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Principal's Message



The COVID-19 pandemic has united the world in its fight against a virus which has changed everyone's lives most unexpectedly. The pandemic has added a new dimension to the meaning of the phrase 'Global Village' which was otherwise used to refer to the technological progress human civilisation has achieved over centuries. Today, globally we are facing the grave situation of COVID-19. As evidence shows, most nations were unprepared to fight this fierce virus. Till the virus struck, the idea of a battle was all about fighting wars using arms and ammunition.

However, the COVID-19 virus has shown to the world that for the battle at hand, it is crucial to strengthen our health sector and medical research. Our health workers are the frontline defenders against the virus and they deserve all support and appreciation. For their work to be fruitful, we need to devise and deploy strategies to overcome the virus at multiple levels – at the level of the community, at the national level and at the global level.

Our country has promptly responded to the crisis by taking strategic decisions and harnessing technology like the Aarogya Setu Application. So, 'self-help' at an individual level using technology and practicing safety measures like using face-masks and social distancing is a feasible aspect of risk reduction in a highly-populated country like ours. Several lockdowns have impacted our mental health in unexpected ways. We need to be more attentive to 'reset' ourselves and go on through this crisis till it ends.

On the other hand, the lockdown has inadvertently had a positive impact on our environment to some extent. It makes us think if it is necessary for mankind to be locked down to save nature. It is high time we do it by choice, preference and priority for our shared future on this planet.



Very soon a new pattern will emerge with those who have immunity to deal with such risk or those who do not- and that will open a new era in which people will essentially feel the need to lead a healthy lifestyle and be less vulnerable to such disaster next time in anybody's lifetime. The underlying health conditions of individuals like obesity, diabetes, lung and heart disease, acts as a 'risk' factor in itself in such pandemic conditions. So the protocol of immunity of people, today and in the coming generation has to be redefined completely!

Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni
October, 2020

Celebrations

INDEPENDENCE DAY



TEACHERS' DAY



COLLEGE DAY



Independence Day



Kamala Nehru College celebrated the Independence Day on 15th August, 2020 with the same zeal and enthusiasm as each year.

The day was marked by the dedication of the NCC cadets, who, even in these unprecedented times reached the college to mark their respect for the National Flag. To commemorate the sovereignty of our nation, the event began with the unfurling of Indian National Flag by our Honorable Principal, Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni. Unfurling was completed with the salute by the Guard team of NCC. This was followed by the national anthem, the music and lyrics of which, enveloped the campus air in patriotism.

After the hoisting of the National flag our Principal addressed the students with her words of wisdom and enlightened them, about the importance and significance of this day. She also appreciated the NCC students who became a part of this celebration.

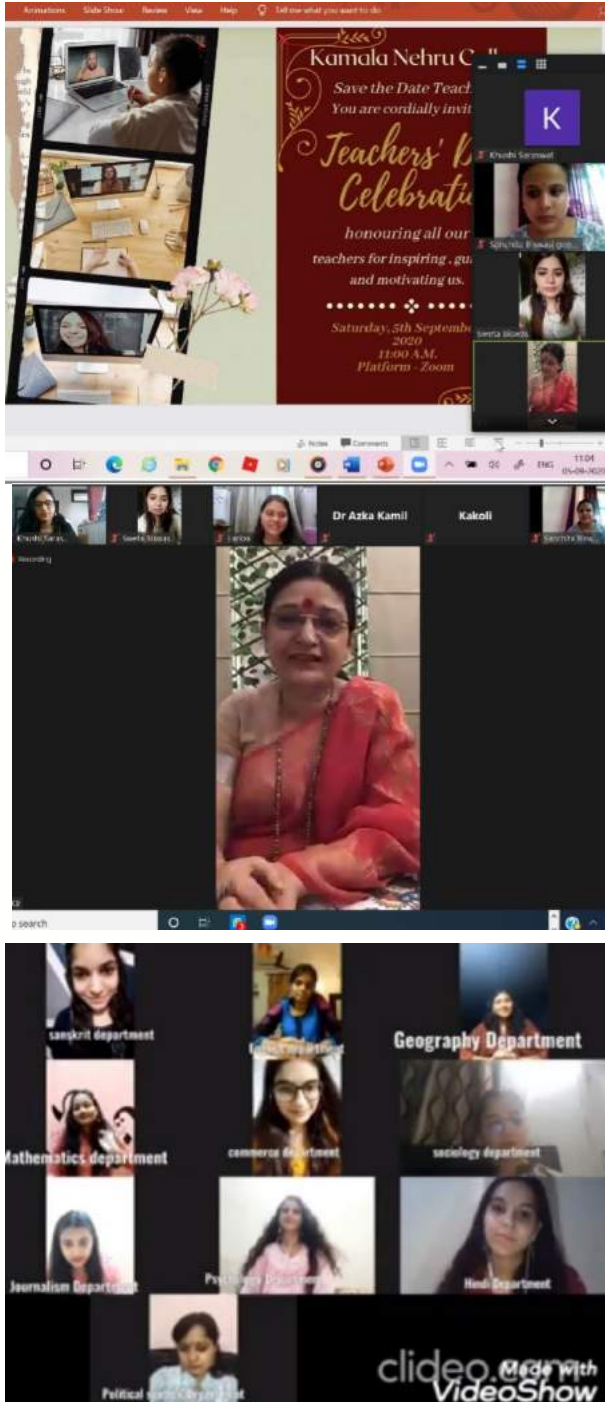
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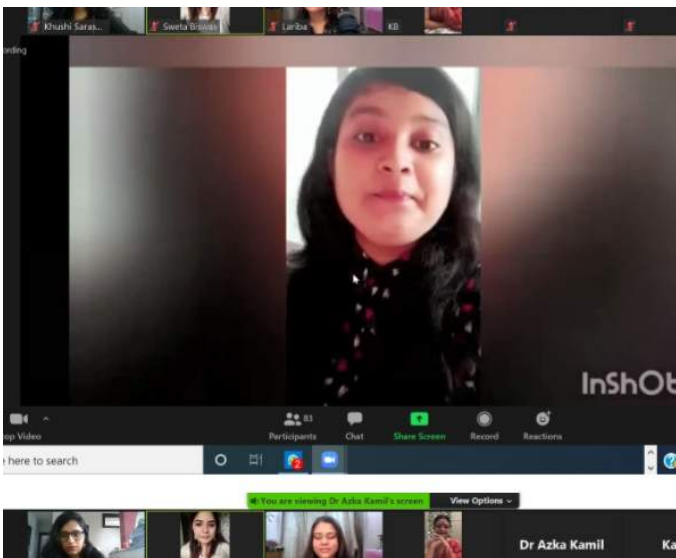
TEACHERS' DAY

Gone are those halcyon days when classrooms were a regular thing and teachers were just a few feet away. With the advent of an unprecedented pandemic, came loads of challenges and the world was put to a halt. But teachers all over the world, ensured that learning did not come to a halt, emphasizing on the importance of education. Every year the Teachers' Day celebration would be about cards, flowers, gifts, and cakes but this year it was absolutely about feelings and reverence. A journey from the desk to desktop, this year's teachers' day was all about paying tribute to our teachers for their hard work, efforts and patience. The student body of Kamala Nehru College organized an online event at around 11 am on 5th September 2020.



The program started with the Principal, Kalpana Bhakuni addressing the audience followed by a series of compiled videos made by the students of different departments. Self-written poetries filled with intense emotions moved everyone while relatable skits on the topic "Struggles of teaching online" and "Types of teachers when a student is absent" placed a wide smile on everybody's face. Any celebration is incomplete without soulful music. Zephyr, the western music society's perfect notes left the teachers in awe while the song "Oh teacher", a classical piece "Mohe Rang do la" and a retro hit "jab koi baat bigad jaaye" performed by students, added more flavours to this special celebration. The students, also conducted a talk show which was a reflection of the students' affection and regard towards their teachers. Last but not least, the power-packed dance performances by Adagio, Enigma and Nupur added to the glimmer of the event. The program ended with a vote of thanks.

The event was supervised and coordinated by Dr. Azka Kamil, and Lariba Ashfaq of English (H) third year, Sweta Biswas of Political Science (H) third year were the anchors. Sanchita Biswas and Harshika Chhimwal of Geography (H) third year were technical heads for the event. The overall managing head was Aishwarya Rajput, B.Com (P) third year, and content coordination was managed by Bharti, History (H) third year.



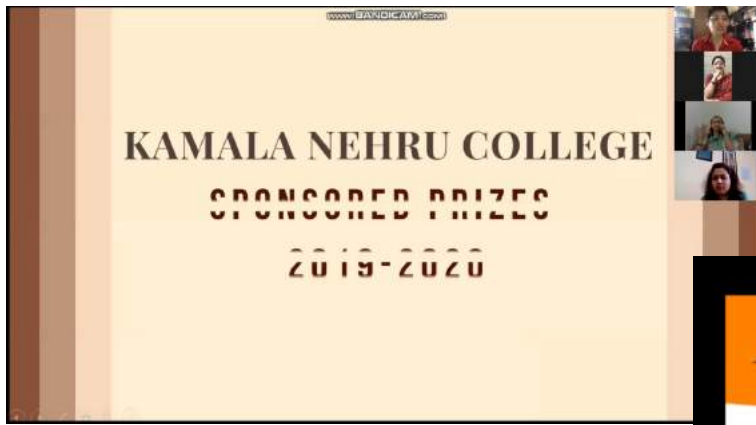
VIRTUAL COLLEGE DAY

- She has been teaching in KNC, University of Delhi for thirty- five years.
- She has been officiating as Principal, Kamala Nehru College since 1st Jan, 2017.
- Her work on scenic resources is recognized as one of the pioneer works in India.
- She specializes in tourism within Geography discipline.
- She worked as a Consultant in Ministry of Tourism in 1989.
- She prepared a policy document for Himachal Pradesh Govt. under VIII Plan.
- She accomplished several Project works, such as Major Research Project (UGC) 2011, Innovative Project, 2014 (Delhi University) and Post-doctoral research, 2010 (Delhi University).
- She visited France under Indo-French Social Scientists Exchange Program in 2009.
- She has several research papers published in International and National journals.
- She presented papers in International and National Conferences on specialized themes.
- She conducted Certificate Course on Ecotourism in Delhi University in 2011.
- She was awarded the Teaching Excellence Award for Innovation, 2015 by University of Delhi.



The college day is an annual event where we summarize the achievements of the bygone year and get motivated to reach greater heights. It was felt that during the pandemic it was all the more necessary to celebrate our achievements, with one another. The college day, with all its grandeur, was celebrated on a virtual platform on 27th June 2020. Prof. C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University and Lt. General (Dr.) Madhuri Kanitkar, AVSM, VSM (Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff, Medical) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honor respectively. The chairperson of the governing body of the college, Mrs Suman Chauhan welcomed the guests and extended her best wishes on behalf of the college.





Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni, principal, presented a comprehensive report narrating the journey of the college from January 2019- march 2020. Selection of Kamala Nehru College as a mentor college under Pramars scheme of UGC, Projects under SPARK and IMPRESS schemes and Postdoctoral research and Fellowships of faculty members were some of the important highlights of the report. As per the tradition, the staff members - Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni and Dr. Bharati Dave were felicitated for completion of 35years and 30 years respectively. The display of their profiles summarised their journey. This was followed by the release of publications including college magazine 'Apoorva', the peer review journal 'Akademos' and magazines/ newsletters published by various departments and societies. The beautiful display of the cover pages of these publications made it so real.

