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# KAMALA NEHRU COLLEGE (University of Delhi)

# Minutes of the Governing Body(GB) meeting held on 14.08.2021 at 3.00 pm on the Zoom Platform (Online)

# **Members Present**

- 1. Ms. Suman Chauhan, Chairperson, GB
- 2. Prof. N.C.Pant, University Representative
- 3. Prof. AnupamJha, University Representative
- 4. Mr.Rajeev Gupta, Member, GB
- 5. Mr.Jaideep Ahuja, Member, GB
- 6. Mr.Rajesh Yadav, Member, GB
- 7. Dr. Usha Garg, Teacher Representative (Sr)
- 8. Dr.Shivani Datta, Teacher Representative (Jr)
- 9. Dr.Kalpana Bhakuni, Member Secretary, GB & Principal (Officiating)

# **Members not Present**

- 1. Prof.NeokantDeo, Member, GB
- 2. Mr.AmitavVirmani, Member, GB
- 3. Mr. Anwar Shahid, Treasurer, GB
- 4. Mr. Prasoon Shukla, Member, GB
- 5. Ms. Upasana Aggarwal, Member, GB
- 6. Mr. Karan Singh Pundir, Member, GB
- 1. The GB approved the minutes of the Governing Body (GB) meeting held on 09.06.2021. The GB perused and suggested that the replies sought in respect of Item No. 6 & 11 of GB dated 09.06.2021 shall be placed in its next meeting for its perusal & decision.
- 2. The GB examined and approved the request dated 09.06.2021 of Ms.Tanusree Dash, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics for grant of Study Leave for a period of one year from 09.08.2021 for Ph.D. research work and granted orders to grant Study leave for a period of one year with pay, subject to completion of official formalities in the College, and also accorded permission to appoint a substitute in her place as per workload.
- 3. The GB examined the request dated 2.8.2021 of Ms. Reena Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics for extension of Study Leave beyond 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 and GB accorded permission for grant of extension of Study Leave as per request and also granted permission to appoint a substitute in her place as per workload.

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- 4. The GB accorded permission to place on record, the Progress Report dated 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 submitted by Ms. Sanam Khanna, Assistant Professor, Department of English as part of her Study Leave terms and conditions in connection with her Ph.D.
- 5. The GB approved the following promotions on the basis of the Selection Committee meetings held online under CAS-2010/2018 schemes of DU/UGC in order to promote the teachers of various departments as Associate Professor under Pay Level-13A as per the details given below, and also accorded permission to promote the teachers as Associate Professor as per the date of eligibility indicated against the name of applicant as given below:-

S. No	Date of Selection Committee	Department / Scheme opted	Applicant	Date of eligibility
1	22.07.2021	Sociology / CAS-2018	Dr.Archana Prasad	16.07.2020
			Dr.PravatiDalua	04.03.2021
2. 19.07.2021		Physical Education /CAS-2018	Dr.Shweta Suri	27.09.2017
3.	16.07.2021	Journalism:/ CAS -2018	Dr.JyotiRaghavan	21.01.2018
4.	16.07.2021	Journalism /CAS -2010	Ms.Anubha Yadav	10.01.2019
5.	16.07.2021	English/ CAS -2018	Dr.Shobha Rani	16.07.2017
6.	16.07.2021	English/ CAS -2010	Ms.Susan Thomas	11.03.2016
			Ms.Harpreet Kaur Arora	17.04.2017
			Ms.Namita Paul	11.10.2018
			Ms.Nidhi Bhandari	15.10.2018
7.	15.07.2021	Geography / CAS -2018	Dr.AzkaKamil	24.09.2019 but from 01.10.2019 being 3 Years Assessment Period Starts from 01.10.2016
8.	14.07.2021	Pol. Science / CAS-2010	Ms.Ambar Ahmad	28.01.2020
9.	14.07.2021	Economics /CAS-2010	Ms.Tanushree Dash	15.04.2021 (being the publication date of second research paper)
			Ms.Reena Devi	23.04.2021 (being the publication date of second research paper)
10.	14.07.2021	Economics / CAS-2018	Dr.Sona Mandal	05.12.2014
			Dr.Rupali A Khanna	06.10.2015
			Dr.Monami Sinha	06.09.2018
11.	14.07.2021	Political Science /CAS- 2018	Dr.Chetna Sharma	11.01.2018
			Dr.Nupur Ray	17.07.2019

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12.	13.07.2021	Commerce	Dr.Pankaj Kumar	11.08.2019
		/CAS-2018	Dr.SmitaMeena	31.07.2020
13.	13.07.2021	Commerce /CAS-2010	Dr.MamtaBhushan	07.02.216
14.	09.07.2021	Mathematics / CAS-2018	Dr.PragatiGautam	16.07.2018
15.	08.07.2021	CAS-2018  Dr. Yogeeta Bhar Dr. Mandeep Kau	Dr.SomaKumari	11.08.2017, but w.e.f. 10.11.2017 being on leave
			Dr. Yogeeta Bhatia	26.10.2018
			Dr.Mandeep Kaur Arora	02.05.2020
16.	06.07.2021	History/ CAS-2010	Ms.Vinita Malik	17.07.2016
17.	03.07.2021	CAS-2018 Dr. SushmaSehrawat Dr.Bharti	Dr. Rajat Rani Arya	16.07.2017
			Dr. SushmaSehrawat	27.10.2017
			01.10.2019	
			Dr.SangeetaVerma	09.10.2020
			Dr.MohammedIsrail (PwD(VH))	19.04.2021
18.	03.07.2021	Hindi/ CAS-2010	Ms.Kanti Devi Meena	16.07.2018 but effective from 08.02.2019 being on leave
19.	02.07.2021	Sanskrit / CAS-2018	Dr.SushmaChoudhary	24.03.2017 but effective from 16.04.2017 being on leave
			Dr.Sarita Sharma	05.03.2019
			Dr.MaitreyeeKumari	16.07.2020
			Dr.Kamlesh Rani	21.07.2021

- The GB perused the Action Taken Report of the Students Feedback as per procedure and discussed in detail the expansion of infrastructure under OBC expansion plan to provide more space for the students.
- 7. The GB approved the following promotions on the basis of the Selection Committee meetings held online under CAS-2010/2018 schemes of DU/UGC in order to promote the teachers of various departments as Associate Professor under Pay Level-13A as per the details given below, and also accorded permission to promote the teachers as Associate Professor as per the date of eligibility indicated against the name of applicant as given below:-

S. No.	Date of Selection Committee	Department / Scheme opted	Applicant	Date of eligibility
1	13.08.2021	Philosophy / CAS-2018	Dr.MinakshiSethy	16.07.2017
			Dr.GeeteshNirban	12.09.2016
2.	13.08.2021	Library Science /CAS-2018	Dr.Suman Arora	02.01.2019

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8. Under any other item, the matter of laying Foundation Stone of New Academic Block has been taken up, the Secretary GB suggested to lay it before December, 2021. The GB members consented to the same.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

PRINCIPAL KAMALA NEHRU COLLEG建 (University of Delhi) August Kranti Marg

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# ACTION TAKEN REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN THE COLLEGE

 The IQAC, Kamala Nehru college takes initiative to collaborate with the individual departments to have continuous evaluation through feedback and then further motivate departments to adopt strategies to implement pedagogies for improving students' holistic development.

Note: - Below attached is the action taken report of the various departments.

Ms. Harpreet Arora (Feedback, Convenor)



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#### COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

- The IQAC, Kamala Nehru College takes the initiative to collaborate with individual departments to have continuous evaluation through feedback, and then further motivates the departments to adopt strategies for implementing pedagogies aimed at improving students' holistic development.
- Department of Commerce to create a cohesive action plan in collaboration with IQAC has been conducting regular feedback based on a comprehensive questionnaire.
- This feedback has been helping the Department of Commerce to emerge as a more student-friendly department.
- We as a department have been involved in the academic progression of both the students
  and teachers and have been conducting many workshops, discussions, and seminars to
  give students a hands-on approach to their future work culture. Many such discussions
  were converted into action with the below-mentioned events.
- The flagship event of the Commerce Association, Commxclesior'17 was organized on 7th February 2017. This included 5 formal events namely: Business Quiz, Group Discussion, Business Plan Competition, Mock Stock, and Ad-Mad. This inter-college



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event witnessed the participation of over 1000 students from colleges across Delhi University as well as other universities.

- A talk on Introduction to Auditing, CPA, CMA, and CFA was organized on 16th February 2017. Ms. Sucheta Kalra, a senior consultant in KPMG educated the students about CPA and ACCA as a career options after graduation.
- On 2nd March 2017, a workshop was conducted on "Resume Writing" by Praveen Khanna, Senior Manager, Academics, Career Launcher.
- Another on "Public Relations and its Current Dynamics" was held on 27th March 2017. Students were addressed by Ms. Kavita Bhaskaran, PR head at OGILVY, and Mr. Anshumali Saxena, Brand Strategist, and Marketing Messiah. This was followed by an "Aptitude Test" on 30th March 2017, organized by Career Launcher.
- A workshop by Career Launcher was organized on 30th August 2017 in which a Scholarship Test was arranged for students who are interested in taking CAT 2018.
- Workshop on "Introduction of Stock Market and Technical Analysis" was conducted in association with Bajaj Capital on 14th September 2017. Students were addressed by Mr. Kushal Bhateja (CFA, FRM, and CFP), Finance and Faculty Program Head at the International College of Financial Planning. He enlightened the participants by discussing various aspects of stock markets, and technical analysis, and highlighted that investment in shares is made by mutual funds only after a detailed and comprehensive study of the prospects of companies.



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- On 26th September 2017, a lecture on the "Six Sigma Course" was organized in association with Integer Innovation. Mr. Virender Sharma, founder of Integer Innovation introduced the concept, history, and implementation of Six Sigma in companies to enhance profitability. The session was concluded by conducting an interactive activity for students.
- We also try to evaluate the student's aptitude for the competitive world ahead by letting them take some tests. E.g., On 11th October 2017 COMM centric (Commerce Association, Kamala Nehru College) organized an intra-college event "COMM-ENT", which was headed by Bizquizitive, the Quiz Society powered by paisawapas.com. The event was organized to test the knowledge of participants in the field of commerce.
- Industrial visits are also part of academic enrichment, and the Department of Commerce meticulously has always been trying to follow this tradition. E.g., On 24th October 2017, the Commerce Association organized an "Industrial visit for students to Yakult's Factory in Sonepat". A total of 100 students and faculty members of the Commerce Department were a part of this field trip. It was an enriching experience to visit this plant. Yakut's staff gave a detailed explanation of their business model in which they discussed the entire production, distribution, and marketing strategy. They also highlighted the importance of having pro-biotic drinks and explained their health benefits. Students and staff members were shown the entire production and packaging process, which was completely automated. A detailed explanation of the entire process



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was given by showing the activities conducted in the seed room, culture room, quality control room, molding room, filling room, and packaging room. This visit was followed by a short trip to Adventure Island, Rohini. In the succeeding year visit to Mother Dairy plant, Parle factory visit in 2020, etc.

