

E-वार्ता

**“Back on its golden hinges the gate of Memory
swings, and our heart goes into the garden and
walks with the olden things”**

-Ella Wheeler Wilcox

ABOUT

Dear Alumni.

RLA College welcomes you all to connect to an important initiative it has undertaken aptly titled "Alumni E- वार्ता ".The driving force behind this digital initiative is to connect the Alumni with students and their teachers.

More importantly, the E- वार्ता will be a platform where the Alumni is requested to share their nostalgic journey of three years interspersed with interesting anecdotes, musings, reflections, articles of interest in different fields of knowledge, best industry and academic practices that are in vogue today and that which could immensely benefit the students looking out for career opportunities or pursuing for better avenues of academic interest to name a few.

The E- वार्ता will be a quarterly digital newsletter and a two way communication which will succinctly capture and be a platform to deliberate issues of interest to community of students, teachers and Alumni.

This useful initiative will not be possible without the effective contribution from the distinguished Alumni and all concerned.

Lets all collaborate, communicate and connect in making E- वार्ता a truly vibrant powerhouse of information and ideas the e way.

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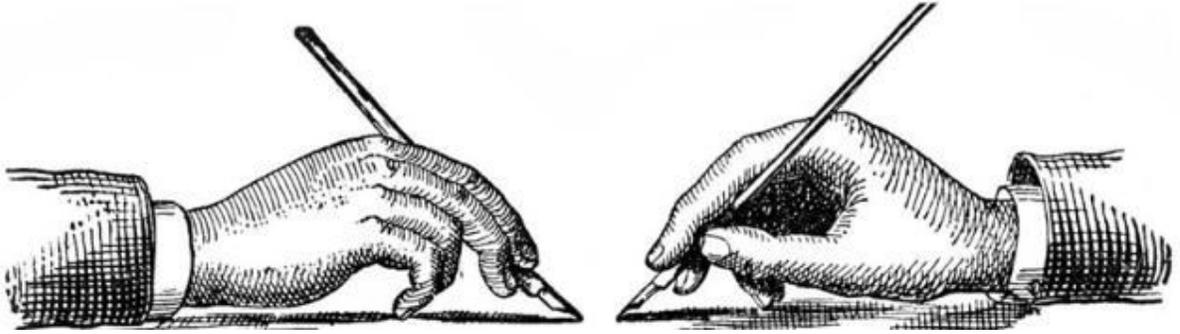
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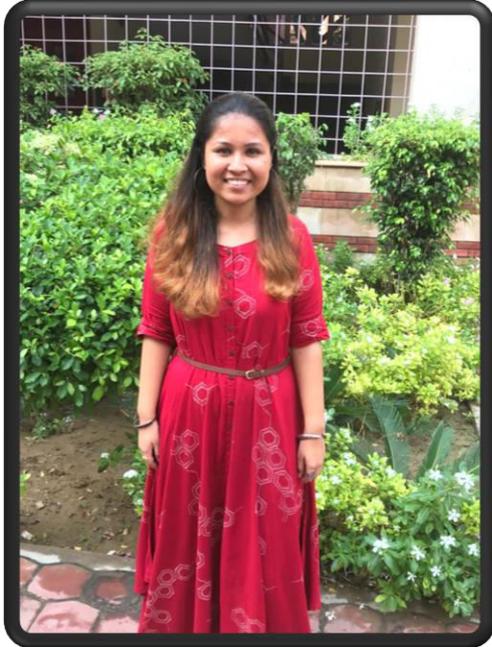
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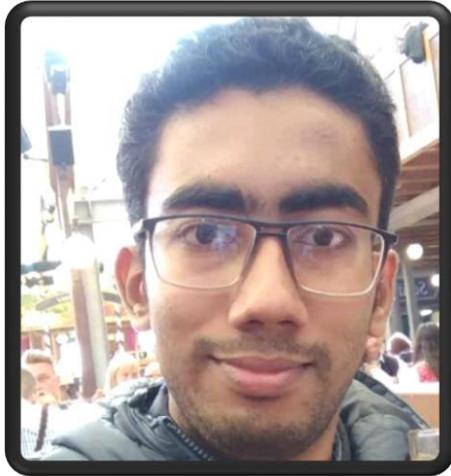
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SHARING MY EXPERIENCE

Having passed out of RLA and specifically, the Statistics Department of RLA, not many months ago, it surprises me how much I miss the three years I spent there. The shared experiences, light-hearted moments and even the grind of exams turned out to be memories that I'm not going to forget for a considerable time in the future.

There was a certain comfort to the rhythm of attending classes, meeting friends and interacting with teachers. It made you feel like you belong. Considering I studied an intense subject like Statistics, the kind of guidance, support and knowledge I received from our teachers made me even more confident about my decision to choose Statistics at RLA.

If there is one thing that I'd like to tell my juniors, it's that the Statistics Department of RLA is an ever-improving institution that will give you excellent teachers who will make you love the subject, inspiring classmates who will push you to do better and a college experience that you will look back at with pride and joy. To put it simply, it was home, and its members, my family.



