Faculty Convenor: Dr. Soma Sen Gupta

**Student Convenor: Medha Vijay** 

The College fashion Society, 'Glitz' continued to bring accolades for the college even during the academic year 2016-17. The team secured first position in fashion shows organised by University College of Medical Sciences (University of Delhi) and Ramjas College (University of Delhi). In addition, they secured the second position in the festivals of Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (University of Delhi), Institute of Home Economics (University of Delhi) and Manav Rachna University (Faridabad). They also participated and got appreciation in shows organised by AIIMS, Lingaya University (Faridabad), and Institute of Management Technology (Ghaziabad). The girls won 'Best Model' award at many fashion events. The members of the Society have done many shoots for 'Abraxus', a youth magazine.

### Faculty Convenor:Dr.SaritaGhai

### Student Convenor:Srija

In the year 2016-17 Green Beans, the Environment Society of Kamala Nehru College, conducted various workshops, competitions, and events for the College students.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 the Society celebrated the International Day of Forests. They organized intercollege competitions and cultural performances to spread awareness about the diminishing forest resources. Cleanliness Drives are fundamental to the working of the club. The first cleanliness drive of the session was held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and was conducted every Thursday after that. The Society had its orientation on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016 where they welcomed and briefed the new students regarding the history and aims of the Society. Through a video presentation, previous years' works of the Society were shown too. On 14<sup>th</sup> August, Green Beans Society in collaboration with Garden Committee planted a herbal patch near the bamboo rooms area. Members of the Society planted different types of medicinal plants like lemon tree, ajwain, tulsi, patharchatta and others which the teachers got from the Delhi Government Nursery. The Society conducted a paper quilling workshop on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 which witnessed enthusiastic participation from the college students.

In the month of August, the Society in collaboration with Ministry of Environment of NCT of Delhi conducted a six weeks Add On Certificate Course. During this time span, eminent speakers delivered lectures on various aspects related to air pollution, drainage system, waste management, water pollution etc. Field excursions to Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary and Dam Dama Lake were held on 1st October 2016 to familiarize students with the wildlife habitat. The event on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 on the occasion of the World Habitat Day turned out to be very successful. It was an inter-college event and was held second time since its inception. Cash prizes along with the certificates were awarded to winners. Society's members played major role in organizing the event and the planning and execution of the competitions/activities which were all environment related. The Society conducted an anti- cracker campaign on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in which the students shouted slogans and made people aware of the hazards of burning crackers.

### Report 2015

### INITIATIVE: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CELL AND ENABLING UNIT

Faculty Convenors: Dr Jyoti Dhawan and Dr Pankaj Kumar

Student Convenors: Avantika Bakshi (B.Com III Yr), Hina Fatima (B.com III Yr) and Nisha (Hindi Honours I Yr)

The Equal Opportunity Cell/Enabling Unit of Kamala Nehru College celebrated its annual event 'INITIATIVE' on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015, Thursday. A panel-discussion was conducted which was graced by the presence of Justice M. Karpaga Vinayagam (Supreme Court of India) as the chief guest. The topic for the panel discussion was: 'You are so much more than you can see' and the panelists for the session were- Mr.Vikram Dutt (Member, Core Committee on Rehabilitation, GOI), Ms. Preeti Johar (CEO, Family of Disabled), Ms. Disha (Author of Because Life is a Gift), Dr. Sanjeev Chachra (Prof. Department of Commerce, Maharishi Dayanand University), and team representatives from the school, 'Jagriti- A Banyan Tree'. The closing of the ceremony was marked by the performance of 'Swarotkarsh' (a music band of visually-impaired).

IT-Training was given to the students to keep them updated about Information Technology. Remedial Classes were conducted for SC/ST/OBC/PWDs in IT under the program, 'Manage Your Life with IT'.

The Screen Reading software has also been installed on all the computers given to PWDs (staff as well as students).

The cell had its orientation programme in the month of August to introduce freshers with the cell-members, student team and conveners. Student-elections for various posts were conducted and a new team was formed to take charge of organising activities and events. Informal interactive and counselling sessions were held between freshers and senior cell members to build an open and strong bonding among them.

In our pursuit to sensitise and to provide exposure on societal issues, a talk and interactive session was organised in the month of September on the topic, 'The Role of Student in Social Space'. Consultants from the company AT Kearney addressed some such issues, enriching the students. The speakers were also the founding members of an NGO called CSG – Consulting for Social Good, India. It is an organization formed by undergraduate students of IIT Delhi that partners with non-profit organizations on short term solution oriented projects. CSG links talented students who are eager to learn and gain new experiences with non-profit organisations who are often constrained by limited resources. This creates a mutually beneficial relationship, yielding powerful results. The students had a very fruitful interaction with the speakers and learned a lot from their experience.

The EOC students participated as volunteers in 'National Convention For Youth with Disabilities'. They also represented KNC in events organised by NCPEDP (National Center for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People).

**EOC/Enabling Unit** 

Report (January-May 2016)

### **EOC Convenor- Dr. Jyoti Dhawan**

### **Enabling Unit Convenor – MrMohammad Israil**

### Student Convenors-Nisha&Disha

The EOC celebrated its annual event "INITIATIVE" in the month of February. The event was celebrated by organizing Poster Making competition on Disability related Issues. The students from various colleges along with KNC students participated in it. The winners were Shubisingh, ToobaJamal, Priyanka Tanwar from KNC & Taj Ahmad from DCAC.

