

Sophia Girls' College Annual Report 2017-18

We welcome our Chief Guest for the Evening Col. Yodhvir Singh Lehl, Reverend Fathers, Sisters, Benefactors, Parents and Dear Students

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to Col Yodhvir Singh Lehl. Col. Lehl is a third generation Artillery Officer who is an Alumni of National Defence Academy and the Indian Military Academy. He was commissioned in First Field Regiment (Self Propelled) (Meiktila) in Dec 2000. He has varied experience including High Altitude, Counter Insurgency and Amphibious Terrain. The Officer has done prestigious courses like the Long Gunnery Staff College and Defence Services Staff College at Wellington. He is an avid sportsman and a Golfer.

Apart from various appointments, the officer had been an Aide-De-Camp to a General Officer, Assistant Military Secretary in Command headquarters and Grade Staff 1 in High Altitude Terrain and an Amphibious Brigade.

Col Yodhvir Singh Lehl took over the command of the oldest Artillery Regiment in May 2017 in Ajmer.

He is happily married to Mrs Navneet Lhel who is an Educationist and the couple have a daughter Rianna who is 8 years old.

A warm welcome to everyone sitting here today,

As we approach the end of this academic year and our 59 years of service towards providing quality education, we take this opportunity to thank the Almighty Lord for his abundant blessings and well wishes from our parents, students and teachers

There is a great saying: Real education fetches you more than a job. It teaches you to live. It cannot be measured in any tangible way.

As we share the yearly updates of our activities, we have the modesty to say that we did our best as we had planned and we are proud of our students and teachers who strive hard to achieve beyond expectations. We have focused on the holistic development of the students. I present the Annual Report in a nutshell

The Report has been divided under the following heads-

- Academic/Curricular
- NSS
- NCC
- Good News Group
- Games and Sports
- Cultural
- Upcoming Events



Academic/Curricular



Results

Excellence is never an accident; it is the result of high intention, sincere efforts, intelligent direction, skilful execution and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities.

Here is a brief overview of College's annual result for the academic session 2016-2017.



Conferences, Seminars, Workshops

1. The Department of English has organized the College's first International Conference on Multiculturalism, Diaspora and Quest for Identity from 17th to 19th February 2018 in which 88 delegates and 425 students from different states and countries participated. International Speakers like Smita Tharoor and Professors from Delhi University, Jamia Milia Islamia, JNU, Banasthali and other prestigious Central, State and Private Universities contributed to the academic discourse
2. A two day National Workshop on Research Methodology was organized by the Geography Department from 16th to 18th September. This was followed by a Faculty Development Program by Prof Sudesh Nangia, National Co-ordinator, JNU, it was attended by a total of 225 Lecturers, research scholars and students
3. Lyceum organized a National Conference on 'Gandhi in Post-Liberalization India' in which academicians from Gandhi Peace Foundation, Gandhi Smriti, Gandhi Vichar Parishad, Rajshahi University, Bangladesh and Central University Kerala. A total of 500 participants registered
4. Three hundred students attended a workshop on 'Personality Grooming for Success in Job Interviews' conducted by Sapna Vasudevan an international speaker from Mumbai
5. International Business School, Jaipur in association with Sophia Girls' College organized a Faculty Development Program on 'Innovative Approaches for Teaching and Evaluation' in which 40 faculty from different colleges of Ajmer participated
6. IIT Mumbai in collaboration with our College conducted 'Spoken Tutorial Software Training Program' for nearly 550 students. This is a Government of India MHRD Initiative
7. Global Talent Track, a sister concern of NASSCOM conducted a seminar on Life Skills which was attended by 490 Final year students
8. An Interactive Session on Development Dialogue was conducted by Dr Jyoti Kiran, Chairperson, State Finance Commission for the College students on 18 January 2018.
9. Rajasthan Sahitya Akademi organized a Workshop on 'Creative Writing' on 9th January 2018 for 100 students of the College
10. A Seminar on 'Chit Funds and Basics of Investment' by Mrs Shakuntla Pareek from SEBI was organized for 250 students from B.Com and BBA
11. Dr M.S Rathore, Director of Centre for Environment and Development Studies gave a talk on 23rd September 2017 on rural development to the students of Economics Department
12. Dr Kerry Kriger, an Environmentalist of International repute, gave a talk on 20th January 2018 on 'Save Frogs' to 200 students of Galaxy, the Science Forum
13. Nishtha Bharti from Khalsa College, Delhi addressed the students of Lyceum on the Relevance of Gandhi in the Twenty-First Century on 8th August 2017 and Shiraz Ellis from Mayo College, Ajmer gave a Power Point Presentation on Indo-China Relations for 400 Lyceum Students on 21st September 2017
14. The English Dept organized a Lecture on 'Research Methodology' by Dr Lalit Sharma from Banasthali for the PG and Honours classes in which 140 students participated and an Inter-Disciplinary Seminar on 'Psycho-Analysis by Sigmund Freud' was conducted by Mrs Asha Sharma for the Post-Graduate students of English
15. A week long Value Education Seminar and a two day Spiritual Retreat was conducted by Father Jose K T from Hyderabad in which 1500 students and the entire College Staff benefited
16. The Computer Dept celebrated a week long Digifest from 21st to 30th January 2018 in which they had different competitions and activities