Article 2

Hitansh Singla
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Ten things you should do within your first year of college

If you are in the initial years of your bachelor's life, then here is the list of things I'd suggest you to start learning/doing. Although this document is definitely not exhaustive, it includes the things I wish I should have started doing earlier.

First of all, start learning a new language. Install Duolingo on your phone and practice for at least 10 minutes every day. Learning a language has a lot of benefits; moreover, you can flaunt it during job interviews too. Best part, when you wait for your friends in the cafeteria or at the bus stop, you can complete a small lesson within 5 minutes.

Second, if you ever get an opportunity to present something in your classroom, never miss that. Otherwise, create an opportunity by asking the teachers to allow you to explain stuff to other students. It would help you speak confidently during public gatherings and especially during group discussions. Also, if you'd give your TOEFL or IELTS exam in later stages of life, you'd already be confident enough that you can speak for 2 minutes straight during the long run task.

Third, start reading books, both academic as well as literature, if you haven't already. Reading books has countless benefits, try to complete at least one literature book per semester.

Fourth, get your PAN card, passport, driving license, voter card ready. You'd need these documents almost everywhere, especially PAN card. So, avoid last-minute rush and

apply for these documents. You'd not want to miss TCS interview just because you didn't have you PAN and passport number.

Fifth, now that you have your PAN card, learn how to file income tax returns. Learn the differences between different types of ITR and forms. Otherwise, you'd have to ask a lot of questions to your colleagues in your future office.

Sixth, learn a programming language. It is always recommended to know how to program. My favourite language is Python, as it is easy to learn, easy to code, almost everything is already there in modules. If you know how to connect the dots, then you're good to go. Also, there is a high probability that by the time you'd graduate, a code would have already been written to perform the task you were assigned to do. (I did that for myself.)

Seventh, learn how to give CPR and how to use a defibrillator. Your first division degree cannot save a life of dying or choking person, but your ability to react in that situation can. Ask your principal to arrange a session on such things. These things are extremely important and should have been taught in school.

Eighth, contacts and links are important. References can get you more opportunities than good marks, certificates and flashy degrees combined. Stay in contact with your seniors and professors. In my last company, over 40% of the new joiners hiring was through referrals.

Ninth, plant trees, save resources, always wear a seatbelt or a helmet and follow traffic rules. Share the knowledge using blogs, YouTube or whatever you feel comfortable with. I know you'd probably not follow any of the above points, but that's your choice :)

Tenth, have complete faith in yourself.



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जब कॉलेज का पहला साल खत्म हुआ...

लिखने का कोई शौक नहीं था। पर आज लिख रहा हूँ। खुद के लिए तो नहीं, लेकिन जीवनयापन के लिए। खैर, लिखने की कला एकाएक नहीं उत्पन्न हुई मेरे भीतर। आज टाइम्स ऑफ इंडिया के हिंदी ऑनलाइन पोर्टल नवभारत टाइम्स में सीनियर कॉपी एडिटर हूँ। चार साल हो गए लिखते हुए। यह लिखना आईआईएमसी (भारतीय जनसंचार संस्थान) ने सीखाया। पर आईआईएमसी पहुंचाने का काम राम लाल आनंद कॉलेज के कुछ बेहतरीन शिक्षकों और मित्रों ने किया। जी हां, अगर जिंदगी में आरएलए नहीं आता, तो शायद हम इस मुकाम तक नहीं पहुंचते!

तो राम लाल आनंद में साल 2010 में आना हुआ। विषय राजनीति विज्ञान था मेरा। लेकिन पहला साल खास नहीं था। क्योंकि इस साल पढ़ाई नहीं, खूब मस्ती हुई थी। सरकारी स्कूल से पढ़ा हूँ मैं। स्कूल में कहानियां थीं कि कॉलेज में पढ़ाई नहीं, मौज होती है! क्लास जाओ या ना जाओ तुम्हारी मर्जी। तो हमने पहले साल अपनी मर्जी चलाई। क्लास बंक की, किताबें नहीं खोली। नतीजा पहले साल में बस किसी तरह पास हो गए। मतलब, 45 प्रतिशत नंबर आए थे।

फिर लाइफ ने ट्रेक बदला... दोस्त भी बदल गए। कैसे? मुझे नहीं पता। पर धीरे-धीरे बदल गए। अब पढ़ने वालों के साथ था मैं। मतलब, रटू तोतों के नहीं, बल्कि वो जो मौज के साथ पढ़ना जानते हैं, जिनकी पढ़ाई सिर्फ किताब के पन्नों या फिर क्लास रूम तक नहीं सिमटी। आज वो दूसरों को पढ़ा रहे हैं, मतलब खुद भी अब कॉलेज टीचर हैं वो। उन्होंने जिंदगी को एक नया मोड़ दिया। पढ़ने का जज्बा फिर जगाया। इनमें से एक दोस्त ने ही जबरदस्ती आईआईएमसी का फॉर्म भरवाया था। हम तो 1200 रुपये के चक्कर इसे भरने से कतरा रहे थे, क्योंकि नहीं होगा यह पहले ही सोच लिया था। लेकिन दोस्त को भरोसा था।