Prize distribution ceremony, was showcased beautifully and effectively through a plethora of visual presentations. The winners of academic, sponsored and activity prizes were declared. The journey of winners of three significant prizes - College All Rounder (Priya Pathak , Journalism Honors), Most Talented Student (Anshu Saikia ,Economics Honors) and Dr. K.K. Gorovara All Rounder Prize (Vaishnavi Bhaskar, Philosophy Honors) were showcased through video presentation. Two of sports students who did the institution proud by winning at international platforms (Shivpreet Pannu, sport climber, Kriti Gupta, shotgun shooting) were also seen in action in their videos. The virtual college day was very well received by all stakeholders.

DR. K. K. GORAWARA MEMORIAL LECTURE



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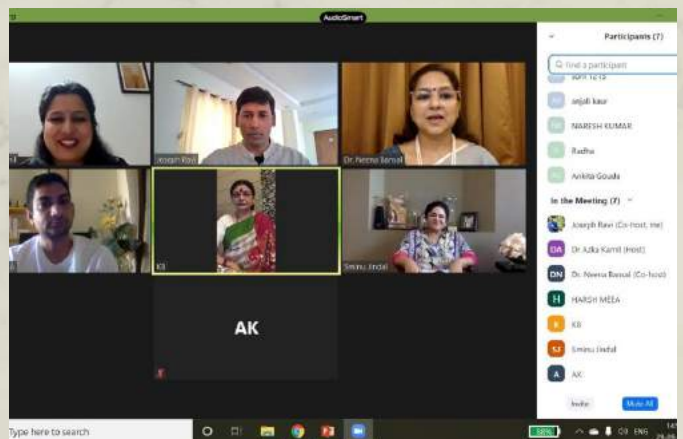
16TH DR. K.K. GOROWARA
ANNUAL MEMORIAL PUBLIC
LECTURE 2020

Sminu Jindal

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF JINDAL SAW
LIMITED

TOPIC: "THINKING OUT OF THE BOX"

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TIME: 03:00 PM
ONLINE PLATFORM: ZOOM



On 20th July, 2020, Dr. K. K. Gorowara committee, Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi organised a memorial public lecture commemorating the 16th Dr. K.K. Gorowara memorial day. Dr Neena Bansal, Convener - Dr Gorowara committee welcomed the esteemed guests, Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni - Principal, KNC, the teachers and the students. Dr. Bhakuni addressed the attendees and spoke about the significance of conducting Gorowara Memorial lectures in memory of our respected founder-Principal Late Dr. K.K Gorowara.

The event was graced by the presence of Ms Sminu Jindal, a visionary entrepreneur and the first lady in India to break the glass ceiling in the Steel, Oil and Gas sector. Ms Sminu Jindal gave an inspirational lecture about how to overcome physical and social challenges and to create your own space in your respective fields. Her illustrious experience as the Managing Director of Jindal SAW Limited and as the founder-Chairperson of Svayam – an accessibility rights organization, made her the right person to talk to the Kamala Nehru College community at this time of crisis. Ms Sminu's speech was followed by a lively question and answer session.

Dr. K. K. Gorowara Memorial Annual Public Lecture Series is held each year, wherein the college invites eminent persons from various fields who have made a difference to our society by their unique body of work. Kamala Nehru College was established on July 20th, 1964. It was then known as the 'Government College for Women'. With the relentless efforts of Dr. K. K Gorowara, our founder principal, this college reached new echelons of accomplishment in later years. This year's lecture also proved to be a befitting event to commemorate the legacy of Dr. K. K. Gorowara.



WEBINARS



Responses And Risk Reduction

Department of Geography

Owing to the outbreak of the pandemic, a programme aimed at reciprocative response strategies and risk reaction approaches, was held online.

On 25th April 2020, a web based seminar was curated by the department of Geography at Kamala Nehru College (KNC) in view of the global spread of Coronavirus to cover the key point areas of response and reaction approaches. The address was disseminated in two categorised sessions - morning and afternoon. It also conceptualised the issue at hand.

The sessions witnessed an esteemed panel of five academicians. The morning session began with a keynote address from Prof. R.B. Singh, Secretary General and Treasurer of International Geographical Union (IGU) followed by Mr Vikrant Mahajan, CEO of Sphere India. The afternoon session was initiated by Emergency Specialist at UNICEF, Mr Sarabjit Singh Sahota, followed by Prof. Amita Singh, at Centre of Law and Guidance (CSLG), JNU. The closing remarks were given by Dr Kalpana Bhakuni, (Principal- Kamala Nehru College).

Improved preparedness and awareness among the community to adapt to changes, contextualised the timely and utmost relevance of this webinar.



Epidemics and Pandemics in History: South Asian Experience

Department of History

The Department of History, Kamala Nehru College - conducted an International webinar on Epidemics and Pandemics in History, on 25th June 2020. The speakers for the event were - Dr. Kavita Krishnamurthy of Columbia University and Dr. Harish Nariandas of JNU, Delhi. The webinar opened the gateway of our existing understanding.

The control, management and prevention of epidemics is a historical phenomenon. Specialists suggest that an epidemic must meet eight criteria in order to be called a pandemic: wide geographic extension, disease movement, high attack rates and explosiveness, minimal population immunity, novelty, infectiousness, contagiousness, and severity.

Another important question about the history of epidemics is, its place of origin. We know how China is being blamed for the origin and spread of Covid-19. Similar debates arose around Ebola in 2014 and HIV AIDS in 1980s. Another significant point, is how the epidemics travel from one part of the globe to the other. Similarly, the values attached to a pandemic and its carriers are also very important. We know how we have closed the doors of our homes for our domestic helps, cleaners, mechanics, drivers etc. for our personal safety, leaving a large section of the urban population unemployed. This finds a corollary even in the industrial belts, creating imbalance in urban and rural economies. The role of the state, the behaviour of the people, the conflicts between different belief systems, the activities of alternative medical practitioners, and the stories of loss, survival, and resilience all are important while analysing the history of pandemics.

The webinar emphasized on these, and some more issues of concern. The importance of the study of epidemics and pandemics, made us realize the need to introduce this in our formal syllabus. Keeping this factor in mind, the History Department of Kamala Nehru College, has started taking tentative but firm steps towards a sociological and historical understanding of pandemics in an appropriate conceptual framework.



Dil-O-Dilli Delivers the Delhi Heartland

Department of History

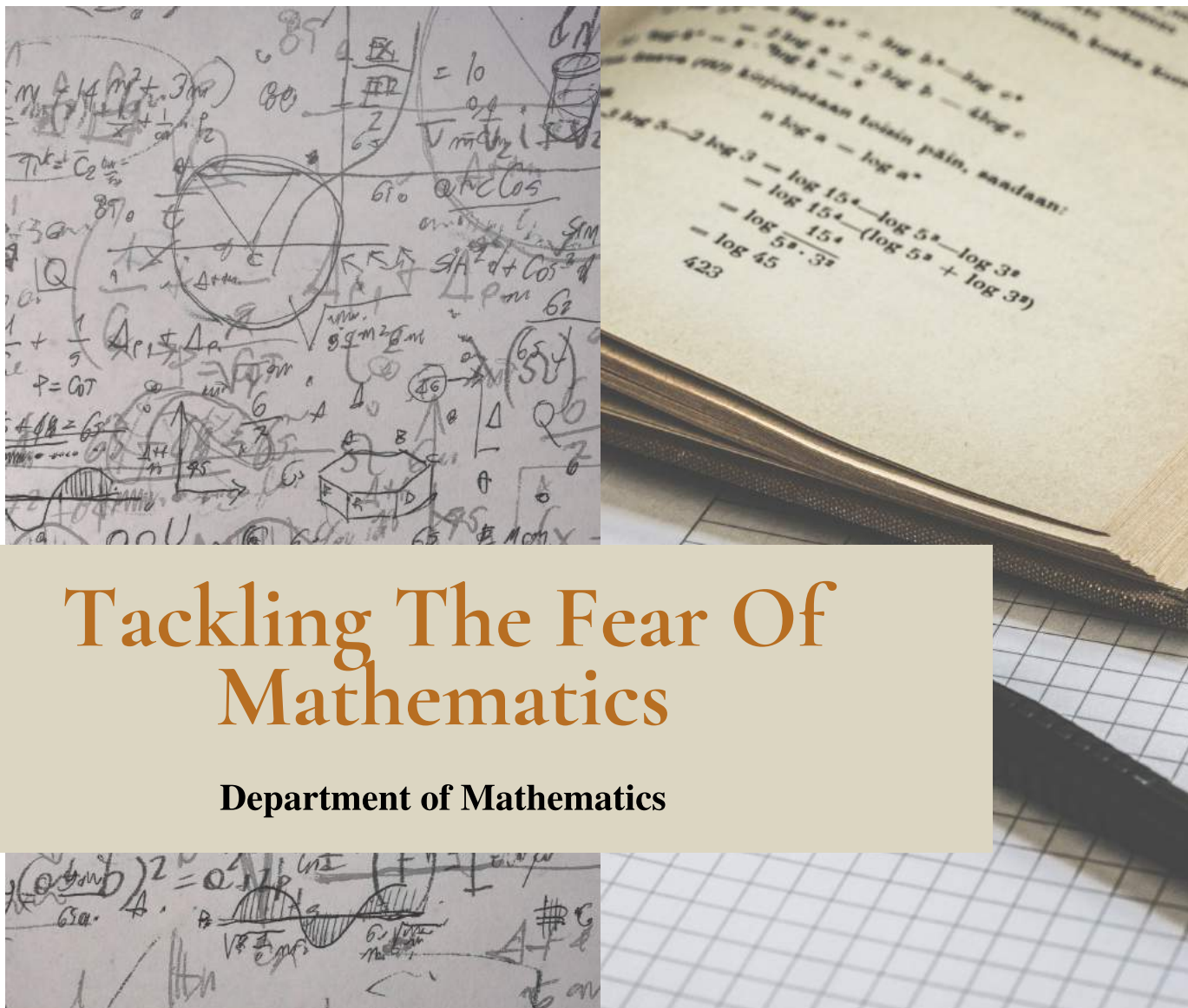
To make an eminent sense of the lockdown period and reconnect with the city of Delhi, a webinar on cultural heritage of the city with a historical backdrop was put together by the Department of History at Kamala Nehru College.

On 11th June 2020, commenced the first day of 'Dil-o-Dilli'; an informative session on the historical highlights of Dilli sheher (city of Delhi) on its myriad patterns of culture such as lingua franca, poetry, settlement patterns and the history of the exciting time that was 1857, by the Department of History, at Kamla Nehru College.

The topics that distinguished speakers elaborated over were: 'Dilli Nayee Purani,' 'Zuban-i-Dilli,' 'Dilli Key Rang aur Mizaj,' and 'Dilli ki Kahani Dilliwallon ki Zubani' to celebrate the syncretic culture of the city.

