on Urban Spaces organized by the Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla in June, 2015. He was appointed the Convener of syllabus revision committee for the paper Issues in Contemporary World in 2015-16.

**Dr. Md. Tarique Anwar** participated and presented a paper in a National Seminar on organized by Centre of Advanced study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University in February 2016.

**Sarita Sarsar** presented papers in two seminars including at a National Seminar organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi in March, 2015, and at a National Workshop, organized by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi in October, 2015.

### **Department of Mathematics**

**Dr. Abdullah** published three papers in various journals including, the *Mathematical Journal of Interdisciplinary Sciences*, and the *International Journal of Computer & Mathematical Science*. He also presented papers in two seminars and in an International Conference. He

also delivered an invited talk at SRMS College of Engineering and Technology, Bareilly. He participated in various seminars, workshops and panel discussions.

**Dr. Mohd. Arif** published three papers in International journals and two of his papers were accepted for publication in international journals. He also presented a paper at an International Conference at Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad.

### **Department of Persian**

**Farha Adeeba** participated and presented a paper at a three Day International Seminar organized by the Department of Persian, University of Delhi.

**Dr. Jameel-Ur-Rehman** published an edited a book, and participated in three seminars organized by the Department of Persian, University of Delhi.

**Dr. Malik Saleem Javed** participated and presented a paper at an International Seminar organized by Department of Persian, University of Delhi.

**Dr. Shahnaz Ara Begum** presented a paper at an International Seminar organized by Department of Persian, University of Delhi in March, 2016. She also participated in a two-day Perso-Indica Conference, organized by Department of Persian, University of Delhi.

### **Department of Political Science**

**Dr. Aftab Alam** authored a chapter in an edited Volume titled *Unequal Worlds: Discrimination and Social Inequality in Modern India* from Oxford University Press and a chapter in an edited volume on *Indian Political Thought*, a University of Delhi publication. He presented papers in various International Conferences the SASNET Conference on at Lund University, Sweden and the 73rd Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA) held at Chicago, USA. He delivered two invited lectures including one at the US-India Policy Institute, Washington D.C., USA. He also presented several papers at national level seminars. Dr. Alam also became a members of various international bodies such as the International Political Science Association (IPSA), Canada and the European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS) among others.

**Dr. Sonu Trivedi** published a book by Atlantic Publishers and a chapter in another book. Dr. Trivedi has also published nine articles in several newspapers. She also presented research papers in four International Conferences, and chaired the Plenary Session at National Conference at TECNIA Institute of Advanced Studies in March 2016. She was a discussant at the ICWA-MISIS Bilateral Dialogue on Internal Security Situation and Bilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation between India and Myanmar organized by ICWA. Dr. Trivedi has been appointed as Visiting Faculty in the Indian Institute of Management, Indore, for the Five Year Integrated Programme in Management.

## **Department of Psychology**

**Dr. Manchong Limlunthang Zou** co-authored a paper in the International Journal of Global Education, Turkey. Dr. Zou also presented two papers at the International Conference on Psychosocial perspectives on Health and Wellbeing held at Jamia Millia Islamia. He was also awarded a Ph.D degree by Jamia Millia Islamia in January 2016.

## **Department of Zoology**

**Dr. Ankur Maheshwari** authored a chapter in an edited book titled *Gene Pool Diversity and Crop Improvement*, from Springer International Publishing, Switzerland. He also participated in three workshops and symposiums including one held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Centre for Biomedical Research, University of Delhi. Dr. Maheshwari has also been appointed as 'Teacher Investigator' in DU Innovation Project Zh301 titled 'Development of User - friendly low cost Portable Biosensor for the Detection of Pesticides', from October 2015 to September 2016.

**Dr. Ragesh P. R.** co-authored three papers in different journals including a paper in the *Journal of Entomology and Zoological Studies* and in the *Journal of Entomology and Zoological Studies*. He has also been appointed as 'Teacher Investigator' in DU Innovation Project on 'Development of User-friendly Low Cost Portable Biosensor for the Detection of Pesticides'.

**Dr. Satish Ganta** co-authored three papers including a paper in *Archives of Phytopathology and Plant Protection* and in the *Journal of Entomological Zoological Studies*. He was also awarded a Delhi University Innovation Project on 'Development of user friendly low cost portable biosensor for the detection of pesticides'. He chaired a session at the *National Symposium on Environmental Contamination and Public Health* in Zakir Husain Delhi College.

**Dr. Sunil Kumar** participated in two Science Setu workshops in Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi, and at Hindu College, University of Delhi. He has been awarded with Two Delhi University Innovation Projects including one on 'Development of User-friendly low cost portable biosensor for the detection of pesticides', and another titled 'Designing a Mathematical model to solve the upcoming water crises in Noida / Greater Noida region'.

## **Mirza Mehmood Beg Library**

**Dr. Imran Khan (Librarian)** published one national and two international papers in various journals including the *International Journal of Next Generation Library and Technologies*. He also reviewed two international journals. He attended two international and four national conferences. He is the associate editor of the *Journal of Advanced Research in Library and Information Science*.

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