

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**(2021-22 & 2022-23)**

it is with great joy that I extend a warm welcome to each one of you to commemorate the 51st and 52nd Annual Day of Bharati College. We are honoured by the participation of Dr. Sonal ManSingh, a living legend, in our celebrations as we reflect on the past two years and set our sights on reaching even greater heights in the upcoming year.

I am delighted to present annual report of our college. As I share this report, I am aware of the important role our college plays in educating young women. In the past year, things have started to get back to normal in terms of our college and university schedules. It is heart-warming to see the premises resonate once again with the sounds of student activity and enthusiastic faculty engagement.

**This Annual Report is special** because it marks the first year of the National Education Policy 2020 being fully implemented in our college. While you'll find many accomplishments detailed in the college magazine, one of the most significant achievements is the successful **launch of NEP**, despite all the challenges we faced. We also introduced **CUET admissions process**, which was efficiently managed by Dr. Aruna Jain.

I extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to all the newly appointed members of our college community!

Non-teaching

Mr. Indra Kant Mishra, Administrative Officer

Mr. Prashant Singh & Mrs. Vinita Singh, Junior Assistants

Mr. Hemant Kumar, Computer Lab Attendant

Shri Kant Dogra & Rohit Kumar, Library Attendants

Teaching appointments

- Dr. Bindia Trivedi, Dr. Ajit Kumar, Dr. Prem Ballabh Deoli, Dr. Deepti Singh, Dr. Shailendra Vikram & Dr. Suman Rani in the deptt of Sanskrit
- Dr. Shalu Kaur in the deptt of Punjabi
- Ms. Swati Bawa Sawhney in the deptt of HDFE
- Dr. Amit Singh in the deptt of Music
- Dr. Loveleen Gupta, Ms. Princy Jain, Ms. Mahima, Dr. Vandana Yadav & Mr. Hanish Pal in the deptt of Economics
- Dr. Savita Jamini, Dr. Rekha Sharma, Dr. Rajeev Ranjan Nirala, Dr. Pratya Amrit, Dr. Lalita Ratnoo, Dr. Abhishek Puneet, Mr. Gopal Jingar, Ms. Anupriya, Dr. Geeta Meena, Dr. Vasundhara Sharma, Mr. Pradeep Kumar & Ms. Goldi Kumari in the deptt of Hindi

- Dr. Priyambada Patri and Dr. Rashmi Kumari in the deptt of EVS

It is a pleasure to have you all. We believe that your unique talents, perspectives and experiences will contribute positively to our shared learning environment.



I'll now move on to acknowledging the past: 4 members of the non-teaching staff, Mr. P.K. Babbar, Mr. Anirudh Das Gupta, Ms. Kamlesh Kumari and Mr. Dharampal retired after a fruitful tenure with us. The College is sincerely grateful to these senior members for their service.

Over the past three years, several of our colleagues have left the college for positive transitions in their careers. Dr. Anubhuti Maurya joined Shiv Nadar University; Dr. Sutpa Das chose to further her career at BHU; Dr. Prashant Sahu joined JNU and Dr. Sahaj Wadhwa took the opportunity to join the Department of Commerce at the University of Delhi.

I also want to take a moment to remember two beloved members of the Bharati community, Mr. M.K. Mehta, Senior Assistant, and Mr. Anirudh Das Gupta, our Tabla Accompanist, who passed away in the last few years.

**A brief survey of the performance of the College**, largely focusing on the previous academic year, but also touching upon 2021-22.

### **Internal quality assurance cell (IQAC) of the college.**

Our IQAC is dedicated to promoting a culture of quality assurance within our institution. This commitment has led to various quality improvement efforts across different areas and subjects. We successfully completed the second cycle of accreditation by NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council), which included a visit by a Peer Team in April 2022. NAAC has accredited the College with a CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) of 2.98 and Grade B++, representing a slight improvement from our previous grade. **Additionally**, we successfully submitted the Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQARs) for the respective years.

The IQAC has also played a crucial role in promoting research, including the publication of two in-house peer-reviewed journals, Arthavaan and the Research Post, as well as organizing Seminars and Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) regularly.