To honour the city's deep roots embedded in multicultural traditions that are cherished, imbibed, and passed on, the webinar was organised on two consecutive days and in one morning session from 11:00 am to 1pm on the first day and concluded in two sessions of morning and afternoon on 12th June 2020.





Tackling The Fear Of Mathematics

Department of Mathematics

Fear of mathematics is a real concept and this is what the Mathematics Department attempted to tackle via an interesting webinar. The Department of Mathematics, Kamala Nehru College, organized a webinar on 11th June 2020 at 11:00 am-12:30 pm. The topic of the webinar was “Unfastening the social knots against Mathematics”. The webinar facilitated an opportunity to our former Principal, Dr. Rita Malhotra to meet and address some of the students of KNC as a guest speaker. The webinar was in the form of an open lecture. Dr. Rita Malhotra 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 more approachable and interesting subject for students.

Over 150 students and teachers from various colleges of Delhi University participated in the webinar. The webinar was a highly engaging session and there was a question-answer round at the end of the session. The participants filled Google feedback forms at the end of the webinar and all registered participants received E-certificates.



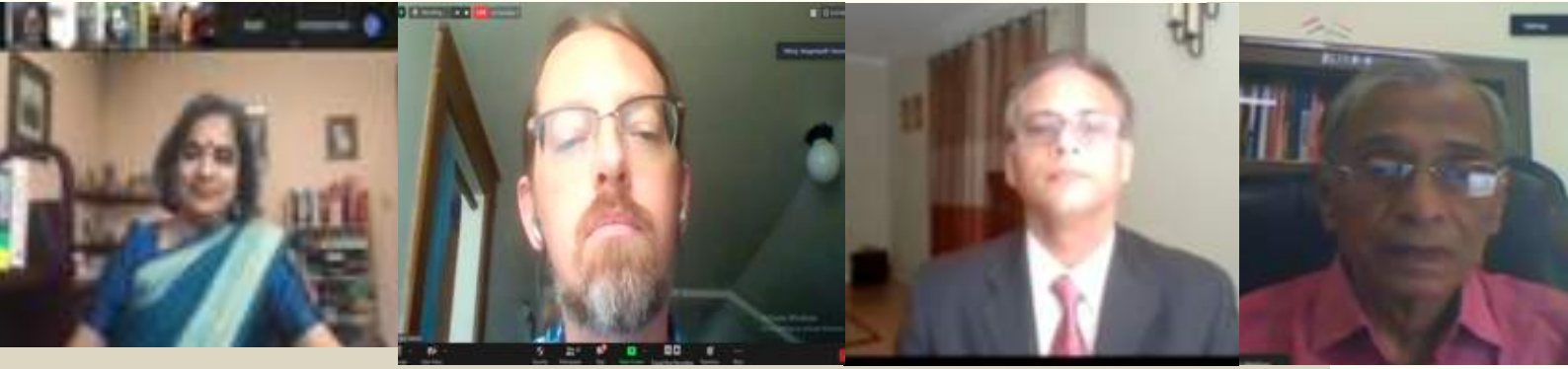
Fitness And Wellness

Department of Physical Education

Owing to the outbreak of the corona virus and the pandemic that followed it, the mental, emotional and physical well-being of students has taken a drastic turn. In view of the above situation it was felt that the health and comfort of students must be addressed. The Department of Physical Education at Kamala Nehru College organized a Three Day Webinar on “Fitness & Wellness” under Fit India Movement Initiative from 22nd to 24th May 2020 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. The sessions showcased how students could develop physical and mental strength and demonstrated how they could build immunity through various exercises.

The sessions were headed by Dr. Sonia Shalini, Associate Professor of Physical Education and Sports Sciences at Indira Gandhi College teaching Biomechanics, Exercise Physiology and Athlete Rehabilitation.

The topics covered were: Improving Physical Health through Exercise, Improving Mental Health through Exercise and Nutrition and Exercise for longevity on the first, second and third day respectively. The webinar ended with doubt clearing sessions where the queries put forth by the attendants were cleared by the speaker. The students unanimously agreed that the webinar was much needed in such an unprecedented scenario.



SPARC : Scheme For Promotion Of Academic And Research Collaboration

Department of Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi and Kamala Nehru College collaboratively organized a series of webinars under the aegis of its project titled ‘Yoga Consciousness in Mahābhārata and Bhagavadgītā: The Ethical Value for Societal/Political Well-Being’ as conducted under SPARC (Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration, an initiative of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India with coordinating partner as Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur).

The Indian Principal Investigator Prof. Balaganapathi Devarakonda, Head, Dept of Philosophy, University of Delhi and Indian Co-Principal Investigator Dr. Geetesh Nirban, Asst. Professor and In-Charge, Dept of Philosophy, Kamala Nehru College, were the organizers of the event.

In the month of March, a workshop of seven days was planned as per the theme of the project with the International Principal and Co-Principal Investigators Dr. Vishwa Adluri (Hunter College, USA) and Dr. Joydeep Baghchee (Hindu University of America). Unfortunately, due to the worldwide pandemic this initiative could not be executed. Hence, during the lockdown, webinars on Mahābhārata and Bhagavadgītā were initiated with an aim of developing interest in the study and learning of Indian textual tradition of the epic amongst the young scholars, students and general public.

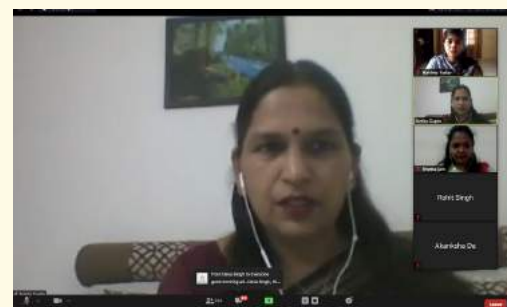
Prof. S.R. Bhatt, a renowned Indian Philosopher delivered the first inaugural lecture on 6 th June 2020. Approximately 50 webinars are planned upto May 2021, under this initiative, as a means of disseminating knowledge and encouraging philosophical learnings from Mahābhārata which will culminate into the publication of a book.

The participants in these webinars (Zoom platform) range from India and countries in South Asia, West. The webinar had a total of 18 speakers. The speakers are scholars from India, USA, Israel and Canada.

Together We Can End The Abuse

National Webinar organized by the Commerce Department

The Commerce Department of Kamala Nehru College conducted a National Webinar on May 22nd, 2020, addressing some important issues. The webinar titled- 'DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DURING LOCKDOWN OF WORKFORCE: Concerns, Issues and Legal Remedies', began with a welcome speech by Dr. Sunita Gupta, convener- Commerce Department and an opening remark by Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni, principal, KNC. The speakers for the event were- Dr. Upma Gautam, CS Amar Nath Gupta and Dr. Anita Tagore. This was followed by a Question/Answer session, wherein the speakers answered the queries raised by the attendees. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Mamta Bhushan, co-convener, Commerce Department, KNC. The attendees received participation certificates for the session.

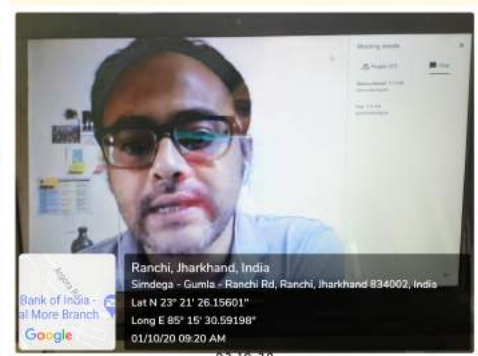
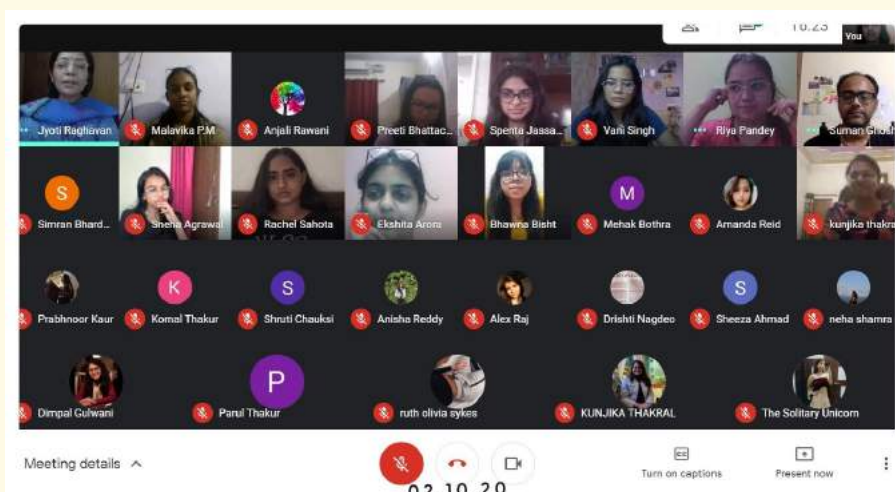


Print Production Workshop

Department of Journalism

Print Production Workshop was organized for the Third year students of Journalism on 1st October, 2020. The full-day online workshop was conducted by Mr. Suman Ghosh, Assistant Art Director, Indian Express. Mr Suman Ghosh is a visual artist based out of Delhi NCR specialising in graphic illustrations and layout designs. In the last 15 years, he has worked with leading Indian media establishments such as Indian Express, Times of India, Hindustan Times, The Telegraph and The Statesman. He has launched several special editions and redesigned leading newspapers. He also won the International Press Award and HT Excellence Award for visualizing and designing special package on Acid Attacks. Mr Suman Ghosh is currently working as Assistant Art Director of the national edition of the Indian Express newspaper.

The fifth semester students of the Journalism programme were imparted training in the computer software “InDesign” at the workshop. The Indesign software training is a vital aspect of the fifth semester Journalism course as it constitutes a part of the paper titled Print Journalism and Production. The students had several interactive sessions with Mr Ghosh during the workshop and got all their queries clarified. The students successfully designed pages for a magazine as part of the exercise given at the workshop. The Print Production workshop was successfully completed.



International Webinar: Importance of Cyber Security in the era of the Pandemic and Social Media

Department of Economics

It is due to the development of technology such as the Internet that people can imitate normal life while sitting indoors even in the middle of a pandemic. However, it has also led to numerous challenges, like security and privacy concerns of the users. In this light, The Economics Department of Kamala Nehru College organized an International Webinar on 6th May 2020 from 11a.m. - 3p.m. The title of the webinar was: Importance of Cyber Security in the World of Pandemics and Social Media and the platform chosen for the same was Zoom.

There were five speakers at the event. The keynote address on creating awareness on cyber threats was given by Dr Samrat Mondal, Assistant Professor, IIT Patna, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, followed by Dr GK Patra, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR 4PI, Bangalore who presented his views on the paradox of security and privacy. The afternoon session was opened by Dr Joseph Moganti Managing Director CPG Inc. Hyderabad who talked about data glut. This was followed by Mr. Khurram Chaiwalla's discussion, Data Privacy Manager Bayer Group, Singapore who addressed the issues of privacy during Covid-19. The closing remarks were given by Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni-Principal, Kamala Nehru College. Dr. Nilotpal Chakraborty acted as the Moderator for the event.

All the sessions were followed by a doubt clearing round where students put forth their questions which were then, answered by the speakers for the event.



