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Feedback from Alumni

Sandeep Srivastva

B.Com. (H)

1991-1994

Partner in PwC based in Dubai and lead the Financial Services Risk Consulting practice

"I completed the graduation [B.Com (Hons)] in 1994. Being the first batch of the college with limited students, I think we had some unique experiences during the 3 years of college, such as, close and frequent interactions with the faculty members, admin staff and principal; start up experience that demonstrated how an institution is built; and challenges in getting access to some of the basic facilities. Was it all very smooth and perfect? Not at all, however, this experience taught me how to manage myself in an imperfect world. How did this experience shaped me as a person? I became more confident, started valuing what I have rather than complaining, and developed some lifelong relationships. Later on, I did my Masters from Delhi School of Economics and PhD from IIT Delhi. I briefly joined the teaching profession before moving on to the industry. Started with KPMG in Sydney, moved to London, worked for EY and shifted to PwC in 2017. Currently, I am a partner in PwC based in Dubai and lead the Financial Services Risk Consulting practice. I still carry quite a few fond memories of my college life. 26 years on...life goes on □"

Swati Sharma

B.Com. (H)

Batch: 2005-2008

Human Resource Professional

"I am Swati Sharma, currently living in Berlin. I was a Bachelor (B.Com Hons.) student in ANDC, Batch of 2005-2008. Presently, I work as a Human Resource Professional. It's been a wonderful journey since the finishing of college, felt like coming out of your comfort zone. Those 3 years in college were the most fun of my life with great teachers and friends and also an emotional ride moving towards the next stages of my career. After completing graduation, I pursued MBA in Human Resources from Amity University, another joyful ride (but more of a stressful one), and started my first job in Times Business Solutions Ltd primarily focusing on Recruitment. Then, I moved to Germany where initially I focused on exploring, learning, and experiencing a whole different culture and language. I have been working here as an HR Professional in a tech sector, with my responsibilities spanning across Recruitment, Talent mobility, Coaching, HR Business Partnering. The mantra that has helped me all along is exploring even a small opportunity and turning it into something big. It's all about experience, learnings and impact in everything you do. I would like to thank ANDC and all the teachers who provided me the platform to not only grow academically but for helping me to grow personally".

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Shrey Ahuja

B.Tech Computer Science

Batch: 2013-2017

Writer and working in the stock market

I'm Shrey Ahuja, a student of B.Tech CSE 2013-2017. I'm a writer and working in the stock market. My four years in ANDC were amazing. The faculty was top notch and experts in their field. I especially loved the project we worked on in our final year, which was interesting and pushed us to learn concepts that we never would have otherwise gotten the opportunity to learn.

On top of that, the college has ample extra-curricular activities on offer. I was in Dhvani the Theatre society and Andy- Entrepreneur Lab. Both of these exposed me to situations where I had to think on my feet and gave the confidence to tackle whatever may come with the utmost confidence and without panicking.

Suresh Kher

B.Com. (H)

Batch: 2004-2007

Chartered Accountant

"I graduated from Acharya Narendra Dev College (ANDC) in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in commerce. Post my graduation, I pursued Chartered Accountancy and qualified as a CA in 2011. I am working in the field of Internal Audit with Technip FMC. My college years invoked an interest in the field of Finance and Accountancy in the early years of my university education. ANDC had some of the best lecturers and professors with a rich culture to engage students in their field of study with after class tutorials, exposure to competitive case studies, projects, detailed subject based discussions and other interactive and stimulating activities. Exposure to some great teachers and faculty in the streams of Economics, Tax, Management, Accountancy, Law & Statistics not only strengthened my core basics and analytical skill sets but also helped me prepare for my CA exams. The college has a good placement cell which not only invites leading industry recruiters but also prepares fresh graduates to face interviews and take a plunge in their careers.

I was fortunate to have such a strong education experience in my graduation years and am proud of the fact that ANDC is my alma mater. Many thanks to the staff, faculty and college administration for playing such a pivotal role in my education and career".

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PARUL THAKUR

B.Com. (H)

Batch: 1990- 1993

General Manager of JW Marriott, the luxury brand of Marriott hotels

"I was very fortunate to secure admission at the Acharya Narendra Dev College for B.Com (Hons) in 1993. I was part of the third batch of the college. Tucked away in a corner of Delhi, it was an unknown college back then. Our college principal and the founder of the college was Dr. A S Kukla, who knew all the students by name. The faculty was very impressive and was responsible for setting up a firm foundation of our learning. As a result, it helped me hone my business acumen skills which have held me in good stead throughout my career.

