

Principal's Report at the Dismissal Service

4th May, 2024

Your Grace, the Rt Revd Dr Paul Swarup, Bishop of Delhi and Chairman of the College, Respected Lt General Rakesh Kapoor, AVSM,VSM, Chief Guest for the Dismissal Service and alumnus of the College, Mrs Kapoor our Guest of Honour, our endowers Prof Nandini Sinha Kapoor, Mrs Mrs Geeta Obhrai and Mrs Tapasya Obhrai Nair, members of the Governing Body of St Stephen's College, alumni, parents, guests, teacher colleagues and my dear junior members. Greetings and welcome to this important day when we wish our junior members well as they prepare to take their final semester exams and get ready for the world outside the College.

As is the tradition from yore, I am happy to place before all of you this Report of the academic, co-curricular and society activities for the year 2023-2024. The report is a detailed and lengthy one and I request your indulgence. Many of our teachers and all our junior members have done well for themselves, bringing the College laurels in the process. Much as I desire it, it will not be possible for me to read out every single achievement, but even it takes a little time I would request your patience as I read out at least the academic achievements of our young people.

Academic Results for the year 2022- 2023 I am happy to inform you that our Junior Members continue to do well with their books. The results of the UG and PG courses are as follows:

Undergraduate Results 2022-23

S. No.	Program Name	No. of Students Appeared	1 st Div.	2 nd Div.	3 rd Div.	ER*	No. of Students Passed	Pass %age
1	B.A. Programme	64	62	Nil	Nil	2	62	96.88
2	B.A. Honours Economics	56	49	Nil	Nil	7	49	87.50
3	B.A. Honours English	33	31	1	Nil	1	32	93.94
4	B.A. Honours History	62	55	1	Nil	Nil	56	88.71
5	B.A Honours Philosophy	14	13	Nil	Nil	1	13	92.86
6	B.A. Honours Sanskrit	10	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10	100
7	B.Sc. Honours Chemistry	34	33	Nil	Nil	1	33	97.06
8	B.Sc. Honours Mathematics	42	37	Nil	Nil	5	37	88.10
9	B.Sc. Honours Physics	44	39	Nil	Nil	5	39	88.64
10	B.Sc. Prog. (Chemistry)	43	37	Nil	Nil	6	37	86.05

11	B.Sc. Prog. (Computer Science)							
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Postgraduate Results 2022-23

S. No.	Program Name	No. of Students Appeared	1 st Div.	2 nd Div.	3 rd Div.	ER*	No. of Students Passed	Pass %age
1	M.A. English	8	5	2	Nil	1	7	87.50
2	M.A. History	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	100
3	M.A. Philosophy**	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	100
4	M.A. Sanskrit	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	100
6	M.Sc. Mathematics	5	4	1	Nil	Nil	5	100
8	M.Sc. Physics	4	3	1	Nil	Nil	4	100

ER* - Essential Repeat

List of University Medal winners 2023

S.No	Name	Course	Names of awards, Medals and Prizes.	Awards
1	Prachi Sharma	B.Sc. (H) Chemistry	M. Makhan Lal Gold Medal	Gold Medal
			Rai Bahadur Brijmohanlal Saheb Memorial gold Medal	Gold Medal
			Prof. Seshadri Prize	Prize
2	Monika	M.A. Sanskrit	Dr. C D Deshmukh Memorial Gold Medal	Gold Medal
			Shri Ram Chandra Memorial Medal	Medal
			Shrimati Sivakamamma Radha krishnan Medal	Medal
			Dr. S Radhakrishnan Medal	Medal
			Pandit Raghubar Dayal Memorial Medal	Medal
3	Anmol Sharma	M.A. English	Principal B B Gupta Memorial Medal	Medal
4	Himani Wadhwa	M.A. English	Principal B B Gupta Memorial Medal	Medal
			Dr. N. S. Pradhan Memorial Medal	Medal
5	Dixit Goyal	B.Sc. Physical Science	University Medal for B.Sc. (Honours)	Medal
6	Celin Sohet	B.A. (Hons) English	Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyer English Essay Prize	Prize

I am happy to remind all of us that the NAAC Peer Team visited the College on the 9th and 10th of February 2023 and awarded the College with the highest grade of A++ valid for 5 years. Our grateful thanks to Dr Vibha Sharma, Dr Aditya Pratap Deo and the team which worked tirelessly especially the young ad-hoc teachers. This year we were disappointed to note that we stood at number 14 on an all-India basis in the NIRF rankings. One of the findings for our poor ranking was that our research output was rather low and this was the single, largest impediment in our slipping down the ranks. I am happy to say that the IQAC and the College has started taking corrective measures towards setting right this lacuna.

The second Young Leaders Neighbourhood-first Fellowship programme concluded on the 30th of May 2023. 21 participants from seven different countries attended the programme. College would like to place on record its thanks to the Ministry of External Affairs, GoI for the support and encouragement provided to the YLNF programme. Dr Bertram Devadas was appointed full-time Director for the Centre for Advanced Learning.

