

# Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer

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## SESSION 2017-18

### **Annual Report**



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## **ANNUAL REPORT**

### **SESSION 2017-18**

**The major activities and achievements of the session 2017-18 are as follows-**

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

The College regularly makes sure that its faculty is up to date with the current trends of education, especially the hindrances brought in by the pandemic. The situation demanded the use of technology in education and for this, the College-

- Encouraged the staff members to attend PDPs, FDPs and other online courses that will help them to enhance their teaching competencies in the times of Virtual mode of learning
- Established MoUs with various National and International institutions of Higher Education to facilitate knowledge through exposure and experience.
- Emphasized on Blended Learning, new teaching pedagogies and updating teachers and students regarding the same.
- Ensured effective use of ICT tools, development of E-content use of various digital resources.
- Establishment of E- Resource Lab in the Library so that the students can easily access the available online resources.

#### **II. RESEARCH:**

The College works towards the development of its faculty by encouraging them to indulge in Academic Research Activities. For this, the College:

- Encouraged the staff to enroll and complete their Doctoral Degree.
- Ensured the provision of incentives to the staff members for their research endeavours.
- Research Incentives were provided to various staff members for Paper publications and participation in National and International conferences, seminars and workshops
- Total 37 research papers and 4 chapters were published in various National and International Journals.

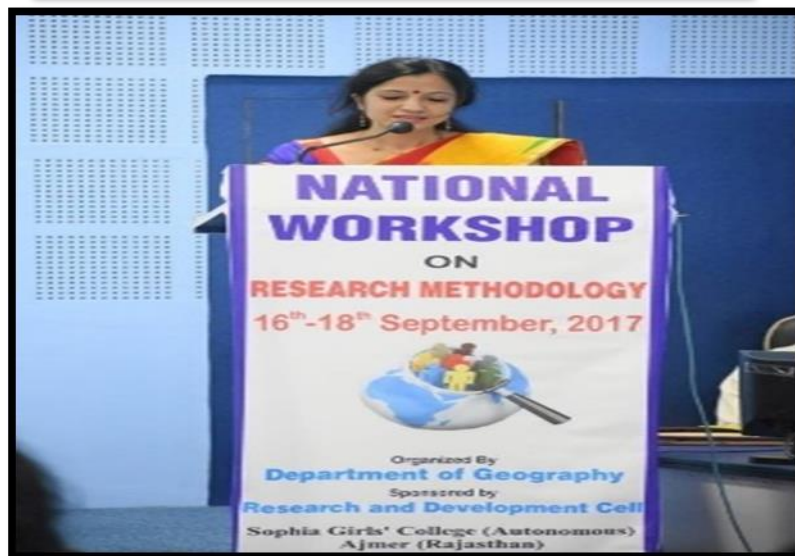
### III. CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS

Various departments hosted National and International seminars and Conferences on topics such:

- The Department of English organized the first ever International Conference of the college namely 'Diaspora, Multiculturalism and Quest for Identity' from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018 in which students from different states and countries participated. The Conference was graced by numerous International Speakers like Smita Tharoor and Professors from the Delhi University, Jamia Milia Islamia University, Jai Narayan Vyas University, Banasthali Vidyapeeth etc and other prestigious Central, State and Private Universities also contributed to the academic discourse.



- A two-day National Workshop on Research Methodology was organized by the Geography Department from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. This was followed by a Faculty Development Program by Prof Sudesh Nangia (National Co-ordinator, JNU) and was attended lecturers, Research Scholars and students.



- Lyceum (Department of Political Science) organized a National Conference on ‘Gandhi in Post-Liberalization India’ on the 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in which academicians from the Gandhi Peace Foundation, Gandhi Smriti, Gandhi Vichar Parishad, Rajshahi University, Bangladesh and Central University, Kerala participated.

- An Interactive Session on Dialogue Development was conducted by Dr. Jyoti Kiran, (Chairperson, State Finance Commission) for the College students on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018.



