

Principal's Report

Namaskar! Warm greetings to all present here. I would like to welcome our esteemed Chief Guest, our Guest of Honour, respected members of the Governing Body, members of the Teaching faculty, non-teaching and support staff, and dear students.

The past year has been a real challenge at every level including health, smooth functioning of college tasks and activities, teaching and learning, college maintenance, and promoting support among staff and students. Kamala Nehru College has turned these challenges into opportunities to innovate, create and extend ourselves in its best possible capacity. The college not only managed to coordinate the online exams for students with constant and commendable support provided to them by the teaching and administration staff, it also took up certain new initiatives towards the overall growth of the institution. In view of this, a special mention can be made to the UGC Paramarsh Mentorship acquired by the college among other achievements.

This report will present a summary of our achievements and accolades over the past year.

New Initiatives

Novelty and creation are signs of an initiative towards development and progress. In the light of the same, Kamala Nehru College in the last year 2020 launched two new cells and a forum namely, RISE Cell, Incubation cell, and The Civil Services Forum.

The RISE cell conducted an introductory lecture on "What is Research" in collaboration with Prof. Mohan Singh Panwar from HNB Garhwal University alongwith a three-day hands-on workshop on Data Analysis using Microsoft Excel facilitated by Dr. Rahul Sapkal, Assistant Professor at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. Another session was organised by the team on Academic Research Writing: A Beginner's Guide which dealt with the different aspects associated with research papers, presentations, detailing, proposals and more. Dr. Rupali Khanna from the Economics Department of KNC and Mr. Joseph K Ravi from the Geography department of KNC took the session.

Another unique initiative of the college is **The Incubation Cell**

Established in September 2020, The Incubation Cell: Nurture is working towards developing and providing a platform for students wherein their innovative start-up ideas can be incubated and realized.

The inaugural seminar on the topic Role and Risk of Angel Investing was conducted in September, 2020. The guest speaker for the session was Mr. Rajeev Kapahi, Director and Founder of BOMA, India. A Panel Discussion revolving around the theme of 'Starting up Start-ups' was held in October, 2020. The panellists for the same were Mr. Ashish Agarwal, Co-founder, Shinx India, Mr Tarun Chhugani, former Director of Quality at Tele-performance India and Mrs Deepshika, Communications Specialist at Tech Mahindra. A Panel discussion on the topic "Business Model Creation and Feasibility" was held in October, 2020 with panellists Mr. Ashish Agarwal, Co-founder, Shinx India, Mr Tarun Chhugani, former Director of Quality at Tele-performance India and Mrs Deepshika, Communications Specialist at Tech Mahindra. Nurture also organised a

An Entrepreneurship Development Program in collaboration with Industrial Incubation of Entrepreneurship and Skill Training (IEST) and NITCOIN, an Entrepreneurship Development Program based on Elements of start-up and funding was organized. The program constituted 8 hours of teaching and 1 hour of internal assessment offering expertise in: formulating and analyzing business ideas, financial forecast, goal setting, break-even point, preparing report etc.

In addition we also started the Civil Services Forum. Every year, lakhs of students join the University of Delhi with the aspiration of studying in Delhi, the hub for preparation of the UPSC Civil Services Examination. Kamala Nehru College too, welcomes hundreds of budding Civil Services aspirants every year. With the combination of meritorious students and competent faculty, by providing

motivation and direction since the beginning, college can help polish the personalities of these aspirants and highlight its role in encouraging the development of well-read minds who wish to serve the nation with utmost sincerity and dedication. Thus, the Civil Services Forum was established in August, 2020 to provide a common platform for diligent and dedicated Civil Services aspirants of Kamala Nehru College.

The series of events kick started with an orientation program held for the students who went through a selection process for us to get an idea of their approach towards the exam. The response recorded was overwhelming.

A prelims format quiz was held in September not as a marker of knowledge but rather a milestone to the common destination of all the members of the Civil Services Forum. The enthusiasm and the determination of these young minds was phenomenal.

An open house lecture on '*A Beginner's Introduction to Civil Services Examination*' was held in September. The guest speaker of the event was Dr Anjan Kumar Singh, a senior faculty at Vision IAS, New Delhi. The webinar was conducted on Google Meet and around 75 students from various departments attended the event. Dr Singh addressed the students covering topics such as preparation and strategy for the exam, myths related to UPSC CSE and the need to join the Civil Services. This was followed by a question-and-answer session.

