

CORRIDORS

Department of B.A Programme

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Dear reader,

While peeping from a partly hazy window, I look at the distinct individuals outside and realize the effortless association of our journeys. The silent victories, screaming failures, the constant search of answers and subsequent search of self, we all have had our share of successes and misfortunes while passing through these corridors.

Our first issue of 'Corridors' is about celebration of journeys which possess brave hearts, fierce minds and free spirits. While carrying forward the legacy of reinforcing familiarity, this is our sincere effort to build an open platform which welcomes your multilayered emotions and promises its audacious display. This edition of Pinnacle's newsletter cherishes the significance of this institution in our hearts, highlights the struggles of PCOS, freedom of voices and our earnest concern towards society and its people. Through abstract painted letters, it's an endeavour for encouraging to water the flowers inside you, not the fire.

Happy reading!

**Hemadri Sharma
Editor-in-chief**

FROM CONVENOR'S DESK

Corridors epitomizes the commitment and dedication of the bright young minds of our BA Programme family. What sets this newsletter apart is that it gives students a platform to pen their diverse opinions on various issues, cutting across various disciplines taught in Miranda House. I am sure that this will encourage greater interaction among the students and faculty of the Department of BA Programme and truly celebrate our interdisciplinary spirit. I am positive that the dedication of our students will help the newsletter grow from strength to strength.

I congratulate all the student contributors for their submissions and the editorial team for their hard work for making this newsletter a success. I wish them all the best and hope that Corridors becomes a stepping stone that will help them progress further as researchers.

Dr. Hena Oak
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Convenor
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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Hello everyone!

Greetings from Pinnacle, The department of BA Programme, Miranda House.

My heartfelt congratulations to the new batch of 2019-2022 for making it to our second home, that we very fondly call Miranda House. As we kick started this year with an orientation for the new session, we were overwhelmed with 377 students in BA Programme. Through the process of sheer transparency, we formulated our Executive Board, with 9 different units, in an attempt to take a step further to ensure its smooth running. This department, well known for its immense talent and diversity, never fails to amaze me. Taking forward its legacy, we as a union, will try our best to make sure that we take this department to its pinnacle, and focus solely on its betterment and development of its students. To keep this department's inclusivity pristine, we aim at organising and conducting meaningful seminars and interactive workshops, catering to the cognizance of its varied disciplines. As a 3rd year student, my only advice would be to make the most of this experience. What you learn here, is what you'll take with you for the rest of your life.

I congratulate Hemadri and her wonderful team for setting forth various platforms and taking initiatives, voicing different opinions and ideas, through the power of writing. Corridors, being the epitome of it all.

I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter.

Warm regards,

Aafreen Fathima
President



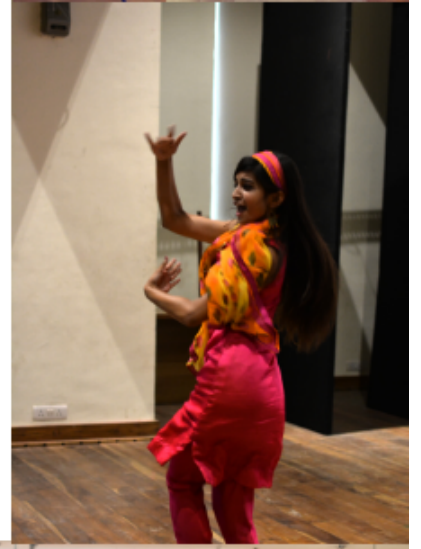
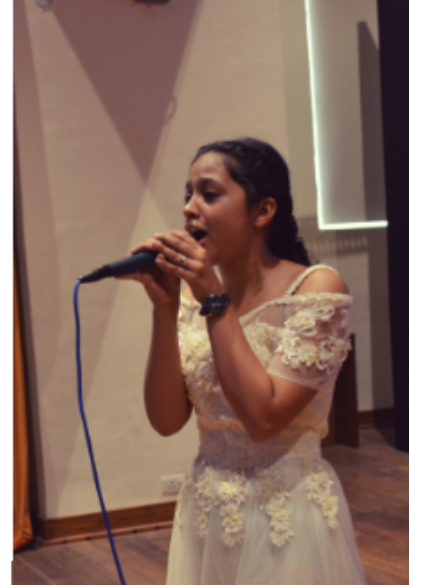
Good Old Days: Freshers' Welcome Party, 2019