और हां, जिंदगी में दिशा-निर्देश देने वाला भी होना चाहिए ना कोई? तो यह फर्ज हमारे गुरुजी ने निभाया। नाम लिखने से मना किया है उन्होंने। गुरुजी ने हमें कभी क्लास रूम तक नहीं समेटा। रास्ता, कैंटीन, पार्क, लाइब्रेरी कहीं भी हम उन्हें पकड़ लेते थे। उन्होंने भी कभी मना नहीं किया पढ़ाने से। उनका पढ़ाने का अंदाज भीतर कुछ बनने की ललक पैदा करता गया।

अखबार पढ़ने की आदत उनकी वजह से आई, जिसकी वजह से आईआईएमसी का एंट्रेस पास कर पाया। यकीनन गुरुजी के बिना यह सफर मुमकिन नहीं होता। अब भी उनका साथ है और यह साथ जिंदगी में अच्छे पल लाया है।

बाकी साथियों से यही उम्मीद है कि कॉलेज के तीन साल अच्छे से पढ़ें, सिनेमा देखें, विषय की किताबों से इतर भी काफी कुछ पढ़ सकते हैं आप। अखबार तो बहुत जरूरी है। वैसे जमाना ऑनलाइन का है, जहां बहुत कुछ उपलब्ध है देखने, सुनने और पढ़ने के लिए। तो अपने स्मार्टफोन का अच्छा इस्तेमाल कीजिए और वक्त दीजिए खुद को।

शिक्षकों को अपना दोस्त भी समझिए और उनकी इज्जत भी कीजिए। और हां, अच्छे दोस्त बेहद जरूरी हैं। क्योंकि वह आपको आपकी कमजोरियां बताते हैं और जिंदगी में आगे बढ़ने का हिम्मत देते हैं। बाकी आप लोग 18 साल के हो चुके हैं और अपना भला बुरा समझते होंगे। तो अगर शौक ए दीदार है तो नजर पैदा कीजिए...



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काँलेज का परिवेश

मैं स्कूल का औसत विद्यार्थी काँलेज में आके विषय का टापर बना। पहले समझ नहीं पाता था इसकी वजह क्या है, जगह का बदलना या बेहतरीन अध्यापकों का मिलना। लेकिन अब बिना किसी शक के बता सकता हूँ कि वो मेरे अध्यापकों का सानिध्य था जिससे मैं कुछ कर सका। राम लाल आनंद काँलेज ने मुझको सिखाया कि अपने आपको फेलने दो जितना फेल सकते हो, सीखो जिस किसी से भी सीख सकते हो। अपने अंदर के बच्चे को जिंदा रखो जो हमेशा सीखने को तत्पर रहता है।

महत्वपूर्ण ये नहीं है कि मैं टापर बना बल्कि महत्वपूर्ण ये है कि एक औसत विद्यार्थी अच्छे काँलेज का परिवेश और अध्यापकों की प्रेरणा पाकर सफल हुआ। ऐसा ही परिवेश और लोगो को मिले तो वे बेहतर नागरिक बन सकते हैं और राष्ट्र निर्माण में अपनी भूमिका निभा सकते हैं। अपने अनुजों से इतना ही निवेदन है कि अपने जीवन में जो भी करना चाहते हैं उसको करे, हमेशा जीवन में सकारात्मक रहे और अपने लक्ष्य पर एकाग्र रहें। चाहे लक्ष्य कुछ भी हो बस लक्ष्य के अनुसार अपने आपको तैयार कर के रखे।



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My Multicolored RLA

It is said that there are two kinds of education, “Quality Education” and “Degree Education”. All will agree that in between lies a world of difference.

Right from its inception in 1964, Ram Lal Anand College (RLA College) has remained focused on delivering the highest quality of education, leading the way in innovative ideas. With the gradual increase in number of programs and students, its emphasis still remains on maintaining the highest standards of quality. We are the testimony to the world that RLA College delivers ‘Quality Education’.

‘Roll number 15- Yes sir..!’, and the journey begins here.

It was my first day at the college, with a new route and view. I climbed down the bus and reached college, saw a couple of unknown faces. Got along well, sat in the lectures the rest of the day with no sign of ragging. Got very well acquainted with the unknown faces who later became friends and are still sticking together. The journey since then

has been a total roller-coaster ride. My experience at RLA College has taught me one fundamental thing- LIFE IS UNPREDICTABLE. It might be good, bad, weird, and of no interest to you, but expect anything to happen. College life prepares you for all of this. It is a perfect blend of joy and hardship.

Trust me, once you get into a good college, you will get an opportunity to be the artist of your dreams which you always wanted to be- and RLA was the Santa Claus that kept on giving all those wonderful opportunities to me to prove myself. And the teachers, not the least were the cherry on the cake.

Here I got to see two types of teachers, one who teaches what the syllabus determines and the other, who go beyond the coursework to teach what life dictates. And both the kind of teachings are important. Later it got proved amply that taking admission in RLA College was one of my best decisions.

