

# **SOPHIA GILRS' COLLEGE, AJMER**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016**

The Annual Report for 2015-16 will be divided into the following sections:

1. Autonomy.
2. Results of University Examinations
3. Curricular and Extra-curricular Aspects

I. Autonomy:- Our late President, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam observed "Excellence is a continuous process and not an accident." In our ongoing pursuit of excellence the year 2015 will go down in Sophian History as the year in which we relentlessly pursued our dream of Autonomy on the recommendation of NAAC. It was only because of the constant support, encouragement and advice of Prof. Sodani that we were able to submit our proposal for Autonomy to the UGC, New Delhi.

Being an autonomous institution is not child's play. It will involve a lot of hard work, perseverance and patience to overcome the hurdles that will come our way. As an Autonomous institution we will have our own updated syllabus and conduct our own Examinations but the degree will be awarded by our parent university, MDS University, Ajmer.

The process for Autonomy began with the minute inspection of every aspect of the College- infrastructure, academics, staff, students, support services and after 2 day long interaction and scrutiny, the UGC Expert Panel consisting of:

1. Dr. Manju Singh, Joint Secretary, UGC
2. Prof. R.C. Thakran Head, Department of History, University of Delhi, New Delhi
3. Dr. Jatinder Singh Sidhu, Principal, Mata Gujri College, Fatehgarh Sahib
4. Dr. Seema Jain, Principal, Raghunath Girls P.G. College, Meerut
5. Dr. Deepak Mehrotra, Principal, Govt. College, Ajmer, Nominee State Govt.

6. Dr. Subroto Dutta, Professor, Department of Environment, MDSU  
Ajmer Nominee of Affiliating University

Recommended to UGC that Sophia College be granted Autonomous Status

Therefore UGC decided to grant Autonomous status to Sophia Girls' College for a period of 6 years commencing with the academic session 2015-2016 to 2020-2021. After the UGC granted autonomous status to our college, the University had to grant an NOC for which our honorable Chief Guest was more than a mentor and a guide. Prof. Sodani advised us to work for the NOC from the Government which we got on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. For granting the NOC the University send an expert Team consisting of

1. Dr. Bharti Jain Associate Professor, Department of Food & Nutrition, MDSU, Ajmer
2. Dr. Subroto Dutta, Associate Professor, Department of Environment, MDSU, Ajmer
3. Dr. Prakash Pankaj, Deputy Registrar (Acad.), MDSU, Ajmer.

Who conducted a thorough inspection on the 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2015 and verified the authenticity of the Proposal and the infrastructure documented. Finally the University gave its' NOC on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2015, the feast of Late Sr. Elise, the second principal of the college.

There are 4 statutory bodies to monitor the activities of an Autonomous College. They are

1. The Board of Management.
2. Academic Council
3. Board of Studies.
4. Finance Committee

The Board of Management consists of the following members:

1. Five members from Sophia College Education Society.
2. UGC Nominee.

3. Government Nominee.
4. University Nominee.
5. Educationist/Industrialist- appointed by the Principal and approved by the Management.
6. Two senior lecturers-appointed by the Principal.
7. Principal is the Ex-officio member of the Body.

(The President of Sophia Education Society is the Chairperson of this Body)

The Academic Council consisting of:

1. Dr. Sr. Serena, Principal Sophia Girls' College, Ajmer as Chairperson of the Academic Council
2. Prof. Kalpana Purohit VC Nominee
3. Prof. Alpana Kateja VC Nominee
4. Prof. Kanika Sharma VC Nominee
5. Four Management Nominees
6. Four Principals Nominees (Senior Lecturers)
7. Heads of the Departments of Sophia College

**The Board of Studies: (61)**

Every subject has a Board of Studies (BOS). It consists of:

1. Chairman/convener- The Head of Department.
2. University nominee
3. Two or three subject experts nominated by the principal and approved by the Academic Council.
4. All the teachers of the department.

**IV.** The fourth statutory body of the college is the Finance Committee appointed by the Governing Body which meets 3 times a year or as per need.

Another important activity of an Autonomous Institution is to conduct examinations. This is carried out by an Examination Cell constituted from the permanent members of the staff, appointed by the Principal and approved by the Governing Body of the Institution.