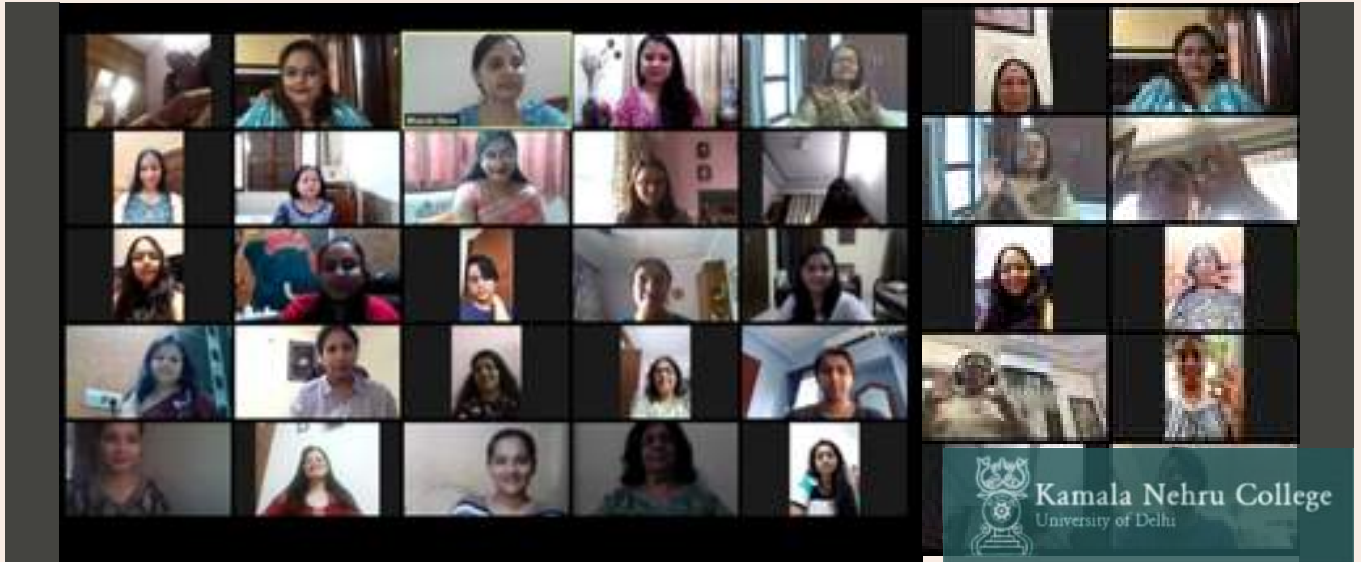
फणीश्वरनाथ 'रेणु' जन्म-शताब्दी समारोह

हिंदी विभाग, कमला नेहरू कॉलेज ने हिंदी के कालजयी साहित्यकार फणीश्वरनाथ 'रेणु' के जन्म – शताब्दी वर्ष के अवसर पर एक दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय वेबिनार का आयोजन 15 मई 2020 को जूम एप्प पर किया. इस कार्यक्रम को तीन सत्रों में विभाजित किया गया था. उद्घाटन सत्र का शुभारम्भ प्राचार्य डॉ. कल्पना भाकुनी ने किया.

कार्यक्रम के उद्घाटन सत्र में 'फणीश्वरनाथ 'रेणु' का लेखन और हिंदी समाज' विषय पर हिंदी विभाग, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के प्रोफेसर गोपेश्वर सिंह ने अपने विचार रखते हुए इस तथ्य को रेखांकित किया कि "रेणु" के साहित्य ने ग्रामीण भारत की सच्ची तस्वीर प्रस्तुत की है, साथ ही गाँधी के हिन्द स्वराज की अवधारणा को भी व्यावहारिक रूप प्रदान किया है. इलाहबाद विश्वविद्यालय, हिंदी विभाग के सहायक प्रोफेसर डॉ. दिनेश कुमार ने अपने वक्तव्य में कहा कि "रेणु" की भाषा और रचनाशीलता हिंदी समाज की वास्तविक तस्वीर प्रस्तुत करता है, उनकी प्रगतिशीलता का अपना दृष्टिकोण और शिल्प है. महात्मा गाँधी अंतर-राष्ट्रीय हिंदी विश्वविद्यालय के शोधार्थी आशीष मिश्र ने "रेणु" के रिपोर्टाज पर अपनी बात रखी. उन्होंने 'रेणु' के रिपोर्टाज को हिंदी साहित्य में इस विधा को स्थापित करने वाला महान प्रयास बताया.

कार्यक्रम के दौरान देहस भर से बड़ी संख्या में शोधार्थी, प्राध्यापक एवं 'रेणु' के प्रशंसक जुड़े रहे. कार्यक्रम का सञ्चालन विभाग की अध्यक्ष डॉ. भारती ने किया और धन्यवाद ज्ञापन हिंदी साहित्य परिषद् के अध्यक्ष डॉ. मनोज कुमार ने किया.

Moments, Memories and Momentum



The Alumnae Association of Kamala Nehru College organised an online-meet for the alumnae of the college to relive their cherished college days. On July 12, the Association conducted a webinar titled ‘Moments, Memories and Momentum’, an online series reconnecting KNC alumina.

The session started with Dr Bharati Wadehra Dave welcoming everyone and then the Principal, Dr Kalpana Bhakuni addressed the alumnae. Academician Shatarupa Chakraborty delivered a speech on ‘Learn Mindfulness’. Shatarupa Chakraborty is an Assistant Professor of Applied Psychology at the Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies. As a relatively young academician, she not only enjoys a lot of popularity amongst the students but also is widely published, specifically in the area of resilience and coping. The college’s beloved alumni Hiba Siddiqui talked about the ‘Psychology of life- A Journey of Growth. With a work experience of eight years, she currently works in the field of mental health and cancer care with teenagers and adults on emotional, social, organizational or health-related concerns.

Next came an enchanting dance performance by trained contemporary dancer and choreographer Anukriti Khare. Through her piece, she urged everyone to enjoy the little moments of life. The webinar ended with a Question-Answer session with Dr Amrita Bajaj and Ms Bipasa Das, who answered the queries raised by the attendees. The alumnae unanimously agreed that this session was very much needed in these difficult times and expressed their gratitude to the Alumnae Association for reconnecting them through this webinar.

PROSPICIO: Series Of Webinars

Writing a Statement of Purpose Webinar by SI-UK

In an increasingly competitive and global job market, it is important for students to ensure that their profile is up to international standards. One way to achieve this is to study at internationally acclaimed universities, and apart from stellar grades, getting admission there requires one to have a Statement of Purpose beyond excellence. However, writing a Statement of Purpose happens to be the one hurdle, many students fail to cross, which puts an end to their study abroad dreams. Keeping this in mind, Prospicio, the Placement Cell of Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, in collaboration with SI-UK organised a webinar on the topic “How to Write a Statement of Purpose” on 22nd August, 2020. It was hosted by SI-UK representative Bhavna Duggal and Mr. Matteo Beccaria, International Recruitment Officer, University of Bristol, UK, was the guest speaker.

Mr. Beccaria introduced the University of Bristol to the students, with its various graduate programs. He gave students simple and concise tips for writing their Statements of Purpose, that were easy to follow and put into use and discussed case studies of students whose Statements of Purpose had gotten their applications accepted or rejected, with reasons why, thus ensuring that the students knew exactly what to do and how to go about it when their time came. Mr. Beccaria also talked about the facilities and scholarships offered by the University of Bristol and highly encouraged students to apply, in order to enhance their academic accomplishments.

The webinar closed with a question answer session, where Mr. Beccaria cleared doubts regarding the admission process for various graduate courses to universities in the UK. It was a very lively and useful session for students who intend to take their studies abroad. All the participating students received certificates for attending this webinar.



Public Policy Awareness Drive

WEBINAR 2, PROSPICIO

In recent times, the role of the government in any country has gone beyond what it was traditionally conceived to be. As social, cultural and technological advancements change how the world works and is perceived by the many different communities it homes, governments find themselves challenged to find bright young minds from various fields and industries dedicated to solve complex governance problems. Hence, it is essential to make sure that students are aware of the opportunities available to them in the field of public policy.

To achieve this, an information session — a part of Moolya Foundation's 'Public Policy Awareness Drive' — was organised by Prospicio, The Placement Cell of Kamala Nehru College, to spread awareness among young students about designing successful careers in Public Policy and Leadership on 10th June, 2020.

The webinar was presided over by Mr. Ankit Bhatia, founder of Moolya Foundation. A political economist, Ankit studied at IIT Kharagpur, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University. He brought together all of these experiences to bring greater inclusivity in the government decision making and create future leaders in public policy. Mr. Bhatia introduced the students to the field of public policy. He discussed how public policy helps build any nation's future in the short and long term, and the prospects of various fields. He also examined the various personal growth opportunities related to the industry, giving examples of people who achieved great heights in their public policy careers.

This session had been organised with especially Geography, Sociology, Journalism, Economics and Political Science students in mind, but students across all subjects and courses attended this enlightening and lively session.



Post COVID-19: Challenges and Opportunities for Employment

WEBINAR 3, PROSPICIO

On 30th May 2020, Prospicio, the Placement Cell of Kamala Nehru College organised a webinar on the topic “Post Covid-19: Challenges and Opportunities for Employment”. Mr. Avadhesh Dixit, the Chief Human Resource Officer at Actuity Knowledge Partners, was invited for the same. Mr. Dixit started by giving a small introduction about the effects of the pandemic, the lockdown, current employment and corporate scenario. He compared it to the 2008 financial crisis, but remained optimistic about the forthcoming times, which reassured anxious students. He decided to shift from the conventional way of holding seminars with PowerPoint presentations and monologues, by asking what exactly the participants wanted to know.

A number of interesting and thoughtful questions were posed, ranging from topics like impact on academia, to new skills one can develop. Mr. Dixit’s answers were realistic to the situation that currently prevails. He gave examples from his own life and managed to wow students and teachers in the audience alike, also emphasizing on the need for developing life skills, no matter what field the students choose. He also predicted the merging of the technological and physical space that was to come in all industries.

The webinar closed with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Smita Meena, teacher coordinator of Prospicio. She thanked Mr. Dixit for taking out time, to advise and guide the students, and the student coordinators for making the occasion a success. It was a webinar that will be remembered for the situation it was held in and for the one it helped predict and gave useful insights to the students about how to turn challenges into opportunities and emerge as winners even in the most difficult situations.



Violence Against Women

JOINT WEBINAR

by

Department of Psychology and Internal Complaints Committee

In joint 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 around 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 empowerment of voices of women and other marginalized groups, yet it has also led to significant increase in the incidents of various forms of online sexual harassment including cyber stalking, rape threats, blackmail, picture morphing and even more. She stressed on the importance of discussing the feminist, legal and psychological perspectives on sexual harassment against women in online spaces.

