



The Enabling Unit

Indraprastha College for Women

Introduction

- Indraprastha College for Women has for many decades provided a safe haven for students with disabilities.
- The College has a long tradition of facilitating such students.
- Reading to the visually handicapped and providing recorded study materials have been among the NSS Unit's major activities over the years.

Objectives

The Enabling Unit seeks:

1. To provide an accessible and inclusive environment for differently abled students.
2. To prepare students to join the mainstream so that they optimize the college experience & partake of academic and extra curricular activities offered by the college and other institutions.
3. To make them independent.
4. To make them technologically empowered.
5. To make them competent to join the workforce.
6. To help them excel professionally in their chosen fields.
7. to promote and empower socially and economically marginalized sections of the society.

Facilities and Services

The special services/provisions and facilities offered prominently by the Enabling Unit include:

- Onsite counselling to the differently abled students right at the time of their admission into the college.
- Barrier free environment, where differently abled members of the college are assisted in their movement by the tactile pathways and ramps.
- Personalised care in the classroom.
- Special attention after classes.
- Peer group reading.
- Accessible reading material in audio, DAISY and Braille formats.
- Aids, appliances and assistive devices including, but not limited to: Personal Computers installed with Screen Reading and OCR Software's, Lex Air Cameras, Braille Printer, Angel Pocket Readers, etc...
- Accessible washrooms for the differently abled (with particular preference for wheel chair users).
- Accessible elevator and special reading unit for the differently abled users in the library.
- Specially adapted wing in the hostel for the differently abled.
- Free transportation services for the differently abled during the exams and excursions.





Barrier Free Environment in the College.





