

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Namaskar! Warm greetings to all present here. I welcome you all to the College Day of Kamala Nehru College. I take this opportunity to convey my regards and gratitude to our esteemed Chief Guest, Prof. Kim Menezes, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, GD Goenka University, our Guest of Honour, Ms. Dakshina Vaidyanathan, a renowned classical dance exponent, Prof. Urvashi Sharma, Chairperson, Governing Body, Kamala Nehru College, Prof. Pankaj Gupta, Treasurer, Governing Body, Kamala Nehru College, the members of the teaching faculty, non-teaching staff and support staff, and our dear students and the parents for gracing this event with their kind presence.

Appointments and Promotions

I am very happy to share that there have been a phenomenal 63 appointments on regular basis to the post of Assistant Professor in 13 departments across all categories! 23 appointments in the UR category, 16 in OBC, 9 in SC, 4 in ST, 9 in EWS and 2 in PwD have enabled the College to fulfil the required/ sanctioned strength as per the second tranche successfully. It is indeed a matter of great pride that the College has retained nearly 100% of its adhoc employees, thus facilitating a smooth transition from adhoc to regular appointments.

Along with permanent appointments, a total of 5 members have been promoted from which 4 are from the teaching staff and one from non-teaching this year. My heartiest congratulations to all the newly appointed and promoted members of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the College. In the coming days we will keep this spirit on with more recruitment and promotions for non-teaching as well as teaching staff.

I take this opportunity to once again extend my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the Governing Body, specially GB Chairperson Prof Urvashi Sharma for making this possible. A big thank you to all the experts, observers and the members of the Selection Committee for sparing their valuable time. I also gratefully acknowledge the consistent hard work, dedication and robust cooperation of the team of non-teaching staff deployed for recruitment besides the relentless efforts of colleagues and the members of the Screening Committee towards this huge achievement, particularly the Teacher-in-charges to stand behind me through all thick and thin of recruitments. I wholeheartedly welcome the new appointees to the

KNC family and wish them success, peace and happiness in their professional journey.

Another significant landmark is the commencement of the construction of the New Academic Block.

NEP And Viksit Bharat

Our Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision towards a developed India, Viksit Bharat@2047 has been imbibed by Kamala Nehru College with full zeal. An effort in this direction was implemented by the the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the NEP Implementation Cell of the College, supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) in the organisation a lecture and dialogue as part of the lecture series 'Amrit Kaal Vimarsha: Viksit Bharat@2047.' Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), and a renowned educationist, Professor Shashikala Wanjari delivered a talk on 'Education, NEP and Viksit Bharat.' Addressing a gathering of more than 450 students and teachers on 13th October 2023 in the College Auditorium, she drew attention to values, skills and competencies emphasised in the NEP, and asserted that long term economic growth and development of the nation critically depends on the quality of the products of the education system. Along similar lines, the Commerce Department organized a seminar on 'Relating NEP with Global Education and its Impact on Job Prospects' with the speaker Mr. Soumyo Gupta, CEO, Jamboree Education.

NEP Implementation Cell, Kamala Nehru College is constantly working with the aim to effectively implement NEP under the UGCF 2022 framework of Delhi University. NEP Cell under the aegis of IQAC recently organised a lecture on "Academic Bank of Credits: Challenges and Strategies" delivered by Prof. Arbind Kumar Jha. The NEP Implementation Cell has started with the registration process of ABC ID and aims to complete it by the end of this semester. The various departments and BA Programme Committee of the College routinely conduct orientations about General Electives, Skill Enhancement Courses and Language Courses to enable students to make informed choices, and hence help fulfill the vision of NEP 2020.

KNC joined the vision of Viksit Bharat with the installation of the Selfie Point on the theme "Amrit Kaal- Developed India in 2047" (Viksit Bharat@2047) at the 'Chaupal' of the College in December 2023. A large number of students and teachers enthusiastically participate in the same. The

students took the 'Pledge for Quality Bharat' and gathered together for the National Anthem on 25th January at the Selfie Point. Students have been actively registering and sharing ideas on the Viksit Bharat Portal too.