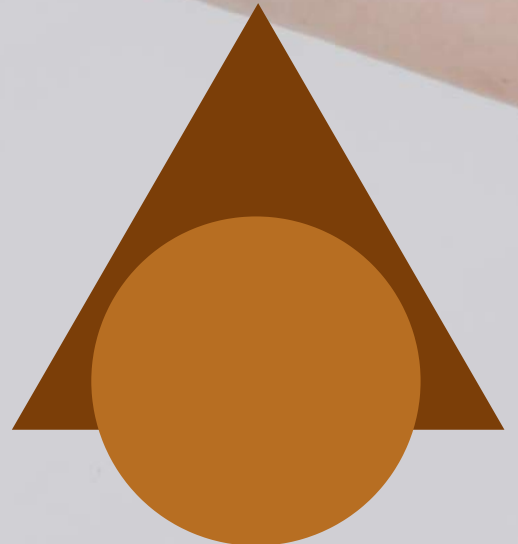
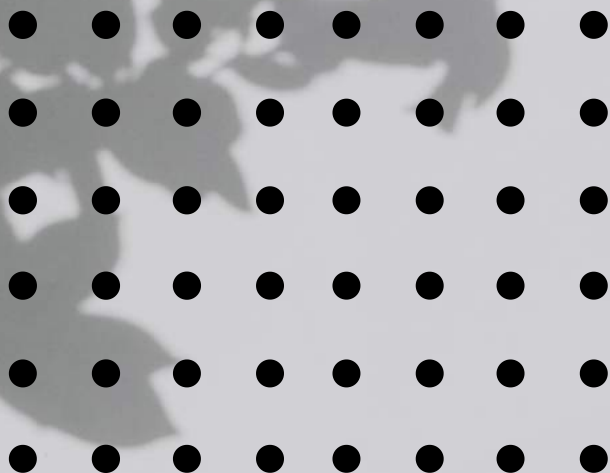
The esteemed panelists of the webinar included Dr. Bijayalaxmi Nanda, Acting Principal, Miranda House and a feminist scholar. Dr. Nanda spoke about a wide range of issues underlying women working in public spheres. She emphasized on the need to sensitize the workforce to the changing work dynamics post Covid-19 vis-à-vis women's lives. Ms. Joseph Monati, the second panelist made students and faculty aware of the effects of sharing and updating information online. He enlightened us about 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 sexual harassment of women in online spaces. The webinar that saw the participation of over 70 participants, ended with a question and answer session and a vote of thanks.



ACTIVITIES

- POETRY WRITING COMPETITION
- CROSSFIRE DEBATING COMPETITION
- PEACE MEET SHINING NETWORK





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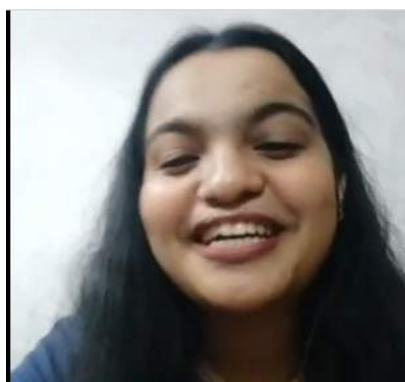
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Expressions- the English Creative Writing Society decided to facilitate the members of the society with an interesting activity during the lockdown, to unleash their creativity. The themes were decided such that while brainstorming over them, the participants would be able to reflect on everything they are dealing with and to look towards a hopeful and yet realistic future.

The participants had to choose from one of the two themes – 1) What difference has the pandemic (or lockdown) brought to your lives? Or 2) How do you think your life will be different once all of this ends? The participants were informed to submit their write-ups via email. Email submissions culminated into an instagram Live session.

Drishti Nagdeo (Vice- President) and Shreya Pawar (Tech and Media Head) were the judges for the event. The teacher conveners for the event were – Ms. Anubha Yadav, Dr. Robert Mizo. Out of the twenty entries received, three winners received certificates and a chance to perform at Expressions' Instagram live session. The winners were- First Prize: Ashwin Aulakh (B. A. Prog. II Year), Second Prize: Pallabi Dutta (Political Science Honours II Year), Third Prize: Yamini Parashar (B. A. Prog. II Year). The students shortlisted for the live session were- Srishti Singh (Psychology Honours I Year), Umaima Khanam (Journalism Honours I Year), along with the winners.

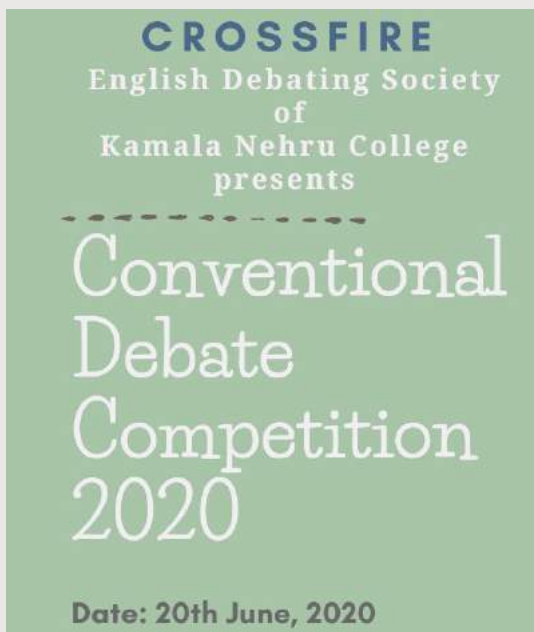




Crossfire Debates

CLIMATE CHANGE

Even when the world is facing unprecedented times, the pursuit for knowledge and discourse should never stop. We've come to realise the importance of scientific vigour, now more than ever. To take the discussion on climate crisis forward, Crossfire, the English Debating Society of Kamala Nehru College organised a Conventional Debate on the theme of "Environmental policy and climate change".



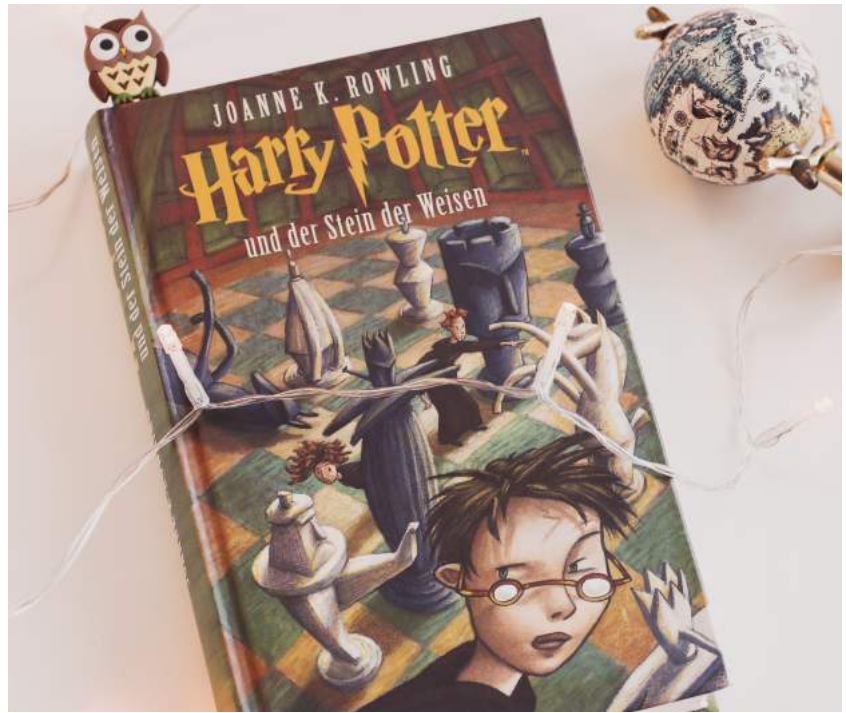
The event was held on Google Meet on 20th of June 2020 and saw the participation of 25 teams across 30+ colleges from Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Telangana. Each team, comprising of 2 members spoke for and against the motion "This House will direct environment policy towards, mitigation of climate change, rather than its prevention". The prize for Best Speaker was awarded to Shreyasi Vats from Lady Sri Ram College, DU. The Best Team across the house comprised of Vrinda Dudeja and Shreya Elizabeth Viji from St. Thomas' Girls Sr. Sec. School. To make it an engaging activity, Best Interjectors were awarded and the Prize was shared by Shreyasi Vats (Lady Shri Ram College, DU & Vrinda Dudeja (St. Thomas' Girls Sr. Sec. School).

Arguments made on both sides were insightful, thought provoking and reflected a desire to bring change in the status quo of the climate crisis. It was an event that brought academic discussion to the online platform successfully and everyone left with a more enlightened view of one of the biggest issues that looms large over us.



HARRY POTTER

On 15th April 2020, a Harry Potter Quiz was conducted online via Instagram at 10p.m. Winners were given shout outs.



QUIZZES

2020

HARRY POTTER
&
COVID-19



COVID-19

An online quiz, with an aim, to test the participants' knowledge on the on-going pandemic was conducted in the month of June, on the Dare2Compete website between 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. There were a total of 20 questions and the results were announced within a week. The top 3 participants received E-Certificates.

PEACE MEET SHINING NETWORK



Shining Network, the Youth Empowering and Value Creating Society of Kamala Nehru College used the period of lockdown by connecting with the students through online medium to create a culture of peace and mindfulness by positively engaging students to Shine in Solitude during the period of pandemic.

The first activity was Bookmark Creating Activity as a part of series on 'Shining in Solitude' was organized on 14th May 2020. The participants were required to create a bookmark over the theme: 'Shining in Solitude' and provide a small description of their bookmark along with it. Twenty five entries from universities all across India were received and it was an enriching experience for all.

Kamala Nehru College
University of Delhi
(NAAC Accredited with 'A' Grade)

Shining Network
A Resolution
(Youth Empowering and Value Creating Society)

Organises

Online Bookmark Creating Activity
'Shining In Solitude'

What , Why And How?

We all are facing the tumultuous time of lockdown, wherein our methodical life has hit a pause button. Let us channelise our creativity and unleash the doors of our imagination. Whatever has been helping you to shine through this period of solitude, why not share it with all through the art of painting, colouring or sketching by making the bookmark.

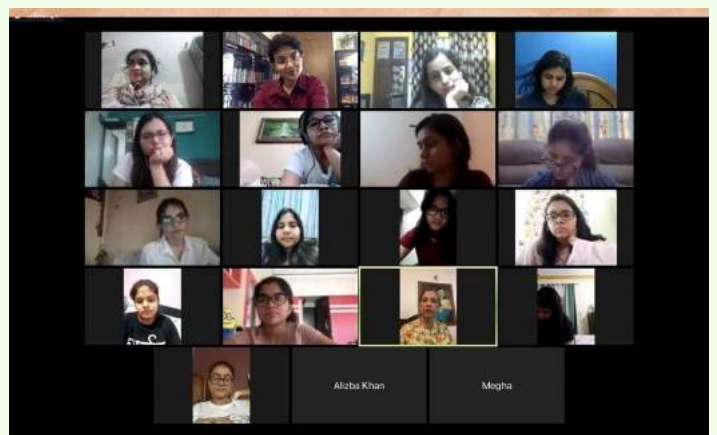
Guidelines

- Share one element that has helped you evolve in this period.
- The bookmark can be made digitally or crafted manually.
- Along with the art work, send the description that illustrates the bookmark in 100 words
- Mail us your bookmark with paragraph at shiningnetwork9@gmail.com latest by 20.05.2020
- E-Certificate will be given to all participants
- Best entry prize - A SURPRISE!