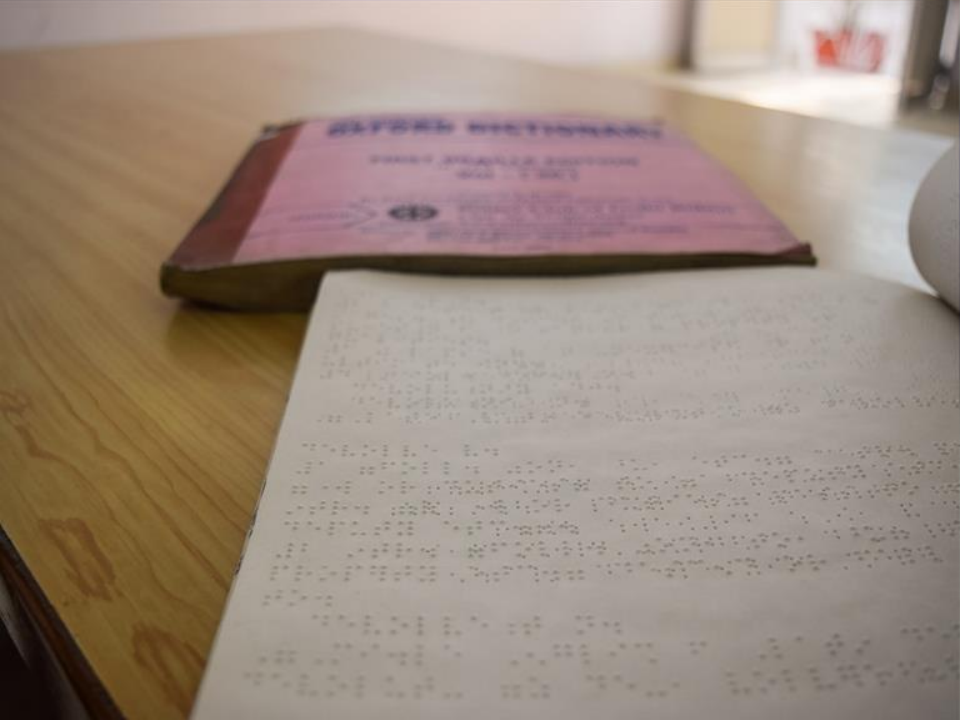
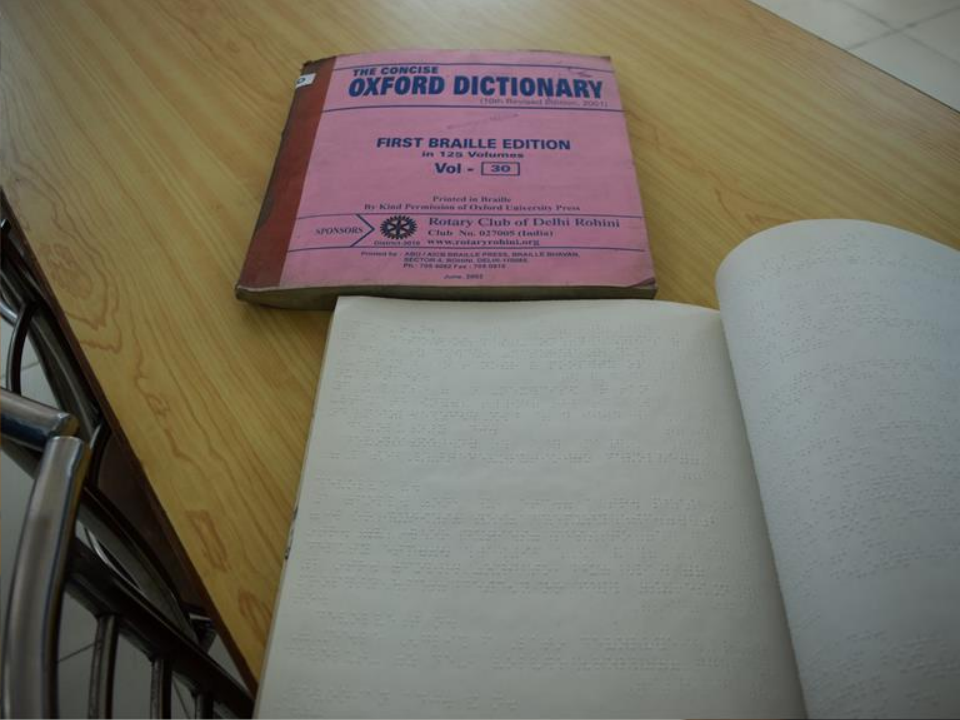
**Personalized care in the classroom.
&
Special attention after classes.**



**Provision of pocket Angel Books
and laptops to VH students.**

A close-up photograph of two hands with dark skin reading Braille on a white page. The hands are positioned over the Braille dots, with fingers slightly curled. The person is wearing a purple long-sleeved garment. The background is a wooden surface.


**Accessible reading material in
audio, DAISY and Braille
formats.**



Provision of specialized equipment such as computers installed with software for the visually challenged, the Lex-Air Camera, braille printers etc...





A woman with dark hair, wearing a red sari with a gold border, is seated at a wooden desk in a library. She is looking at a laptop screen and has her hand on the keyboard. To her right is a white document scanner. The background shows several shelves filled with books. The text "Provision of an elevator and computers with user-friendly software in the library." is overlaid in the center of the image.

Provision of an elevator and computers with user-friendly software in the library.

Separate washrooms for the differently abled.



A long, brightly lit corridor in a hostel. On the left, there is a large window with a metal grid. The walls are painted yellow and white. The floor is made of polished concrete. A person is walking in the center of the corridor. The text "Specially adapted wing in the hostel for the differently abled." is overlaid on the image.

**Specially adapted wing in the
hostel for the differently abled.**





**Transport facilities during exams
& excursions.**

Faculty

1. The college's recruitment policy has been inclusive.
2. Dr. B.R. Alamelu (Dept. of English) & Ms. Jaya Mishra (Dept. of Political Science) have been on the faculty for several years now.
3. Apart from contributing to the academic life of the college, they have also been role models and counsellors to the differently abled students.

