

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Namaskar! Warm greetings to all present here! I would like to welcome our honorable Chief Guest, Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog, our Guests of Honour, the young and dynamic Spokesperson of AAP Shri Raghav Chadha and renowned Bharatnatyam exponent Smt. Rama Vaidyanathan. I also take this opportunity to welcome our Governing Body Chairperson Shri Praveen Prabhakar Gaur, Treasurer Prof. Tariq Hussain and other respected members of Governing Body, Prof Sydney Rebeiro, Prof Shormishtha Panja, Prof. R.B. Singh, Shri Rajiv Gupta, Ms Lira Goswami, Shri Jasmine Shah, Shri R.D. Mathakar, Shri K.K.Yadav, Ms Meena Mani, invited guests, members from media, teaching faculty, non-teaching staff and support staff, and my very dear students.

In this Annual Report, I would like to present a brief account of our achievements and accomplishments on the academic, co-curricular, extra-curricular and infrastructural fronts. Beginning with the new academic session in July, I feel proud to announce that Kamala Nehru College was the first College in South Campus to have an Open House for the admission aspirants and their parents in the admission season of 2018-19. Around the same time the College also brought out its bi-lingual Prospectus. The new College website was also launched on 15th July 2018. Exhaustive information of college is provided on the website, which is also mobile friendly. We had two international collaborations last year. Shining Network—the Youth Empowering and Value Creating Society of the College collaborated with the Society for Philosophers in America (SOPHIA) for discourses on Public Philosophy starting from January, 2018. In March, 2018, the B.A. Program Committee organized ‘TEDx KNC: Find or Make’ an event held under License from TED, US. Every year, Crossfire, the English Debating Society organizes the Annual International Parliamentary Debate Tournament—

“Munaazrah.” This year the event was held in February 2018, in which more than 60 teams participated across the country and from outside India.

It is a matter of pride for KNC that two of our very able and bright cadets- JUO Divya Mishra and SUO Babita Sharma were part of NCC contingent marching on Rajpath on 26th January 2018. The whole selection process stretched over a period of four months, and the cadets went through rigorous camp selections to finally become a part of the Republic Day. In terms of our international presence Ms. Bharti Bisht of B A Program was awarded for her outstanding performance in the 7-a-side Unified Female Football World Cup held at Chicago in July 2018 organized by Special Olympics Bharat.

Seminars, Workshops, Panel discussions and Academic Talks are a routine feature of the KNC intellectual climate. In October 2018, the Placement Cell of KNC organized a panel discussion on “Young India Women Entrepreneurship Mission” in association with NITI Aayog and IBCHAM. Shri Ramdas Athawale, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment was the chief guest for the session. In January 2018, the Political Science department organized a Panel Discussion on Dr. Bijaylaxmi Nanda ‘s book, *Sex-Selective Abortion and the State: Policies, Laws and Institutions in India*. The department also organized another Panel Discussion on ‘Climate Change: Impact and Policy Solutions’. As part of Journo Junction, the annual festival of the Journalism department, a Panel Discussion on 'Intersections- Caste, Sexuality and Media' was organized. The History department’s annual lecture was presented by Prof. Sunil Kumar, followed by a panel discussion on “Cultural Contestations in the Making of India”. In February, the Geography department had a Panel Discussion on 'Career opportunities in Geography.'

The 14th Dr. K. K. Gorowara Annual Memorial Lecture was delivered on 15th March 2018 by Mr. Navtej Singh Johar, a well-known Bharatnatyam exponent,

writer and Yoga instructor who addressed the audience on the topic, 'The Idea of the Body'.

The Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) in collaboration with the Centre for Studies in Gender and Sexuality, Ashoka University, organized an Open House on 'Understanding Sexual Harassment' in October 2018. A Panel and book discussion was held on 'Partition and its Legacy' jointly organized by the Book Club and English Literary Society in March, 2018. The zeal for women's issues is evident in the activities of our Women's Development Cell (WDC) which organized a Panel Discussion on 'Online Safety for Women' sponsored by 'Google and She the People.'