- An enriching seminar on 'Cyber Shiksha' was organized on 23rd August 2018, where students were addressed by Mr. Vanshit Malhotra, a cyber security researcher, and an ethical hacker. He talked about various cyber security measures that one should employ in today's time. An interactive and enriching seminar on 'GST' was organized on 19th September 2018. The speaker for the event was Ms. Himani Bhayana (Joint Commissioner, GST policy wing, CBIC, Department of Revenue). Despite the elaborate business rules and plentiful provisions, she gave a comprehensive explanation of Goods and Service Tax.
- An online micro tale writing competition on the topic 'LGBTQ, #loveislove' was organized from 17th 19th September 2018. The competition was integrated with a social cause. It witnessed participation from students of various colleges. A quiz, and a group discussion competition were organized on 26th September 2018. The event tested the participants' general awareness along with their confidence to express their views on various topics.
- On 3rd October 2018, 'Corporate Scavengers' was organized by 'Marketo- The Marketing Society' and 'Sponsorship team of Commcentric'. This event tested the marketing, analytical and communication skills of participants.



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- On 26th and 28th October 2018, 'Vindicate- the finance society of Commcentric', organized an online financial crossword puzzle competition. It witnessed participation from students of various colleges that comprised over a hundred students.
- For teacher's enrichment, a one-day FDP on "Cyber Space, Crimes and Security" was
  organized on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 which witnessed the participation of 30 faculty
  members from various colleges across Delhi along with huge participation of students
  who presented a symbol of academic integrity.
- Toto restructures the syllabus, our department teachers are part of the course revision team. The new syllabus and the old guidelines were placed before the house with the clear understanding that they can make any addition, deletion, or modification to these guidelines. The representative member teachers thereby discussed the course curriculum and further a final meeting to finalize the guidelines was held again on 7th November 2019 where Dr. H K Dangi and 20 other faculty members had a discussion where they finalized the guidelines for the B.Com Hons 'Principles of Marketing.
- Regular department meetings have been held in the last five years to deliberate on the
  papers being taught about the Department of Commerce, University of Delhi, keeping
  in cognizance the demand for the academic growth of the student.
- As IQAC always enforces giving students liberty within parameters, hence, the
  Department of Commerce even before opting for the new paper as per the demand of
  CBCS, keeps the choice of students in consideration. E.g. Before adopting the Skill
  Enhancement Course, the choice of students was recorded.



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- The department also keeps its Alumni in sync with their activities. All the invitations to different activities are circulated among them, and on many occasions, they do join the department activities.
- Internships and placement of students with the collaboration of the internal Placement cell are also kept and tracked.
- Above it teachers of the department also keep on enhancing their expertise with regular research work, orientations, FDPs, ICT training, and training of e-resources.
- Regular result analysis is being conducted by the department.
- Meritorious Students of the department are also awarded during the Annual college day.

To conclude, the actions of the department which has always aimed at the growth of its students both academically, and also tried to imbibe in them Organisational and Managerial skills. The department also creates an environment where students and teachers have a cordial environment.



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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

- The Department of English to create an integrated action plan in collaboration with IQAC has been conducting regular feedback based on an elaborate questionnaire that records students' concerns across fields like curriculum, Internal assessment, administration, and their holistic growth.
- Such feedback has been helping the Department of English to set up the base for becoming a department that is sensitive to students' needs.
- We as a department have been involved in the academic progression of both the students
  and teachers and have been conducting many workshops, discussions, and seminars to
  help improve the academic integrity of the students. The list of student structured
  activities is attached below.
- Toto brings into action, the recommendations of IQAC periodically to encourage students to imbibe a practical approach, an academic talk by Gagandeep Singh on 'Theatre: Performance, Pedagogy, and Politics', was organized to fulfilled such



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initiatives. The talk was supported by an active performance that encouraged students to link classroom teaching, theatre, and social development. The talk aimed to engage the students in a conversation about technology, communication, and ethical use of literature alongside initiatives of IQAC to have an ICT-enabled campus. The resource person gave a detailed account of her work, beneficial to students across departments and for courses like AECC, Performance Studies, and Popular Fiction. Students with this workshop learned the skill of inquisitiveness; queries ranging from the

- ethics of controlling technology versus controlling humans through technology to the demonstration of media theory were explicitly addressed.
- The department in sync with the visions of IQAC involves students in panel discussions and Paper presentations through regular events, especially the department's annual event, Lit Luminous. These events also inculcate in students' traits of experiential learning.
- Department Newsletters have been a regular feature of the college to give students liberty of research under well-established guidance. White Noise-English Department students' publication is usually unveiled on College Day. The newsletter covers a range of creative and academic pieces on many thought-provoking and relevant issues.



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- Enhancing curriculum with enriching talks and seminars to give students a wide arena of the course and also bringing to test their classroom learning to a wider platform. Examples of such events are:-
  - 1. Ms. Himanshi Sharma spoke on 'Indian Theatre: Multiple Voices' in 2017 to a group of enthusiastic students about the fascinating history of Modern Indian Theatre. She explained the acutely political theatre of eminent Indian playwrights Girish Karnad, Badal Sircar, and Vijay Tendulkar. Taking cognizance of the fact that theatre is being taught to all students at Delhi University, the talk attempted to bring together various strands of Indian theatre to form a diverse, yet comprehensive whole.
  - 2. Dr. Emma Dawson Varughese, cultural studies scholar, and specialist on post-millennial, Indian literary, and visual cultures read a paper on 'Indian Speculative Fiction' on March 7, 2017. The talk aimed to familiarize students with the tradition of popular Indian literature in print as a response to the Western marketplace.
- The department not only gives students exposure but also involves them in interactive sessions. E.g., the talk by Dr. Emma Dawson was followed by an interactive workshop on creative writing.
- These events also allow the department to collaborate with associations like Regional English Language Office (RELO, American Embassy); the department organized a twoday Faculty Development Programme based on the Delhi University syllabus under



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Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) 'English Speaking Skills: Methodology and Tools', May 2-3, 2017.

- The English department under the nomenclature of Literary Society and Book Club does set Reading and Interactive Sessions. In post accredited period, such initiatives have boosted the morale of students. One such event was with Geneva-based Indian author Sumedha Verma Ojha in 2017. The author was an expert on Sanskrit and Classical Indian Culture. She spoke at length about the misunderstood status of women in Classical India and read from her recently published novel Urnabhih, which translates as 'spider web'. Such initiatives help students in articulating their anxieties and in turn, help in their holistic growth.
- Under the aegis of the English Literary Society, promoting interdisciplinary activities is another step towards achieving a cohesive environment where students from other disciplines who are musically and dramatically talented were invited to come together and engage in performances influenced by Western stage music and drama. This was successfully converted into an amazing first performance in September 2017. Their readapted L. Frank Baum's Broadway musical style adaptation of The Wizard of Oz is titled 'Wicked'. 'Wicked' takes forward the story of the witches of Oz.
- Another initiative was undertaken at the departmental level in July 2017 to facilitate the
  English honors and B.A. Programme English Discipline students with an annual event
  to be named Career Guidance and Counseling Forum to give students confidence that
  college under the able guidance of IQAC plans to give them a career-oriented path.



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- A core committee comprising 5 faculty members was formed by the English department. This forum is intended to invite established professional alumni of the college as well as resource persons from recognized firms and organizations to interact with the students on their prospects and career options.
- The department organized its first Career Guidance and Counseling Forum on September 14, 2017. Anubha Jain (filmmaker, NID) and Srishti Verma (writer, Tripoto), both alumni of the KNC English Department, were invited to speak to the students regarding their future careers after an English Honors/B.A. Programme degree. Both speakers discussed their professions, as writing and filmmaking are still regarded as unconventional careers. They also shared their experiences and the potential prospects of such challenging and creative professions.
- The Second Aarti Natarajan Career Guidance and Counseling Forum were conducted on September 21, 2018, with Ina Kaul Sharma (Global EducaThe) The department of English, Kamala Nehru College hosted a series of talks, events, and activities throughout the academic session 2017.
- The department keeps on inviting author KuldeepYadav in collaboration with the Book Club to discuss his latest book Murder in Paharganj. Mr. Yadav also inaugurated the student art exhibition, 'Collective Rubbish: Formalism' on the same day. The art exhibition showcased the students' interpretation of the literary theory, Formalism, in a wide range of multimedia works. Such activities showcase the department's intent to



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give its stakeholders the trust that the department plans to give them exposure in all fields of the English discipline.

- On 12th March, an event around 'Memory and the 1947 Partition' was organized in collaboration with the Book Club. The event featured author Aanchal Malhotra who spoke about the role of material memory in writing history in her book Remnants of a Separation. Mr. Raghav Sagar, an archivist at the 1947 Archive, joined her in the discussion of the challenges of collecting and managing oral narratives as a record of personal histories.
- The Literary Society continued the tradition over five years with its annual department fest Litluminous with different themes; in 2018, the theme was 'Music, Sound, Noise', celebrating the connections between literature and sound. These events are stages for many different activities like panel discussion presentations, creative writing competitions, student paper presentations, and a music competition amongst college bands from across Delhi-NCR.
- The intention was to begin a conversation on the multiple elements that compose 'writing' and to acquaint students with the possibilities of creative listening in collaboration with creative writing.
- Continuing the tradition of hosting a musical every year, on 27th March students from across disciplines came together to direct, produce, and perform the acclaimed Broadway musical Evil Dead. Experimental in form and content, the musical presented



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many challenges to all who participated in it. Not only did it involve devoted stage presence, acting, singing, and dancing, but also well-crafted placement and lighting.

- The students skillfully maneuvered the stage and ensured that their strengths were played up to. In an attempt to familiarize students with storytelling across mediums, the department organized two events in April 2018.
- On 11th April Ms. A P Payal, member of the department, Ph.D. scholar at the Department of English, University of Delhi, and a widely published visual artist, graciously agreed to talk to colleagues and students about her graphic piece titled 'Rangoon to Vadakara: A Survivor's Tale' from the Yoda Press anthology First Hand. She spoke about the process of recreating a personal story and working with a visual medium. She elaborated on how violence can be represented in graphic novels, and how it may intersect with representing travel.
- Students and colleagues actively participated in a discussion with her regarding these issues, and we hope this helped students understand that being an artist and being a critic are two separate and complicated arenas.
- The department introduced students to JAM Master from IIT-D. JAM is a game that
  tests the participants' ability to think on their feet as they create narratives that become
  more bizarre by the second.
- Experiential learning is also evolved with the help of orientation and welcome programs to introduce them to the curriculum, college initiatives, etc.



