

ANNUAL REPORT (2023-24)

Distinguished Guests, esteemed former colleagues, dedicated members of our teaching and non-teaching staff, and **dear** students; it is with great joy that I extend a warm welcome to each one of you to commemorate the 53rd Annual Day of Bharati College. We are deeply honoured by the presence of Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, whose longstanding association with our college has been pivotal. His leadership was instrumental in relocating the college to its current premises in Janakpuri, during his tenure as Finance and Education Minister in the Delhi government. We are equally privileged to welcome Smt. Kamaljeet Sehrawat, West Delhi MP. A very warm welcome to Prof. Kavita Sharma, a constant pillar of support for our institution. We are honoured to have with us Dr. Malti, former principal of Kalindi College, and Shri Alok Singh, esteemed member of the Governing Body.

We are pleased to present the Bharati College Annual Report 2023-24. The Report spotlights the notable achievements of the previous year, but I am happy to report that all of us as an institution have risen to the occasion throughout this busy year. In the month just gone by- the College was honoured to host the Hon'bl Vice President of India- Shri Jagdeep Dhankar ji. The Hon'ble Vice President appreciated the College students and was kind enough to even invite our alumna to perform for the Rajya Sabha TV.

The College again generated headlines when another alumna Maithili Thakur was honoured as the Cultural Ambassador of the Year by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the National Creators Award ceremony.

The previous year was the year of India's Presidency of the G 20. Bharati College had the privilege of hosting the G20 SUMMIT *India and Russia: Strengthening Partnerships Through Trade and Career Opportunities* on October 27, 2023, in partnership with the Culture Council of the University of Delhi. The organisation of the summit was exclusively awarded to only 20 colleges within the University of Delhi. In a ringing endorsement, Prof Anup Lather- Chairperson of the Culture Council commented that it was the best organised Summit in the University.

In the year past, the University of Delhi in pursuance of the National Mandate of Viksit Bharat has encouraged its institutions to spearhead this mission of becoming a Developed Nation by 2047. Bharati College is leading these initiatives, with the NSS wing, under the

aegis of the IQAC, actively contributing to the national mission through the adoption of five nearby villages: Titarpur, Possangipur, Tihar, Hastal, and Chokhandi. Both students and staff from the college regularly visit these villages, including on weekends, to conduct medical camps, plantation drives, and various other community outreach activities. The college also received a grant of Rs.50,000 from MOE, Govt of India for Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan.

Prof. Saloni Gupta, Principal of Bharati College was awarded Visionary Educationist Award by Commission for Other Backward Classes, Government of NCT of Delhi on 2nd September 2023 on the occasion of Teacher's Day for her distinguished services in the field of education.

In the reporting period permanent appointments were also finalised in the different departments of the College. 61 new appointments were made in the year. With the ensuing stability and the new energy, I hope the institution will soar to even greater heights in the years to come. I extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to **All** the newly appointed members of our college community!

However, we regret to announce that Dr. Sehaj Wadhwa & Dr. Priyanka Jagwar have resigned from their position, and we wish them the best in their future journey.

The preceding year also saw the retirement from the College of two of our very devoted and long-serving colleagues: Mr. Gopal from the Library and Ms. Poonam Khosla (P.A. to Principal). We extend our best wishes to them for the future.

I also take this moment to pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Nirmal Jindal- our ex-colleague from the Department of Hindi, and Prof Kashi Ram Sharma – former Chairman of the Governing Body who left us in October and June respectively.

A brief account of the performance of the College, largely focusing on the academic year 2023-24.

Internal quality assurance cell (IQAC) of the college.

The IQAC of Bharati College is dedicated to fostering an institutional culture centred on quality assurance. This commitment has led to the implementation of numerous quality initiatives across various disciplines and domains.

Bharati College, in partnership with the Central Hindi Training Institute and the Central Hindi Directorate (Ministry of Education, Government of India), conducted Hindi proficiency

training sessions on campus in February. These classes, mandated by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, were designed to enhance the Hindi language skills of the college's administrative staff and promote the use of Hindi in official work. Participants included senior administrative officers, college employees, Professors, Major committee coordinators, and the College Principal, who all registered for the training and proficiency examination.

