

Ram Lal Anand College
University of Delhi
Benito Juarez Road, New Delhi



53rd Annual Day
and
Prize Distribution Function

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College Auditorium

Principal's Report 2016-2017

It is my privilege to welcome the distinguished guests, all my teaching and non-teaching colleagues, and my dear students to the **53rd Annual Day of RAM LAL ANAND College**.

It gives me immense pleasure to warmly welcome our Chief Guest, **Mr. P. P. Shrivastav**, and our Chairperson **Shri Brij Kishore Sharma**.

Firstly, I would like to give a brief introduction about our Chief Guest **Mr. P. P. Shrivastav**. He is a gold medallist from Rajasthan University, got selected to IAS in 1960, after serving for a short time as Professor of chemistry and IPS in Rajasthan. He has immensely contributed to the development, planning, education and integration of our nation by dedicating many years of his service to the North Eastern States and Goa. As Chief Secretary of the UT of Goa, he helped in its successful transition to full Statehood, in 1987. In around 12 years of postings in the **Ministry of Home Affairs** as **Special Secretary**, he sensitively handled and helped bring the Mizo insurgency to a close. **Improving the Quality of Education** and **Fusion of human values in education** from nursery to University levels has been an area of special interest to him. He has served as Joint Commissioner and later Commissioner of MCD. He has taken several pioneering initiatives in Disaster Management like establishing EWS, FLEWS and REWS which have saved many lives and property in North Eastern Region. He was nominated by the President of India as **Full-time Member** of the **North Eastern Council** in the rank of **Minister of State** in the Government of India for **Regional Planning, Inter-State coordination** and **Security**. Presently, he is a **Governing Body member** of the Asian Confluence to facilitate operationalization of the Prime Minister's decision to transform Look-East Policy into the dynamic Act-East Policy. With all his assiduity, perseverance, far-sightedness, problem-solving approach, dedicated efforts and vast knowledge, he is a true role model and a guiding force for all of us.

Sir, we are indeed honoured by your gracious presence on our Annual Day.

Shri Brij Kishore Sharma is an epitome of hard work and dedication. In 1959, he was the only student who had successfully completed his LLM from Lucknow University. After spending a decade in educating and training law students in Lucknow and Rajasthan Universities, he was selected to the **Indian Law Services** where he has made significant contributions under various capacities. He is an ardent writer and has authored many books on the Constitution in both Hindi and English. He has chaired the Copyright Board and National Book Trust. He has been honoured by the states of Bihar, MP, Karnataka and Delhi for his services to Indian languages and also by the Ministry of Law and MHRD, for some of

his books. Presently he is the **Chairman of Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation, an initiative of the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India**. His accomplishments and command over both English and Hindi, are very inspirational to our faculty and students.

Sir, our College has benefitted tremendously from your guidance, encouragement and support as is evident from the numerous initiatives taken up under your aegis.

Now, I present before you, the Annual Report for the academic session 2016-2017.

Ram Lal Anand College was established in 1964 by Eminent Lawyer of the Supreme Court of India and a Great Visionary **Shri Ram Lal Anand Ji**. It started with just two pass courses, B.A. and B.Com. and now offers **Twelve** Undergraduate courses in all the three streams, i.e. humanities, commerce and science and **One** PG course in Hindi. **Two** new courses, **B.A. (Hons) Mathematics** and **Bachelor of Management Studies (B.M.S.)** have been approved by University of Delhi, and will be started from the forthcoming academic session, July 2017.

Our college is fully funded by the UGC and is maintained by the University of Delhi. During the academic session 2016-17, **698** students were admitted to different courses and a total of **2156 students** are currently enrolled in all the three years put together.

I briefly present before you, the academic achievements of the college in this session.

At the end of 2016, **918** students appeared in the university final year examinations. I am very happy to report that the **pass percentage was 96.4%** with **56% of the students securing First Division** (516) and 33% securing Second Division (304).

It is a moment of pride for all of us to report that two of our students, Mr **Ashish Singh** from the Department of Microbiology and Ms **Nupur Pant** from the Department of Geology have topped the University Final year exams in 2016 and will be awarded **Gold medals** in the University Convocation.