I have very colorful emotions for the multicolored images of 'my' RLA. Moments carrying sentimental value from interesting co-curricular activities to sometimes boring lectures, from sharing common ideas to some heated political arguments, from fear of viva to becoming the department topper in exams, from Xerox wale bhaiya to canteen wale bhaiya, from campus festivals to fun-filled crowds, the life at RLA has given me those moments which add colors to my life. With the burst of emotions time gave feelings to me of being high on life.

Like most students, I was also worried about my career. If I get a chance to rewind, go back and talk to my younger self I would definitely say immediately that stop worrying so much, just work hard for excellence in your present and things will fall in place. RLA taught me that hard work will bring me everyday a step closer to a bright future. Secondly, raise the bar higher.

You might fall, you might fail but those experiments will turn into landmarks in your learning process. And third, go find your happiness. Whether you get to have a good day or not such a good day, at the end you are going to remember it in many ways.

To conclude I can say, life at RLA was a 'wild mish-mash of experiences'. Being a graduate in Political Science, I discovered a new version of myself at the end of three years in college and that change was positive. I wish all the best to the current and upcoming batches of RLA College, and reassure them that don't worry, you're in safe hands.



Neelima Chauhan
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लाल रंग की फैली बिल्डिंग, आड़ी-तिरछी सीढ़ियाँ और बड़ा सा गार्डन यानी रामलाल आनंद कॉलेज, मैंने अपनी स्नातक की डिग्री हिंदी विशेष में यहीं से प्राप्त की है। उन दिनों की बात उठे तो वो अनुभव से भरे थे। लगभग हर कोना किसी अच्छी याद से जुड़ा है।

यहां अलग-अलग कमेटियाँ) स्पोर्ट, ड्रामा, एनसीसी, एनएसएस, आदि (कई को-करिकुलर एक्टिविटीज करवाती है। जिससे आपको आपकी फील्ड ऑफ इंटरैस्ट को जानने में सहायता मिलती है और साथ ही आपकी पसन्दीदा क्षेत्र में एक अच्छा एक्सपोजर मिलता है। इसे और बेहतर यहाँ के शिक्षकों का नेतृत्व बनाता है। यहाँ हिंदी विभाग द्वारा संगोष्ठी, लेखन प्रतियोगिता, वाद-विवाद और कविता वाचन जैसे कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन होता है। वर्तमान के विद्यार्थियों को मैं यही सुझाव देना चाहूंगी कि मेक द मोस्ट ऑफ इट।



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राम लाल आनंद कालेज मुझमें बसता है

To be an optimist, hardworking, institution builder, well-mannered etcetera are the words plus characteristic attributes that come to my mind whenever I reflect upon the time that I spent in Ram Lal Anand College as an undergraduate student. It should not be taken as a statement of exaggeration or embellishment when I claim that all the positive and significant things

I am doing today as a research scholar, teacher and human being has lot to do with the time that I spent here at Ram Lal Anand College and the character development that happened during these formative years of my life. Worried and tense are the two words that reflect the situation in which I found myself after completing my school. I was worried as I had not scored very good marks in my XII standard examination. I was tense as I did not know whether I will be able to get admission in University of Delhi or not.

It was in this situation of being lost in which Ram Lal Anand College turned into a lighthouse for me. Situated near the beautiful University of Delhi's South Campus, in close vicinity to other colleges that were comparatively more famous at that time, Ram Lal Anand college with its magnificent red building with a tilted 'A' in the words 'RLA' pasted on the front facing wall, two way iconic stairs, beautiful centre and outer garden, spacious corridors, small tutorial rooms, porta-cabins, huge natural stones in the backyard, big tree of belpatra and many other things allured me from the very first day I joined the college.

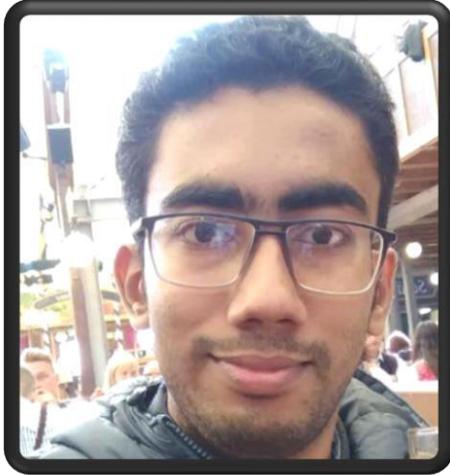
किन्तु इन सभी भौतिक और रूमानी आयामों के परे आज जब मैं राम लाल आनंद कालेज में गुजारे तीन वर्षों पर निगाह डालू तो सबसे बड़ा असर मेरी जिंदगी पर उस तालीम का पड़ा है जो मुझे और मेरे साथियों को