Our IQAC has adopted 5 nearby villages under the 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan' for community outreach. These are:

- 1-हस्तशाल गांव
- 2- चौखण्डी गांव
- 3- पोसंगीपुर गांव
- 4- केशवपुर गांव
- 5- तीतारपुर गांव

Under the guidance of the IQAC, we organized a symposium on 'Inculcating value education and professional ethics among Youth' as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

Our college received the Gold Award (2022-23) from the Indian Pollution Control Association (IPCA), for project SORT (segregation of organic waste for re-cycling and treatment), among the BWG (bulk waste generators) category for the West Zone, Delhi city. We also received the Institution of Happiness Prize from QS I-Gauge and ASSOCHAM.

### **Hostel**

The Hostel has emerged as a safe and wholesome place for our students. In the past year, we increased the number of students who can stay in the hostel to 78. We put a lot of effort into making sure that staying in the hostel is a comfortable experience for our students. This includes having a Resident Manager and carefully choosing our catering provider, among other things. We also have a Hostel Student Union, where students can voice their opinions and keep the hostel a democratic place. We listened to the students' concerns and made changes like having a new Mess Contractor and getting new furniture. We also organized social and cultural events regularly so that our young residents don't feel lonely.

### **Library**

In the past two years, we added 633 new books to our Library, bringing the total to 55,046 books in our collection. We've also created a library webpage to make it easier for users to connect with our resources. Moreover, we continue to provide faculty and students with access to N-LIST and DELNET, thereby making available top-notch scholarly material from around the world.

### **Counselling Centre**

At our College Counselling Centre, we offer free counselling to help our students, faculty, and non-teaching staff members deal with various psychological challenges.

During the COVID pandemic we continued offering online sessions to individuals affected during the second wave of the pandemic. Between 2021 and 2023, having resumed the face-to-face counselling sessions, the Centre worked with 11 long-term cases. Most of them were students, but we also helped faculty, non-teaching staff, and even an alumna. Many of them made good progress in overcoming depression

and other psychological issues. We also worked with short-term cases and provided support for them as well. A related facility is the Wellness and Health centre, ably manned by Dr. Poornima Loomba and Nurse Neha who are available to students for consultations and have also organised a series of health camps.

### **OPUS, the Training and Placement Cell**

OPUS, our Training and Placement Cell, is a budding professional body, which strives to bridge the gap between students and recruiters, and to deliver various employment prospects for our students. Through direct interaction with industry as well as through networks such as LinkedIn, we are able to create such opportunities for our students. In 2021-22, 17 companies (including WIPRO and Decathlon) visited the Campus, and 9 of them offered positions to students. I place on record my appreciation for the tireless work that Dr Sonali Jain has been doing, via the placement cell, for last decade or so.

### **'Learn and Earn' Programme**

An enduring source of pride for us in the College has been the Learn and Earn programme of the College, which operates solely through voluntary contributions of faculty members and provides for the fees of the students who cannot afford to pay. In 2021, the committee decided that students who lost their parents to Covid would have their full fees contributed via this programme. In the past year, the committee expanded its responsibilities to also oversee the distribution of some scholarships provided by the College's supporters, like the Manohar merit cum means scholarship from the Umrao Foundation and the Usha Khattar scholarship. In total, 56 students benefited from these efforts, receiving a total of nearly Rs 6 lakh by way of tuition fees in the year 2022-23.

### **Scholarships:**

The college has facilitated various scholarships for the needy students over the years, including the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme for two students in 2020-21, each receiving about 80,000 Rs. Additionally, eight students received scholarships worth Rs. 10,000 each from 'Help the Bid Foundation' (HTBF), Hong Kong in 2020-21. In 2021-22 again, 15 visually impaired students received a scholarship of Rs. 10,000 each from this Foundation, while five students received Rs. 20,000 each from Bihar State Education Finance Corporation. In 2022-23, three students received a Rs.10,000 scholarship from the Government of N.C.T of Delhi, one student received Rs. 24,000 from the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities; and eight students received Rs. 10,000 each from HTBF, Hong Kong. In 2022-23 again, four students benefitted from the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme.

