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**58th Annual Day
And
Prize Distribution Function**

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Front Lawns

Principal's Report: 2021-2022

Good Evening Everyone!

I feel privileged to extend a very warm welcome to our distinguished Chief guests Shri Daya Prakash Sinha Ji, Prof S C Garkoti, my Colleagues on the dais Prof Mukta and Prof Dabas, Our Retired Faculty members and their families, esteemed alumni, my teaching and non-teaching colleagues and my dear students and parents to this 58th 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.

On this occasion, we are honored to have with us our Honorable Chairman of GB of the academic session 2021-22, Shri Brij Kishore Sharma ji. He has been a true source of inspiration to our faculty and students and a great mentor and guide to me. Shri Brij Kishore Sharma ji was the only student who had successfully completed his LLM from Lucknow University in 1959. Thereafter, he spent a decade in educating and training law students in Lucknow and Rajasthan Universities. He was selected for Indian Law Services where he made significant contributions working under various capacities. He is an ardent writer and has authored many books on the Constitution in both Hindi and English. He has also been the chairman of the Copyright Board and National Book Trust and Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, an initiative of the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. He has been felicitated 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. He was honored with ‘Hindi Vishwa Samman’ by the honorable President of India Sh Ram Nath Kovind on 11th Vishwa Hindi Diwas. Sir, we are blessed with your gracious presence today.

We are blessed to have amongst us Sh Daya Parkash Sinha Ji, a Padma Shri Awardee of the year 2020 and the Chairman of our GB for two years 2019-2021.

Our College has been greatly benefitted under the leadership and support of both the great personalities gracing today’s occasion as our chief guest.

I also heartily welcome our Honorable Chairman, Governing Body, Prof. Satish Chandra Garkoti ji, Pro-Vice Chancellor, and Professor School of Environmental Sciences, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi. He is a renowned ecologist with more than 30 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, GoI granted him funds of Rs 14 crore for a project “Network programme on convergence of traditional knowledge systems for integration to sustainable development in the Indian Himalayan region”. His research guidance to so many research scholars led them to publish their research in very high impact Journals like PNAS, Scientific Reports, Catena, etc. He is a National 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.

Sir, we are fortunate to have you with us today in the college.

Now, I will present the Annual Report of our college for the session 2021-22

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.

In this academic session, the college continued its teaching – learning process and activities for holistic development of students in both online and offline mode due to COVID pandemic. As you will listen to the achievements and progress of the students and faculty, you will find that the Covid pandemic did not hamper the spirit of teaching learning process but it taught our students to utilize the time more effectively in their career and personality development and gave a chance to faculty to learn and explore new teaching pedagogies.

During academic session 2021-22, **923** students were admitted to different undergraduate courses and 14 students in PG with more than **2700 students** are presently enrolled in all three years put together. Five PhD students were enrolled under the supervision of the faculty members in various Departments.

The pass percentage of outgoing batch 2018-21 was 99.08%. Mr Akash Nair of B.Sc. (Hons) Geology, III Year was awarded the University Gold Medal for securing Top position in University examination. He was felicitated during the University of Delhi Convocation this year.

The outstanding academic performance of our students is very well reflected by receiving a number of academic scholarships/fellowships from various Institutions/organizations. Five students from Mathematics and Microbiology received DST Inspire Fellowship, 64 students received National Scholarships, 26 PMSSS and 8 e-district Scholarships. More than 20 students received scholarships from States like Bihar, Haryana and various other Govt Organizations.

In addition to the above scholarships, the college also provides financial assistance to the needy and academically deserving students. A fund of Rs **6** lakhs was disbursed to **90** students. The college also provided full tuition fee concession to more than **400** SC/ST students and full fee concession to **24** PwD students.

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 more than 110 prizes/medals were brought by our students in various events organised at University, State and National Level. Many of the students attended prestigious camps and events on national importance. Some of the glimpses are

Subhag Singh, B.Sc (Hons) Microbiology awarded First Prize in Monologue Competition, at IIT, Delhi. Aakash Parihar, a member of art and culture society won Gold medal for the **Best**

Background Score for cinematography (individual specialization: music compositing) and Silver medal in the *Best 2D animated short film.

Shravan, B.A (Prog.) won **Gold** Medal in Delhi state kho-kho championship. **Satish** Political Science (H) won Silver Medal in Delhi state kho-kho Championship. **Kajal** student of History (H) **represented** University of Delhi in North Zone Inter University Tournament. These sports star students were felicitated by the college through cash incentives and full exemption from payment of college fees.

Nine NSS volunteers represented Delhi contingent at National Integration Camp (NIC) held at Coimbatore. Two NSS volunteers Lokesh and Ravi Kushwaha represented the Delhi directorate at the North Zone Pre- RD Parade Camp held at Kalwar, Jaipur. Two students Ujjawal Sharma and Himesh Yadav joined defence services as lieutenant.