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- To give students a gateway for internships, the department collaborates with organizations like Teach for India. One such event was a program where the department made a presentation for the students of the department regarding teaching opportunities with their organization. Ms. Shweta Sharma from Teach for India also conducted a workshop with the students on 'Training Teachers for Community Engagement.'
- The Literary society organizes the screening of films to enhance academic learning through ICT techniques e.g. the screening of two short films, *The Lost Thing and Dimensions of a Dialogue* in 2018. The screening is usually followed by a discussion on the films.
- On 17th September 2018, a creative writing workshop was organized for the students
  of the department. It was conducted by Dr. Devapriya Roy, who is a prolific and
  renowned writer of novels and graphic biography.
- The department organized a walkthrough at the National Gallery of Modern Art on 15th September 2018, which was attended by 39 students and 2 teachers. The visit to the gallery was guided and led by the Assistant Curator, Mr. Argha Kumar Ganguly.
- On 11th October, the department was back with its art exhibition created and curated by students, 'Collective Rubbish', this time on the theme 'Revisioning Postcolonialism'.
   The students creatively attempted to redefine the ideas associated with Postcolonialism in literature and visual arts.



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- The English Literary Society's initiative for monthly events like academic lectures and workshops is also held to help students get familiar with various academic topics.
- It is a society that works closely with the English Department giving its students organizational skills by running the society and forming departmental student councils e.g. in 2021-22 Nandini Iyer (President), Deeksha Pareek (Vice President), Tripti Vashisth (General Secretary) were elected under the mentorship of Teacher Conveners:- Kavita (Assistant Professor, English Department) Rupali (Assistant Professor, English Department)
- The Pandemic situation also could not dissuade the morale of the students, and in 2020 the department day took place focusing on the theme of 'Violence and Literature'. The day bustled with engaging events and competitions, and all the programs saw active participation; even though the fest this time was conducted through online mode due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, there was no lack of enthusiasm in any sphere whatsoever.
- All communication was carried out through mediums like Google forms, WhatsApp and Instagram. The Panel Discussion was the first event of the day. The panelists for the discussion were Professor Kishalay Bhattacharjee, School of Journalism and



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Communication, Nidhi Kalra, Department of Humanities and Language, FLAME University, and Subarno Chattarji, Department of English, University of Delhi.

- The Paper Presentation event saw ten participants from across the nation present papers about the theme of 'Violence and Literature' which made a deep dive into the unacknowledged horrors of society and the manifestation of violence as a tool of both oppression and rebellion. Topics of linguistic violence, caste violence, gender violence, state-sanctioned violence, and digital propaganda as tools of violence were among the many topics of discussion for the day, leading to tough competition. were awarded the first prize, and Kritika Nautiyal from Ambedkar University was. This was followed by a highly successful Slam Poetry event which saw enthusiastic participants from a variety of colleges. The online platform turned into flames as the participants performed their pieces with vigor one after the other. Even though the theme was one, meanings were sundry. From the idea of 'Virodh' to the media being mute at tyranny, the poems left the audience speechless at the rhetorical questions of the persistence of war. The use of allusions and beautiful metaphors, like coffee cups denoting the country's soil, left an imprint in the hearts of the listeners so much that they cheered for the contestants in the comment section throughout and constantly asked for encores, respectively.
- Litluminous keeping in sync with ongoing societal changes has played host to a Meme
  Making competition and a Creative Writing competition. The members added the
  required zing to the chain of events of LitLuminous'21.



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- It pushed the participants to discover their new shades of creativity
- Poetry Competition (April 2021) "Do you understand the sadness of geography?" Michael Ondaatje (The English Patient) Poetry wields the power to give meaning to the most mundane things. It houses multiple meanings even when it seems otherwise. Blackout poetry presents to the readers a poem that is as visual as it is verbal. It aims to make poetic pieces by redacting words from already established texts, like a newspaper.
- The English Literary Society of Kamala Nehru College organized a Blackout Poetry Competition on 11th April 2021. The competition, themed 'sense of home', was open to all the students of Kamala Nehru College. The aim was to usher the students to make poetry out of a mundane newspaper clipping. We saw a wide variety of interpretations of the theme and were glad to receive an overwhelming number of poems.
- The batch of 2021 was given a farewell on 2nd July. The event was lined with games and the former President and Vice-President were asked to speak a few words, along with the teachers. Many heartwarming memories were discussed in this heartwarming event. The event went on for 2.5 hours and ended on a nostalgic note. A Guest Lecture on 'Memes as visual popular culture and everyday politics' was organized on 4th August 2021, and Krishanu B. Neog, Senior Research Fellow & Doctoral scholar, Centre for



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Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU, was the speaker of this academic lecture. An interesting collection of memes that connect to political scenarios and current events were presented and their cultural importance and central role in current times were discussed. We were also reminded of the power of visual culture and how it helps in reaching out to the masses. Reading the Cards: Exploring the Feminist Possibilities of the Tar (1st September 2021)

- Movie Screening 20th October 2021 (Wednesday) The movie "Sylvia", based on the life of the famous author-poet Sylvia Plath was watched and discussed as a part of the theme of the year's Collective Rubbish: Mental Health and Literature. The biographical film allowed us a glimpse into Sylvia's personal life, her struggles, poetry as her vent, and eventually, her suicide. The discussion followed by the screening included many topics like the way mental health and literature are related or the perception of various mental illnesses in literature, and so on.
- Letting Your Blueprint Guide You: Helpful Critical Writing Hacks 10th November 2021 Dr. Anurima Chanda, Assistant Professor in the Department of English at Birsa Munda College, was the speaker at the event. The event aimed to guide the students to write a good research paper. Several tricks and techniques were discussed to help students inculcate the art of writing better answers. We discussed the nuances of writing a good introduction followed by a body paragraph and conclusion. The students were delighted to learn about the key things they can keep in mind while dealing with academic writing.



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All these activities and actions that the Department of English had taken post accreditation and will continue to do so in coming years as it aims at giving its students a platform where they have the capabilities of assessing themselves via the medium of their learnings.

### DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

• The IQAC, Kamala Nehru college takes initiative to collaborate with the individual departments to have continuous evaluation through feedback and then further motivate



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departments to adopt strategies to implement pedagogies for improving students' holistic development.

- Department of History has been actively involved in curriculum development in every cycle of change. Pillars of the department Dr. Archana Ojha, Dr. Shobhana Warrier, Dr. Shubhra Sinha, and Ms. Vinita Malik have been part of the core and academic committee of course revisions on all occasions.
- Department of History to create an integrated action plan in collaboration with IQAC
  has been conducting regular feedback based on an elaborate questionnaire dealing with
  recording students' concerns over fields like curriculum, Internal assessment,
  administration, and their holistic growth.
- Feedback has been helping the Department of History to fulfill the gaps in teachinglearning processes through pedagogies like organizational and administrative skills and academic enrichment.
- We as a department have been involved in the academic progression of both the students and teachers and have been conducting many workshops, discussions, and seminars to help improve the academic integrity of the students. Even teachers have shown involvement in continuous learning techniques by participating in FDPs, Induction programs, and paper presentations at regular intervals.
- Toto implements the recommendations of IQAC periodically to encourage students to imbibe a practical approach, field visit, and industrial linkage with INTACH comprises a few of our initiatives.



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- The Department in previous years has witnessed several activities. The Department of History organizes its annual festival "Chrono" every year to embark on its academic inheritance with varied themes, like in 2017, we celebrated the Centennial of the Russian Revolution, "wherein as part of the annual lecture we invited Prof. Madhavan Palat (Professor, Peace and Conflict Studies, JNU) who spoke on "History and Memory." The event was followed by several inter-college events like a slam poetry competition (LitRiot), a debate on the topic "Should freedom of speech be absolute?" and the screening of the movie "Shades of Revolution", followed by a band from Bhagat Singh College. On 2018 Department's Annual Day which was held on 27th March 2018, the annual lecture was presented by Prof. Sunil Kumar, followed by a panel discussion with Dr. Lata Singh and Dr. Saumya Gupta on "Cultural Contestations in The Making of India". For our annual lecture on 6th November 2020, we had renowned scholar Prof. Mahesh Rangarajan present a lecture on "Animal, State, and Society: As If Ecology Mattered".
- The Department has been involved with imparting heritage awareness programs to the students and this is reflected in the many certificate courses and workshops that the students have undertaken under the guidance of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), Delhi.



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- In connection to this Dr. Swapna Liddle, an eminent historian (also associated with INTACH) took some of our students for a visit to Lodi Garden on the 19th of January.
- A faculty member, Dr. Archana Ojha has been taking students for multiple walks both
  the students from the department joined by students from other departments, to places
  like Old Delhi, Mehrauli complex, monuments near our college, and visited numerous
  sites of what was once the city of Shah Jahan.
- Ms. Shikha Prakash took the BA program (6th Semester) students to the Craft Museum and the National Gallery of Modern Art. The student's 1st year are taken to the National Museum by Ms. Vinita Malik in what has become a yearly ritual for all the 1st year students.
- The Department regularly organizes lectures by eminent historians/scholars every year
   Dr. Bharti Jagannathan (Associate Professor, Miranda House, University of Delhi)
   delivered a lecture on "Tails and tales within a tale-Ramayana" on 19th January.
- On 25th August a workshop on "Importance of Heritage and Archival records" was conducted by Mr. Yousuf Saeed (film-maker, author, and archivist) to help the students learn about how to archive and also how to collect sources. Such kind of workshop helped students to learn varied fields of the history discipline
- Then on 22nd September Professor Ajay Dandekar of Shiv Nadar University (Director of School of Social Sciences), was invited to speak on "Pastoral Nomadism: Debates and history".



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- Students are also encouraged to attend lectures and seminars of eminent scholars in
  other colleges and venues and keeping with this many students of 1st years went to
  Indraprastha College (University of Delhi) where the luminary historian Professor
  Shereen Ratnagar (formerly Professor at CHS, JNU) delivered a lecture on "Nomads
  and the Trade Between Ancient Civilizations".
- Movie/documentary screenings have been a tradition with the department to keep students involved in interactive sessions. One of the special screenings was one of our faculty Naresh Kumar, who screened his documentary work titled "Singers Sans Sight" (a part of his research) on 28th March. The Department in collaboration with USIS Centre screened "Hidden Figures", a movie about African-American women facing racial prejudice in the workplace and overcoming it giving girls examples of empowerment from history.
- The Department also tries to make students aware of many important dates, events, and persons so that students get to know minute details of the event with special reference to oral narratives in History, one such event was an in-house event to commemorate the 1942 Quit India Movement or popularly known as "August Kranti". The event witnessed patriotic songs rendered by the students of the Sangeetika choir (Indian music society), followed by students' presentation on the August Kranti, and ended with poem recitations by faculty members, Dr. Shubhra Sinha and Mr. Naresh Kumar.



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- We at the department always try to introduce students to new concepts of history, one such step was the student's visit to Purana Qila to witness the ongoing excavation there and to understand how archaeological work is carried out.
- To give students the experiential learning of organizational skills they do organize competitions like Poetry in Motion, and debates.
- Appreciating the 3-year journey in college, 2<sup>nd</sup>-year students organizing the farewell for third-year students is a common tradition which continued even in lockdown due to Covid. The graduating batch of 2020 was given a farewell in the form of an interactive session.
- The department promotes students by organizing student activities in constant support
  from teachers for which every year department council elections are held to elect the
  department President, Vice- President, and Treasurer. Even during Covid traditions
  continued as Online Departmental elections were held for the History Association on
  26th, August 2020
- The Department organizes lectures by prominent scholars/ historians every year, which
  is a great learning experience for students. For eg Prof Pius Malekandathil presented a
  lecture on the "Indian Oceanic Trade Network" in the 17th And 18th century
- During the pandemic year, the department of history had put in its best efforts to assure the enhancement of students' analytical, observational, articulation, discussion, and dialogue skills.



