



eManaswini

Gargi College Alumni e-newsletter

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From The Principal's Desk



I am very happy to see that Gargi College Alumni Association is bringing out its first newsletter called eManaswini.

Many students of Gargi College are leading research scientists, professors, sports person, civil servants and entrepreneurs. Some are working in army, media and film industry. They all are busy with their own profession and life. They may or may not be in touch with each other or with their alma mater. I am sure that alumni association through eManaswini will provide a mechanism for keeping in touch with each other, making new contacts and friends both at personal and business level. In addition it will keep them informed about the progress and development of their alma mater. I hope our alumni will be of great help for the college with their suggestions. In the past our alumni have contributed towards the development of college infrastructure (especially the college auditorium) and I am sure many more will join in the further expansion of the college (New Academic Block).

I congratulate the editorial team for this beginning and looking forward to reading the issue.

Dr. Shashi Tyagi

Principal (Acting)

Editor's Message



I have great pleasure in introducing this newsletter of Gargi College Alumni Association called 'Manaswani'. This association was started in 2003 and the first Alumni meet was held in 2005. Ever since the association has been gradually growing and maturing under the leadership of Dr. Sheela K.S. as its president, helped by an executive committee and a teacher's extended committee.

Recently I have taken over as the president. We understand that our alumni are very busy with their current tasks-at-hand and hence find it difficult to visit Gargi, let us meet in cyberspace. This newsletter is one step in this direction. This will be sent to alumni by email and they can further email it to all their Gargi contacts. The very idea of this eNewsletter is to build-up a network of alumni and to suggest various options to them regarding their involvement in college life. Here are some suggestions:

- ◆ Adopt a student for financial support.
- ◆ Give scholarships to meritorious students.
- ◆ Mentor students; help selected individuals.
- ◆ Generally come and talk to students about enhancement of skills.
- ◆ Alumni contributions may be included in the College Magazine.
- ◆ Achievements of alumni could be included in the Principal's annual report and the college prospectus.
- ◆ A separate website could be created for the Alumni Association.
- ◆ Extended Students Committee could add more members who are interested in getting involved with the above mentioned activities.

I hope you can select what suits you the most and enjoy keeping the link with your Alma Mater.

Following are the major activities undertaken by the alumni association this year.

- ◆ **Organized an alumni meet on January 6, 2013.** More than three hundred members participated. In addition to social component, discussions were held on involving alumni in college life. Students' Union office bearers and presidents of all departmental societies were invited to the meet to interact with the visiting old students. Gargi students entertained the visitors with songs and dances. All present enjoyed an interactive game. Five distinguished alumni, 36 retired teachers and 21 retired non-teaching staff members were honoured with mementos.
- ◆ **A counselling session was organized on March 6, 2013,** where an old student Dr. Monalisa Sen made a presentation and held discussions with science students regarding future educational and carrier options.
- ◆ **The following have been started for alumni interaction:**
 - Google discussion group: gargicollegealumni@googlegroups.com
 - Facebook page for alumni: **Gargi Manaswini**
 - Email ID for alumni: gargialumni@gmail.com
- ◆ Ms. Monika Sood a distinguished alumna of Gargi College awarded scholarships to two outstanding sports students of the college.

I am grateful to Ms. Seema Sirpal for volunteering to help me with bringing out this very first newsletter as the joint editor and to Ms Rajni for collecting information about all the events of different departments as the reporter of eManaswini.

I thank Dr. Meera Ramachandran, ex-Principal Gargi College for her enthusiasm and encouragement towards this eNewsletter and look forward to her contributions for the next issue. I also thank Dr. Shashi Tyagi, Principal, for her support.

Comments and suggestions about this newsletter eManaswini are most welcome. An email ID, a Facebook page and a Google group should help us build an interactive alumni association. Alumni may send me a few lines about their achievements to be included in the next issue of eManaswani.

