

Annual Report (2017-2018)

- **Committee/Association Name: Hostel Committee**
- **Wardens: Dr Nandita Narayanasamy and Dr Mukতিকant Sukla**
- **Staff Members (Teaching/Non-teaching): Dr Namita Pandey and Dr M V S R K Prasad**
- **Student members (if any): Mentioned in report**
- **Focus area for the year: Please find report attached**
- **Brief summary of the committee/association activities of the year (about 250 words): Please see report.**
- **No. of meetings held (Attach minutes of the meeting): 8 meetings, Meetings register available for view in hostel**
- **Outcome for the year: Please see report.**
- **Future Directions: Please see report.**



Balaji and Padmavati Hostels

Sri Venkateswara College

2017-2018



Hostel Administration



Dr. Nandita Narayanasamy,
Warden, Padamavati Hostel



Principal, Dr. P. Hemalata Reddy



Dr. Muktikant Shukla,
Warden, Balaji Hostel



N. Uma Devi, J.A.C.T., Girls' Hostel



Vikas Mishra, J.A.C.T., Boys' Hostel

Other members in the hostel administration include **Dr. Sunita Chabra (Bursar)** and **Virendra Kumar (Administrative Officer)**

Hostel Committee

Names	Designation
Dr. P. Hemalatha Reddy	Principal, Chairperson
Dr. Sunita Chabra	Bursar, Member
Dr. Nandita Narayanasamy	Warden - Girls Hostel, Convener
Dr. Muktikant Shukla	Warden - Boys Hostel, Member
Prof Batla	University representative on the college governing body, Member
Dr. Swati Saha	University representative on the college governing body, Member
Dr. Namita Pandey	Staff Council representative, Member
Dr. M.V.R.Prasada Rao	Staff Council representative, Member
Student – Girl's Hostel	President, Hostel Students Association (Girls) Member
Student – Boy's Hostel	President, Hostel Students Association (Boys) Member



SRI VENKATESWARA COLLEGE

Dhaura Kuan, New Delhi – 110 021

Sri Balaji Boys Hostel

Ref. No. SVC/Hostel/2017

11th August, 2017

NOTICE

The following candidates have been declared elected for the various posts of **Hostel Association for the year 2017-18**

PRESIDENT	P Shashank
MESS SECRETARY	Karamjeet Singh
COMMON ROOM SECRETARY	Rishabh Chawla
SPORTS SECRETARY	G Vivek
CULTURAL SECRETARY	Vartul Vishnoi
CLEANLINESS SECRETARY	N Revanth
GARDENING SECRETARY	Soham Majumdar
HOSTEL YEAR BOOK INCHARGE	Drishan Dahal

The following residents have been appointed as the

Members of Mess Committee

1. Akash Kumar Sharma
2. Nitin Dhiman

Members of Cultural Committee

1. Pranay Kumar
2. Lalith Yadav
3. Atharva Chinchole
4. T Ajith Kumar

Members of Sports Committee

1. Shashank Sankalp
2. Madhav Tiwari
3. Ankit Sharma
4. Siddhant Farkya

Members of Gardening

1. E Revanth Sai

WARDEN

PRINCIPAL



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Sri Padmavati Girls Hostel

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PRESIDENT	Prema Swarupa Saripaka
MESS SECRETARY	Pooja Sengupta
COMMON ROOM SECRETARY	Nikita Nihar Pradhan
SPORTS SECRETARY	Hamsavarthini V
CULTURAL SECRETARY	Anjana Anilkimar
CLEANLINESS SECRETARY	D Monika
GARDENING SECRETARY	Yukti Taneja
HOSTEL YEAR BOOK INCHARGE	Akansha Chhetri

The following residents have been appointed as the

Members of Mess Committee

1. Komal Katru
2. Vartika Awasthi

Members of Cultural Committee

1. Shailja Chaurasia
2. Israt Jahan
3. Kankana Talukdar
4. Sakshi Bagga
5. Arti Dandriyal

Members of Sports Committee

1. Kanika
2. Prachi Gupta
3. Purvi Gupta
4. Pujashree Patar

Members of Gardening

1. Rhutu Sharma
2. Shagufa Nisrat Noorie

Members of Hostel Year Book

1. Somya Mallick
2. Sayani Gupta
3. Nilakshi Mondal

WARDEN

PRINCIPAL

Report on hostel activities 2017-18

Hostel elections

The Democracy that has been deciding the fate of the world comes into play in the Venky Hostel, every academic session. Election for the post of the President and heads of various Committees- Cultural Committee, Sports Committee, Mess Committee, Cleanliness committee and garden committee and the yearbook committee are conducted in the second week of August following the speeches of various candidates. The details of students working in different committees is attached