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- As a part of this initiative we have been actively organizing guest lectures. On 11th and 12th June 2020, we held a webinar titled "Dil-O-Dilli", which included a lecture by Dr. Swapna Liddle on "Durbar to the Capital- Symbols of the Making of New Delhi". This was followed by an interactive session with Dr. Saif Mehmood on "Mir-O-Ghalib Ki Dilli, the Decline of the Mughals and the Romance of Urdu Poetry". The second day commenced with a lecture by Mr. Yousuf Saeed on "Poets & Saints of Nizamuddin Basti- A History in Continuum". Prof. Rana Safvi discussed this on 11th May 1857, through the eyewitnesses' accounts, including Zahir Dehalvi, Moinuddin Kotwal, and Munshi Jovan Lal.
- The webinar concluded with an interactive session with Dr. Vinod Dua on "Ujade Hue Logon Se Abaad Shehr Dilli". The department held its second webinar on 25th June 2020, titled "Pandemics and Epidemics in History: South Asian Experience". The first session included a lecture by Prof. Harish Naraindas on "Cozying up to Corona Cozying Into Future". The second session was a lecture by Prof. Kavita Sivaramakrishnan on "Between Epidemics and Endemic: The Global Local Politics of Old & New Plagues in South Asia" to give students knowledge about the history of Pandemics.
- On 1st September 2020, Dr. Daljeet Ami screened a documentary movie on the "Heritage of Archival History of Punjab".
- Our department tried to keep our students actively engaged in these activities.
- For keeping in touch with our Alumni, a well-connected group is formed which is always invited for talks, seminars, and field visits.



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• We also under the guidance of IQAC try to maintain the student's progression data to know how well the college has performed in the holistic growth of the students.

Hence to conclude we at the History department try to provide our students with academic excellence both through academic lectures and multiple initiatives over the past 5 years.

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हिंदी विभाग,कमला नेहरू कॉलेज की एक प्रमुख अकादमिक इकाई है जो त्रिवर्षीय पाठ्यक्रम के अंतर्गत हिंदी भाषा,साहित्य,काव्यशास्त्र,नाटक,विचारधारा,आलोचना,इतिहास आदि विषयों को पाठ्यक्रम में शामिल करता है I वर्तमान सी.बी.सी.एस.कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत इसके पाठ्यक्रम में हिंदी सिनेमा,पटकथा लेखन,विज्ञापन,हिंदी भाषा शिक्षण,सोशल मीडिया एवं रचनात्मक लेखन जैसे विषयों को भी शामिल किया गया है I इसके अतिरिक्त हिंदी विभाग उन छात्राओं को भी हिंदी शिक्षण प्रदान करता है जो बी. ए.प्रोग्राम के अंतर्गत हिंदी विषय चुनती हैं I इस समय विभाग में 12 डॉक्टरेट की उपाधि प्राप्त प्राध्यापक हैं I विभाग प्रत्येक सत्र में विशेष व्याख्यान,संगोष्ठियाँ, संकाय विकास कार्यक्रम,तुलसी जयंती कार्यक्रम का आयोजन करता है I विभाग छात्राओं के समुचित विकास के लिए 'अभिव्यक्ति' संस्था द्वारा अद्यतन विषयों पर वाद विवाद और आशु—भाषण प्रतियोगिता एवं ' सृजन' संस्था के अंतर्गत मौलिक रचनात्मक लेखन तथा कविता—पाठ प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन करता है I सत्र में एक बार विभाग छात्राओं के किरयर में सहायक विषयों से सम्बंधित विषयों पर एक कार्यशाला का आयोजन करता है I विभाग चात्राओं के संपूर्ण विकास के लिए सत्र में एक बार शैक्षणिक भ्रमण का आयोजन भी करता है I यह विभाग छात्राओं के समक्ष पत्रकारिता, अध्यापन, शोध, सृजनात्मक लेखन, पटकथा लेखन ,प्रकाशन, अनुवाद, प्रतियोगी परीक्षा इत्यादि क्षेत्रों में रोजगार के अवसर प्रदान करता है I विभाग की बहुत सी छात्राएं अध्यापन और मीडिया के क्षेत्र में उल्लेखनीय कार्य कर रही हैं, जिनमें से डॉ. तृमा शर्मा (प्राध्यापिका, अदिति महाविद्यालय, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय) मोनिका गुप्ता, जसमीत कौर (इलेक्ट्रॉनिक मीडिया) के नाम शामिल हैं I

हिंदी विभाग की विद्यार्थियों के विकास के लिए की गई गतिविधियाँ:

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की साथ ही उन्हें कॉलेज की विभिन्न सोसाइटियों में सिक्रिय भागीदारी के लिए भी प्रोत्साहित करते हैं| इसी के फल स्वरूप हमारे विद्यार्थी स्पोर्ट्स, हिंदी वाद विवाद, सृजन, लक्ष्य, गाँधी स्ट्डी सर्कल, जैसी सोसायटी में सिक्रय रूप से भागीदारी करते हैं | हमारे विद्यार्थी विभिन्न अंतर्महाविद्यालय प्रतियोगिताओं में भी विशेष प्रस्कार लेते हैं | जिसमें महिमा (तृतीय वर्ष ) का नाम उल्लेखनीय है |

### वेबिनार, वर्कशॉप, लेक्चर

विद्यार्थियों की शैक्षणिक योग्यता को बढ़ाने के लिए 2020 में हिंदी विभाग ने वेबवार्ता (2 मई 2020), राष्ट्रीय वेबिनार (15 मई2020), तुलसी जयंती समारोह (26 अगस्त 2020) हिंदी दिवस (14 सितम्बर 2020) सृजनात्मक लेखन कार्यशाला (28 अक्टूबर 2020) को आयोजित किया |

#### प्रतियोगिता और पेपर प्रेजेंटेशन

14 सितम्बर 2020 को पेपर प्रेजेंटेशन प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन हिंदी विभाग ने किया |प्रत्येक वर्ष आयोजित भारतेंदु स्मृति नाट्य प्रतियोगिता 20 जनवरी 2021 को आयोजित की गई|

### मधुर स्मृति WhatsApp ग्रुप

2020 में हमारे विभाग ने अपने alumni स्टूडेंट्स से जुड़े रहने के लिए इस ग्रुप की शरूआत की थी,तभी से यह सूचनाओं को प्रेषित करने और जुड़ाव के लिए एक मजबूत पुल की तरह बना हुआ है| जिसमें हम उन्हें रोजगार से संबंधित सूचनाएं तथा उच्च शिक्षा से जुड़ी सूचनाएं संप्रेषित करते रहते हैं |

ओरिएंटेशन प्रोग्राम : 2021 को प्रथम वर्ष के विद्यार्थियों के लिए आयोजित इस प्रोग्राम में उन्हें उनके DSE,AECC,GENRIC पेपर की जानकारी दी गई | भविष्य में हिंदी की संभावनाओं को उजागर किया गया | तथा उच्च शिक्षा के लिए उनका मार्गदर्शन किया गया | विवास, वर्कशॉप, लेक्चर

क्लास रूम लर्निंग से इत्तर विद्यार्थियों की प्रतिभाओं को उभारने के लिए वेबिनार (15 जनवरी,2021),लेक्चर (3 फरवरी 2021),वेबिनार जेंडर समानता : कितनी जमीनी ,कितनी आभासी (16 अप्रैल 2021) तुलसी जयंती समारोह (18अगस्त 2021),कवि सम्मेलन (14 सितम्बर



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2021), रंगमंचीय व्याख्यान शृंखला (29 सितम्बर 2021) पैनल डिस्कशन (22 दिसम्बर 2021) का आयोजन किया गया  $\mid$ 

#### यवा संवाद

हिंदी साहित्य परिषद द्वारा 1 सितम्बर 2021 को युवा संवाद का आयोजन किया गया |इस कार्यक्रम में हिंदी में भविष्य की सम्भावनाओं को बताने के लिए विशेष वक्ता के रूप में वैभव श्रीवास्तव के साथ-साथ कमला नेहरू कॉलेज की ही तीन alumni को भी आमंत्रित किया गया था |जिनके नाम हैं -रिश्म राणा,प्रियंका शर्मा,मोनिका गुप्ता| यह कार्य क्रम काफी सराहनीय रहा इसमें 70 से अधिक प्रतिभागियों ने भाग लिया |

#### वेबिनार और विचार संगम प्रतियोगिता

आजादी के अमृत महोत्सव के उपलक्ष्य में, 22 दिसम्बर 2021 को दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय की 'विद्या विस्तार योजना के अंतर्गत' कमला नेहरू कॉलेज (दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय) तथा जवाहरलाल नेहरू राजकीय महाविद्यालय पोर्ट-ब्लेयर( पांडिचेरी विश्वविद्यालय) एक वेबिनार तथा विचार संगम प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया | मानवीय संसाधनों के वैकल्पिक प्रयोग और सृजनात्मक विकास का अधिकतम लाभ उठाने के लिए यह दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय की अनोखी पहल है |इस कार्यक्रम में दोनों विश्वविद्यालय के विद्यार्थियों और अध्यापकों ने भाग लिया |कार्यक्रम में वेबिनार का विषय था -"राष्ट्रीय सांस्कृतिक काव्यधारा में राष्ट्रीयता का स्वप्न" इस विषय पर प्रमुख वक्ता के रूप में प्रो. विजय बहादुर सिंह (भोपाल )तथा प्रो.दुर्गा प्रसाद गुप्त (जामिया) से थे |इसमें 100 प्रतिभागियों ने भाग लिया |

## राष्ट्रीय वेबिनार, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मातृभाषा दिवस

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मातृभाषा दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में कमला नेहरू की हिन्दी साहित्य परिषद् द्वारा एक राष्ट्रीय वेबिनार का आयोजन किया गया| जिसका विषय "भारत में मातृभाषाएँ : विविध आयाम" रहा| इसमें आमंत्रित वक्ताओं में प्रो. सदानंद साही, डॉ. प्रमोद कुमार तिवारी, डॉ. निर्मल दास रहे| यह कार्यक्रम 10:00 बजे से 1:00 बजे तक आयोजित किया गया| मातृभाषा हमें राष्ट्रीयता से जोड़ती है और देश प्रेम की भावना से भरती है| भारतेंद स्मृति नाद्य प्रतियोगिता

प्रत्येक वर्ष की तरह हिन्दी विभाग द्वारा "भारतेंदु स्मृति नाट्य प्रतियोगिता" का आयोजन 9 मार्च 2022 बुधवार को NSR में एक बजे किया | 1000 = 1000 = 1000 एक स्थात कॉलेज खुलने पर यह प्रतियोगिता फिजिकल मोड में आयोजित की गयी। जिसमे हिन्दी विभाग के तीनों वर्ष की छात्राओं