It was an honor for the Civil Services Forum to have Mr. Pratyush Pandey, AIR 21, UPSC CSE 2019 as the speaker of the event held in September. Mr. Pratyush gave his insight about the exam. He shared his strategy for the exam and how to juggle between college syllabus and the syllabus of the Civil Services exam.

In such unprecedented times where everything is going digital, education is no exception. The Civil Services Forum tried its level best to adhere to their purpose in this new normal and succeeded to a large extent. It aims to continue doing so no matter what the mode of education is.

Our Distinct Achievements

It is a matter of honour that Kamala Nehru College since 2020 has been selected as the Mentor Institution under the 'Paramarsh' Scheme of UGC following the 'Quality mandate' in higher education. Kamala Nehru College is one of the four colleges in Delhi University to be awarded 'Paramarsh' for mentoring the mentee institutions to enable them to get NAAC accreditation by 2022. Our Mentee institutions are Aryabhata College, Satyawati College (E), Motilal Nehru College (E) and Indian Institute of Design and Craft, Jaipur. It proves that our College as a well performing institution is rendering high order service to promote Quality Assurance in Higher Education.

Under the Paramarsh Scheme of UGC, the college organised a series of workshops, the details of which are as follows: (i) Online Workshop on ***Policies and SOP*** on 26th December 2020; (ii) ***PO and CO Statements and Measuring Attainments*** on 30th December 2020; (iii) ***Bloom Taxonomy*** on 9th November 2020; (iv) 3-days Online Workshop on ***Understanding the Seven Criteria for the NAAC SSR*** from August 6th-8th, 2020; (v) ***Summer Art Workshops*** in collaboration with Indian Institute of Crafts and Design, Jaipur. The online 16 days extensive learning, participative and knowledge gaining workshop were on 'Different Indigenous Art Forms'. These workshops were attended by our students and teachers that helped them to enhance their skills online in the times of the lockdown. Since these workshops were open to outside students also, few students from abroad benefitted too. 'Different Indigenous Art-Forms' workshops were – Madhubani Paintings, Calligraphy and Landscape Painting from July to August 2020. The faculty for these workshops was provided by the IICD, Jaipur; (vi) ***Documentation for NAAC SSR*** on 22nd July 2020; (vii) ***Understanding the NAAC Accreditation Process as per the Latest Guidelines*** on 15th July 2020; (viii) ***New NAAC Guidelines*** on 13th February 2020.

The College Internal Quality Assurance Cell also organised an **Online Faculty Development Programme** on *Emotional Intelligence* in collaboration with ICT Academy, Delhi, from May 13th-18th 2020.

Lectures, Webinars, and Panel Discussions

Given the restrictions due to the ongoing pandemic and the practice of physical social distancing, the usual conduct of lectures, seminars, and conferences were replaced by the virtual and online mode of interaction which we now know as webinars. All departments and many societies of Kamala Nehru College organised webinars on various themes and concerns emerging from the Covid-19 crisis.

The Department of **Commerce** organised a national level webinar on “Domestic Violence During Lockdown of Workforce - Concerns, Issues and Legal Remedies” in May 2020 and hosted 3 eminent speakers – Mr Amar Nath Gupta (Advocate, Supreme Court of India), Dr Upma Gautam (Assistant Professor, University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU), and Dr Anita Tagore (Assistant Professor, Kalindi College, University of Delhi).

In May 2020, the **Economics** Department conducted an international webinar on ‘Importance of Cyber Security in the World of Pandemics and Social Media’ to brainstorm on the usefulness of cyber security in a changed world after Covid- 19. Keynote speaker for the event was Dr Samrat Mondal (Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna), along with Dr GK Patra (Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR 4PI, Bangalore) as Distinguished speaker, Dr Joseph Moganti (Managing Director, CPG Inc. Hyderabad) as Special speaker and Mr Khurram Chaiwalla (Data Privacy Manager, Bayer Group, Singapore) as Corporate speaker.

In view of the pandemic, another webinar was organised in the same month on ‘Geopolitics of Corona Virus Pandemic: Re-Evaluating Globalisation and National Interest’. The speaker, Prof VK Kaul (Former Head and Dean Department of Business Economics, University of Delhi), discussed various issues concerning the idea of globalisation arising in the light of the pandemic.

