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59th Annual Day
And
Prize Distribution Function

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Front Lawns

Principal's Report: 2022-2023

Good Evening Everyone!

I feel privileged to extend a very warm welcome to our distinguished chief guest Prof Satish Chandra Garkoti, Chairman Governing Body of the college, my colleagues on the dais Prof Mukta Majumder and Prof Subhash Chandra Dabas, Our Retired Faculty members and their families, esteemed alumni, my teaching and non-teaching colleagues and my dear students and parents to this 59th Annual Day and Prize Distribution Function of Ram Lal Anand College, which is a celebration of growth of college, and achievements of its students and staff in the current academic session. It has been a very fulfilling academic year for all of us.

I heartily welcome our Honourable Chairperson, Governing Body, Prof. Satish Chandra Garkoti, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University since October 2022 and Professor School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He is a renowned ecologist with more than 31 years of research experience in the field of Forest Ecology, Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Tree water relations, Plant invasions, and Ecosystem Restoration. Because of his strong belief in Indian Traditional Knowledge and vast experience of Himalayan Ecology, Department of Science and Technology, Govt of India granted him funds of Rs 14 crore for a project titled “Network programme on convergence of traditional knowledge systems for integration to sustainable development in the Indian Himalayan region”. His guidance to so many research scholars led them to publish their research in very high impact journals like PNAS, Scientific Reports, Catena, Science of the Total Environment etc. He has 73 research publications and 2 books to his credit He is a renowned fellow of many National and International Ecological Societies. His perseverance, far-sightedness makes him a true role model and a guiding force for all of us. In addition to all and foremost he carries the virtues of a saint as defined in Ramcharitmanas by Swami Tulsidas Ji.

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सावधान मानद मदहीना। धीर धर्म गति परम प्रबीना ॥

Sir, we are fortunate to have you with us today in college. Our college has greatly benefited under your leadership and unflinching support. Thank you sir, for gracing today’s occasion as our chief guest.

Now, I take great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of our college for the session 2022-23 **to brief you about the key developments and new initiatives taken by the college.**

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 **Fourteen** Undergraduate courses in all the three streams, i.e. Humanities,

Commerce and Science and **One** PG course in Hindi. Our college is fully funded by the UGC and is maintained by the University of Delhi.

This year has witnessed significant changes, including the introduction of “Undergraduate Curriculum Framework 2022” based on National Education Policy 2020 which is a four-year undergraduate program. This Framework has been formulated with a student centric approach and offers a wide choice of courses, creative combinations of disciplines for study with multiple entry and exit points, ease to learn incorporating the spirit of NEP to provide multidisciplinary and holistic education keeping the Indian cultural ethos and values. It also emphasises on research, skill development and higher order thinking to promote innovation and employability. The college has geared up its faculty and infrastructure to successfully implement the UGCF 2022 The College has offered around 12-14 GE, SEC, VAC, DSE course options to students under the new UGCF 2022 curriculum.

Another major change was the shift from Class XII exam-result based admission to CUET entrance examination. During the current academic session 2022-23, **829** students were admitted to different undergraduate courses and **6** students admitted to the PG programme in Hindi. At present, we have more than **2600 students** enrolled in all UG batches and PG put together with 40% girls. Besides, 5 new PhD students were enrolled under the supervision of the faculty members Prof Shruti Anand, Prof Seema Gupta, Dr Deepti Bhardwaj, Dr Vandana Gandotra, and Dr Pratik Kumar.

It is a proud feeling to announce that the pass percentage of outgoing batch 2019-22 was 95.15%. with three programmes, B. Sc (Hons) Microbiology, B.A. (Hons) Hindi Patrakarita evam Jansanchar, B.Com (Hons) having 100% pass percentage. Mr Abhilash Jeas George of B.Sc. (Hons) Microbiology III Year scored a CGPA of 9.959 and was awarded the University Gold Medal for securing Top position in the University of Delhi. He was felicitated in the University of Delhi Convocation this year. Congratulation Abhilash. The college is proud of you.

The outstanding academic performance of our students is very well reflected by receiving a number of academic scholarships/fellowships from various Institutions/organizations. 92 scholarships were received by students under Various Central Schemes (1 DST-Inspire fellowship, 56 National Scholarships, 22 PMSSS and 13 e-district Scholarships) in addition to the scholarships received from the State of Haryana, Bihar and various other Govt Organizations.

In addition to the above scholarships, the college also provides financial assistance to the needy and academically deserving students. Rs 3,44,000 was disbursed to 72 students. The college also provided full tuition fee concession to more than 475 SC/ST students and full fee concession to 16 PwD students. Three Best student awards and 21 scholarships have been sponsored by our esteemed retired faculty members and their families from contributions of Rs 28 Lakhs in the college Endowment Fund. Last year Rs 6 Lakh were donated by Ms Srivastava w/o Late Dr G R Taneja, faculty at Department of English in his memory, Rs 2 lakhs by Prof Archana Gaur in the memory

of her late father and Rs 2 lakhs by Prof Manju Kumar in memory of late Dr Devender Kumar who was faculty in the Department of History.