The next two years will be a testing time for we shall simultaneously have our autonomous batch and scholars belonging to the Old Scheme. Along with this we have already begun our work preparing for the 3<sup>rd</sup> most important cycle of NAAC Accreditation.

## **II . UNIVERSITY RESULTS**

The University results of the Academic session 2014-15. We have on roll 1782.

### Faculty of Arts

M.A ( Prev .) Eng	24 appeared. The pass percentage was 100%
M.A(Final). Eng	29 appeared. The pass percentage was 100%
B.A Part -I	178 appeared. The pass percentage was 97.8%
B.A Part -II	143 appeared. The pass percentage was 98.6%
B.A Part -III	124 appeared. The pass percentage was 96.1 %

### Faculty of Science

B.Sc. Part I	104 appeared. The pass percentage was 97.19%
B.Sc. Part II	99 appeared. The pass percentage was 95.19 %
B.Sc. Part III	76 appeared. The pass percentage was 98.7 %

### Faculty of Honours

B.A Eco.Hons. Part I	18 appeared. The pass percentage was 94.7%
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B.A Eco.Hons. Part II 19 appeared. The pass percentage was 100 %

B.A Eco.Hons. Part III 19 appeared. The pass percentage was 95%

B.A Eng. Hons. Part I 36 appeared. The pass percentage was 94.7 %

B.A Eng. Hons. Part II 28 appeared. The pass percentage was 96.55 %

B.A Eng. Hons. Part III 13 appeared. The pass percentage was 100 %

#### Faculty of Commerce

B.Com Part I 142 appeared. The pass percentage was 95.94 %

B.Com Part II 135 appeared. The pass percentage was 100 %

B.Com Part III 122 appeared. The pass percentage was 99.1 %

#### Faculty of Management

BBA Part I 42 appeared. The pass percentage was 100 %

BBA Part II 26 appeared. The pass percentage was 100 %

BBA Part III 42 appeared. The pass percentage was 97.6 %

#### Faculty of Computers

M.Sc. CS (Prev) 13 appeared. The pass percentage was 100 %

M.Sc.CS (Final) 19 appeared. The pass percentage was 100%

BCA Part I 49 appeared. The pass percentage was 94.23%

BCA Part II 49 appeared. The pass percentage was 100%

BCA Part III 47 appeared. The pass percentage was 100%

The Bible says "The service we perform is in supplying the needs of God's children." Our service is geared around providing quality education at nominal

cost to the young women of Society. Our success can be measured in the University Results presented before you.

### **III. Curricular and Extra- Curricular Aspects-2015-2016**

You will now see for yourself how in Sophia College Excellence is a continuous process and not an accident.

The college reopened on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July with a Prayer Service and Staff meeting. This was followed by an Orientation Programme and a Talent Hunt for all the Freshers. The newly admitted girls were not only advised about the choice of subjects and career options but also told about what were the values and code of conduct expected from them as Sophians.

A Parent Teacher Meeting was organized on 4th July 2015 and the response was overwhelming. The staff was formally **introduced** to the students on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015. To help teachers upgrade themselves with the latest trends in Higher Education various **Faculty Development Programmes** are organized during the year

The Fresher's Day was organized on 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2015

Mahatma Gandhi once said "Our system of education has 3 aspects. It leads to the development of the mind, body and soul." We follow this scheme in Sophia as along with academics we also groom the overall personality.

In the academic session 2015-16 the **Commerce Forum** conducted a debate on "Is Corporate Social Responsibility a benefit or cost for corporate bottom line."

This increased the student's knowledge related to various business strategies adopted by corporate houses to fulfill their social responsibilities.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October the Commerce, Management and Economics students were given a lecture by RBI personnel on the History, Function, Objectives and the role of the RBI in the Indian Economy. The speakers encouraged the students to consider working in the RBI as a career option and filled a feedback form on currency and medium of transactions.

**Galaxy, The Science Forum** organized an Educational Tour to Meenal Dam and the Eco Park of Hamigarh, Bhilwara.

The Department of Anesthesia, JLN Medical College, Ajmer in collaboration with Galaxy and the Home Science Association organized a workshop for the students in "Basics of Life saving acts at the time of Emergency particularly after accidents."

