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Republic Day 2021 Celebration at the College Campus
(Following the Corona Pandemic Protocol)

Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle.

- Napoleon Hill

We Subodhians kept on moving ahead even in the blues of Pandemic.

Remarkable Achievements of the College

- ★ 40 Selections in IIT's
- ★ 16 Students cracked the National Eligibility Test-NET-LS and NET-JRF held in Dec. 2020
- ★ 43 Faculty members got the Research papers published in various journals of National and International repute.
- ★ 125 Faculty Development Programme / Workshops attended by the faculty.

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From the Principal's Desk



Year 2020 had been as challenging as IPL 2020; the cruciality of this year increased with each passing moment of time. Every sector of the economy got adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and so was the case of the Education field. The examinations, regular classes and the admission procedure could not take place in its usual manner. The world is now returning back to its routine life with all the safety measures. Offline classes have been started and the things are becoming normal gradually. With the support and guidance of the Subodh Management the college has maintained its excellence in teaching due to

which it got exemplary recognition not only within Northern Zone but all over India. I am proud to state that the college has been placed at the FIRST position in Rajasthan in a National level survey on Best Colleges in India-2020 conducted by "The Week" magazine. Adding grace to the performance of the College, in the ranking of Education world-2020 (Higher Education, Grand Jury Awards) the college has been ranked *Third* all over India in Good Management Practices & Systems. The college is also contributing in the fulfilment of the Dream of "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" by inculcating entrepreneurship skills in our students. We all are committed towards the achievement and sustainability of Educational Excellence.

Hoping for a better 2021 and wishing good health, best education and booming economy...

Achiever's Bay

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- ◆ Principal, Prof. K.B. Sharma was honoured with the "Star Jaipur-Ratna" award on the auspicious occasion of the 74th Independence Day for his commendable contribution in the field of academics and social welfare by Star Social Group and Lions Club Jaipur Heritage.
- ◆ Dr. Richa Sharma, Dr. Shaffali Jain, Dr. Gauri Dhingra, Dr. Padma Pandel and Mrs. Farah Deeba were honoured with "*Nari Shakti Samman*" on August 2, 2020 for their contribution in the field of women empowerment and gender sensitization under the joint aegis of Star Social Group and Society for Social Action and Management.
- ◆ Dr. Chitra Rathore, Department of EAFM was awarded by "*Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan Rashtriya Shiksha Shiromani Samman 2020*" on September 5, 2020 for her exemplary contribution in the field of Education and Nation building by *Swarn Bharat Pariwar Shiksha Kalyan Board*.
- ◆ Dr. Richa Singhal, Department of EAFM was honoured with the "Star Jaipur-Ratna" award on August 15, 2020 for her outstanding contribution in academics and social welfare by Star Social Group and Lions Club Jaipur Heritage.
- ◆ Dr. Davendra Kumar Sharma, Department of ABST, received "The Research Excellence Award - 2020" by the Institute of Scholar for his research done on "Impact of GST on Hotel Industry".
- ◆ Dr. Surendra Kumar Sharma, Department of Chemistry has been felicitated by All India Human Rights on September 2, 2020 for his excellent contribution in combating Covid -19 and helping the affected ones.

Campus Buzz



Invited Lecture by Prof. K.B. Sharma on "Best Practices Webinar Series"

It was a moment of great pride when Principal, Prof. K.B.Sharma, brand ambassador under the UGC Paramarsh Scheme was invited by the most prestigious accreditation council UGC-NAAC on November 6, 2020 for addressing other NAAC aspiring institutions on "Administration Acumen and Academic Excellence" under its "Best Practices Webinar Series". Prof. Sharma in his presentation highlighted the three best practices adopted by the college- Administrative Practices, Leadership Development with Ethical Values & State of the art Infrastructure. He also shared the experience of dedicated endeavours in achieving the excellence status. The presentation was followed by a query resolving session.