The **English** literary society organised its annual event, *Litluminous 2020* in February 2020, on the theme ‘Satire in Literature and Cinema’. On the day of the literary festival, a panel discussion was held with three speakers: Dr Lalit Kumar (Assistant Professor, Department of English, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College) spoke on the evolution of satire via British literature and then focused on satire in Hindi literature of the 20th century; Dr Nirmalya Samanta (Associate Professor, Department of English, Ramanujan College) who spoke on the scope of satire in cinema, with a special focus on Charlie Chaplin’s *The Great Dictator*; and Mr Amit Sengupta (Editor and Journalist, presently with Hardnews Magazine) who discussed the diabolical and liberating capacities of contemporary media.

The Department of **Geography** organized a webinar on “COVID 19: Responses and Risk Reduction” with Prof. RB Singh, an eminent scholar in the field of geography and Disaster management, who talked on various dimensions of risk, mitigation strategies and its implications. The talk was followed by an in-depth discussion on the situation of the pandemic while establishing academic endeavours and perspectives towards research-oriented solutions with Mr Vikrant Mahajan (CEO, Sphere India), Mr. Sarabjit Singh Sahota (Emergency Specialist, UNICEF) Prof. Amita Singh (CSLG, JNU) and Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni (principal, KNC).

15 मई 2020 को हिंदी विभाग द्वारा कोरोना काल में अपनी अकेडेमिक गतिविधियों को संचरित करने के लिए ऑनलाइन राष्ट्रीय वेबिनार का आयोजन किया। फणीश्वर नाथ रेणु के जन्म शताब्दी वर्ष में रेणु के साहित्यिक अवदान का आकलन करने के लिए यह राष्ट्रीय वेबिनार एक सुदृढ़ कड़ी के रूप में रहा। इस वेबिनार का विषय था – “फणीश्वर नाथ रेणु का लेखन और हिंदी समाज” आमंत्रित वक्ता के रूप में प्रोफेसर नित्यानंद तिवारी, प्रोफेसर गोपेश्वर सिंह, डॉ आशीष मिश्र, डॉ दिनेश कुमार थे।

The **History** Department held a two-days panel discussion under the title “Dil-O-Dilli” in June 2020. The panel included Prof Swapna Liddle’s her pictorial representation and lecture on Durbar to Capital- Symbols in making of New Delhi; Dr. Saif Mahmood’s interactive session on Mir- O – Ghalib Ki Delhi, Mughal decline and the Romance of Urdu Poetry; Yousuf Saeed’s session on “Poets and Saints of Delhi’s Nizamuddin Basti- A History in Continuum”; Prof. Rana Safavi’s discussion on 11th May 1857, through the eyewitness accounts: Zahir Dehlavi, Moinuddin Kotwal and Munshi Jovan Lal; and Dr Vinod Dua’s talk on “Ujade Hue Logon se Aabad Sheher Dilli”.

The annual event of the **Journalism** Department – Journo Junction 2020 was held in February 2020 with the these as “Dissecting Fake News : Questions on Media and Democracy”. The keynote address of the event was delivered by Mr Nikhil Pawa (Founder of Medianama and a Digital Rights Activist). In his interaction with the students, Mr. Pawa explained the effect that fake news forwards has on Indian society and how we as citizens and the government can work to reduce that. In a panel discussion on “Fake News: Histories, Political Responses, Political Implications”, the panellists –Mr Vineet Kumar (Media Critic and Author of “Mandi me Media”), Dr Sandhya Devesan (Professor of Critical thinking at Jesus and Mary College), and Mr HR Venkatesh (Fact checker at Boom Live and Founder of NetaData) – spoke about the history and origin of fake news as a phenomenon and how it can be debunked.

The Department of **Philosophy** organized its annual departmental event, *Eidos*, in February 2020 on the theme of ‘The Theory of Knowledge’, and hosted Ven Geshe Dorji Damdul (Director, Tibet House, Delhi) and Prof. GC Tripathi (Director, Bhogilal Leherchand Institute of Indology, Delhi) as the speakers. Then, in November 2020, the department held its yearly Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture with Dr. A Raghunramaraju (Professor of Philosophy, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati) who addressed the audience on the topic, ‘Revisiting the Lively Activities in Indian Philosophy’.