The Hindi debate on "VIKLANG NAHI DEVYANG?" also had a very enthusiastic participation. The first prize winner was UrvashiSingal of KNC, second prize was given to Avichal from Ramjas, third prize was shared by Gopal(Shivaji college) & Popin(Satyawati).

During afternoon session, "KAVI SAMELAN" was organized in which ten visually impaired renowned poets recited their beautifully written poems on various aspects and hardships of life. The humor was the part & parcel of most of the poems. The audience was awe stuck by listening to these poems which showed immense depth of understanding and sensitivity towards various issues related to our day to day lives. Above all the positivity shown in their words and even their outlook towards life left a sharp impression on all of us.

### Report 2015

**KALEIDOSCOPE: THE QUIZ SOCIETY** 

Faculty Convenor: Rupa Basu

In the past one year, from January – December 2015, Kaleidoscope, the Quiz-Society of KNC has added several distinctions to its credit. It has built a reputation for itself in the Delhi – NCR quizzing circle, established quizzing as a fun activity and encouraged students from KNC to take-it-up with passion and as a means of expanding their knowledge horizon.

The year started with Kaleidoscope collaborating with the Economics Department of the College to conduct an Inter-College economics-based quiz on the Department's annual fest, 'Ecophoria'. This was followed by our annual quiz which is conducted by the society every year at 'Ullas', the annual fest of KNC. The society then collaborated with the English Department of the college to conduct an inter-college 'Harry Potter Quiz' at the department's annual fest 'Litluminous' and gave out various hand-made accessories from the 'Harry Potter World' as prizes.

With the start of the new academic year in August 2015, auditions were conducted in the college to select the *best of the best* for KNC's Quiz society. The Auditions were conducted in two rounds: the first being a written quiz of 15-20 questions and those who cleared the first one advanced to the second-round which was the question-making round. Following the auditions, as per tradition, an intra-college quiz: 'Travel and Food' was conducted by Kaleidoscope Freshers which saw students from various departments of KNC coming together to battle it out in 'Around the World in 15 Questions'. KNC's annual Diwali-cum-NGOMela, 'Adrith' saw Kaleidoscope conducting an intercollege General-quiz which was a huge success.

Kaleidoscope also represented KNC at various quizzes in and around Delhi, from quizzes at Gargi College, DDU, SRCC, JMC, LSR to quizzes at GGSIPU, NDIM, Amity University, NIFT, etc. Teams from the society won – a 'Bollywood Quiz' conducted at Gargi College (DU), Geography Quiz conducted at Kirori Mal College (DU), and secured the finalist position in quizzes conducted at SRCC and Deen Dayal Upadhaya College (University of Delhi).

From next year on, Kaleidoscope hopes to widen its reach even further by organising its own Quiz Fest and keep alive its motto: "Winning quizzes isn't fun unless you learn something along the way."

### DR KK GOROWARA ANNUAL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LECTURE

The 11<sup>th</sup> Dr. K.K. Gorowara Annual Public Memorial Lecture 2015 was delivered by Prof. Krishna Kumar on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 on the subject of 'Higher Education for Girls'.

Report (January-May 2016)

**Faculty Convener: DrSonaMondal** 

Student Convener: SoumyaKhochhar

Kaleidoscope, the quiz society of Kamala Nehru College has been diligently working to make quizzing a popular activity among the students and promote it as a medium of learning, albeit in a

fun way. The previous academic semester witnessed collaborations with various departments of the college in their annual theme-based quizzes along with the society's annual quiz'Inquizzitive' held during the annual college festival, Ullas. Here's a quick glance at steps we took and the activities we conduced to make quizzing a rewarding experience for all.

On 4th Feb 2016, Kaleidoscope, in association with the Economics Department of Kamala Nehru College, organized an economics themed quiz-"Quiz Pro Quo". The preliminary round was general spanning all genres from economics to history, sports, etc. This was followed by Mains round which in addition to questions based on economics included elements of business and current affairs. The quiz received an overwhelming response from a large number of people from various reputed universities.

The History Department of Kamala Nehru College organized a quiz in collaboration with Kaleidoscope at its annual history fest 'Chrono'. Titled "Jashn-e-dilli", the quiz celebrated Delhi, the city we all live in, and was aimed at promoting cultural and heritage awareness. The quiz attracted a lot of participants who battled their wits against similar enthusiasts. The questions were based on monuments, history, politics, people, literature and all the eminent personalities defining the capital city.

Kaleidoscope next collaborated with the English Department of KNC for their annual quiz. "Quizzilain", a quiz based on the indispensable villains of visual and textual media, as well as "real life" villains tested participants on various attributes, mannerisms, dialogues of their beloved antiheroes. The theme, due to its uniqueness appealed to many and the event witnessed great participation.

The Fourth Estate – a media quiz organized by Kaleidoscope – in collaboration with the Journalism Department of Kamala Nehru College was one of its kind. Participants were expected to run knowledge tests in various areas of journalism, also referred to as The Fourth Estate. An overwhelming number of participants graced the session in a fun-filled war of wit, memory, and intelligence.