A three-day Training Programme on General Administration and Financial Management was also organised in April with key officials from the University serving as Resource Persons. The Training Programme was well attended by functionaries from the different colleges of the University.

The in-house journals of the College continued to feature important and original research. The Department of Commerce released the 6th issue of Arthavaan in Dec 2023. The Research Post-an International Journal of Social Sciences also came up with Summer (July-December) 2023, Volume 6, Number 2 issue.

In the year 2024, Bharati College was ranked 60th out of 186 colleges in the Arts category and 46th out of 229 colleges in the Commerce category by India Today.

I am happy to share that Ms. Akanksha Patwal and Ms Divya Malhotra- two bright students of the College were selected for the Vice Chancellor's Internship Scheme. We keep hearing good things about them from the University.

‘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 total, 43 students benefited from these efforts, receiving a total of nearly Rs **2,94,016** by way of tuition fees in the year 2023-24. Ms Swati Bawa, Mr Madhav Gopal, Mr Alok Anand, Mr Levin N R, Mr Shailendra Vikram, Dr. Madhuri Sharma, Dr Shivani Jha, Dr Bindia Trivedi, Mrs Monika Arya, Dr Asha Tiwari, Dr Sonali Jain, Dr. Nishtha Bhushan, Dr Rakhi Jain, Dr Nandin Chaudhary Sen, Prof. Kamini Bhutani, Prof. Rekha Sapra and Prof. Saloni Gupta contributed generously.

Hostel

The hostel has proven to be a secure, nurturing and healthy environment for our students thanks to the capable leadership of the Warden as well as the hostel committee. Every

possible effort is made to ensure that the students' stay in the Hostel is a comfortable and positive experience. For example, as the College class schedule clashed with the Mess timings, the College has modified its Break period, so that the students do not have to compromise on their lunch time. The new boundary wall construction has added to making the premises safer. Hostel intake has stabilised at 78- although we do anticipate more demands for expansion in the coming years.

Library

In the current academic Session (2023-24) Bharati College Library has started Circulation (Issuing and returning of books) through an open-source integrated library system named KOHA, which is used world-wide by public, school and special libraries. Notably the College has ensured customized specifications to the KOHA software which has resulted in value addition and enhanced experience for the users. The complete catalogue of all books stocked in the College library, as well as faculty and student data are now available, for easy checking. Log in facility to place orders is also in place. Sage Publications, NLIST, DELNET and DULS databases have also been made available.

In the reporting year, the library subscribed to **16** Newspapers in English and Hindi, **15** National and International journals and **12** magazines. During the year approx. **572** new books were added in the stock of Library making a total of **54813** books in the collection of the library.

The institutional memberships of N-list and DELNET were renewed for this year.

SPORTS

Our attainments in Sports continue to make us proud. Our students- Muskan and Manisha were selected for the Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2024. Bharati College Hockey team also won the 3rd position in Delhi State Championship in August 2023. Further, two of our hockey players were selected for North zone Inter University Hockey Championship to be held in Patiala

Our college teams also participated in the Delhi Olympics Games hosted by Delhi Olympic Association held at Talkatora Stadium. In the sport -Hapkido (Martial Arts), our students Triveni and Sanskriti secured the Gold, while Isha, Ekta, Risha and Shobha secured the Silver.

In December 2023, our college athletes showcased their prowess at the Delhi State Wushu Championship. Their notable achievements were as follows:

Ms. Shobha won Silver. Kashish, Megha and Sapna secured the Bronze medals.

The Kho-Kho team has been performing with consistent excellence. Two players from Kho-Kho team were selected to represent Delhi University at North Zone Inter University championship.

One of our footballers was selected to represent Delhi University at Inter University football championship. Four of our boxers won bronzes in their respective weight categories at the inter college boxing championship.