यहाँ मिली। यह विचार की तालीम केवल किताब तक सीमित नहीं होती, इसे हम सबने राम लाल आनंद कालेज में बखूबी समझा। अपने स्ट्रीम को बदलते हुए मैंने राजनीति विज्ञान में स्नातक करने का फैसला किया और इस विषय की पढाई राम लाल आनंद कालेज से की। उन तीन वर्षों के दौरान हमने कई तरह के पेपर पढे और कालेज से जुड़े विभिन्न गतिविधियों का हिस्सा भी बने। मिसाल के तौर पर कक्षा में पढने के अलावा मैंने इन तीन वर्षों में कालेज में लेखन से जुड़ी प्रतियोगिताओं में हिस्सा लिया।

इसके साथ कालेज की तरफ से दूसरे कालेजों में वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिताओं में भी बढ चढकर हिस्सा लिया। परन्तु सबसे महत्वपूर्ण रहा उन तीन वर्षों में कक्षा में सीखना जहाँ कक्षा केवल चारदीवारों तक सीमित न रही। हम सबके लिए कालेज का मैदान, सत्य निकेतन की वो चाय की दूकान और कैंटीन भी कक्षा की तरह हो गयी थी। इसका श्रेय हमारे समस्त अध्यापकगण और सबसे महत्वपूर्ण अलंकार सर को जाता है जिन्होंने न सिर्फ पढाया बल्कि यह भी समझाया की पढाई होती क्या है और पढते कैसे हैं।

विषय जैसे जिंदगी का हिस्सा बन गया। कक्षा जाना रूटीन और काम नहीं रहा बल्कि कक्षा एक आजाद जगह बन गयी जहाँ हम स्वेच्छा से जाते थे, अपनी बात खुलकर कहते थे, स्वतंत्रता के साथ अध्यापक के तर्क का विरोध भी करते थे जो अभी भी कई कालेजों और संस्थानों में देखने को नहीं मिलता।

शब्दों को कम करते हुए इतना जरूर कहूंगा की जीवन भर साथ निभाने वाले अजीज दोस्त और जिंदगी बदलने वाला ज्ञान इसी कालेज में मिला: सफलता आपकी अकेली मेहनत का नतीजा नहीं होती बल्कि आपकी सफलता एक सामाजिक उत्पाद है जिसका वितरण और इस्तेमाल समाज की भलाई के लिए होना चाहिए। सदैव राम लाल आनंद कालेज का आभारी



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How to apply for MS in Germany

However, before you read this, ask yourself why you want to go there.

You don't have a job?

You're tired of preparing for government exams?

You feel that you cannot get anywhere in India?

You feel that education here is cheap or free?

You're bored of your current life?

You've done your masters already and still jobless?

You're really passionate about studying abroad?

You want to travel the Europe with student discounts?

If any of your answer is yes, then please do not apply here in Deutschland. Because you will need a proper reason in your cover letter and you'll be wasting precious time of yours.

What you (generally) need:

Transcripts from the university

If you're in the last semester, then get the transcripts until second last semester exams.

If your application was successful, then you will get a conditional admit.

Provisional or Final Degree

You will need this document if you have already passed out from a university. This is important as you can not apply to many universities and especially Deutschland visa.

Get a final degree as soon as possible.

Gate / GRE Score (optional)

Many universities ask for GRE score and allow Indians to show GATE qualification if they do not have that score. Just clear the cut off of that year and you're good to apply. You can still apply for most of the universities without this score.

IELTS / TOEFL score

Some universities can settle on the fact that your Bachelor's degree was entirely in English, but most won't. So, to be on the safe side, give either IELTS or TOEFL as they can help you to apply for Visa too. I'd suggest you give IELTS as it is widely accepted here in Germany.

Migration certificate is not required. I applied to 5-6 universities and didn't give that in any. Still, you should double check.

Notarised copy of each document

Most universities will ask you to send a physical copy of the documents, round stamped by Notary or Embassy. Keep at least 10 copies of each document ready.

Passport Number

If you still don't have a passport yet, then apply now.

Letter of Recommendation

You might need this letter in some courses from 2 academic professors.

Letter of Motivation

Many universities ask for this letter. Do not send the exact same letter to every university. They'll know that it's a template.

Essay

In some courses, you're asked to submit an essay while applying. Do write it well before the deadline.

Next Steps

Visit <https://www.daad.de/en/>

Check information for foreigners and create a list of courses you want to apply.

Create a proper table, having application opening date, closing dates, how to apply (direct or via uni-assist), course language, etc.

After you have shortlisted the courses, apply to them one by one,

Send documents on time (if required).

Now that you have applied, just sit back and wait for approval emails. You might have to give interviews. Keep checking spam inbox.

Some tips for application:

Don't use any template. Create a unique application for every university.

Focus on course, not on the university. Some average universities have better course structure than other renowned universities.

Contact professors of that department regarding the future opportunities.

Don't ask anyone else to apply on your behalf.

Apply carefully. Apply as soon as possible.

You can try DHL/Bluedart as they have some discount packages too.
Start learning German. 15 minutes a day on Duolingo can take you places.

How to increase your admission chances:

Good academics are preferred here in Germany. Higher the percentage / CGPA in University, higher will be your admission chances.

Relevant work experience is preferred. During the interview, you can tell them how your job is relevant to the course you're applying.

