

NAAC Journey : Major Milestones

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Inspection & Review Committee:

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- ii. Vice principal: Dr. Anjula Bansal
- iii. Barsar: Dr. Divya Verma
- iv. Coordinator Steering Committee: Dr. Ruchi Tyagi

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- i. Dr. Ruchi Tyagi (Coordinator)
- ii. Dr. Tarkeshwar (Co-coordinator)
- iii. Dr. Rakhee Chauhan
- iv. Dr. Amit Kumaranj

Execution Coordinating Team:

- i. Dr. Manisha Arora Pandit (Convener)
- ii. Dr. Vinita Meena
- iii. Dr. Sudesh Bhardwaj
- iv. Dr. Nidhi Kapoor

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Journey of NAAC : Students' Perspective

Journey of NAAC started in the summer of 2014 with an introspective process of preparing the Self-Study Report of the College. The Report was finally uploaded on the College Website on 15th August 2015. It was a process of introspection on part of all stakeholders, faculty, non-teaching staff, authorities, parents, alumni and not to forget the students. The entire exercise was being done to provide the students a better institution of higher learning, to understand and resolve the grievances, to upgrade methods of teaching and learning, and to provide better infrastructure.

It was an un-written resolution on part of one and all to get the best Grade for the College. Once the Report was submitted, everyone started preparing for the Peer Team Visit for assessment and accreditation of the college. The student fraternity was actively involved during the entire process.

- General Assembly of students was convened on 30th March, 3rd August and 31st August 2016, wherein large number of students participated and interacted with the Principal. It was completely informal exchange of ideas. Students shared their problems and expectations from the institution. Principal and faculty members offered their solutions. Follow-up actions were undertaken by the college authorities accordingly.
- Meetings with alumnae were held on 13th and 27th Aug 2016. The college alumnae enthusiastically participated in this dialogue sharing their views about infrastructural development in the college.
- Parents-Teacher-Student-Interface was convened on 13th and 27th Aug 2016. Parents, in general appreciated the college initiative to involve parents in college affairs. They expressed their expectations from the college and offered their support in all future ventures.
- The Feedback of Students, Parents and Alumni proved to be effective tool of retrospection & improvement. It followed series of actions initiated by the college authorities for advancement in multiple directions.
- Preparation of cultural-eve for the Peer Team was an experience in itself. Students from all disciplines spent hours in practicing various cultural activities. From composition, action, costumes to presentation, every aspect was deliberated with minute details.

During the Peer Team Visit : 8th to 10th September, 2016 : Display of Good Practices

- The Peer Team was welcomed by NCC Cadets.
- The research initiative was displayed in the Research Room in TRI Block. Innovation & research projects involving faculty and students' investigators were well appreciated. Students eagerly conceptualized their project presentation and poster explanation. Their interaction with Peer Team Experts was very impressive.
- Showcase of Talent by the students of Physics and Computer Science was another star attraction. PowerPoint Presentation by the students of Physics and interaction by the students of Computer Science reflected their involvement in academics and enthusiasm for making learning interactive.

- Interaction with the Peer Team recorded a packed auditorium. Though steering committee, members faculty and non-teaching staff were not present during this session, but the feelers suggested a balanced and positive reactions from students.
- The display of extra-curricular activities during “The Cultural Eve”, in fact, charged the Peer Team Members emotionally. The comprehensive list of cultural extra-bonanza included: Invocation; Shiva Stuti; Kalindi Song; Fusion of Indian Classical Dance i.e. Kathak, Bharatnatyam & Orissi; Raag Yaman; Self-Composed Poetry; North Eastern Dance; One Act Play; Aerobics; Swa-Rachit Kavita; Yoga; Sanskrit Qawali; NCC Play; NCC Demonstration Street Play; and the College Band-Ivory. It was a combination of classical display showcasing indigenous enrich culture the college instills among the students.
- Display of students’ talent through various Club activities was a unique feature that was acknowledged by the Peer team members. They appreciated college initiative to hold Club Hour on every Wednesday. To showcase the Club Activities, separate stall were put up on the pathway from Academic Block to the Sangam Parisar (The complex that houses College Auditorium) to exhibit activities like Rangoli, Poster Making, Mehendi Designing, Collage Making, Jewellery Designing, Face Painting & Tattoo Making, *Katha-Kahani* etc.
- Students actively and enthusiastically participated and exhibited Skill Enhancement Initiatives undertaken by the College under Entrepreneurial Project named Utthan and Urjaa.
 - **Utthan: An Entrepreneurial Initiative** (2014-15) recorded initiative for six kinds of entrepreneurial skills in collaboration with various individual professionals, government and non-government agencies, including: (1) Art and Craft (Lal Bahadur Shastri Training Institute, Pandav Nagar Branch, Delhi), (2) Making Jute products (Literacy India, NGO, Saket Branch, Delhi), (3) Making handmade paper items (Indha Craft, Literacy India, Gurgaon, Haryana), (4) Cookery (Home Economics) and bakery products, (5) Beauty Treatment (Magic Beauty Parlour, Vasant Kunj, Delhi), and (6) Tailoring (Institute Apparel Training & Design Centre(ATDC), Ministry of Textile, Government of India, Dilshad Garden, Delhi)
 - **Urrjaa** (2015-16) was a project for Empowering Marginalized and Underprivileged Students through various activities including (1) Crystal Flower making, (2) Soft toy and Bag Making, (3) Garment Construction, (4) Art and Craft, (5) Beauty Treatment, (6) Basics in Computer, and (7) Painting.

Students involved in various activities exhibited their creativity and presented paintings and flowers to the Peer Team Members.
- A word of acknowledgment and appreciation for the Staff Advisors, Students Union Members and Students Volunteers is to put on record.

The entire journey got colour, essence and shine with the support, involvement and proactive participation of students indeed.

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