In its pursuits to train students to enhance their employability, college offered 13 add-on skill development certificate courses for free to more than 600 students. Free 60-hour coaching classes for CAT, UPSC and SSC+Bank PO entrance examination in online mode were organised. Students were also enriched through virtual visits to many laboratories and field visits to Uttarakhand; Himachal Pradesh, Atomic Mineral Directorate of Exploration & Research (AMD), Copper Mines, etc. More than 75 webinars/seminars were organised by inviting external experts in various fields. 4-6 weeks summer internship programme through its Research & IPR cell were initiated for giving research exposure to 56 students. Over 120 students received internship offers during an Internship fair- MILESTONE 22', organised by the college.

The Quality of Higher Education is ensured by those mentors who strive hard to acquire new knowledge and act as role models for their mentees. Their achievements have far reaching impact on the delivery and transfer of knowledge.

Our research activity exceeded pre-pandemic levels, faculty published 59 research publications, 2 books and 15 book chapters. The average impact factor of research publications and h index of journals of our science departments was 1.7 and 57, respectively. Most interestingly, 15 research/review papers out of these have been authored by our undergraduate students.

It is pleasure for me to share that two new research projects - Resistome Metagenomic profiling of bioaerosols in metro network in Delhi and Development of computational framework for COVID-19 multi-omics data analysis in collaboration with the Institute for Bioinformatics and Biotechnology, Bengaluru were granted by Indian Council of Medical Research with funds of Rs. 84 lakhs. At present the faculty has 3.85 Crore extramural funding for research. One of our faculty, Dr Arun Kumar Gautam, Department of Computer Science has been granted an Australian Innovation Patent on "INTERNET OF THINGS SENSOR NETWORK BASED INTELLIGENT SYSTEM FOR MONITORING & SECURING SMART ENVIRONMENT FROM UNAUTHORISED OBJECTS".

Seven Faculty members have been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor level; 7 from Assistant professor Stage III to Associate professor; 14 from Assistant professor Stage II to Assistant professor Stage III; and 16 from Assistant professor Stage I to Assistant professor Stage II in 2021-22.

Department of Microbiology, received Best Department Award at state level for session 2020-21 by Microbiologists Society of India.

College has been recognised for best work in making the campus sustainable in the areas of sanitation, hygiene, waste management, water management, energy management and greenery by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

I would like to take this opportunity to brief you about the key developments and new initiatives taken by the college during the year in line with the 5-year Strategic Plan 2020-25 of the College approved by Governing body.

The college purchased 100 licences of Google Workspace for online teaching learning and renewed Zoom Pro package for large online meetings. We have upgraded our laboratories through purchase of equipment including 40 computers, smart boards, Fluorescence Microscope, BOD and Biosafety Level II cabinet. Two new research Labs have been added. College has become self-sufficient in energy generation through installation of 130 KV solar Panels. The college become a Barrier free campus (PwD friendly) with fully functional and operational lift. 20 new Inter Institutional collaborations have been established with three new MoUs signed. Very soon HT substation will be providing 24 hour uninterrupted power supply to the college. By 26th January next year you will wake up listening to “Radio RLA” through our community radio a unique initiative of the college. A grant of Rs 45 lakh has been sanctioned by Ministry of Culture for a studio theatre where our students will be trained in skills of drama, theatre, lighting, designs, etc. Two new computer laboratories are expected by the end of the next year. One auditorium with all projection facilities will be made operational very soon. The college has geared itself fully to implement NEP 2022 through UGCF 22 of University of Delhi. It is providing maximum curriculum flexibility by offering courses across the disciplines.

I would like to extend my gratitude towards all our talented teachers and hardworking non-teaching colleagues and students for their year round hard work and dedication without which any of the above achievements would not have been possible.

An event of this dimension cannot happen overnight. I thank the very motivated and dedicated Function Committee members who have worked very sincerely to organise this function and also to the Student Award Committee to decide Best Students of the year based on their Academics, research and performance in extracurricular and extension activities in three years of undergraduate program.

Editorial team of the college including faculty and students has worked hard to bring out a wonderful edition of magazine ‘**Samdrishti**’ which will be released soon. The other two publications of the department of Hindi Patrakarita Evam Jansanchar ‘**Sambhav**’ and ‘**RLA Samachar**’ which are important means to provide hands on training experience to our students will also be showcased.

I would also like to extend heartfelt gratitude towards the Chairman and all the members of 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 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 also congratulate all the students who have excelled in academics and are about to receive prizes shortly. I wish all the best to our students for semester end examinations scheduled in the coming months Nov-Dec.

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

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Dr Rakesh Kumar Gupta

Principal