In continuation with this, 131 students of the College participated in the Nari Shakti Conclave held on 7th March at the North Campus, Delhi University on the occasion of International Women's Day. The session was chaired by Smt. Smriti Irani. It was a proud moment when a Sociology Honours student and NCC cadet, Srutha Keerti, who is also the Brand Ambassador for My Govt. Initiative was invited on the stage to unveil the government initiative, 'Poshan Atlas.'

G20 and KNC

Kamala Nehru College enthusiastically participated in the events organized by the University of Delhi to mark India's prestigious Presidency of G20 in 2023. 37 students were selected as volunteers for the G20 Summit after a rigorous process. On 26th September, around 50 students, shortlisted on the basis of academic performance, along with the IQAC Convener and the Principal, participated in the G20 University Connect in the presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, which took place at the newly inaugurated Bharat Mandapam. It was a truly exciting and enriching experience for all participants.

Kamala Nehru College was the Partner institution for G20 Indo-German Symposium and Cultural Extravaganza organised by the Culture Council, University of Delhi in association with PGDAV (Eve) College on 31st Oct 2023. KNC put up an exhibition on Indo-German thinkers, and members of Nupur, the Indian Classical and Folk Dance Society of KNC presented an enthralling 'Chhau' performance on the occasion. 30 students of the College participated in this G20 event of Delhi University. The Commerce Department, Kamala Nehru College joined hands with the Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi and World Constitution and Parliament Association to organise a five-day program on "World Law Prospects: Emerging World Law and the G20" which saw experts from around the world deliberate on global laws.

Kamala Nehru College was one of the 16 colleges from amongst the 90 colleges of the University selected to put up a stall showcasing its history, journey and achievements over 60 years since its inception, in the Exhibition organized by the University of Delhi as part of the Valedictory Session on the closing of the Centennial celebrations on June 30, 2023 with the Hon'ble

Prime Minister as the Chief Guest.

Megha Jain from B.Com. Honours III year got selected for the prestigious Vice Chancellor Internship Scheme, VCIS, University of Delhi from November 2023 to the present. The internship has been instituted with the objective of achieving "Samagra Shiksha" (holistic education) as enlisted in NEP 2020.

Inclusivity and Skill Enhancement

The College believes in the idea of an inclusive society. The Equal Opportunity Cell and Enabling Unit of Kamala Nehru College in collaboration with the Haryana Welfare Society for Persons with Speech and Hearing Impairment, conducted a three-month Basic Indian Sign Language Training Program from 15th April to 15th July 2023. The hybrid certificate course aimed at sensitization and imparting basic sign language communication skills, covering ISL vocabulary, communication, and institutional inclusiveness.

Certificate Programmes on “Basic of RS GIS and GNSS” and “Geographical Information System” were conducted from 28th August -17th November and 9th October to 27th October respectively, by the Geography Department, Kamala Nehru College, which is a nodal centre for the IIRS Outreach Programme. These are skill-enhancing, job-oriented courses that seek to enhance employability as envisioned under NEP.

Placements and Internships

At Kamala Nehru College, we recognize the growing relevance of effective academia-industry linkages. The robust Placement Cell of the College works in this direction.

The ongoing Placement Season for the Batch of 2024 saw impressive momentum from August 2023, and until January 2024 more than 30 companies like Ernst and Young (EY), KPMG, PWC, and Accenture to name a few, have visited the campus so far, ensuring the placement of 30+ qualified students. The highest CTC offered in the current academic session is 11.25 LPA by Accenture and an average of 5.23 LPA in leading companies.

The Internship Season from February 2023 till January 2024 has witnessed 80+ reputed companies and start ups on-campus like Bajaj Capital Ltd,

College Dunia, The Outlook Group amongst many others recruiting for diverse profiles for students across departments. Around 200+ offer letters were successfully rolled out. Among many successful initiatives taken by the Placement Cell in the present session, the initiation of the ‘CV Vetting Department’ and ‘Boot Camp: Launchpad for Leadership’ deserve special mention.

