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INTRODUCTION

The academic year 2019-2020 has, unusually, been a very different year. The pandemic that has gripped so many countries including ours poses a new set of challenges as well as opportunities in its wake. As online teaching and electronic interface is increasingly becoming the new normal in the academic world, we are bound by such inevitable changes to recalibrate our own lives, attitudes and ways of functioning.

In view of all this, our concluding academic year too was impacted by the unfolding of COVID-19 that gripped us unknowingly, thereby pushing us into adopting and adapting to newer modes of teaching and learning.

In March 2020 when a nationwide lockdown was announced, little did we know that it would continue this long. Thus we find ourselves, here, today to celebrate the 6th Annual Day 2020 on a virtual platform. Anyhow, the occasion today gives us reasons to cheer. And I, as the Principal of Aryabhatta College, welcome you all in this virtual space to acknowledge the many achievements of our institution that have been made possible despite everything. I am therefore, happy to report the progress made even in such difficult times and recognize the achievements of our students, faculty members and the non-teaching staff.

INFRASTRUCTURE

This year's major addition to the college infrastructure was the additional floor of the Taregna block comprising five classrooms, Psychology laboratories and a hall that served as the evaluation centre for the School of Open Learning.

The "Teen Dukaan" vending area was created with three shops and a workspace for infrastructure repair and renovation. Two shops were put into operation serving snacks and fresh juices. A printer, copier and stationary shop is yet to become operational.

A conference room, committee room, an additional computer laboratory and an office for the placement cell became operational during the year. Another committee room is yet to be furnished.

Construction Work on the under-construction New Academic and Administrative blocks has been completed up to four floors. The process to extend the buildings by an additional three floors has been initiated. However, the government order for stoppage of construction to reduce pollution during the winter months and the looming COVID-19 pandemic substantially slowed down progress in this regard.

In addition to regular repair of furniture, we have managed to create new furniture in-house for the first time in the form of podiums for all the classrooms.

Work towards the provision of a new electric sub-station and of a sewage treatment plant has been initiated.

STUDENTS' ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

The overall meritorious student toppers in different disciplines for the previous year are as follows:

B.Com. Course III Year	ANKIT SHARMA
B.Com.(Hons.) III Year	RUHANI NANDWANI
B.A.(Prog) III Year	SANDEEP KUMAR
B.A.(H) Business Eco III Year	SUMIT GUPTA
B.A.(H) English III Year	SAKSHI SHARMA
B.A.(H) Hindi III Year	GHANSHYAM
B.A.(H) Political Sc. III Year	SHIVAM BHARTIYA

B.A.(H) Psychology III Year	AKANKSHA JAYANT RAJGURU
B.Sc.(H) Computer Sc III year	DEEPAK TRIPATHI
B.A.(Hons.) Economics III Year	ISHAAN SAHNI
B.A. (H) History III Year	MANJEET ROUSHAN
B.Sc.(H) Maths III Year	MOHIT SAIN

Academic Achievements of the Teaching Staff

ENGLISH

- **Dr. B Mangalam** delivered lectures on Indian classical literature, on Milton and the English Revolution, on Dalit Theatre discourse at Delhi University Colleges. She chaired sessions and delivered Talks at International webinars and presented a paper on Ambedkar's Legacy at the webinar hosted by Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC). She also held a live session on Gender Spaces & Roles at Work & Home. Her paper on Disability discourse and Translation studies was part of an edited volume published by Routledge, besides her travel writings in leading newspapers.
- **Ms. Preeti M. Gacche** presented and published a paper title: "Disability in the Job Market in India" in Jamia, and another on 'Representation of Disability in Literature and Cinema' at Maharaja Agrasen College.
- **Dr. Kamayani Kumar** coedited a book- *Childhood and Traumas*, published by Routledge, and presented papers at conferences in Delhi and West Bengal.