- Rajasthan Sahitya Akademi organized a Workshop on 'Creative Writing' on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 in which 100 students of the College participated. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. A Seminar on 'Chit Funds and Basics of Investment' was organized by Mrs Shakuntla Pareek (SEBI). Students from B.Com and BBA attended the same.



- On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2017, Dr M.S. Rathore (Director of Centre for Environment and Development Studies) gave a talk on Rural Development to the students of the Economics Department.



- Dr Kerry Kriger (Environmentalism of International repute) gave an enlightening talk on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018, on 'Save Frogs'. Students from Galaxy: The Science Forum participated in the same.



On the 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, Ms. Nishtha Bharti from Khalsa College, Delhi addressed the students of the Lyceum Club on the 'Relevance of Gandhi in the Twenty-First Century' and on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2017, Mr. Shiraz Ellis (Mayo College, Ajmer) gave a Power Point Presentation on 'Indo-China Relations'. Lyceum Students participated in the above activities.



A one-week Value Education Seminar and a two-day Spiritual Retreat was conducted by Father Jose K. T.(Hyderabad) from the 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>Feb 2018 in which students and Staff members participated.



- The Computer Science Department organized the Digifest from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in which different competitions and activities were planned for the students. All the students took an active participation in the same and grabbed away the prizes.



#### IV. COMPILATION OF NIRF AND AISHE

The IQAC members formulated a survey team and started documenting and preparing for the NIRF Ranking Reports and AISHE Report was successfully submitted on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

#### 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 TEACHING STAFF-**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Title of the Programme</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	Writing Effective Research Proposals	18th Sept. 2017
2.	SPSS and Map Making Training	18th Sep., 2017
3.	Innovative Approaches for Teaching and Evaluation	25th Sept 2017
4.	Effective student Data Management	19th Dec. 2017
5.	Developing the Emotional Quotient of Students	7th - 8th Feb 2018
6.	Advanced Soft Skills	19th April 2018
7.	Role of Teachers in Institutional Quality Sustenance & Enhancement	26th June 2018
8.	Understanding the revised SSR format and A&A process of NAAC	27th June 2018

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

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Title of the Programme</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	Spiritual Enrichment Program	19th Aug., 2017
2.	Office Management	25th Nov.,- 9th Dec., 2017
3.	Vocational Training-Tailoring	20th Jan., - 3rd Feb.,2018

4.	Spiritual Enrichment Program	7th - 8th Feb 2018
5.	Electrical Appliances-Repair and Maintenance	17th March., 2018

**VIII. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, ORIENTATION / INDUCTION PROGRAMMES, REFRESHER COURSE, SHORT TERM COURSES**

S.No	Name of Faculty	Title of the Programme	Date
1.	<b>Dr. Monika Kannan</b>	Course on Close Range Photogrammetry and Terrestrial Laser Scanning - IIRS, Dehradun	8th-12th Jan, 2018
		Course on Hyperspectral Remote Sensing and its Applications - IIRS, Dehradun	19th Feb. - 13th Mar, 2018
		Course on Geoinformatics for Forest Fire Management	2nd-7th April, 2018
		Course on RS & GIS applications in Water Resources	16th -27th April, 2018
		Course on Geospatial Modelling for Watershed Management	1st-7th May, 2018
2.	<b>Ms. Shipli Yadav</b>	Faculty Development Programme on Research Methodology: Tools & Techniques in Earth Sciences - organized by Department of Earth Science, Banasthali Vidhyapith, Tonk (Rajasthan) under the Scheme of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching, MHRD, Government of India	10th – 16th Aug., 2017
3.	<b>Dr. Ritu Bhargava</b>	Refresher Course in Computer Applications - UGC Sponsored organised by Maharishi Dayanand University	22nd Sep - 12th Oct. 2017

## **IX. CERTIFICATE COURSES OFFERED IN SESSION 2017-18**

- French
- Dramatics
- Jewellery Designing
- Instrumental Music
- Short Films and Documentaries
- Basics of Tally
- Textile Designing and Printing
- Aerobics
- Self Defence
- Basic Yoga
- Human Rights
- Culinary Skills
- Personality Development
- Fitness
- Library and Information Science

## **X. Result Analysis**

The Result of all the U.G. and P.G. **programs** offered in the colleges are as follow-

➤ **The pass percentage of all U.G. programs-**

Semester I was 100%, whereas Semester II, Semester, III result varied from 98-100%, Semester IV result varied from 95-100%.