The Civil Services Forum of Kamala Nehru College seeks to bring together the civil services aspirants and the civil services officers from recent batches. CSF successfully organised interactions with numerous influential rank holders under its ‘Chat with the Bureaucrat,’ and also conducted sessions on the practical aspects of UPSC preparation and exams.

Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

RISE, Research, Innovation, Sustainable Education Cell showcases the culture of research atKNC. Akademos, a multi-disciplinary, peer-reviewed academic journal of the College

The Incubation Cell and the Entrepreneurship Cell of KNC help create an entrepreneurial ecosystem in the campus. A session on “Bridging Social Gap and Building Sustainable Models” was organised with Ms. Smita Roy, founder of Peepal Tree Foundation, winner of “*Social Entrepreneur of the Year*” award, who inspired the college students in terms of sustainability, entrepreneurship and social work. In another feat, KNC was recognized for their paper presentation among 25 colleges at the Business Meet held at Kirori Mal College. Enactus KNC remains steadfast in its role as a trailblazer, consistently effecting positive change through our two flagship initiatives, namely, Project Kadam and Project Beesafe. Apart from organizing its annual Business Conclave and numerous interactive and insightful sessions on start-ups and funding, Nurture, The Incubation Cell initiated two student-led projects namely, ‘Social Sway’ and ‘Scribble.’ Social Sway has successfully collaborated with and served three businesses, enhancing their social media presence, and delivering quality services. **Scribble**, the second student-led project focuses on providing customized merchandise to college societies.

Seminars and Lectures

Our quest for knowledge and excellence continues unabated. The various departments of the College provide opportunities to students for curriculum enrichment and skill enhancement by organizing academic lectures,

seminars and workshops with distinguished speakers and experts.

The Commerce department organized a fascinating lecture on the "Rising Economic Strength of Developing Economies: Ecological Consequences" as part of the University of Delhi's centennial celebration. Prof. Pritam Singh, Professor Emeritus of Economics at Oxford Brookes Business School, addressed the gathering on 'Cyber Security' and 'Global Economic Crisis' were delivered by Mr. Deepak Kumar, Deputy Commandant, The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre, Ministry of Home Affairs and Prof Rahul K Mishra respectively. Dr. Sneha Krishnan, Associate Professor, Oxford University delivered a lecture on "Home, Harem, Hostel: Women's College in the History of Domesticity" under the aegis of the English Literary Society. The History Department organized a lecture by Prof. Gary Kates of Pomona College, USA on 'Enlightenment and the French Revolution.' The Annual Lecture was delivered by Prof. Anirudh Deshpande on the topic: 'Dr Ambedkar's Vision of Education and Social Justice', and another on "Music of Kumar Gandharv" by Dr. Anubhuti Sharma from Eklavya Foundation.

The Economics Department facilitated intellectual discussion on the topics: "Should India Actively Promote Tourism and Hospitality?" and "AI and Economic Forecasting: Impacts". It hosted Professor Jayan Jose Thomas from IIT, Delhi to speak on 'Macroeconomic Issues.' The Physical Education Department organized a lecture on 'Nutritional Benefits of Millets for Sports Performance.' The Journalism Department hosted media and industry experts like Ms. Anna Vetticad, Senior Journalist and Film critic, and Ms. Astha Gupta, who spoke on "Challenges in the Advertising Industry: The Copywriter's Take." The Department in partnership with the Indian Institute of Digital Education, Mumbai organized a lecture on "Digital Marketing: Prospects and Possibilities."