On completing my graduation in 1996, I did my post graduate diploma in Sales and Marketing and started working simultaneously at the NIS as a counselor. My first job after my PGDS&M was at the Hilton Hotel in New Delhi as a Sales Executive. I married at the age 22 to a Naval Pilot and had to move to Goa where I joined the Goa Marriott Resort, in Sales and Revenue Management. 4 Years into our marriage, my husband and I were blessed with our first daughter.

We moved to Mumbai in 2003 where I continued by career with Marriott hotels. In a short span of time I rose up the corporate ladder. From heading the Sales and Marketing for one hotel, I took over as Market Director for all 4 Marriott hotels in Mumbai. From sales I moved into Operations in 2009. I was appointed as GM of Courtyard Marriott, Ahmedabad in July 2011. From There I moved to Bangalore in 2013 as the opening General Manager of JW Marriott, the luxury brand of Marriott hotels.

In my current role as the Sr Area Director for Sales and Distribution, since Jun 2019, I am responsible for providing leadership, direction, management to the on-property and the multi-property sales teams to build long-term, value-based customer relationships. Apart from work I absolutely love spending time with my husband and two daughters now aged 18 and 14".

Sumit Mehna

B.Sc. (H) Botany

Batch: 1996- 1999

Sales & Marketing Manager, Avantor Sciences

ANDC had laid an important foundation-Discipline, which has helped me in both personal and professional life. The environment where teachers were both Gurus and friends really helped me to overcome my inhibitions and made me confident in speaking in public-A trait that I have been able to use in my Sales career.

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Sakshi Saraswat

B.Sc. (H) Zoology

Batch: 2016- 2019

Research in Environment, culture and communication

It is 2023, almost four years since I graduated from Acharya Narendra Dev— "my college". A place that I'll always call mine! For, it is my soil; the soil which not only helped me deepen my roots but nourished them, to strongly and gracefully stand out in the real world. Today, when I've completed my master's and started working as a research associate in the foundation of my interest; I cannot help but realize the importance of qualities I developed during my bachelor's at ANDC!

I still remember, how ours was one of the only few colleges that used to conduct an extensive orientation programme for new students, right on the first day of college. It was through one such orientation programme that I got motivated to take up many "extra"-curricular activities during my college life. Only to be made to understand by my wise professors, that, these activities weren't "extra". Rather, these were the attributes essential for my all round development. If it weren't for my professors (whom I like to call "teachers" in the real sense), I wouldn't have tried to push my boundaries and realize the potential I held. "Learning by doing" was always an approach too eminent in the air and conduct of ANDC. I still remember that one of my senior professors always said, "My lab is always open for you. All you need, is to come up with an idea. Think! Observe! Expand your capacity to view things from a different lens". While this approach kept my interest alive in science; the guidance and push from my Professor at the Editorial board, unknowingly helped me explore new possibilities for my future profession. Today, when I'm exploring my field of work— 'environment, culture and communication', this habit of pushing my boundaries and 'learning by doing' approach has not only helped me perform better but also develop an opinion around things. If today I understand the importance of giving back to society while ensuring that I reach my goal, ANDC holds an integral role in shaping this view and my capacity to grow while staying rooted!

Kartik Mishra

B. Sc. Physical Sciences (Computer Science)

Batch: 2017-2020

Preparing for UPSC after completing Masters

As an alumnus of Acharya Narendra Dev College, I have nothing but fond memories and gratefulness for the institution. It was not just a place of education for me, but it was a place of growth, self-discovery, and lifelong friendships. I am grateful for the opportunities I was given while attending ANDC. The diverse

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range of courses, clubs, and activities allowed me to broaden my horizons and learn about subjects that I never thought I would be interested in. The college's strong emphasis on hands-on learning experiences helped me to pick up specific skills that are helping me and will continue helping me in my career. A degree of extroversion was inculcated thanks to my time at the various co-curricular clubs I was a part of. In conclusion, I will be forever grateful for the opportunities and experiences that I gained while attending Acharya Narendra Dev College, and I would not be the person I am today without the institution.