A large number of students of the college are receiving academic scholarships/fellowships from prominent Institutions. I would like to specially mention that **Three** of our students (Nitin Khandelwal and G Arvind Sarma from Geology, and Abhishek Sharma from Microbiology) have received the highly prestigious **INSPIRE** fellowship of **₹ 80,000/- per annum** from the Department of Science and Technology.

The college also provides financial assistance to needy and academically deserving students in the form of fee concession. A total of ₹ 2,63,000/- has been distributed among 81 students as financial aid in this academic session.

Many of the faculty members are pursuing active research in the college, using available facilities and showcasing their innovative acumen. I am glad to inform that this year, we have successfully completed **Six Interdisciplinary Innovation** research Projects with **grants of ₹ 30 lakhs** funded by University of Delhi in 2015.

Through these Innovative Projects, **sixty** undergraduate students from various departments were trained and motivated to pursue research as a career.

A **patent** on “**Method of screening inhibitors against Hepatitis C virus**” has been filed by one of the project investigators, **Dr. Vandana Gupta**, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology on March 30, 2017. An Innovation Project on “**Study on how Cognitive activities fair better than drugs in delaying dementia among 60 plus population**” by the faculty and students of Department of Statistics and Hindi was awarded “**Best Poster**” during the Innovation Research Projects Display at the Convocation Ceremony of the University of Delhi.

In this session, our faculty has published more than **13 research papers/articles** in highly reputed journals & **5 book chapters**. **More than 15 teachers have presented research papers** in national and international Seminars, Conferences and Workshops. One of our faculty members, **Dr. Ravinder Kumar**, Department of Commerce was invited to present a research paper in the 4th International conference on “Sustainable Development” at Manila, Philippines.

Dr. Perna Malhotra, Department of English, was awarded 32nd Dr. S. Radha Krishnan Memorial National Teacher Award-2016 (on the eve of National Teachers’ Day at Constitution Club, New Delhi conferred by Akhil Bhartiya Swatantra Patrakar evam Lekhak Sangh)

Dr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Department of Microbiology was awarded Life time achievement award for Skill India Initiatives by NICER (on the recommendations of International Association of Educators for World Peace –NGO Affiliate of United Nations: ECOSOC, UNDPI). **I would like to take this opportunity to brief you about the key developments and new initiatives taken by the college during the year.**

With the dedicated efforts of Infrastructure Committee, we have set up a **new medical room** equipped with necessary first aid facilities, fully functional **Wi-Fi**, four **IT-enabled class rooms** and a new storage facility for laptops.

A new pavement with tactile support for the visually impaired has been laid from main gate to the central platform.

The **amphitheatre** and **Principal's Block** have been completely renovated, and the **staff room** upgraded with meeting and kitchen facilities.

A new lift, renovation of the library with higher student seating capacity and **renovation of administrative and accounts block** are under progress and are expected to be completed by the start of the next session.

I feel extremely proud to announce that the college has signed an **MOU** with **Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad** (an autonomous institute of Department of Biotechnology, Government of India) **under the “Science Setu” program**. It will help to inculcate a scientific temper and acquaint students with the need to transfer ideas and innovations from the laboratory bench to the community. The first workshop on “Human Microbiome: our second genome” under this programme was conducted in the college by the Centre for Human Microbial Ecology (CHME), THSTI on 18th April.

This year our college has also started **Competence Building and Skill Enhancement Programmes** to prepare our students to meet the challenges of the industry in the face of cut-throat competition. A **3-day workshop** on **Madhubani Painting** was organized by the RLA chapter of SPIC MACAY under the guidance of **President Awardee Smt. Ambika Devi**.

An Interactive Workshop on “Distribution, Exploration and Optimization Techniques in Petroleum Production” **was organized**, in which **4 eminent Scientists from ONGC** shared their technical expertise on different aspects of oil & gas exploration in India. Students of Microbiology were trained to use an advanced state of the art spectrophotometer **IMPLEN Nanophotometer NP-90**. A One-day Competency Assessment workshop was conducted by **Abbscissa HR Consulting Pvt Ltd** to prepare our outgoing students to face the world after college through group discussion and personal interview.