The annual Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture organized under the aegis of the Philosophy Department was delivered by Prof. Enakshi Mitra on the topic: "The Philosophy of Language." The Political Science Department organized an Exemplary Lecture on "Gandhi and Environment" by Dr. Anil Dutta Mishra on the occasion of Martyrs' Day '23, and another on "Gandhi and Tagore" delivered by Dr. Bhuwan Kumar Jha as part of a series of lectures on 'Mahatma Gandhi.' Dr. Ritu Rajput, Head of Programme, All India Radio, New Delhi delivered the lecture on "Relevance of Radio Today."

The Psychology Department organized a week-long event in collaboration with Youth for Mental Health (YMH), World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH), and Sage Turtle to generate awareness about mental health on the occasion of World Mental Health Day'23.

Under the aegis of the Sociology Department, Dr. Dev Nath Pathak, expert in Folklore Studies, delivered an academic lecture on humour's sociological aspects. Prof. Janaki Abraham from the Delhi School of Economics deliberated on "Thinking Sociologically", while the topic, "Disciplines, Objects, Motives: A Memoir on Method" was critically addressed by Professor Harish Naraindas.

Workshops, Field Trips and Industrial Visits

Industrial trips, educational excursions and field visits are widely organized to furnish an experiential dimension to classroom teaching especially under framework of NEP.

The English Department organized a workshop on "Employing Self-Regulated Learning Skills in Higher Education" and another on "Reading and Reimagining the Classroom." The students and teachers of the English department visited the Partition Museum located at Dr. B.R Ambedkar University, Delhi. The Department curated its Annual Art Exhibition, 'Collective Rubbish' on the theme: 'Amidst the Chaos: Dystopia and Adventure.'

The Geography Department organized education trip to Ajmer and an enlightening visit to Geographical Indication (GI) Fair. The History Department sought to promote intellectual curiosity towards Indian Heritage through field trips to Mehrauli Archaeological Park and the National Museum and an educational trip to Amritsar, which covered the visit to the Partition Museum, Wagah Border, Jallianwala Bagh and Golden Temple. A field visit to Red Fort and Jamia Masjid was organized as an inter-college endeavour between Kamala Nehru College and Ramanujan College. The students and teachers of the Political Science Department visited the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya in Central Delhi. A field trip to Majnu Ka Tila, a Tibetan refugee settlement in Delhi, was conducted by the Sociology Department.

Commemorating the 74th anniversary of Samvidhan Divas, the Political Science Association organised a workshop on 'Making of the Constitution' as well as 'Global Dynamics: India's Foreign Policy and Climate

Change.’The Journalism Department organized several skill-based workshops on Adobe Photoshop Workshop, and Adobe Indesign, along with field visits during the last year which includes visit to the National Museum, the Times of India Printing Plant, Museo Camera Centre for Photographic Arts, Gurugram Sahibabad, DD News, Delhiwherein the students benefitted immensely in witnessing the large scale operations and infrastructure of India's Public Service Broadcaster, which is also India's largest broadcaster.

The Psychology Department conducted a workshop on referencing and formatting titled, “APA Made Easy” with the Resource Person, Ms. Vaidehi Rajendran and another on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), was conducted by Dr. Nimisha Kumar. Both the speakers are notable alumnae of the Psychology Department.

कमला नेहरू कॉलेज की राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति और आंतरिक गुणवत्ता आश्वासन प्रकोष्ठ (आइ.क्यू.ए.सी.) के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में 3 मई 2023 को 'कार्यालयी कार्यों में हिंदी का प्रयोग : विविध आयाम' विषय पर एक कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया | इस अवसर पर राजभाषा विभाग, गृहमंत्रालय भारत सरकार से आमंत्रित वक्ता डॉ० मोहनचंद्र ने हिंदी टंकण के समक्ष आनेवाली समस्याओं के अंतर्गत सॉफ्टवेयर के क्षेत्र में नवीनतम शोध एवं अनुप्रयोगों को सामने रखा। ‘कंप्यूटर पर हिंदी में सरकारी कामकाज’ विषय पर राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति ने 3 अगस्त 2023 को एक अन्य कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया। श्रीमती विनीता तिवारी, सहायक निदेशक, राजभाषा विभाग से प्रमुख वक्ता के रूप में आमंत्रित रही। अपनी पी.पी.टी प्रदर्शन द्वारा उन्होंने कंप्यूटर पर सरकारी कार्यालय में प्रयोग में लाए जाने वाले पत्राचार एवं विभिन्न सरकारी प्रपत्र लेखन का आसान और विश्वसनीय प्रदर्शन किया।