National Webinar on Revised Accreditation Framework of NAAC Quality Enhancement Practices in Higher Education

The college IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell) organized a National Webinar on "Revised Accreditation Framework of NAAC Quality Enhancement Practices in Higher Education" under the aegis of UGC Paramarsh Scheme on October 21, 2020. The Chief Guest and keynote speaker Dr. N.S. Dharamadhikari, Educationist, Member-NAAC Peer and UGC Committee, spoke about the requirements under the various criteria in detail and the do's and don'ts in data compilation citing various examples. He also spoke at length about the types of best practices that can be adopted by colleges. More than 1200 participants from all over the world attended the webinar.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Dr. Leena Bhatia, Dr. Ashish C. Swami, Dr. Sonal Bordia Jain and Dr. Vaibhav Sharma have been appointed as Research Supervisors in MCA by Rajasthan Technical University, Kota.
- ◆ Dr Ashish Chandra Swami, Department of Computer Science has been appointed as State Student Coordinator of Rajasthan by Computer Society of India (CSI).
- ◆ Vandana Nigam, Department of Computer Science, has been awarded Ph.D. degree from Jaipur National University, Jaipur on "Meta-Heuristic Approach to Enhance the Performance of Web Crawler".
- ◆ Dr. Tripti Vijaywargia, Department of BBA launched her You-Tube Channel entitled "Let's make the study easy and interesting- by Tripti Vijaywargia" covering various topics of Law, Engineering & Management. There are more than 174 bilingual videos in her channel. (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC27ZNJILmJaaHxwb-EUYSVg>)

RESOURCE PERSONS

- ◆ Dr. Leena Bhatia, Department of Computer Science was invited as Resource Person by UGC-HRDC, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur to deliver a lecture on "Open Education Resources" on December 3, 2020 in Guru-Dakshata : 2nd Faculty Induction Programme (online).
- ◆ Dr. Shobhna Sharma, Department of Chemistry participated as a Resource Person in a virtual workshop on "Collecting Chemistry Resources for Teachers in Higher Education" organized by National Resource Centre for Education, held on June 18-19, 2020 at New Delhi.



International Webinar on "Mental & Physical Health through Yoga During Covid-19"

NCC, Dr. Ravi Kumar from National Ayurveda Institute, Jaipur and Smt. Pujan Sharma, renowned psychologist from Nepal highlighted the importance of yoga and its importance in keeping stress at bay during the corona pandemic.

An online Faculty Development Programme on "Essentials of Writing Research Papers and Case Studies for Reputed Journals" was organized by the college on June 19-20, 2020. In this first online endeavour of the college, Dr. Keyur Kumar Nayak, Director, Laxmi Institute of Management and Dr. Asha Chawla, Associate Professor, GVM Girls College, Sonipat were the resource persons. More than 300 participants from various parts of the country attended the programme and keenly interacted in the event.



FDP on "Essentials of Writing Research Papers and Case studies for Reputed Journals"



Gloves and Mask Distribution

19-20, 2020 with an objective to create awareness about the novel corona virus and to induce people to take precautions in dealing with it. Participation in the quiz was open to all students, researchers, academicians and others. All the participants were given e-certificates.

An online quiz on Human Rights Awareness was also conducted on the occasion of International Human Rights Day on December 10, 2020. Participation in this quiz was open to all students. E-certificates were provided to the all participants.

On the occasion of World Yoga Day - June 21, 2020, NSS unit of the college along with NSS Regional Directorate-Jaipur, organized an International webinar on the topic "Mental & Physical Health through Yoga During Covid-19" in which more than 1100 participants from countries all over the globe participated. Shri S.P. Bhatnagar, Regional Director NSS, Shri. Dharmendra Singh Chahar, State Co-ordinator Officer for NSS &

NCC, Dr. Ravi Kumar from National Ayurveda Institute, Jaipur and Smt. Pujan Sharma, renowned psychologist from Nepal highlighted the importance of yoga and its importance in keeping stress at bay during the corona pandemic.

Soon after the first lockdown got over, Principal Prof. K.B.Sharma along with Dr. Richa Singhal and Ms. Farah Deeba met Shri Rahul Prakash DCP, Traffic on June 18, 2020 for a humble contribution of 300 gloves & masks to the corona warriors-the traffic police officers, posted in various areas of Jaipur.

The NSS wing of the college organized an online COVID-19 Pandemic awareness quiz on May 19-20, 2020 with an objective to create awareness about the novel corona virus and to induce people to take precautions in dealing with it. Participation in the quiz was open to all students, researchers, academicians and others. All the participants were given e-certificates.