The laurels brought by the students were not restricted to academics only. Their performance in co-curricular activities and sports was equally outstanding and commendable. It is a matter of pride to inform you that around 122 prizes/medals were won by our students in various events organised at University, State and National Levels. Many of the students attended prestigious camps and events of national importance. Some selected students achievements is as below:

- Ashish Kotach, NCC cadet and student of Mathematics (Hons) participated in the Republic Day Parade on 26th January 2023 and made the college proud.
- Rudrakshi Jain, NSS Volunteer, B.A. (Hons) English, was the first female volunteer to represent the college at the North Zone Pre-Republic Day Parade Camp.
- Udit Nandwana, NSS Volunteer, B. A. (Hons) History, College at the 26th National Youth Festival held in Hubli, Karnataka.
- Manasvi Bangar from B.A. (Hons) Political Science won the Best Parliamentarian Award at Youth Parliament, Sri Aurobindo College during the college's Golden Jubilee celebrations and at the Dept. of International Relations, History & Politics, Christ College, Bengaluru.
- Sumit Kumar Sinha, from BMS won Silver Medal at 12th Jharkhand State Judo Championship 2022 organised by Indian Olympic Association & Judo Association of India.
- Raunak Singh, from BMS got scholarship under The Harvard College project for Asian and international relations.
- Sandeep Patra of B.Sc.(Hons) Microbiology was awarded the best student award by Microbiologists Society of India at the state level
- Two NCC cadets Abhimanyu Singh and Chirag Sharma were selected for commissioning in the Army.

In its pursuit to train students to enhance their employability, college offered 9 add-on skill development certificate courses, which trained more than 450 students. Besides, two diploma courses in Chinese and Japanese languages were also started this year for students.

A lot of emphasis was given to orient students towards innovation, startups and learning through field experience. Department of microbiology organised visits for Students to BIONEST bio incubators, at Punjab University, Regional Centre for Biotechnology (BBB-RCB), IIT Delhi's Research Park, and Bharat Biotech Start-up Expo 2022. Besides students were also taken for several field visits and to industries and academic institutions including Verka Milk Plant, Chandigarh and

Mohali, THSTI (Translational Health Science and Technology Institute), Gandhi Museum, Bharat Darshan Park, National Science Centre, Manali, Almora and nearby areas.

In order to expose students to advancements in various fields related to the curriculum and to inspire them to think out of box, 42 webinars/seminars/workshops were organised by inviting external experts in various fields. Over 151 internships have been completed by students across various disciplines in this session till now including 4-6 weeks in-house summer internship programmes offered through its Research & IPR cell.

This being the prestigious centenary year for our university, various events were organised by all departments and societies, to commemorate this grand milestone at the college level. College also duly participated in a number of events and activities organised by the University of Delhi.

NSS, NCC, Gandhi Study Circle and various departments and societies conducted more than 100 outreach and extension activities. NSS for the first time also organised a week long special Camp for 30 students at Pattiya village Almora, Uttrakhand where extensive cleanliness drives, tree plantation, health awareness drives were conducted for villagers. Microbiology society organised a number of microbiology awareness workshops for students of DAV, Ramjas and Apeejay schools. Besides, literacy workshops for slum dwellers, self-defence camp, blood donation camps, swatchta camps, waste segregation, e-waste management, mass adoption of underprivileged girls, swatchta drives and events for promotion of hindi, etc. were also conducted.

Under Spic Macay a number of events were conducted including Kangra Miniature painting workshop of 4 days, Concert of Pandit Pradeep Barot (Sarod) under Rendezvous series of Spic Macay and Mohan Veena recital by Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt. During two days college festival, held on 22-23rd March 2023, Hasnain Nizami Qawali group also performed under Spic Macay.

The faculty published 43 research publications, 5 books and 13 book chapters. The average impact factor of research publications and the H index of journals of our science departments was 3.27 and 76 respectively. The total Impact Factor and H Index of science journals was 42.515 and 1450. Most interestingly, 3 research/review papers and 6 book chapters out of these have been authored by our undergraduate students. 24 faculty members presented papers and 21 participated in national and international conferences. 30 faculty members attended professional development courses including FDP, refresher and induction programmes. Four Faculty Development programmes were conducted in collaboration with Ramanujan College. For Non-teaching staff of various colleges, a workshop on “Prashanik Hindi” was conducted on 23-24th June 2022 with experts from Kendriya Hindi Prashikhan Sansthan, Raj Bhasha Vibhag, Greh Mantralaya, Govt of India which was attended by 35 participants

In this year a total of 7 research projects with a total funding of 3.84 Crore were running in college funded by various Government Agencies like ICMR, DBT, ICSSR, NMHS (MOEF & ampCC). Two projects from ICMR of 28.3 and 19.5 lakhs have been granted to Dr Dikscha Sapra in collaboration with the Institute of Bioinformatics, Bangalore and Dr Neeraj Kumar of computer

Science. One of our faculty, Prof. Vandana Gupta, Department of Microbiology has been granted an Indian Patent on “Method of screening inhibitors against Hepatitis C virus” Patent No. 418733. Congratulations Prof Vandana for such great efforts. Second call for research proposals have been announced by the college for in house funding of 6 lakhs.