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- **Shri. Binoy Bhushan Agarwal** was the Returning Senior Judge for the 2019 Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition, London.
 - **Dr. Madhulika Nirmal**, as deputy coordinator, facilitated the Introduction of JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSE FOR BEGINNERS (Level N5) as an Add on Course.
 - **Ms. Roshni** attended the two FDPs organized by Ramanujan College.

ECONOMICS

- **Dr. Surajit Deb** presented papers at international conferences in Moscow and Purdue. He has also published papers on a variety of topics in the Social Change.
- **Dr. Deepika Goel** was awarded Ph.D for her thesis- 'Inflation in India: Modelling and Policies'. Her paper has been accepted for publication in Journal of Developing Areas, a quarterly journal of Tennessee State University College of Business.

HISTORY

- **Ms. Namita Singh** presented a paper on 'Knowledge production and folk literature in History' in NMML.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ECONOMICS

- **Ms. Pritika Dua** presented papers and won best paper award for her brilliant research paper presentation in an international conference at Mata Sundari College.
- **Dr. Shivani Raheja** had a busy year with paper presentations, FDPs and paper publications. She is empaneled as Research Mentor in School of Management Studies, Amity College, USA. She was appointed as Project Director and Innovation Executive

Board Member of The Innovation Society, India. She was also invited as Key Resource person for imparting 'Life Skills' sessions and trainings at DU Colleges.

HINDI

- **Dr. Dev Prakash Mishra** published papers: "भारतीय सिनेमा और फाल्के" and "साहित्य लोचन और रहस्यवाद" in "संग्रथन". He also presented a lecture titled "साहित्य :दृश्य श्रव्य माध्यम एवं सोशल मीडिया" in Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal.
- **Dr. Promila** participated in online FDPs, completed her Orientation and Refresher course, and presented paper titled 'गांधीवाद और दुखमोचन' in ARSD College.
- **Dr. Neetu Jaisinghani** attended 2 FDP Programs Badalta Bhartiya Paridrishya and Sahitya , Media , Manovigyan Aur Vanijya ke Vivid Aayam.

COMMERCE

- **Dr. J K Singh** was an invited keynote speaker, presented papers and chaired sessions at national and international conference and published research papers in international journals. He has co-authored a book titled "Changing Landscape of Corporate Governance & Corporate Social Responsibility". He is a member of Editorial Board in the peer reviewed journal; *Vedaang*. He is also a nominated Member of Advisory Board for the National Conference organized by Department of MBA, Vaish College of Engineering, Rohtak.
- **Dr. Ruchi Jain** completed the Swayam Arpit Online Refresher Course in Commerce, and a 4-Week Induction/Orientation Programme.

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- **Shri. Pardeep Singh** completed his M.Phil in Finance. He presented and published papers, participated in FDP, and completed Swayam Arpit Online Refresher Course, and Teaching Certificate program. He also co-edited a book titled “Changing Landscape of Corporate Governance & Corporate Social Responsibility.”
 - **Dr. Ruchi Upadhyay** authored three units for IGNOU under the School of Health Sciences, and published two papers for International Journal of Marketing and Research.
 - **Dr. Aanchal Gupta**, as deputy coordinator, has been instrumental in facilitating a number of Add on courses in the College.

Bachelor of Management Studies

- **Ms. Priya Chaudhary** presented papers in conferences in Rohtak and DU. She also won the best paper award at the international conference in the Department of Commerce.
- **Ms. Cherry Uppal** completed online courses from John Hopkins University and a course on ‘Understanding Economic Policymaking’.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- **Dr. Priti Jagwani** received ‘Indira Parikh 50 education women Leader’ Award in July 2019 by World Education Congress. She also completed her Refresher Course from JNU, published papers in international journals and Monthly Newsletters of UGC CEC.
- **Ms. Sonal Linda** published papers in SCIE, attended FDPs, Skill Enhancement Programme, and an international conference.