Dr Gita Mathur

Editor, eManaswini

and

President, Alumni Association Gargi College

ADDING THE PERSONAL TOUCH

Some Memorable Moments of the Alumni Reunion held in the New Auditorium on January 6, 2013



Founder President



I Remember :

It gives me great pleasure to write about the Six Alumni Reunions that were held when I was the President of the Association. When Dr. Gita Mathur, current President of the Alumni Association asked me to reminisce about the Reunions, I sat down to think about why

The first reason obviously was that I am an Alumna of this institution which started me off on my life path. Secondly, the love from all my teachers, now friends and colleagues, when I was asked to take up the job. Thirdly, the commitment that I felt towards all the Alumna of the college which motivated me to organize the Reunions.

We started from scratch when we began. The first thing we did was to write the constitution, decide on a logo and motto and ensured automatic funding for this Association from the graduating third years only. After having ensured financial stability we turned our attention to organizing the meets. Though we tried to ensure that the Reunion happened every year, it unfortunately could not be done due to our changing work schedules.

The first reunion that was organized was held on the evening of 24th December 2002 which I remember was a rainy day. The first executive committee comprised Dr. Sushmita Chowdhury, Ms. Madhu Kumar, Ms. Neelima Mathur and Dr. Kavita Vasdev. We were apprehensive about whether the Alumni would come, though it had been advertised extensively. As time went by Alumni started trickling in and the seminar hall eventually did fill up. Since this was the First Reunion, there was a palpable sense of excitement and on our part a quiet glow of success after the meet. Dr. Hema V. Raghavan, then the Principal, appreciated the gathering and hoped that we would grow from strength to strength.

Since then the executive committee has expanded, we have decided to honour our retired teachers and non academic staff, felicitate the alumni and also sell memorabilia. We contributed Rupees Two Lakh from the Alumni fund towards building the auditorium and have supported some students financially, believing firmly that the Alumni have to give back to the Alma Mater.

This year's successful reunion was organized by Dr. Gita Mathur, where we felicitated the then Principal Dr. Meera Ramachandran. Alumni reunion was held for the first time in the New Auditorium of Gargi College.

It has been a learning experience working for the Alumni Association and I fondly remember and thank all the members of the executive committee who worked hard to make all the Reunions a success.

Dr. Sheela K.S.

Revisiting Gargi College ---- A walk down memory lane :

On a very cold and chilly January morning as I stepped into the college memories of more than a decade flashed back. After leaving Gargi College, I realized how much fun it was to be in a girl's college. It was a time of no internet and no mobile phones, but still we friends, used to have a great time together. Now I just hope to get



back my friends contact through social networking websites and hopefully through this new initiative of Gargi to start an alumni newsletter!!!

Time passed with more education....more degrees....climbing the success ladder while working with corporates, government organizations, banks etc. It was so exciting to be back working with the Delhi University where I had spent my days as a student. I was on the other side of the table now!!!

One fine day, I got a chance to “speak in front of my teachers” at Gargi College on “Website management and uses of web in education”. I was very nervous but at the end of the session, I could proudly announce that I am a Gargi alumnus. And then the association began with my beloved Dr. Gita Mathur, President of Gargi College Alumni Association (AAGC) called Manaswini.

The 2013 Gargi College Alumni Association Meet held on January 6, 2013 was very well organized; those rangolis, dance performances and the hot and tasty food by Gargi Canteen, took me down the memory lane as a student – rangoli competitions; fresher's parties and time spent in College canteen etc. etc.

On the Alumni Meet day, I could interact with my teachers again, and found that there is still so much to learn from my teachers!!! It was a pleasure to see them going up on the stage to receive mementos for their service to the college. I found this to be a very nice gesture of AAGC. While listening to Dr. Gita Mathur as she gave a well-illustrated presentation telling us about various ways in which we can contribute to our Alma Mater, I decided to get involved with bringing out this Newsletter with her. It was a learning experience to work on this very first issue of eManaswini. I hope other alumni will contribute to the next issue.

Seema Sirpal

B.Sc.General Group A

1991 Batch

Joint Editor, eManaswini

FOUND, the old days!



