

The unequivocal distinctive characteristic of our college is our belief in the student as the leader. As actions speak louder than words, this belief comes forth in action – in all our planning and operations. Here's, how:

- **Formal aspects of leadership training.** Our teaching-learning and assessment approach goes beyond just lectures and exams. There are seminars and presentations, quizzes, debates and discussions, and group assignments. Apart from academics, we encourage our students to participate in various extra-curricular activities, including sports, cultural events and social welfare. Frequent and regular engagement with issues of national and social relevance imbues the students with the spirit of responsibility and motivation.
- **Democratic student leadership.** The college has a vibrant College Student Central Association (CSCA) and various independent political student organisations such as ABVP, NSUI and SFI. These organisations collectively, or individually, act as the voice of students in the organisational decision-making. These organisations act as nurseries for developing leadership qualities and democratic values in the students.
- **Organisational leadership and management skills.** The college has institutionalised outfits for the students to explore and sharpen their organisational leadership and management skills in the form of clubs and societies catering to diverse interests. In these clubs and societies, students take the charge of planning and execution of programmes and activities. Students form groups and divide responsibilities for tasks such as scheduling, guest arrangements, transportation and catering, community and administrative permissions, floor management, etc.
- **Community and social leadership.** Under the aegis of the bodies described above the students frequently engage with the community for social outreach activities. The students learn to cultivate mutual trust and bring about collective action. This not only instils in them a sense of responsibility and sensitivity but also fosters confidence and skills required for acquiring leadership roles amongst the people they serve.
- **Social capital and self-worth.** The college has highly active NSS, NCC and Rovers and Rangers units. These units, collectively and with their individual volunteers, have won accolades and distinguished themselves at the state and national levels. These units work cohesively as a unit and promote group and individual excellence. Our NSS volunteers

were chosen to participate in the Republic Day parade in New Delhi for two consecutive years, and our students were selected to represent the state at the National Youth Parliament (NYP) four times in the last five years (three years consecutively). In the NYP 2023, our student stood first in the country. Our students have represented the state at national-level debate competitions and one of them (Ms Prachi) stood second in the country. Ms Anchal Bhandari received the Women Power Award instituted by The Language, Art and Culture Department. In sports, the college has performed brilliantly and has consistently won prizes at state and national level competitions. Nine of our students represented the state/ University at the national/ zonal level. In the cultural sphere, our activists have represented the college and state at many national-level competitions and events.

- **Institutional Leadership.** The college has been given the additional responsibility of being the leader for several initiatives undertaken by the government from time to time. We have been made the resource centre for pilot projects and training such as; The shift to online modes of teaching during the Pandemic. Our teachers have been teaching students from other colleges in our hybrid classrooms since there was a paucity of teaching staff in these colleges. The college donated five computer systems to one of the neighbouring rural colleges as an act of resource sharing. Teachers have also been going in person to colleges in the rural vicinity to teach students. Our staff has been engaged in various inspection projects of the Government for audit of scholarships offered by educational institutions in and around the city.
- **Our Concern for Mental Health and Well-being.** The college understands that stress, anxiety and mental health are aspects of human life that need empathetic attention and intervention. With the appointment of an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology, the college has institutionalised personal counselling as a well-structured programme. From the academic session, 2023-24 expert counselling will be made available to all those who seek it as per the provisions made public through the website and the prospectus.

## **Stellar Alumni as Evidence of the Success of this Strategy**

That the college has had a strong tradition of quality is obvious in the long list of alumni who dot the sky like bright stars. From Chief Justices of the Supreme Court and High Courts to innumerable members of the judiciary, from officers in the Indian Administrative Services and State administrative services to officers in the armed forces and police, from doctors to engineers, from academicians and artists to entrepreneurs and businessmen, the list of alumni that do us proud goes on and on. The list keeps expanding every year.

Our student leaders have made a mark in the state and national-level politics. The current Chief Minister and five other MLAs in the present dispensation have been students of Government College, Sanjauli. These illustrious alumni acknowledge the role that the college's holistic environment played in inculcating leadership qualities in themselves, and thus actively engage with the college in diverse ways. A testimony to this is the fact that the current Chief Minister, Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, one of our alumni, recently announced a financial aid of Rs. 5 crores to his Alma Mater. Many of our alumni visit the campus to interact with the students and faculty and take a keen interest in its activities. This gives our students, the much-required exposure to future options, the motivation to achieve and the sense of pride and ownership towards the college.

- **Due to these distinctive features, the number of aspirants applying for admission to the college is growing exponentially each year.**