Department of **Physical Education** organized a lecture-cum-practice session on “Yoga for Immunity” conducted by Yogacharya Lalit Madaan for all students, teaching, and non-teaching staff members in June 2020.

In November, the Department of **Political Science** organised an international webinar on “Eurocentrism in International Relational and Interventions from India”. Prof Turan Kayaoglu from University of Washington and Prof Navnita Chadha Behera from University of Delhi debated the question of Eurocentrism in the field of International Relations Theory. The session was chaired by Professor Jayati Srivastava from Jawaharlal Nehru University.

The **Psychology** Department organised an online session on “What Fuels Communities to Prioritize Maternal and Child Nutrition: Case Studies from India and Myanmar” by Ms Rai Sengupta (an esteemed Development Consultant, currently working with IPE Global Limited and her work has been recognised by UNICEF) in May 2020.

In joint collaboration, the Department of **Psychology** and **Internal Complaints Committee** hosted a webinar in 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 Internet age has led to empowerment of voices of women and other marginalized groups, yet it has also led to increase in the incidents of various forms of online sexual harassment including cyber stalking, rape threats, blackmail, picture morphing and even more. The panellists of the webinar included Dr Bijayalaxmi Nanda (Acting Principal, Miranda House and a feminist scholar) who spoke about a wide range of issues underlying women working in public spheres and emphasized on the need to sensitize workforce to the changing work dynamics post Covid-19 vis-à-vis women’s lives.

गत वर्ष २०२० में संस्कृत विभाग द्वारा बसंत पंचमी (सरस्वती
पूजा) के उपलक्ष्य में श्रीलाल बहादूर शास्त्री राष्ट्रीय
संस्कृत विद्यापीठ के कूलपति प्रो. रमेश कुमार पाण्डे के
विस्तार व्याख्यान का आयोजन ३०/०१/२०२० को किया गया था

The Department of **Sociology** organized their first activity of the lockdown period as an international webinar on “Re-thinking Social Change in South –Asia amidst Covid-19”, in May 2020 with speakers from Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri-Lanka and India who came together in one platform and presented their views.

The fifth edition of **Crossfire’s** much awaited Annual Asian Parliamentary Debating tournament, Munaazrah was held in November 2020 using an online debating medium, Mixidea. A total of 32 teams from University of Phillipines, Delhi University, IIT, Christ University, St. Xavier's College, National Law Universities were among several others across the subcontinent participated in this event. Over the span of three days, several motions on pressing issues of the world such as environment, culture, sports, science and technology, international relations, feminism and philosophy were debated with great acumen.

In February 2020, the **Equal Opportunity Cell and Enabling Unit** of Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi organised annual event ‘PAHAL’ - 2020 in the college auditorium. The chief guests and panelists for the event were: Mr. Subhash Vashishtha (Advocate, Delhi HC & Director, Svayam-Global Centre for Inclusive Environments), Dr. Satendra (Assistant Professor, UCMS & election icon, Delhi Government), Mr. Saurabh Ray (Assistant Professor Special Education, Jamia Milia Islamia).

गाँधी स्टडी सर्किल ने गर्व के साथ गाँधी वंदन को दिनांक 30 जनवरी, 2020 को प्रस्तुत किया। इस पावन अवसर पर प्रोफेसर गिरीश्वर मिश्रा ‘गाँधी के दृष्टिकोण में मानवता : ON BEING HUMAN, THE GANDHIAN VISION’ व्याख्यान का आयोजन किया गया। गाँधी उत्सव के उपलक्ष्य पर हमारे बीच प्रोफेसर रमेश भारद्वाज और प्रोफेसर श्योराज सिंह बेचैन उपस्थित थे। राजेंद्र प्रसाद पुरस्कार से सम्मानित प्रोफेसर श्योराज सिंह बेचैन जी ने हमें गाँधी जी के सभी स्वरूपों से अवगत कराया था। भारद्वाज जी ने अपने व्यक्तव्य के दौरान कई बार हमें ये सोचने पर विवश किया कि “क्या आज का भारत वही भारत है जिसका सपना महात्मा गाँधी ने देखा था”; प्रोफेसर साहब ने अपने व्याख्यान में समाज में बढ़ते अपराधों और ऊँच - नीच की भावना के बारे में अपने विचार रखे साथ ही उन्होंने गाँधी जी के विचारों के बारे में चर्चा की।