It all started when I was least expecting it. Out of the blue, I received an invitation for the Gargi-College Reunion on Facebook. I was overjoyed and thrilled for three reasons. One, it was from one of 'My' teachers – Dr. Gita Mathur, who taught me Botany during my graduation and thus, I immediately felt bounded by belongingness. Two, I was looking forward to rekindle my old and forgotten friendships. And lastly, the feeling of nostalgia

gripped me and all the vivid memories of the college-life, came alive. So, I decided to go. I wasted no time in creating my own event page on the same website and invited everybody I knew from my batch. Plans and promises were made with all the 'connections' on Facebook, to go for the event.

The cold and chilly, Sunday morning of January, 6th 2013, marked the event. I had no second thoughts about going, but the third and fourth thoughts were bit unsettling. Would the teachers remember me? Would anyone be glad to see me? Have I accomplished something that I would be proud to talk about in my introduction? I was apprehensive that I would feel adrift and insignificant. But, before I could dilly-dally more, I met a batch-mate and was at the gate of the College auditorium. I was welcomed with a vermillion tilak and aarti. I had heard that the tilak is put in the center of the eyebrows to activate the Ajna Chakra, which is a seat for all the intelligence and wisdom but, I realized it that day. The tilak instantly brought me to present and I stopped talking to self.

A student ushered me to fill up the registration form, where the last column said "any suggestions for improving the future "re-unions" and without thinking much, I quickly scribbled "NO" . I was attending the reunion for the first time and was clueless about what to expect. I was assuming that we would be served tea-pakodas, and then we would loiter around, talk about 'our days', check if some of the teacher remembers us and then inconspicuously move out in 20 odd minutes.



As I entered the auditorium, I was overwhelmed to see how the small seminar room was converted into a grandiose auditorium. A group of women singing on stage caught my attention and my friend, Mamta, whispered “look it’s , Bhanumati Ma’am singing”. I whispered back, “WOW! I never knew in my three years of graduation, that the teacher I dreaded the most, had such dulcet voice”. I was on a high for getting more surprises. The song was immediately followed by Gita Mathur’s speech. Even though, it was almost a decade, the same joy and energy conjured up in my heart to see her speaking on the stage, voice as rich and mellifluous as ever. Gita Ma’am is recognized for her kind heart, intellect, and determination. She shared some brilliant thoughts about the various ways, the ex-students can stay connected to the college and help the present students. Innovative and yet practical ideas, such as “scholarship”, “sponsor a student”, “counseling at convenience”, “e-directory” , “digital newsletter” , “Facebook page” are just to name a few.

To further commemorate, the principal, Dr Meera Ramchandran, came on the stage. She highlighted and summarized the leaping progress made by Gargi. She also spoke about being a proud ‘Gargiite’ and the upcoming issues, relevant to the youth today. The motivating speech was followed by a song from an ex-student. The melodious songs - “Bachpon ki Mohabbat” and “Kuch dil ne kaha” touched everybody’s heart. The soulful song expressed the many-splendored emotions of love and youth.

The rhythmic nimbleness of the student’s feet left everybody mesmerized with her ‘nritya’. The graceful costume, intricate flow of the body movements, lilting music, and the poetic charm of the classical dance, marked an impression. The powerful performance of the folk dancers was the next event. The traditional costume, - choli, dupatta covering the head, and the flared lehanga, fluttering and flapping as the dancers moved, was a delight and a rare spectacle. Performed by a dozen of dancers; hopping, jumping, and tapping, it was a high-energy, theatrical, thrilling extravaganza.

While the Commerce students were clearing the stage for the next event of interactive games, the audience were shown customized, short-clip on Gargi college. I also noticed that the volunteers were wearing the special colored dresses and the Identity-cards (designed by them). It was actually turning out to be an event, which in every way could be compared to the most popular and planned ceremonies such as ‘Filmfare’ or ‘Cine Awards’. Only the male hosts were missing. Sigh! Nevertheless, to lighten up the environment, the Commerce students, arranged for fun-filled interactive games.

I was pleased to realize, that in all these years, few things have not changed..