"Inquizzitive", the annual quiz of Kaleidoscope held during the college festival 'Ullas' observed the coming together of the festive spirit of students with their quest for being the ultimate quizzer. A general quiz, Inquizzitivepresents a blend of topics for the participants to pedal their minds against the people of their kind. Held on 6th of April, 2016, Inquizzitive was a great success. The cooperation of our teachers and team members played an important role in making Inquizzitive a great success, which wrapped up our super- busy semester.

Kaleidoscope is known in the Delhi Quizzing Circle for the quality of the questions in theirquizzes. A combined effort of teachers, society members and volunteers is what makes the society shine.

Faculty Convenor: Dr. Monami Basu

Student Convenor: Radhika Dhawan

The Dramatics Society of Kamala Nehru College, Lakshya, is synonymous with the celebration of theatre in every form. It is one of the most active theatre societies in the Delhi University theatre circuit. In the fourteen years, since its inception, the Society has been able to carve a niche for itself within the university and outside. Having made street plays on pivotal issues like mental illness, women empowerment, fast pace of life, human trafficking, manipulated judicial decisions favouring the rich and the powerful etc. The Society has performed across different cities in India. Previous productions have won at events like IIT Bombay, IIM Ahmedabad, NIFT Delhi, IIFT etc.

The street production for 2016 "Justice Abhi Baaki Hain" was selected for the Rangmanch theatre festival of NSD. The play got critical acclaim at various universities and was chosen to perform for Safdar Hashmi Diwas. The session 2016-17's street production titled 'Badhazmi' is based on the issue of rape culture and normalized acceptance of the same in the Society. The play received the first prize at Sri Aurobindo College and has been critically appreciated. The stage production for 2017, 'Shahira Ke Naam', a play within a play, shares the tale of two lovers parted in the 1947 India-Pakistan partition. It was selected to perform at the prestigious Sri Ram Centre in the last week of January.

Faculty Convenor: Ms. Shikha Prakash

### Student Convenor:AnkitaLalwani

In the academic session 2016-17, Luminoso worked on its annual college Aesthetic improvement work. This included painting several murals based on traditional Indian painting styles such as Madhubani, Warli and Kalamkari. Luminoso extended its painting work from the informal areas to the teacher's staff room, which now has a beautifully painted mural too. They also worked on collecting interesting celebratory facts about our college which are now framed and put up for students to read. We held a hands-on workshop on Madhubani painting by Mr. Mishra in September 2016. This is part of their initiative to introduce students to varied art forms. Currently they are busy preparing for the annual college festival Ullas.

### Faculty Convenor:Dr. Bharti Dave

### President of Alumnae Association: Dr. Amrita Bajaj

MadhurSmriti, the Alumnae Association of Kamala Nehru College, is now a registered Society. Dr Amrita Bajaj, Deputy Dean Students Welfare, DU, is the first president of the Association. Following is the list of all office bearers:

- 1. Dr. Amrita Bajaj, Deputy Dean Students Welfare, University of Delhi: President
- 2. Dr. Shabana Khan, Director Indian Research Institute: Vice President
- 3. .Ms. Mrinal Sharma, Project Officer, Prison Reform Programme Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI): General Secretary
- 4. Dr. NupurKataria, Assitant Professor, Delhi University: Joint Secretary
- 5. Ms. SonalKhurana, Proprietor, 'The Little Cake Bake': Joint Secretary
- 6. Dr. SonaMandal, Assistant Professor, Delhi University, KNC: Tresurer

In addition to actively engaging with our alumni we now have an Online Alumnae Network. They partnered with Valumni Networks, an integrated alumni platform to address all the Alumni Management needs of Schools, Colleges and Companies for this purpose.

Shrinkhala, the association of superannuated teachers of the KNC, is very active and has organised several seminars and other programmes in the College in the past. Members of Shrinkhala meet in the college periodically and are continuously updated about the college activities. In all there are 68 members who are invited for all college functions and seminars. Several members actively interact through a Shrinkhala WhatsApp group.

Faculty Convenor: Ms. Jayanti Bala Gupta

**Student Convenor: SUO Vaishali** 

National Cadet Corps of Kamala Nehru College has been zealously making efforts to take the Society to a resplendent platform. The batch of 2016-17 was full of renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

Tracing back to the month of January 2016, our very able cadets- Cadet Dhwani Gupta, Cadet Sri Vaishnavi and Cadet Neha Mishra were a part of the Republic Day Camp. Cadet Neha Mishra was also a part of NCC girls marching contingent on Rajpath on the 26thJanuary. This was followed by the NCC contingent performing Guard for the Honourable Chief Minister of Delhi, Shri Arvind Kejriwal, on the occasion of College Day. Then took place the auspicious Rank Giving Ceremonyin the month of August accompanied by the CM Rallyon 15th August wherein SUO Swathika Narayanan became the company commander and Cadet Monika also got selected. NCC cadets in the month of October started with the mission to clean the College and the surroundings under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Campaign, marking the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. An oath taking ceremony was organised wherein the NCC teacher-in-charge, Ms. Jayanti Bala, staff and around 100 cadets swore to keep our premises as well as surroundings neat and clean. They even went to the area of Gautam Nagar to clean and spread the message of cleanliness through a march where cadets raised beautiful slogans to sensitize people on the issue. Then came the grand NCC fest VIRIKA on the 25th October. Cadets from various colleges participated in different competitions organized by our college and the function was presided over by the Chief Guest 4DGBN commanding officer Colonel Nitin Chauhan. On the 26th of November, our very able cadets- SUO Swathika Narayanan and Cadet Anchal got selected to pay homage at the Amar JawanJyoti, India Gate. In January 2017, our cadet HimanshiDahia got selected for the Republic Day Camp and also in the girls marching contingent at Rajpath.