CONTRIBUTION AS PUBLICATIONS IN JOURNALS OF NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL REPUTE :

Science Stream

- Dr. Subhash Agrawal
- Dr. Rajesh K. Yadav
- Dr. Rashmy Nair
- Dr. Balram Tripathi
- Dr. Sandeep Gupta
- Ms. Shashi Sharma
- Dr. Rashmi Modi
- Dr. Neeru Gakkhar
- Dr. Vimal Katta
- Dr. Varsha Sharma
- Dr. Sudhanshu Diwedi
- Dr. Shobhna Sharma
- Dr. Sukhbeer Kumari
- Dr. Neetu Jain
- Dr. Anupama Singh
- Dr. Pramod Kumar
- Ms. Shalini Dixit
- Dr. Chandni Jain

Computer Science Stream

- Prof. Manish Kaushik
- Prof. Ripuranjan Sinha
- Dr. Leena Bhatia
- Dr. Ashish Chandra Swami
- Ms. Mamta Sharma
- Dr. Vandana Nigam
- Ms. Vandana Vijay
- Dr. Vipin Kr. Jain

Commerce Stream

- Dr. Chitra Rathore
- Dr. Richa Singhal
- Dr. Davender Sharma
- Dr. S. P. Kothari
- Dr. Satish C. Sharma
- Dr. Nandini Sharma
- Dr. Priti Gupta
- Dr. Gouri Dhingra
- Dr. Swati Tiwari
- Dr. Ravi Gupta
- Dr. Vishal Gauttam

Arts Stream

- Dr. Suprithi Paliwal
- Dr. Umesh Sharma
- Dr. Shalini Shrivastava
- Dr. Ranjita Singh
- Dr. Baljeet Kaur
- Dr. Nirmala Lalwani

The admission process for the new academic session being an important task, the college drafted out a clear strategy for the same amidst the challenges posed by the Corona pandemic. Delay in declaration of class XII result by CBSE, RBSE and other boards, restricted lockdowns, compliance for social distancing, ensuring proper sanitization and safety measures and non-availability of transport facility etc. were some such challenges which were successfully overcome through an optimum blend of online and offline admission procedure. Filling up of all the seats in every undergraduate programme once again proved the goodwill and brand image of the college not only in Jaipur but all over India.



VideoMeet : An Indian Software for Video Conferencing

Regular online classes in the new academic session began from the last week of August onwards on "Videomeet", a Made in India video conferencing application".

The application provided a customized digital platform for teaching and learning during the pandemic. More than 4500 students participated daily for taking

lectures via Videomeet in more than 60 courses in undergraduate, postgraduate and professional programmes of the college.

As per the guidelines of the Supreme Court, the UGC and Rajasthan State government, the final semester examination of all U.G. and P.G. courses in the college were conducted offline in October-November, 2020 as per the advisory issued by the state as well as by the university, thus ensuring credibility of exams and establishing validity of the degrees to be issued.

Looking at the responsible and proactive work culture, the college was also chosen to be a Centre for conduction of various examinations 2020. Back examinations were also conducted in the college in November-December 2020. Earlier, the viva-voce of practical papers in various semesters were successfully conducted online.

The Department of BBA organised a virtual expression competition titled "Hand Hygiene: A Key to Protect Yourself Against Covid-19" on the occasion of Global Hand Washing Day-October 15, 2020. 77 students of the college participated in the event and expressed their views through videos, poems, short films and posters virtually. Winners were awarded and e-certificates were given to all the participants.



Hand Hygiene : A Key to Protect Yourself Against Covid-19

A national webinar on "Financial Empowerment through Financial Awareness" was organized by the college in joint collaboration with the Association of Mutual Funds of India on January 9, 2021. The keynote speaker Shri Suryakant Sharma, Chief Consultant, Association of Mutual Funds of India and former DGM-SEBI, spoke about the relevance of the subject especially in times of the corona pandemic. Shri Nitin Joshi, Vice President-e-Governance NSDC also addressed the participants and answered the queries. There were more than 1500 registrations from countries across the globe.