Cultural & Sports Activities

- College organises different cultural activities for differently abled students from time to time including debates, quizzes, discussions, music, poetry & play competitions etc...
- College also organises an annual inter-college festival for the differently abled, titled “Samarthya”.



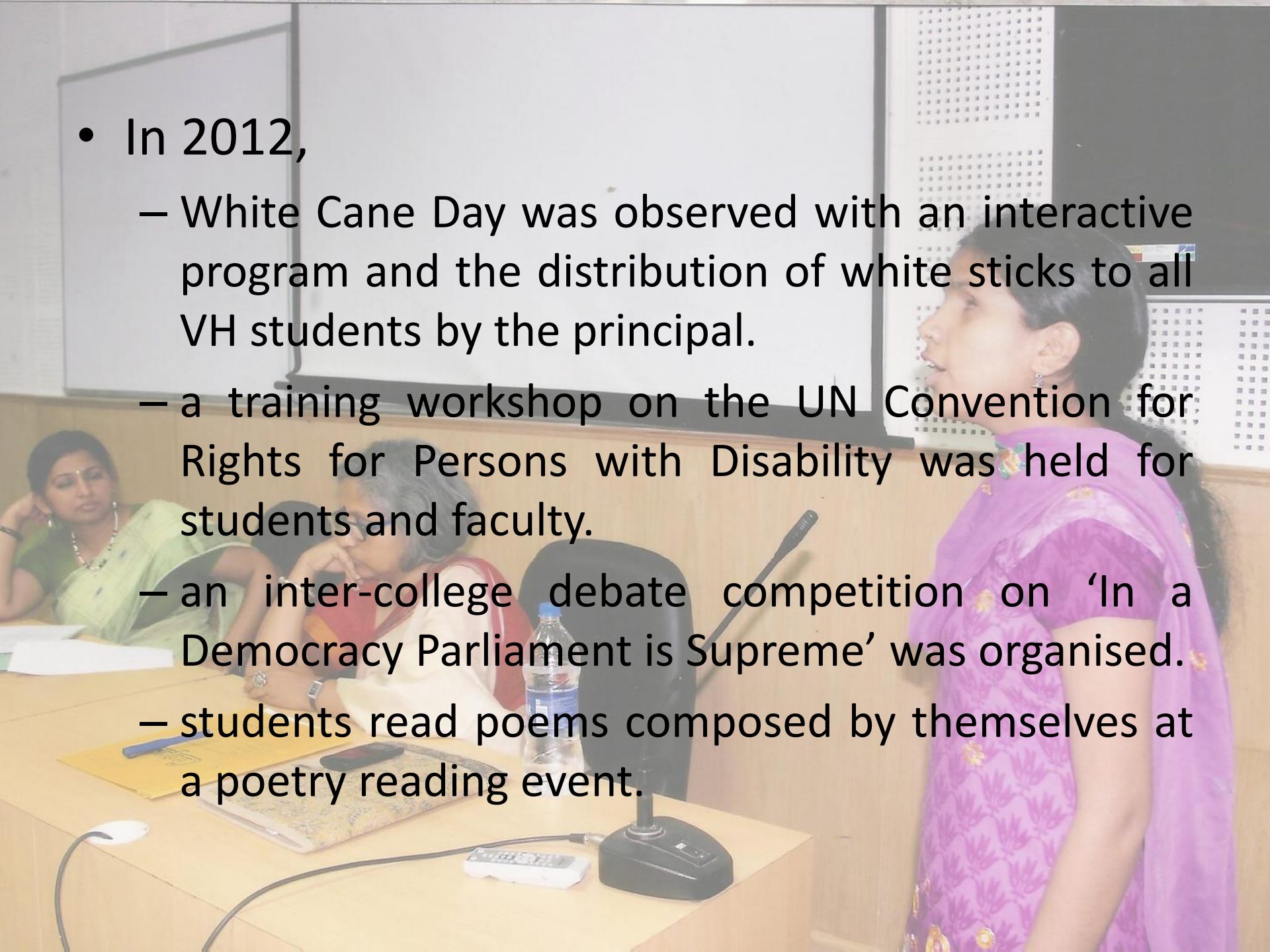
- Persons with Disabilities have been honoured guests at our annual College Day on two occasions. In 2007, Dr. Anita Ghai was our distinguished alumna guest