### **Sports**



The College continues to excel in Sports. Our Athletes have made us proud by representing Bharati college at various competitive levels such as - District, Zonal, Inter-college and Inter-University Championships. Some have gone on to play at even the State and National level. In the last year, they have participated in more than 50 such championships as team or individuals and won 33 Gold, 32 Silver, and 13 Bronze

medals in Hockey, Volleyball, Taekwondo, Table tennis, Football, Cricket, Kho-Kho, Boxing and other sports. 5 students from our Kho-Kho team participated in the Delhi State Tournament in 2021. Remarkably, 2 students from the College Hockey team have been selected for the National Team.

### **NCC**

Many of the ideals envisioned in the Vision Statement of the College have found expression in the performance of our NCC (National Cadets Corps) students. Our NCC unit, which falls under 5DGB, consists of two companies with a total of 330 cadets. In the year under review, our NCC cadets organised and participated in several activities, including the Puneet Sagar Abhiyan to combat water pollution, Blood Donation drives, Tree Plantation Drives, and the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. 26 cadets participated in the Prime Minister's Rally and 15 cadets completed the Independence Day Camp. Junior Under Officer Muskan achieved an impressive milestone by completing the Advance Leadership Camp held in Agra. Cadet Simmi Pathak completed 4 shooting camps and is qualified for the National Team.

### **NSS (National service scheme)**

Since 1969, NSS works with the objective of developing the personality and character of student youth through community service. Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi the motto of NSS is 'not me, but you'. Our volunteers place community before self and work for causes such as:

1. Teaching activities, donation drives, visiting slums etc.
2. Awareness campaigns against social taboos such as menstruation, discrimination against women and environmental concerns, pollution, sustainability etc.

Currently having more than 100 volunteers, our NSS is a community of strong youth, willing to work for the service of the society. 'Education through service' is the purpose of our NSS unit. It has participated in national level events such as 'Meri Mati Mera Desh & 'PM Kisan' & has planted more than 100 plants near the college premises. I'd like to appreciate the selfless work of Dr Asha Tiwari for our NSS unit.

## **Departmental activities and achievements:**

### **CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND SEMINARS**

In 2021-22, the **Department of History** organised several webinars hosting scholars from various eminent organisations including the University of California, Archaeological Survey of India, the NCERT etc.

The **Department of English** organised its distinguished lectures series, author talks and poetry sessions. The department launched its first YouTube channel on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

The **Department of Journalism** also organised several seminars, inviting many notable speakers. Special mention goes to "Tarseel," the dynamic society of the Journalism Department. A cornerstone of the program is providing students with valuable internships and placement opportunities. Over the past two years, our students have successfully completed internships with prestigious organizations such as HT Media, NDTV, The Economic Times and Times Network. Our journalism students have gone on to secure coveted positions as Anchors, Journalists, Editors and Copywriters in renowned institutions like News 24, News Nation, Netflix, Amar Ujala, Times of India etc.

The **Department of Political Science** organised an **International Conference** on "Trends in Federalism: Expanding Horizon, Exploring New Terrains".

The **Departments of Sociology** as well as Political Science invited bureaucrats who qualified the civil services exams in recent years, to share their experiences with our students.

The **Department of Commerce** organised a **National Seminar** on 'Sustainable Business Models for Atmanirbhar Bharat', sponsored by ICSSR. Many students of our commerce department have gone on to be selected as Assistant Professors in various DU colleges in the recent recruitments.

### **FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **For the period 2021-2022**

Prof. Saloni Gupta, Prof Rajni, Dr Fatima Hussain, Prof Harikrishni, Dr. Nandini Sen, Dr. Shivani Jha, Dr. Anavisha Bannerjee, and Dr. Priyambada Patri presented papers in International Conferences.

Mr. Nagendra Kumar and Dr. Loveleen Gupta presented their papers in National Seminars.

Prof. Saloni Gupta, Prof Sangit Sarita, Ms Princy Jain, Dr. Loveleen Gupta, Dr. Bhavna Sivan, Dr. Rakhi Jain, Dr. Ankit Gupta, Dr. Meenakshi Gupta, and Dr. Nandini Sen had their research papers published in UGC Care listed journals. Dr. Ankit Gupta had research papers published in Scopus listed journals.

