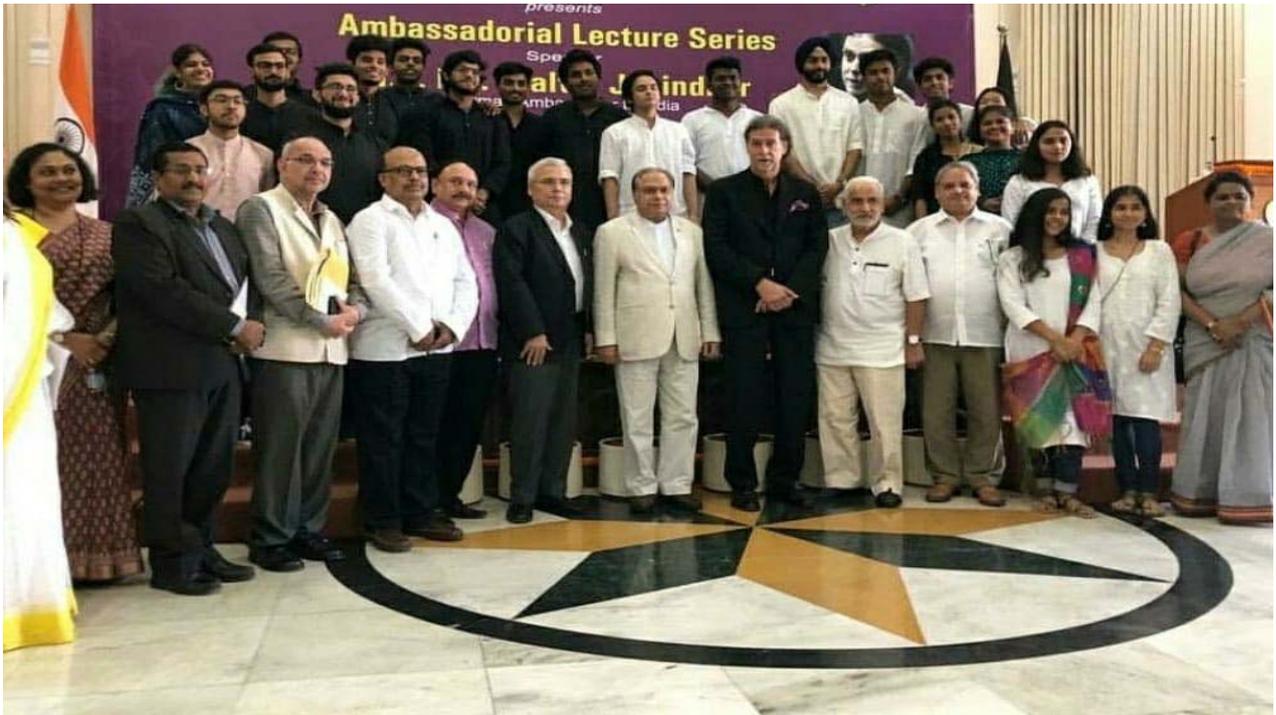


MUSOC
ANNUAL REPORT
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(as requested by the Magazine Committee)

This year MUSOC began with a three-week rigorous workshop with students exploring different genres of music and engaging in numerous vocal training exercises. As we are an integrated music society performing in both the Indian Classical as well as the Western forms, the workshop aimed at encouraging members to go beyond their skill-sets in their preferred genres.



The Fresher's Talent Show (FTS) was organised on 27 September 2019, where every new MUSOC member performed.

This year the MUSOC Indian Choir composed a classical piece based on a blend of 3 very distinct ragas:

- The 1st raga, NATKAMOD, is sung extensively by exponents of the JAIPUR Atrauli Gharana. The composition began with a 'Shree Narayana Mantra', set to Chautal. This was followed by the trademark bandish of NATKAMOD, 'Neyvar Bajo' which was set to VilambhitTeentaal.
- The 2nd raga, NANDKAUNS, was created by Late Pandit Chinmoy Leheri of the PATIALA Gharana by blending the ragas JOG and MALKKAUNS together. Raag NANDKAUNS ended with a padhant arranged by Hetartho Chatterjee.
- The third and final raag, SHUDH KALYAN, is a universal favourite. It began with a Sargam followed by a Rubaidar Tarana, which was composed by Late Ustad Amir Khan. The bandish was composed by Chinmaya Iyer and was set to Madhya Drut Ektaal.

This year MUSOC's Western Acapella composition included pieces from Ariana Grande, Stevie Wonder, Take Six and Michael Jackson.

It began with 'He Never Sleeps' by Take Six, followed by 'Blame it on the Boogie' by Michael Jackson, moved towards 'Overjoyed' by Stevie Wonder and to a jazz standard

'Sweet Georgia Brown' by Take Six, and ended with the famous pop song 'Thank You Next' by Ariana Grande.