With the constant and dedicated efforts of the Career Counselling and Placement Cell (CCPC) of the college, the industry leaders like **IBM, AON Hewitt, American Express, and CoCubes Technologies Pvt. Ltd.** conducted campus placement drives, registering more than

100 students for the first round of the selection process. Many career counselling sessions were organized by the cell to help students succeed in their future endeavours.

The college supported and encouraged 8 non-teaching staff to undertake and participate in skill-development activities.

I am overjoyed to report that our faculty and students are **very conscious and enthusiastic** towards the **fulfilment of their social responsibilities**. Our student volunteers of NSS, NCC and student union participated in great numbers in the various community awareness programmes initiated by MHRD like **Vittiya Saksharta Abhiyan, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** and **Electoral Awareness**. The College Canteen and Photocopy Shop have shifted from **Cash to Cashless** mode of transaction since 2nd January, 2017. Students and faculty also participated in a **Clothes Donation drive, Walk for Water** and **Tuberculosis Awareness** campaigns.

The college has taken initiatives to integrate students from all sections of the society and provide them necessary platform and help. A new “**North East Society**” has been formed for students from North Eastern States to encourage them to forge new relationships. **Equal Opportunity Cell** of the college organised a workshop for the students to motivate them to excel in life. **Remedial classes** for the students requiring additional tutoring have also been started this year.

We now come to the Special Events conducted during the year:

The college celebrated **International Yoga Day** on 21st June 2016, followed by a two-week yoga workshop, **International Women's Day** on 8th March 2017 and **National Science Day** on 28th Feb 2017, by organising poster making and presentation competitions.

The teaching-learning experience of students of the college was promoted through educational visits to various Institutions or sites of academic excellence. Students from various Departments **visited IHBT, Palampur** (Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology), **NBRC, Manesar** (National Brain Research Centre) and many archaeological and **Heritage sites** in Delhi and MP.

The college enriches the student's knowledge through exposure to the works and principles of eminent and renowned personalities in India from various fields. Almost all the departments and many student societies have **organised a number of workshops and national seminars** by inviting luminaries and academicians of very high repute.

The college celebrated its annual cultural festival Nexplora-2017 on 03rd and 04th March - 2017. This colourful event showcased the outstanding talent of the students of the University of Delhi in various competitions like **music, dance, poetry, quiz, debate** and many more. These two days were the happiest days for our students, filled with enjoyment and entertainment. Many students of our art and culture, and debating societies made us proud by winning many prizes in various inter college and university level events and competitions. A **play** by “*Hasratein*” society of the college, won **3rd position in SRCC, CONCOR.** *Hasratein* was also covered by the French Channel “*C’est un monde*”.

The **Annual Sports Day** was celebrated on 23rd Feb 2017 with fun, frolic, full spirit and enthusiasm. All the students, faculty and non-teaching staff participated in fun races and other sports activities. Students who participated and brought laurels to the college in various sports were awarded. **I am happy to report that three of our students have represented Delhi state at the National level.**

SPIC MACAY society organized a musical concert by one of the most renowned Hindustani Classical vocalists, Dr. Ashwini Bhide-Deshpande.

Celebration of the **Annual NCC and NSS day** invigorated the college atmosphere with a **sense of patriotism and national integration.** Many cadets and volunteers were awarded for their significant contributions to the society.

While we were involved in these social outreach activities, we were further motivated as **our college was awarded “Clean Campus Award” by NICER** on the recommendations of **International Association of Educators for World Peace** (NGO Affiliate of United Nations: ECOSOC, UNDPI) **for strengthening the cause of “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan”** at the Skill and Vocational Education Summit 2017, held at the India International Centre.

I would like to specially acknowledge the role played by NCC/NSS volunteers, student union committee members and all the students of this college for keeping the campus clean.

I would like to extend gratitude towards my teaching and non-teaching colleagues for their unstinted support and cooperation without which any of the above achievements would not have been possible.

I also appreciate and convey my sincere thanks to this Annual-Day Organizing Committee which has worked diligently and tirelessly.

In the end, I would like to congratulate all the meritorious students who will be receiving their prizes shortly. I wish all the best to our students who will be appearing in their semester end examinations soon.

I thank you all for your patient listening.

Dr Rakesh Kumar Gupta

Principal Acting