Cultural activities

It's not a cakewalk for a bunch of newbies, constituted into a committee responsible for organizing cultural events round the year, to commence their duties with a successful first event, let alone fate befalling a couple of events on the same day

Independence Day & Janmashtami

15th August, proudly celebrated as the independence day of our country commemorates our revolutionaries and visionaries who paved the path to our liberation, most of whom sacrificed their lives for it. Most of the educational institutions celebrate the morning with the hoisting of our tricolor, followed by discourses delivered by the honorary echelons of the institution. So it happens in our college, with additional participation by the students of the college and the hostel presenting dances and songs, followed by sweets distribution. Who knew that stars will bring together the day of liberation and the night of birth of Kanha. The committee had to organize a handful of events of Janmashtami along with the celebration of the independence. Followed by flag hoisting was the Janmashtami Puja with a special dahi-handi hanging a few metres above our heads. There go humans forming pyramids and toppling over one another in the process and a second later, everybody is bathing in curd and dancing to the rhythm of 'Go Go Go Govinda'. A rangoli competition was organized with students carving their spirit of independence in vivid colors. The day ended with the screening of 'Ghazi Attack' in seminar hall.



August 18th is the **Foundation Day** of our hostel. We organized a cake-cutting ceremony with Principal ma'am and the wardens of the hostel.

September 5th saw the elaborate celebrations of **Ganesh Chaturthi** in our hostel, a ritual commenced in the hostel by respected Principal ma'am of our college a few years back and continuing since. A pandal is set for the idol of Lambodhara with all traditional delicacies adorning the idol. A sudden downpour lowered the spirits of the day when the puja had to be rearranged in the auditorium lobby, but the grandeur didn't budge an inch. The day ended with delicious servings of food and modak distributed among the students.





Every year hostel witnesses the influx of a new bunch of Freshers, basking in the delight and ecstasy of getting admitted into University of Delhi, let alone the glee upon getting a seat in the hostel. One of the most happening nights of a student in his or her college life is of a **'Freshers' Party'**. It's something else entirely to attend the party organized in our hostel. '25 Shades of Grey' was the theme decided for the men and their ladies for the night of September 16th and the night was an array of blindfolded couples dancing, dark attires, random couple-swapping, paper-dancing, ramp-walking resulting in hilarious situations making the night unforgettable.



The festival of lights, the victory of good over evil, the return of Lord Rama, diyas stringed along the windows, parapets, balconies, the happiness spread all across the world, surpassing the boundaries of religion and geography, **Diwali**. 19th October

saw the hostel brimming with amber and auburn of the diyas and strings of fairy lights, pink, green, yellow let loose down the façade of the hostel, students dressed in traditional attire, posing for memories with their friends. Laxmi Puja in courtyard of the hostel was followed by dumb-charades and musical chairs culminating the night peacefully, without any form of smog or besmirching.

Jingle bells, Jingle bells, jingle all the way; Santa claus came around riding on his sleigh on **25th December** in the hostel marking a first of its kind with a plum cake to celebrate the wintery night of the Christ.



Lohri, another festival celebrated by us hostellers, is one of the most lively evenings of the year. The ceremonial bonfire was ignited by respected Principal ma'am, followed by the teachers and wardens and invited guests paying respect to the spirit of the sikh festival. Then began the tapping of the feet and frolicking with the dhol banging loud and music piercing the ears till sweat ran down our faces and we couldn't roar and jump around any longer. Refreshments were served and who knew the souls would come back to life with another round of dancing. That's hostel for you.



Although our nation became a republic on the 26th November, 1949 by adopting the constitution, it came into force on 26th January, 1950 as that was marked by declaration of Purna Swaraj by INC in 1930. Our college celebrated the **Republic Day** with the flag hoisting at the college terrace by Principal ma'am, followed by bewitching speeches and melodies by the students.

After the festival of lights, everybody is home-sick and longs to visit home again as soon as possible. There arrives the **festival of colors, Holi**.