Faculty Convenor: Dr. Sarita Sharma

Student Convenor: Ayushi Paul

NSS team conducted a blood donation camp on 11th March 2016 with the motto of helping those in need. The team collaborated with BLOOD CONNECT, a youth organization which provides a 360 degree solution to the shortage of blood in the country. Their team, comprising student volunteers and doctors, came to Kamala Nehru College with all the equipments. It was a five-hour camp-event and saw the participation of over 150 donors who left the camp with a sense of worth after donating blood to save a life.

Following the International Yoga Day celebrations all around the world, KNC conducted an event in the college on 21st June, 2016. The NSS and the National Cadet Corps (NCC) had an equal hand in conducting and organizing the event. KNC witnessed about 70-80 student participants who gathered in College premises at around 6:45 a.m. The instructor was arranged by the NCC unit of the college. The schedule directed by the government of India was strictly followed by the instructor and the students. After allotting the participants in their respective places, the event began at 7 a.m. The event went on for an hour and was over by 8 a.m. After the event, the students were thanked for their participation and cooperation and were given refreshments. Each volunteer was allotted with 2 hours of attendance for participating in the event.

16th August 2016 marked the beginning of the 'Swachhta Pakhwara', a special fortnight campaign, in Kamala Nehru College. The campaign began with the Oath-taking Ceremony on 16th where all the NSS volunteers took an oath to sincerely participate in NSS. The next two days i.e. 17th and 18th August were dedicated towards cleaning every nook and cranny in and around the college. The volunteers were divided into pairs/ small groups and designated various classes. They cleaned the boards and dusted the furniture and arranged them in a neat order.

The efforts were not only limited to inside the rooms but also on the grounds, canteen, and auditorium foyer.

On the following days, the volunteers went to a nearby village Shahpur Jat. A survey was conducted about the cleanliness conditions of the village and the people, making queries about issues relating to garbage collection and anti-mosquito fumigation in the monsoon months.

Another day was spent in spreading awareness about cleanliness and sanitation. The participants went door to door delivering handouts informing the locals about the related agencies. The students also cleaned the lanes of the village, disposing off garbage and collecting biodegradable rejects for future use. Taking the message for a clean Delhi outside College, the students gathered around India Gate to ensure larger outreach. On the last day of campaign the volunteers acting as "Swachhta Senani" ensured that no garbage was dumped in public places. In this way, the campaign aimed to achieve its goal of spreading awareness about keeping our surroundings clean.

NSS Day at Kamala Nehru College, held on 24th September 2016 took up the issue of Drug Abuse and saw a variety of events throughout the day. The day started off with an Impromptu NSS Talent Showcase in the Chaupal from 10:30 am-12 noon. Messages were sent across messaging platforms and a number of students showed up to participate. Activities such as acting and speech took place in the Talent Showcasing. After the Talent round, the rally against Drug Abuse took place within the college campus from 12-1 PM, with students holding up slogans and banners to spread awareness of the dangers of drug abuse. Students also submitted a number of slogans on the issue of Drug Abuse to the NSS team members, which were also used in the rally.

A Workshop was held in the NSS University Office for NSS representatives from each college to equip them with the basic know how of the procedure underlying application for applying for a Voter's Id. The student volunteers were trained with the aim of reproducing the same for the students back at their respective colleges. Following the workshop, Election Officers were available in the College campus to assist the students with application forms and the process. A huge number of students applied for their voter ID cards and the initiative was an overall success.

The National Service Scheme of Kamala Nehru College held its oath taking ceremony in the College campus on November 2, 2016. The oath was read out in both Hindi and English, and the students pledged to uphold the sovereignty, integrity and unity of the country. After the ceremony, there was a run for unity on the college grounds. The students, along with the teachers in charge, took an entire round of the college ground in the spirit of unity, integrity and sovereignty. On 3rd November 2016, a street play on the theme 'Unity' was organized where NSS volunteers participated and showcased their acting talent. The volunteers centred the theme around portrayal of 'Unity is Strength'.

Faculty Convenor: Dr. Sushma Choudhary

Student Convenors: Shreya Banerjee and Trishya Verma

Nupur, the Indian Classical and Folk Dance Society of Kamala Nehru College, is one of the oldest societies of this College. Currently Nupur family consists of 20 members in the folk group and 7 members in the classical group. In the folk category Nupur has performed various dance forms such as Gidda, Bhangra, Kaalbeliya, Bengali folk and Lavni. In the duet and solo categories under classical and folk group, Nupur has won many laurels in colleges such as St. Stephens, IGDTU, SNU and IIT.