The Home Sc. Association also held a competition for its students in the costumes and Cuisine of Major Indian Festivals namely-Holi, Diwali, Christmas, Lohri and Eid.

**The Literary Association** organized Literati as a part of the Sophiesta Festival. The Literature students were encouraged to participate in Spell Bee, Crossword, a Literary Quiz, Elocution etc. As 'The Great Gatsby' is a part of the syllabus the movie was screened for the students on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The English Dept. organized a Seminar conducted by Dr. Subroto Bandhopadhaya a communication specialist. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of January, 2 Lecturers from the Department of English escorted 57 girls to the Jaipur Literary Festival. The girls interacted with literary luminaries and were spell bound by the lyricism of Javed Akhtar and the sensitivity of Gulzaar's Nature Poetry.

The Annual English Debate held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 saw 20 participants using their rhetorical skills to analyse the topic "**Technology has desensitized** human beings." It was a very close contest and the judges must have found it extremely difficult to choose a winner.

**The Economic Planning Forum** organized a Chart making and Documentary competition in which the girls expressed their views on Economic issues and crisis in a very innovative manners.

Thirteen Economic students participated in 10 events at Synergy Fest, organized by St. Xavier's College, Jaipur on the 6-7 of September 2015. They competed with students from Delhi, Ahemadabad and Mumbai and Shreya Rathi got the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Stock Shock.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of November the Department organized a Quiz on the Stock Market.

Four students of the department presented their Research papers at the Rajasthan Economic Association Research Seminar organised by Niti Ayog at Rajasthan University, Jaipur on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.

In order to provide exposure and vocational information the **Sophian Psychological Association** organized a Poster and Collage Making Competition for the students of BA I and II on Psychological Attributes like Social Intelligence, Metacognition, Self Control etc.

On the 13 and 14 January 2016 the Second and Third year students visited Jai Ambe Seva Samiti, an Old Age Home to sensitize the students to the problems of old age. The students talked to the inmates and prepared case studies.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> January the students visited a Special School 'Ummeed' at Pushkar. This school is run by the Rashtriya Mahila Kalyan Mandal, Chachiyawaas and students interacted with these special children and learned about their special needs.

**Lyceum** is the forum for students of Political Science, History and Sociology. The Forum in collaboration with the PUCL organized a seminar on 'Accountability and Transparency in Governance.' The audience was spell-bound by the eloquence of Shree Wajahat Habibullah (Former Chairperson, National Minority Commission) and Shrimati Aruna Roy the famous social activist.

Besides this Lyceum also organized a Declamation on National Icons and a Quiz on current Affairs.

This year the Geography Association Prakriti conducted Poster making, Card, Model, Chart, Book Mark Making competition for Ist year students.

On 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, PowerPoint presentation, Slogan writing, Slide analysis competitions were conducted for IInd and IIIrd year students. The theme was Depletion of Natural Resources. A skit was staged on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 by Geography students depicting the condition of the Earth. MA/M.Sc. Geography students were sent to the Irrigation Department, MDS University and ADA Department for Survey and Data Collection.

**IT Club The Department of Computer Science** organized an IT week entitled "UBUNTU" from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The week started with a 2 day workshop on Android Applications conducted by AKR Group, Noida. A workshop on Cloud Computing was conducted by Appin Technologies Lab, Jaipur. Two workshops on Animation and Interior Designing were conducted by Kirnani Technologies, Ajmer.



**The NCC** wing is very vibrant and has 50 cadets on roll. 21 students attended the 10 Days Annual Training Camp at Udaipur in August. 8 Students were selected for the Pre-Republic Day camp I at Bhilwara in September. 3 Students were selected for the Pre-Republic Day Camp-II at Jaipur. 2 BA part II students, Om Rajawat and Gajendra Kanwar were selected and participated in the Republic Day camp at New Delhi. 6 Final year students participated in the Ajmer Treking Camp in December. Charul Singh and Priya Yadav attended the NCC National Camp and were selected for Volleyball Tournament. Charul Singh was awarded on the 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 participation in the National NCC camp. She was also selected for the Youth Exchange Programme in Sri Lanka.

Nirmala Bagdi of BA II will be going for the National Integration Camp in February 2016 at Port Blair, Andaman Island.