23rd August, 2019 was added in memoir of BA Programme, as the department hosted welcome party for the batch of 2019-2022. Freshers' Welcome Party was organised in the college auditorium. The students were dressed in costumes designated to theme of "Good Old Days", while decor created an ambience that immediately drew people in nostalgia of their old days.

The event started with students giving performances, carried on with hosts keeping the non participant audience engaged with games and activities like "Guess the movie by dialogue", "Identify the song by its translation" and "Unique Introduction session". The auditorium echoed with utmost energy when floor was made open to dance and at the end students were treated with refreshments.

The student community is well aware that celebration comes along with the responsibility, therefore, the event was conducted with two major social responsibilities; First - Disposition of the title, the pegants and title of Ms. Freshers', Ms. Congeniality etc. were discarded, consciously by the union members, to make the event non-competitive and non-hierarchical. It enabled the event to be solely centered on having unforgettable time, where nothing mattered but happiness. Second - the event was concluded to be the plastic free and environment friendly - certified by MH Vatavaran. Moreover, the day was filled with vibrant costumes, nostalgia of past and memory making of present.

Dyutima Sharma
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Defiance in Democracies

Pinnacle, Department of B.A Programme on 20th September, 2019 hosted its inaugural Academic Seminar titled "Defiance in Democracies: Managing contending ideas of statehood" which addressed the changed Indian Federal structure with respect to Articles 370 and 35A.

The first Panelist was Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, a member of the Indian Administrative Services from Jammu and Kashmir cadre. Mr. Wajahat started his talk by explaining Articles 370 and 35A and emphasized the reason of discontentment being manner of implementation and not the abrogation. The next speaker was Mr. Rakesh Sharma, a retired Lieutenant General of Jammu & Kashmir. He demonstrated the uncanny silence in the valley after the August 5th decision and how it has also brought much needed attention towards the region of Ladakh. While speaking of communication blackout that was imposed in the region, sir highlighted security threats of dark-web and the necessity of strict measures by security agency. The final panellist Mr. Rahul Narayan is an advocate in the Supreme Court of India, who has worked in many landmark judgments including Aadhar litigation and right to privacy. He clarified legal and other constitutional aspects regarding Kashmir issue and concluded his talk with a message- 'that all we can do is to keep ourselves updated about the recent developments, because the biggest threat to peace in the valley is ignorance and misinformation.'

The speaker session was followed by a question round, where students were allowed to defuse their doubts and seek answers to their questions. This enlightening session came to an end, providing everyone with the cognizance of the fact, that defiance and resilience is an important part of a democratic system and the only way to resolve it is through dialogue and discussion.

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Legal Literacy Workshop

The Add-on-Course on Legal Literacy was organized in collaboration with Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA) from 23rd September 2019 to 4th October 2019.

The ten days workshop equipped the students with awareness sessions about laws and other judicial provisions, along with skill enhancement to use legal procedures to safeguard rights guaranteed to citizens.

The central theme of the workshop covered major topics of judicial system like Criminal Justice System, NALSA Witness Protection Scheme and Compensation Scheme, Women and Children Related Laws, Transgender Scheme and Benefits, Laws Related to Senior Citizens, Juvenile Justice, Laws related to Sexual Harassment. The workshop aimed at increasing understanding of governance and policy making. Judges from DSLISA busted myths prevailing around Indian judiciary by sharing personal experiences and humorous anecdotes. Mechanism of availing free legal aid was also explained to students

Rutbi
Editor



Teach For Green Workshop

On 21st October 2019, the department organized an interactive workshop on 'Learning Sustainable Environmental Practices' in collaboration with Teach for Green. The interns - Ms. Muskaan Sharma, Ms. Geetika Sharma and Ms. Mansi Sharma from the organization were the guests to host the interactive session.