➤ **The pass percentage of all P.G. programs-** Semester I, II, III, IV 100% result.

## **XI. COLLABORATIONS/ MOUs**

The Institution believes in educational and value adding collaborations with other esteemed institutions across the country. In the Academic Year 2017-18, around 4 activities have been organized in collaboration with Institutions that have a MoU with the College. 7 New MoUs were signed with prestigious institutions and organizations and numerous activities were also conducted for the development of students. These are

1. Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Goa)
2. Parishkar College of Global Excellence, Jaipur (Rajasthan)
3. iBirds Software Services Pvt. Ltd.

4. RCDSSS, Madar, Ajmer
5. Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal, Chachiyawas, Ajmer
6. Centre of Environment and Development Studies, Jaipur (Raj)
7. Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous, Bangalore, (Karnataka)

## **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, Socio-economic Surveys etc. such as

1. Socio – Economic surveys
2. Visit to AIDS Hospice
3. Outreach Programme to govt schools







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. Various Students from the Faculty of Arts, Commerce, Science, Computer Science, and Management have completed offline and online internships from various organizations. Some of them are –

1. Heena Sheikh, Hemlata Pancholi and Karuna Nainwani at Dainik Bhaskar, Ajmer
2. Heena Tekchandani and Kanupriya Chouhan at Saras Dairy
3. Pratiksha Yadav at Bandhan Bank, Ajmer
4. Urmila Rathore at Shree Cement Ltd. Beawar
5. Saniya Hussain and Sakshi Raj Sharma at Taxway Ltd, Ajmer

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

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

- Upgrade 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 Media Lab

- Ensured the effective functioning of the Digital Learning Centre
- Establishment of E- Resource Lab in the Library so that the students can easily access the available online resources.

#### **XIV. PLACEMENTS**

The College provided the opportunity for students to participate in the Placement Drive that was conducted by The Placement Cell. It intends to invite Organizations from all industries in order to provide students with a diverse selection of opportunities. The drive saw participation from various recruiters In year 2017-18 reputed companies like:

1. Concentrix
2. ICICI Prudential

A total of 22 students have been selected in the above-mentioned companies.

#### **XV. ACTIVITIES - COLLEGE CELLS & COMMITTEES**

##### **1. Health Club**

Health Club is an association of students and staff in college for taking care of everything that is necessary for keeping an individual healthy. Health club deals such activities for the students to empower all with overall health which includes Mental health, Physical Health, Emotional Health, and Social health.

- **In this direction several courses have been offered to the students like Yoga, Aerobics, gymming and swimming to keep themselves fit.**

- a) Basics in Yoga was conducted under the guidance of trained teacher. Students got benefitted with the course. Emphasis is given on to improve physical, mental, social and spiritual health of all.
- b) Aerobics was conducted for the students. The aim of the course is to improve stamina and cardiovascular health of the students. Students got benefitted with the course.



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## Good News Group

Good News Group of college various activities for the spiritual enlightenment of staff and students

- Members of the Good News Group attended the Spiritual Enlightenment Programme in Tabor Ashram, Mumbai from. It was indeed a time of healing for our students



## 3. SPECTRUM- The Dramatics Club

- An Annual English Play on "Lady Windermere's Fan" was screened. The play by Oscar Wilde reflected the disparity between mass culture and high society. The fan in the play evoked a traditional symbol of modesty while revealing a truly modern current of infidelity.
- Annual Hindi Play on "Taj Mahal Ka Udhghatan" by Ajay Shukla was staged. The play was a political satire with subtle pins that exposed the real world of politics.

- Mr. Neeraj Kadela, a Theatre Artist conducted the Dramatics Workshop in which the students participated and learnt how to make their own space and how to build confidence for public speaking. They learnt about the various 'Rasas' regarding dramatization and how to imbibe them in acting.