The re-harmonising of all the songs was done by the team and the piece was arranged by Divij Kapoor.

The highlights of MUSOC performances this year are:

- * On 1 February 2020, MUSOC performed at the college FOUNDER'S DAY in the Ashoka Lawn. The performance began with Saraswati Vandana 'Veena Vadini', followed by MUSOC's annual Indian Classical composition and a small medley comprising of some old Bollywood classics. This year, for the first time ever, MUSOC collaborated with the drama society THE PLAYERS in performing a self-scripted play, 'Hum Dekhenge'.
- * The members of our Indian as well as Western choirs performed for the German Ambassador, Walter Johannes Lidner on 25 September 2019 at the Vice Regal Lodge.
- * On 6 March 2020, both the Indian Classical and the Western A Cappella choral compositions were performed at the India Habitat Centre for the inaugural Old World Choral Music Festival that is part of the prestigious Old World Theatre Festival.
- * In October 2019, at OASIS, the annual festival of BITS (PILANI), the Indian Choir bagged the 2nd position. In solo events, Aroonema Koteyal was placed 1st in the Western Category and Hethartho Chatterjee bagged the 1st position in the Indian Classical category.
- * Unfortunately, our annual event SURMANJARI, scheduled for 19-20 March 2020, had to be cancelled this year on account of the COVID-19 virus pandemic.
- * This year, MUSOC won an impressive total of 56 prizes at 24 college festivals. Of these, The Choir won positions at 12 different events; and The soloists – namely, Hethartho Chatterjee, Minnatullah Khan, Chinmaya Iyer, Aroonema Koteyal, Amrita Singh Chahar, Abhimanyu Sharma, Rachit Bose and Deep Chatterjee – won 44 awards in categories spread across Indian Classical, Western Vocals and Instrumental music.

The details are as under:

Indian Choir

- IIT Delhi - 3rd position
- BITS PILANI - 2nd position
- Gargi College- 1st position
- PGDAV College- 1st position
- Lady Irwin College- 2nd position
- Zakir Hussain College- 1st position
- ARSD College- 2nd position
- Kalindi College - 1st position
- SGTB Khalsa College- 2nd position
- Sri Venkateswara College - 2nd position
- Daulat Ram College - 3rd position

Western Choir

- Delhi College of Arts and Commerce - 3rd position

Solo Category

Hethartho Chatterjee(Indian Classical Vocalist)

- IIT Delhi - 1st position
- BITS PILANI- 1st position
- IIT Bombay –2nd position

Minnatullah Khan (Light Vocalist)

- IIT Delhi - 3rd position
- IIITD - 2nd position
- Jesus and Mary College - 2nd position
- Zakir Hussain College - 1st position

Chinmaya Iyer (Classical Vocalist)

- IIT Delhi - 3rd position
- Delhi University Music Faculty -1st position
- Gargi College- 1st position
- Hansraj College- 1st position

AroonemaKoteyal(Western Vocalist)

- BITS PILANI -1st position
- Janaki Devi Mahavidyalaya - 3rd position
- Gargi College - 2nd position
- Shiv Nadar University - 3rd position
- Jesus & Mary College - 1st position
- PGDAV College - 2nd position
- Delhi Technological University - 1st position
- Dyal Singh College - 2nd position
- St. Stephens College - 1st position
- Zakir Hussain College - 2nd position
- SS College of Business Studies - 3rd position
- Kalindi College - 1st position
- Hansraj College - 2nd position

Amrita Singh Chahar(Western Vocalist)

- Symbiosis - 1st position
- Kalindi College- 2nd position
- Dyal Singh College- 3rd position

AbhimanyuSharma (Light Vocalist)

- Gargi College - 1st position
- Shiv Nadar University - 2nd position
- Dyal Singh (Evening) College - 2nd position
- Maitreyi College- 2nd position
- ARSD College - 1st position
- Zakir Hussain College - 2nd position
- SGTB Khalsa College - 2nd position
- Daulat Ram College - 3rd position
- Deshbandhu College - 1st position

- Lady Hardinge Medical College - 1st position
- Lady Shri Ram College - 1st position

Deep Chatterjee (Western Keyboard)

- St. Stephen's College - 1st position
- Sri Venkateswara College - 1st position

Duets Category

Minnatullah Khan and Abhimanyu Sharma (Indian Light Vocal)

- Gargi College - 1st position
- Daulat Ram College - 3rd position
- Hansraj College - 1st position

AroonemaKoteyal and RachitBose (Western Vocal)

- Shaheed Rajguru College - 1st position



The credit for such a successful year surely goes to the fine teamwork of our student office bearers: Chinmaya Iyer (President), Abhimanyu Sharma (Vice President), Chinmaya Iyer & Hethartho Chatterjee (Indian Choir In-charge), Divij Kapoor & AroonemaKoteyal (Western Choir In-charge), and Hans Gupta (Treasurer).

27 March 2020

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