The culture of invited lectures and discussions at KNC is quite old, which has thrived over years in the academic environment of the college. Dr. Aakash Singh Rathore, Visiting Professor, Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Director of the International Research Network for Religion and Democracy, was invited to deliver the annual Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture on 6th September 2017. Dr. Rathore spoke on "Ethics of Critical Thinking". Green Beans, the Environment Club of KNC organized series of lectures on pertinent topics like: "Rainwater Harvesting and Water Footprints" and "Electronic Waste Generation and Management in India" in the month of March 2018.

The Commerce department held a one-day state level seminar on 'Risk Management' in collaboration with the Global Risk Management Institute in January, 2018, and another in August on "Cyber Shiksha." The Commerce department also held an interactive talk on 'Careers in Marketing'. In January 2018, the Psychology department invited Prof. Nick Hopkins from the University of Dundee, UK, for a research focused seminar. The Psychology department also organized Seminar on 'Today's Struggle, Tomorrow's Strength: Cultivating Resilience' and 'Celebrating Feminism with Kamla Bhasin.'

The Plural Eco Lecture held in August 2018, was given by Dr Anand Murugesan, Faculty, Central European University, on the topic: “Psychology of Poverty and Development. Prof. Pius Malekandathil presented a lecture on “Indian Oceanic Trade Network in the 17th And 18th century.” Ms. Deepika Sur, the Project Manager at National Consumer Helpline (NCH) delivered a lecture on ‘Consumer Rights and Making Digital Markets Safer’ under the aegis of the Consumer Club, KNC. The Journalism department organised a lecture on 'New Media: Promises and Challenges' and also a talk by Dr. Vasudha Pande titled 'Kabutari Devi and the Bardic Tradition of Kumaon' in August 2018.

The culture of academic discussions and lectures is further reinforced by Workshops conducted for the students and the faculty. A one-day workshop was organized by the Geography department on “College Disaster Preparedness Plan” in collaboration with National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India. A two-week unique workshop was organized in August, 2018 by the Sanskrit department on ‘Sanskrit Sambhashan’ in collaboration with Sanskrit Academy, Delhi for promoting communication skills in Sanskrit. Ms. Manju Jain, Psychotherapist from the NGO, ‘A Creative Pause’ did a workshop on ‘Expressive Art Therapy and Sexuality’. Ms Shweta Sharma from ‘Teach for India’ conducted a workshop with the English department students on ‘Training Teachers for Community Engagement.’ In September, a Creative Writing workshop was also organized for the students of the English department, conducted by Dr. Devapriya Roy, a prolific writer of novels and graphic biography. The Hindi department conducted a workshop on ‘Hindi Mein Rozgaar Ki Sambhavnayen. The Journalism department conducted two workshops on ‘Adobe Photoshop’ and ‘Print Media’. The Sociology department organized a workshop in September, 2018 on 'Academic Reading, Writing and Reasoning in Sociology.' A Video Presentation-cum-

Workshop was conducted by Dr. Sinchita Bhattacharya on the ‘Biological Nuances of Bipolar Disorder’ for the students of Psychology. A two-day Training Program for Skill Enhancement for the Multi Tasking Staff was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of KNC in the summer of 2018.

After the new session opened in July, the Students Union in collaboration with Delhi Police organized a workshop on ‘Women’s Safety’ and introduced Himmat+ app to the students and staff of KNC. Besides, the concern of cyber crime was also discussed and safety measures were explained. Top officers of Delhi Police of the South Zone, Joint Commissioner of Police, Deputy Commissioner of Police, and other staff attended this event. The Physical Education department organised a month long Foundation Course on ‘Yoga and Wellness’ which was enthusiastically attended by students from across the courses.