#### 4. Nature Club

Nature's club organized a Educational Trip to Nahargarh Biological Park.



#### 5. Bioscope– The Movie Club

Bioscope - The Movie Club organized the screening of the movie' **Toilet – Ek Prem Katha'**. Students went to watch this movie. This movie promotes Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, a strong female protagonist becoming the voice of reason in this affair, the movie also gives a tip of the hat to women empowerment.

### XVI. DEPARTMENTAL CLUBS AND FORA

#### 1. Athenaeum –The Literary Forum

- Athenaeum: The Literary Forum organized an Annual English Debate Competition on the topic 'Women Are More Complex Than Men' Students of all the faculties were allowed to participate in the competition.



## 2. Gyanodaya-The Hindi Forum

दिनांक 6 मार्च 2018 को “स्वच्छन्दता रिश्तों के टूटने का मूल कारण है” विषय पर वार्षिक हिंदी वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें छात्राओं ने हिस्सा लिया। यह प्रतियोगिता विद्यार्थियों के वक्तृत्व शैली में निखार लाने में सहायक है।



### 3. Arthniti: The Economics Planning Forum

- Students from II- and III-year Economics (Hons.) participated in the national level fest 'Synergy-2017' organized by the economics department St. Xavier's Jaipur.



A visit to slum area of Kotra Village was organized by Arthniti, the Economic Club and Forum under the aegis of Sophia Girls College Ajmer.



4.

#### **Prakriti –The Geography Forum**

- A conference at Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi was attended by the Post-Graduation students of the Department of Geography where the students presented their papers individually.



An Educational Trip of 10 Days was organized for the students of Geography (Under- Graduation and Post- Graduation) to places like Munnar, Alleppey, Kochi, Trivandrum in Kerala to apprise them about field survey, Data collection, empirical techniques of Analysis.



### 5. Lyceum-The Political Science , Sociology and History

The National Conference on “Gandhi in Post Liberalization” by the Departments of Political Science, Sociology, and History. The Conference aimed to explore the numerous puzzling transformations with Gandhian Lens.



## 6. Floricans – The Zoology Forum

Department of Zoology organized Industrial Visit to Vijay Bakery was to introduce the students to the microorganisms used for fermentation of various bakery items and a first-hand experience of the various manufacturing processes involved.



## 7. Commercium & Synergy – The Commerce & Management Forum

- A Bank Visit was conducted for the Students of B.com part III. The students were divided into groups of 9 each, where Private and Nationalised banks were covered. Banks included Canara Bank, Axis bank, State bank of India, ICICI bank, Indian bank, Vijaya Bank etc.
- A Seminar on “SEBI and its functions” was held for the students, Resource persons provided some in-depth knowledge about the securities and how to deal with them in real life.







## 8. Silicon- The Information Technology Forum

The Department of Computer Science organized a One Day workshop on “Facebook supported Social Surfing” in the college Auditorium which was conducted by Ms. Arnika Singh, Project Officer, Media and Communications Centre for Social Research, New Delhi.



## 9. Catalyst – The Chemistry Forum

A Seminar on “Career Counselling” was organized by Chemistry Dept.