ORIENTATION / INDUCTION/ REFRESHER / SHORT TERM COURSE

- ◆ The following faculty members successfully completed one-month Faculty Induction/Orientation Programme titled "Faculty in Universities/ Colleges /Institute of Higher Education" organised by Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of MHRD from September 1-30, 2020 :
 - Dr. Leena Bhatia, Ms. Mamta Sharma & Ms. Pooja Nahar, Department of Computer Science
 - Dr. Monalisa Kulshrestha, Dr. Rajendra Saini and Dr. Reenu Chauhan, Department of Botany
 - Dr. Yashoda Saini and Dr. Shipra Sharma, Department of Environmental Science
- ◆ Ms. Shashi Sharma & Ms. Farah Deeba, Department of Physics participated in one month first Faculty Induction programme Guru-Dakshta (Orientation Course) organized by UGC-HRDC, University of Rajasthan from September 7 to October 6, 2020.
- ◆ Ms. Shashi Sharma, Department of Physics completed a short term course on "Research Methodology for Science" organized by UGC-HRDC, Dr. Hari Singh Gour University, Sagar (MP) from October 16 - 22, 2020
- ◆ Ms. Mridula Jain, Department of Mathematics completed Refresher Course on "Python Programming" organized by Coursera from February 18, 2020 to May 18, 2020

FACULTY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES/FDP'S/WORKSHOPS

Faculty members from various departments adjusted to the NEO-NORMAL in the unprecedented Corona pandemic and continued to enhance their knowledge by attending several Faculty Development Programmes. Some of them are:

- Dr. Rashmy Nair, Dr. Neeru Gakkhar, Dr. Chandni Jain and Dr. Neetu Sharma, Department of Chemistry attended the "Science e-Talks Online Conclave" organized by Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur from May 2-17, 2020
- Dr. Vikas Bairathi, Dr. Shailesh Mathur, Dr. Davendra Sharma, Dr. Richa Singhal, Dr. Priti Gupta and Dr. Swati Tiwari, Department of Commerce; Dr. Preeti Srivastava, Dr. Yashoda Saini, Dr. Shipra Sharma and Dr. Shazia M. Jamal, Department of Zoology attended the FDP on "Managing Online Classes and Co-Creating MOOCS:2.0" organized by Teaching Learning Centre-Ramanujan College, University of Delhi and sponsored by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching on May 18-June 03, 2020, July 25-August 10, 2020 & July 25-August 10, 2020 respectively.
- Dr. Vikas Bairathi, Department of Commerce; Dr. Monalisa Kulshrestha and Dr. Rajendra Saini, Department of Botany & Dr. Geeta Chaudhary, Department of Biotechnology, completed the FDP on "Open Source Tools for Research" from June 08-14, 2020, organized by Ramanujan College, University of Delhi and sponsored by MHRD.
- Dr. Sonal Bordia Jain, Department of Computer Science; Ms. Shashi Sharma, Department of Physics; Dr. Ajaya Eesha, Department of Botany; Dr. Aditi Badgurjar, Department of Mathematics attended the International FDP on "Recent Trends in Science and Technology" from June 15-20, 2020 organized by Suresh Gyan Vihar University, Jaipur
- Dr. Shailesh Mathur and Dr. Vikas Bairathi, Department of Commerce; Dr. Shipra Sharma, Department of Environmental Science; Dr. Shazia M. Jamal, Department of Botany attended the FDP on "Advanced Concepts For Developing MOOCS" organized by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi sponsored by Ministry of Human Resource Development Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching from July 2-17, 2020
- Dr. Tapasya Julka Malhotra attended the online FDP in "Pedagogy and Research Methods" from June 22 - July 28, 2020 organized by Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.
- Dr. Rashmy Nair, Dr. Richa Sharma, Dr. Sarita Singhal, Dr. Manisha Mathur and Dr. Neeru Gakkhar, Department of Chemistry; Ms. Shashi Sharma, Department of Physics attended the FDP on "Manufacturing and Recyclization of Engineering Materials - Cement, Glass and Ceramics (Self-Reliant India) (MRCGC 2020)" from August 10 - 14, 2020 organized by Rajasthan Technical University, Kota and Swami Keshavanand Institute of Technology, Management & Gramothan, Jaipur under the sponsorship of TEQIP-III
- Dr. Sonal B. Jain, Dr. Vandana Nigam and Dr. Pooja Nahar, Department of Computer Science attended the FDP organized by Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Gudlavalluru Engineering College, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, Sponsored by AICTE Training & Learning (ATAL) on "IoT (Internet of Things)" from December 7-11, 2020

Students Gallery of Fame



Tarun Kumar Garg IIT-JAM 2020 Topper in Mathematics with All India Rank-1 (AIR-1)

The college feels pride in sharing that the following students cracked the IIT-JAM and NIMSET exam and have joined IITs and NITs for higher qualification.

