



# Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer

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## ANNUAL REPORT

**SESSION 2015-16**



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**The major activities and achievements of the session 2015-16 are as follows-**

### **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:**

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 to be 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.

## **I. TEACHING AND LEARNING:**

The College regularly makes sure that its faculty is up to date with the current trends of education, especially

- Encouraged the staff members to attend PDPs, FDPs that will help them to enhance their teaching competencies
- Knowledge Centre was established with the purpose of creating Knowledge Repositories by leading experts.
- To make teaching and learning more practical Field survey, Industrial visit, Education Excursion were encouraged.
- Emphasized on new teaching pedagogies and updating teachers and students regarding the same.
- M.Com. (ABST) and M.A. (Geog.) were introduced.
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## **II. RESEARCH:**

The College works towards the development of its faculty by encouraging them to indulge in Academic Research Activities. College inspired the staff to enrol and complete their Doctoral Degree. The major accomplishments of the Faculty members in the field of research in the academic year 2015-16 are:

1. 17 Research papers were published in various National and International Journals and 08 chapters were published in books
2. Dr. Monika Kannan from Department of Geography was recognised as the research supervisor in the MDSU, Ajmer
3. Dr. Sunita Siyal from Department of Hindi was registered at Bhagwant University, Ajmer as Research Supervisor.
4. Three Minor Research Projects sponsored by UGC were sanctioned to the faculty members

- **Dr. Monika Kannan**, Department of Psychology

Title of the Project: Role of Rural Irrigation Techniques and Water Recharge in the Development of Rajasthan (With Special reference to Ajmer District)

- **Dr. Atiqa Kelsy**, Department of English

Title of the Project: Ravelling along Indus: Narration and History

- **Ms. Geetika Yadav**, Department of Sociology

Title of the Project: The Total Way of Life of ‘Chomos’ – the Zangskar Nuns (A Sociological Perspective towards the different dimensions of Karsha, a nunnery particular to conventional Buddhist monasteries of Zangskar in Himalayan Valley near southern part of Kargil in Jammu and Kashmir)”

### **III. CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED**

1. (Interdisciplinary Department National Seminar on of the ‘Addressing Rural Institution Disparities and regularly Development organizes through Panchayati Conferences/Raj Institutions in Seminars India: Achievements, Assessment & Accountability’ on March 28-29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
2. The Commerce, Management and Economics organized a seminar on ‘The Role of the RBI in the Indian Economy’ in collaboration with RBI personnel
3. The Forum of Galaxy and Home Science Association organized a workshop on ‘Basics of Life Saving Acts at the time of Emergency particularly after accidents’ in collaboration with the Department of Anesthesia, JLN Medical College, Ajmer.
4. The English Department organized a Seminar on ‘Communication Skills’ conducted by Dr. Subroto Bandhopadhaya a communication specialist.
5. The Lyceum Forum in collaboration with the PUCL organized a Seminar on 'Accountability and Transparency in Governance.'
6. IT Club, Department of Computer Science organized workshops on Android Applications conducted by AKR Group, Noida; Cloud Computing conducted by Appin Technologies Lab, Jaipur and two workshops on Animation and Interior Designing conducted by Kirnani Technologies, Ajmer .





#### IV. COMPILATION OF AISHE

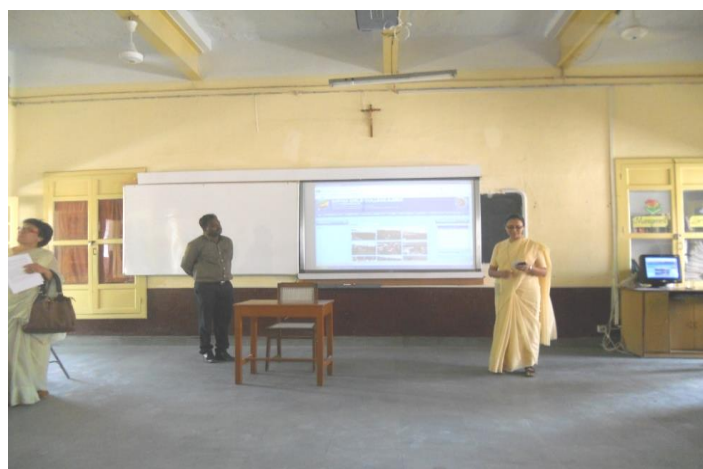
The IQAC members formulated a survey team in the beginning of the session and the final report was documented and prepared for the submission. The compiled report was submitted in May, 2016.

#### V. FEEDBACK

A Structured Feedback was analyzed for the upgradation suggested by the stakeholders i.e. Students, Teachers, Employers and Alumni. The analyzed report was presented and discussed in the meeting of statutory bodies.

#### VI. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES ORGANISED FOR THE TEACHING STAFF:

S.No.	Title of Programme	Date
1.	Use of E- Resources for Research	17 <sup>th</sup> Sep., 2015
2.	Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) Training	16 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016



## VII. STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES ORGANISED FOR THE NON- TEACHING STAFF:

S.No.	Title of the Programme	Date
1.	Computer Fundamentals	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug., 2015
2.	Taxation and Savings	26 <sup>th</sup> Sep., 2015
3.	Soft Skills	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct., 2015
4.	Basic Communication Skills - I	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec., 2015
5.	Basic Communication Skills - II	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan., 2016
6.	Taxation and Savings	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan., 2016

## IX. VALUE ADDED COURSES OFFERED

- British Council Communicative English
- French
- Human Rights Education
- Family Life Education
- Functional English
- Short Films and Documentaries
- Travel and Tourism
- Fine Arts
- Instrumental Music
- Dramatics
- Yoga
- Self Defence
- Aerobics
- Jewellery Designing
- Bonsai
- Vermiculture
- Ikebana

## X. RESULT ANALYSIS

The Result of all the U.G. and P.G. programs offered in the colleges is as follows-

### Autonomous Scheme

The pass percentage of all U.G. as well as P.G. programs in both Semester I and II was between 81% to 100%.