The morning of March 2nd saw preparations in the lawn outside hostel with water pipes, not watering the grass but rather creating a pool of mud. Oh, holi with mud! That's hostel for you. The home-sick were dragged out of their rooms by the over-excited lot and dumped into the pool with fellow-mates showering mud over them. Yes, there were colors too. Pakodas and Thandai were served in refreshments and the hostel didn't come to a quiet until late

afternoon. (Who knows what happened after the over-excited went inside!) Lunch was served to the colorful faces. The marks from that day still embrace the hostel walls.



Stepping into their parents' outfits, the men and ladies entered into the seminar hall dressed in Retro. 31st March was the day we celebrated our '**Hostel Night**',

a get-together event organised to release the stress before the exams and distribute round-the-year achievements to the hostellers and to felicitate them. The flashy outfits juxtaposed with the theme, extravagant jewellery, thrilling performances, the annual award distribution ceremony, and an hour of grooving to the evergreen beats was enough to give you the 80s feels, right before the dread of examinations creep into your heads.



With tears in our eyes, we organized a **Farewell** for our seniors, to give them some tears as well. The night of 29th April saw the seniors dressed in Suits and Sarees reaching the stage set for them to say a few words for their days here and journey ahead. It has become a ritual (not celebrating this one) for the rain to spoil the most awaited events of the hostel. We, again, had to move arrangements to the lobby of the auditorium where after a few maneuvers, we were back in action. They spoke, they cried and we cried too. It was the last event organized by the committee and we are never excited for it. Again, memories were shot, everybody hugged everybody, we did everything together. Sky lanterns were kindled and the hostel was again excited with people wishing for a prosperous journey ahead and blowing it away along with the lantern. It's a small family we have here, standing together through the thick and thin and it hurts, evidently, to see a part of your family depart. But that's life and life goes

on. Another year of events with another lot of new faces coming here to shape their lives into something more meaningful and enjoying the hostel, letting in every second of it. They have no idea what adventures await them. That's hostel for you.

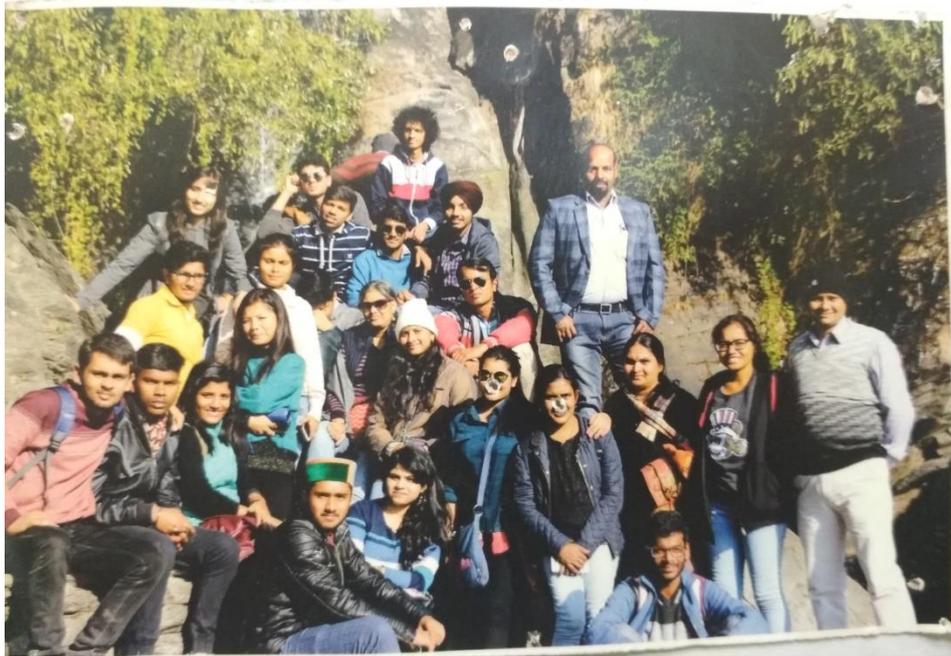
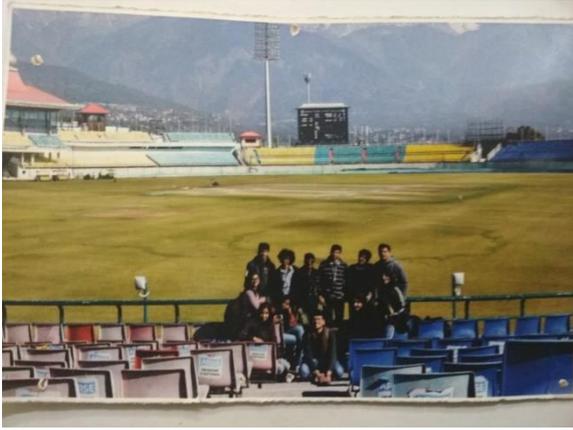