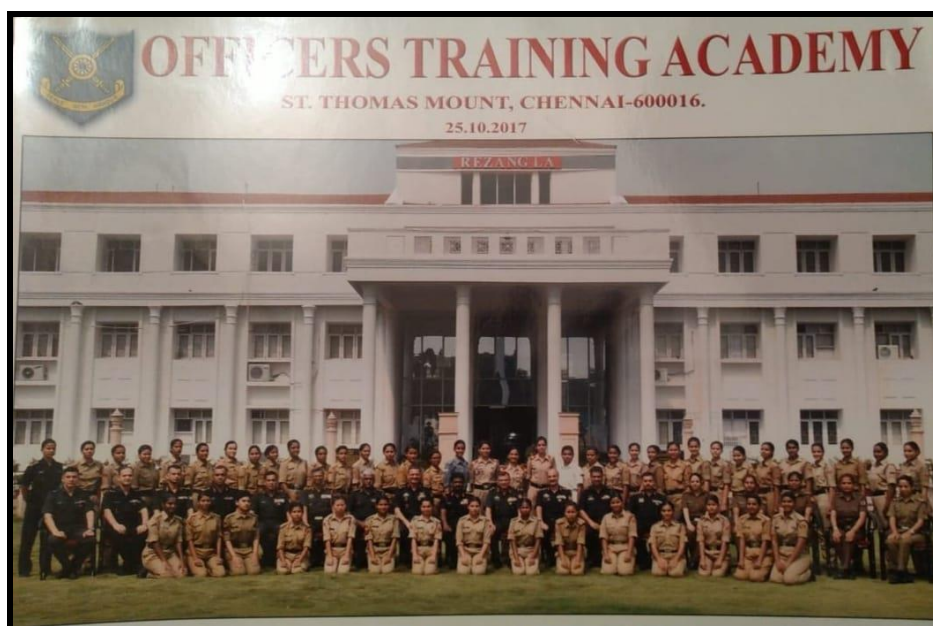
## XVII. NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)

The college NCC Unit functions under 5 Raj Girls Battalion, Udaipur. The NCC Cadets of Army wing in the college are under Mrs. Neha Sharma as CTO.

- 17 cadets attended the CATC at Udaipur and performed well in the camp from 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017 to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017.



- 04 cadets participated in the Pre Republic-Day Camp from 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018
- 03 NCC Cadets were also selected for the Pre- Inter Group Competition Camp at Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- On 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 an overall performance assessment 'B' and 'C' Certificate Examination was given by 20 NCC Cadets of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
- Cadet Deeksha Chauhan was selected to attend the Officers Training Academy Attachment Camp in Chennai.



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

1. The College has 2 Wings of the National Service Scheme.
2. The volunteers are actively involved in devoting themselves to the service of society by regularly organising Swacch Bharat Abhiyan Campaign, Nukkad Nataks, Tree Plantation Drives, Blood Donation Camps, Poster and Banner Making Competitions, Rallies and Candle Marches on important

days like Girl Child Day, World AIDS Day, Human Rights Day, Womens' Day and they also have a special ten-day NSS Camp. In addition to this, they impart education to students from adopted areas and nearby villages belonging to families below the poverty line as a part of their "Each one Teach one" programme. Every morning from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. evening from 4.00 pm to 5.00pm, the volunteers teach these students. Cultural activities are organized once a month and games are conducted every Saturday for the holistic development of these students.

3. As a part of their Outreach Program, the NSS volunteers teach the primary and middle section students of the Government School, Mirshali and Bhopo Ka Bada.
4. Tree Plantation- 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017 (Van Mahotsav)- The mission of "green and pollution free Rajasthan" was fulfilled by NSS program offices & volunteers by planting 60 saplings in the Madar hills and in the adopted villages. Students took oath and encouraged residents to nurture them with water & care.



5. World Youth Day- 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017- Special assembly along with nukkad natak was conducted to celebrate World Youth Day. The main aim was to make the youth aware about their powers and duties to make the world more beautiful and sustainable.



6. Participation in the Flash Mob- 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017- On the eve of Independence Day 30 NSS volunteers in collaboration with Government of Rajasthan's Yuva Vikas Prekshak scheme participated in the flash mob at different malls and localities of Ajmer to spread knowledge about different government schemes amongst the masses.



7. Pre-Republic Day Parade Selection Camp, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017-7 selected volunteers from the 2 units of college attended Pre Republic-Day Selection Camp, at Govt. College, Ajmer. Two students (Muskan Bishnoi and Yashaswani Rathore) got selected for the second round of the Pre Republic-Day Camp held at Chandigarh to represent West Zone where Muskan Bishnoi represented West Zone in Republic Day Parade at Rashtriyapati Bhawan.

8. Voting Rights Awareness Campaign in Collaboration with SVEEP 20<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018-20  
volunteers were selected to perform Nukkad Nataks in various schools and colleges to spread awareness about the voting rights amongst the youth. Students cover 10 different colleges and schools in Ajmer within 10 days.