The event started with introduction of organization, its initiatives and model of proceedings. The organization has uniqueness of working at ground level by organizing similar workshops to bring awareness in schools. This event was propelled further by paper bag making and seed ball Making activities, with students making resolution to adopt environment friendly lifestyle. The incentive was given to the participants in the form of Green pencils and badges and it concluded by felicitating the organizers with seed plants.

Mansi Bisla
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Peace Building Seminar

On 24th October, 2019, the Department in collaboration with the Peace Building Project, conducted a seminar on the Refugee Crisis, titled, "Is there a Global Refugee Crisis or Is solidarity in crisis?". This event was graced by eminent speaker Ms. Tarana Faroqi, working with Fair Trade Forum India, UNHCR.

The Peace Building Project, an initiative founded at the University of Chicago, is a volunteer-led initiative that aims to prevent conflict, foster dialogue and create awareness on peacemaking. The event began with the screening of a documentary which focused on the refugees crisis in India followed by a discussion on India's generosity which made its largest influx of refugees since the second world war. In addition to the current demographic statistics, the speaker explained various challenges that refugees face for not belonging originally to a country, varying from health issues, lack of education to psycho-social trauma, violence and harassment.

The Refugee Crisis thus remains most debated topic when every day 34,000 people around the world are forced to flee from their homes, with the hope to find safety and a better tomorrow. At the end everyone took a pledge to make the best in their capacity and help provide these refugees a "home" and not just a shelter.

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PCOS



My PCOS experience

PCOS/PCOD (Polycystic ovarian syndrome/disorder), is not just one single exclusive health issue rather, it is the cause of end number of issues. In my case I got to know about it when I was not getting my periods at all in my 11th standard... though I was taking medicine but it didn't affect me much ... gradually I started to face problems like hair fall, weight gain, acne and hypertension though I was not able to discern the fact that it was because of PCOD. Things got even worse when I started to face anxiety issues especially from last few months and was marked as anti-social and short-tempered by my friends and even sometimes by my parents. But the reality is really different and the truth is that I love interacting with people. Ya initially it was very sad that I started hating everyone around me. Even I stopped attending classes as those lectures and the vibe of Miranda which I used to love, gradually I developed a hatred towards the same... I was getting into depression and not able to figure out. Truly speaking I was done with this world. The situation of mine was pathetic, but I am really thankful to the friend who understood me and forced me to consult a doctor. When I went and got myself diagnosed at AIIMS I got to know that I was suffering from depression, obesity and high anxiety issues because of PCOD and hormonal imbalance.



I realized that the self hatred that I was getting into was not the real me rather my hormones. Thanks to the institute like AIIMS that is helping me to get a good quality all round treatment of my mind and body at affordable prices and thanks to that friend who was always there with me at the most difficult times of mine.

But I will urge all the girls even if they are suffering from irregular periods to not ignore it or take it lightly. It is very important to bleed not because we are born to reproduce rather to have a balanced hormonal situation which is really important to remain healthy and happy in life. I request all the girls reading this message that nothing is more important in this world than knowing yourself and your body. I was really late to understand this and literally don't want any girl to be as late as I was. Just know yourself and your vagina otherwise it has the capacity to snatch your happy world.

-Tanya toshi, Miranda House

SOCIAL MEDIA INITIATIVES

BOL KE LAB AZAD HAIN TERE

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Even though,
it was broad
daylight ,
there was darkness
all around me .
Seems like the sun
had it's own biases
curbing me from feeling
its warmth.