For the year 2015-16, the annual production of the Society was a Dandiya Raasleela where Lord Krishna was shown to be playing with Radha and other Gopis along the banks of river Yamuna. It was a very vibrant and energetic dance.

Nupur was also invited to perform at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts by the Cultural Ministry of Delhi on the occasion of Basant Panchami in the year 2016. The performance there was widely appreciated. The NAAC Committee, during their inspection in September 2016, was extremely pleased with Nupur's performance of Dandiya Raasleela and a classical fusion of Bharatnatyam, Kathak and Kshatriya dance forms. During the month of September, Nupur organised a Dance Workshop, 'Odissa – The Aesthetics', under the guidance of Guru Madhumita Raut. She is a renowned Odisssi dancer and the event was a huge success.

The members of Nupur are always enthusiastic and have an optimistic view towards learning new dance forms. In the year 2016-17, the annual production of Nupur is a Rajasthani folk form, called Chari dance.

Faculty Convenor: Dr. Pankaj Kumar

Student Convenor: Mansimran Kaur

The Placement Cell of Kamala Nehru College had a successful season as companies such as Ernst & Young, KPMG, NIIT, visited the campus for recruitment from various courses. Students were hired for different job profiles such as Audit Associate, Forensic Analyst and Content developers and more. Other companies such as Genpact, Wipro and UrbanClap are also lined up for their recruitment drives.

Apart from providing employment opportunities to the students, the Placement Cell also focuses on the need of making them employable. In this aspect various workshops such as Soft skills, CV writing, Interview preparations, Defence as a career, Psychometric tests are conducted by renowned organisations such as Ernst & Young, EdElevate, Talerang. The Cell also receives offers to provide fellowships by organisations like Teach For India. Apart from this we also receive offers for off campus placements in companies like Price Waterhouse Cooper, Times Internet Limited and Inshorts.

Faculty Convenor: Dr. Shubhra Sinha

**Student Convenor: Debashree Basu** 

The Indian Music Society has always been at the forefront in all cultural activities held at College and elsewhere. On the eve of Republic Day, the Sangeetika choir presented a string of popular patriotic songs amidst the students and the staff. For the College day celebrations, in the second week of February, the choir presented invocation and enthralled the audience with their recital. The choir also participated in the inaugural ceremony of annual college festival Ullas 2016, the national seminar of Geography department and Student's farewell held in the month of April.

One of the highlights of Ullas 2016 was annual Indian music competition 'Swaranjali', held on 7<sup>th</sup>April 2016. Number of colleges of Delhi and NCR participated in the categories namely: Instrumental Solo and Indian Group Choir. The competetition was judged by the eminent musicians Ms.Deepti Sharma Pandit and Shri Avinash Kumar. The Indian music Society also participated in several festivals organised by the colleges of Delhi and NCR and brought laurels for the college. The choir won second prize in the group song at Khalsa College, PGDAV (Eve) College and third prize at IP College. Anushri Ganeriwala and Shruti Mishra won solo prizes in semi classical and light music competitions at Sri Venkateshwara College, GTBIT, Gargi College and Jesus and Mary College. The Indian Music Society of KNC has continued to contribute in various activities held in the college during July- December 2016. The Society participated on the Orientation day, marking the beginning of new academic session and also welcomed the freshers in the month of August 2016. The Society conducted its general auditions on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and re-auditions on 9<sup>th</sup> August. On 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016, the college celebrated the Independence Day in which Sangeetika presented a medley of heart warming patriotic songs. During the NAAC visit, a cultural function was held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and the choir presented a mesmerizing inaugural invocation with live music. Sangeetika organised an Intra College Singing Competition on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016, encompassing categories like semi classical, patriotic, light and folk, which saw an overwhelming participation. The Society also represented Kamala Nehru College in the Indian music choir event of Antaragni 2016, the annual cultural festival of IIT Kanpur (20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016) and received a lot of appreciation for their performance.

Faculty Convener: Dr. Geetesh Nirban

Student Conveners: KajalKumari and MeghnaJalan

Since the inception of this Society in 2007, its enthusiastic team has been working to build a culture of peace and values through organizing talks, meetings, seminars, workshops, and interactive sessions as well as conducting field visits.

The year 2016 started with an interactive session on 'Peace and the Lessons in Biology' with Mr. Come Carpentier, Convener of the Editorial Board of the World Affairs Journal, (a quarterly publication dedicated to international issues) as the guest speaker on 27th January 2016. The speaker explained how biological principles work in enhancing and diminishing the peace building capacities in human beings. A book mark was released quoting the essentiality of peace: 'Conflict cannot survive without participation and peace is looking for an address.'

On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 'Eco-dharma'- a documentary on the Bishnoi community in Rajasthan was screened. Subsequent to the documentary, the team had an academically stimulating discussion with the filmmakers Ms. MalgorzataSkiba, from Poland and Mr. S Kumar, from India to learn about environmental values of the indigenous community of Rajasthan and their struggle to protect their age old traditions. A bookmark was released highlighting the need to protect environment, which read, 'I don't want to protect the environment, I want to create a world where the environment doesn't need protection'.

