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Dear alumnus,

*Greetings from College. College has given you much and here is an opportunity for you to give back. Please take a look at the following few ways in which you can support College. I draw your attention especially to the Special projects where your own ideas to support College are very welcome...*

### 1. Support for Infrastructure:

There are several needs in College for building up new infrastructure. Here are a few:

- a) A lift for the main building. This will provide access to our differently abled junior members to all the classrooms on the first floor of the building. The estimated cost is 30 lakhs.
- b) A new computer laboratory. Estimated cost is 1 crore.
- c) Upkeep of the lawns and green spaces. The estimated cost is 3 crores.
- d) The New Academic Block, part of the masterplan of the College, envisages one new building with approximately 40 classrooms, 12 laboratories and 4 auditoria of varying capacities. Estimated cost is 120 crores. This does not include equipment or furniture.
- e) A dedicated sports facility comprising indoor courts, a swimming pool, a gymnasium, a few classrooms and residence facilities for boys and girls. Estimated cost is 150 crores.

### 2. Modifying existing structures for new and relevant uses.

- a) Existing washrooms need to be renovated and a few new ones installed. Estimated cost is 1 crore.
- b) We need, for example, several classrooms of varying seating capacities. We have just recently completed the addition of six classrooms to the 'X' block. The cost came up to 2 crores. Would you like to cover a part of those costs?
- c) Wifi to be enabled all over campus, along with security cameras. 3 crores is what it will take to make this happen.
- d) The College Hall needs to be air-conditioned and seating to be made more modern. Estimated cost is 5 crores.
- e) One part of the library needs to be refurbished as the roof is in a poor condition. Along with this we also need to increase storage facilities to accommodate the increased number of books and have a dedicated "digital" section. 7 crores.

### **3. Community support - benefits for non-teaching staff.**

All of us have experienced the comforts and good upkeep of the facilities in College. The neat classrooms, the green spaces, the good food in the dining hall and Café, but we may not be aware that many of our sincere and dedicated non-teaching staff who are the reasons behind these facilities are not paid by the UGC and the College has been desperately trying to offer these workers the same benefits as UGC employees. Medical cover, travel and educational support for children are some of the benefits that College wishes all non-UGC employees to also be eligible for. We have started in a small way but have a long way to go. A corpus of 50 crores will help us offer these benefits and part-contributions towards that will also help us realise this dream and give our non-teaching employees some encouragement for making our lives better.

### **4. Academic support for scholarships and exchange opportunities:**

Several of our junior members come from less than privileged, especially financial, backgrounds. Establishing endowments for scholarships is a time-trusted way to encourage our junior members to be able to focus on their studies. You could also create a travel endowment to help our faculty and junior members travel when they get opportunities to attend Conferences and seminars outside Delhi or abroad. The College bursaries provide for some support but we can certainly do with much more. Please contact the Bursar's office or the Alumni office to find out how you can create an endowment in the name of a loved one or your own family so that you pass on the blessings you've been fortunate enough to have. Come and share your goodness.

### **5. Academic support for creation of Academic Chairs and Centres of study**

Funding towards the creation of Chairs (we already have two) and the establishment of Centres will go a long way in helping College provide quality education in niche and contemporary areas/ disciplines. Your generous contribution can be toward the recruitment and maintenance of faculty, provide for dedicated and specific infrastructure and pave the way for enhanced and wholesome education – something that College has always led the way in.

### **6. Special projects:**

From time to time, there are specific needs which come up. The Covid-resilience fund is one such example, the Art-Court set up by the 1993 batch in record time is yet another. Please come over to the College and chat with the Dean, Alumni Relations or with the Bursar or with me to find out how you can make a substantial difference to life in College. who knows, you may have an idea to help College in ways that may have escaped us!

### **7. Intellectual Capital infusion**

The alumni of College have proved to the world that they are, if not the best, then they are no less than what the best institutions of the world, globally, have produced. Several examples automatically come to mind – in every possible sphere of human

activity; educations, the Arts, sports, the civil services, corporate life, politics, administration...you name it and we have a Stephanian out there shining. Come and share your knowledge, experience and best practices with the rest of the world through the St Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning (SCAL) a dedicated Centre to share with the world the best that College can offer.

*As you can see there are multiple ways in which you can support College. If you are overawed by some of the financial estimates indicated above, take heart, we can meet and overcome them all if we pull together. Part contributions towards a larger cause, distributed contribution, individual, batch or class contributions and online contributions, including online academic inputs, are some ways in which we can achieve all of this.*

*And don't think that after your contribution/s (in whatever way) you are no longer involved, then think again. College will be happy for you to be actively engaged and in the know of the use of your donation and contribution.*

*The best way to start is for you to come to College and/or talk to me or to the Dean at the Alumni office or to the Bursar.*

*Let's continue to make College the best place for wholesome, all-round education! Thank you for visiting this page.*

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