Admissions to the UG programmes in College were conducted per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi's decision of September 2022. Accordingly, admission interviews were conducted only for the applicants from the Christian minority category. We have approached the Supreme Court of India in the matter of admissions and are awaiting the next hearing. College decided not to participate in the PG admission this last year on account of the harassment meted out to PG applicants from College who had been selected from College and have had to go to court to ask for a fair distribution of PG seats to the College. I am grateful for the support that Dr Malay Neerav and Dr Annu Malhotra provided as Tutors for Admission. The IT department continues to support not only the admissions but also the efforts of the College to go completely paperless. College now follows the NEP and all UG programmes are now 4-year long degrees.

A direct result of the NEP is the urgent need for more classrooms. The College is making all efforts to increase the number of classroom. The main building of the College is over 80 years old and is now in dire need of repairs and maintenance. I am happy to inform you that we have been granted clearance to carry out repairs and we are assisted in this by INTACH. Repairs will soon begin. Funding is however very essential and may I request donors, philanthropists and generous-minded individuals to come forward and donate towards the repair and maintenance of this heritage structure which has such good memories for so many of us.

The end-of-semester exams were conducted on time I am grateful to my colleagues in the departments of Chemistry, Economics, English and History for the work they have undertaken. The work would not have been possible without the hard work of our non-teaching and support staff.

The College has been forced to file a Writ Petition in the Court with regard to the appointment/reappointment of the Principal which the University has chosen to bring up as an issue stalling further processing our teaching vacancies in blatant disregard of the College's minority status. The promotions of faculty and the vacant teaching positions continue to remain unfilled on account of this disregard of the University for the important matters of the College.

College however, fulfilled its obligations to an institution that we along with two other Colleges founded and therefore participated in the centenary celebrations of the University of Delhi. We put up a stall indicating our role in the establishment of the University and the many whom college have given to the University both as administrators and academics over the past 100 years.

Revd Dr Monodeep Daniel who served as Dean, Residence and Chaplain of the College since 2008 and in May this year he laid down both those offices. College wishes to place on record his services and gratefully acknowledges his contributions to the College. I am happy to inform all of us that Revd Samuel Shekar has been appointed as full-time Chaplain of the College with effect from 1 July 2023.

The following colleagues retired this past year – Ms Nandita Narain, Dr Jacob Cherian and Dr A D Mathur. College gratefully remembers their years of service to the College as teachers.

It is with great sadness that I place on record the passing away of our former colleagues – Dr Tasneem Suhrawardy, Dr Tara Chand and Dr Vig. We pray that their souls rest in peace and offer our condolences to the families.

College continues to follow up with the UGC with regard to our application for autonomy, first made in 2017.

Arrears of pensioners and regular teaching staff of the College which have been long-pending have been followed up successfully by the Bursar's office and the arrears have now been released.

Between the 23rd of November and the 29th of November, 2023 the Principal visited Japan to renew our association with Soka University, Japan and deliver the Keynote address at the annual conference of the South Asian

Research Centre of Soka University. The Principal also made use of the opportunity to visit other Universities in Japan and as a result of this we now have a collaboration with the Kansai Gaidai University and a possible collaboration with yet another Japanese institution. I am grateful for the help and support offered by Prof Mukesh Williams and Dr Ui Teramoto whose preparatory ground work has been very helpful in paving the way for these partnerships.

Founder's Day of the College was observed on the 7th of December. Our Chief Guest was Ms Rebecca Mathai, Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General, Government of India.

Adoremus, the annual Christmas service was held on the 10th and 11 of December. Easter lunch was celebrated on 29th April, 2024.

The College's alumni office continues to do well; we now have registered alumni offices in Calcutta, Japan and Washington with other groups and regions evincing a keen interest to start such registered Chapters. The 1994 Batch of the College had provided an Art Space in the College and it has now been dedicated to the memory of the Late Dr. Anil Wilson, Past Principal of the College. The alumni of Nagaland assisted College in setting up the David Baker Memorial Archives. The second Annual St Stephen's – MRF Distinguished Alumni Lecture was held on 2nd April, 2024 where Mr Piyush Gupta delivered the address. The batch of 1992 has, through a 25 lakh donation decided to support the College's desire to green with an off-site solar unit for the College. This was commissioned in April 2024. We are very grateful for the dedicated services of Dr Ann Susan Aleyas who has unfortunately had to move on.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Jyotirmoy Maity Ad-hoc faculty in the Department of Chemistry published 5 research papers, attended two conferences and presented one paper.