### University Annual Scheme

The pass percentage of all U.G. programs for II and III Year was 94-100%

The pass percentage of all P.G. programs for Final Year ranges between 95-100%.

## XI. COLLABORATIONS/ MOUs

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

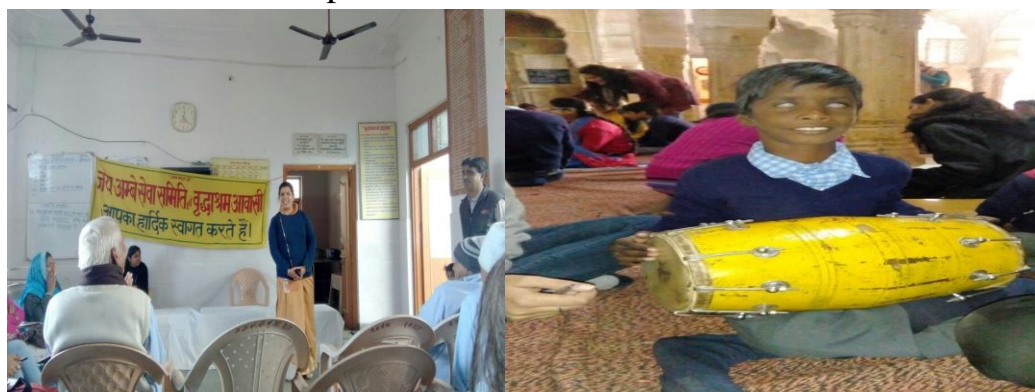
The girls were placed in their levels after a Voice Test based on the Common European Framework. The total number of students enrolled is 276. The first batch completed their 60 hours in December and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch of First year students began on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2016.



## XII. EXTENSION, OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND INTERNSHIPS

The college focuses on its students gaining experience and applying all that they have learnt through activities like Educational Trips, Field Visits, Surveys etc. such as

1. Visit to Old Age Home
2. Special School
3. Socio – Economic surveys
4. Blood Donation Camp etc.



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

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.

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.



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.

MA/M.Sc. Geography students were sent to the Irrigation Department, MDS University and ADA Department for Survey and Data Collection.

The Institution encourages its students to actively undertake Internships and Field Projects.

This constant motivation has led students to take up various projects and internships.

### **XIII. INFRASTRUCTURE AND IT FACILITIES**

The College takes various initiatives and measures for making the process of teaching and learning more effective. To present students with better understanding and the teachers with better teaching techniques, the College-

- Upgraded the Central Library with extension of books and Journals.
- Enhanced the utilization of the Smart classrooms for effective teaching.
- Ensured the optimal functioning of well-equipped Knowledge Centre
- Upgraded the laboratories in the Institution with new Technology

### **XIV. PLACEMENTS**

The College provided the opportunity for students to participate in the Placement Drive that was conducted by The Placement Cell. The drive saw participation from various recruiters like

1. Tata Consultancy Services
2. Concentrix

A total of 66 students have been selected in the above-mentioned companies.



## XV. ACTIVITIES - COLLEGE CELLS & COMMITTEES

### 1. Spectrum: The Dramatic Club

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.



## **XVI. DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

The College consists of various Clubs and Fora and students from various fields of study can be a part and participate in the various activities organized by them. The different Clubs and Fora and some of their activities are as follows:

### **1. Prakriti –The Geography Forum**

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.



## 2. Lyceum-The Political Science Forum

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

## 3. The Commerce & Management Forum

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.



## 4. Science Forum

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## 5. Home Science Association

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



## 6. English Forum

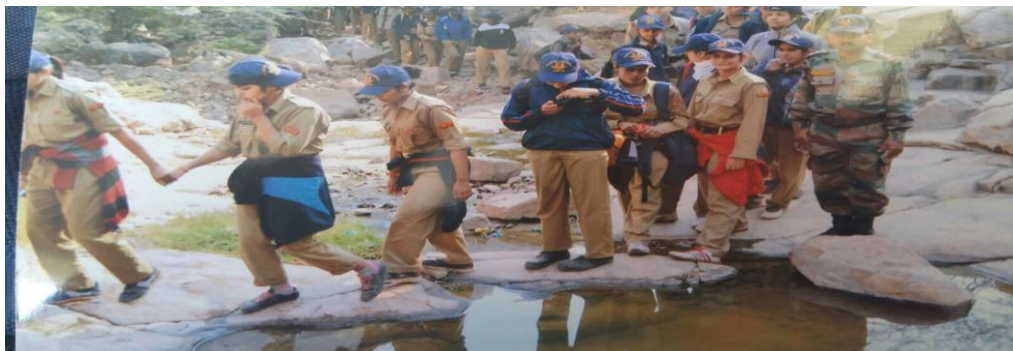
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## **XVII. NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)**

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.



## **XVIII. NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)**

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.