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- **Dr. Mona Adlakha** was the Resource person & Organizing Team Member, for the One Week Online In-house Faculty Empowerment Program on “*eTools for Online Teaching*”, for Aryabhata College. She also participated in a number of workshops, webinars and FDPs.

MATHEMATICS

- **Dr. Naveen Kumar Jain** published papers as well as presented papers in conferences in Tamil Nadu.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

- I, **Dr. Manoj Sinha** was the Awarded the Certificate of Appreciation by Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi for promoting Gandhian Ideas and Philosophy on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. As a Keynote speaker, and in the capacity of Invited Speaker, I delivered lectures on Gandhi, Higher Education, and Academic Leadership at various national and international platforms at IIC, CPDHE, Gautam Budh University, Gujarat and elsewhere. I also published papers in International Journals and an article "Matdan kyun Jaroori" in Rashtriya Sahara newspaper. In my administrative capacity, I have been appointed as the Vice Chancellor's nominee member of the Academic Council of Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, Jind, and the UGC observer for State Eligibility Tests in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. I have also been the UGC nominee on the Governing Body of Model College affiliated to University of Mumbai. More recently, in recognition of all this, I was awarded the Golden Aim Awards for Excellence and Leadership in Education by Dynergic Business Solutions.

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- **Dr. Satish Kumar Jha** presented papers and delivered lectures at national and international platforms in IIC Delhi, IAS Shimla, Acharya Narendra Dev College. The International Political Science Association has accepted his paper titled “Understanding Gandhi’s engagement with Nationalism” for a session on Asian engagement with Nationalism for its 26th congress to be held in Lisbon.
 - **Shri. Anand Saurabh** completed a Refresher course on Indian Philosophy, Thought & Thinkers at CPDHE, and a two week FDP on Managing Online Classes and Co-creating MOOCS.
 - **Dr. Rashmi Rai** completed a refresher course from Jamila Millia Islamia on Human Rights and social inclusion, and also published a paper in *Manav* journal.

PSYCHOLOGY

- **Dr. Halley Singh Thokchom** facilitated “Webinar Series on Mental Health during the COVID19 Lockdown”, completed FDPs, and Short term courses, and was the resource person in providing training to Faculty members of Aryabhata College on Open Educational Resources during a Faculty Empowerment Program.
- **Dr. Ravi Bhushan Prasad** was awarded his Ph.D in November 2019.
- **Dr. Garima Srivastava** published prolifically in numerous international journals. She has been the Resource person for a number of workshops on Parenting, Stress Management etc. held in Delhi, Dubai, UK and elsewhere. She is also a part of the Editorial Board for 'The Learning Curve,' National Academic Journal for the Department of Psychology, LSR.

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- **Dr. Neera** published two papers in reputed journals.
 - **Dr. Ching** is a member of Member of Ahmedabad Jung Center, participated in webinars, and has supervised two dissertations, presented and published research papers as well as a short story.

Accomplishments by the Departments, Clubs and Societies

The ENGLISH LITERARY ASSOCIATION organized a Literary Studies Symposium 2019 on 'Marginal Studies'. It also organized webinars and special lecture series on Fantasy & Literature, and Poetry & Translation with eminent authors and academicians such as Tabish Khair and Vandana Saxena from Denmark and Malaysia respectively.

The **COMPUTER SCIENCE SOCIETY – TECHPIONEERS** - successfully completed the Add-on courses on Microsoft MOS Certification Exam which received overwhelming response. Seminars on Soft Skills and Cyber Security were also organized apart from its annual department fest and Internship Opportunities.

The E- CELL had a busy year with a variety of academic and non-academic events. It organized seminars, social media campaigns, collaborative workshops on small entrepreneurs and a series of online weekly competitions.

The Department of BUSINESS ECONOMICS conducted a range of programmes and the list is long. Among other things, it hosted webinars, recruitment drives, and industrial tour to Parle

Agrovet Factory in Bahadurgarh as well as other student centric events. The Annual Sports & Team Building Event, 'Roister 2020' and 'Business Alumni Meet' were the major attractions.