New Courses

As the Principal I am glad to inform you that the College has started Bachelors in Library and Information Science and Masters Program in Political Science from July

2017 in addition to the already existing Post Graduate Courses in English Literature, Geography, Computer Science and ABST.

From July 2018 the College is starting Masters Programme in Sociology and Chemistry



Add-On Courses



The College conducts many Add-On Courses in the field of Dramatics, Aerobics, Dance, Human Rights, Personality Development, etc. Besides, many Skill based courses are also organized in Yoga, Jewellery Designing, Short Films and Documentaries, Textile Printing and Designing, Culinary Skills, English Communication and Library Science.



RS-CIT classes are conducted regularly for nearly 30 College students



The College offers a Diploma in French language conducted under the aegis of the French Embassy. The Program is very successful with 28 students clearing A1 Level exam, 15 passing A2 Level and another 20 registered for A2 Level for the next session



Career Counselling and Placement

To generate awareness amongst the students about the various career opportunities available, the College organized talks by

1. IBS, Jaipur on 'Expectation of Recruiters from Prospective Employees'
2. Indian Institute of Craft and Design on 'Careers in Dyeing, Printing and Designing'
3. Zee Films on 'Careers in Media, Film and Television'
4. Careers for French Speakers
5. Lt. Col. Mandeep Viridi on 'Job Prospects in the Indian Army'
6. Raffles Academy on 'Careers in the Aviation Industry'
7. Global Talent Track on 'Group Discussion and Personality Development'
8. 400 students of the College have cleared the NASSCOM Placement Exam
9. On 22nd February 2018 ICICI Prudential conducted a Placement Drive for 45 students of B.Com and BBA out of which 11 got selected

Besides these, the College offers coaching for Civil Services in which 62 students are enrolled presently

Also, a three day Entrepreneurship Development Institute Boot Camp was organized by the Entrepreneur's Club from 8th to 10th September 2017 in which 98 students registered



Internships and Academic Outreach Programs

1. Twenty students from Dept of Psychology completed their Internship under the guidance and supervision of Dr Manisha Gaur, Counsellor/Psychologist, Gaur Mental Health Clinic, Ajmer
2. Another ten students from Psychology did their internship at the Special School Minu Manovikas Vidyalya, Chachiawas, Ajmer, Governed by Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal
3. 43 Final year students from BBA completed their Internship at ICICI, Shree Cement, Beawar, Dainik Bhaskar, Axis Bank and HMT, Ajmer
4. Four students from the Department of Political Science participated in Mock United Nations at International Management Institute, Delhi
5. Four students from the Department of History attended a three day Inter-Religious Study Course organized by Gandhi Vichar Parishad, Wardha
6. 50 students and 8 teachers visited World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
7. 20 Zoology students were part of an ornithological survey at Bird Fair, Ajmer