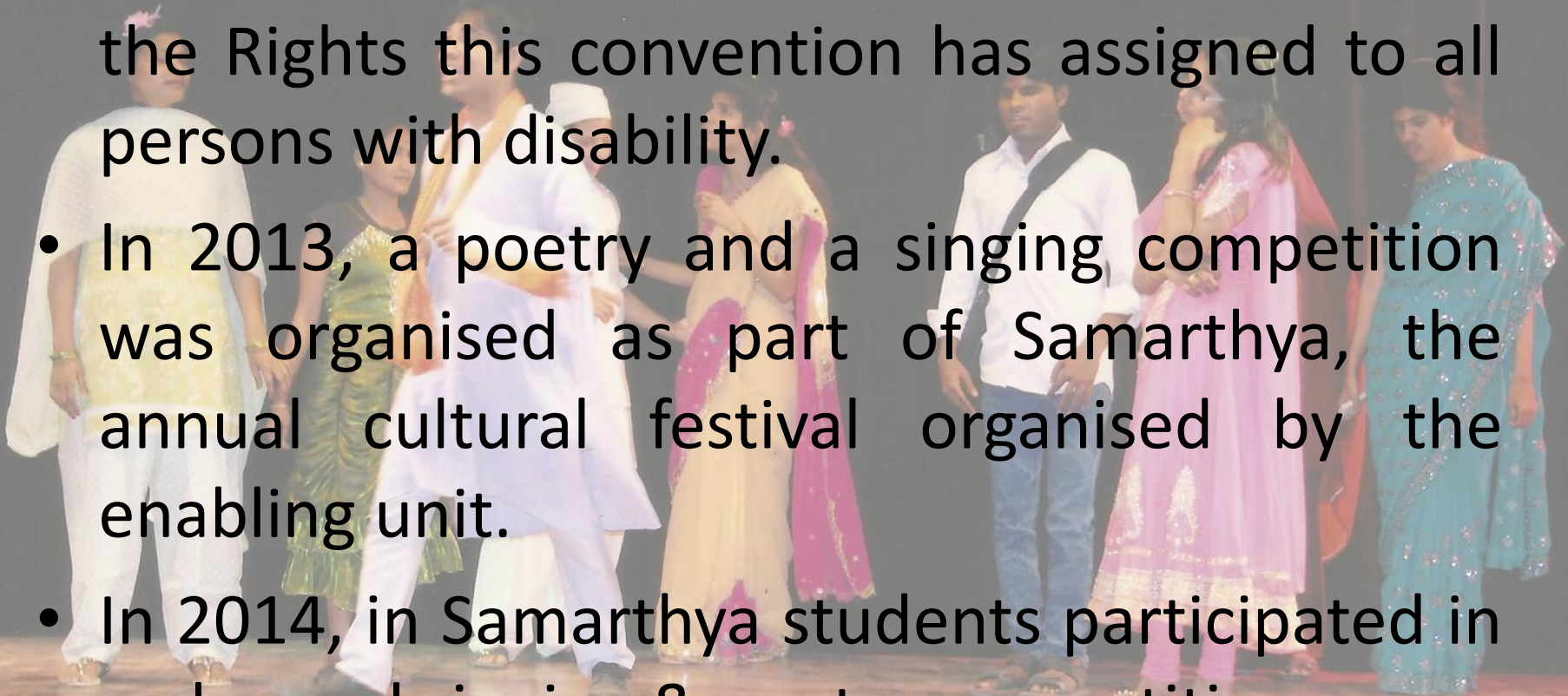
- In 2015, Mr. Javed Abidi, the prominent disability activist was the Chief Guest on College Day.