The Department of Management Studies conducted seminars on 'Contemporary Marketing' and 'Business Journalism' with eminent speakers from the field which was saw heavy footfall. The department also organized industrial visit to 'Swaraj Tractors India Pvt. Ltd.' with the aim to provide Real-Time Exposure of the corporate arena to young management trainees.

The **Department of HINDI** had its plate full with a number of webinars and national and international speakers from Denmark, Ukraine, Srilanka, India. Some of them being:

"आदिवासी साहित्य की विकास यात्रा" विषय पर प्रसिद्ध लेखक हरिराम मीणा का व्याख्यान

लोकगीतों में सामाजिक यथार्थ" विषय पर वेबिनार, वक्ता- डॉ. रामाज्ञा 'शशिधर', बी.एच.यू.

"विदेशी भाषा के रूप में हिन्दी शिक्षण की चुनौतियाँ" विषय पर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वेबिनार, वक्ता- एल्मर जोसेफ रेनर , सुश्री एम्. नधीरा शिवंती, सुश्री जामीला ख्मेलकोवा, डॉ. विपुल गोस्वामी

DEBATING SOCIETY hosted the Zero Hour competition, a workshop on Parliamentary Debate, "Prativaad 2.0"- its Annual Bilingual inter college conventional debate competition- all of which proved to be hugely successful. The hard work and perseverance of the members brought great recognition to the society.

ENACTUS Aryabhata participated in various inter-college B-plan competitions. Keeping true to its spirit, it won top positions and awards in a row for their innovative projects thereby further cementing its place in the DU circuit and elsewhere.

The **ADVENTURE SOCIETY** organized two Himalayan expeditions during the year. One in Bhatwari district of Uttarakhand where 23 participants trekked 6 days from Barsu village to the hot springs at Gangnani crossing over the Gidara bugyal (high altitude meadow).

The second expedition was a winter snow trek to Nagtibba near Mussourie followed by a day-long adventure activities camp. The 60 participants successfully completed the expedition from 26 February to 1 March 2020. Two teachers, Shri. Harish Dhawan and Ms. Gayatri Yadav, escorted both the groups.

NIBS AND BRUSHES organized a variety of events and introduced novel projects. Apart from running highly successful competitions on slam poetry, creative writing, painting, sketching, special lectures it released a customized College calendar 2020, for the very first time, which found much appreciation.

The society was also instrumental in facilitating the making of a documentary film on Aryabhatta College when Doordarshan expressed its interest in doing so as part of its TV series titled 'Campus Se'; the episode provides a wonderful peek into how the College came to be what it is today.

PICWIC: THE FILM and PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY

Aiming to explore the creative and visual horizons through lens, members of PICWIC, took part in various activities across Delhi. The Picwic calendar was marked by event coverage, workshops, photo-walks and competitions.

SPECIAL LECTURES SERIES

Enhancing the overall quality of education and academic life are an array of programmes that transcend departmental boundaries. Thus some of the events had the entire college faculty participating in it to create a more holistic environment. Currently in its third year the Special Lecture Series hosted lectures on a range of topics with international faculty members and authors from international institutions like Aarhus University in Denmark, Ashoka University etc.

Addressing the emergent needs of the time, the Training Team of Aryabhatta College conducted a **One Week On-line Faculty Empowerment Program on “eTools for Online Teaching”** as an in-house workshop to facilitate teaching using ICT tools. This is a significant milestone in the form of the first in-house FEP conducted by Aryabhatta College. The workshop aimed to help facilitate the faculty in the use of ICT tools for teaching. Seven resource persons from amongst the college faculty imparted the skills to their fellow colleagues. In the workshop, 58 faculty members, spanning all the departments of the college, actively participated in 8 sessions, spanning over 24 active hours of hands-on sessions, spread over 7 days. The workshop included hand-on sessions in Google Meet, G-Suite products, Google Drive and its shortcuts, Google Classroom, Online assessment tools and Open Education Resources. FEP Organising Team Members/ Resource Persons **include** Dr. Priti Jagwani, Ms. Mona Adlakha, Ms. Neha Kumari. Ms. Ruchika Aggarwal, Mr. Raj Kumar Sharma, Mr. Pradeep Singh, Dr. Halley Thokchom. It received an enthusiastic response from the participants.