Community Engagement and Social Outreach

We endeavour to make our students sensitive to issues that concern the community at large. The outreach programmes of the, NCC, NSS, NSO, Consumer Club, Green Beans, and the Women’s Development Cell of the College bear testimony to this.

The National Service Scheme (NSS) at Kamala Nehru College is a community service program affiliated with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. It focuses on empowering and uplifting society through the dedication of its volunteers. In the past year, NSS KNC has organized various drives and initiatives ranging from cleanliness and plantation drives, seminar on cancer awareness, blood donation campaign, National Unity Day campaign and the annual fest, *Aarambh*, which incorporated the research paper on ‘RakhtDaan: The Gift of Life.’

Green Beans, the Environment Club of the College successfully conducted a Plantation Drive in the College campus followed by the inauguration of Mission Green Scan during Van Mahotsav week in July 2023. Mission GreenScan is a QR Code Scanner Initiative under which QR Code Scanners, entirely designed by the Green Beans Society were installed along with the plants in the college campus. It includes the details of the particular plant under the scanner. The purpose and aim of the initiative lie in gaining knowledge and ensuring protection of the flora. In the month of October, amidst festivities, the Society organized a three-day Clothing Donation Drive, 'Sustainable and Charitable' in the College campus in collaboration with Umeed Foundation, a non-profit organization, successfully collecting more than 700 clothing articles, which were distributed in the slum areas of Jadamba Camp, Malviya Nagar.

The members of the society also installed bird and animal feeders across the campus made out of waste material generated on the college premises. As part of the long-term initiative to spread awareness to reduce plastic pollution, Green Beans initiated a week-long 'Say No To Single Use Plastic' campaign. Green Beans has partnered with Bottles for Change Programme, CSR, Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd. and a 'Letter of Association' has been signed with College whereby the college will segregate plastic waste which will be recycled under the Bottles for Change Programme.

The volunteers of WDC along with the core team under Project Surkh organized a sanitary napkin donation drive to the slum areas of JLN and CGO cluster areas. On the occasion of International Day of Girl Child, the WDC organized a self-defence workshop with the Delhi Police. The Cell also organized a "clothes donation drive" in partnership with the NGO "Nanhe Pakshi." The members of Luminoso, the Fine Arts Society painted Warli murals on the wall near the Students' Council Room depicting women empowerment.

As 2024 is the year of General Elections, first time voters in college are actively taking part in Voter's awareness programs and other activities under national campaign of 'Mera pehla vote desh ke liye'

NCC: Our Pride

It is a matter of great privilege to enumerate the achievements of NCC KNC. Six of our cadets actively participated in the magnificent Flag Hoisting

Ceremony conducted at the Red Fort in commemoration of India's 77th Independence Day. CPL Sejal Sharma earned a prominent spot among the 32 SWs All India Guard of Honour contingent in the prestigious Republic Day Parade, where she bestowed eight salutes to esteemed VVIPs. Additionally, she was among the select few cadets invited to a Raksha Mantri dinner, fostering international comradeship among YEP cadets from various nations.

On the eve of the 75th Anniversary of National Cadet Corps on 26th November 2023, while the Defence Secretary, Shri Giridhar Aramane paid homage to the martyred heroes at the National War Memorial, New Delhi, the KNC Girls' NCC Band played symphony into the historic echoes of the Memorial. As the sole College Band of the Delhi Directorate, these 24 cadets became the spotlight of the event. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to NCC Officers, Major General S.P. Vishwasrao (SM) (ADG, Director General) and Col. K.S. Bisht (Commanding Officer 4DGBN) for their initiative, guidance and support in raising this all girls band, first in Delhi University. KNC NCC also made impressive performance with cadets Sneha, Priyanka, Monika, and Mansi being notably positioned at the Chief Minister's Rally held in Delhi.

