MANUAL 1 ABOUT MAITREYI COLLEGE

Maitreyi College is an eminent constituent college of the University of Delhi, offering quality education to women. Named after Maitreyi, an eminent scholar, philosopher and sage of the Vedic period, the vision of the college embodies the spirit of its namesake – the relentless pursuit of knowledge irrespective of the social determinants of identity such as gender, caste, class among others. It symbolizes an exemplary balance between tradition and modernity i.e. the ability to be open to new ideas while being rooted in one's own systems of thought and practice. Maitreyi is one of the top six colleges to be conferred Star status (for all Science departments) by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), GOI; was awarded "A++" Grade in the NAAC Accreditation cycle of 2022 and all-India overall rank of 36 in 2023.

To facilitate academic growth, the college is committed to provide the best infrastructural facilities to its stakeholders. The beautiful lush green 10-acre campus of the college is Wi-Fi-enabled, and boasts of a well-stocked and fully automated library, amphitheater, auditorium, sports center, and extensive playgrounds. Recently, a new Science Block has been added. The aura and ambience of the campus makes it an ideal academic hub. The college is about to achieve yet another milestone i.e., the newly constructed Girls Hostel.

Maitreyi College offers 18 Undergraduate programmes, and 2 Postgraduate programmes. There are around 4,000 students enrolled in the academic year 2022-23. The College aims for a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary learning environment wherein students from various disciplines interact and engage in both academic and cultural spheres. A committed and distinguished faculty is the core of Maitreyi, that is ably supported by an efficient technical and administrative staff. The College promotes interdisciplinary collaborations and motivates faculty and students to publish their work in journals of national and international repute. Over the past 5 years, our faculty have contributed more than 500 publications in the form of research papers, books, book chapters, conference proceedings and MOOCs. Moreover, over the past 4 years the various departments floated several short-term certificate courses that were conceptualised and conducted by faculty members of the college and over 5000 students have attended across India.

We have a deeply rooted practice of participatory and collaborative learning, as evidenced by our more than 40 vibrant student bodies. The various departments, societies, clubs and committees of the college regularly organise a plethora of events, seminars, conferences, competitions and fests. These events pivot around themes of gender equity, eco-consciousness, social responsibilities, constitutional rights and values, cultural heritage and linguistic diversity to name a few. The College has organised more than 350 events including national seminars/ conferences/workshops over the past 4 years, that kindled an interaction with eminent scholars of varied pursuits. As a part of social outreach, the college organised more than 275 extension and outreach programs as well in this duration.

Maitreyi has set up a 'Centre for Research' to foster a conducive research climate under the Advisory Committee for Professional Grooming. Over 154 projects have been completed under this. A theme based, peer reviewed academic journal 'Vantage: Journal of Thematic Analysis' (ISSN 2582-7391) with zero publication fee has also been established by the college. Furthermore, the College has a multitude of publications including a peer-reviewed e-Research magazine 'Samvedna' (ISSN 2581-9917); and more than twelve magazines and newsletters by different departments. All these endeavours are multidisciplinary and the result of collective labour of students and faculty.

With large number of MoUs and collaborations, the College strives to bridge the gap between academics and industry. The College has an active Placement Cell 'Horizon' for providing career guidance and job opportunities. The College hosts an internship cum placement fair 'Envision' every year. To foster entrepreneurial talent and promote a culture of job creation (rather than job seeking), the College has a vibrant and active Entrepreneurship Cell which has launched several successful projects and start-ups, namely; 'Kriti', 'Gulistan', 'Stay Mentor', 'Eco Handy', 'Urvara', 'Sugary Frost', 'Edulibrary' and 'Dhriti'.

The College is committed towards holistic development of our fraternity (MaitreyiKutumb) by inculcating ethos of inclusivity and diversity. The Enabling Unit of the college actively engages itself to promote sensitivity and awareness towards issues related to disabilities and the specially-abled. The 'Sashakt Nodal Sports' Centre', in collaboration with Special Olympic Bharat, Delhi, epitomises the institution's sense of inclusiveness. Maitreyi College is proud of its well-established Sports Centre and Facility dedicated to promoting Netball among young and enthusiastic girls of our country. This facility named as 'Pragati' imparts physical ability training and techniques for playing netball in India. All these efforts are aimed at developing an inclusive, holistic and aware ethos for our students. As a part of social outreach initiative of University of Delhi, the College has also been functioning as a Non-Collegiate Womens' Education Board (NCWEB) Undergraduate Teaching Centre for several years, and presently caters to more than 1000 girls residing in Delhi. Enactus Maitrevi, works relentlessly for the upliftment of the marginalised members of the society. 'Misbah', 'Samya', 'DaanUtsav' and 'Unnayan' are the prominent projects of Enactus which have generated employment for over ten individuals and uplifted the economic lives of many others by providing a platform for their products. Our College is a Participating Institute (PI) in the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) programme of the Government of India wherein it has adopted five villages; namely Jewar Bagar, Malwa Gopalgarh, Mangroli, Thora and Bhabhogra with the aim to contribute towards rural development. Within a short span of six months, it has built up a place among the villagers by organising successful tree plantation drives and health awareness programs.

At Maitreyi, we encourage environment-friendly and eco-conscious practices. Use of energy efficient equipment, conducting energy and green audits, rainwater harvesting, vermi-composting and recycling are a few potential steps in this direction. The college is proud of its lush gardens, including Herbal Garden, Rock Garden and Rose Garden, which also act as carbon sink. The robust system of e-governance for planning and development, administration, finance and accounts, student admission and support along with the beautiful infrastructure of the college makes Maitreyi a desired destination for knowledge seekers and providers.



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