NCC

The sustained commitment to excellence of Bharati College NCC cadets was evident in their outstanding performances over the course of the year. Their achievements were remarkable, securing top positions in various categories at the Annual NCC Fest of Jamia Millia Islamia. Notably, they claimed 1st POSITION in both the Guard of Honour Competition and the Best Cadet Competition. In partnership with NSS students, the cadets also enthusiastically contributed to the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign and the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

NSS

The college is fully committed to implementing the NEP through the dedicated efforts of Dr. Vandana Yadav and Dr. Princy Jain, who oversee its technical aspects, while the NSS plays a pivotal role in fostering community involvement and compassion. Notable initiatives include blood donation drives in collaboration with the National Thalassemia Welfare Society and the "Swachhata hi Sewa" campaign for Gandhi Jayanti. The NSS has also promoted election awareness through various activities and conducted a 10-days self-defense training program with the Delhi Police to empower students.

OPUS, the Training and Placement Cell

15 companies including Genpact and Zomato visited the College for placements in the reporting period. 34 students were placed. During this academic year, the College has also collaborated with companies and NGO to provide internship or community outreach opportunities. A total of 17 MOUs were signed and 50 students from the second year across different courses successfully completed internship or community outreach work in organisations such as Newsroot, Pehchan- the street school and Salam Balak trust among others during the last academic year

Conferences and Departmental Seminars

The 8th International Conference on Marketing, Strategy, and Policy Research 2024: Connecting the Dots, organized by the College, was a resounding success, taking place in Goa during the month of March. The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry served as the industry partner for this prestigious event, which was generously funded by ONGC. Notably, the esteemed Prof. Philip Kotler, a legend in the field of Marketing, also addressed the Conference attendees.

The Department of Political Science organised a National seminar on *Swadeshi and Self-Reliance in India* which was supported by the ICSSR. Prof Sushma Yadav- Pro Vice Chancellor, Central University of Haryana delivered the Keynote address.

The Department of Journalism organised several seminars during the period under consideration. Distinguished speakers included Saumya Rastogi, Senior Sub Editor at Indian Express; Himanshi Saini, Producer at BBC India; and Syed Mohd Irfan, Founder, Host, and Producer of the Celebrity Talk Show- Guftagoo.

The Department of Mathematics hosted Seminars on compelling topics, including Women in Cryptography, and Vedic Mathematics.

The Department of History also hosted several eminent historians throughout the year, including Prof Vijaylakshmi Singh from the Deptt of History, Delhi University who spoke on Nationalism and Culture and Prof Farhat Nasreen of Jamia Millia Islamia who spoke on the History of Happiness.

The Hindi Pakshotsav 2023 organised by the Department of Hindi in the month of September featured eminent scholars such as Prof Manju Mukul and Prof Pooran Chand Tandon.

The Deptt. of English & Sociology co-hosted an International Scientific and Practical Conference in collaboration with the department of Slavic and Finno- Ugric Studies and Embassy of Russian Federation. The title of the Conference was " The growing role of Russian Language in the Brics and SCO countries: Education, language and Culture"

The Department of Computer Science organised seminars on the important theme of Challenges and Threats in Cyber Security with AI And Legal Perspectives as well as other topics.

The Department of Sanskrit in collaboration with the Institute of Adhyatma Yoga jointly hosted a two-day International Yoga महासम्मेलन themed 'Importance of Yoga, Ayurveda,

and Naturopathy in Sanskrit Literature' in month of October. The Department in collaboration with संस्कृत संस्कृति विकास संस्थान also organised a two-day international seminar on the topic Bhartiya Sanskriti and ज्ञान परंपरा- प्राचीन एवं आधुनिक परिप्रेक्ष्य in month of February.

Faculty Achievements

3 Research Projects funded by the ICSSR, the Institute of Eminence (University of Delhi), and the World Bank were undertaken by faculty members- Dr. Sonia Kaushik and Dr. Bhavana Sivan, making the College a centre of original knowledge production.

Many colleagues have presented at national and international conferences and have been invited as resource persons. While time constraints prevent us from listing all their accomplishments here, the college deeply acknowledges and appreciates their valuable contributions.

Prof Mala Rani is now empanelled as a UGC Certified Master Trainer of Indian Knowledge systems. (IKS).

The publication profile of the College over the past year is remarkable and serves as a source of great satisfaction.