The experiential dimension of learning facilitated through workshops is also extended to the co- curricular and extra-curricular domain. There are more than a dozen societies in the college in performing arts and cultural streams like Classical music, western music, fashion, dramatics, choreography, Hindi and English debate, Quiz, fine arts etc. KNC follows the best practice of providing training to the members of such societies every semester through weekend workshops, where students get the opportunity to interact with distinguished trainers and experts. It may not be possible here to give account of all those workshops but to name a few, a ‘Vocal Workshop’ was conducted for the students of Zephyr—the Western Music Society by Ms. Luiza Sales, the Brazilian Composer working with global Music Institute; a workshop on ‘Modern Calligraphy’ was organised by Luminoso—the Fine Arts Society which was conducted by the former student Ankita Lalwani; Glitz—the Fashion Society had workshops with Mr. Lakshay Chaudhary, Mr. Grand International Ambassador 2018; Kaleidoscope—the Quiz Society was

trained by the Quiz Master Ms Akanksha Singh and Mr. Akshay Seal, the Co-Founder and CMO of Viraasat Knowledge Inc.

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Like workshops, educational field trips also provide a hands-on experience to students and lend a practical dimension to theoretical knowledge. In February 2018, the faculty of the History department took the students on a visit to Purana Qila to witness the ongoing excavation there and to understand how archaeological work is carried out. A group of 60 students of Geography went for a field trip to Himachal where they studied the farming practices with special emphasis on organic farming. In February, a field visit to Butterflies, a Child Rights NGO, New Delhi was organized by the Psychology department. An educational visit to Vintage Camera Museum, Gurugram was undertaken by the students of the Journalism department in February 2018. About 100 students and 10 faculty members of the Commerce department visited Mother Dairy's Plant in New Delhi in November, 2018. It was an enriching experience for the students where they learnt about the entire business model of Mother Dairy. An educational visit to 'Vishwa Pustak Mela' at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi was organized by the Hindi department.

At KNC, we believe in learning as a process involving multiple intelligences. Although we have Wide Angle, the Film Society wholly dedicated to studying films, screenings are organized by almost all departments. To name a few here: *The Garbage Trap* by Journalism, *Loving* by the History department, *Dead Poet's Society* by the B.A. Program Committee, *The Lost Thing* and *Dimensions of a*

Dialogue by the English Literary Society, among others. Snapshots, the KNC's Photography Society organized a photography exhibition, an online photography competition, and an on-the-spot boomerang competition.

At KNC co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are encouraged with a view towards holistic development that encompasses various facets of skill enhancement. Zephyr: the Western Music Society stands in the top five teams in the DU music circuit and has brought a lot of laurels to the College through competitions not only in Delhi but also other national platforms. They were awarded first position at Sri Ram College of Commerce, Kirori Mal College, Janki Devi Memorial College, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, second position at BITS Pilani, Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies and Delhi College of Arts and Commerce and third position at Ramjas College and Moti Lal Nehru College. Nupur: the Indian Dance Society of KNC performed in the annual cultural festival of IIT-Bombay, Mood Indigo, Asia's biggest cultural fest, and was selected in the top 5 teams with their annual production of the year 2018-19, Sambalpuri, the tribal folk dance of Odisha. Glitz- the Fashion society is a name to reckon with in Delhi University. The cultural vibrancy of the College culminated in the celebration of the two-day annual College festival, Ullas'18 on the 21st and 22nd February which was a huge success.

In the domain of co-curricular activities, NCC and NSS enable wider social outreach as an integral part of education. The NCC, in collaboration with 4DGBN organized a four-day yoga camp to commemorate the 4th International Yoga Day on 21st June 2018, wherein cadets of other colleges like Gargi, LSR, Dyal Singh College, Deshbandhu, and various school students participated in large numbers. The NCC Drill and Guard teams made their presence felt on the Delhi University campus by securing topmost positions. The NCC celebrated the second anniversary of surgical strike on 29th September in the College with much enthusiasm and zest.