My curiosity to see what all changes have come up in the last decade took over and I sidled quietly to have a quick round around the college. I was only remembering few faint memories when I heard a reverberating voice “kya kar rahe ho baccho?” The auto-reflex action was like a child caught red-handed, stealing a cookie, or a student caught bunking the class, and I blurted out “kuch nahi ma’am”. It was our Chemistry teacher, Ms. Dabbas. I was pleased to realize, that in all these years, if one thing has not changed, it is the energy-filled voice of Ms. Dabbas. Though old, she still has so much exuberance and charm, as though Basanti of ‘Sholay’ or Geet of ‘Jab We Met’ has sprung back to life.

I missed seeing the staff members felicitated with souvenirs for having served Gargi College, and also the sumptuous lunch, but I had an excellent time. I stood talking to people, many of whom I hadn’t seen in a long time. It was GREAT!

A sincere and welcome attitude was felt a mile away and at the Gargi-Reunion, it was certainly communicated. There’s still an ease in relationships, which takes you back a long time in the memory line. Somehow, the fact that I remember these folks, and that they remember me, added a special sense of belongingness.

I am glad I could manage to take out some time to go the reunion. I think, everyone should make an effort to stay connected to their Alma Mater. It makes life seem more continuous.

CHARU GERA

Educationist and Psychologist

B.Sc (2000-2003)

Being connected to One’s Alma Mater, makes life seem more continuous..

My Experiences at Gargi :

I had the good fortune to join Gargi as a lecturer in the department of Botany on 16th July 1969 and served the college for a little over 3 decades till 2005. During this long period, I enjoyed many interesting experiences, some of which I am sharing with you people now.

Earlier our college was in an old school building near Lajpat Nagar. As there was only one teacher in Botany department, three more were appointed and I was one among them.



It was my first day in the college. It was a hot day and as I was anxious I felt hotter. As I entered the staff room another teacher was already there whom I had not met before. She had come well dressed in a Kancheepuram saree with diamond ear rings and gold bangles and a matching necklace. On the contrary, I was thin and small built and dressed in simple attire - a cotton saree without any make up. My fellow-colleague was perspiring. As she noticed me entering she ordered to bring a glass of water. Without a word, I fetched the glass, cleaned it and went away searching the drinking water and finally gave her. At that time the bell rang. I had to go for the first class, so I fetched the chalk and the register. Upon seeing this the teacher (who thought me till then that I was an assistant in the lab) was quite surprised. When I came from the class before introducing herself, she profusely apologised. I told her nothing to worry; as she was thirsty and elder to me she has every right to order and I do not mind. However, from that day onwards we became thick friends and the friendship remains like that till today.

It was customary in those days that people joining will be kept on probation for one year; however, this wasn't what happened in my case. One fine morning I was taking a lecture for 1st year B.Sc. general class. As it was first period and some of my students came only by 9.15 am (as they were to come from Faridabad by train and another city bus) I used to leave the lecture hall door open to allow the late comers to enter without disturbing me for permission.

I was busy drawing something on the board with my back was turned to the class and so did not notice SOMEBODY enter and take a seat. After about 10 minutes the class was roaring laughter in laughter. When I asked them what the reason was, they told me "Madam, Principal Madam was here and just now she went out." I was quite afraid that I had not seen or even greeted her. On the same day during coffee break, a peon came and said PRINCIPAL is calling you. I was thinking that she is going to fire me and went in trembling. But to my surprise she asked me jokingly "Did you know that I attended your class today?" I replied, "Sorry madam, I did not see you as I was busy". She said "That is exactly what I expect - you were so busy drawing on the black board. I am very pleased with you and have this reward."

Saying this she handed over a paper. Without waiting for a minute there I left the scene and reached teacher's room. Everyone wanted to know why I had been called. I read the piece of paper in which it was written "you are made permanent from the date of your joining." Needless to say that my joy found no limits!