An International Conference on Sustainable Geotourism to preserve Geoheritage and Geodiversity in the Himalayas was held from 2-3 December, 2022 through funding support of National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS) at Almora, Utrakhnad. A national conference entitled NEP 2020: New Trends in Higher Education from 29th August-4th September 2022 which was attended by 255 participants. It was held in collaboration with PMMMNMTT, Ministry of Education.

The college has also initiated the process of ISO 21000-2018 certification for management system for educational organizations (EOMS). 11 faculty members completed the Onsite Internal Auditor Training Program from 17th-18th April 2023 for ISO 21000-2018.

After a long time, the college has appointed faculty on a permanent basis. A total of 46 Assistant professors have been appointed in 9 departments. The process for the rest of the departments will be completed by the end of June this year. The entrance examination for selection on non-teaching posts of library attendant, lab attendant, junior assistant and assistant have been completed. Seven Faculty members have been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor level; 2 from Assistant professor Stage II to Stage III.

Prof. Purna Diwan, Department of Microbiology, was awarded “Best Teacher Award at state level” for session 2021-22 by Microbiologists Society, India. Dr Pratik Kumar received the Nehru Memorial and Museum Library Fellowship. Dr Nidhi S Chandra got the best researcher award from VDGOD Professional Association, India. Dr Sandeep Bhatt, has been awarded PhD this year.

Infrastructural Developments and Upgradations

RLA College became the first college of Delhi University to start a Community Radio named TARANG which is aired on FM frequency 90.0. Spanning over a radius spread onto 10 kms the unique educational and infotainment channel is also made available across the country via Android App & I Store app. It is one of the most important contributions in the technology space of our college & university. We began airing on `13th Feb 2023. The state-of-the-art studio is specially designed to train budding journalists and also make available a platform to our faculty and students both.

62 new desktop computers, one professional large screen and 9 smartboards have been added this year for teaching learning in addition to other advanced lab equipment. An excellent sports ground is being developed with 3 cricket pitches for Net practice and 2 pitches in the centre for tournaments along with one football ground, 1 volleyball ground and a ground each for kho-kho and kabaddi. Two new Computer Labs with 80 computer units, one Yoga and Activity room and a Gym will be added in another six months.

A total of 1338 books (text and reference) were purchased with a total expenditure of 11,091,98/- in the library. From the next session, many needy students will be issued books for the whole semester from our special Book Bank.

All the facets of education cannot be met by working in isolation. Collaborations with the eminent institutes and organization always open new vistas to the leaning process and to look at world in a different way. More than 30 collaborations are active at present either through signed MoUs or through research participation.

Without the year-round hard work and dedication of our talented teachers, hardworking non-teaching colleagues, and the students, none of the above accomplishments would have been possible. Therefore, I express my gratitude towards all of them.

Organizing an event of this magnitude requires a considerable amount of time and effort. Hence, I am grateful to the highly motivated and dedicated members of the Function Committee who worked tirelessly to make this event a reality. Additionally, I would like to express my appreciation to the Student Award Committee for their commitment to selecting the Best Students of the year based on their academic performance, research, and participation in extracurricular and extension activities throughout their three-year undergraduate program.

The editorial team of the college, which comprises both faculty and students, has put in a lot of new ideas and significant effort in producing a remarkable edition of the magazine 'Samdrishti with enthusiasm.' The magazine will be available for release shortly.

I would also like to extend heartfelt gratitude towards the Chairman and all the members of the Governing Body for working in the direction of strengthening and augmenting the college facilities and guiding us in all our endeavours to take this institution to newer heights.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our retired faculty members and their families, Ms Pabby, Sh Om Parkash Ji, Mrs Rani Gupta, Ms R C Mishra, Sh R K Aggarwal, Shri M S Verma, and to Prof. Archana Gaur for contributing to the college endowment fund and sponsoring Best student awards and scholarships.

In the end, I congratulate and give blessings to our three Best Students of the year and other best students in various fields, who have showcased remarkable talent and dedication in academics and extracurricular activities in their respective undergraduate programs.

I extend my congratulations to all the students who have achieved excellence in academics and are about to receive prizes soon. I wish you all a good and memorable time in tomorrow's farewell party and best of luck for university examinations scheduled in the coming months. I also hope this college has infused required knowledge and inculcated sufficient skills to make you ready for the future as per the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) that proposes to harness full human potential and develop well-rounded competent individuals.

I thank you all for your patient listening. Jai Hind!

Dr Rakesh Kumar Gupta

Principal