The NSS wing of KNC conducts a ‘Sanitation and Hygiene Awareness Drive’ every year in different slum areas. This year in August 2018, the volunteers visited the Begampur slum area. Throughout summer vacations, from May to July 2018, NSS volunteers involved themselves in “Swachh Bharat Summer Internship Program” run by the Prime Minister of India on the mission “Swachhata Hi Seva”. NSS volunteers took a pledge on 31st October 2018 in the observance of “Rastriya Ekta Diwas,” in memory of Sardar Vallabha Bhai Patel, one of the leading freedom fighters of our country. The NSS invited Vision Eye Centre, New Delhi for Free Eye Check up Camp on the occasion of Diwali Mela on 2nd November 2018 in the College premises. An event was organized in association with Care Promise Welfare Society on the theme of Vitamin Deficiency in the age group of youths. NSS Volunteers circulated Vegan bags provided by Federation of Indian Animal Protection & Organization (FAIPO) on 24th October 2018 to spread awareness among the youngsters for protection of animals.

At KNC, the dynamism of Sports is as valued as intellectual rigor. I feel happy to enumerate our accomplishments on the field. Our Basketball team secured First Position in Inderprastha Engineering College, Inter College Basketball Tournament. Our Cricket Team secured Second Position in Vedatya Women Cricket Tournament. Neerja Srinivasan secured Silver Medal in High Jump in 37th Delhi State Annual Athletic Championship, Deepika secured Gold Medal, and Shweta Patel, Seezi Tanwar and Jagriti Pal secured Silver Medal in the Delhi Olympic Games. Bharti Bisht, Pranci, and Sangeeta participated in Senior National Football Tournament, and Neha Chhillar represented Delhi in Women’s Under-23 Cricket Twenty-Twenty Team. Deepika also secured Gold Medal in National Urban Games Federation Cup in Kick Boxing Competition. Medha Saini secured Bronze Medal In 37th National Senior Kyorugi Taekwondo Championship. In many other inter college tournaments and athletic meet, KNC secured topmost positions.

The College has been working towards extension activities and institutional social responsibility through its cultural societies too, like the Gandhi Study Circle, Consumer Club and Green Beans. The Gandhi Study Circle of the College celebrated various activities throughout the year to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhi ji. In continuation of the 'Charkha Utsav' first celebrated in 2017, the Gandhian philosophy was hailed by organising the sports activities of Rural India in 'Gandhi Utsav'. The students were most excited to play kho-kho, kabaddi, gilli-danda, saanp-seedhi etc. Prof. Dinesh Singh, the former Vice Chancellor of University of Delhi and currently the Chancellor of K. R Mangalam University, was the Guest Speaker for the day. Prof. Singh delivered a thought provoking lecture on the topic: 'Has Gandhi Failed?' Our students participated in the "Confluence of Creative Expression of Youth on Non-violence" organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, to celebrate the power of non-violence as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. During the month of April, the Consumer Club team got together and performed an informational street play to spread awareness on the topic of Banking Sector. The play was performed in prominent locations all over Delhi such as Connaught Place and Dilli Haat reaching out to large groups of people.

Active social engagement is also the vision of Prospicio, the Placement Cell of KNC. It provided a wide range of internships and live project opportunities in the field of PR, Marketing, Finance, Content Development, Research Analyst etc. Overall, we have offered 24 reputed internship opportunities to the students. The Placement Cell initiated a new and innovative way to help the students train better for future placements and to guide them in their career options through 'Career Guidance Series on the topics: 'Career Counseling and Leading in a Digital World', 'Group Discussion and Personal Interview', and 'Higher Education Abroad' in September 2018. These sessions were conducted by well experienced

professionals. A Peer-Counseling and Sharing Session, 'Internship Experiences,' was organized by the B.A. Program Committee in January 2018.

Also worth mentioning is the unique initiative taken by Equal Opportunity Cell and Enabling Unit, KNC to organise Inter-School North Zone Cricket Tournament for Blind School boys in collaboration with Northern Region of Blind Relief Association in the month of August on college grounds.