I loved my students very dearly; although strict in class I used to help them in the library, museum etc. whenever I had time. Once I was taking a practical class for II year Hons. It was a cytology practical which the students dislike very much. To encourage them, I used to tell that the student showing the best stage in meiosis (should be very clear with proper staining) will be suitably rewarded. A student got such a stage and in that thrill she forgot her surrounding and called out "Mummy! Come here and see! She had such a nice feeling for me, as for her mother and it came out unknowingly. I was very happy to know her mind as well as the good slide she had prepared. I used to get energy from hearing the well-being of our old students like Ratna Roy Chowdhary (who has many students abroad in her lab and an internationally famous scientist), Saroj Dhar, a well-known scientist in I.I.T Delhi and many others.

Another experience: one day as usual, I was in 1st B.Sc. Gen theory class, there were 55-58 students present and in such a huge class as personal guidance is not possible I used to ask them questions frequently. One such instance, I found a girl fast asleep; I asked her neighbor to wake her and shot a question. She did not utter a word and bent her head. Seeing this, all the students laughed. I told them all to keep quiet. As I do not like to be insulted, I thought the same way for her, and made a comment pointing to other students: "How do we know what she is thinking? Perhaps she is thinking better. Who knows? May be one of these days she will become better than you people and even get a Nobel Prize. Although I said this to console her – much to my surprise, 4-5 years later, a previous student informed me the same girl was working with a Nobel laureate abroad. I was extremely happy then that although she has not yet received any award she is working on human genetics with a well-known scientist and my prophesy had indeed come true.

Once a rich student threw a lunch party to all staff as she got admission in a reputed university. At that time I had only few years' services and did not know personally many staff and Principal. When I went to her house, our Principal Mrs. Thakur Das was already there and so also many teachers like Mrs. Dhar. As I was shy, I went in and sat in a corner. Soon Principal came to me and told to dance with her! I told her I cannot do any such thing as I have not danced in my life (I had a village upbringing). She did not listen and made me and others like Ms. Jamuna to dance. Only then did we know how friendly and simple and adorable our principal was.

To sum up I would like to mention large number of good friends I gained (names omitted) from not only dept. of Botany but also from Hindi, History, Sanskrit, English, Sports, Zoology, Physics and Chemistry during the years of my stay in Gargi. Their sincerity in work and love towards me had great influence in shaping my future life which I recognize with much gratitude now. Although some of them are no more I would like to remember Ms. Jamuna (Zoology) who inculcated in me spiritual thoughts; that is why now in a way to thank her I am able to give spiritual lectures in Kerala. Those 36 years in Gargi I never felt tired or sick - rather I was always running around upstairs and downstairs as well as in fields to collect plants for the museum. In those days we had out station excursions too and as I was unmarried I joined many trips to Kashmir, Dalhousie, Nainital, Simla, Musoorie, Rameswaram, Oottakamand etc. This helped make our bond between students and teachers closer.

To sum up: if at all I am given another birth as human, I would certainly like to serve Gargi in any capacity I get. .

Dr. Pushpa Markandan

Botany Faculty 1969 - 2005



First Manaswini Counseling Session

Poster:

MANASWINI

Alumni Association of Gargi College

is organizing a

Counselling Session for Science Students

Education and Career Options

After Graduation

By

Dr. Monalisa Sen

an old student of Gargi College

on Wednesday, March 6, 2013

at 12.05pm (EC Break)

in Lecture Theatre - 3

All are welcome

Dr. Monalisa Sen presently works in the Biodiversity and Conservation unit of InsPIRE Network for Environment (which was earlier known as Winrock International India) as a Programme Officer.

B.Sc. Gen Group B from Gargi in 1999.

MSc Environmental Biology from University of Delhi

PhD in Environmental Studies from University of Delhi.

Monalisa Sen has over twelve years of experience in the field of biodiversity and conservation. She has worked on Avifauna and Community Dynamics in the Aravallis for her doctoral research. She has experience of working in the field of restoration ecology, livelihood enhancement and biodiversity conservation. She has immense understanding of the issues relevant to biodiversity conservation in the Aravallis and the Eastern Himalayas. She has been actively working on the conservation issues in Eastern Himalayas and has been instrumental in ensuring the success of many conservation initiatives in Arunachal Pradesh.