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Second in line of activity was a Webinar on ‘Shining in Solitude Through Life Coaching’ conducted to acknowledge and recognize the emotions which are often masked under the plethora of vexatious and incomprehensible feelings of oneself. It was aimed to sensitize the participants on the development and importance of ‘Life Coaching’ as a way of learning/guidance. A live demo was scheduled with a volunteer to provide an understanding of a Life Coaching session on 29th May 2020 with Ms Upasana and Mr Vivek from Fountainhead. There were in total eighteen participants

The third activity as a part of the series on ‘Shining Through Solitude’ was a webinar on ‘Leadership and Moral Courage’ which was aimed to build courage, empathy and hope among the participants for building their leadership skills on 4th June 2020 with Ms Lira Goswami as the resource person who is founder of Associated Law Advisors. Around 20 participants attended the programme



Action for Compassion- an introductory event to International Day of Peace was organized on 15th September 2020. In light of the theme United Nations International Day of Peace 2020, Shining Network organized an activity which consisted of Compassion Games/Missions. The activity was aimed to catalyse chain reaction of emotions such as kindness and compassion from one person to another. 70 participants completed unique 4-day games/missions that were unique and subject to their own interpretation.



A REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS DURING COVID-19

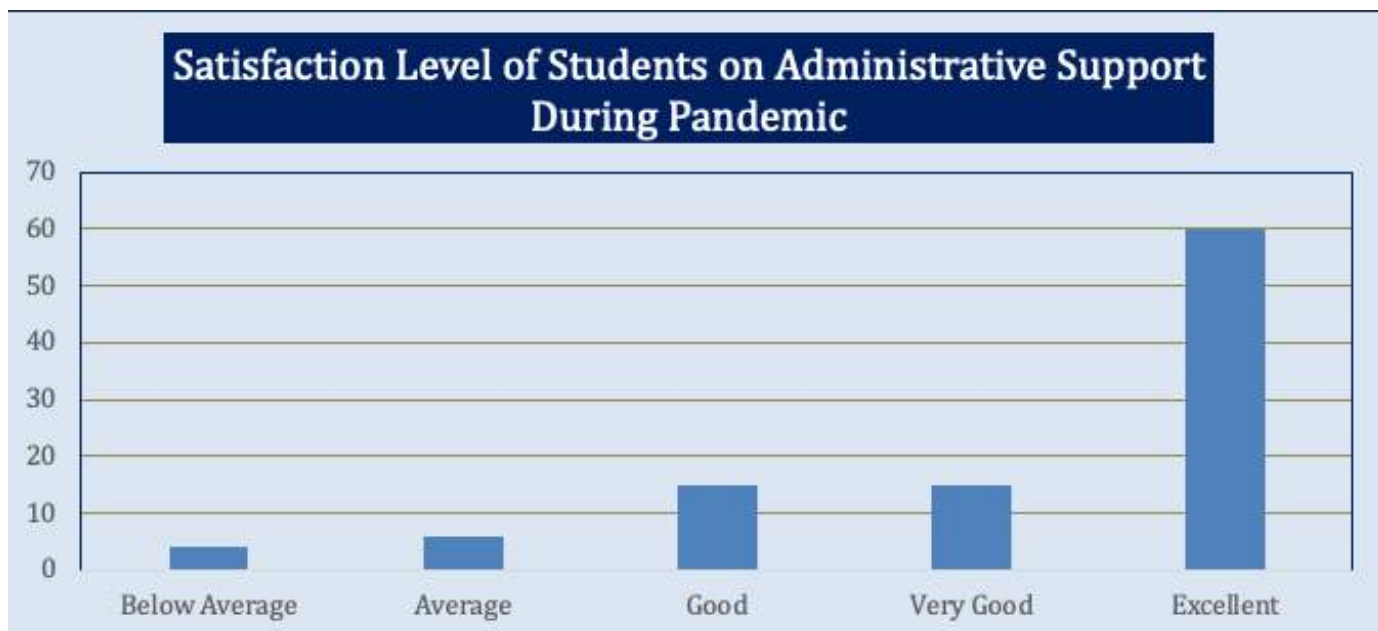


On 22nd March, 2020 to protect the people from the devastating spread of the pandemic, Covid-19, a nationwide curfew of fourteen hours followed by complete lockdown was enforced as one of the preventive measures in India. The lockdown remained strictly enforced till June. It was in June that the unlock process commenced in a partial manner with Unlock 1.

These unusual times made our young and bright stakeholders (students) apprehensive for it was a crucial time for them to appear for their Final Practical and Theory Examinations. They had to get certificates attested, check University Exam Roll Numbers, receive clearance from the library, laboratories and accounts department, submit bills, medical certificates, ECA and request provisional certificates for further studies in India and abroad. Recognising the need of the hour and following the instructions from the Principal, the administrative department of Kamala Nehru College left no stone unturned in providing necessary help and support to the needy students whether in Delhi or their respective hometowns in other states. The administrative staff was always available on call throughout this period. Each department of the administration made it a point, to be available in college by following the Covid-19 protocol in small groups to provide assistance and help to stake holders. Others were responding to the queries received in the mail. A students satisfaction survey was conducted via Google forms to assess the Satisfaction level of the students on the administrative support provided by the college during the pandemic.

Only 4 per cent of the students, only alumna or outstation students, who were unable to reach the administration department or were unaware of the specific department marked satisfaction level as below average, while 30 per cent of the respondents marked their satisfaction level as very good or good. A sweeping 60 per cent of the students of the college marked it as excellent.

SATISFACTION LEVEL OF STUDENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT DURING PANDEMIC					
	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Number of Students (in per cent)	4	6	15	15	60



In the survey, around 90 per cent of the students lauded the administrative staff for the prolific work done by them during the pandemic. Students appreciated the help and assistance they got from the administrative department on the following parameters; promptness, readiness, patience, guidance and support, professionalism, efficiency and time-bound delivery.

Students also praised the help and support they received from the Principal especially for streamlining the entire administrative process to make students comfortable while approaching any section of administrative department. The Third year students of the college appreciated the efforts of the Principal as she organized an online session to counsel and guide them on OBE, administrative procedure, psychological counselling and other student related issues. The college website was updated, with the information pertaining to stakeholders. Students also appreciated circulation of information through student coordinator as well as TICs during this period. The college also conducted numerous events, seminars and competitions for the students whereby students received financial support and cash prizes. Despite the pandemic the administrative staff made it a point to serve the stakeholders in the best possible manner.

INITIATIVES

- INCUBATION CELL- NURTURE
- KNC & IICD
- PARAMARSH
- THE INCOME TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- NSS INITIATIVES
- RECHARGE THE LEARNING
- A DATE WITH THE PRINCIPAL





ANGEL INVESTING REVOLUTION: ROLE AND RISK

Nurture, The Incubation Cell, Kamala Nehru College, organized its inaugural event for the session- a seminar focusing on the “Role and risk of angel investing revolution in Indian start-up ecosystem”. The online seminar took place on 9th September, 2020.

Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni, Principal, Kamala Nehru College, initiated the proceedings by welcoming the speaker for the session, Mr. Rajiv Kapahi, Director and Co-founder of BOMA India. Dr. Bhakuni also congratulated the Placement cell on its establishment. She further explained the importance and purpose of having an Incubation Cell in the college and emphasized on the vision of the cell and its team.

Mr. Kapahi commenced the session by sharing his insights on the developing start-up culture in India and its importance. He discussed in detail about angel investing, its continuous growth in the business world and ways to inculcate it in our start-up plans. He further guided the team, on how they can move forward with their ideas and convert them into potential start-ups plans.

It was an interactive session, with students and teachers sharing their thoughts and opinions as well as putting forward their queries and doubts that Mr. Kapahi diligently answered. The seminar concluded with a Vote of thanks by Dr. Soma Sen Gupta, Teacher Convener, Incubation Cell. This was an insightful experience for the entire team.



**KAMALA NEHRU
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WITH INDIAN
INSTITUTE OF
CRAFT & DESIGN
(IICD)**

WORKSHOP ON INDIGENOUS ART FORMS

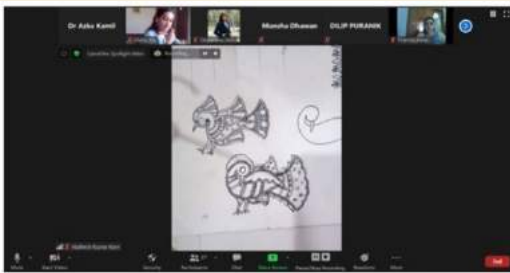


Kamala Nehru College (KNC, University of Delhi), in Collaboration with the Indian Institute of Craft & Design (IICD) organized a 16 days extensive learning, participative and knowledge gaining workshop on 'Different Indigenous Art Forms'. The dates of the specific events under it were- Madhubani Painting : 27th -30th July 2020, Calligraphy :4th- 7th August 2020, and Landscape Painting : 8th -11th August 2020. The instructors for the events were- Abdhesh Kumar (Madhubani Folk artist), Mr. Amit Kharsani (Calligraphy artist) and Mr. Shuvankar Biswas (Landscape Painting), Faculty at IICD, Jaipur.

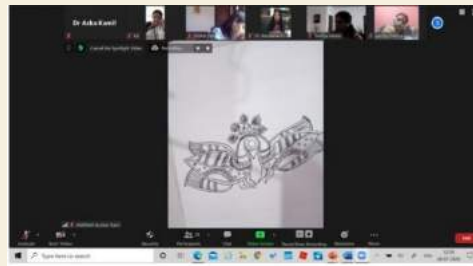
The aim of this workshop was to go back to the basics, gain knowledge about our own indigenous and traditional art forms such as Madhunai Paintings, (a form of folk art of Bihar). The prime objective was to use simple and easily available tools and create an environment of learning with participant engagement. Participants did not just share their artistic creations online, with other participants and resource persons, but they also shared their life experiences related with the art forms, during this initiative.



MADHUBANI PAINTING : A FOLK ART OF BIHAR



Date:27/7/2020



Kamala Nehru College Paramarsh Scheme UGC, IQAC KNC in collaboration with IICD organised a Summer Workshop on "Madhubani Painting : A Folk Art of Bihar from 27th July to 30th July 2020. The registrations and feedback received for the same showcased a positive response, with participation of students and teaching/non-teaching staff across various universities in India. The participants felt that the workshop was extremely impactful in enhancing their skill set and was innovative. Different parts of the workshop stood out for the participants. There was immense appreciation for the instructor's technique and attention to minute details and explanations. The content was easily comprehensible for all. On a scale of 1-5, all participants rated the workshop and the entire experience as being above average (rating 4 and 5). Participants agreed that they would wish to be a part of such workshops if organised in the future.