8. A team of 6 students participated in Jaro Educational Quiz-Hunar at Jaipur out of which 3 will be competing at the National level at Lonavala, Pune



Visits and Field Trips

“Wherever you go becomes a part of you somehow” – Anita Desai

Academic and Industrial visits were organized to various Institutes. The Principal accompanied by 10 students visited Singapore for the Entrepreneurial Development Program a joint collaboration with Singapore Institute of Management and Scandinavian International Executive School, Norway.

Our students also visited RBI, Jaipur, Gandhi Vichar Parishad, Wardha, International Management Institute, Delhi, Mahila Kalyan Mandal Sansthan, Chachiyawas, Meteorological Department and Sewerage Treatment Plant, Ajmer, Birla Planetarium, Jaipur, Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur, Salemabad, Parle G Factory, R.K. Marble etc, while Educational Tours were taken to Manali, Kerala and Udaipur.



Memorandum of Understanding and Collaborations

The College has signed Memorandums of Understanding with the following reputed Colleges and Universities to avail more academic exposure for the staff and students

1. San Houston University, USA
2. Scandinavian International Executive School Norway for Global Immersion Program
3. British Council
4. Pillai College of Engineering, Mumbai
5. Sagar University, Madhya Pradesh
6. Government City College, Hyderabad
7. Parvati Bai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Goa
8. Parishkar College of Education, Jaipur

The College has collaboration with ISRO to conduct ON-Line exams at Sophia College as an Outreach Centre and has also collaborated with IIT Mumbai to conduct ‘Spoken Tutorial Software Training Program’ which is a Government of India MHRD initiative.



NSS

“It is not enough to be compassionate. You must Act” – Dalai Lama

We have two Units of NSS with 230 active volunteers

1. More than fifty plants, donated by the Forest Dept were planted in Ghoogra Hills as part of Van Mahotsava
2. NSS Day was celebrated in Kankaria Village where more than 150 students participated
3. On Rakhi 50 volunteers visited Central Jail and tied Rakhis to over 500 male and 25 female prisoners.
4. Flash Mobs were organized on 14th and 15th August to create awareness about Government Policies
5. One volunteer Muskan Bishnoi was selected for the Republic Day Camp in Delhi
6. Nukkad Nataks on different social awareness themes were organized at Kankaria Village, Kotra Slum, Bhoonabhai Village etc.,
7. Red Ribbon Club participated in the AIDS Rally in collaboration with Health Ministry
8. A seven day NSS Camp was organized which included Socio-Economic Survey, Visit to AIDS Centre and various student based competitions
9. NSS collaborated with the SVEEP Campaign of the District Administration to create awareness in more than 18 Colleges

10. NSS volunteers in collaboration with DISHA RCDSSS generated Health Awareness in 8 villages of Ajmer District

11. Weekly classes under the Adult Literacy Programme for the women inmates of Central Jail are conducted by Faculty and students of NSS

➤ **NCC**

Nathan Hale said “I regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.”

The College NCC Unit functions under 5 Raj Girls Battalion, Udaipur. There are 50 NCC Cadets in the college under the Caretaker Officer Ms Neha Sharma

Combined Annual Training Camp at Dabok, Udaipur was attended by seventeen cadets which included various cultural and sports events. Four cadets from this camp were selected for Pre-Republic Day Camp. Our cadets were also selected for Pre-Inter Group Competition Camps at Jaipur. Twenty cadets appeared in B and C Certificate Examination. Cadet Deeksha Chauhan was selected from among many cadets to attend the Officers Training Academy Attachment Camp in Chennai

➤ **Good News Group**

“Spirituality does not come from religion it comes from our soul”