M.Sc. Physics

- Pradyumna Gupta IIT, Patna
- Roop Singh Bairwa IIT, Palakkad
- Dheeraj Kumar Gupta NIT, Suratkal
- Jatin Grover NIT, Jalandhar
- Pintu Lal Saini NIT, Jalandhar
- Adarsh Jain NIT, Jalandhar
- Kaushal Jain MNIT, Jaipur
- Khushal MNIT, Jaipur
- Vikash Khokhar NIT, Warangal
- Himanushu Jha NIT, Warangal
- Manoj Manda NIT, Nagpur
- Kunika Sharma IISER, Tiruvanathapuram

M.Sc. Chemistry

- Aman Kumar IIT, Roorkee
- Tarun Bansal IIT, GandhiNagar
- Mayank Shukla IIT, Jodhpur
- Himanshu Khandelwal IIT, Jodhpur
- Vishal Saini IIT, Jodhpur
- Pankaj Jangir IIT, Indore
- Parvav Khandelwal NIT, Warangal
- Yogendra JNU, New Delhi
- Akhil Kumar Prajapati MNIT, Jaipur

M.Sc. Mathematics

- Tarun Kumar Garg IIT, Bombay
- Mulayam Singh Yadav IIT, Madras
- Manoj Kumar Jat IIT, Delhi

- Dr Priyanka Dadupanthi, Department of Zoology attended the FDP on "Technical Skill Development: Need of the Hour" organized by Shaheed Mangal Pandey Government Girls (P.G.) College, Meerut (U.P.) from May 23-27, 2020
- Ms. Shashi Sharma, Department of Physics; Dr. Rashmi Modi, Dr. Manita Bhagtani, Department of Mathematics attended the FDP on "Stepping Towards Problem and Project based Learning for Academic Excellence" organized by Kolhapur Institute of Technology & College of Engineering (Autonomous) Kolhapur from June 9-13, 2020
- Dr. Komal Arora and Dr. Manisha Mathur, Department of Chemistry attended the e-FDP on "Reinventing Pedagogies and Methods" organized by St. Xavier's College, Nevta from June 8-13, 2020
- Dr. Davendra Sharma, Dr. Richa Singhal, Dr. Priti Gupta and Dr. Swati Tiwari, Department of Commerce attended the FDP on "Recent Trends in Research and Applied Statistics" organized by Sunrise University, Alwar from June 13-19, 2020
- Dr. Shailja Bhatt, Department of Hindi, attended the FDP on "*Sankalan Sandarbh Mein Sahitya, Rajniti, Media aur Bazar*" organized by Ramanujan College University of Delhi and IQAC-Kalindi College, University of Delhi from July 27-August 10, 2020
- Dr. Varsha Sharma, Department of Chemistry attended the FDP on "Trending Research on COVID-19 Pandemic" organized by Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai from August 3 -8, 2020
- Dr Rajesh Gaur, Department of Commerce attended the FDP on "The Role of a Teacher in Nation Building" organized by ICSSR from August 3-9, 2020
- Dr. Supriathy Paliwal, Department of Psychology; Dr. Supriya Choudhary, Department of History attended the FDP on "The Role of ICT in the Development of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) in Higher Education" organized by Ministry of Education, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching from August 14-28, 2020
- Dr. Abha Singhal, Department of Mathematics attended the FDP on "Applications of Optimisation Techniques in Science and Engineering" organized by Rajasthan Technical University, Kota from August 23-28, 2020
- Dr. Shaffali Jain, Department of Political Science attended the FDP on Moodle Learning Management System organized by IQAC Cell-Prabhat Kumar College, Contai from September 1 - 15, 2020
- Dr. Pooja Nahar, Department of Computer Science participated in TEQIP-III sponsored workshop on "Cloud Computing and its Applications" organised by Rajasthan Technical University, Kota and Compucom Institute of Technology & Management, Jaipur from September 14-20, 2020.
- Dr. Rina Sharma, Department of Physics attended the FDP on "Emerging Trends in Nano-Electronics (ETNE 2020)" organized by Rajasthan Technical University, Kota & Swami Keshvanand Institute of Technology, Management & Gramothan, Jaipur from September 21 - 25, 2020