In the month of November, **NSS** organized a webinar on 'Online Safety for Women' organized by IAMAI with Rakshit Tandon as the speaker. In this session, major issues like Cyber Stalking, Cyber Bullying, Sexting, Blackmailing, Bank frauds etc. were discussed. Another webinar was organised in November on “Cancer Prevention and Clean Yamuna” in collaboration with Dharamshila Cancer foundation and research Centre. This webinar focused on cancer prevention in youth and the correlation between the rise of cancer and excessive river pollution. The session was led by Dr. Surveshna Khanna (Founder/President of Dharamshila Foundation) and Dr. Pragya Singh (Senior Manager – Projects).

Under the FIT India Campaign, in August, **NSS KNC** along with "Sanjeevani: Life Beyond Cancer Foundation" organized a webinar on the importance of physical fitness and health in cancer prevention.

In November, **NSS, KNC** also collaborated with **Association for Democratic Reforms** to conduct a webinar as part of Vigilance Awareness Week. The topic was: "Lack of transparency in Political Funding: A cause of corruption?" The session was taken by Dr Ujjaini Halim who is the executive director of IMSE and West Bengal coordinator, National Election Watch. Topics like political finance regime, legal framework, need of transparency, etc. were discussed with students and teachers of KNC.

Workshops and Training Programmes

Using various online applications and platforms, the departments and societies organized a number of academic, application and skill-based workshops, and training programmes ensuring an uninterrupted learning for the students.

The **Journalism** Department organized a fact checking workshop conducted by Mr. Akhil Ranjan (Fact Checking reporter at AFP (Agence France-Press) and a Google Certified Fact-check Trainer) who took a session on how to verify photos and videos.

An academic session and workshop on research writing techniques was conducted in February 2020. Focusing on various aspects of social science research, Dr Shivani Kapoor, teaches at Centre for Writing Studies, OP Jindal Global University, delivered a lecture on framing research questions, reviewing the available literature and applying the appropriate methodology. A practical session on reviewing the literature was conducted for the students. The session ended with a fruitful discussion and all faculty members were present in the workshop.

A Print Production Workshop was organized for the third-year students of Journalism on in October. The full-day online workshop was conducted by Mr. Suman Ghosh, Assistant Art Director, Indian Express.

An online workshop on Photoshop, photo-editing was organized for the second-year students in October. The workshop was conducted by Nazish, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism, Bharati College, University of Delhi. In the workshop students were taught the skills how to crop and edit the photos that are suitable to publish. There was also a practical session held with the students.

The Department of **Psychology** organized a career workshop on “Careers in Psychology” for the students. The workshop was conducted by Dr Gagandeep Kaur of Unique Psychological Services in February 2020. The students were apprised with the latest developments in the discipline and careers related to the different branches of psychology, study prospects after bachelors and how to prepare for entrance exams for master’s programs.

The **Book Club** organised an event in collaboration with Expressions – the English creative writing society called Creative Writing Workshop on Speculative Fiction by Anil Menon in the month of January.

Glitz, the fashion society of the college, held a Makeup Workshop with Lakme professionals in February 2020.

Expressions organised a creative writing workshop in November 2020. Prof. Pankaj Challa, Jindal Global University explained important aspects of creative writing with examples from literature.

Kaleidoscope started off the year 2020 with a Workshop on Conducting and Preparation of Quizzes in Delhi Circuit by Anindita Basu in the month of January.

Lakshya coordinated a 2-days workshop by Ms. Saheb Kaur in January 2020 that aimed at writing with successful usage of metaphors.

In the month of September, **Luminoso** held two workshops – an online workshop with Ms Smriti Sangal on Clay Sculpting, and a Quilling workshop conducted by an ex-student Ms Geetanjali Wadhwa.

On the occasion of the 31st National Road Safety Week, **NSS Kamala Nehru** organized an informative workshop in January 2020. The workshop was conducted by Indian Road Safety Campaign and Delhi Traffic Police in collaboration with Hero Motor Corp. which too has launched a campaign called “Be a road hero.”