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के साथ-साथ हिन्दी जेनरिक तथा हिन्दी डिसिप्लिन की छात्राओं ने भाग लिया| प्रतियोगिता दो स्तर पर आयोजित की गयी|

#### **RISE PROJECTS 2021-21**

हिंदी विभाग की छात्राओं की शोध परक विशेषताओं को उभारने के लिए वर्ष 2021 में हमारे विभाग ने कमला नेहरु कॉलेज की RISE Cell में तीन प्रोजेक्ट को लिया है | यह एक अत्यंत चुनौती पूर्ण कदम है | हमारे विभाग से तीन Mentors चार प्रोजेक्ट अपने विधार्थियों से करवा रहे हैं | जिनके नाम इस प्रकार हैं - डॉ. भारती - शोधार्थी (काजल,जानवी,वंदना), डॉ. मनोज कुमार (अंशु,खुशबू,मोनिका कुमारी) तथा (निधि कुमारी,नर्गेश सिंह,आरती), डॉ. अनुराधा गुप्ता (जूही कुमारी, विशाखा कुमार)

### मध्र स्मृति WhatsApp ग्रुप

2020 में हमारे विभाग ने अपने alumni स्टूडेंट्स से जुड़े रहने के लिए इस ग्रुप की शरूआत की थी,तभी से यह सूचनाओं को प्रेषित करने और जुड़ाव के लिए एक मजबूत पुल की तरह बना हुआ है| जिसमें हम उन्हें रोजगार से संबंधित सूचनाएं तथा उच्च शिक्षा से जुड़ी सूचनाएं संप्रेषित करते रहते हैं | 2021 में भी यह ग्रुप पूरी निष्ठां से अपने विधार्थियों से जुड़ा हुआ है |

### WhatsApp groups (MA TUTORIAL Group KNC) और (एम. ए. प्रथम वर्ष )

हिंदी विभाग ने 2021 में अपने हिंदी MA के विधार्थियों को tutorial's के लिए इस ग्रुप का निर्माण किया |इसमें हम उन्हें स्टडी मटेरियल और उनके पेपर से संबंधित जानकारियां देते रहते हैं |

#### **Department of Psychology**

- To create a cohesive action plan, the Department of Psychology in collaboration with IQAC has been conducting regular feedback based on a comprehensive questionnaire.
- This has helped the department of psychology to become more student-friendly and facilitated the teachers to achieve their potential.



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- To ensure that all students and teachers experience academic and personal growth, we have conducted several seminars, panel discussions, and workshops. The department has always shown full support to our students by supporting them with these opportunities. These actions taken have been mentioned below.
- Mr. Aleksandr Chandra, a graduate from Connecticut College in the US who self-identifies as queer and mixed-race (Alek is half Indian) addressed the students of the fourth semester on "Decolonizing Desire: Queering the Abnormal in Abnormal Psychology." In the talk held on 12th January 2017, Mr. Chandra spoke about psychologists and their views on homosexuality. The one-hour-long lecture was unique for being the first-ever 'Skype-talk'; Alek addressed the students from New York, USA.
- Ms. Ashima Verma senior school counselor at The Air Force School, Subroto Park addressed the final year students regarding the challenges of school counseling on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Specifically, the talk on school counseling focused on the responsibilities, issues, and experiences of a school counselor.
- Ms. Asavri Misra addressed the 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>-year students on 6th March 2017 regarding her personal experiences with depression and dyslexia. Ms. Misra provided an insider's perspective on what depression feels like and what it is like to grow up with a learning disability in a country like India. She also gave an insight into the process of therapy and shattered certain myths about mental health problems from the perspective of those who suffer.
- The annual event of psychology, Psychogenesis held on 7th March 2017 was dedicated to sensitizing the students on issues of gender and feminism. The theme of the event was,



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'Demystifying Feminism: Feminism for everybody'. In the morning session, Professor Gopa Bhardwaj, Dean of School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Galgotias University, and Professor Angomcha Bimol Akoijam, Associate Professor at the Centre for Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University delivered an enlightening and insightful discussion on Feminism and its importance in society. The speakers outlined the pragmatic benefits of feminism as an ideology that aims to benefit both men and women.

- Mr. Aman Deep Dubey, a learning strategist, and a consultant addressed the 3rd year students on 3rd March 2017 on the topic, 'The Evolution and Relevance of Digital Learning in New World'. He also presented students with an opportunity to intern with him.
- Professor Andy Grayson of Nottingham Trent University addressed the students of the
  department on 31st March 2017. In an hour-long lecture entitled, 'Saving The World Through
  Observational Methods.' Professor Grayson discussed the role of observational research
  methods and the importance of evidence-based reasoning. He also familiarized students with
  courses and studies at Nottingham Trent University.
- Dr. Maitri Chand, family therapist and director at Healing Relationship Center enlightened the final year students about family therapy and counseling on 31st March 2017. Dr. Chand discussed many cases from her clinical experience to illustrate the systems theory of family therapy.
- Mrs. Mridul Jagota, a clinical psychologist at Cosmos Delhi Psychiatric Center, delivered a lecture on the experiences and journey of a clinical psychologist. The talk was organized for final year students on the 19th of April 2017 to provide them with information



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regarding the experiences and challenges of a clinical psychologist. The speaker shared her personal experiences and several cases to orient students to illustrate the gap students often experience between theory and practice in the field.

- A small program was organized by the Psychology Association to commemorate and celebrate Dr. Neeru Singh's retirement on 18th April 2017. The program involved several dance performances and song medleys performed by students of the department.
- The department on 10th August 2017 organized a poster-making competition themed 'Depression Among Young Adults. Students from various departments actively participated if was organized to allow students to artistically express their ideas and emotions about depression. All the entries were displayed in an exhibition on 17th August 2017 as part of an open house discussion on depression held in the college. The top four entries were selected and awarded by the eminent team of well-known psychiatrist Dr. Amit Sen.
- An online photography competition themed, 'Unsaid Emotions' was organized by the department to encourage budding photographers to capture varied human experiences and emotions that remain generally unexpressed. Several students from different departments enthusiastically sent their entries, which were displayed in an exhibition on 17th August 2017 as part of the open house discussion on depression held in the college. The top four entries were selected and awarded.
- An open-house session on 'Depression: Let's Talk' was organized in collaboration with Children's First, a well-known mental-health organization headed by Dr. Amit Sen on 17th August 2017. The program began with a performance by the choreography society of the



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college, Adagio. Adagio presented the struggles and conflicts of the human mind leaving the audience spell-bounded. The scintillating performance was followed by an emotionally charged slam poetry session in which students gave an awe-inspiring poetic rendition of their experiences with depression. The highlight of the program was an insightful panel discussion on depression in young adults chaired by Dr. Amit Sen. The panelists included clinical psychologist Ms. Jonaki Arora, Dr. Itisha Nagar (Assistant Professor, Kamala Nehru College), and Mr. Ambuj and Ms. Arunima Kaushik Sharma who shared their struggles with depression. The discussion was followed by a question-and-answer round which also allowed the audience to talk about depression. The open house session was well appreciated and attended by a large audience.

- Ms. Mrinalini Mahajan, an alumnus of Kamala Nehru College and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), who is currently working with NCERT, successfully facilitated a workshop on Self Awareness for the Psychology students of the 3rd semester on 24<sup>th</sup> August. Various activities were conducted to teach students the importance of self-awareness and ways to achieve the same.
- A series of workshops by Children's First organization (Child and Adolescent Mental Health service) on alternative therapies and cognitive-behavioral therapy was organized in September by the department for final year students. The intent was to educate students and teach them skills related to alternative

therapies. Students also received participation certificates for each workshop attended. These



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included: the Creative Arts Therapy (CAT) workshop conducted by Ms. Ritushree from Children's First for 25 students of B.A. Program and B.A. (H) Psychology on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017; Play Therapy workshop conducted by Ms. Lavina Nanda from Children's First for 23 third-year students of B.A. Program and B.A. (H) Psychology on the 19th of September; Arts Based Therapy (ABT) workshop was conducted by Ms. Sandra Jose and Ms. Ankita Khanna from Children's First for 21 third-year students of B.A. Program and B.A. (H) Psychology on the 21st of September; Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) workshop was conducted by Ms. Priyanka Mittal from Children's First for third-year students of B.A. Program and B.A. (H) Psychology on two days 26th and 28th of September.

- As a part of a course on health and well-being, a guest lecture was delivered by Dr. Mona Jain on 20th September 2017 for final year students entitled, 'Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy and Training.' She provided a brief introduction to the therapy and educated them regarding its remarkable effectiveness in a whole range of conditions including muscular pain, joint/sports injuries, allergies, sinusitis, digestive problems, sleep problems, anxiety, and recovery from trauma.
- As a part of a course on counseling psychology (B.A Program), a guest lecture was delivered by Ms. Sonakshi Gandhi (Consultant with Rockland and Holy Angels Hospital) on 22nd September 2017. To bridge the gap between theory and practice, she illustrated the very important elements in a counseling process. To inform the students she also shared some of her personal experiences with different clients coming from different backgrounds and having a different set of disorders. To



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educate and provide insight about self-awareness, on 27th September 2017 Ms. Prachi Rastogi (Human Resources, IBM) conducted a workshop for the second-year students. The workshop started with a short discussion on self-awareness and its importance.

- On the occasion of Mental Health Day, the department screened the movie, 15 Park Avenue on 12th October 2017. The movie which presents the experiences of a woman with schizophrenia was screened to sensitize students about the everyday challenges of people and families living with mental illness. The screening was followed by an open discussion and reflections regarding issues and themes about creating awareness about mental health.
- An interactive session to discuss the prospects and avenues in the field of psychology was organized on 24th October 2017. Alumni of the department were invited to address the final year students regarding various course options available in Psychology after graduation. The alumni spoke about their journeys, experiences, doubts, struggles, and achievements, to help the graduating batch in making informed choices about their future career prospects in the field.
- The Department of Psychology organized an educational trip for the final year students from 27th to 29th October 2017, to Purukal Youth Development Society and Learning Academy, Dehradun. Mr. G K Swamy, a retired economist from Bombay began the school with the idea to provide quality education to socio-economically disadvantaged children. The school also houses Purkal Stree Shakti Samiti, an NGO engaged in women empowerment from



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41 villages in the Dehradun district of Uttarakhand. The students got an opportunity to understand how the

helps rural women become entrepreneurs through welfare support including free skill training, workspace, nutrition, healthcare, transport, and a daycare center for their infants.