The annual event of 'Celebrating diversity through Chutneys' took place on the same day with members of the team arranging the chutneys from all over India for a joint lunch to celebrate unity and diversity for cultural harmony.

Later in the year, an interactive session was held on 'Benefits of Vedic Nutrition in Modern times' with Dr. Shikha Sharma, a renowned Nutritionist and founder of Nutri Health Wellness Centre, on 21st October 2016. She emphasized on the importance of cultivating Vedic nutritive values for a qualitatively enriching life in modern times. To commemorate the event, a bookmark was released with the quote, 'Exercise is king, nutrition is queen, put them together and you've got a kingdom'.

The semester was concluded with a session on 'Peace and values' with the principal of Kamala Nehru College, Dr. KalpanaBhakuni. The session held on3rd April 2017 was aimed at providing an insight into the objectives and workings of Shining Network. The student members of SN prepared small couplets and citations on the values that they cherish, shared their plans for the forthcoming year towards peace building activities as well as how they would incorporate the mindfulness techniques to cultivate inner peace. To commemorate the event, a bookmark was released with the quote, 'Values are the pearls on the strong of life'. The traditional 'Celebrating diversity through Chutney' event was held after the discussion session.

We are happy to announce that student convenors for the year 2017-18 are ShrutiAppalla and FaizaAzhar while Bhavya Bhatia will be the cultural coordinator.

Film Presentations by Shining Network-Youth Empowering and Value Creating Society

The team Shining Network makes an effort to give expressions to its thoughts, ideas, concerns and the issues that bother the young minds through short film presentations. These presentations are usually made for the specific interactive sessions as an introduction to the topic of discussion. One could check out the following links....

- Ageing and Aged.... <a href="http://youtu.be/qjQPzDHpBf8">http://youtu.be/qjQPzDHpBf8</a>
- Expressions as Life Skill.... <a href="http://youtu.be/91BD-UiGEsQ">http://youtu.be/91BD-UiGEsQ</a>
- An Attempt.... <a href="http://youtu.be/PWoRU4fIV8M">http://youtu.be/PWoRU4fIV8M</a>
- Melee of Questionshttp://youtu.be/ 4wkk2CVUPM
- Reflection.... <a href="http://youtu.be/WA5r8ryra91">http://youtu.be/WA5r8ryra91</a>
- Presentation on life skills.... <a href="http://youtu.be/wB8ChulBsVY">http://youtu.be/wB8ChulBsVY</a>
- Film on Young Mind.... <a href="http://youtu.be/lmXr702MtbU">http://youtu.be/lmXr702MtbU</a>



**Team Shining Network 2014** 



**Team Shining Network 2016-17** 

### Report 2015

### **SHRINKHALA and MADHUR SAMRITI**

'Shrinkhala' the association of superannuated teachers of the KNC and Madhur Smriti, the Alumni Society of KNC, as a part of Golden Jubilee celebrations of the College organised a Panel Discussion on women issues on 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2014. The panellist were Ms. Monika Halan who spoke on 'Women and Financial Literacy', Professor Karuna Chanana spoke on 'Women and Higher Education' and Dr. Sati Bajaj on 'Women and Nutrition'. The panellists had a good interaction with the students. This was followed by 'Saptak' a cultural programme based on literature and performing arts. On the 14th of January 2015, Shrinkhala organised a musical afternoon with Ms. Shubha Mudgal.

Members of Shrinkhala have donated the bust of Dr. Gorowara, the founding Principal of the College. The bust was installed in the library in August 2015 and inaugurated by Dr. Minoti Chatterjee, the then Principal. The members met in the month of October, and the Principal, Dr. Rita Malhotra recited a few of her poems on the occassion.

*Madhur Samriti*, the alumni association of *Kamala Nehru College* is attempting to reach out to more of our old students, through the alumni Facebook page. Students can register themselves and get an update on the college events.

Faculty Convenor: Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni

**Student Convenor: Samridhi Arora** 

On March 17, 2016 members of the Society participated in a photo walk, organized by Vivre, the photography Society of Hindu College, Delhi University. The meeting point was Vishwavidyalay Metro Station and from there the walk started. It continued till the Kamala Nehru Ridge. Interesting shots were captured during the walk, ranging from nature to portraits. From the Ridge, the members walked back to Hindu College and attended the photography exhibition. It was great experience for all – the members of both the societies interacted with each other. On 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 the members held another photo walk through the streets of Shahpur Jat and explored stimulating views of the studios, boutiques, street vendors etc. For the National Conference on 'Himalayan Perspectives' there was an on-line photography contest organised by Snapshots. The entries were invited under 3 sub-headings- Young as Himalayas, Beautiful as Himalayas and Challenging as Himalayas. It witnessed enthusiastic participation from all over the country. On 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 Snapshots in collaboration with Pearl Academy, Delhi, organised a Workshop on the theme of 'Portrait Photography'. The well-known photographer John Edwards gave hands-on training and valuable tips to the members on portrait making.