- In 2012,
 - White Cane Day was observed with an interactive program and the distribution of white sticks to all VH students by the principal.
 - a training workshop on the UN Convention for Rights for Persons with Disability was held for students and faculty.
 - an inter-college debate competition on 'In a Democracy Parliament is Supreme' was organised.
 - students read poems composed by themselves at a poetry reading event.

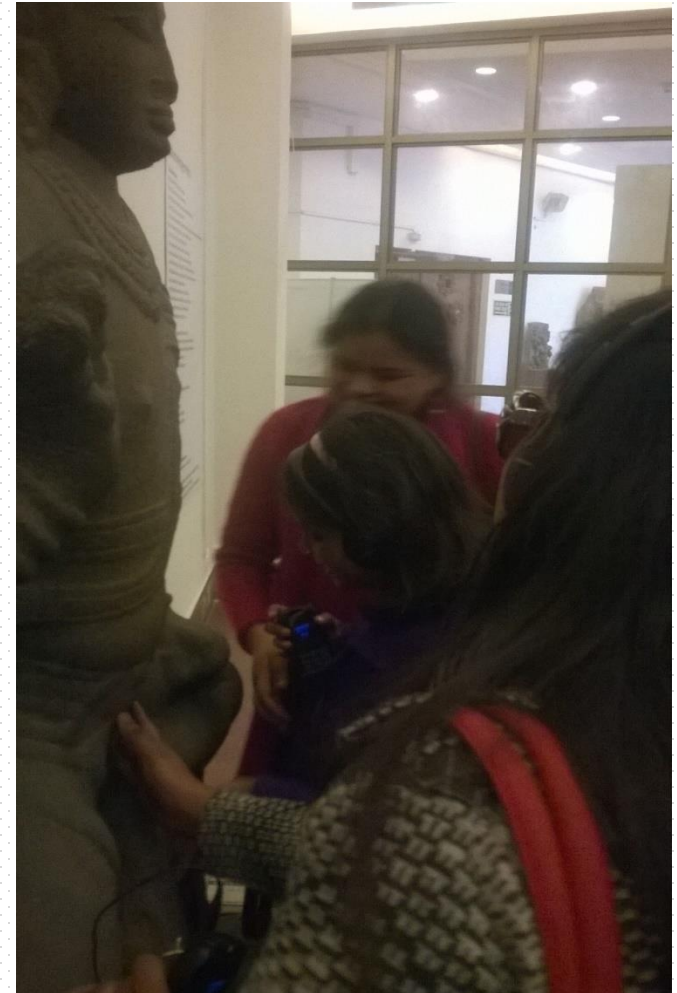


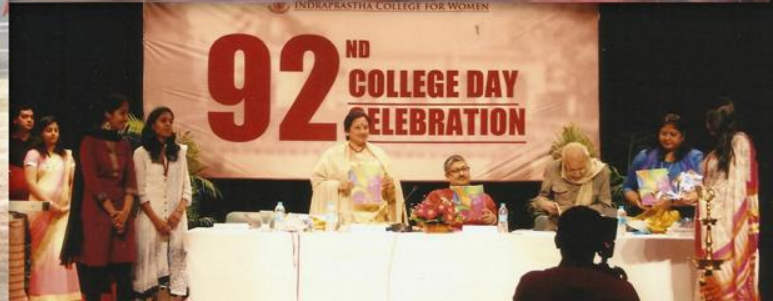
- Ms. Muthu Selvi & Mr. Anil Aneja talked about the Rights this convention has assigned to all persons with disability.
- In 2013, a poetry and a singing competition was organised as part of Samarthya, the annual cultural festival organised by the enabling unit.
- In 2014, in Samarthya students participated in a play and singing & poetry competitions.