The NSS has 216 Volunteers. An Orientation Day was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> Aug for the new volunteers. on the 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015 NSS Day was celebrated by the volunteers along with the children from the adopted villages. The theme was 'Women Empowerment' and volunteers depicted how legendary women made a difference in society.

On 28<sup>th</sup> October NSS volunteers attended a lecture by Dr. Kumkum Singh on 'Breast Cancer Awareness.' This was a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the JLN Medical College. On 2<sup>nd</sup> of November there was a workshop on 'How to become entrepreneurs' on 16<sup>th</sup> November the NSS volunteers won a cash Prize of 3000/- Rs. when they participated in Nukkad Natak Competition in Government College on 'Youth and Road Safety.' On world AIDs day the volunteers organized a rally from the College to Indira Colony. Through the medium of Nukkad Natak they made the inhabitants aware of the causes, symptoms and precautions to be taken to check the spread of this deadly scourge.

On human Rights Day 10<sup>th</sup> December the volunteers joined Sr. Carol, an activist and the member of the PUCL to generate awareness among the youth.

The most important contribution of the NSS workers is that they provide free coaching to approximately 250 poor children of the adopted villages.

"Games lubricate the body and mind"- so said Benjamin Franklin. Sophia College has always been creating benchmarks in excellence not only in studies but also in sports and games because Sophia believes in the concept of integrated development of the individual.

In the year 2015-16 Sophia College hosted the 29<sup>th</sup> Inter Collegiate Women's Tournament from 16-18 Sept. 2015 and Cricket from 15-17 October. 300 players of 18 colleges participated in the Volleyball, Hockey, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Cricket. The Cricket team of our college performed exceptionally well and won the Inter Collegiate Trophy by their consistent performance throughout the tournament. This year the Sophia College Volleyball team grabbed Runners up trophy in the Inter Collegiate Tournament. The Basketball team is the cynosure of all eyes and maintains the legacy. Sophia College won the Trophy for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in the Inter Collegiate tournament held at SRK Patni Girls' College Kishangarh. Sophia won the Desportive 16 challengers meet held at LNMIIT Jaipur due to the outstanding performance of our players. Our athlete Dikhsha won Gold medal in Long Jump and Triple Jump and finished third in the 100mts in the Inter Collegiate Athletic meet held at DAV College Ajmer from 2-4 Dec. 2015. Sophia organized Intramural Tournament in promoting sportsmen ship among its students in various games like Basketball, Throw ball, Kabaddi, Badminton and Athletic events in which 200 players of different faculties participated. 19 players of our college represented the university in Inter University tournaments in various sports. The numbers are 8players in cricket, 5 in basketball, 4 in volleyball, 1 in hockey and 1 in Kabaddi. 6 players of our college played senior state basketball championship and won a bronze medal. To promote Basketball Sophia has a SAI Ext. day Boarding Centre and it is running smoothly from the last 5 years. In the current session we have 18 girls' trainees.

### **The Good News Group**

72 students attended the one week International youth Festival in Muringoor Kerala, In to-day's rat race it is essential that we retreat once in a while and revitalize our soul at the fountain of spirituality. Many students received physical, emotional and spiritual healing at the 3 Day Spiritual Retreat from the 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. The Gospel Music Night was a fitting finale to this spiritual Fest. A Religious Rock Band from Delhi had the audience of young and old, religious and not so religious on their feet; totally mesmerized by the vibrancy and divine music of the groups. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated on the 22 of August to intercede for the Almighty's benisons on the new academic year. The Music Ministry of the College performed devotional and Gospel Songs for the people of Jaipur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. The same morning the students visited the Destitute at Mother Teresa's Home in Jaipur. They entertained the inmates and prayed for them and interacted with them giving the woman small toilet articles, Bangles, Bindis, Lipsticks, combing their hair

or as just listening to their woes. The members of the Group also organize Prayer Services on important days like Freshers' Day, Sisters' Day, Management Day, Advent and Christmas. 34 girls also went to Pune to attend **KAIROS** a National Youth Festival Fr. Tomy an enlightened and inspired, spiritual preacher spoke to the girls about the various complexes that young people have and how to build up Self –esteem.