- Hari Om Jangid IIT, Kanpur
- Gourav Kumar IIT, Jabalpur
- Ayushi Mittal IIT, Gandhi Nagar
- Dipendra Singh IIT, Dhanbad
- Shivam Joshi IIT, Dhanbad
- Renuka Jangid IIT, Roorkee
- Divyaneer Garg IIT, Roorkee
- Mayank Chandak IIT, Delhi
- Mohit Gupta IIT, Roorkee
- Naresh Kumar Saini IIT, Bhubaneswar
- Revati Sharan Saini MNIT, Jaipur
- Naman Pradhan MNIT, Jaipur
- Ashish Jain NIT, Jalandhar

MCA

- Manoj Loul, NIT Bhopal
- Mohit Agarwal, NIT Bhopal
- Tushar Khandelwal, NIT Calicut



The cricket team of the college secured its place amongst the top teams in the national level Campus Cricket Tournament 2021. Cricket teams of more than 450 colleges from 32 cities of the country took part in this world class tournament out of which only 8 teams had qualified for the finals. Our team was the runners up in North Zone.



Devesh Jain, B.Com Sem V and team won the second position in the National level quiz competition of Red Ribbon Club organized on the occasion of National Youth Day January 12, 2021. They competed amongst 4 states in three rounds and won the cash prize of Rs 75,000. The quiz competition was organized by AIDS Control Society and NACO New Delhi.

Success Story of Heena Jain



Heena Jain
M. Com. (EAFM)

Heena Jain was a student of M.Com. (EAFM) batch 2017-19 from the college. Currently into the business of handicrafts under the banner of "CREATIVITY EXPLOSION" she is a proud alumna of the college. We recently had a talk with her and learnt about her journey to success.

Q.1. How would you like to introduce yourself Heena?

Ans. I am a simple girl with a few dreams about life. I completed my M.Com. in the year 2019 and soon thereafter was in pursuit of a way to fulfil my dreams. Though undecided about my career goals I was sure about one thing - I would pursue my professional career in a way different from others.

Q.2. How and when did you decide to become an entrepreneur and create your own niche?

Ans. When I completed my M.Com. degree, relatives and acquaintances thought that soon I shall get married and settle down. A few of them advised me to pursue a career in teaching. During lockdown I heard our Prime Minister's address to the nation in which he talked about the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan for our country's economic self-reliance. Dead sure of my gut feeling of becoming a successful woman entrepreneur, I decided to give it a try by putting into practical usage all the learnings I had gathered as a Commerce student. The support of my family gave me that extra push. Keenly interested in the colors, intrigues, ethnicity and sheer beauty of handcrafted items, I ventured into this field and the result was CREATIVITY EXPLOSION-my joint venture in partnership and a dream come true.

Q.3. What role did Subodh college play in your life?

Ans. The study tenure at Subodh College proved to be a big asset in my life. It gave me an opportunity to be between many like minded people and exposed me to several opportunities to learn, create and work hard. It proved to be an information and opportunity powerhouse where I got metamorphosed into a thinking adult. The opportunities to learn and explore under the able guidance of the always supportive faculty and exposure to a learning environment connected me to the modern and global viewpoints and showed me the path to carve my career.

Q.4. Tell us more about Creativity Explosion.

Ans. Creativity Explosion is into the business of handicrafts. We operate both offline and online through several e-commerce platforms and deal in uniquely crafted and designed customized handmade products for different occasions and classes of customers at affordable prices. We believe in giving that extra perfect touch to the client's needs. Variedly crafted, some of the major items include - organizers, kids accessories, nameplates, rakhis and home décor items.

Q.5. What is your success mantra?

Ans. Never be afraid of being different, rather be afraid of being the same because great things do not come from comfort zones.



The following students have cleared NET and NET- JRF in the examinations held in December 2020 :

Department of Physics

- Ram Mohan, B.Sc. Physics Hons. Sem V AIR 323 JRF-NET
- Anju Sihag, M. Sc. Sem III AIR 234 JRF-NET

Department of Chemistry

- Ravinder, M.Sc. Sem III AIR 89 NET-JRF
- Megha Agrawal, M.Sc. Sem III AIR 38 NET-LS