KNC's major contribution to outreach activities can also be mapped in terms of its awareness and commitment towards environmental issues and concerns. As part of the Green Beans' biodiversity initiative, a campus count of dragonflies was organized in August in association with WWF. This College activity was part of the WWF's celebration of India's Dragonfly Festival which was aimed at creating awareness about dragonflies and their importance for humans. In September, 2018 a campus count of butterflies was also organised by the Green Beans Society, as part of Delhi Butterfly Month.

As a measure towards Disaster Management and preparedness, evacuation plans are prepared and displayed on all the floors of the College Academic Block, Library and Auditorium.

The waste management project works on waste segregation for recycling and converting the waste into resource. This was practiced on the garbage collected at the rear compound of the College. The organic garbage was segregated from plastics, glass and metals, and filled into compost pits. On the ridges of the pits green plantations were done. Another accomplishment is the revival of the existing rooftop Rain Water Harvesting System, which is in place now in the Library building of the College as Pilot project of water harvesting in college. The detailed survey by NGO, FORCE has been done for future expansion of water harvesting on campus.

Other initiatives taken by the institution to make the campus environment/eco-friendly include: solar panels installed in the College which are used for lighting the street lamps; plantation drives in collaboration with Delhi Pollution Control Committee, DPCC; cultivation of herbal/medicinal plants; and bird count and tree audit, among others. A workshop on sustainable lifestyle was organised in the College and conducted by T.R.N. Rao, who gave a demonstration of composting at house hold level and develop organic kitchen garden.

On the administrative front, KNC has an array of achievements to showcase. The College has recently enrolled under the Central Public Procurement Portal (e-Procurement) of Government of India in 2018, as well as successfully procured the items/services through GeM, Government e-Market. The College has registered under the EAT Module of Public Finance Management System as directed by the Ministry of Finance/University Grants Commission. The College invited the concerned team from Ministry of Finance in December 2018 and started the financial transactions through PFMS. It is worth mentioning that as per the observation of team from Ministry, Kamala Nehru College emerged as the first College in Delhi University to have started PFMS transactions successfully. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the College has brought out the Annual Quality Assurance Report OF 2018 and submitted it to NAAC. It was uploaded on the website of the college at the turn of the year 2018.

KNC has been working consistently on the infrastructural expansion and in 2018, new landscaping was done outside the New Seminar Room, more ramps have been constructed for the use of differently abled. Th digital screen has been installed for the display of notices at the entrance lobby. The library, canteen, classrooms, IQAC room, new seminar room and administrative sections have newer furniture. The reconstructing of the pathways leading to the new seminar has been done. We have purchased new professional zerox machines for the better facilities for students and

staff. The sanitary vending machines have been installed for students and now the college has a water supply line with flow of soft water. The overhead water tanks have been replaced to ensure hygiene. We have recently received the DDA approval for additional floor on the existing building under the OBC expansion. With all humility, I share that it is a landmark achievement for KNC.

Towards women safety and security, in November 2018, we initiated a collaboration with Gargi College and Jeejabai Polytechnic for the launch of Ladies Special Bus on Route number 544 that now caters to the commuting of students of the three institutes at specified hours both morning and evening.

Amongst the projects in the pipeline, the process of extending on-line banking (e-Collect) to students for payment of fees/late fees etc., is under process with the State Bank of India. The ATM installation in the College is also underway and the same will be installed soon for the benefit of staff and students. The College is working on a water budgeting plan for the year ahead.