NSS in collaboration with Unicharm India, organised a Menstrual Hygiene Workshop in July 2020. The representative, Ms Ankita held an informative workshop covering all aspects from the onset of puberty, the process of menstruation, informing the volunteers about PCOD/PCOS and correct ways to practice hygiene during menstruation. She also debunked the various stigmas and taboos surrounding menstruation in India and happily answered any queries the volunteers had.

RISE Cell organised a three-day hands-on workshop on Data Analysis using Microsoft Excel facilitated by Dr. Rahul Sapkal, Assistant Professor at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.

Department of **Geography** became a member of the ambitious outreach training programs conducted by - Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, a constituent body of ISRO, Department of Space, GOI. Four such programs were conducted by the department for the students, using online learning platforms. The program envisaged live interactive session from the scientists along with e-contents and hand on exercises as complementary learning resources. The training program provided opportunity to students, as per the requirement of their course work.

Prospicio, the Placement Cell, took upon itself the responsibility to ensure that the students are prepared for their careers. For this purpose, they conducted various counselling and training sessions like: "Post Covid-19: Challenges and Opportunities for Employment" by Mr. Avadhesh Dixit in May 2020; "The Prospects of Careers in Public Policy and Leadership" by Moolya Foundation in June 2020; "How to Write an SoP" in association with SI-UK and the University of Bristol in August 2020; "Careers in Publishing", in association with the English Department, by Mr. Ambar Sahil Chatterjee, publishing consultant and Batch of 2015 KNC alumni, Ms Shubhali Chopra (Hatchette India) and Ms. Aishwarya Misra (HarperCollins India), in September 2020; and, "New Age Job Seekers and Branding of Self" by Batch of 2015 KNC alumna Ms. Aakanksha Agrawal (Google India) in September 2020.

Educational Field Trips

Two field trips were organized by the Department of **Geography** in the year 2020 before the pandemic and the lockdown phase. Students from BA program, 6th Semester were taken to a field trip to Jaipur, Rajasthan for their course work. Three themes were chosen for their study – tourism products and markets, socio economic patterns of stakeholders in tourism industry, effects of tourism on ecological attributes. The other field trip was organised in Udaipur, Chittaurgarh and Nathdwara in Rajasthan. The 4th Semester Honours students study natural resources and socio-economic responses to their utilization and extraction.

Projects

One of the major highlights of the past year has also been academic projects taken up by faculty members of the college. One such project is the ongoing 'Yoga Consciousness in Mahābhārata and Bhagavadgītā: The Ethical Value for Societal/Political Well-Being' with **Dr Geetesh Nirban** as the Co-Principal Investigator along with Prof Balaganapathi Devarakonda (Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi) as the Principal Investigator under the aegis of SPARC Project (MHRD, Government of India) with coordinating partner as IIT-Kharagpur. The webinar series began in June 2020 and has had 27 lectures until December 2020.

Dr Geetesh Nirban was also the convener of a seven days residential seminar, 'Happiness and Good Life: Philosophical Reflections Through Cultures' from 6th to 12th January 2020 organised by Kamala Nehru College (University of Delhi) and Department of Philosophy (University of Delhi) in association with Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, Washington D.C. The seminar was sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (New Delhi) and DELNET - Developing Library Network (New Delhi). Prof Balaganapathi Devarakonda (Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi) was the Academic Advisor of the seminar.

Gender Awareness and Sensitization

In course of the ongoing discourse on gender-related concerns and themes, Kamala Nehru College continues to involve itself in various sensitization and awareness programmes.

In October 2020, NSS KNC in collaboration with The Pink Initiative and Girl Up: Girl for Girl organized an awareness webinar on Breast Cancer for the occasion of *Pink October*. The webinar was

hosted by *Ujwala Raje*, the co-founder of The Pink Initiative, an organization that works towards creating awareness on Breast Cancer.

NSS Volunteers visited Aurobindo College in February for KHANAK which aimed to celebrate and enjoy Gender Equality. It had speakers of the LGBTQIA+ Community, dance performances and an interaction session with people who work with organisations which work towards promoting Gender Equality.

In June – the LGBT Pride Month, the **Book Club** collaborated with Yours Queerly, KNC's own queer collective wherein students had submitted their write ups, book recommendations and pieces of literature.

In February, **Women's Development Cell** had an informative workshop in collaboration with Pravah – youth development organization on 'Understanding Power, Privilege and System Thinking'.