The Nomination for the Sophia Students Association were held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September and the Installation Ceremony was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept followed by Sophians' Day, a day of fun and frolic, music, dance and crazy games. Life in Sophia is one whirlwind of activities. Teachers' Day, Girl Child Day and Boarders Birth day 8<sup>th</sup> Sept and Sisters Day on the 13<sup>th</sup> Sept and Maintenance Staff Day are days of appreciation and an occasion to express affection.

The Annual Cultural Festival Sophiesta was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The students participated in various activities like Debate, Elocution, Fine Arts, Music, Dance, Installation etc. the College also hosted the Inauguration and the literary and Fine Arts Competition of the ICCC. The Chief Guest for the Inauguration ceremony was Mrs. Kiran Maheshwari, eminent BJP politician and MLA from Udaipur. Our College participated in most of the events events and won the All Round Trophy at the ICCC for the fifth consecutive year. 24 girls represented the University at the West Zone at Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel University Vidyanagar, Anand, Gujarat. It was a learning experience as the girls competed with professionally trained students from Mumbai University and SNTD.

Spectrum the Dramatic Club of the College. Stuti Beri of BA (Eng. Hons) Part III directed the Annual Hindi Play "EK THA GADHA" a rib tickling political satire by Sharad Joshi.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of January Judy Mary Cyril of BA (Eng Hons) Part III directed the famous musical extravaganza 'My Fair Lady' based on Bernard Shaw's play 'Pygmalion.' The play received standing ovation and the audience was captivated by the histrionic talent of the girls, the live singing, dancing and the professional direction. The Club also put up one act plays for Freshers' Day, Teachers' Day, Sisters' Day, besides staging Nukkad Natak on world AIDs Day, Human Rights Day, Independence Day, Republic Day and you will also get a glimpse of the acting skills in the play on trans-genders which will be performed today.

With this frenzied pace we still found time in the academic calendar to conduct 2 CIA tests, one in August and October and the I semester Examination for the Autonomous Batch.

"Education is a passport to the future; for to-morrow belongs to the people who prepare for it to-day." So said Malcolm X.

With this in mind the Final year students attended the Campus Placement Interviews conducted by TCS and Concentrix. 106 students attended the TCS interviews on the 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. and 4 were selected. For the Concentrix placement on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 120 applied and 62 students were successfully placed. Deeksha Khatwani of BBA III has received a call letter from JP Morgan, Mumbai in Team operations in Securities.

Our college aims at honing the talents of our girls and giving them a cutting edge in this competitive world. To fulfill this need we have 10 Add on Courses- 4 in the I year, 3 in II year and 3 in III year. The girls have to opt for one course in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year and in the Final year Family Life Education and Human Rights Education is compulsory.

In addition to these courses the college also offers Skill Development Courses. The College has signed an MOU with the British Council to conduct classes for Proficiency in the English Language. 12 Lecturers underwent a rigorous training under British Council experts and after being certified Trainers they now conduct 4 levels of classes:

1. Elementary.
2. Pre Intermediate
3. Intermediate
4. Upper Intermediate

The girls were placed in their levels after a Voice Test based on the Common European Framework. The total number of students enrolled is 276. The first batch completed their 60 hours in December and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch of First year students began on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2016.

Forty students have registered with DELF to learn French. There are two levels A1 and A2 and the classes are conducted by teachers certified by DELF. The examination were conducted in Ahemadabad and all but one student passed.

With a view to broadening their intellectual horizons, 7 girls accompanied me to Singapore Institute of Management where they were given entrepreunial training and to Nan yang Technical University to see the avenues open for higher studies. The girls visited corporate houses industrial units and reports on their visit, supplemented by videos or power point presentation With a view to creating social and national awareness the girls were given a lecture on 'Road Safety' during the Road Safety week. The Commissioner of Ajmer, Shri Goyita interacted with the girls and asked them to give their written suggestion to make Ajmer a Smart City.

A Pollution Check of all vehicles was conducted on campus. 153 girls escaped from the freezing wintry conditions of Ajmer and enjoyed the sun, sand, surf during the College Excursion to Goa from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Four members of the staff accompanied me to the World Book Fair in New Delhi from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 to replenish our existing stock of books on research and new text added in the syllabi.

*All praise and glory is due to our Heavenly Father for through Him and with Him we can do all things because He and only He strengthen us.*