Monalisa writes her experience of Counseling Session at Gargi :

This Wednesday, the 6th of March 2013 was a very special day. I was invited by Gita ma'am to interact with the present students of the college on the various career options which they have in front of them. As I walked into the college, I was reminded of the first day when I had come to Gargi, as a student in the year 1996..... College still seemed the same, even after 14 years. the same hustle and bustle in the corridor, the same smell of H₂S outside the chemistry department...and the numerous posters and notices on the notice board. As I approached the Botany department, I was welcomed by the very familiar, warm smile of Gita ma'am. Ma'am took me around the college and saw the new office set-up, union room, coffee shop and book stall which have come up now.

As I walked into the room to interact with the students, the feeling was overwhelming. The session was organized in room number 33..... a room where I had attended so many classes during the three years of my graduation from Gargi. The difference today was that instead of sitting among the students, I was standing on the podium, with the students listening to me. The session was very nice and well attended.... I hope the students found it to be useful. I was touched by the memento which Gita ma'am gave me...an idol of Goddess Saraswati.

After the session, I met some of my other teachers- Dr Kiran Prabha, Dr Geeta Mehta, Dr Rita Bhatla and Dr Shashi Tyagi..... The feeling of still being remembered by all the teachers, even after a gap of 14 years cannot be worded. The experience of being in Gargi again was wonderful and will be more than happy to help out the alumni association and the students in whatever way I can...

Thank you so much Gita ma'am for inviting me and refreshing the memories of my graduation days at Gargi...Thank you so much ma'am.

Some students who participated in the counseling session are continuing the interaction with Dr. Monalisa Sen by sending her emails which she readily replies.

We will be happy if more alumni volunteer to do the same. Come, contact us!

Report of Events Held in College: 2012-2013

Reporter: Ms. Rajni

This section is for informing the alumni about the events taking place in each department. Alumni are invited to contact the college and participate in events of their interest and also to organize and conduct them for the current students.

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Inaugural lecture by Dr. Bimlesh Lochab on Nanotechnology during the month of August (2012)
- ◆ Teacher's Day Celebration on 5th September 2012
- ◆ Ozone Day Celebration on 16th October 2012 in which a general science quiz was conducted
- ◆ A trip to the R&D sector of Dabur India Pvt. Ltd. was conducted for the students of Chemistry (H) 3rd year on 21st October (2012)
- ◆ During the annual science fest, Scintillation's (2013) our dept. conducted the Paper Presentation Competition on 18th Feb 2013 and Quiz Competition on 19th Feb 2013.

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Physics Inaugural
- ◆ Science Festival
- ◆ Trip to IUAC
- ◆ Launch of the second issue of the magazine "PHYSIKOS"

B.El.Ed DEPARTMENT

- ◆ An educational trip to Jaipur of 3rd year students

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Annual fest in collaboration with Indo Hellenic friendship league, the topic of fest was immortality of soul in Indian and Greek thoughts.
- ◆ Performed a skit pertaining to the theme called Stratus.
- ◆ Debate competition
- ◆ Seminar with speakers Bharat Gupt, Malvika Majumdar.

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

- ◆ April, 2012- Farewell theme disco night
- ◆ July 2012 -Fresher's Orientation
- ◆ August 2012- Fresher's Party theme fluroescent
- ◆ September 2012 -Talk by Ms. Madhubala Sharma, trainer at IBM
- ◆ October 2012 – Six students from second year presented research paper at the Indian Psychological Science congress, Chandigarh
- ◆ November 2012- A Presentation on career prospect in Psychology.
- ◆ November 2012 – Talk by Mr. Sanjay Mahalingam on “Positive Outlook” towards life.
- ◆ February 2013 – Annual Psychology Fest, Culture femine identity from cross roads to pathway talk by Prof. Girishwar Mishra, Ms. Mrinal Pandey, Prof. Nivedita Menon and Dr. Nagpal.