- On 11th January 2018, Prof. Nick Hopkins from the University of Dundee, a Social Psychologist, through his research work explained the concept of diversity and citizenship to students. The seminar began with a brief introduction of Prof. Hopkins and his previous work, followed by his lecture about citizenship and how its meaning changes with context. In his lecture, he gave several examples from his work to put forth his point. These examples were both quantitative and qualitative. The major themes that he covered during the seminar were everyday citizenship, problems of diversity, and the consequences of belongingness. Prof. Hopkins's lecture was followed by a question-and-answer session with the audience and the seminar concluded with a vote of thanks to the professor.
- A guest lecture on Policymaking in the field of Disability and Mental Health was delivered by Manisha Shastri a social worker on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018. Affiliated with AICC, Research Department, she shared her work experience in the field of policymaking and how the entire process is conducted. She shared what factors are to be taken care of and what ground/research work is required in developing a policy at the community level.
- Students of 2<sup>nd</sup>-year Hons. were taken to one of the project sites of Butterflies, an NGO working for street children, Tikona park, at ISBT to orient them to the activities and programs



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of the organization. It was an enriching experience for students as they also get to interact with the children who had come from nearby areas.

- Ms. Manju Jain, Psychotherapist from NGO, A creative pause on 27th Feb 2018 did a workshop with students in their final year on expressive art therapy and sexuality on. Through expressive arts, she guided the students through a journey of appreciation for their bodies and changed the meaning of 'body image'. The students expressed themselves using several art supplies in creating a tree that symbolized them as a group. The workshop also entailed activities like origami and drumming among others.
- On 13th March 2018, the theme of the annual Psychology festival of KNC was "Today's Struggle Tomorrow's Strength". The panel discussion began with Prof. N. K. Chadha, an esteemed professor and dean at the Manav Rachna International University. Then, Ms. Priya Bhargava, Miss India Wheelchair 2015 shared her courageous experience of showing resilience and it concluded with motivational speaker Mr. Hitesh Sanyal. This year the festival expanded beyond the panel discussion onto a series of competitive events for students across colleges such as Ad-Mads, Quiziosity: Psychology Quiz, and Photography Competition. The day concluded with stand-up comedy by Canvas Laughter Club and the distribution of prizes.
- On 26th March 2018 renowned feminist activist Ms. Kamla Bhasin came to KNC as part of an event organized by our department. Ms. Bhasin has been actively engaged with issues related to women's development, education, gender, media, and several other such issues. She currently works with SANGAT- A South Assam Feminist Network as an adviser



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with JAGORI, Women Resource and Training Center, New Delhi. Over the years, she has conducted several workshops, and written exceptional books and poetry. She spoke to the young audience about various social

issues. She discussed in-depth the meaning of feminism and busted myths surrounding the same. She kept the session engaging by reciting some of her poetry and singing songs written by her and fellow NGO workers. She ended the session with an enlightening session of questions and answers and finally gave us all the inspiration to follow our dreams and courageously voice our opinions.

- On 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018, Mental Health Awareness Week was celebrated by the department. Some of the activities that were included in the program were the Intercollege poster making competition, a presentation by Sambandh a not-for-profit organization based in Gurugram, India, that works in the domain of public health, specifically mental health, a panel discussion on 'Young People and Mental Health in Changing Times. The following were the speakers Ms. Gagandeep Kaur from the Unique Psychological Services and Dr. Mona Sharma, Assistant Professor, AIIMS. Flash mob and Mental Health Awareness March in college and nearby market areas. With the list of activities, the department made an effort to aware people at large of the importance of Mental Health in today's time on the occasion of Mental Health Awareness Week celebrated by WHO from 3<sup>rd</sup> October to 10<sup>th</sup> October.
- Psychogenesis was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The theme was Plugged In: Youth Psychology and Media Interface. A panel discussion was held with Dr. Yatan Pal Singh and



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Ms. Aparna Sayal. A session was held with Jova Ferreyra, also known as the Antidote. Several activities brought joy and excitement. The event was a blend of knowledge and vibrance. The interesting discourse on the impact of media evolved through deliberations done by experts in the field.

• From time to time, the department uses media and other sources to disseminate knowledge to students. In the same spirit, the department organized the

screening of the film "Anoochcharito" (Bengali: অনুচ্চারিত, "Unuttered" in English) and a discussion session with its director Mr. Sourav Sarkar on the 28th of August 2019.

- The students were moved on a personal level and it took quite some time for them to grasp the profoundness of the movie. The students were an engaging audience and Mr. Sarkar was happy to answer all of their queries.
- The Department Freshers' was organized on 29th August 2019. This was done to make the first-year students of the Psychology Department feel welcome in college. It was a funfilled afternoon wherein an orientation was given to the students.
- An interactive session on human resource management was held with Ms. Divya Purang from KPMG as the resource person. Ms. Divya Purang shared her valuable insights about the scope of psychology in organizations. The session was very helpful, as many of the students, aspire to enter the organizational force, but were unaware of the processes and opportunities in this field.



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- The students of the Psychology Department organized a special function on 5th September 2019. The dress code for teachers was 'Ravishing Red' and all were dressed up in different shades of red with tremendous grace and formality.
- On the 12th of September, 2019 the Psychology Department of Kamala Nehru College organized a seminar on Community Mental Health in the New Seminar room. The seminar was headed by Achira Chatterjee who has a lot of experience on the issue of mental health. The talk was a very interactive session between the

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speaker and the students. She made a great effort in trying to make everyone comfortable and create a safe environment for the students to share their thoughts.

- A seminar was organized on Women's Health, given by Dr. Rahul Manchanda, Gynae Endoscopic Surgeon. It was held on 26th September 2019. It was extremely helpful and informative for all the students. They got the opportunity to learn immense knowledge about reproductive health, and how to take care of oneself.
- A silent march was organized on 30th September 2019 to raise awareness about mental health issues in consonance with WHO's theme of Suicide Prevention. This was done to mobilize efforts in support of mental health issues.



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- On the 18th of October, 2019 the Psychology Department of Kamala Nehru College organized a panel discussion with diverse perspectives on Suicide Prevention. The panel discussion was headed by three strong women, Madhu Surya (Educator at Light Up [EMF]), Jigyasa Tandon (Founder of PSY Fi), and Dr.Nilya Dutt (Counselling Psychologist).
- A talk was organized on Understanding Eating Disorders on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019. It was given by Asmita Sharma and Prachi Akhavi. It was an effort to understand eating disorders in a socially and culturally relevant manner along with making the conversation accessible.
- The Department of Psychology, Kamala Nehru College organized a session on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 on the topic "Rethinking Global Mental Health Movement" by Ms. Shikha Soni, Part-time Assistant Professor at IIS University, Jaipur and Mental Health Research Assistant with Barnet Enfield and Haringey NHS Trust. It was a great learning experience in challenging the universality of Western Psychiatric Nosology and emphasizing the need for increasing research interest in cultural psychology/psychiatry. The session was extremely informative. It was also thought-provoking because it exposed students to new perspectives on clinical psychology. The students also learned about certain limitations and challenges to the current clinical practice in India. The session also helped students get information and clarity about studying abroad.
- The department of Psychology organized a career workshop on "careers in psychology" for the students. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Gagandeep Kaur of Unique Psychological Services on 26th February 2020. The students were apprised of the latest developments in the discipline and careers related to the different branches of psychology. The



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resource person shared extensive details about study prospects after bachelor's and how to prepare for entrance exams for master's programs. She also highlighted some of the reputed institutions to pursue psychology in India and abroad. The session helped the students clear many doubts and anxieties about prospects in the field.

• The Psychology Department of Kamala Nehru College given the current ongoing situation of the Covid-19 and various stresses related to it conducted a web seminar for the second year on the topic "Practical training on Stress Management through Alternative Techniques in Psychology" by Mrs. Bharti Kapoor (Subject expert) on 27 th April 2020, coordinated by Dr. Mandeep Kaur (Subject teacher), and Dr. Yogeeta Bhatia, the Teacher-Incharge of Department of Psychology. The seminar began with a brief discussion with the subject expert asking the students to define how they view stress. After this, she described certain stress relief procedures

such as developing a hobby, remembering good moments, and laughing to overcome the stress experienced by the students. She also introduced the students to a new stress releasing technique called the EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques) which employs the use of various energy meridians present in the human body to release stress. The session then went on to the next phase where the students were made to indulge in the process of mediation. The students practiced focusing their attention on the inner sources of energy and were simultaneously made to practice the breathing technique to relax their mind and body. The session ended with the speaker telling the importance of gratitude in today's life. Overall the event helped students to



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achieve some amount of relaxation under such difficult and stressful conditions of the Covid-19.

- The Psychology Department of Kamala Nehru College organized an online session on "What Fuels Communities to Prioritize Maternal and Child Nutrition: Case Studies from India and Myanmar" by Ms. Rai Sengupta on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020. She is an esteemed Development Consultant, currently working with IPE Global Limited and her work has been recognized by UNICEF. The expanse of her work and experience gave students an insight into community organizations and information about the various problems associated with maternal health care in India. Furthermore, along with strong theoretical discussions, the session provided a platform for students to learn about real-life community intervention experiences in Myanmar and India. The session also highlighted the importance of holistic and participatory interventions. The session helped to broaden perspectives and bring out a different reality than what mainstream psychology textbooks portray.
- In collaboration, the Department of Psychology and Internal Complaints Committee hosted a webinar on 26th May 2020 to address some of the concerns and share critical reflections on online violence and sexual harassment against women. Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni opened the session by discussing how the rise of the Internet Age has led to the empowerment of voices of women and other marginalized groups, yet it has also led to an increase in the incidents of various forms of online sexual harassment including cyberstalking, rape threats, blackmail, picture morphing and even more. She stressed the importance of discussing the feminist, legal and psychological perspectives on sexual harassment against women in online



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spaces. The esteemed panelists of the webinar included Dr. Bijayalaxmi Nanda, Acting Principal, Miranda House, and a feminist scholar. Dr. Nanda spoke about a wide range of issues underlying women working in public spheres. She emphasized the need to sensitize the workforce to the changing work dynamics post-Covid-19 vis-à-vis women's lives. Ms. Joseph Monati, the second panelist made students and faculty aware of the information they are putting in the online world. He enlightened us with the information regarding the various legal redressal mechanisms available for women. Finally, Ms. Achira Chatterjee, a clinical psychologist shared that any discussion on sexual harassment against women cannot be at the expense of conversation with boys and men. Parents, teachers, and society need to understand how socially sanctioned objectification of women plays an important role in the sexual harassment of women in online spaces. The webinar which saw the participation of over 70 participants, ended with a question-and-answer session and a vote of thanks.

- On June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the first and second years bid farewell to the graduating class of 2020 in an online mode through a class group photograph, titles to each student, and messages from the faculty.
- On Teacher's Day on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020, students expressed their affection with e-cards for their teachers in the online mode.
- World Mental Health Day is an international day for global mental health education, awareness, and advocacy against social stigma. Since the advent of the Covid 19 pandemic, the world is on the verge of a mental health crisis, with daily doses of death, isolation, and fear generating widespread psychological trauma. The department of Psychology marked World



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Mental Health Day on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 by organizing an online panel discussion on the theme, "Aftermath of the pandemic: What lies ahead?" With this theme, we aimed to initiate a conversation on the surge of mental health issues during and after the pandemic, providing insight into managing difficult emotions and dealing with the crisis in a resilient manner. Renowned clinical psychologist and Professor of Psychology (retired) Dr. Aroona Broota Founder Director at Action For Autism (AFA) and autism activist Ms. Merry Barua were invited. The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Itisha Nagar, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Kamala Nehru College, and was well attended by over 120 students. The session ended with a round of questions and answers from the audience.