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### THE STUDENTS UNION ELECTION 2017-2018

PRESIDENT	RIDHI JAIN	Political Science IIIrd Year
VICE-PRESIDENT	MUSHKAAN KOHLI	Sociology (H) IInd Year
SECRETARY	RITIKA	Hindi (H) llnd year
TREASURER	MUSKAN	B.A. (Prog.) Ist Year
PROCTOR-IIIrd YEAR	ANANYA AGARWAL	B.Com (H) IIIrd Year
PROCTOR-IInd YEAR	RITIKA BHATNAGAR	Sociology IInd Year
PROCTOR- Ist YEAR	PEARL	English (H) Ist year

## STUDENTS' UNION

Faculty Convenors: Dr. Ritu Sharma, Ms. Sona Mandal,

ULLAS, our annual cultural festival was organised in March 2015, by the Students' Union. Different Inter-College competitions were organised by our very own, talented, college societies.

Ullas 2015 was held on the 2nd and 3rd of March and the cultural societies of the college conducyed inter college competitions which saw a huge participation. Krishnakumar Kunath (popularly known as KK) was the star of the day. He is an Indian Playback singer. He is a prominent singer in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Malyalam films. He entertained the crowd with his mesmerizing collection of songsand the show was a great hit.

The college Freshers' Party provides a warm welcome to the first year students, introducing them to college life. KNC HT Freshers' was held on Tuesday, 25th of August 2015. The theme of the party was Indo-Western. There was a lot of enthusiasm among the freshers. A lot of people participated and they were judged on the basis of their talent. Finally Sanjana Jain (Psychology dSepartment) was declared Miss Fresher's 2015.

The new Students' Union was elected on 23rd September 2015. The following candidates were elected for the same: President- Arpita Chakravorty, Vice President- Ashima Bansal, General Secretary- Jasleen Kanda, Treasurer- Soumya Gaur, Proctor 3rd Year- Himani Sain, Proctor 2nd Year- Komal Priya Singh, and Proctor 1st Year- Ritu Yadav.

The Students' Union along with NSS organised Adrith'15—the NGO-cum-Diwali Mela in November which was a huge success.

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Faculty Convenor: Ms. Nidhi Bhandari

Student Convenor (Choir): PiyaPodder

Student Convenor (Band): Rhythm Mathur

Zephyr, the Western Music Society of Kamala Nehru College, is a group of varied singers who have come together to create music. It comprises of the choir and the college band. The choir is an *acapella* group that creates the sound of instruments through their vocal chords. Students are selected through three rounds of auditions on the basis of their talent, ability to blend, hard work and the passion to learn. The new members of the group are then divided into separate sub-groups like bass, altos and sopranos, according to their respective voices.

Zephyr successfully hosted the annual inter-college competition Rhythm 'n' Blues during ULLAS2016 with numerous participant colleges. Our judges this year were Sharmila Livingston (musician, director and entrepreneur) and PanviPodder (vocalist and instructor at Performers Collective, Gurgaon). The choir secured the first position at Miranda House, Sri Venkateshwara College, Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology and Indraprastha College for Women in the group category. It stood second in the same category at Janki Devi Memorial College, Jesus and Mary College, Indian Institute of Technology(Delhi) and Shiv Nadar University. The choir secured third position at Delhi Technological College, Kirori Mal College and Hindu College in the same category. With a total of ten University-level prizes this session, the choir ended their academic year on a note of high enthusiasm.

The Rumoured Project (TRP), a band of alternate rock genre, performs covers as well as self composed pieces. As a new initiative, TRP organised the Battle of Bands, BASSDROP, as a part of the college festival ULLAS 2016. The event was a huge success: 24 bands registered themselves from within and outside Delhi, of which 5 were shortlisted for the final round.

TRP won the first prize at the competition hosted by Indian Institute of Law and Management and was shortlisted in competitions held at Indian Institute of Technology (Kanpur), Netaji Subhash Chandra Institute of Technology, University College of Medical Sciences and Ansal University. In the academic year 2015-16, the band composed its own piece titled "Life as we know it", a melodious mixture of vocals and alternate beats. The band plans to shoot a video for the song in the upcoming year and continue to compose its own music.

### अभिव्यक्ति

### हिंदी वाद -विवाद समिति

'अभिव्यक्ति' (हिंदी वाद –विवाद समिति) छात्राओं को वाद –विवाद के माध्यम से समय,समाज, देश,राजनीति और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दृष्टिकोण के निरन्तर परिवर्तित होते परिदृश्य को व्यापक पटल पर प्रस्तुत करने का अवसर प्रदान करती है। 'अभिव्यक्ति' समिति वर्ष भर कई वाद –विवाद प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन करती रहती है। नवागत छात्राओं के लिए विशेष रूप से 'नवागत वाद –विवाद' - प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया जाता है।इसके अतिरिक्त अंतःकक्षा वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता, आशुभाषण प्रतियोगिता, अन्तःमहाविद्यालय वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का,अन्तःमहाविद्यालय आशुभाषण प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन समय-समय पर किया जाता है।छात्राएं अन्य महाविद्यालयों की प्रतियोगिताओं में भी भाग लेतीं हैं और पुरस्कृत भी होती रहीं हैं।