DHARMASHALA DIARIES

From the cultural diversity, the variety of food, the economic opportunities and the political banter, Delhi has it all but with the big city life, comes the conjunct pollution, road traffic and lethargy. What better form of escapism than traveling to mountains! A bus brimming with college students set off on a three day tour to Mcleodganj. Under the illuminated clouds in dharamshala stood a troupe of exhausted youths spellbound by the majestic panorama of the mountains surrounding the town. A local bus ride to Mcleodganj followed by a kilometre of a stroll to our lodging, we were mesmerized by the aesthetically pleasing view from the terrace. Soon after a delectable brunch, we headed towards the Bhagsu falls. After a visit to the Bhagsu temple, we advanced through the market of jewellery and dream catchers, struggling to walk uphill. The effect of the cold water of the waterfall and the lush greenery around made it a perfect site to rejuvenate.

Day two saw the adventurer in us as we set off on a short trek to Gallu Devi Temple. No trek commences without mixed emotions of fear, delight and excitement. An hour of ascending the pebbled track provided a vista of the Kangra Valley. On reaching our destination, a small Snack shop and the exquisite scenery pacified our souls. The coarse pathway held memories of laughter, fun and frolic of a bunch of grownups living in the moment, carefree of what is in store for them. The evening was squandered away lingering in the Main Square, exploring and gratifying our tummy with the delicacies of the town. Bonfire night in the hotel was the best part of the day. We danced profound into that divine night under the stars.

The third and the final day was all about sightseeing. The Dalai Lama Temple Complex provided us with an insight of Buddhist religious practices and sculptures. St. John in the wilderness church had an air of tranquility, comforting our weary bodies. Only a few of us were fortunate enough to have a look at the alluring Dal Lake and Dharamshala stadium, one of the world's highest cricket grounds. The last thing on our itinerary was a visit to the Kangra fort before we headed back. Hastily walking up to the fort, we managed to capture the huge ball of fire magnificently hiding between the mountains, changing to hues of orange and merging with the sky. With a sense of satisfaction and memories of the tour echoing in our mind, we boarded the bus to set foot again into our leisure free life.



SPORTS DAY - 14th & 15th April 2018.

The Hostel witnessed its first edition of Annual Sports' Day on 14th and 15th April 2018. The idea was brought forth by the Sports' Committee with a hope to bring all the hostellers back on the playground and to instill in them a spirit of sports. Taking a break from their study hours, the residents came out on their usually drowsy weekends and tightened up their shoes to go on for a sports' ride.

The Saturday afternoon saw the committee members going hither and thither, arranging everything for the inauguration of the Sports' Day. Banners, decoration, number blocks and white lines directing the tracks added to the aura. The wardens inaugurated the Sports Day by cutting the e ribbon and there began the Day 1 for Athletics.

All the activities of the Day 1 took place in the college ground and had 100m races, 200m races, 400m races, Relay, Shot put and Discus Throw for both boys and girls. Hostel never knew that it had excellent athletes and as the full blooded athletes ran towards the finishing line, the equally energetic audience cheered them up.

Day 2 consisted of a series of strenuous yet fun-filled activities summed up to be called 'Survival of Fitness'. Seven mixed teams of four or five members played six consecutive rounds that engaged and entertained them throughout. Hitting the ball on the numbers on the wall to score points, blind hurdle race, hopping across the objects, duck walks, push-ups, sit-ups and jumping over hurdles, and other activities left the participants drenched in sweat as well as mirth.

The evening was followed by award distribution. Certificates and medals for the year round sports activities were distributed. Everyone lauded the efforts of the Sports' Committee for successfully organizing the first Sports' Day that exceeded everyone's expectations. Adding to the crown, the Committee along with the Presidents came up with a name for the Committee - **URJA** (energy in Hindi).