Prof Mala Rani published her book on the important theme of 'the Euro in the Economic Monetary Union'. Dr. Nandini Sen's book 'The Other Wife and other stories' was also very well received. Prof Sangit Sarita, Dr Rakhi Jain and Dr. Swati Bawa also authored books.

Dr. Bhavna delivered the keynote lecture in a programme organised by the Boston Study Group.

### **2022-2023**

Prof Mala Rani, Prof Rajni made paper presentations in International Conferences. Prof Sangit Sarita Dwivedi, Prof Kamini Bhutani, Dr. Nandini Sen, Dr. Roopa Johri, Dr. Vandana Bansal, Dr. Jaspal Singh, Ms Shobhana Sinha, Dr. Anuranjita Wadhwa, Dr. Anavisha Bannerjee and Dr. Loveleen Gupta presented papers in National Seminars.

Prof Rajni, Dr. Vandana Bansal, Dr. Kalpana Kataria, Dr. Deepti Srivastava & Dr. Loveleen Gupta published articles in UGC Care listed Journals. Dr. Ankit Gupta published several articles in journals listed under Scopus (Web of Science).

Prof Mala Rani, Dr. Shivani Jha, Dr. Kangana Roy and Dr. Ankit Gupta contributed chapters in books brought out by reputed publishing houses including Springer. Dr. Nandini Sen co-edited an international publication. Dr. Nazish Hena Khan and Dr. Ankit Gupta co-authored books on topics of their expertise. Prof Rajni published her book on Financial Literacy.

Dr. Ankit Gupta, Mr Alok Anand and Dr. Shivani Jha also contributed prominently to student material.

**Dr Sonia Kaushik has been awarded two research projects;** the first one is a project worth Rs 12 lakh, funded by the ICSSR Delhi and the second is a project worth Rs 2 lakh, funded by IOE, University of Delhi.

Additionally, a variety of national and international institutions have benefited from the experience and knowledge of our faculty members. Dr. Jaspal Singh served as a subject expert for the Rajasthan Public Service Commission. Prof Sangit Sarita was invited by the United States Foreign Service Institute as well as the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service. Dr. Bhavana serves as a subject matter expert at NECTAR - a collaborative project between the World Bank and the state government of Nagaland.

In both the years under this report, our faculty members also took several initiatives towards upskilling and knowledge enrichment, by participating in Refresher Courses and Faculty Development Programmes.

Dr. Sonia Kaushik has been entrusted with several crucially important assignments by the University of Delhi. She has been member of the organising team for D.U. Convocation for the years 2022 & 2023; the Special Task Force on Global Ranking; the DU centenary celebration committee, the editorial board of the DU annual report and many others.

### **Achievements of the college Administration**

- A)** The successful resolution of long-standing administrative matters within the college is a testament to the dedication and hard work of several key

individuals. Notably Mr. Parmanand played a pivotal role in achieving the following milestones:

1. Appointing a permanent principal finally, after an eight-year wait.
  2. Recruiting Seven non-teaching staff members in positions such as Administrative Officer, Junior Assistant, Computer Lab Attendant and Library Attendant.
  3. The teaching staff members were granted 55 promotions that had languished for a considerable period. Ms. Preeti Vats provided able assistance in this regard in processing the plagiarism reports.
  4. Advancing 10 promotions for non-teaching staff that were similarly overdue.
  5. Securing University approval for pay fixations and the settlement of all arrears related to these promotions for both teaching and non-teaching staff.
  6. Successfully addressing the pension issues of 13 retired teachers, which had been embroiled in litigation due to the transition from CPF to GPF scheme.
  7. Overseeing the revision of pension fixation under the 7th pay commission for more than 60 pensioners associated with the college.
  8. Compassionately appointing two non-teaching staff members, thereby providing them with an opportunity to sustain their livelihoods.
- Moreover, Mr. Parmanand, who heads the Accounts department deserves recognition for his unwavering and efficient efforts in ensuring the timely disbursement of salaries, arrears, and pensions, when many other colleges are struggling to pay even salaries on time. Mr. Akshay from the establishment branch has been another key functionary who deserves appreciation in respect of the tasks mentioned above.