Research papers published by you will significantly increase your admission chances. But you can also get admission without it too.

Relevant internships are preferred.

Higher IELTS score will not affect your application. Anything above 6.5 is perfectly fine.

Higher GATE score? I am not sure about it. My GATE score wasn't good but I still got admission.



Parmanand Goswami
B.A. (Hons.) Hindi
Batch: 2012-15

कॉलेज की दुनिया

दरसल कॉलेज छात्र जीवन में नए प्रयोगों की स्वतंत्र एवं स्वच्छन्द दुनिया का नाम है। कोई भी छात्र अनुशासन और दबाव में अध्ययन के वातावरण से निकल कॉलेज में उनमुक्त हवाओं में पहले पहल अध्ययन करता है। मेरी इस स्वच्छन्द और उन्मुक्त विचारों की आधारभूमि "रामलाल आनंद कॉलेज" है।

जब हम किसी संस्थान को विचारों की आधारभूमि बता रहे हैं तो निश्चित रूप से मेरे विचारों के उपवन रूपी भूमि के माली यहाँ के बेहतरीन अध्यापक रहे हैं। व्यक्तित्व निर्माण में शिक्षक की भूमिका सर्वविदित है, परन्तु शिक्षक आपका शानदार मित्र भी हो सकता है मैंने यहीं आकर जाना। यदि रामलाल आनंद कॉलेज के अध्यापकों का मेरे जीवन में सहयोग की बात करूँ तो उन्होंने मुझे उत्कृष्ट छात्र के साथ बेहतर मनुष्य बनाने में अविस्मरणीय योगदान दिया।

कॉलेज की संरचना और कक्षाओं के सुधार के विषय में इतना ज़रूर कहूँगा कि कक्षाओं के आधुनिकीकरण के साथ ही पुस्तकालय में विषयेतर भी जो चर्चित नयी-पुरानी किताबें और पत्र-पत्रिकाएँ हों उनकी व्यवस्था ज़रूर हो। इन सबसे इतर मेरे प्रिय साथियों!

आपको मेरा इतना कहना है कि यह कॉलेज आपको मेरी ही भांति ज़रूर परिवर्तित करेगा और निश्चित ही सकारात्मक परिवर्तन होगा। क्यों की यह मैं सहज ही कह सकता हूँ की यदि मैं इस कॉलेज से स्नातक न होता तो शायद ही हिंदू कॉलेज का और दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय का परास्नातक होता।

आप यहाँ पढ़कर, सीखकर और जी कर कभी नहीं कह पाएँगे कि "अब तक क्या किया! जीवन क्या जिया?" तय है कि आप बेहतर से बेहतरीन की ओर आप अग्रसर होंगे।



Priyanka
B.A. (Hons.) Political Science
Batch: 2012-15

My lifetime learning experiences at RLA

My experiences at RLA prove to be very much a great learning process for me. It helped me to gain knowledge, skill of critical thinking, study & more importantly practice what is taught by my highly sophisticated teachers.

I chose Political Science (Hons) as my degree course. I had interest in this subject right from the school days, but I gained deep understanding of my chosen subject at the RLA College through my Political Science department. It taught me lots of things not only in classroom lectures but also through various other co-curricular activities which were held in our college like Nukkad Natak, conferences, screening of movies, fine arts to name just a few.

All these things help me a lot in my life in terms of better understanding my own family, society, politics and more broadly the institution of State. In college I got a hands-on practical experience of electioneering through the students' union election.

In our life some teachers shape us and some others radically change our lives by their attitude. They mould our thinking process which I found in our college in teachers like Alankar sir and others as well.

They taught us not for just the sake of completing the syllabus or for exam purposes but they helped us to learn by relating things with your day to day life. And without this personalized experience my own personality earlier before joining college was not very impressive.

I was a much more hesitant and introvert kind of a person. The way to express myself I gained from my college which inculcated new habits in me say simply like that of studying and learning. Moreover, it really helped me from my graduation at RLA to pursue post graduate studies and sharpen my personality further.

My advice to current students especially of Political Science is to learn and study and moreover understand things by participating in the classroom discussions and other college activities. Don't skip debates, and demand from yourself to think critically yet interact with others in a very cordial way.



PARTH
B.A. (Hons.) Political Science
Batch: 2011-14

RLA Changed my World-View

Coming from Lucknow straight to Delhi out of school I was partisan, judgmental and had my leanings towards particular kind of ideology without knowing the other prevalent beliefs and their side of story.

R.L.A was going to bring those changes in me from where I graduated not only academically but also psychologically, emotionally and consciously. I started my graduation with a yearning for knowing more about Politics and the things making it the only subject in Humanities with science in its name.

I still remember that part of our Orientation Day where Dr. Kshama Sharma told us the difference between an Honors and Non Honors Program. She said that it's because you are Special you will be graduating as an Honors student and those words brought in high expectations from the department and the college.