Dr Neha Niharika

B.Sc. (H) Zoology

Batch: 2004-2007

Assistant Professor Zoology, Daulat Ram College

It was my immense fortune to be part of Dept. Of Zoology, Acharya Narendra Dev College. The three years spent here were splendid and has helped me to grow better both professionally and personally. The learner centric environment along with guidance and support from our faculty member has shaped me to count myself in to a better person. Huge respect, love and devotion for entire faculty members and department. I feel so proud to be associated with this prestigious institution.

Harveen Kaur

B.Sc. (H) Zoology

Batch: 2015-2018

Pursuing Ph.D. in Environmental Studies from the University of Delhi

AND College opened a plethora opportunities throughout the three years of my bachelors degree. Every day was a new experience. It helped me learn more about life along with helping me grow through it. It has shaped my career in more ways than one. Conferences and Science Conclaves helped me interact with people of diverse science backgrounds inculcating a collaborative nature and showing the various trajectories that I could pursue after graduation. Various research oriented fellowships under the Innovation projects, ELITE fellowships, etc. helped me discover my interests in the field of research and hone my problem solving skills. Numerous hands-on workshops like the one on microbial techniques provided a better insight into the hard work and dedication that goes into conducting a successful experiment. These paved a path of critical thinking and discernment for me. In a nutshell, AND college has been the foundation to the research path that I undertook and here I am pursuing Ph.D. in Environmental Studies from the University of Delhi.

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Pranjal Sharma

B.Sc. (H) Zoology

Batch: 2017-2020

Ph.D Research Scholar : Marine Biology Research Center, Zoological Survey of India (Madras University)

Having a fulfilling college experience involves many different factors, including trust and respect for your professors which make you humble and responsible, asking questions and clearing up any confusion in class helps to get command on your subject, acting on your instincts and learning from your mistakes upgrade your personality and confidence, Converse with people outside of your department as well to improve communication skills with expansion of your network and most important factor is practising self-care and self-reflection which strengthen your character.

Radhika

B.Sc. (H) Zoology

Batch: 2018-2021

Pursuing M.Sc Zoology from Department of Zoology, University of Delhi

I was indeed nervous but excited too about entering into one of the top science colleges (Acharya Narendra Dev College) of Delhi university . But this nervousness doesn't last longer with me due to the environment I got in zoology Department of ANDC . I never felt that I was a fresher there and my journey from entering into the Department as a fresher to bid adieu to my Department was so happening and memorable. It was like home away home for me. I don't think I could ever get such supporting , loving and caring faculty. My Department (Zoology Department) made me a person today I am . It gives me all that confidence and exposure to pursue my career in right direction . I am really grateful to all my teachers to help me in stepping forward towards my dreams. I feel myself immensely proud to be the part of the zoology Department of Acharya Narendra Dev College. I express my heartfelt gratitude to the department for giving me such opportunities to explore myself.

Sandhyaya Rai

B.Sc. (H) Zoology

Batch: 1999-2001

Assistant Professor, Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi

My journey in Acharya Narendra Dev College was started in 1999. The college as well as department of Zoology, at that time, with its modest resources could effectively inculcate the knowledge and competence

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to the students. I got amazing teachers who provided the right intellectual stimulus that motivated me to go for higher studies. The learning in their practical classes has always helped me in conducting my own, as a teacher. I would like to thank the department and college fraternity for being an integral part of my life, career and personality.

Senjuti Sengupta

B.Sc. (H) Zoology

Batch: 2016-2019

HERF Research Fellow (Cancer Immunology), LV Prasad Eye Institute, KAR campus, Hyderabad

At Acharya Narendra Dev College, I was not only taught under a demanding academic schedule, but also given boundless space and support to explore my skills and shortcomings as a young adult and burgeoning biology enthusiast entering the academic field. I was exposed to stimulating ideas and was pushed to my intellectual limits, which in turn helped me develop as an individual, mentee, researcher, and student of life! Sarita ma'am's joyful approach to education, Seema ma'am's unending generosity, Ravi sir's commanding yet inspiring presence, and the unwavering commitment of all of our teachers to our professional development will be indelibly etched in my memory. I owe a great debt of gratitude to ANDC for providing me with the groundwork for a career in research, including solid training in critical thinking, effective communication, and creative problem solving. I have many happy memories of my time at ANDC and I hope for nothing but the best for the organisation in the future!