**B)** Mr. I. K. Mishra deserves recognition for being the pillar which made possible the following developments:

1. Successful completion of the auditorium building, equipped with state-of-the-art safety features, advanced audio/visual systems, modern lighting, and a fully air-conditioned environment.
2. Securing approval from the fire safety department, ensuring the auditorium's compliance with safety standards.
3. Construction of a ring-road inside the college campus, enhancing the convenience of pedestrians and vehicles alike.
4. Installation of a 380 KVA DG set in both the auditorium and the new academic block, guaranteeing un-interrupted power supply and enabling the college to function seamlessly during power outages.
5. Proper disposal of E-waste and metal waste lying since 1978, adhering to prescribed procedures and environmental guidelines.
6. Installation of cutting-edge audio-visual technology, including a smart touch panel in the seminar room to facilitate both physical and virtual meetings.
7. Procurement of 49 computers, enhancing the Computer Labs' capabilities.



The Purchase Committee of the college was involved at every step and contributed immensely towards both speed and excellence of these achievements. The dedication and hard work of the Caretakers Mr. Sajjan & Mr. Himanshu in maintaining the college infrastructure is also praise worthy.

We have achieved successful recruitment of 28 teaching staff members spanning various departments, such as Sanskrit, Punjabi, HDFE, Music, Economics, Hindi and EVS. Additionally, I am pleased to report that our ongoing efforts to fill the remaining 34 vacancies are progressing well and are nearing completion. I extend my special thanks to each and every member of the screening committee for their dedicated contributions in this endeavour.

**C)** The Canteen Committee deserves acknowledgment for its diligent work in awarding a new tender for the college canteen vendor.

**D)** The continuous improvement and maintenance of the college gardens, along with the expansion of green spaces around the campus, have been made possible through the dedicated efforts of our skilled "Malis." It is a matter of pride for the college that our Malli, Rajesh received the prestigious Best Malli Award from the University of Delhi.

**E)** Ms. Lajwanti and Ms. Tanveer deserve credit for the seamless implementation of new ERP software, starting this academic session. This initiative aims to enhance the overall experience and convenience for students, teachers, and non-teaching staff at the college.

Hemant, Jitender, Geeta, Kalender, Prashant and Gavish have consistently demonstrated exceptional efficiency in resolving the most crucial and extensive tasks related to student affairs, admissions and examinations.

### **Societies and clubs**

We have an ecosystem of vibrant societies and clubs that encourage all kinds of talents. We support them enthusiastically and take great pride in their lively and diverse engagements throughout the year. Each of these societies, clubs, cells and study circles have organised numerous activities, to showcase and further develop multi-dimensional talents and interests of our students.

The annual student union fest 'Abhivyakti', with a footfall in excess of 5000, was a thumping success, which is a testimony to the enthusiasm shown by all these



societies and also the smooth coordination among them. Ms Looke Kumari, the union advisor, displayed her special ability to conduct an event of this magnitude, with challenges like safety and security mandates, sponsorship requirements and the fine balance between discipline, fun and student expression. Prof Rajni was another pillar of support and this dynamic duo ensured an incident-free and enjoyable fest.

Additionally, we have committees and cells mandated by the statutes, e.g., Internal Complaints Committee and Anti-ragging Committee. The regular and effective functioning of these committees reiterates our commitment to safety and security of our girls, in a pro-active and vigilant manner.

**Best Practices:**

Developing Best Practices in an institution reflects an attempt at mindfully working towards better outcomes. It involves having a creative vision, setting clear goals and taking timely initiatives to reach those goals. With pride and satisfaction, I share a few best practices that we have instituted over the last year.