During the college years the department gradually wiped off our doubts of being a student at the less famous South Campus and left no stone unturned in making us realize that we were in no manner less than those studying in famous North Campus. Papers like "Understanding Political Theory", "Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics", "Theories of Administration", "Global Politics" etc. made us understand the way governments and administration works, taught us to analyze things comparatively

and with an ever broader outlook about the international scenario and politics surrounding the nations.

The college lifted me from being theoretical to becoming practical, for example in those years there arose a wave of public movements around the issues like corruption, rape and agrarian crisis which made us get out from our shells and become a part of those movements thus reflecting it in our own thinking and writing.

It is also due to our college and department that I came to know about the names of other institutions like Ambedkar University, Department of Social Work, I.I.M.C etc and various new courses in areas like Environment, Development, Gender, Social Work etc.

Due to such insights and objective studies I was able to find prospects for Post Graduation studies and even got eligible for admission into some of them. I would like to express my gratitude to our teachers Dr. Kshama Sharma, Dr. Triranjana Raj, Dr. Alankar, Dr. Vijay Bhatia, Dr. Shakti, Dr. Suman, Dr. Surendra, Dr. Aamna Mirza for their immense hardwork in shaping me into who I am today.

All of them contributed in their own way in cultivating that consciousness in me which enables me to think through the problems like lack of gender sensitivity or compassion for our fellow beings, our selfish and intolerant attitude towards many a things and situations. I learnt how some things may be adverse to our own interest despite looking so attractive. And last but not least RLA helped through its overall environment as to how to build a cordial ambience for easy flow and exchange of ideas even if they are contradictory.

I would like to end this memoir with a few words for those students who are currently engaged with Political Science. Do not see this discipline only with singular lens of what you are taught. In this way it may become monotonous for you to engage with this subject. Instead view it as an amalgamation of all other subjects which you may have come across during your school life.

This subject gains from and also contributes to subjects like History, Economics, Geography, Sociology, Environment, Law etc, coz there is Politics in everything and we are all Political in many ways.



Abhay
B.A. (Hons.) Political Science
Batch: 2013-16

उम्मीद और यकीन मिले RLA से

एक सरकारी स्कूल से निकल कर कभी नहीं सोचा था कि कभी कुछ कर पाऊंगा या कभी आगे पहुँगा। 12 वीं क्लास के रिजल्ट आते हैं ही एडमिशन की दौड़ शुरू हो गई सभी इधर-उधर भागने लगे, बहुत बड़े-बड़े नाम सुने थे लेकिन RLA के बारे में सुना था कि राजनीतिक शास्त्र की पढाई करनी है तो इसमें जाओ, उस वक्त कुछ समझ नहीं आया जाकर बस फर्स्ट लिस्ट में एडमिशन ले लिया। उसके बाद एक नया नाम जीवन में जुड़ा जो नाम था अलंकार सर।

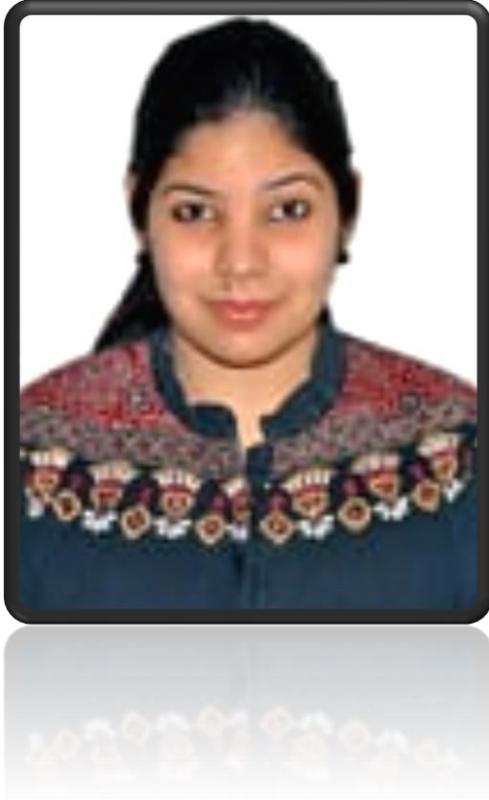
RLA में सफर की शुरुआत और अंत दोनों इन्हीं के साथ हुआ, पढाई कैसे की जाए ये समझ नहीं थी ये समझ सर और RLA की देन है। एक डर था कि पढाई इंग्लिश में होगी तो कैसे पढ़ेंगे क्या करेंगे लेकिन ये समस्या सर ने कभी आने ही नहीं दी, एक ऐसा माहौल बना दिया क्लास में कि भाषा का कोई भेद रहा ही नहीं। एडमिशन लेते वक्त ये नहीं पता था कि इसके आगे क्या होगा, हम कुछ कर पाएंगे या नहीं और इसमें क्या भविष्य है। लेकिन इन सब सवालों का जवाब वक्त के साथ अलंकार सर देते रहे।