Prof. Saloni Gupta, Prof. Mala Rani, Prof. Harikishni, Prof. Rajni, Dr. Kalpana Kataria, Dr. Bhawna Shivan, Dr. Bindia Trivedi, Dr. Meenakshi Gupta, Dr. Poonam, Dr. Kunal Anand, Ms Laxmi Devi Dr. Sheetal Mavi and Akshat Pushpam contributed to Scopus Listed Publications.

Dr. Aruna Jain, Dr. Ankit Gupta, Dr. Vinesh Kumar and Dr. Yajuvendra Pratap Singh authored publications in journals listed in the Web of Science Index.

Dr. Naila Anjum, Dr. Loveleen Gupta, Dr. Kalpana Kataria, Akshat Pushpam, Dr. Rakhi Jain, Dr. Indu Baghel, Dr. Sarita Pathak Yajurvedi, Dr. Anuranjita Wadhwa, Rajat Abhinav, Dr. Vandana Bansal, Dr. Divya Sharma, Dr. Loveleen Gupta, Ms. Deepika Dewan, Dr. Mithilesh Mishra, Dr. Puna Ram, Dr. Deepti Srivastava, Dr. Meenu, Dr. Poonam, Ms. Shobhana Sinha, Dr. Abhishek Puneet, Dr. Anupriya, Dr. Shalu Kaur and Dr. Vasundhara Sharma were published in UGC Care listed journals. In addition, many faculty members published in Peer reviewed journals.

In the year under review- 6 members of the faculty authored books- including by Dr. Sonali Jain, Dr. Indu Baghel, Dr. Anupriya, Dr. Eti Sharma, Ms Kangana Roy and Dr. Indra Narayan Raman. Dr. Poonam co-edited two books on Artificial Intelligence and Information Technology. Dr. Savita Jemini edited three books in her subject area. Dr. Shailza Singh, and Dr. Madhvi contributed chapters to books published by Routledge while Mr. Akshat contributed chapters in books published by Springer and Palgrave. Dr. Ankit Gupta and Mr. Alok Anand contributed to publications of the Department of Distance and Continuing Education and the School of Open Learning, University of Delhi. Prof Harikishni, Prof. Sangit Sarita, Dr. Kalpana Kataria, Dr. Swati Khanna and Dr. Suman Rani also authored chapters in books.

Dr. Bindia Trivedi, Ms Mehak Dua, Dr. Shailza Singh, and Dr. Sarita Pathak were also involved in the preparation of E content for IGNOU, SOL, the UGC Vyas Channel and the Swayam Prabha DTH Channel of the Ministry of Education.

Achievements of the college Administration &Accounts

- Dr. Sangeeta and Dr. Anita from the Department of Hindi were elevated to Professorship in this period. I congratulate them.
- Two Non-Teaching Staff members: Mr. Sajjan Kumar was promoted to Junior Assistant, and Mr. Kailash Kumar Saini was promoted to Library Assistant.
- Appointed a counsellor to enhance mental health support services for students and staff.
- Appointed a Theatre Intern from the National School of Drama to learn the technical aspects of theatre.
- The college is steadily transitioning towards a paperless administration through the introduction of new modules of ERP software, enabling the efficient management of student attendance records, Internal and Continuous Assessment, seamless generation of salary slips, and paperless filing of APAR.
- Conducted a Health and Hygiene audit, and the college has been awarded the "Eat Right" Certificate by FSSAI.
- Initiated the repair and renovation of the boundary wall and construction of a new Gate No. 1 to ensure smoother entry and exit.
- Successfully organized a felicitation event for the University administration, including the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, in collaboration with the OBC Commission, Delhi NCR, which also recognized newly appointed teachers across various colleges of University of Delhi.

- For their exceptional work performance, Mr. Kailash, Mr. Gavish, Himanshu, Prashant, Hemant, Tanveer, Rajesh, Ram Awadh, and Ms. Preeti Kapahi were honored as Employees of the Month in the previous year.
- Bharati College submitted its annual audited accounts for the financial year 2023-24 on 13th August 2024, becoming the first institution to meet the UGC's prescribed deadline. As a result, the college received its grant on time, ensuring the timely disbursement of salaries, pensions, and other expenditures.
- **The college managed to receive some Scholarships from the following organisation:**
 - Help the Blind Foundation Hong Kong for Visually Impaired Students: 43,050
 - Princeton Foundation Fellowship for Peace & Learning- 17,420
 - Ms. Uma Grover donated 11 dessert coolers to the college.