Department of Botany

- Manish Kumar Gautam, M.Sc. Sem III AIR 87 NET-LS
- Nishant Swami, M.Sc. (Batch 2017-19) AIR 97 NET-LS
- Pooja Yadav, M.Sc. (Batch 2017-19) AIR 115 NET-LS
- Shailey Sailani, M.Sc. (Batch 2017-19) AIR 241 NET- JRF
- Robin, M.Sc. (Batch 2016-18) AIR 98 NET-LS
- Kajal Taneja, M.Sc. (Batch 2016-18) AIR 84 NET-JRF

Department of Zoology

- Anukriti Verma, M. Sc. (Batch 2018-20) AIR 249 NET-JRF
- Naveen, M.Sc. (Batch 2018-20) AIR 90 NET-LS
- Neha Bharti, M.Sc. (Batch 2018-20) AIR 83 NET-LS

Department of Computer Science

- Anandita Khandelwal, MCA (Batch 2018-20) NET-LS

Department of Mathematics

- Hunny Nama, M.Sc. (Batch 2018-20) AIR 131 NET-JRF
- ◆ Hemendra Singh Rathore and Nagendra Singh Rathore have been selected for ATT training at Dehradun from December 15, 2020
- ◆ Aniket Kalra of BCA Semester V has been selected for C2D-NS (Commands Control Division for Navel Service) of DRDO, Bangalore
- ◆ Prashant Singh, BCA Semester V has been selected as Airman in the Indian Air Force.

"And life goes on..."

Dr. Priti Gupta

Department of Business Administration

Long back, during my school years, I was repeatedly taught in biology classes that the power of microbes is immense. From back then till recently, whenever I caught a bad cold and had to work, in spite of it, I would indignantly remember the same and couldn't agree more. I remember cursing the microscopic unwanted guest which couldn't be warded off and used to ruthlessly ruin an entire precious week of mine. But even then, never in my wildest dreams too could I have imagined a time when one of its family would cause the global population to lockdown for weeks and months together. Until then I had believed that such scenarios were limited to fiction movies and pandemics were a thing of the past, when we did not have vaccines, antibiotics and antivirals. But COVID-19 completely destroyed the myth and converted the fiction into a reality!

In the beginning of the pandemic news of the novel virus dropped in from various parts of the world but our country was still unaffected. We thought it was something that happened to others, far beyond our safe boundaries. Soon another myth of mine got devastated. I had learnt that in times of Liberalisation and Globalisation the world is connected technologically but I now understood that besides technology we are all connected physically too, as evidenced by the speedy spread of the virus around the globe. To think of countries as fundamentally separate from one another was totally irrational. As time went by, there were days when everything seemed uncertain. Incidents like seeing people losing their sources of livelihood, little children walking on highways during peak summer months and most importantly news about someone from close acquaintance or neighbourhood losing their fight to corona led me into the bottomless pit of negativity.

On one such day I came across a beautiful quote by **Robert Frost** which read, "**In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life : It goes on**". Something instantly clicked ...just few words loaded with tons of wisdom. How true and prophetic the words were! I rationally thought that for those who survive this pandemic, which should be more than 99% of the humanity, this will not be the end and life would just go on! For them, the post-COVID-19 world will bring lasting changes that would have been considered impossible earlier. I couldn't help but think that the slowdown had done some good too for humanity changing us for the better post COVID-19. Hadn't it inculcated in us a gratitude for everything around - a healthy body, the family, food on our kitchen counters, roof above our heads etc. I suddenly felt blessed even for the handwash liquids and sanitizers and for the privilege of making ourselves socially distant itself because these are privileges that a very large number of people in India cannot afford.

Hadn't we all learnt that how little we needed to go on comfortably with our daily lives during lockdown, the latest models of cars, gadgets, expensive clothes, branded shoes, restaurant food supplies and expensive perfumes had no utility at all. We all had been so busy chasing a future that we had forgotten how to live and enjoy the present...weren't we all so filled up with unfulfilled desires that we had forgotten to count our blessings? The slowdown had given the enjoyment of breathing in clean air, looking up at crystal clear blue skies, enjoying the sounds of chirping birds and the sight of butterflies and squirrels, trafficless roads, lazy mornings with wholesome breakfasts, quality time and family bonding free from the morning hustle bustle of working days.

So of all the things, it was the virus that taught us all some valuable lessons like the need to both "preserve" and "conserve". I honestly have no clue how or when we'll overcome this episode of our lives but when it does may we all be a better version of ourselves with a renewed empathy towards the lesser privileged and may we never forget the value of this gift called life, as no matter what happens...life goes on!