कॉलेज में दोस्तों ने बहुत साथ दिया, ये क्लास का बनाया माहौल ही था कि सब बच्चे एक जैसे लगे। हमारे बाकी दोस्त जो दूसरे कॉलेज में गए उनके यहाँ हिंदी और इंग्लिश की अलग-अलग क्लास थी लेकिन RLA में ऐसा न था और ये सबसे बड़ी क्वालिटी थी इस कॉलेज की क्योंकि अगर दोनों अलग होते तो वो खाई कभी पट नहीं पाती जो बनी हुई है।

हम जैसे हिन्दीभाषी लोगों को धीरे-धीरे ही सही थोड़ा अंग्रेजी का ज्ञान हो गया और एक बात इसी कॉलेज से समझ आई कि 'भाषा बस एक माध्यम है, ज्ञान नहीं' अगर आपको विषय का ज्ञान है तो भाषा आपको खुदबखुद समझ आ जायेगी।

कॉलेज से निकलने का वक़्त आ गया था अब सबसे बड़ा डर था कि कहीं आगे एडमिशन होगा कि नहीं, ऐसा लगता था कि हम कहीं पीछे न रह जाये लेकिन पता नहीं कैसे जो पढ़ाया गया था वो कैसे अंदर घुस गया था और जब भी एंट्रेंस पेपर देते तो ऐसा लगता था कि ये इतना आसान क्यों लग रहा है। कॉलेज के माहौल में भी एक जादू था जो सब कुछ हमारे अंदर भर रहा था बिना हमें बताए।

RLA में पढ़ कर ये समझ आ गई कि कॉलेज के नाम से कुछ नहीं होता, नाम तो हर कॉलेज का हो सकता है। जितने एंट्रेंस दिए उसमें से ज्यादातर क्लियर हो गए, अब समस्या ये नहीं थी की कहाँ एडमिशन होगा अब समझ ये नहीं आ रहा था कहाँ पढ़ा जाए।



Ritika Mehrotra
B.A. (Hons.) Political Science
Batch: 2012-15

RLA GAVE ME A SOLID FOUNDATION

Coming from a commerce stream background in school, I was out of my comfort zone when I joined Ram Lal Anand College. Making journals and ledgers was what I knew. Understanding political ideologies and theories were quite difficult for me initially, but with the utmost support of my teachers and classmates at RLA College I was able to overcome all such difficulties.

They motivated me to believe in myself and also made me understand that at the end of the day it is your effort which makes the difference.

The years in RLA College passed by swiftly immersing student like me with knowledge, patience, and on top of all abilities necessary to compete in the real world. It gave me a platform to push myself up and to understand the potentials that were hidden inside me.

Those three years not only helped me broaden my horizon of knowledge on different academic theories, concepts and perspectives but also helped me discover more about myself.

I would like to heartily thank all my teachers. First will be Kshama Madam, who actually motivated me on the admission day itself by setting me onto a challenge to study a new

subject. She said "it's not an easy subject, think thoroughly before taking it up. It will be difficult for you." I took her words as a challenge and worked hard to understand the subject. Next is Triranjana Raj Sir who actually taught me to prioritise work through his classroom lectures. He used to teach us especially in the bullet points format with lots of clarity. He told me once "Ritika you do have all the potential, but you are not writing and practicing. If you start to do that then no one can stop you". Suman Madam was an inspiration to pursue hardwork.

Shakti Madam actually taught us the meaning of dedication and passion. I remember how she took class test on the day before her delivery! Surendra Sir helped to understand the complex concepts in easy way. Bhatia Sir and his teaching without necessarily the dictated notes was really fantastic.

Last but most importantly Alankar Sir without whom I and subject of Political Science would have been far apart. He actually made me love the subject. He is not just a teacher but a guide for life. I can confidently say that my teachers helped me to learn to adapt to every situation for all three years I was in college.

After completing graduation from RLA with the guidance of my faculty, I pursued post graduation in Social work from Delhi School of Social Work which was earlier a very distant dream for me.

My teachers introduced me to a course which I never had heard about before but turned out to be the best choice for me.

Today finally I am working with an international organization SOS Children's Village India which is working with orphan and abandoned children. I strongly feel where ever I am today it's only because of the foundation I got in Ram Lal Anand College.

Lastly my only suggestion to current college students will be, don't run behind the name fame and campus location of college. Believe in yourself where ever you study. Your teachers and interest in subject makes the difference. Today I feel most proud to be an alumnus of Ram Lal Anand College.



Aprajita Tyagi
B.Sc. (Hons.) Microbiology

Microbiology as a Career

The study of Microbiology requires a lot of discipline, and patience comes in handy. Fortunately, department of Microbiology at Ram Lal Anand College (RLA) consists of experts in their respective fields. The professors are encouraging and ever ready to answer your questions. I received immense support and guidance in both academic as well as personal life.

The long hours spent experimenting in the labs may seem tedious, but will be rewarding in the long term, especially with the kind of skill set you would have developed by the end of your course. The labs at RLA are well equipped and support staff is well trained. You will be amazed to see how beautiful and beneficial these seemingly invisible organisms can be.

Most importantly, do not forget to enjoy your college life. You will leave with memories that you will cherish all your life.

**“Recall it as often as you
wish a happy memory never
wears out.”**

-Libbie Fudim