Best Practices:

(a) GREEN CAMPUS

Our enduring commitment to reducing the carbon footprint and tackling environmental challenges head on is evident in the consistent accolades the College has received for its environmental endeavours. These accolades include the Zero Waste Certificate from the MCD, the National Environmental Education and Awareness Award, and the 3rd position in the Gold Awards for the SORT waste segregation project of ENACTUS Bharati at the Indian Pollution Control Association. The National Edu Trust of India – an agency registered with the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises has applauded and certified the College for its several environmental campaigns including the Vriksh Rakhsa Bandhan and the 30-Day Environmental Challenge. Such recognition mirrors the ideals that we have earnestly embraced, internalised and strive to instil in our students on a daily basis. Thus, for example, it is heartening to see our CDF students take to the grounds collecting all plastic waste, once an event is over. The Garden Committee is committed to transforming the campus into a lush green space by planting 500 saplings as part of its Vanmahotsav plantation drive, under the Government of India's "एक पेड़ मां के नाम" campaign. The plantation took place through a series of events, including a significant occasion marked by the visit of the Hon'ble Vice President of India.

(b) ENTRPRENEURSHIP

A notable and remarkable change in the landscape of the College is the addition of the Beyond Scars Café- an entirely student run initiative- which has emerged as one of the most popular haunts for students and faculty alike. The successful functioning of the Café is reflective of another value that we have tried to inculcate in our students- an entrepreneurial and innovative approach to life. The special emphasis on skill development in the College in the year under consideration, so that our students become job creators, and active contributors to the nation's progress is how we train our students for their entrepreneurial journey. During this period, highly successful skill courses on Baking and Nail Art were organized with the support of Smarth Bharat. These courses, the first of their kind at Bharati College, were exceptionally well-received and, due to popular demand, a second batch is set to commence soon. Further the College has an ongoing collaboration with Samarth Bharat for Career Counselling, Skill Development, Employment, Entrepreneurship Development, Start-up support and Mentorship. The College also organised the National Entrepreneurship Conclave in the reporting period.

(C) NCWEB, SOL, IGNOU

As part of its best practices, the college maximizes resource utilization by conducting Sunday classes for NCWEB and SOL, and offering Postgraduate programs for IGNOU on weekends. NCWEB runs B.A. and B.Com courses, accommodating around 400 students per semester, with a total of 1,200 students at any given time. SOL holds B.A. classes for approximately 600 students per semester, and the college serves as an examination centre for 1,000 SOL students. Additionally, IGNOU provides M.A. programs in Hindi, English, Economics, Psychology, Political Science, and M. Com, catering to about 2,500 students each semester.

Awards

I would like to mention that many faculty members have also been awarded for their contributions: It gives me great pleasure to end my report on this positive note.

Bharati college & Dr. Shailendra Vikram, Dr. Khushee Chaudhary, Dr. Swati Khanna, Academic Ascendancy Prize for Exemplary college excellence AND Bharati college & Dr. Asha Tiwari, Dr. Prem Deoli, and Dr Rashmi Kumari for Spiritual and Value Based Education, were honoured by the Confederation of Indian Universities (CII) and Dr. Rekha Sharma & Dr. Priyamvada Patri were honoured by the Educational Standards and Testing Council of India.

Lastly

I'd like to take a moment to celebrate the **outstanding academic achievements of our students** for the academic years 2022-23.

The academic excellence of our students is reflected by their regular attainment of University Distinctions in all disciplines. In a remarkable performance, Ria Manocha of Psychology hons. secured 90.14 % marks in the final year exams. Aarti Kumari of B. Com Hons and Shalini Sharma of Maths Hons. secured an equally impressive 89.70% and 89.40% respectively.

Jai Hind!!