हिंदी साहित्य परिषद् के तत्वाधान में 18 सितम्बर 2014 को अंतर-महाविद्यालय प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। विषय था-'भूमंडलीकरण के दौर में हिंदी की अस्मिता संकट में है।' डॉ.हरीश अरोड़ा (असिस्टेंट प्रोफ़ेसर,हिंदी विभाग, पी.जी.डी.ए.वी.कॉलेज, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय)एवं श्रीमती गीताश्री (सुप्रख्यात लेखिका) तथा श्री मनीष शर्मा (एंकर एवं प्रोड्यूसर,ABVP,NEWS CHANNEL) आदि निर्णायकगण में उपस्थित थे। इस प्रतियोगिता के पुरस्कृत छात्र थे –पहला पुरस्कार-यामिनी पाल (लेडी श्रीराम कॉलेज ,दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय) दूसरा पुरस्कार-उमरशाह (हिंदी विभाग, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय),तीसरा पुरस्कार- उर्वशी सिंघल (बी.ए .राजनीति विज्ञान, 'विशेष' द्वितीय वर्ष) , और सांत्वना पुरस्कार प्रतिष्ठा राव (राजधानी कॉलेज,दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय)और राजीव रंजन (विधि संकाय ,दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय) को प्रदान किया गया।

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जुलाई 2015 में अभिव्यक्ति समिति द्वारा हिंदी वाद-विवाद में इच्छुक नवागत छात्राओं का नामांकन किया गया और कॉलेज द्वारा आयोजित ओरिएंटेशन कार्यक्रम में संबोधित भी किया गया । 26 अगस्त 2015 को प्रथम चरण में कॉलेज की विशेषत प्रथम वर्ष की छात्राओं के लिए 'नवागत वाद –विवाद प्रतियोगिता' का आयोजन किया गया | इस प्रतियोगिता का विषय था – 'हमारे देश में लोकतांत्रिक व्यवस्था हैं किन्तु लोकतांत्रिक मूल्य नहीं ' | इस प्रतियोगिता के निर्णायक मण्डल में उपस्थित थे – डॉ.रीता सिन्हा (असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर,हिंदी विभाग) तथा डॉ. साधना अग्रवाल (असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर,हिंदी विभाग) | श्रद्धा श्रीवास्तव (बी .ए.,प्रोग्राम , 215, प्रथम वर्ष), राम भतेरी (बी .ए..हिंदी,विशेष, 305, प्रथम वर्ष), मानसी (बी .ए. ,प्रोग्राम ,591 प्रथम वर्ष), को क्रमशःप्रथम ,द्वितीय एवं तृतीय का नकद पुरस्कार एवं प्रमाण पत्र से सम्मानित किया गया | सांत्वना पुरस्कार प्री(148,बी.ए.हिंदी, विशेष,प्रथम वर्ष ) तथा पूजा (439, बी.ए.हिंदी, विशेष,प्रथम वर्ष) को प्रदान किया गया |

26 अगस्त 2015 को ही प्रतियोगिता के दूसरे चरण में अन्तःकक्षा वाद- विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन भी किया गया। इस प्रतियोगिता में द्वितीय,तृतीय एवं एम्.ए. की छात्राओं ने भाग लिया। उर्वशी सिंघल(बी.ए .राजनीति विज्ञान, 'विशेष' तृतीय वर्ष), कोमल उपाध्याय (मनोविज्ञान विशेष, 119, द्वितीय वर्ष) तथा चेतना अरोड़ा (बी.ए.अर्थशास्त्र, विशेष तृतीय वर्ष), क्रमशःप्रथम, द्वितीय एवं तृतीय का नकद पुरस्कार एवं प्रमाण पत्र से सम्मानित किया गया। सांत्वना पुरस्कार रिश्म (बी.ए. हिंदी, विशेष, 560, द्वितीय वर्ष) और सोनम (बी.ए .राजनीति विज्ञान, 'विशेष' 507, तृतीय वर्ष) को प्रदान किया गया।

इसके अतिरिक्त अभिव्यक्ति समिति की ओर से छात्राओं ने दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय से सम्बंधित अनेक कॉलेजों में आयोजित वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता में भाग लिया | 22-23 जनवरी 2015 को एस. जी .टी .बी .खालसा कॉलेज द्वारा आयोजित 'धर्मांतरण निषेध विधेयक 'पार्लियामेंट्री डिबेट में अलीशा(पत्रकारिता विशेष ,द्वितीय वर्ष) और कोमल (मनोविज्ञान विशेष,119,द्वितीय वर्ष ) ने भाग लिया | 17 फ़रवरी 2015 को सत्यवती कॉलेज द्वारा आयोजित 'पॉवर कैन प्रोडयुस हुथ और नॉट ' वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता में कोमल (मनोविज्ञान विशेष, 119,द्वितीय वर्ष ) ने भाग लिया और बेस्ट इन्टरजेक्शन का पुरस्कार प्राप्त किया | 19 सितम्बर 2015 को वेंकटेशवर कॉलेज द्वारा आयोजित 'चॉइस बेस्ड क्रेडिट सिस्टम लागु होने से भारत की उच्च शिक्षा व्यवस्था में सुधार होगा 'विषय पर आधारित वाद –विवाद प्रतियोगिता में त्रिश्या वर्मा(बी. ए. फिलोसोफी ,विशेष,783, प्रथम वर्ष) और श्रद्धा श्रीवास्तव (बी.ए. ,प्रोग्राम , 215 ,प्रथम वर्ष ) ने भाग लिया |