In March, a workshop in collaboration with Streedhan- was organised on 'What is Rape Culture in India?'

In October, SHLC workshop which was a collaborative event with SHLC (Sexual Harassment and Law Compliance) and WDC Kirori Mal, Hindu College) on 'Understanding Safe Workplaces and your Rights at Internship' was held.

Institutional Social Responsibility

In its commitment to social responsibility, the NSS and NCC wings of the college have organised a number of outreach events.

NSS, Kamala Nehru College organised various outreach programmes.

NSS volunteers started a Covid Care for Neighbours Campaign in May-June 2020 where they would be vigilant of their surroundings and neighbourhoods and made sure to take care of stray animals, provide essential items to those in need and even take time to provide children with equipment and supplies they needed for schools and online classes.

On the occasion of International Yoga Day in June 2020, NSS volunteers with the help of guidelines from the Ministry of AYUSH, practised and preached the message of Yoga and encouraged their families to do the same especially during lockdown.

In October, NSS KNC worked in collaboration with EVP BloodConnect to create awareness on Blood donation and Plasma donation especially in the times of rising COVID cases. As a part of the collaboration NSS coordinated events like Poster Making Competition on Blood donation, Case Study Competition, and an awareness webinar on blood and plasma donation led by Harsh Chaudhary, EVP Operations Head.

NCC cadets of the college also actively participated in the mission to clean and keep the nation and also importantly college surrounding neat under Swachh Bharat week along with active participation in poster making competition and tree plantation drive in their own areas constantly throughout the year.

Sports

NSO and Department of **Physical Education**, Kamala Nehru College organized a carom competition for all NSO students on in January 2020, athletic events (80 mts race, Standing Broad Jump, Shot Put), and fun races for NSO students in February 2020. They also conducted a lecture-cum-practice session on “Yoga For Immunity” by Yogacharya Lalit Madaan in the month of June. The department also organized “Walking Football” match for Academic Staff members in March. The department celebrated National Sports Day by organising a Collage Making Session on Major Dhyan Chand Singh on in August.

Faculty Achievements

Awards and Recognition

Dr Ritambhara Malviya was awarded the first prize for paper presentation in the International Conference on 'Revisiting Gandhi: Peace, Justice and Development' held on October 30-31, 2020 by AAS (Association of Asia Scholars).

Dr Neena Bansal received an award for Propagating Gandhian Values Among Students by Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi on 2nd October 2020.

Dr Geetesh Nirban (Philosophy) received an award for Best College Teacher/Lecturer by Directorate of Higher Education, Government of NCT of Delhi in March 2020.

Awarding of PhD

We are very proud that four members among the college faculty were awarded their respective PhDs: Dr Madhu Khanna (Commerce), Dr Homolata Borah (Geography), Dr Harsh Meena (Political Science), and Dr Mangal Deo (Political Science).

Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Activities

Kamala Nehru College has always been very supportive of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities towards a holistic development of students. And, in view of the same, students are encouraged and benefitted by the opportunities to interact and work with trainers and experts, and participate in events at different levels of competence.

Glitz, the fashion society of Kamala Nehru College, continued to shine with their victories at various inter-college festivals. They held first positions at the annual festivals of Kalindi College, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, and Jaypee Institute of Information Technology.

Nupur, the Indian Dance Society has won a number of awards in folk as well as classical dance in various colleges including Deshbandhu College and Sri Venkateswara College. In the Solo Indian Classical Dance Competition, Sneha Shaji, a third-year student performed in colleges like Sri Venkateswara, SGTB Khalsa, Hansraj College, and others and bagged the second position at Ram Lal Anand College and first position at Atma Ram Sanatan Dharm College, University of Delhi. P.N Sowmyalaxmi, a first-year member also bagged the first position at Sri Venkateswara College.

Sangeetika, the Indian Music Society remained very active until the lockdown period and performed at a number of colleges. The society participated in the annual festival of Gargi College in February 2020 marking the starting of the festival season in Delhi university, and secured 3rd position along with Alankar, the Indian music society of Hindu College.

Time constraint prevents me from mentioning the numerous other achievements of the college and its various stakeholders. They however find a place in the detailed College Report. On this note I would like to conclude by once again thanking the Dignitaries present here, and all those associated with KNC, who have supported and contributed to the vision for KNC in these tough times.

Thank you

Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni

Principal

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