Divya Singh Ad-hoc faculty in the Department of Economics moderated a lecture by Professor Soumyabrata Choudhury on the topic 'Interpretation of Desire: Capitalism and the Politics of Consumerism'. She also attended a workshop on 'Advanced Topics in Macroeconomics' held under the RBI Chair at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, from 25th-27th October 2023

Mr Naveen John Panicker Ad-Hoc Faculty in the Department of English published one paper in the Journal of Language, Literature and Interdisciplinary Studies.

'Ms. Apoorva Dimri Ad-hoc faculty in the Department of English presented one paper titled "The Margins Within the Metropolis: A Reading of Manto's Representation of Bombay" at the IACLALS International Conference on

Metropolis and Margins: Shifting Perspectives in Literary and Language Studies".

Mr Vaibhav Dwivedi Ad-hoc faculty in the Department of English published two essays, delivered two lectures and attended as a presenter, the Glasgow International Fantasy Conclave (GIFCon) Glasgow University, Scotland. He was a member of the organising committee for the conference 'Translating Sexualities' organised by Centre for Gender, Culture and Social Processes.=

Dr. Abhishek Mishra Ad hoc faculty in the department of Hindi delivered a lecture on 'Basic of NEP-2020, NAAC, QS World Ranking on 25-07-2023 in Satyawati College (Delhi University)'

Doctor Sudipto Basu, Ad hoc faculty in the Department of History published one paper.

Doctor Manisha Agrawal, Ad Hoc faculty in the Department of Mathematics, published 2 books and 4 paper during the period under consideration.

Mr Piyush Bansal, ad hoc faculty in the Department of Mathematics, published 2 papers and co-authored 11 books. He also presented 2 papers and attended 3 conferences.

Ms Rajni Gupta, ad hoc faculty in the Department of Mathematics, attended one refresher course and attended one FDP program.

Dr Alphy Geever, Ad hoc faculty in the Department of Philosophy completed her doctorate during the period under consideration. She was invited as a speaker for 3 talks, published one paper, attended one international conference and presented one paper.

Dr Rekha, Ad hoc faculty in the Department of Physics. Presented one paper and attended one conference.

Dr Shruti Thakur, Ad-hoc faculty in the Department of Physics was invited as a speaker for 2 talks and attended 2 conferences.

Dr Akshay Rana, Ad hoc faculty in the Department of Physics, obtained a lifetime membership of the Indian Association of Relativity and Gravitation. He was an invited speaker for 6 talks and was the resource person for 3 workshops. He published one paper and attended 2 conferences during the period under consideration.

Dr Abhay Singh ad hoc faculty in the department of Sanskrit published 3 papers, and one national Symposium. He was also awarded the. Sanskrit youth poet. For 2024 by the All India Radio.

Report of Societies

33 societies have sent in their annual reports totalling 486 pages.

I am grateful for your patience ladies and gentlemen.

Philippians: 4 verses 8-9

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable., whatever is just., whatever is pure, whatever is lovely., whatever is precious, If there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What do you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; And the God of peace will be with you.

Good morning, greetings, and welcome. Today we are gathered here to call to memory all that College stands for. So that you can go forth and shine. This college was founded on the principles of excellence. Excellence that is to be shared. That is the love of Christ. Today, as we begin our dismissal service the reading from Philippines exhorts us to do everything so that ultimately we will be called children of God. Peacemakers. The most essential quality missing in our world is peace. In many parts of the world there is war. In our own Manipur we have gone through one year of unrest. We are, each one of us, in our own way or ways, called to be peacemakers in the world.

If you thought that this institution is an institution for sound education, you are absolutely right. However, sound, wholesome education without the application of those good principles we learned is empty and hollow. The quality of excellence must be used for the benefit of others. That is the only valuable degree. And I urge each one of you to be deserving of that degree. The 2 short verses from Philippines encourages each one of us to think of all that is honourable, just, pure, lovely, precious and excellent. Because these things will then animate our actions. And when our actions are driven by thoughts of love and peace for others and for ourselves, then. In our world peace will reign. The heaven, that we all aspire for will be among us.

Today, for our young men and women who have spent 3 long years in college., who have had experiences which are not limited to their books alone, I urge them to think of what they can do to deserve the title of peacemakers in the world. This does not mean that you must go to the warzone, this does not mean that you should stop your studies. This does not mean that you must quit your responsibilities and merely hold a placard which says you need Peace. Rather, you must through your thoughts, your gentle words

and through your actions which reflect that gentleness, you must spur our leaders, our elders and our future generations towards Peace. And therefore as you go out to take your final set of exams I wish you the peace and calmness of mind that comes from above. The peace that will tell you that You are strong to face the challenges that are there before you; be that in the examination hall, or be that in the big, wide world. Be confident because your parents, your family, your teachers and this College have taught you to be true, to be honest, to be faithful so that each one of you and us will be deserving of that crown which embellishes our College crest. You have been taught to be confident and you have also been taught to be humble. You have been taught to excel at what you do and you have also been taught that your excellence is to be shared. From this place which is the heart of College, we send you with our blessings. Ad Dei Gloriam.