Indubitably, the devour and enthusiasm of the Sports' Committee was unmatched and has certainly set a benchmark for the years to come.





Environmental Initiatives Taken By the Hostel

Living in a city like New Delhi, would coax anyone to ponder over the environmental problems that our ambience is dealing with, and be perturbed with the constant thoughts of not just degenerating natural resources but also the quality of life.

That brings us to the question of the volume of concern and empathy that we have shown to our immediate surroundings, knowing about the already aggravating predicaments, their impact on us, and the quagmire that they will leave us into if we do nothing about it.

As an institution, the Hostel, under the direction of the wardens, took the initiative to bring consequential changes with modicum individual efforts. One of the residents of the hostel working in association with WWF (World Wildlife Fund), brought forward the idea of collective cognizance and that is when it was when the thought of saving energy, bit by bit, struck us. Initially, it was decided that the hostel's power will be cut off for one hour every week after dinner time but the students were cynical about it as it affected their studying routines during exam. Changes had to be made so that everyone could comply with a more suitable time duration for power cut. Now, the entire hostel's power is switched off every night for 15 minutes from 9.15 pm to 9.30 pm during the time when everyone is usually walking outside after having dinner.

This step did make a weighty difference as earlier the electricity usage per month used to be around 10,450 units but after the 15 minutes power-off rule was enforced, we are consuming 8500-9000 units, reducing our consumption of energy (saving) by approximately 10-15 % of what we used to use earlier and at the same time bringing the electricity bill by significant digits.

Besides that, the hostellers took individual pledges to save the environment in their on ways. Some pledged not to take ATM receipts or bills at shops and restaurants to save paper, while some others pledged to reduce their usage of plastic bags and use cotton and jute bags instead. Walking on foot over short distances, using public transport only, turning off the tap while brushing and washing face, saving electricity, included the ways in which the hostellers

pledged to do their bits of preserving the environment and it's valuable resources.

Individual efforts do make an evident difference and if fused together, it will only reap larger benefits. That's how the hostel decided to act for the well being of the environment, individually as well as in unison.

Sanitary pad dispenser and incinerator :

Menstruation as we all know is a common phenomenon which every girl goes through. There have been several incidences when girls of our hostel run out of sanitary napkins. To facilitate and ease the process of hunting for a pad, a sanitary napkin dispenser has been installed in the common room. Upon inserting Rs 5 coins, one can get a napkin round the clock.

The safe disposal of these napkins is another issue which needed to be tackled and thus we have taken up the initiative of installing a sanitary pads incinerator where the napkins are burnt, thus ensuring proper waste management.

Waste management :

For proper waste management, we have taken an initiative to segregate and compost the hostel waste. Three dustbins of three colors i.e. green ,blue and black are kept on each floor. We segregate our waste and throw in different dustbins. The green dustbin is for organic waste, blue for recyclable and black for all other types.

After segregation ,we compost the organic waste including the mess food leftovers. A composter has been installed near the staff quarters gate where this waste is decomposed. It is then used as manure in the hostel and college gardens.

Other Activities

Counselling Session:

As a part of a counselling session that was arranged for in the hostel last year, Life Skills Mentor and a former student of Sri Venkateswara College herself, Mrs Uma Narayan was invited to the hostel and conducted one on one sessions with the Padmavati Hostel students mentoring them with regards to any problems they faced in college life or otherwise. She spoke with great interest to the students and we were left feeling high spirited afterward.

Children's day ad :

It was 14th of November, just a regular day for a hosteler in the SVC hostel. Since morning, the routine was all the same, same people, same jokes and the same joy.

Not many people were aware that the day was also the Children's day for there was something else that was awaiting our presence in it's making. Yes the day started in a regular way but by the evening, we were a part of something wonderful.

There was the arrival of a cellphone company advertising team to our hostel- Xiaomi asking the hostelers to participate in a commercial video which was supposed to express our love and gratitude towards our parents; and realise their importance in our lives.

All the participants spoke the given lines, were trained by professionals to act, and the whole thing took hours to complete.

They made us realise that our parents are an integral part of our lives and will always be.

So maybe it was the first time that on Children's day we all thanked our parents for being our parents.