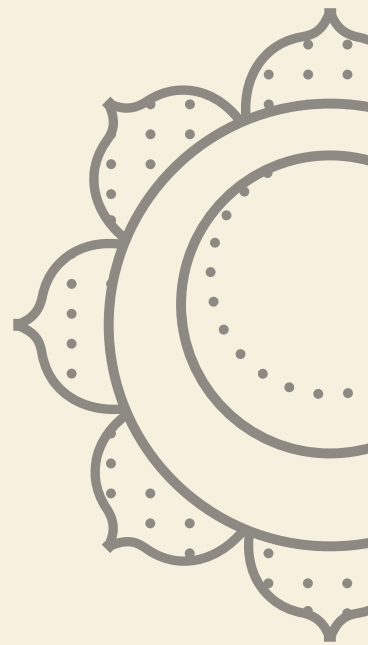


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CALLIGRAPHY



Date: 4/8/2020



Date:5/8/2020

Kamala Nehru College Paramarsh Scheme UGC, IQAC KNC in collaboration with IICD organized Summer Workshop on "Calligraphy" from 4th August to 7th August. The participants hailed from different educational and professional backgrounds. All participants were in complete agreement that the workshop was useful in enhancing their knowledge and skills; the content was simple and easy to grasp, thus facilitating a deeper understanding of the topic. Several different aspects of the four day workshop stood out for the participants. The emphasis on the technicality, foundations and different kind of strokes was the useful for the majority of participants. The interactive style of the instructor, providing instant feedback to all participants was also highly appreciated. The participants found the workshop to be a truly enriching experience and also wished to be a part of more such workshops in the future.



Date-6/8/2020



KAMALA NEHRU COLLEGE
University of Delhi
Paramarsh Scheme, UGC
IQAC KNC
in collaboration with
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF CRAFTS & DESIGN
is organising an Art Workshop on

Calligraphy

by Mr. Amit Kharsani

Date : 4th Aug to 7th Aug 2020
Time : 10 am - 1 pm
Registration Fee : Rs 200 for KNC Students / Staff, Alumni
Rs 500 for all others

Platform : Zoom

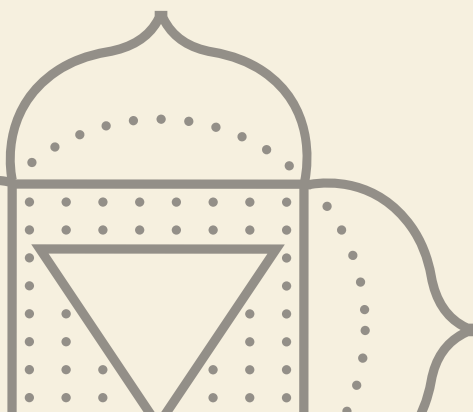
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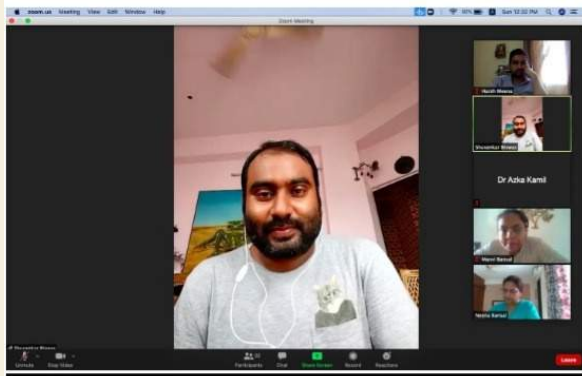
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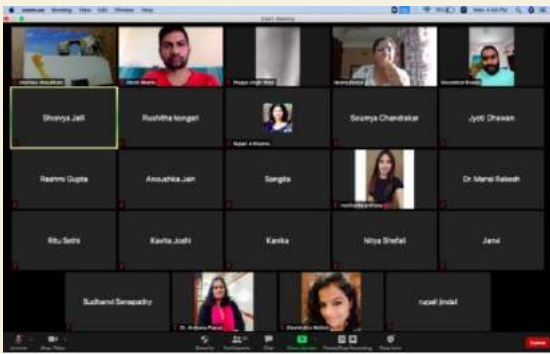
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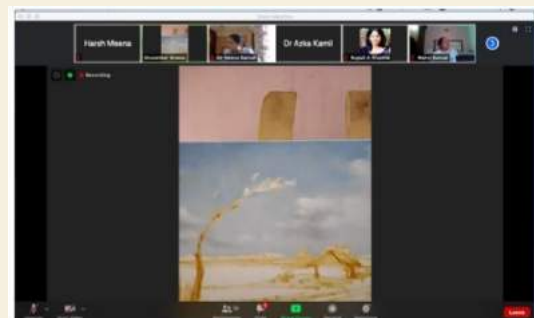
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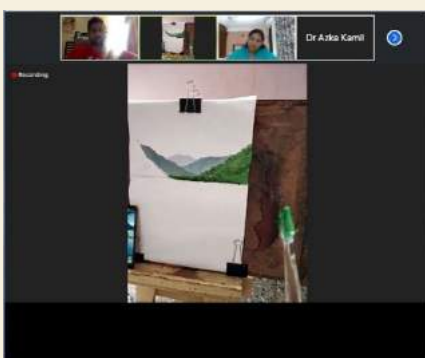
Kamala Nehru College Paramarsh Scheme UGC, IQAC KNC in collaboration with IICD organized Summer Workshop on "Landscape Painting" from 8th August to 11th August. The response to the four day workshop was overwhelmingly positive with immense appreciation for the instructors' teaching style, focus on the basics, and the vast knowledge shared along the course of the workshop, with an emphasis on, the use of oil colours. Participants found the workshop to be highly insightful and creative. They felt that the content was simplified for them to comprehend easily. The workshop experience was rated by participants as being above average and proving to be a definite addition to their skills. The participants expressed their interest in being a part of related workshops if organised in the future.



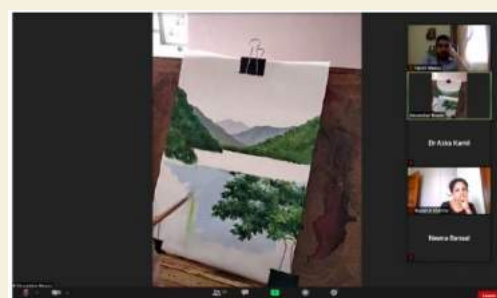
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Madhubani Painting

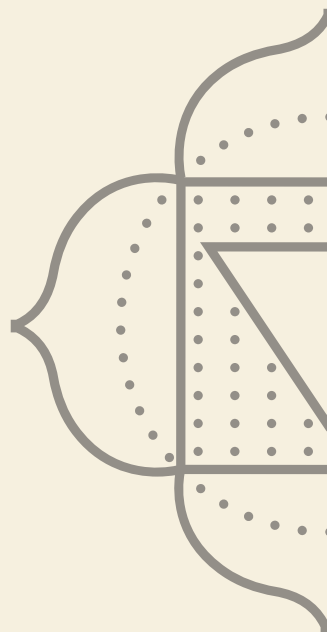


Calligraphy





Landscape Painting



PARAMARSH



Kamala Nehru College has been selected as a mentor college under the Paramarsh scheme of the University Grants Commission. As a member of the scheme, Kamala Nehru College organised a three-day workshop from August 6th -8th, 2020 to train teachers and the IQAC team about the important criteria and key indicators of the NAAC report.

Following is a detailed account of the workshop.

1st Day (6th August, 2020)

The first day of the online workshop started with a welcome address by Ms. Vinita Malik, Member, IQAC Kamala Nehru College. Ms. Vinita welcomed Dr. Bhalchandra D. Bhole, Accreditation Ambassador (AA), IQAC, KNC and all the participants from the IQAC team of the Mentee institutions as well as from the host institution. Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni, Principal, Kamala Nehru College briefed the attendees about the Paramarsh Scheme. On the first day Dr. Bhole discussed all the aspects related to the criteria of the Scheme.

During the presentation Dr. Bhole discussed in detail, Criterion I on Curricular Aspects which has a total of 4 key indicators and 11 metrics of which 8 were quantitative and 3 were qualitative. It includes Curriculum Planning and Implementation, Academic Flexibility, Curriculum Enrichment and Feedback System. He emphasised that the most crucial aspects of this criterion was the academic calendar, Add-on certificate Programmes and the Feedback system. Criterion 2 comprised of the following indicators- Student Enrolment and Profile, Catering to Student Diversity, Teaching –Learning Process, Teacher Profile and Quality, Evaluation Process and Reforms, Student Performance and Learning Outcomes and Student Satisfaction Survey. Criterion 2 had 16 metrics. It was important for the institutions to focus on Assessment of learning level of students, mentoring system, POs, PSOs and COs and the Students Satisfaction Survey. Dr. Bhole discussed the weightage of each indicator, suggested mechanisms to gather information and the documents that are relevant for each criterion.

The presentation was followed by a question/answer session. The expert addressed the queries from the representatives from mentee institutions. It was informed that any questions that could not be addressed during the session could be sent by mail to the expert. At the end of the workshop the participants filled the feedback form to record their experience. The workshop ended with a closing remark and vote of thanks by Ms. Vinita Malik.

2ndDay (7th August, 2020)

The second day of the workshop started with a welcome address by Ms. Vinita Malik, who welcomed the participants and the speaker, Dr. Bhole. She also gave a brief introduction of criterion 3, 4 and 5. During the presentation Dr. Bhole explained the key indicators and key metrics of criterion 3, criterion 4 and criterion 5. The four key indicators discussed under criterion 3 were Resource Mobilization for Research, Research Publications and Awards, Extension Activities and Collaboration. Under criterion 4, the 4 key indicators Physical Facilities, Library as a Learning Resource, IT Infrastructure and Maintenance of computer Infrastructure were discussed. Key indicators discussed for criterion 5 were: Student Support, Student Progression, Student Participation and Activities and Alumni Engagement. The weightage of each of the indicator along with the ways of documentation and collection of evidence was discussed in detail.

The important points relevant to PG courses were discussed separately. The presentation was followed by a question answer session, during which- method for obtaining reliable data about alumni was explored. For the reliability of information obtained, Dr. Bhole suggested the students to confirm with the alumni through email or other means of communication. The day ended with a closing remark by Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni.

3rdDay (8th August, 2020)

The final day of the workshop focused on criterion 6: Governance, Leadership and Management and criterion 7: Institutional Values and Best Practices. Both the criteria were then discussed in a detailed presentation by Dr Bhole.

In his presentation Dr Bhole elaborated on total weightage, key indicators and total metrics (qualitative and quantitative) of each criteria. The five key indicators discussed for criterion 6 were: Institutional Vision and Leadership, Strategic Development and Deployment, Faculty Empowerment Strategies, Financial Management and Resource Mobilization and Internal Quality Assurance System. Dr Bhole explained that the criterion 6 is assessed via 16 key metrics and has an overall weightage of 100. The three key indicators covered under criterion 7 were: Institutional Values and Social Responsibility, Best Practices and Institutional Distinctiveness. Criterion 7 has an overall weightage of 100 which is examined via 13 key matrices. During the question/answer session, institution specific queries of the participants were dealt with by the speaker. Participants cleared their doubts pertaining to ISO certification, functional 'organogram' and 'geotag'. In response to a query on faculty appraisal, Dr Bhole suggested that a well-defined simple mechanism can be developed at the institutional level for appraisal of the teaching staff. He also advised that the institution's response to a pandemic situation can be covered under the relevant criteria.

Towards the end of the session, participating institutions conveyed their thanks to the speaker and the host institution-Kamala Nehru College. The workshop ended with concluding remarks by Dr Kalpana Bhakuni, Principal, Kamala Nehru College and a vote of thanks by Ms. Vinita Malik.