RANGMANCH

Streetstruck is the annual street play competition organised by ‘रंगमंच’, the dramatics society of the college. It’s 6th edition had nostalgia as its theme. Himmat Singh Negi, a

profound theatre artist and television personality along with Shekhar Kanwat, alumni of Aryabhata College and a student at National School of Drama graced the event with their experience and knowledge about the craft while judging the competition. Among its many achievements, Rangmanch was awarded with first position in both National Theatre Festival and in Annual Street fest and found Special Mentions in quite a many events.

International Conference on Human Rights

The College in collaboration with Shaikshik Foundation and Deshbandhu College organized a two day international conference on Human Rights. In parallel running sessions, research papers were presented by various scholars from India and abroad making it a grand success.

SPORTS

Aryabhata College is known for producing sports person of high Caliber. It has been made possible because of the regular and disciplined practice sessions under trained coaches of various Sports like Boxing, Kho-Kho, Wrestling, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Football, Ball-Badminton, Kabaddi, Table Tennis, Chess and Judo.

Games Report for session 2019-2020

Among a range of activities a week long fitness camp, cricket match, inter-departmental sports tournament and a lecture on sports psychology were organized. This year too, we bagged medals in various games at all levels of competitions very much to the pride and glory of our College.

In Senior Netball National Championship held in Chhattisgarh, Meghna Prasad won the Gold

In Delhi University Inter College Gymnastic Championship, Yogesh brought home the Gold.

Many of our students won Bronze and Silver in various categories that added to the prestige of our College.

Among other things, the department also helped organize the International Yoga Day through webinar, one week Aerobics programme under Fit India Movement etc.

The Physical Education Department & NSS unit organized 'RUN FOR SELF 3 KM' Marathon as part of a health awareness programme which was graced by the presence of the parliamentarian Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi and other distinguished guests.

PROMOTIONS

On a happy note, six of our non-teaching employees were promoted:

- Mrs. Monika Ahuja and Shri Harjeet Singh were promoted to the post of Assistant.
- Shri Ram Shankar Pandit and Shri Anil Kumar Jha were promoted to the post of Junior Assistant.
- Shri Singh Ram Singh was promoted to the post of Library Assistant.
- Mrs. Padma Rani was promoted to the post of Professional Assistant (Library).

The College congratulates them on their promotions.

RETIREMENTS

- Shri Singh Ram Singh, Library Assistant retired on 30.11.2019.
- Mrs. Padma Rani, Professional Assistant retired on 31.07.2020

The College wishes both of them a happy post retirement life.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

For this incredible journey that we have collectively traversed, I would like to thank all my colleagues on whose shoulders rest the responsibility and the credit for bringing the College this far. The gamut of work done during the year could certainly not have been possible without creative inputs from the Staff Council and the hard work done by various committees. The unwavering support and confidence from Staff Association and the non-teaching staff members have also been very instrumental in the smooth functioning of the College. I would also like to put on record the work rendered diligently by the Administration Section, Accounts Section and the Library. Their efficient assistance and gracious cooperation has been integral to the development of the College. I also wish to convey my sincere thanks to Dr. S. L. Chakravorty, the Bursar, whose advice on all financial matters has always been of utmost importance.

Finally, I wish to thank each one of you for your efforts and for making the session 2019-20, an eventful year despite the many odds that we were beset by. We sincerely hope to continue and cement our position as one of the best colleges now that we have already made a good start.

With you the very best,

Thank you

Dr. Manoj Sinha

Principal