- KRISHNENDU PILLAI
BA PROGRAMME, 1ST YEAR



FRESHERS' TALENT SEARCH WINNERS:

- 1) Singing Winners: Ms. Lamya and Ms. Shruthi
- 2) Dance Winners:
Classical dance- Ms. Varnita
Western dance- Ms. Bhairivi
- 3) Meme Making Winner: Ms. Medha Navya Dwivedi
- 4) Poetry Winner: Ms. Aditi Choudhary
- 5) Photography Winner: Ms. Ishita Dewangan
- 6) Drama Winner: Ms. Mishima Bhatia

Bol ke Lab
Azad Hain
Tere



BLACK OLIVES

*I wonder if ashes rise from ground and make
the paintings of glitter in the air ?*

*The place where I sit is humble abode for
aesthetic cult , the place that knows the art of
alchemy, the place that touches and transforms
the chord of the hearts and brains, that was
long unknown to existence.*

*Days not to be counted nor the years, the
measuring device of experience is colossal gap
between the eyes and the brows, the wrinkles
carved with wisdom, the skin glowing with
humility. Knowledge breaks the misnomer of
being restricted to maths of numbers and
literature of poets, here, it becomes integrity to
believe in character.*

*While, books necessarily stained with coffee and
rain drops, brings to you the world on paper.
From olives on platter that gets cut in
synchronization of knife to olives on paper that
either declare war or conclude peace. Grasses
are green, Bricks- red and revolutionized, the
half moon yet sky is full, my saliva threads -
stitching words into sentences and sentences
into verses; the hymns of life and the prayers
of love.*

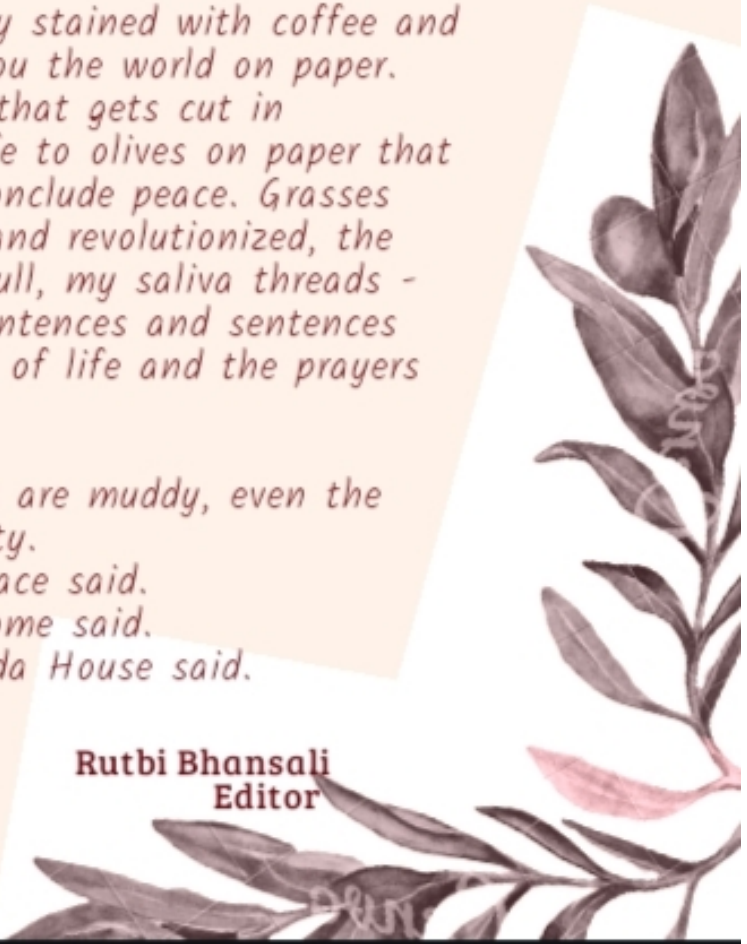
*It drizzles, but if roads are muddy, even the
prettiest rain feels nasty.*

Flower the mud, the place said.

Flower the mud, the home said.

Flower the mud, Miranda House said.

Rutbi Bhansali
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