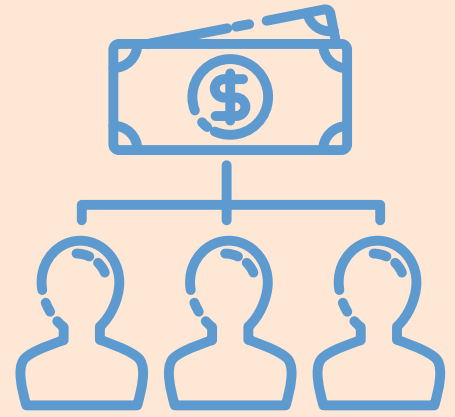
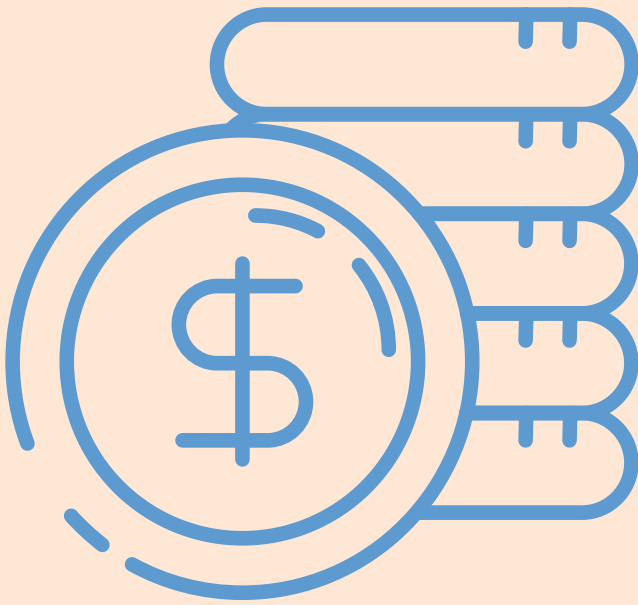
MAKING INCOME TAX PROCESS EASY :

A session on E-filing



The Income Tax Advisory Committee, Kamala Nehru College, organized a webinar on 23rd September, 2020, on the topic - E-Filing of Income Tax Returns for Salaried Professionals (FY= 2019-20). Convenor , Dr. Madhu Khanna and Co-Convenor , Dr. Smita Meena were the organizers of the event.

The guest speaker for the event was Dr. S.B Rathore M.Com; M.Phil; LL.B; Ph.D. Former Associate Professor of Commerce, Shyam Lal College (University of Delhi). Dr. Rathore discussed about PAN as the basic key for filing the ITR and reflected on its importance.



He discussed about the treatment of additional tax liability of salaried individuals- Interest on savings bank account, interest on FD, Interest on loans, etc. He also emphasized on common mistakes that take place while filing returns. Amongst the key takeaways of the webinar, was the fact that, the pandemic has led to a shift in the filing date. Hence, the time for the assessee to file the returns has been extended.

The webinar witnessed a total of 80 attendees. Various questions on different aspects of income tax were asked by the faculty members during the Question-Answer session. Dr. Rathore answered the queries with the help of different examples. The event ended with a concluding note from the guest speaker.



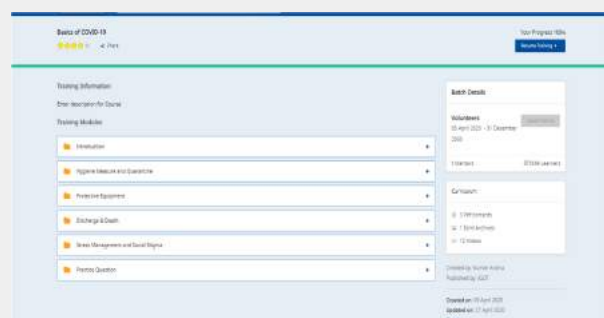


NSS INITIATIVES

On Fighting the Pandemic with Creativity and Awareness

The NSS teachers and student volunteers of Kamala Nehru College, did not allow the pandemic to hamper their streak of creativity in organizing events and their zeal in contributing to the welfare of the society. The student volunteers conducted and organized a number of activities, with the help and support of their teachers and NSS programme officer. Some of the activities conducted by NSS, KNC as a part of the fight against COVID 19, are as follows-

- **COVID MODULE for the Volunteers** – the iGOT Diksha site provided a platform for the NSS volunteers and other social workers to gain more information about the virus. The information imparted was about- the nature of the virus, myths related to it, making masks at home and the importance of a proper hygiene routine. The students received certificates on the completion of this training. The training was provided by MHRD to the volunteers.



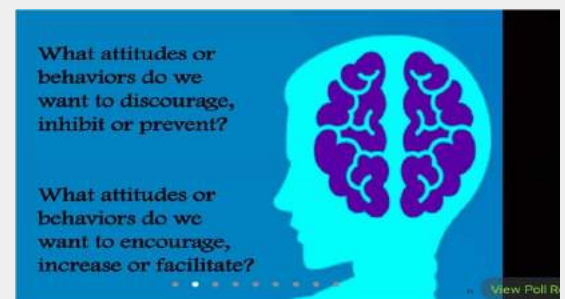
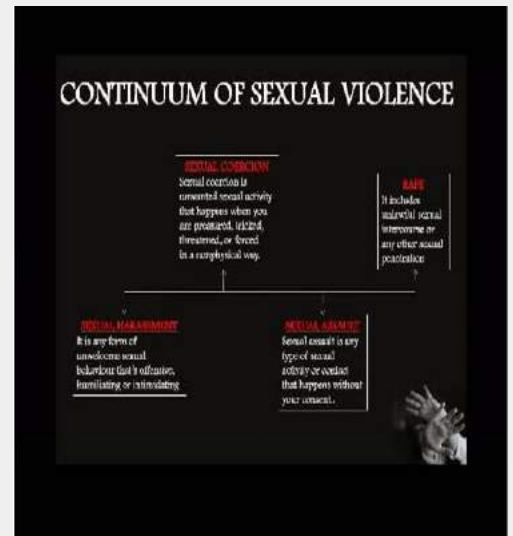
- **STAY AT HOME Campaign** - As the lockdown began it became imperative to emphasize on the importance of staying at home and following the rules laid down by the government for our own safety. The NSS covid warriors launched an online campaign to emphasise the importance of staying at home during the lockdown.



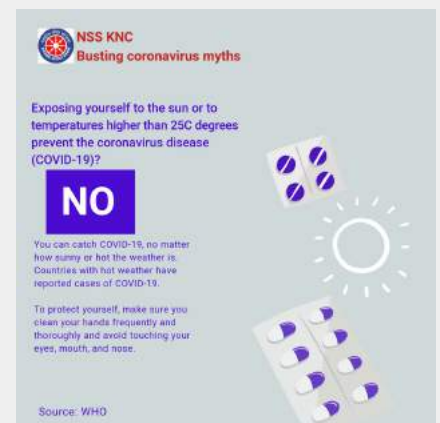
- **Instagram Video Series on QUARANTINE COPING MECHANISMS** - The lockdown left people at a loss of words and it took a toll on everyone's mental health. Our volunteers found new ways to be calm amidst the chaos and shared with us what they were doing during the lockdown.



- **WEBINARS with the Red Dot Foundation** - NSS KNC in collaboration with the Red Dot Foundation, conducted webinars to discuss some essential issues. The webinars were centric to issues of development and social problems that women face in their everyday lives - female infanticide, sexual harassment at the workplace, child abuse, victim-blaming, sexual assault, etc. They also conducted sessions depicting and discussing feminism, as portrayed in films. As women's lives became particularly difficult and instances of domestic violence grew, it became especially important to address this issue.



- **MYTH BUSTING POSTERS** – the volunteers took an active step as covid warriors to battle fake news that was on the rise due to the panic caused by the pandemic. Common questions and myths were busted and clarified after proper research and fact-checking. In order to promote the right kind of information and spread awareness about Covid-19 digitally, students who are digital natives and have a vast network online used their online presence to reach out to various stakeholders of the society with this initiative.



- **Awareness about COVID 19 by volunteers from their hometowns in regional languages** - the volunteers researched the number of positive cases in their respective towns, in the regional language understood there. The message delivered numbers and encouraged people to stay indoors. This initiative was meant to promote the use of Indian languages and to reach out to the audiences that are often neglected in digital spaces.



- **DEEKSHARAMBH:** Connect with Others - As part of the 'Deeksharambh' initiative of the NSS, students reached out to younger members of the student body to help out and lend an ear during these tough times. Coping with the shift to online learning and the changed world became a priority and it was achieved through establishing connections.



- **Teaching the underprivileged and LEARNING THROUGH SERVICE** – NSS, KNC promotes ‘learning through service’. During the Covid crisis, as processes shifted to digital spaces many school students from underprivileged backgrounds faced new challenges. NSS volunteers took on the task of tutoring such students not only as an altruistic activity but also as an initiative to add value to their learning process in life.



- **MASK MAKING and distribution** - Student volunteers made and distributed masks during the lockdown. This involved a great deal of hard work and risking their own health and well-being, for social welfare.



CARE FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR



The COVID-19 warriors of NSS-KNC reached out to people around them during the lockdown in multiple ways. Students distributed food and essentials, masks and school supplies to those in need. Students were also involved in feeding street animals. Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni, principal, Kamala Nehru College, actively participated in this initiative. The details of these efforts were shared on Facebook and Instagram to inspire more such acts of kindness.

RECHARGE THE LEARNING


The year 2020 has been enveloped with uncertainty and unpredictability. Amidst the cluster of chaos and confusion, access to education emerged as a prominent issue. While there were constant developments and researches taking place in the entire world, with rampant lifestyle changes and updation of sanitation and hygiene norms, education too, experienced a massive modification this year.

'Learning' is essential, for the world's future and colleges and universities worldwide have been trying to cope up with new modes of facilitating education to their respective students. Kamala Nehru College, not only took care of the concerns of its students, but extended support to other students in this hour of need. 'Recharge the Learning' is an initiative to support the needy students to recharge data so that they can carry on with their online learning during Covid-19. This initiative, supported by the faculty of Kamala Nehru College, shows deep sensitivity and empathy of teachers towards the students, facing hardships in this unprecedented situation of the pandemic.



A DATE WITH THE PRINCIPAL


An interactive session titled 'A Date with the Principal' was organized on May 20, 2020 to help clarify the concerns of the third year students of Kamala Nehru College. Third-year students actively participated in the session and clarified their doubts and anxieties about exams and studies during the lockdown period.



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"A DATE WITH PRINCIPAL"



Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni

On 20 th May ,2020 at 3.00 pm (Wednesday) on
ZOOM.

Please Register through Google forms
(Password will be shared 30 minutes before the
scheduled program)

1. You should be III rd year student of the college presently.
2. It is an interactive session with all kind of concerns during COVID-19.
3. It is also to plan the course of action for the Farewell'2020.
4. Please bring forth your suggestions for KNC student community after COVID-19.
5. Kindly join the meeting 10-15 minutes prior to the session.
6. Keep your camera ON during the meeting. Put your microphone OFF (on mute)
7. Your inputs through chat box will be preferable. However ,we will try to make it as interactive as possible.

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