Sports

Amongst our stellar achievers, Priyanka Mohapatra secured Gold Medal in Senior Female under 62kg Weight Category in the 36th Odisha State Taekwondo Championship held in August 2023. Kriti Chowhan of First Year B.A. Program secured T5 position in Leg 8 and T11 in Leg 9 in Hero Women's Indian Open Professional Golf Tournament in June 2023. The Football team of Kamala Nehru College secured first position in many inter college football tournaments organized in Delhi and NCR.

With a remarkable score of 579/600, CPL Renu secured the 5th position in the 50m rifle peep sight prone junior women individual event at the All India GV Mavlankar Sports Shooting Championship held in August- September 2023.

Extracurricular and Cultural Activities

We walk the tight rope, balancing curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. This integrative approach helps fulfill the vision of

holistic development and transformative education at KNC. We proudly boast of over 30 societies, cells and clubs that contribute to the vibrant cultural life of the college, as well as win us accolades in and outside the University. Members of Crossfire, the English Debating Society have participated at various inter-college tournaments at national and international levels and bagged top positions.

Nupur, the Indian Folk and Classical Dance Society of the College garnered appreciation for its performance, in both folk and classical, group and solo categories. It won the first position at Motilal Nehru and Bharati College. Vishnupriya Goswami, a student of History Honours, and an Odissi dancer won laurels for the society. She is a graded artiste of Doordarshan, and has performed on many prestigious stages like Odissi International Dance Festival at Bhubaneshwar.

Glitz, the Fashion Society of KNC won nine first positions at various college namely, Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, Shivaji College, Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management, Symbiosis Law College, Swami Shraddhanand College, Lady Irwin College, Hindu College, Maitreyi College and Northcap University College. It also secured 6 second and 2 third positions in group performances, and won numerous individual awards for best model and best make up, among others.

Faculty Achievements

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to showcase the individual achievements of the members of the faculty. Dr Sangeeta Verma from the Hindi Department co-edited two books: 'आधुनिक हिंदी कविता के विविध आयाम' और 'वैश्विक परिदृश्य में हिंदी और संवेदनहीनता'।

She was awarded the "उत्तम शिक्षिका अवार्ड-2023 by the राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार हिंदी लोक साहित्य कला संस्कृति अकादमी (रजि.) और 'शोधश्री सम्मान' | प्रो० सुषमा सहरावत को 'श्रीमती इंद्रा स्वप्न स्मृति साहित्य सम्मान -2023' से सम्मानित किया गया।

Dr. Sarita Ghai from the Geography Department published her post-doctoral research on the Jaunsar community, forests and indigenous knowledge in the Himalayas in the form of book entitled, *Jaunsar*.

Dr Mandeep Kaur Arora from the Psychology Department published her book *Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Indian Context: Different Disorders speak Different Stories*, and co-authored *Psychology of Health and Well*

Being. She also published a Patent: IOT Based Tiffin Service and Monitoring System, Computer Science.

From the Sociology Department, Dr Sharmishtha Mallick's book entitled, *Mainstreaming Ayurveda: Alternative Medicine and Public Healthcare System in Delhi* is due to be released shortly by Routledge, UK.

Dr Carmel Christy from the Journalism Department has secured an academic post of Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut, USA.

Various faculty members have been invited as Speakers at International Conferences, Workshop Resource Persons, as Guest Editors of journals, as writers of MOOCS, as well as chaired sessions.

Time constraint prevents me from mentioning the numerous other achievements of the College. They, however, find place in the detailed College Report. On this note, I would like to conclude by once again congratulating and thanking one and all associated with KNC. Once again, a special note of thanks to our esteemed guests and all present here. Thank You!

Prof. Kalpana Bhakuni
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March 21, 2024