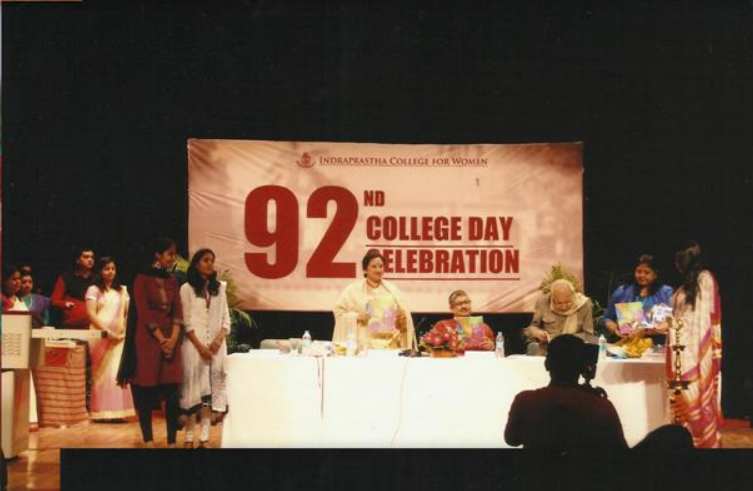


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- The image is a collage of four photographs. The top-left photo shows a woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue and pink top, speaking into a microphone. The top-right photo shows a woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark blue top, speaking into a microphone. The bottom-left photo shows three women sitting at a long wooden table with microphones; the woman on the right is wearing a blue and pink top. The bottom-right photo shows a woman with long dark hair, wearing a light-colored jacket, standing at a podium and speaking into a microphone, with four other women seated in the background.
- In 2015-16, three VH alumni who are pursuing higher studies or working spoke about their journey to empowerment and the role played by I.P. College in this journey.

In 2015-16, the students were taken on an excursion to the National Museum to experience the tactile display in the Saksham Gallery, I.P. College was the first institution to organise a visit to this place after its inception.









Achievements

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I.P. college was awarded the NCPEDP –
Mphasis Universal Design Award for
the year 2015. This is in recognition of
the barrier free environment and
accessibility initiatives taken up by the
college.

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- Hearing impaired since birth, Unnati Vishnoi was taught to speak by her mother.
- She has excelled in her first semester examinations with an SGPA of 8.45 and a perfect 10 in the paper “Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Ancient World – I”.

A group of six women are standing outdoors on a grassy area in front of a two-story building with red and white walls. The women are dressed in a variety of styles, including traditional Indian attire like sarees and a kurta, as well as modern Western clothing like jackets, sweaters, and trousers. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. A large tree is visible behind them on the left, and a blue trash bin is on the right. The text "Distinguished Alumnae" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Distinguished Alumnae

- **Dr. Anita Ghai**, Professor, Ambedkar University, New Delhi.
- Her books include:
 - (Dis)Embodied Forms: Issues of Disabled Women
 - The Mentally Handicapped: Prediction of the Work Performance (co-author)
 - Understanding Disability: Need for a Paradigm Shift.
- She is also a disability activist.



Shamim Banu – Rajbhasha Adhikari in a Public Sector bank.



Shipra Shukla – Pursuing M. Phil in Delhi University and has cleared NET.



- **Nidhi Mishra** – Awarded the Shankar Dayal Sharma Award for All Round Excellence, University of Delhi, 2012.
- Participated in 2015 in the Senior Para National Athletics Championship secured the second position. In 2012, she was placed first in the same championship under Disc-Women too.
- Currently pursuing a Ph.D at J.N.U.





Conclusion

The college works tirelessly to facilitate, promote and provide mainstream education in an inclusive, accessible environment to the differently abled so that they can efficiently grow and illuminate the world with their vision and experience.