- To spreading awareness on Mental health, our Psychology students made a Mental Health Day video in October 2020, that finds its place on our college social media handles.
- On November 24, 2020, a department Orientation was held online through zoom for the first-year students, where the first-year students were introduced to all the faculty members of the department.
- On November 27, 2020, the second and third years warmly welcomed our first years in the Departmental Freshers Welcome, online through the Zoom platform.
- The department newsletter UNHINGED 2020-21 was released on April 11, 2021. The cover page and copy were shared with the college annual day committee.
- On June 7, 2021, the 6S outgoing batch was given farewell, by the first and second years in the online mode, through messages, video, and photographs with titles.



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- Department of Psychology, Kamala Nehru College organized a webinar on "Understanding Gender Identities: Beyond Binaries" on Wednesday, 2nd February 2021. The session focused on the history of Gender identification, breaking conventional notions about it, the intersectionality of gender and culture, and understanding the role people play as change-makers. A discussion with a Gender fluid person themselves aimed to provide a safe space to discuss, learn, debate, and inspire. The session was facilitated by Mx. Ria Sharma (They/Them), a motivational speaker, Human Rights youth activist & Educator who is on a journey to spread awareness about lgbt+ issues, raise voices against any form of injustice and inspire people to be their true self. They have also been featured on many media platforms like -The Times of India, Pune Times, Midday, Mirror Now, The Quint, Marathwada, and Sakal.
- Department of Psychology, Kamala Nehru College, organized an online discussion on 'Everyday Conversations on Mental Health' on the occasion of Mental Health Awareness Day (Wednesday, 6th October 2021). Speaker Dr. Nivida Chandra who is the founder of Kindspace and the co-founder of The Shrinking Couch spoke on the importance of mental health awareness and destigmatizing mental health.
- As IQAC always enforces giving students liberty within parameters hence department of psychology recorded the student's responses regarding their choice of discipline-specific electives and their choices were taken into consideration as per the demands of the syllabus.
- The department has a strong alumni network and from time to time, the alumni are invited to speak on various issues as well aspects of the curriculum that have practical implications.



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- Teachers of the departments engage themselves in FDPs, workshops, and publications to keep themselves up to date with the current academia.
- Meritorious students of the department are also awarded during the Annual College Day.

Therefore, it can be seen that the department of Psychology takes the feedback of students and teachers with the utmost integrity and delivers in terms of curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities. We aim to help our students grow and realize their full potential. In doing so, we ensure cordial and warm relations between the students and teachers and foster an environment of learning that equips our students to face the challenges of their life to come.

## **Department of Mathematics**

The Department of Mathematics, Kamala Nehru College, to take action based on the feedback of the department brings into action the following practices:

- Organising a lecture on academics Biomathematics for giving students academic diversity with the help of an external resource person having expertise on the subject on 27th January 2021. The speaker for the event was Dr. Sumit Kaur Bhatia, Assistant Professor, Amity University.
- The Department of Mathematics, Kamala Nehru College, organizes its Annual Departmental Day as a regular feature under the title OMICRON for eg in 2021 with t virtual mode via Google Meet Platform was used on 4th March 2021. The event was managed by the department students as the students learn how to organize the event. The event also became a platform to honor our Ex Principal, Dr. Rita Malhotra.
- The Department of Mathematics, Kamala Nehru College, organizes regular feature lectures eg a guest lecture by Prof. Shabd Sharan Khare, former Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of Department of Mathematics at North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong on 7th April 2021. The topic of the lecture was



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"Beauty of Mathematics". The purpose of the talk was to convey some fascinating elements of mathematics to convince students that the subject can be made interesting if interacted properly.

- The Department of Mathematics, Kamala Nehru College, organized "The Alumni Talk" on "Career Opportunities for Women in STEM" fulfilling two demands of students one guidance on career opportunities and the second interaction with the Alumni. The speakers for the event were Dr. Neha Nanda, Research Fellow at IISER, and Ms. Pooja Kumari, Associate Director, B2B Sales & Account Management.
- The Department organized a webinar on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 through the Zoom Platform. The topic of the webinar was "Unfastening the social knots against Mathematics" and the speaker for the event was Dr. Rita Malhotra, former Principal, Kamala Nehru College.
- The webinar was in the form of an open lecture. Dr.RitaMalhotra talked about how students, in general, have fear regarding studying Mathematics and how teachers can play a great role in removing these fears. She discussed various ideas on how to motivate students and make Mathematics a subject more approachable and interesting. These webinars are aimed at general outreach to students across the university, as in this event over 150 students and teachers from various colleges of Delhi University participated.
- The Department of Mathematics, Kamala Nehru College, organized a webinar workshop on 31st August 2020 on the topic "Introduction to Wolfram Mathematica" the resource person of the workshop was Mr. Mahendra Singh Bisht, System engineer SCUBE Scientific Software Solution Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. The webinar aimed to explore the technologies on the Wolfram

platform including Mathematica for a wide variety of practical applications. The students and faculty were introduced to the new features in the Wolfram language and received various examples to begin using the platform.

The Department of Mathematics, Kamala Nehru College organized its Annual Departmental Day, "Omicron" on 31st October 2019. The event began apart from being a representation of students' skills with an interactive session with Mr. Ayaan Chawla. who informed students about the start-up culture in India and discussed ideas about entrepreneurship and success. Dr.GeethaVenkataramanalso enlightened the students about Groups and



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Symmetry, its real-life applications, and the symmetries of infinite figures through a PowerPoint presentation.

- The department also focuses apart from academics on the health and hygiene of the girls and hence organized an interactive session with Ms. Nikita Satija, brand manager of PeeBuddy. She talked to the students about menstrual hygiene and women's health-related issues.
- The Mathematics Department organized its annual Mathematics Day, "OMICRON 18" on 9th October 2018. The event began with an inaugural lecture by Mr. Girish Mishra, who apprised the students about Linear Algebra and its applications in Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain Technology, Quantum Computing, and other scientific domains. Students got an idea of innovative research and applications of mathematics by learning to improvise their knowledge on a practical approach.
- An inter-college paper presentation competition was organized on the topic "Documenting Mathematical Practices in South Asia" and "Cultural and Gender Bias in Mathematics". A few informal events were organized by the students as well which included PIC-to-WORD, Cipher-Decipher, and Treasure Hunt involving both presences of mind and recreation and also enhancing out-of-box thinking.
- The Department of Mathematics organized a talk by Professor Pramod Kanwar of Ohio University,
  Zanesville on the topic 'From Elementary Maths to College Maths' on 9th February 2017. The talk
  attended by a large number of students gave an idea as to how school and graduation mathematics is
  related.
- On the Mathematics Day "OMICRON 2017" on 3rd March 2017, a talk by Professor Shobha Bagai from Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi, on the topic 'Magic Numbers' was delivered. The idea was to instill in students the idea of innovative research and applications of Mathematics.

A Guest talk by an eminent former professor, Professor Bhu Dev Sharma was organized on the topic 'Mathematical theory of Communication' at the root of the Information Age on 11th September 2017.

A talk by Professor C.K.Rajuwas on the topic 'The History of Indian Maths and its contemporary
relevance' was organized by the department on 11th October 2017. He apprised the students of the fallible
nature of Metaphysics formulated by the western world and in sync, with this, he reached out to the
students to highlight the need to revolutionize the theories in Mathematics. The event culminated with a



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screening of an influential movie "Nil Battey Sannata". It was a well-planned and well-executed enlightening talk.

All these initiatives by the Department of Mathematics under the constant guidance of IQAC have helped the department progress which becomes evident through its outcomes and students' progression.

# **Department of Journalism**

- Started nearly two decades back, the Department of Journalism at Kamala Nehru College has emerged as one of the leading journalism schools in the country.
- It seeks to provide the best of the theory and practice of Journalism to its students. To
  achieve this mandate, we deploy innovative teaching methods including the use of
  audio-visual media to discuss complex concepts in class and impart hands-on
  experience with technology.
- As part of the curriculum the students research, script, shoot and edit documentaries, design web-based social media campaigns, and bring out a newsletter Communique which is written, designed, and edited by them.
- To expose students to the latest developments in the media landscape, the department regularly organizes lectures and talks by media professionals and scholars. Another highlight of our course is a research dissertation, which the students need to complete in the final semester.



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- Our rigorous training in the department keeps bringing us good results and a growing
  list of illustrious alumnae in the fields of academics, television news, and new media
  journalism. Under the guidance of an experienced faculty with different areas of
  expertise, the department is committed to training students to bring the best of their
  intellectual and creative faculties to fruition.
- A department meeting is held regularly to discuss the modalities for the conduct of external evaluation and viva-voce for the semester 6 research dissertations. It was attended by the permanent faculty members of the department.
- A meeting of the IQAC committee was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020. It was attended by the Principal, IQAC core committee members, and the Teachers-in-Charge of each department along with the senior-most faculty member from each department. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss Criteria No.II of the AQAR report centered around Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation which includes curriculum aspects, student enrolment, the teaching-learning process, the use of ICT in teaching, etc.
- The teacher in charge of the Journalism department Dr. Ramesh Aroli informed the
  department of the discussions in the meeting and the actions to be taken by the
  departments to comply with said criteria. Based on the points of action discussed in the
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- Proper documentation of the internships of the students of the department of journalism
  was done listing their names, the names of the institutions they interned in, and the
  months of internship.
- Students who were facing learning challenges were motivated to attend tutorials where
  individual attention was paid to their learning needs through discussions and screening
  of video tutorials and the use of audio-visual materials like films.
- The faculty used to project and skill-based work for internal assessments in addition to tests and assignments. Some of these innovative methods included:
  - a. Group PPT presentations in class followed by an open question-answer session.
  - Researching, scripting, recording, and editing radio programs and documentary films.
  - c. Participatory video production wherein students partnered with NGOs to train their members in making films.
  - d. Shooting photographs and combining them with text to produce a photo essay.
  - e. Involving students in the internal assessments by asking them to mark group presentations made in class.
- Dr. Carmel Christy was made a member of the workload committee and Dr. Ramesh Aroli was made a member of the Workload Committee.