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

- ◆ International students day
- ◆ Cascade
- ◆ BBE fest

BOTANY DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Gargi College Botanical Society (GCBS) was inaugurated on 21st Sept. 2012. The society was christened as “TARU” which means TREE, ‘Essence of Life’ in this ceremony. Two competitions: Guess Me! and Sketching were organised. The festival witnessed huge participation and tremendous appreciation. This year “TARU” organised competitions ‘Guess Me!’ and ‘Salad Making’ in the inter college science festival ‘Scintillations’ which was held on 19 February 2013. More than 50 participations were in Guess ME! and around 15 teams participated in Salad Making. The events were thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

SANSKRIT DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Seminar on "NARI SASHAKTIKARANA" was organized, in which Dr.Shash Prabha Kumar, Professor and Chairperson of Special Center for Sanskrit Studies, J.N.U. and Professor Sushma Yadav, Prof. of Public Policy and Governess and Chairperson of Social Justice,were the prominent speakers.
- ◆ The Sanskrit Department also organised various competetions i.e, Sanskrit S'lokavritti opetation,
- ◆ Sanskrit Paper -reading Competetion, Sanskrit Essay Competetion, Chitrakala Com-

- ◆ An Inter-college Sanskrit S'lokavritti and Sanskrit Natyabhivvyakti were also arranged during Reverie .

MICROBIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Shreya Nahata of second year ,as part of NSS, undertook a trip to Kraska village in the Sariska Tiger Reserve to study the plight of tribal people displaced from their homeland. In the annual science Fest of Gargi college Scintillations2013, Microbiology Deptt. emerged the winners of the overall rolling trophy for the second year consecutively. Our third year students undertook an educational trip to TBE, South Campus and also got a chance to interact with the living legend Dr.R.K.Saxena whose ground breaking contributions in Microbiology are indeed revolutionary.The students are planning another industrial visit to the Mother Dairy plant in Patparganj, scheduled for March 2013.

ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Lecture on“Women Cancers In India” by Dr. Subhash Gupta, Assistant Professor, IRCH, AIIMS.
- ◆ Zoology Department held Poster Making Competition.
- ◆ An Educational Trip to Mussoorie & Dehradun was also organised by the Zoology Department with Dr. Paramjit Khara as the senior teacher.
- ◆ launch of 6th issue of the departmental magazine “Flight”

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Lectures by Dr. Shanta Verma, Associate Professor, Deptt. of Political Science, on "India's Nuclear Policy".
- ◆ The second lecture was by Prof. Abhay Dubey, Scholar & Eminent Journalist, presently at Centre for Studies in Developing Societies.
- ◆ The last lecture in the series was by Prof Rajeev Bhargava, from CSDS, on "Secularism".
- ◆ Dr. Karan Singh(Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha), an eminent philosopher, was invited to deliver a lecture on "Inter - faith Movement"
- ◆ The association also organized its Annual Fest "POL - POURRI"on 17th October, 2012 on the theme "Democracy In India : Issues & Challenges".
- ◆ A screening of the documentary “War and Peace” by acclaimed film-maker Anand Patwardhan was organized.

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Annual fest was based on the theme of “Millennium Development Goals”. After Dr.Meera Ramachandran’s enthralling speech, Dr. Dolly Menon from Lady Shriram College graced the occasion by presenting important insights regarding the MDGs. Students of B.A (Programme), IIIrd year gave thematic paper-presentations which helped the audience to understand the MDGs in Indian context and were very much appreciated. Students from different colleges participated in the events like Quizzito, Just a Minute, Poster and Slogan writing, in large numbers.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Talk by Mogullan Bharti on the Marxist thinker Antonio Gramsci.
- ◆ Literary Fest – Literati 2013.
- ◆ Eminent personalities, Dr. Anuradha Ghosh, Dr. Christel Devadawson and Dr. Debjani Sengupta were speakers for apanel discussion.

HINDI DEPARTMENT

- ◆ 14Th Sept 2012 -Hindi Divas Creative writing competition and shown a film “Suraj ka sat-va ghoda” based on Dharamboj Bharati Upanyas.
- ◆ 17th October 2012 - Moulik Kavita Path and kavita Path Aayojan

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Add-on course
- ◆ Lectures by elite speakers
- ◆ Field trip
- ◆ Trip to Orcha and Panna
- ◆ Departmental fest “Antraal” on nature and society, celebration and contestations.

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