We realised that an entrepreneurial mindset is vital to solve the challenges of an emerging economy; and undergraduate students need to become the pivot in this regard. To inculcate such a spirit among the students, the College has started an Entrepreneurship Cell known as Upkram. Upkram aims at transforming student creativity into Entrepreneurship, with a firm

understanding of the need to build more job providers in our country. In the reporting period, under the aegis of **Career Development Centre**, University of Delhi, Upkram, organized an **Entrepreneurship and Innovation Summit, GET SET PITCH**. This summit, as well as other workshops organised by Upkram, focussed on learning through mistakes, capacity building and scaling-up of the ideas. The eventual goal of Upkram in coming years is to emerge as a robust and viable incubation centre for start-ups and entrepreneurship, as a career option for our students.

**A similar best practice** that works for social entrepreneurship is Enactus. Enactus Bharati works towards bringing positive change in the society by empowering individuals and communities. Enactus Bharati won the 2nd prize at the National Level, for Imparting financial literacy to the under-privileged in the slums of Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi under Project Barkat. Currently this cell is running 2 projects, Project SORT and Project Noor.

### **Social Media presence:**

Respecting the technological trajectories of today's era, Bharati College maintains a dynamic presence across various social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. This digital engagement has nurtured a strong sense of community among our students, alumni, faculty and staff. We are dedicated to fostering connections and



meaningful interactions, as reflected in our impressive follower counts: 2,161 on Facebook, 2,890 on Instagram, 667 on Twitter, and 245 on YouTube. Our inclusive approach to online community-building has resonated with a diverse audience, apart from giving a platform for voice and constructive dialogue to our students. Our social media platforms are efficiently handled by our '**social media champion**' Ms. Bhavna.

**A new initiative that we have started is The Student Help Desk:** The Student Help Desk, launched on January 4th, 2023, embodies Bharati College's commitment to student welfare and ease of administration. Currently serving approximately 2000 students, the Help Desk handles a variety of queries, including admissions, subject selection issues, exam forms, results, time-tables, society recruitments and offering study notes for all courses. During critical periods like admissions and examinations,

it supports the students by complimenting the efforts of college administration. **Helpdesk's student coordinators** Aliza Arif and Aditi Jain have been working round-the-clock for efficient and prompt resolution of students' concerns.

**Another new initiative** is the "Best Employee of the Month" program, which recognizes the exceptional efforts of our administrative staff. The first two recipients of this award have been Ms. Preeti Kapahi for her outstanding work pertaining to the ongoing faculty recruitment process and Ms. Suman for her dedicated and passionate work as our Hostel Manager, especially during the challenging times of the Covid pandemic.

**Apart from the regular college, we also run the centres for some special educational initiatives and ecosystems such as the NCWEB, SOL, IGNOU centre and 4 foreign language courses.**

### **NCWEB**

The NCWEB Centre of the College fulfils a very important and noble mission of education women who for different reasons are unable to become a part of the regular University system. Over the last year, more than 15 co-curricular activities were organised by the Centre. Students and staff members participated and won prizes in 5th National Poshan Maah Competitions, organized by NCWEB in collaboration with National Commission for Women. They also participated in the Global Millets Conference *Shree Ann* organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare.

Prof Mala Rani and Prof Kamini Bhutani deserve appreciation for the challenging task of the NEP execution in our NCWEB centre.

### **SOL**

Bharati College has extended its social commitment by establishing the SOL PCP (School of Open Learning - Personal Contact Program) Centre. This initiative has grown to serve approximately 500 students. The centre offers two key undergraduate courses: B.A. (Program) and B. Com (Program). We are one of the best centres of SOL in DU. Additionally, over the years, Bharati College has played a pivotal role in facilitating examination for around 1,000 female students every year, thus catering to students outside our own centre.

### **IGNOU**

Bharati College has been successfully running the Post Graduate IGNOU's **Learner Study Centre**. IGNOU received the A++ Grade in its latest NAAC inspection, and in a special note to the College, the Director of the Regional Centre, IGNOU expressed his thanks to Bharati College for our efforts towards this outcome. Admissions to the Centre have increased almost two-fold in the reporting period. We also received appreciation from Centre for Global Studies, University of Delhi, for

collaborating with the research body for Samiksha- their prestigious psephology survey.

**I'm really pleased** with the outstanding dedication shown by my teachers, staff and students. I appreciate the efforts of my colleagues and achievements of my students. I am excited about working together with them in future.

Jai Hind!!