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- Dr. Agnitra Ghosh was made the Convener of the Journalism department's Cultural Society along with teacher members Anubha Yadav and Dr. Carmel Christy. They along with the students organized the department's annual festival Journo Junction on the theme 'Media in the time of Covid 19'. The departmental student publication Communique was released jointly by the Principal Professor Kalpana Bhakuni and the keynote speaker Priyanka Dubey.
- On 27th January 2021 a special lecture was delivered by Dr. Ishita Tiwary (Assistant Professor, Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema, Concordia University) on "Media, Technology and History".
- As part of the cultural activities of the department, an interactive session with KNC Journalism alumnae was organized on the 7th of February, 2021. The alumnae who interacted with the current students were Shreya Katuri (Account Director, LinkedIn), Riya Chibber (Creative Director, Dice Media), and Aarushi Nayar (CMO, Unschool), and Shambhavi Shukla (formerly Editorial, CNBC TV 18). They shared their industry experiences and gave important career tips to the students.
- As per the decision taken at the meeting, work has started on creating archives of the students' work like a Documentary Film archive, Communique and Poster archive, a Research Project archive, and a Radio Archive. These efforts are at a preliminary stage.
- Given off the Covid pandemic, a departmental meeting was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July,
   2020 to discuss the online mode of teaching in the July December semester. The meeting was attended by all the faculty members. As decided in the meeting:



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- 1. Faculty members started using Zoom or Google Meet for holding online classes.
- Reading material and other study material for the students were also shared through WhatsApp and Email.
- 3. Students were advised not to record online lectures without taking the consent/permission of the concerned faculty member.
- 4. A print production workshop and an Adobe Photoshop workshop were conducted by external resource persons in the online mode.
- An orientation program for the newly admitted students of Semester 1 is held regularly. It was attended by all the faculty members and the new students of Semester 1. The students are briefed about the working of the department, and each faculty member introduces themselves to the students. All the challenges, questions, and concerns of the students were addressed by the faculty members.
- A departmental meeting was held on January 6, 2021. It was attended by all the faculty
  members of the department. Based on the decisions taken at the meeting the following
  actions were taken by the department:
- As decided in the meeting, the length of the research dissertation to be submitted by the Semester 6 students was fixed at 30 - 40 pages given the extraordinary pandemic situation.
- A review meeting is held to assess the progress made by Semester 6 students in their research project.



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- Dr. Carmel Christy was made a member of the academic committee and Dr. Ramesh Aroli was made a member of the Workload Committee to keep the rotation of the department teachers for maintaining balance.
- Dr. Agnitra Ghosh was made the Convener of the Journalism department's Cultural Society along with teacher members Anubha Yadav and Dr. Carmel Christy. They along with the students organized the department's annual festival Journo Junction on the theme 'Media in the time of Covid 19'. The departmental student publication Communique is regular research of students.
- On 27th January 2021 a special lecture was delivered by Dr. Ishita Tiwary (Assistant Professor, Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema, Concordia University) on "Media, Technology and History".
- As part of the cultural activities of the department, an interactive session with KNC Journalism alumnae was organized on the 7th of February, 2021. The alumnae who interacted with the current students were Shreya Katuri (Account Director, LinkedIn), Riya Chibber (Creative Director, Dice Media), and Aarushi Nayar (CMO, Unschool), and Shambhavi Shukla (formerly Editorial, CNBC TV 18). They shared their industry experiences and gave important career tips to the students.
- As per the decision taken at the meeting work has started on creating archives of the students' work like a Documentary Film archive, Communique and Poster archive, a Research Project archive, and a Radio Archive. These efforts are at a preliminary stage.



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# Department of Political Science

In collaboration with IQAC, Kamala Nehru College, the Department of Political Science has been collecting feedback from students every year to prepare an inclusive and effective action plan to give the best performance.

The feedback has been helping the Department of Political Science for improving the teaching-learning system and to build a student-oriented academic atmosphere in the department.

The Department of Political Science strives to build a strong academic culture with the collective participation of students and teachers. So that the department has been organizing lectures, book discussions, and webinars. Based on students' feedback, the Department of Political Science has taken the following actions:

The department has tried to make the curriculum interesting, easy, and student-oriented by organizing a book discussion on the book titled, *Election Commission of India: Institutionalizing Democratic Uncertainties* on February 17, 2020. The authors of the same book Prof. Ujjwal Kumar Singh and Prof. Anupama Roy addressed the students and responded to their queries. In the second session of the same event, Prof. Sunil



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Kumar Choudhary delivered a lecture on "India's Changing Electoral Democracy". Students and teachers were actively engaged in the discussion.

The department tried to impart practical knowledge to our students on policy-making and decision-making processes in foreign policy and diplomacy. On 21 February, the department, in collaboration with the KNC chapter of Global Youth, and the India-UK Youth forum organized the program 'Chat with a Diplomat'. Ms. Sophie Ross, the Deputy Head of the Political and Bilateral team, British High Commission, and Ms. Sara Corscadden, Second Secretary, Political Team, British High Commission, addressed the students on the subject of gender and diplomacy.

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought many changes in the teaching-learning and evaluation system. Open Book Examination was such a new experiment for our students. To familiarise students with the Open Book Examinations, the department organized a webinar on 3 July 2020. Prof. Sunil K Choudhary from the department of Political Science, University of Delhi, made a PPT presentation on OBE. He interacted with the students and answered their queries.

On 21 October 2020, a book discussion on the title *Madrasas and the making of Islamic Womanhood* was organized in which the author Dr. Hem Borker, addressed the students, followed by a lively interactive session of question-answers.

On 6 November 2020, the department organized an International Webinar on 'Eurocentrism in International Relational and Interventions from India'. Prof. Turan Kayaoglu from the University of Washington and Prof. Navnita Chaddha Behera from the University of Delhi debated the question of Eurocentrism in the field of International Relations Theory.

On 3rd April 2021, the department organized a lecture via zoom by Dr. Vikram Sampath on V.D. Savarkar. The lecture was followed by a question-and-answer session.

On 20th August 2021, the department organized an international online event 'Ami Kobi: a multinational homage to the legend Rabindranath Tagore', in collaboration with Poetry across Cultures India. The event focused on Tagore's literary connections with Hungary and Bulgaria. The event was attended by around 200



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participants from around the world, including eminent poets, writers, lecturers, faculty members, and the students of the Department of Political Science, Kamala Nehru College as well as members of Poetry across Cultures. The guests of Honour for the day were Dr. Pal Bodogh Szabo, the Director and Cultural Counsellor at the Embassy of Hungary, and Dr. Kamen Koutzarov, the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria.

On 27th August 2021, the department began with a series of lectures based on the "Global Dialogues on Gender and Politics". The first lecture of the series was held on the topic: 'The Role of Women in Public Life: Citizenship and Cultural Violence' by Dr. Sylvia Garcia. The second lecture was conducted on "Women's Agency under Constrained conditions: Minority Groups and Education" by Dr. Aliya Khalid on 10th September 2021. The final lecture of the series was held on 17th September 2021 on the topic of "Genderbased violence and Policy framework: Stories

from Scotland by Dr. Karen Lorimer". All the lectures were conducted online and were followed by interactive question and answer sessions.

All these events were directed towards the holistic development of students, giving them a platform for developing their skills as well as making the curriculum interesting for them.



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## **Department of Sociology**

- Under IQAC guidance and the feedback analysis, the department was focused on integrated learning by facilitating and encouraging its students by engaging in both academic and extra-curricular activities from time to praiseworthy time.
- The academic integrity with the help of Student-Faculty Exchange Program-II in collaboration
  with the Department of Sociology, Sophia Girls College, Ajmer is also the highlight of the
  department. The program included two lectures delivered by faculty members from both
  institutions. Activities like this help students get a wider scope.
- IQAC takes cognizance of the fact that the department apart from hosting regular events like academic
  lectures, and book discussions the department has also tried to incorporate fieldwork and project work
  activities for its students to develop a holistic understanding of the discipline.
- The department's initiative in conducting regular workshops, National seminars (ICSSR Sponsored), and conferences to give students a larger perception of the curriculum and these initiatives also help students think out of the box.
- To sensitize the students on socially relevant issues like aging, gender sensitization, and women's
  empowerment, the department periodically screens movies and holds discussions on the above themes. For
  instance, the department has organized an international collaborative event with German Embassy by
  hosting of 2nd Indo-German Film Festival on Active Ageing (2019) followed by a discussion by Mr. Matthias
  Roos, co-head of the European Film Festival for Generations.
- The department is also actively engaging its students in inter-college level competitions by both participating
  and hosting events. For instance, the department conducted Intra-College Declamation Competition in
  association with the Enabling Unit of Equal opportunity cell, the Ministry of Social Justice and
  Empowerment, and the Laadli Foundation Trust to sensitize the students on issues about gender and
  disability issues.



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- Toto facilitates the students in creating awareness and opportunities in terms of higher academic
  opportunities and job prospects, the department has held regular interactions with the alumni for providing
  guidance. This was done through hosting the Alumni Meets and Career Counselling sessions, which is
  praiseworthy.
- IQAC acknowledged the active interaction of the department faculty in re-structuring the LOCF and CBCS syllabus. Dr. Archana Prasad, Dr. Pravati Dalua, Dr. Ritu Sharma, Dr. Sharmistha Mallick, and Mr. Brijmohan have been actively involved in the syllabus development either as convenors or members of the committee.
- The department actively represents itself at the inter-college level at the Department of sociology, DSE. Dr.
  Archana Prasad, Dr. Pravati Dalua, Dr. Ritu Sharma, Mr. Brij Mohan, and Dr. Urna Sarkar Dutta have been
  involved in the Department of Sociology (DSE) committees like the Committee of Courses and Department
  Research Committees.
- The department faculty have also been actively involved in the various intra-college committees like
  Academic committees, workload committees, Student Union Advisors, and so on. DR Archana Prasad and
  Ritu Sharma, Dr. Pravati Dalua are part of Academic Committees at the intra-college level which in turn is the
  departments' contribution to Academic Excellence.
- Research helps in the overall progress and growth of any discipline. Keeping this in mind, IQAC feels that the
  department faculty have been active in conducting research, academic publication, and various research
  projects (ICSSR funded). Dr. Archana Prasad had been awarded her Post Doctoral degree in the year 2018.
- The result analysis of the students was good.
- The IQAC praises the department was focused on integrated learning by facilitating and encouraging its students in both academic and extra-curricular activities.
- Eminent speakers from across universities are invited to showcase their path-breaking research ideas and work with students that amplify the department's sheer commitment to academic rigor.
- For instance, Dr. Pranta Pratik Patnaik, Assistant Professor, Department of Culture and Media Studies, Central University of Rajasthan was invited to share his research on the theme 'Masculinity in Indian Media'. Academic lecture on the topic- 'Ideas of Beliefs, Sacred and Stereotypes' delivered by Professor Y.S. Alone, School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi. Professor Vivek Kumar, Chairperson, Centre for the



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Study of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi also delivered his lecture in the same year.

- Department has a sustaining linkage with their alumni and they organize from time-to-time programs of skill enhancement for them. For instance, in September the Department hosted 'The sociology Alumni Chapter workshop by inviting Miss Ipshita Soni to talk about career engagements in the field of social marketing. Similarly, Muskan Kohli, an activist in the development sector too narrated her experiences in the said field through a program conducted for the said purpose.
- IQAC also feels that the department faculty has been active in conducting research, academic publication, and various research projects(ICSSR funded) during this year.
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- The Department was advised to revive their field-based exposure by making students part of the field-based research engagements through field excursions, study tours, community outreach programs, etc
- To work on industry or development sector linkages by involving students of sociology to create a sustainable society.
- To collaborate with other disciplines to create an interdisciplinary learning culture.
- To ensure greater community participation of the department through various academic and social activities.



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