It is a matter of pride for the institution to acknowledge the higher academic pursuits and accomplishments of its faculty members. Dr. Geetesh Nirban of the Philosophy Department was invited as a Visiting Research Scholar at the five week International Seminar on *Power, Truth and Trust: In Search of More Human Governance* organized by The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy(RVP) and sponsored by The Mclean Centre for the Study of Culture and Values (MCSCV) at Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. Dr. Nirban has also been appointed as the Coordinator for India for 'The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy'(CRVP), Catholic University of America, Washington DC. Dr. Carmel Christy from the Journalism department was offered a post of Visiting Scholar, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, in 2018. Ms. Namita Paul was selected by the U. S Department of State to participate in an eight-week webinar series titled, "Proven TEFL Classroom Management

Practices," Dr. Urna Sarkar Dutta and Dr. Sharmistha Mallick from the Sociology department received ICSSR Major Research Project as the Principal Investigator and co- Investigator, respectively, from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, in January 2018. Dr. Smita Meena of Commerce department received a Major Research Project from ICSSR titled, 'A Study on Unintended Benefits of PMJDY in Transforming People's Lives in Rural India'. Dr. Rajat Rani Arya of the Hindi Department published *Bharatiya Sahitya Mein Dalit Stri* and also edited *Antarrashtriya Paridrishya Mein Hindi Sahitya* in 2018. Dr. Alka Agrawal from the Commerce department published a textbook on the subject titled *Industrial Relations and Labour Laws* published by Galgotia Publishing Company in 2018. Dr. Sheetal Kapoor, also from Commerce, published two books titled: *Consumer Affairs and Customer Care* and *Consumer Protection* in January 2018. Dr. Bharati Dave has written a book, 'Mapping the Quality of living spaces in India. Dr. Nitasha Malhotra of the Geography department has written a textbook on *Climatology*, based on the CBCS course in Geography. Mr. Ramesh Aroli's book, *Tabloid Journalism: a Book in Kannada*, was published by Karnataka Media Academy in 2018. Another one, *Maidaana* (2018) is a translation of a novel from Telugu to Kannada. The revised edition of Dr. Maitreyee Kumari's book, *Adhunik Sanskrit Sahitya*, was published in January 2018. Dr. Archana Ojha's Interview was published in the Delhi edition of *The Times of India* newspaper titled, 'Who was Dilli's Khalji?' on February 5th, 2018. Mr. Sanjay Muttoo made a 40-minute documentary film titled "Apni Dhun Me Kabutari" on the life of popular Kumaoni folk singer, Kabutari Devi. This film was screened in Kamala Nehru College and many film festivals including those held in Patna, Gorakhpur and Udaipur through the latter half of 2018. A large number of faculty members have attended, as well as presented papers at international and national forums, the details of which are included in the relevant sections of the Annual

Report. Many others have contributed ‘Chapters’ to books, and published articles in peer-reviewed international, national and e-journals of repute. Various members have been invited as Speakers at International Conferences, Workshop Resource Persons and as Guest Editors of journals, as well as chaired sessions. The members of the faculty are also actively involved in syllabi conceptualization and revision, spearheading committees across levels in the University of Delhi.

Dr. Sushma Choudhary of the Sanskrit department received number of awards like the Krantidhar Meerut Sahitya Shree Samman at the Meerut Literary Festival 2018; Shree Bacchan Smriti Samman in Akhil Bhartiya Sahityakara Samman 2018, Sahitya Bhusan Samman in Pancham Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Mahotsav by Yuva Uttakarsh Sahitya Manch, Delhi and the Him Uttarayani Samman by Parvatiya Lok Vikas Samiti, Delhi. Dr. Vibhuti Vasishth was given 'Best Faculty Award' by 'Enactus India' in the capacity of Faculty Convener, Entrepreneurship Cell in February 2018. Ms. Homolata Borah from the Geography department was given award for Second Best Paper Presenter in the UGC funded national conference organised by Aditi Mahavidyalya College in 2018.

Time constraint prevents me from mentioning the numerous other achievements of the College. They, however, find a place in the detailed College Report. On this congratulatory note, I would like to conclude by once again extending my gratitude to all the dignitaries present here, and all those associated with KNC, who have believed in our vision of progress and empowerment.

Thank You!

Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni
Principal

27th February, 2019