Shiv Jangra

B.Sc. (H) Zoology

Batch: 2014-2017

Assistant Professor (Zoology), RPS PG college.

When I look back on my career path, I realise that the turning point was those three years in Acharya Narendra Dev college where I found my purpose, clouds of doubts related to career go vanished with the help of learned faculties.

It has given me a direction, a new perspective and infused a sense of responsibility in me. The Learning ambience of the college is unparalleled. It provides every possible settings to mould pupil as per their capabilities and interests and persuade them to achieve desired Goals. I learnt to become more focused and disciplined. I developed a habit of setting small goals and achieving them to move towards a Big goal. Professors of Acharya Narendra Dev college moulded me into what i am today. They continuously challenged and helped me to develop new abilities, sharpen my skills and broaden my horizons. The infrastructure and top notch laboratory facilities helped me to gain both theoretical and practical knowledge.

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My scientific Acumen is broadly developed in Ciliate Biology laboratory as Researcher. I want to specially thank Professor (Dr) Seema Makhija and Professor(Dr) Ravi Toteja , who always encouraged me to do better and became an ideal for me.

The most important thing I learnt was that there is no shortcut to success. The carbon needs to be cut, burnt, pressurized and finally polished to become a diamond. We should have dreams and we should work hard to fulfill those dreams.

I am very proud of my alma mater.

Vatsal Bhargav

B.Sc. (H) Zoology

Batch: 2018-2021

Pursuing M.Sc Zoology from Department of Zoology, University of Delhi

First of all if you're reading this, I would like to congratulate you for having avidness and keen interest in scientific disciplines and general outlook in life. My name is Vatsal Bhargava, I've done my B.Sc (Hons) Zoology from Acharya Narendra Dev College (ANDC) during session of 2018-2021. Currently I'm pursuing M.Sc Zoology from Department of Zoology, University of Delhi. It is not wrong to say that ANDC is more school than college, but in a good way. Here teacher(s) focus on each and every student. Teacher(s) are easy to approach and friendly, you can easily discuss any problems that you may come across be it academic or personal.

During my time studying in ANDC I was fortunate enough to get chance in participating in "ELITE" (Educational in Lively and Innovative Training Environment) summer internship, which was a paid internship (Rs.1000 per month) held during summer vacations. I also attended many workshops organized in campus like "Hands on training of ELISA(Enzyme Linked Immuno-Sorbent Assay) and Gel – electrophoresis" under aegis of DBT Star College. Aside from these workshops I also attended some online workshops like "Learning Molecular Biology Techniques" and RBPT – Based Workshop on Bioinformatics. Aside from this, we students attended many conferences during our time in ANDC.

I along with my colleagues presented poster in One-day interdisciplinary exhibit presentation "New Frontiers in Science" and secured a position in top 5. Under teachers guidance I was given opportunity to attend International Summit on Women in Stem – "Visualizing the Future: New Skylines" organized by DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY -MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA and ICGEB, held in Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi. It was my first time participating in an international event, it was mesmerizing. Aside from this, I also attended 10th Foundational Day of Transitional Health Service and Technology Institute (THSTI), which is a very good choice for pursuing higher education.

You will be very pleased to know that excursions are organized almost every semester, for example which I was in college we had multiple field excursions. Excursions are important not only for forming lifelong

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bonds and memories with friends but also to verify and experience the things we study in our textbooks through our own eyes. For example, During first semester we went to Ranthambore National Park, Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan, India for seeing the Ecological Biodiversity which also studying it in our Ecology Core Subject. While I was studying Sericulture we went to “Resham Vibhag” (Sericulture Department) Dehradun, Uttarakhand. And while studying apiculture, we had a one-day trip to ICAR – Indian Agricultural Research Institute, commonly known as “Pusa Institute”.

Aside from this we have many active societies like Dhun, Dhvani, Paritantra, Maayra, Tark, Sashakt and NSS. These societies play a crucial role in development of student’s personality and help them in truly integrating with their peers. I'd like to encourage students to explore these societies and campus to get a holistic experience.

Here I'd also like to briefly mention and express my gratitude, to how much efforts our teachers at ANDC put during Covid times in not only helping us in our studies but also in encouraging and supporting us mentally.

Finally, I wish the readers Good luck in your future endeavours.

A handwritten signature in green ink, likely of the principal, located at the bottom right of the page.