The Good News Group provides a spiritual lifeline to Sophia Girls’ College and conducts Prayer Services and Assemblies at all the important occasions ranging from Sisters feasts to Teachers’ Day, Management Day, Sophians’ Day, Advent Meet, etc.,. It organized various competitions for the students like Calligraphy and Biblical Quiz. Today itself 45 students of Good News Group will be leaving for Tabor Ashram, Maharashtra for a Spiritual Renewal Retreat

➤ **Games and Sports**

“Play a sport it will teach you how to win honourably lose gracefully and work in harmony”

- **Anonymous**

1. Sophia College hosted the 31st Inter-Collegiate Women’s Tournament under the aegis of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati University Ajmer from 17th to 19th September 2017 in which 400 players from 24 Colleges participated
2. The College Cricket Team won the Inter-Collegiate Trophy for the 3rd consecutive year, similarly the Basket Ball team won the trophy for the 10th consecutive year
3. Six Players of our College participated in the Senior State Basketball Championship and won a silver medal and two players of our college represented the state in Senior National Basketball Championship held at Chennai.
4. Our Athletes won medals in Long Jump, Triple Jump, and Relay in the Inter Collegiate Athletic meet in Bhilwara.
5. Moomal Rathore won the silver medal at the Inter-Collegiate Boxing Competition and another student Shweta got selected at the All India Boxing Championship, Chandigarh
6. Twenty Two players of our college represented the MDS University at the West Zone Inter University tournaments.
7. The College bagged the General Championship of MDS University by winning trophies in Basketball, Badminton, Handball, Table Tennis and Cricket
8. From the 12th to 14th February the College organized Inter-Faculty Tournaments. The students competed in different athletic events along with Volleyball, Kho-Kho, Handball, Throwball, Basketball, Badminton and Kabaddi

➤ **Cultural**

“Culture is the widening of the mind and of the spirit”

1. Our students got the first prize at the Inter College Cultural Competitions organized by MDS University, Ajmer and twenty-five also got selected for the West Zone Inter-University Cultural Competition. It is noteworthy to mention that Yamini Kalia from BA Eng Honours I stood second in Western Solo Singing at the West Zone
2. The Annual English Play 'Lady Windermere's Fan' by Oscar Wilde and the Hindi Play 'Tajmahal Ka Udghatan' by Ajay Shukla were successfully staged by the students of Spectrum-the College Drama Club
3. 'Nazakat' a ten round Fashion Show was organized to provide a platform to the students for personality enrichment. It turned out to be a resounding success
4. A group of students from South Korea visited the College as part of cultural exchange program
5. Students from Don Bosco College, Tura, Meghalaya also visited the College recently as part of a cultural exchange program
6. On 18th the College organized an Alumni Meet 'Ek Mulakat' for the Ex-Sophians to reconnect with their Alma Mater
7. As part of the International Conference, the Department of English organized an International and National Costume Competition as well as an Art and Craft Exhibition

➤ **Upcoming Events**

1. The 'Orient Express' a German Band will be performing on the coming Monday
2. A team of students from USA will be visiting the campus for a student exchange program. This will be followed by a session on 'Stress Management and Coping with Examination Anxiety'
3. The Annual Debate in Hindi will be held on the 6th of March on the topic "Swachandata Rishton Ke Tootne ka Mool Kaaran Hai"
4. The Annual Debate in English will be held on the 7th of March on the topic "Women are more complex than Men"
5. The College will be conducting Internal Assessment for the Even Semester from 12th March onwards
6. Final Year and Post-Graduate Students will have their valedictory function in the coming month
7. The academic session will culminate with the Semester End Examination in April

Coming to the end I wish to quote the following lines of Albert Einstein "I never teach my students. I only provide the conditions in which they learn"

Sophia College my dear guests, represents the same ethos, the same strain, that talks about bringing forth the very best in a student. The values and vivacity the Institution stands for, reflects in the body and soul of each of our students. You Dear Parents give them life but Sophia carves them into the best of beings.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for trusting us and leaving your wards in our care. My sincere gratitude to Col Lehl and all other guests present here for accepting our invitation and encouraging us with your presence and appreciation